

Much Better, Thank You

This is our week for feeling better.

We have just gone through a couple of weeks when we were learning more about our physical condition than we really wanted to know, and suspecting much worse. Now that the tests are all over and the reports generally negative, even the weather is an improvement.

It all started late in January when we returned home from the beach with chest pains that didn't want to go away. Our first thought, of course was heart trouble. We had lived for 40 years with an arrhythmic ticker and naturally felt it might be trying to tell us something.

But the doctor listened and looked at a string of cardigrams and said he couldn't detect any change from the last time. He didn't think it was the heart.

All that was left was the rest of us—the stomach, gall bladder, digestive tract, lungs, etc. We began with a series of barium X-rays, literally from one end to the other. At the bottom end, we did much better than President Reagan; but at the upper end, the glow showed some things that shouldn't be there.

"There's an abnormal growth near the entrance to your stomach," the doctor said. "We don't know what it is, but the good news is that cancers don't hurt."

"Well, what's the bad news?"

"The bad news," he said, "is that we are going to have to go in there and take a look."

He went on to explain that all this is done with an endoscope, a fiberoptic instrument which is inserted into the stomach, enabling the doctor to look around and take samples of tissue for further analysis.

"We don't do that here," he said. "So I'm going to refer you to Dr. Joseph Petrozza, a specialist in that field. I want you to see him."

We were getting glummer by the minute. Years ago we had to swallow a stomach pump and swore we would never do it again. The only other way, he explained, would mean surgery. We said we would see Dr. Petrozza, who turned out to be pleasant and jolly, but all business.

It's nothing like as bad as a stomach pump," he assured us. "Some of my patients sleep through the whole procedure."

Well, he was right. Monday morning we showed up at the hospital with another empty stomach. Dr. Petrozza was there with his equipment. We were placed on the operating table, told to lie on our left side, and wired up with a high electroplate attached to our back.

"What's that for?" we asked. "That's how we ground you," he said. "In case we find something that shouldn't be there, we'll snip it out with electricity."

We then wished we hadn't asked. About that time one nurse sprayed our throat and another hooked us up for a sedative. Our throat started feeling peculiar and we still didn't know all that was going on, but we didn't seem to worry about it any more.

"Now, take one big swallow," Dr. Petrozza said. "There, that's good. Everything is going fine."

Then he put a rubber mouthpiece in to help keep your mouth open; and you realize you are not gagging and that you can breathe all right. And you relax as the procedure progresses.

A large polyp was found, photographed, and removed. And an ulcer was found and a tissue sample taken. And, suddenly, the procedure was over and the doctor handed us a couple of inside shots of our stomach.

He put us on some ulcer medicine and told us it would be a couple of days before the biopsy reports were in. The medicine stopped the stomach pains and the reports came back negative. That, together with the other tests, gave us a clean bill as to heart, lungs, gall bladder and digestive track.

What we did discover, however, is that there is still a use for castor oil.

With that, too, behind us, we are feeling much better, thank you.

Struggle Abandoned

By Jack Grove

After a long and fruitless struggle, Edenton's governing body has given up the battle to extricate itself from its association with the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency. Edenton joined other towns in the area in what was supposed to be a cooperative venture to effect great savings in the cost of electrical power.

The town learned that, instead of saving money, the association was costing it more than it had been paying for power previously. At two meetings in the spring of 1984, council passed resolutions to withdraw from the agency and stating that the Town of Edenton would not enter into any other agreements with the agency.

Tuesday night, Councilman Willis M. Privott, chairman of the utilities committee, recommended to council that these prior resolutions be rescinded. This sparked a lively exchange between Privott, Councilman Steve Hampton and Mayor John Dowd. Hampton said, "I voted against it (to become part of the agency) that night because I thought it was pie in the sky." At another point he said, "They're still ripping us off."

Privott took the stand that, after many attempts to withdraw from the agency, it was evident that it just couldn't be done, since a binding contract had been signed. "We see no need of just letting it drag on," he said of his committee's recommendation.

Dowd felt that "We need to

work from the inside and try to correct this problem." Hampton said, "I'd like to ask that council think on it awhile." Privott responded, "I see no reason to have this thing just laying there." Hampton's final comment was "I think it's a mistake." On Privott's motion, the council approved the rescission with Hampton voting no.

Two town businesses were brought to the council's attention during the meeting. A petition was presented by Councilman Hampton complaining of the Fast Fare at the intersection of Broad and Albemarle Streets. The petition, signed by neighbors of the business, called it a "nuisance" and citing drugs, drinking, and fights late at night as frequent problems there. Hampton, who is also a neighbor of the establishment said that police had to be called two or three times a week to quell disturbances there. Council agreed to send a letter to the company's headquarters to "Let them know they have an image problem" and ask that the problem be resolved.

Barbara Burroughs, one of only eleven citizens attending the meeting, asked that the Council rectify a situation at the S&R store. She said that two trash dumpsters there were constantly overflowing and that neighbors had to constantly pick up trash blowing onto their property. She termed the problem "A very unsightly and unhealthy thing."

In other business the Council:

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FORMER COUNCILMEN HONORED—Edenton Mayor Pro Tem Willis M. Privott presents Resolutions of Appreciation on behalf of the Town Council to former Councilmen E. Gilbert Burroughs and James P. Ricks (l. to r.)

Heart Month Celebrated Locally

February is Heart Month! Local volunteers for the American Heart Association will be conducting fund-raising events to help raise funds to benefit research programs at universities such as UNC and Duke and developing life-saving programs in North Carolina through the American Heart Association.

Some of the important people volunteering to serve as officers are: Bruce Gillikin, President and Fund Raising Chairman; Carolyn

White, Vice President; Carolyn Ricks, Secretary; Evelyn Keeter, Treasurer and Memorial Chair-

man, Rosemarie Gillikin and Marie Perry. Heart Sunday Co-

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Women Elect Officers

The Chowan Democratic Women held their regular monthly meeting on February 4 in the Carolina Room at Gaslight Square. Special guest speaker for the luncheon was Ed Turlington, Executive Secretary for the State Democratic Party.

Pansey Elliott, President, recognized and welcomed special guests and candidates for office in the 1986 elections. Officers of the county party present were: Sarah Tynch, Acting Chairman; Second Vice-Chairman, Rita Saunders; Third Vice-Chairman, Charlie

Shaw; and Treasurer Gwen Hendrix.

Hattie Byrum, First Vice-President, introduced Turlington.

The nominating committee, chaired by Marina Crummey, presented a slate of officers for a one year term and they were elected by acclamation. They are: President, Loueta Sellars; First Vice-President, Dr. Candace Corson; Second Vice-President, Rosa Fenner; Secretary, Marginette Lassiter; Corresponding Secretary, Julia Hassell; and Treasurer, Ida Waff.

Political Hopefuls Listed

Filings for political office have recently closed and candidates have begun campaigning in the area. Some campaign posters can already be seen around Edenton as well as in the county and candidates have begun handing out wallet size appeals for votes.

The slate of candidates for the May 6 primary election is presented here for the First District and local offices. Election of candidates to fill Board of Education seats is non-partisan.

N.C. SENATE

Marc Basnight (D)
Timothy H. Hodges (R)

N.C. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Two Seats)

Vernon G. James (D)
R.M. "Pete" Thompson (D)
Winifred "Winnie" Wood (D)
Samuel A. "Sam" Walker, Jr. (D)
Harry B. Schiffman (D)
Audie V. Simon (D)
Shirley Perry (R)

SHERIFF

E.C. Toppin (D)
Wayne Rice (D)
Norman E. Bunch (D)
Delvin E. Jethro (D)
Fred Spruill (R)

CLERK OF COURT

Marjorie Hollowell (D)
Marguerite B. McCall (D)

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1st Township — Joseph B. Hollowell (D), and W. Carroll Smith (D).

2nd Township — Clara M. Boswell (D), and W. David Ober (D).

4th Township — C. Al Phillips (D) (No opposition).

BOARD OF EDUCATION

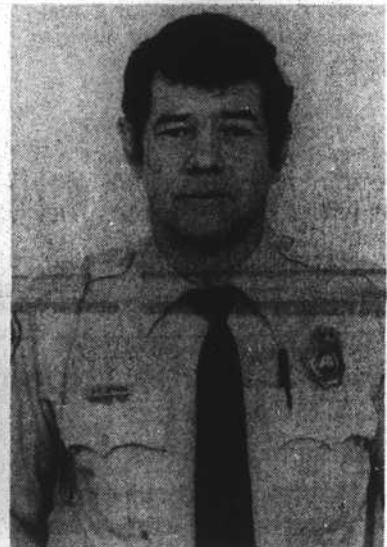
Term Expiring 1988
1st Township — Alice Jones and Lois E. Jordan.

Term Expiring 1990
J.M. Parrish, Jr. and Thomas I. Sharpe.

Term Expiring 1992
James Taylor and Frankie Cox.
3rd Township — Paul E. Chappell.



Norman E. Bunch



Delvin Jethro



Fred A. Spruill

Chowan Sheriff Candidates Interviewed

Editor's Note: This continues a series of interviews with candidates for local political office. It is designed to acquaint voters with the candidates and give the candidates an opportunity to share with the public their goals if elected.

This week completes the slate for Sheriff. Next week we will have interviews with the candidates for Clerk of Court.

Norman E. Bunch

Norman E. Bunch, 46 and a Chowan County native, lives with his wife Sylvia in the Rocky Hook area. They have two daughters, 22 and 19 and a son, 14.

Bunch is a 1958 graduate of Chowan High School and is a corporate farmer (produce) and a commercial fisherman.

He is a charter member of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, Unit Three and a member of the Edenton Baptist Church where he is an usher. He is also a member of the Oak Grove Hunting Club.

Bunch, who has never run for office, said the sheriff's position is a political office "that's for the people and I'm dedicating myself to the people."

He listed the following goals if elected:

- *Maintain a Sheriff's Department with a high degree of integrity;
- *To be fair to all citizens of the county with no allegiance to any special interest group;
- *Maintain the office of sheriff with the highest degree of honesty, fairness and integrity to the oath of this office;
- *To work with the schools administration and civil leaders to inform our youth of the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse;
- *I'd like to see equal protection for all the citizens of the county."

Bunch said that he felt alcohol and drug abuse among young peo-

ple "is the biggest problem we have."

Delvin Jethro

Delvin Jethro, 47, resides in Cape Colony with his wife, Wilma. They have a son, 15, and two daughters, 13 and 8.

A native of Washington County, Jethro has been a resident of Chowan County for 20 years. He is a patrolman with the Edenton Police Department and has been with the department for fourteen years.

He attended Sunbury High School and is currently attending a three week course at the College of the Albemarle in basic law.

Jethro was a write-in candidate for sheriff four years ago.

He listed his goals as:

- *"If elected as sheriff, I will have my officers brought up to date on all of the new laws;
- *I will make some changes in the department. I am not prejudiced. I will have some more black officers;
- *I will concentrate on the problems of alcohol and drug abuse;
- *I will try my hardest to get more entertainment for all the people in Chowan County;
- *To give better protection for businesses in the county through the use of more patrols;
- *I will represent the people in a fair and equal manner;
- *There is always two side to every story. I will listen to both sides."

Fred A. Spruill

Fred A. Spruill, 33, is the only candidate to enter the sheriff's race as a Republican. He lives with his wife, Mary and two sons, 9 and 5, in the Advance Community. He is a native of Rocky Hook.

Spruill graduated from Chowan High School in 1971. He has completed over 35 continuing educa-

tion courses in law enforcement through the community college system. These courses include criminology, breathalyzer, EMT training and firearms.

He served three years in the U.S. Army specializing in the administration field. He served a tour of duty in Germany.

Spruill is a member of the NC Law Officers Association and of the Bethlehem Church of Christ.

He has been a patrolman with the Edenton Police Department for eight years. Prior to that, he served with the Plymouth Police

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CHAMBER AWARDS—Edenton Mayor John Dowd makes presentations of awards at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on January 30. Recipients were (l. to r.) E.L. Hollowell, Volunteer of the Year for 1985; John Mitchener, Jr., Business Person of the Year for 1984; W.P. "Spec" Jones, Volunteer of the Year, 1984; and George A. Byrum, Business Person of the Year, 1985. Seated are Linda Dowd and Bill Meekins.