



Public Parade

Not All That Bad

North Carolina has, in times past, received some unfavorable publicity because of the size of its prison population. We were seen as a state where public policy simply called for the warehousing of criminals as the solution to many social ills.

Well, it turns out that, however sorry our plight is, we are not as callous as we have been painted.

It is true that from the standpoint of total prison population North Carolina ranks pretty high — seventh from the top. But when it comes to the number of prisoners as a per cent of the population, we do not look so bad. We are in 11th place.

California, Texas, New York, Florida, Ohio and Illinois rank ahead of us, and in that order, when it comes to total prison population. At the end of the first six months in 1985, North Carolina had a total of 17,088 prisoners, or 251 persons out of 10,000.

Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Alabama, South Carolina, Oklahoma, District of Columbia, Nevada, Delaware and Alaska all ranked ahead of us in the number of prisoners per 10,000 population. Compared to our 251, the District of Columbia, that paragon of social justice, reported 743 prisoners per 10,000 population, the highest in the nation by far. Next was Nevada, which reported 397, and Louisiana, with 308. North Dakota stands at the bottom of the list, with 50 inmates for each 10,000.

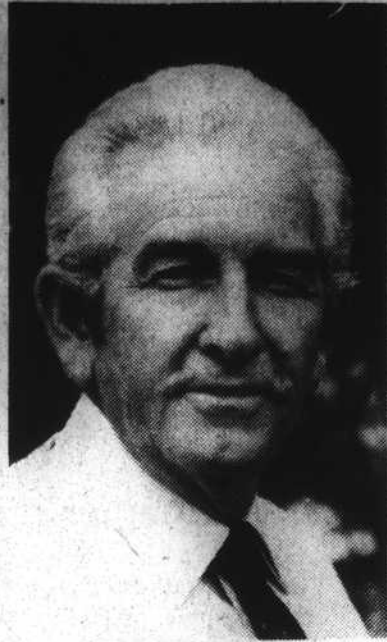
For the nation as a whole, prison inmates totaled 490,041, or 197 for every 10,000 population. That was an increase of 5.6 per cent for the first six months of the year, drug convictions accounting for the largest gain.

Still there is overcrowding in our jails. Just last week Judge James McMillian, sitting in U.S. Western District Court, ordered North Carolina to spend an estimated \$12 million in building additional dormitory space and providing recreational facilities in a group of western Piedmont counties. Fortunately, the legislature had already appropriated that much money for prison expansion, but that may not be enough if class actions are instituted by prisoners in other areas of the state.

Carey Moses Evans

Death continues to remove good people from along the Public Parade, leaving a vacuum to be filled in the area of public service

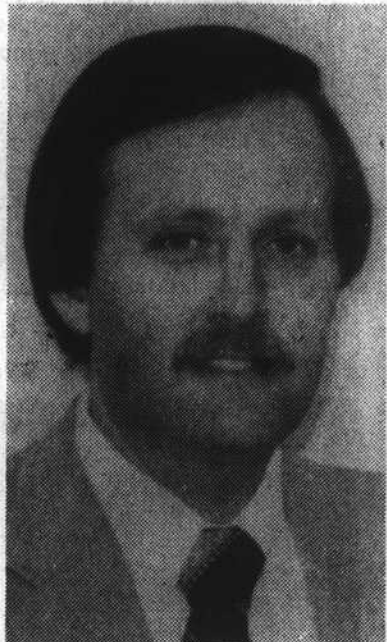
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Former Mayor Honored

Former Edenton Mayor John Mitchener Jr. "Papa John" was one of over 800 people honored in Raleigh Tuesday for having appeared in The News and Observer's 35 year-old "Tar Heel of the Week" feature. The celebration at the Civic Center included a dinner, entertainment and a tribute to the newspaper's founder, Josephus Daniels.

It was a Sunday in the late 1960s when Mitchener was profiled in "Tarheel of the Week." At that time, the Edenton pharmacist was Mayor of Edenton and President of the North Carolina League of Municipalities.

"That Sunday I couldn't do anything but answer the telephone - I got so many calls," said Mitchener.

While he was president of the League of Municipalities, Mitchener traveled extensively throughout the state and had the chance to meet a lot of people. "It's amazing to me the amount of untapped people there are in this state," he said. Edenton, Mitchener recalled, was always

referred to as "that clean, historical town in the northeast."

Continually active in community affairs, Mitchener is currently a director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and a member of the chamber's Industrial Committee. He is a trustee of both Chowan Hospital and First Presbyterian Church and a member of Unanimity Lodge #7.

Mitchener is also heading up a special new committee established by the local chamber: The First Annual Chamber of Commerce Roasting Committee. The first roasting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, at the American Legion. Pete Dail will have the honor of begin roasted with proceeds from the event going to this year's Christmas parade.

County District Court Held

Chowan County District Court was in session September 24; the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding over the criminal

Municipal Election Heating Up

The upcoming November 5 municipal election heated up last week when challengers filed to run against incumbents Mayor Roy Harrell and Councilman-at-Large Rev. James Fenner.

Local businessman John T. Dowd is the new candidate for mayor; E.N. (Pete) Manning, General Manager, The Chowan Herald, is running for the at-large councilman's seat.

The four candidates have issued either statements or releases to The Chowan Herald; they are follows:

Roy Harrell

Mayor Roy Harrell has been in office for the past 12 years; before he was elected mayor, he served as a councilman for 2 years.

An Edenton native, Harrell is the local veteran's employment representative at the Edenton Employment Security Commission office, a position he has held for 9 years. He is a member of First Christian Church. He serves on the Hospital Board and is a member of Historic Edenton and ARPDC.

Harrell served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950 - 1954. He and his wife, Sybil, have three children.

Harrell stated:

"I am very excited about the coming years. I look forward to the completion of the sewage disposal unit and I look forward to the starting and completing of the peak generating power plant that will reduce the light bills of our citizens.

"I look forward to two more years of serving the good citizens of Edenton as I have for the past 14 years; I look forward to seeing them, as always, at their doors."

John T. Dowd

John T. Dowd of 219 W. Queen Street has announced his candidacy for Mayor of Edenton. Dowd, a lifetime resident of Edenton and Chowan County, is a graduate of John A. Holmes High School and East Carolina University with a degree in Business Administration.

Dowd headed the award winning Distributive Education Program at Holmes High for eight years before forming his insurance and real estate company in 1979. He is currently an Honorary Life Time Member of the Distributive Education Clubs of America and serves on the

calendar.

Daniel Andrew Brownholtz was found guilty of driving 70 in a 55mph zone. He was fined \$25 and court costs.

Walter Lee Moore was found guilty of failing to yield the right of way. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 1 year on the condition he pay a fine of \$50 and cost of court.

Joey Blaine Reynolds was found guilty of driving 90 in a 55mph zone. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 1 year on the con-

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Hurricane Watch

At press time (Wednesday afternoon) local officials were watching the movement of Hurricane Gloria, a storm packing winds of 150 mph headed toward the Atlantic coast.

At 9 a.m. the state had issued a hurricane watch from Edisto Beach, SC to Cape Henry, Va. At 3 p.m. the storm was located about 575 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras near latitude 27.1 north and longitude 73.1 west.

"We're just kind of sitting back and watching," said Emergency Management Coordinator Doug Belch. "We're looking at possible shelters should they become necessary."



FIRE—Clyde Slade's trailer was destroyed early Sunday morning by a fire that is believed to have begun in the cook stove. If anyone wants to donate clothing, call 482-4418.

Herald Employee Escapes From Burning Trailer

A long time Chowan Herald employee nearly lost his life early Sunday morning when a fire ripped through his mobile home. Mechanical Superintendent Clyde Slade, 26 Granby Trailer Park, W. Albemarle Street Ex-

tended, had been asleep in the back bedroom for close to two hours when a dog he was watching for his daughter began making noises outside at approximately 2 a.m.

"I heard Tara (the dog) scrat-

ching at the door, but I didn't pay it no mind because she does it all the time," said Slade. But when she went around to the back window and started scratching, that's when I got up to see what was go-

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State Board of Education's Advisory Board for Marketing Education. In 1976 Dowd was recognized as an Outstanding Distributive Education Teacher based on the success of the program in the community and in state competition.

Dowd is currently President of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

Dowd's reasons for entering the race are based on the major issue of future economic development for Edenton and the area. Serving as President of the Chamber it became quite evident that Edenton needed a master marketing plan for our area. This plan should be a cooperative effort between City Government, County Government, The Chamber of Commerce, Historic Edenton and the Airport Commission. The Chamber of Commerce over the last few years has made gallant efforts to recruit industry through the State Department of Commerce and is proud of its efforts put forth in getting Bayliner Marine to locate in Edenton, but due to the conditions of our roads and our location in Eastern North Carolina it is becoming increasingly more difficult for industry to even look at our area. "We can not continue to plan our economic growth like it has been done in the past," stated Dowd.

Other areas of concern are the duplication of services that are currently being provided by both county and city government such as tax billing, tax collecting, building inspections and planning. Residents of Edenton are supporting both governments and are only benefiting from one. This duplication is not a wise spending of our tax dollars.

Dowd is also concerned that Edenton and Chowan County does not have the 911 Emergency Number System that will allow our citizens to reach the fire

department, police department, ambulance service and sheriff department by dialing 911.

If elected Dowd promises to make our city government more responsive, progressive, and cooperative.

Rev. James Fenner

Rev. James Fenner has served as Councilman-at-Large for one term (4 years). He is currently chairman of the Public Works Committee. For nine years he has been the pastor at Providence Baptist Church.

A native of Hodgood, N.C., Fenner is a graduate of Norfolk State University and Shaw University. He received a Bachelor and Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Religious and Educational Enterprise, Charlotte, N.C. He also received a Doctor of Humane Letter Degree from Baltimore College of Bible and Seminary.

Fenner is married to the former Rosa Rountree; they have two daughters.

Fenner stated:

"My first bid for council was to have a government formed by the people, and one of my highest aspiration now is to continue that same thing and to see that all people have good representation. I would like to continue my service on the council because I feel we have a good council now that is working harmoniously together for the same purpose.

"We are presently involved in several projects that I certainly would like to see finished: 1) the sewage disposal plant 2) the Community Block Grant 3) the continued fight against the power agency 4) the senior citizens shelter and 5) the peak generating electrical system which will save the tax payer money in electric bills."

E.N. (Pete) Manning

E.N. (Pete) Manning, 216 West Eden Street, has announced his

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Lions' Fund Drive Planned

The Edenton Lions Club will be holding their annual fund drive to assist the blind and visually impaired on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, October 3, 4 and 5. Lions club members will be accepting donations on those days from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the following locations: Food Lion; S & R; and Winn-Dixie. There will also be members at various downtown locations.

Local Lions club members ask

that you please be as generous as possible with your contribution to this project, which was begun by the N.C. Lions Association for the Blind in 1934. If you are unable to contribute at this time, but would like to mail in a donation, you may send it to: N.C. Association for the Blind, White Cane Drive, Route 1, Box 327, Edenton, North Carolina 27932.

Your support will be greatly appreciated.



QUEEN—Terri Reid, of Edenton, was chosen 1985 Queen of the Fair at the Chowan County Fair on Saturday, September 21. She will go on to the state beauty pageant to be held in High Point this January. Leslie Irving, Edenton, was 1st runner up in the Queen of the Fair Pageant; Alice White, Hertford, was 2nd runner up.