



The Public Parade

On Bleeding Same Turnip

Any day now the President will sign the 1986 Tax Reform bill and we will, at long last, have a short, simple, fair revenue code that will stimulate the economy and generate a sense of well-being along the Public Parade and elsewhere in the nation.

We doubt it. When the full impact of this measure dawns on the middle income taxpayer, when he understands from looking at his check-book the wonders that have been wrought for the special interests through such gimmicks as Transition Rules written into the bill and Technical Corrections that are sure to come, he will know that he is again the turnip that has been bled.

The bill is neither short, simple or fair. What if it does drop six million low income people from the tax rolls? They didn't pay any tax to begin with. What if it does shift some of the burden to the corporations? They will recover every dollar they pay either through increased prices or out of the hide of their employees.

What if it does reduce the number of brackets from 14 to five in 1987 and to three in 1988? The number of brackets was not the problem. It was just as easy to look up the effective rate with 14 brackets as it will be with three or five.

What if it does eliminate some loopholes that were in the old tax code? It writes back into the law \$10 billion worth of new loopholes under Transition Rules appended to the measure to benefit such special interests as General Motors, Madison Square Garden

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Democratic Caravan Scheduled

A caravan will soon be rolling through our area as Democrats seek to showcase their strength and candidates for the November elections.

A memo to First District Democrats from Cong. and Mrs. Walter B. Jones and District Chairman Bill Hodges states, "...we in N.C.'s First Congressional District are going to show the world what the Democratic Party is all about."

The caravan leaves Carteret County on October 15 and winds its way on an eight day trip through all of the counties in the district. Leading the way will be a bus, the "Democrat Express." The memo asks all Democrats that can "to join in the trip by following our caravan for as long as you can, two miles, 20 miles, 200 miles or eight days."

The caravan will be met at each county line by that county's Democrats, Democratic leaders and candidates. After the county stop, the local Democrats will escort the caravan to the next county line.

Coordinators for Chowan County will be George Alma Byrum and Warren Twiddy according to County Democratic Chairman Charles Shaw.

Joining the caravan on October 23 will be former Virginia Governor Charles Robb for a grand finale brunch in Dare County. A rally follows on Oct. 24 in Elizabeth City and a second rally will be held in Kinston on Oct. 25.

Stops in our area will include Edenton at the courthouse on Oct. 21 for a lunch at 12:30 and stops at the courthouses on Oct. 22 in Swan Quarter at 10 a.m.; lunch at noon in Plymouth and Columbia at 2:30 p.m.



Robert A. Tart

Tart, Guest Speaker

Robert A. Tart, a member of the National Executive Committee of the American Legion, will be guest speaker at the sixteenth annual Chowan County Law Enforcement Officers Appreciation Banquet.

Tart, a native of Johnston County, NC, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He joined the American Legion soon after leaving the Navy in 1945 and has been active in the organization from that time.

He served two terms as Post Commander in Benson, NC, was a District Commander and served as the NC Department Commander in 1967. Tart was elected to the NEC in 1972 and has represented the Department of NC on the national level since that time.

Active in civic, political and community affairs, Tart is a 33 year member of his local Lions Club serving two years as president and six years on the Board of Directors. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

In his community, he has served as Mayor of the Town of Benson and has been active in town and community affairs.

Tart is the owner and operator of a general insurance agency established in Benson in 1956. He is married to the former Annie Lee Holmes of Benson and the Tarts have two daughters and one son.

The banquet and social will be held at the Edward G. Bond Post 40 of the American Legion on Thursday evening, October 16. Tickets for the event are \$6 per person.

Large Crowd Turns Out At Fish Fry For Candidate Spruill

Friends, supporters, and some undecided voters turned out at a fish fry at the American Legion building Thursday evening to meet with Republican candidate for Chowan County Sheriff, Fred Spruill.

Chamber of Commerce president, Chuck Smith, led off a round of speakers after the dinner. He termed the some 200 attendees,



POLITICAL FISH FRY—A Fish Fry was held Thursday evening in the campaign for sheriff of Fred Spruill (R). Shown at the fry are (l. to r.) Thomas Simpson, Spruill, Richard Dixon and Clinton Cherry.

NJROTC Loses Vessel Due To Costly Repairs

By JACK GROVE

The NJROTC unit at John A. Holmes has lost a valuable part of its program, the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education was told at its meeting last Wednesday evening.

The unit's training ship, the America II will no longer be taking the cadets out on Albemarle Sound on training cruises. Jim Ryan, LCDR, USN, retired, said that a survey of the ship, the reinsurance purposes, found some \$30,000 in needed repairs to the ship's electrical and engineering systems.

America II was provided to the Holmes unit through the efforts of Congressman Walter B. Jones of the First District. It is the only training vessel in the nation available to an NJROTC unit.

The ship was taken to the Elizabeth City Shipyard for the survey where it remains. Associate School Superintendent Jim Kinion said Wednesday that the carrier for the vessel's at-sea insurance will not reinstate the coverage until the repairs are made. He said that the vessel was covered by liability insurance as long as it remains tied up to the dock.

School officials have attempted to find temporary insurance for one trip to return America II to Edenton but were unsuccessful. Kinion said that while the ship remains at the shipyard, it is incurring a monthly dockage fee of \$97.

Since funds for such a large repair bill were not budgeted, the school board at its Wednesday meeting asked Ryan to look into the disposal of America II and asked School Superintendent John Dunn to seek a replacement. Kinion said that Dunn is currently seeking the assistance of Cong. Jones in his quest.

Board chairman, Cecil Fry said that Ryan is going through the necessary administrative procedures in offering the vessel to the state, returning it to the federal government, or offering it for public bid. The first two avenues must be complied with, offering the ship free of charge, before it could legally be sold. At press time, Kinion said that the state had already declined the offer. He said that the federal government has not yet replied to the offer.

School officials said that they would prefer that any replacement ship have a fiberglass or steel

hull. The America II has a wooden hull. However, Ryan said that minor repairs were made to the hull in Elizabeth City and that "It is in good condition."

On other matters the board: • Was given an overview of the Open Court Reading Program by Maxine Britt. Three D.F. Walker teachers reported regarding the types of activities children are participating in in kindergarten,

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AND CLOWNS TOO—Parades feature floats, bands, horses and clowns. Saturday's Peanut Festival parade was no exception.



PEANUTS GANG—"The Peanuts Gang" was the appropriate theme for this float in the annual Peanut Festival Parade in Edenton Saturday. Tagging along was Snoopy. (More pictures on page 1B).

Chowan Beach Road Improvements Discussed

All the spectator seats were occupied for the county commissioners meeting in their board room Monday evening. Most of the crowd was there to attend a hearing concerning road improvements on Tuscarora Trail at Chowan Beach.

The only paved road is the main road into that community. The rest consist of a sandy surface and are pocked with holes. Resident Donald Stallings said he circulated the petition to the commissioners requesting that the county pass a resolution to seek stabilization of Tuscarora Tr. He said that of the 22 property owners whose lots front the street, 17 had signed.

Property owners on the street

would be assessed a one-time total of \$6,500 for road improvements. County Manager Cliff Copeland told the group that this would amount to no more than \$2.45 per foot of property and payment could be spread over five years.

Stallings told the board that the road had deteriorated since 1970 when he bought his property. He said that cars are being driven over private property lines to avoid holes in the road.

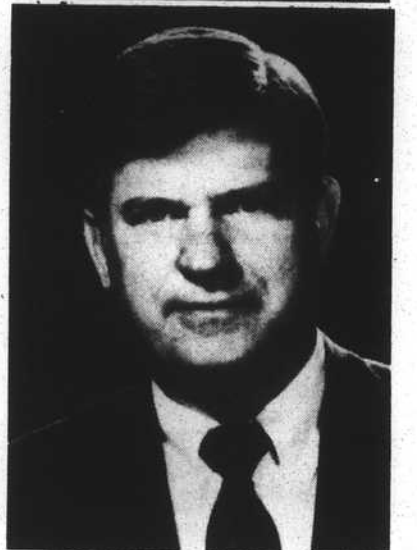
Disputing Stallings' contentions, another resident, Kathleen Houseden said, "I see nothing wrong with Tuscarora Trail."

Ken Dunbar said that his family has owned property at Chowan Beach since 1960 and "If you ask me, there's nothing wrong with

the roads. This is a countrified place." Board Chairman Alton Elmore asked Dunbar if his property was on the road in question and was told that it wasn't. The chairman asked that further remarks be confined to those whose property was on the street.

An argument ensued among property owners and centered on the actions of the Chowan Beach

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Governor James Martin

Republican

Breakfast Slated

Governor James Martin will be in Edenton, Saturday, October 11th for a campaign breakfast, Republican Congressional Candidate Howard Moye has announced. Martin will be campaigning for Howard Moye, 1st District Congressional candidate and Republicans Shirley Perry, State House candidate, Timothy Hodges, State Senate candidate and Fred Spruill, Sheriff candidate in Chowan County.

Martin will appear at a breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the Golden Corral on Virginia Road (Highway 32) in Edenton. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from Shirley Perry 297-2688, in Perquimans County, Fred Spruill and Ann Ellis (482-8811) Chowan County, Earl Rountree (465-8354) in Gates County, Timothy Hodges, (926-3531), in Hyde County, and in Beaufort County, Rebecca Clayton (946-7700), and Steve Rader (946-5790). Tickets will also be available at the door.

a Chowan County native."

The candidate then took the stage to outline his goals:

• Training—citing a need for increased training, he said, "Training doesn't cost that much—just meals and transportation and training is important."

• 911 Emergency No.—He said that everyone in the town and county would benefit by having a single three-digit number to use in an emergency;

• Drugs—"You can get any kind of drug in Chowan County you want. We need everyone to get involved in solving this problem. It takes the people to help solve this problem;"

• Common communication system for the various law enforcement agencies—He said that officers now have to use scanners in order to hear radio communications from other branches of law enforcement; and

• Cooperation—"We need to maintain the good working relationship between all the law enforcement agencies. We have a good relationship and I want to continue that."

In fielding questions from the audience, Spruill was asked if the number of deputies currently with the department was adequate. He responded that he felt the sheriff's department was adequately manned but, "I'll fight for more deputies if the need is there."