

## Public Parade

### A Good First Step

Terry Sanford's announcement that he will seek the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate seat being vacated by John East is a good first step toward rebuilding the party in North Carolina.

As a former governor and ex-president of Duke University, who came very close to being named national head of the Democratic party, Sanford enters the race with enough prestige to attract broad-based support both inside and outside the state.

What's more, he has a record, both as governor and as president of Duke, which deserves support across the state. As governor, he had the guts to do what others since have tended to be content with giving lip service to. He supported an unpopular tax to pay for improving the quality of education in our public schools.

By way of contrast, our present governor talks about education as his first priority, but seeks to fund it out of what's left after removing unpopular taxes.

Duke University made more progress under Terry Sanford's presidency than during any period since its name was Trinity and it was transplanted to Durham by Washington Duke. Under Sanford its medical facilities were greatly expanded, with its hospital being practically doubled and its research programs vastly enlarged. In addition, the Fuqua School of Business was firmly established and now ranks with the best in the state, if not in the nation.

Altogether, Duke moved closer its goal of becoming a national institution. A recent survey among college and university presidents ranked Duke sixth among the great regional universities.

At 60 and a senior partner in a lucrative law practice, Terry Sanford doesn't need either the income or the perks which go with the office of United States senator. But the state needs Terry Sanford's sense of obligation, his devotion to the duties of leadership which public service demands.

In the next six years, the nation will face one of its most trying periods. With the national deficit running at more than \$200 billion a year, with the economy failing to live up to the promises of President Reagan's "self-liquidating" tax cut, with an unfavorable trade balance exporting jobs by

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Dr. Durward F. Bateman

## Bateman, New NCSU Dean

Chowan County native, Dr. Durward F. Bateman, a 51-year-old scientist and research administrator, will become the new dean of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University on Feb. 1.

The promotion of Bateman to succeed Dr. J.E. Legates was announced January 10 by NCSU Chancellor Bruce R. Poulton following approval by the NCSU Board of Trustees, University of

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## Incumbents File For May Election

A new political season has opened in Chowan County, the area and around the state. The filing period for local, state and national offices began January 6 and will end at noon on February 3.

Locally, incumbents and some challengers have filed for the May 6 Democratic Primary. First to file on January 6 was Elvin Clarence (E. C.) Toppin for Sheriff of Chowan County. Sheriff Troy Toppin died in October and Glen Perry was appointed to fill the vacancy until next November's election. E. C. Toppin declared his intention to run for his late father's position in an advertisement printed in the Chowan Herald last December. No challenger has yet filed for Sheriff.

Marjorie H. Hollowell has filed

for her second term as Chowan County Clerk of Court. As yet, there have been no other candidates to file for this office.

There are three seats to be decided in the November general election for the County Board of Commissioners. The incumbent in the first township seat, Joseph B. (Joe) Hollowell, Jr. has filed for reelection. W. Carroll Smith has filed to challenge Hollowell.

Incumbent County Commissioner, Clara Boswell, who filed for reelection on January 6, also has a challenger. W. David Ober, who has never held a political office, has filed to challenge Boswell for the second township position.

Commissioner C. A. (Al) Phillips has not yet filed for reelection to his fourth township position on the board. Indeed, no

one has filed yet for this seat.

There are three positions on the School Board to be decided. Alice P. Jones (who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Gerald Perry) has filed for election to fill this first township seat until 1988.

The first township School Board seat currently held by incumbent James Taylor has not been filed for to date.

The first township School Board seat left vacant by the death of C.B. Smith, Sr. has been filed for by J.M. Parrish, Jr. The term of the position will expire in 1990.

Another School Board seat which has seen no filings, is the one to be vacated by Eugene Jordan who has served two terms and cannot serve another consecutive term. This is a third township position.



**NEW BOARD**—The Edenton-Chamber of Commerce's new Board of Directors sat for a portrait last Thursday. Standing (l. to r.) are Sam Noble, Kel Elmore, Chuck Smith (new Chamber of Commerce President), John Dowd, Cliff Copeland, Frank Cox and Jerry Hendee (Executive Vice-President). Seated (l. to r.) are Paul Whiteman, Steve Robertson, Marvin Shaw, James C. (Pete) Dail, John Cuthrell, and Beth Taylor. (Not pictured are Jim Elliott, Simon B. (Cy) Rich, Jack Clark, Tom Palmer and J.P. Timberlake, III.)

## Newly Elected Board Of Directors Meet

A new board of directors for the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce met for their first meeting last Thursday morning. The elections to fill board seats were held in late November, 1985.

Officers for 1986 include, Chuck Smith, president; Beth Taylor, vice-president/president-elect; Steve Robertson, internal vice-president; and Tom Palmer, external vice-president.

Outgoing officers were, John Dowd, president; Jack Habit, ex-

ternal vice-president; and Bob Thomas, internal vice-president.

Smith said, "The Chamber has made a positive turn in the last couple of years." He said that people are becoming more aware of the Chamber and its function. He added that he had seen this change from his perspective as a board member for the last three years.

Smith went on to say, "I encourage area people to participate - both retired and industry people.

We want to continue to promote economic development and community growth."

The annual Chamber General Membership Banquet will take place at the American Legion Building at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 30. Tickets will be available at the five local financial institutions and Hollowell & Blount and Mitchener's Drug Stores.

## Multiple Break-ins Yield Extended Sentence

Chowan Superior Court was in session January 6, the Honorable Frank R. Brown presiding over the criminal calendar.

Douglas Louis Hill pleaded guilty to level three DWI. He was sentenced to a minimum and maximum of 90 days, suspended and was placed on unsupervised probation for one year upon the following conditions: that he pay

a fine of \$200 and cost of court of \$118; pay \$300 for attorney's fees; pay \$50 community service fee; pay \$50 ADET fee and that he surrender his driver's license and not operate a motor vehicle on the highways of North Carolina until licensed. He was also ordered to complete 72 hours of community service within 90 days. It was the defendant's decision to serve the active sentence.

Frances Marriner pleaded no contest to two worthless check charges which were consolidated for judgment. She was sentenced to ten days in the N.C. Dept. of Correction-Women's Div., suspended and placed on unsupervised probation for one year upon payment of cost of court of \$210; must make restitution to T.G.&Y of \$34.66 and commit no criminal offense in any jurisdiction. All sums must be paid by January 20 at 5 p.m.

Thomas M. Hall pleaded not guilty and was found guilty by jury trial of two counts of preparing a false or fraudulent document in support of an insurance claim. He was sentenced to five years in the N.C. Dept. of Corrections. He appealed to the N.C. Court of Appeals. He has 55 days to serve his proposed record on appeal. The state is allowed 30 days to serve objections. Release pending appeal was denied.

Henry Brownridge, Jr. pleaded guilty to issuance of a worthless

check on a closed account. He received a 30 day active sentence.

Michael C. White (in case 85-CRS-1327) pleaded guilty to felonious breaking and entering. He was sentenced to six years in the N.C. Dept. of Corrections. He

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**CAMPAIGN SWING**—George Moore, (left) Manager of Edenton's Belk-Tyler store, talks with William I. Belk, Charlotte department store executive. Belk visited Edenton last Wednesday in his quest for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

## Candidate Visits Area

By Jack Grove

The first candidate to campaign locally for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate made a stop in Edenton last Wednesday morning. William I. Belk, Charlotte department store executive, was interviewed at Belk-Tyler's Edenton store two days after filing for the U.S. Senate seat of Republican John East who has declared that he will not run for re-election.

Currently there are five other candidates running for the Democratic nomination. Over the weekend, former governor Terry Sanford announced his candidacy. Also running are Greenville lawyer Marvin Blount, Mecklenburg County Commissioner T.L. "Fountain" Odom, state education official Betty Wallace, and Charlotte business executive

Katherine H. Harper.

In his Edenton stopover, in reaction to the large field for the nomination, Belk said, "The more the merrier as far as I'm concerned." He said of his early campaign visit that he planned to "be the early bird."

Belk said that he knew this area well, having "lived here longer than in Charlotte." He started his business career with the Belk-Tyler group in Elizabeth City. His next move with the company was to Kinston and then to the group office in Rocky Mount. Belk also told of attending UNC-Chapel Hill with local attorney, Chris Bond.

Belk said that he intended to campaign aggressively on the local level across the state. "We will be back here on a regular basis," he said.

## Local Jaycees Celebrate

The week of Jan. 19-25 has been set aside nationwide as a celebration of the beginning of the Jaycees in St. Louis in 1915.

Going into its 66th year, the U.S. Jaycees a leadership training organization has some 268,000 members in 6,500 American communities.

The Edenton Jaycees, chartered in 1948, will mark the special week with several activities.

On Sunday, Jan. 19 from 7:30-8:30 a.m., the Jaycees will host a Prayer Breakfast at McDonald's Restaurant. Rev. Bob Crisp will be the guest speaker.

Several Jaycees will be on hand at local radio stations WZBO and WBXB on Wednesday, Jan. 22 to kick off the annual Jaycee Burn Center Jelly Sale. The Jelly Sale is an annual statewide effort to raise funds for the 23-bed burn facility located at the N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. The center relies heavily on the Jaycees' contributions to run the comprehensive facility. A special Jaycee Trust Fund provides monies to the Burn Center for patient treatment, rehabilitation, research, education, and

prevention.

For more information concerning the purchase of jelly, call Betz Ricks at 482-3737.

The local Jaycees will also host the 32nd Annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet during Jaycee Week. This award honors

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## Car Pileup, No Injuries

A multiple car pileup brought area emergency units to the intersection of U.S. 17 Business (south) and U.S. 17 Bypass last Wednesday night. Three cars traveling south on the Bypass were involved in the rear-end collision at 7:30 p.m.

Highway Patrol spokesman, Dottie Lowe, said that a 1977 Chrysler driven by Florence Fagan, 66 of Plymouth, N.C. slowed for the new caution light at the intersection.

A second car, a 1973 Oldsmobile, driven by Jewel Spellman, 23, of

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**SCHOOL RECEIVES CHECK**—Morris Small, representing the local Jaycees, presents a check to Rob Boyce, John A. Holmes High School principal. Tom Bass and Ray Copeland look on. The \$1,288.12 check represents one-half of the proceeds of concession sales by Jaycees during Edenton Aces ball games. Jaycees retained an equal amount to benefit community projects. The school will use the funds to benefit the Aces' athletic program.