



The Public Parade

Not Much Of A Choice

There can be no argument that President Reagan, while his subordinates were shipping arms to the Iranians and cash to the Contras, either knew what was going on or did not know.

The problem lies in trying to figure out which is worse.

If he knew — and most Americans think he did — then that brings his credibility and judgment into serious question. His credibility because he played down the amount of arms involved when he went on television to give the American people "the facts." And because, in that same address, he denied knowledge of trans-shipments, third-party involvements or shady transactions.

His judgment because he was saying one thing publicly while doing the opposite under cover, urging our friends and allies abroad not to negotiate with terrorists while trying to ransom U.S. hostages held by moslem zealots with arms and spare parts.

Given that this course of action might, in the long run, have resulted in improved relations with post-Khomeini Iran, the President should have known that any military aid to Iran, perhaps the

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Swearing In Ceremony Held

By JACK GROVE

Three Chowan County residents flew to Washington, D.C. and joined more than 1,500 North Carolinians in celebrating new Sen. Terry Sanford's swearing in on the U.S. Capitol steps on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Witnessing the event were Chowan Democratic Party Chairman, Charlie Shaw; local chairman of the Terry Sanford Election Committee, Dr. Ed Bond; and Paul Waff, local businessman.

Tom Lawton, aide to Sanford, described the day's events in a telephone interview. A brunch, sponsored by N.C. Lt. Gov. Robert Jordan, former governor Jim Hunt, State Democratic Party Chairman Jim Van Hecke and Cliff Benson, a Raleigh businessman, kicked off the festivities.

Senator Sanford was sworn in on the east steps of the Capitol at 12:30 p.m. by the Hon. J. Dickson Phillips, Jr., Federal Judge of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Phillips makes his home in Charlotte and is an old friend of Sanford's dating from attendance at law school at the same time.

Lawton described the day as cloudy until 12:30 "when the sun broke through." He said that the sun went back into hiding shortly after the ceremony was completed. The aide quoted a Duke University associate of the senator, where he was president for many years, as saying that

Sanford had "weather magic." Many university ceremonies were conducted outside when the weather was threatening only to brighten up long enough for the ceremony.

According to Lawton, Dec. 10 was a day of "firsts. It was the first time ever that a senator was sworn in on the steps of the Capitol. Most are sworn in together on the Senate floor on the first day of the new congress." He said that it "was the most people ever to witness the swearing in of a senator."

Sanford was sworn into the 99th Congress, to fill the unexpired term of the late Sen. John East, which runs from Nov. 5 to Jan. 6. Sanford will then be sworn into the 100th Congress with the other newly elected senators early in January for a normal six year term. Lawton pointed out that the

senator automatically gained seniority over other freshmen senators by taking office last week.

The ceremony on the Capitol steps was made necessary by the large home state crowd which could not be accommodated in the Senate galleries. At the conclusion of the ceremony Sanford spoke briefly to the crowd, just another precedent that would be impossible under normal circumstances.

In alluding to the unusual arrangements, Lawton said, "We don't think Terry Sanford is a usual senator. We think he is extraordinary."

A reception followed in the Senate Caucus Room with the entire crowd invited. The room "was jam-packed. Washington knew North Carolina had arrived," the aide observed.

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RECEPTION—New U.S. Senator Terry Sanford receives the congratulations of supporters last Wednesday afternoon in the Capitol's Senate Caucus Room.

Harrington Retains President Pro Tem Position

State Sen. J.J. (Monk) Harrington was victorious in his quest to retain his position as President Pro Tem in the state senate according to Sen. Marc Basnight of Manteo in a telephone interview at press time Wednesday. Basnight, who had participated in a Senate Democratic Caucus in Raleigh on Tuesday, said that Harrington had come out on top in a contest with Sen. Henson

Barnes, a Goldsboro attorney, by a vote of 21 to 17.

Basnight said that it was very important to the northeast for Harrington, a retired businessman from Lewiston, to hold the post in what is described as a key senate leadership role. The President Pro Tem is in charge of the Rules and Operations Committee that approves legislation to go before the full senate; assigns senators to offices and seats; makes some committee assignments; and is co-chairman of the Legislative Research Commission that operates between legislative sessions. His influence could be crucial in legislation directly affecting this area.

Harrington represented an area that included Chowan County before redistricting about two years ago. It was at that time that Basnight was elected to represent the present district that includes Chowan.

The Manteo senator said that Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan will appoint major senate committee chairmanships on Feb. 9. Basnight said, "I am hoping to get the chairmanship of an Appropriations Board," one of four in the senate.

On other subjects, Basnight was asked if he thought a ban on phosphates in detergents was in the future for the state. He reiterated what some of the experts said at the recent convocation of Virginia and N.C. legislators of the Chowan River Interstate Study Commission.

Most of the phosphates entering rivers comes from treated waste water from sewage plants, 75 percent from human waste residue and 25 percent from detergents. With this treated material diverted to land application systems, (all of the municipalities

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SEALED—The entrance to a road leading into sand pits in the county's Cowpen Neck area, where minors have been known to congregate and drink, was sealed off with a fence this week. The Chowan County Sheriff urged owners of similar areas to close them off from access to the public. "We will be watching areas of the county for parties involving minors using alcohol and drugs. When they occur, we expect to make arrests," Sheriff Spruill said. He particularly indicated his desire to arrest any adults providing minors with alcohol.



PREPARE FOR CONCERT—The Concert Choir (pictured above), Treble Ensemble and Mixed Chorus of John A. Holmes High School will hold a Christmas concert Thursday, December 18 (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium under the direction of Mrs. Shelby Strother. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Admission will be \$2.00 for adults, and \$1.00 for students and children wishing to attend.

Rice Submits Resignation

Deputy Sheriff Wayne S. Rice said Tuesday that he has submitted his resignation from the Chowan County Sheriff's Department in order to accept an appointment as a county magistrate. Of the appointment he said, "It's just something I couldn't turn down."

Rice defeated four Democratic opponents in the May primary in his bid for election for sheriff. In November, he was defeated by Republican Fred Spruill.

Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident Superior Court Judge every two years. Superior Court Clerk, Marjorie H. Hollowell said that the process begins with applications submitted to her office which are then forwarded with recommendations to Judge Small. Mrs. Hollowell said of the appointment, "He's been interested in it for a good while."

Rice said that, "It's just something that I've looked at for the last couple or three years." He said that two years ago he discussed the position with Magistrate Ray Tarkington (just reappointed), Mrs. Hollowell and then sheriff, Troy Toppin. He said that at that time he was too late in expressing a desire for the job before the appointments were made.

Chowan County has two magistrates, currently Tarkington and Carlton Perry whose appointment has expired. In the performance of their duties, they are supervised by Chief District Court Judge John T. Chaffin, Mrs. Hollowell said.

Rice said that he learned of his appointment on Monday in a letter from Judge Small. His resignation from the sheriff's dept. is effective Dec. 28 and the Court Clerk said he will be sworn into his new position on Dec. 31.

Schedules Provided

(Editor's Note: As a service to our readers, we are providing a listing of Holiday closings of government offices, trash pickup schedules and selected businesses in the area that provide goods and services to area residents.)

EDENTON - Town offices will be closed Dec. 25 & 26 and Jan. 1. Trash collection: Dec. 22, East Edenton; Dec. 23, West Edenton; Dec. 24, normal limb pickup; Dec. 29 and 31, East Edenton; Dec. 30 and Jan. 2, West Edenton.

CHOWAN - County offices will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26 and

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Deadlines Announced

In observance of the Christmas holiday, The Chowan Herald will be closed all day next Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26. Accordingly, an early printing schedule has been set for next week's edition.

Classified and legal advertising for next week's issue should be submitted no later than 12 noon on Monday, December 22. Display advertising should be turned in before 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 22. Exceptions will be made for ads which do not require composition.

News items and photographs intended for publication in next week's edition should be turned in by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 22.

Those who can have ads, news items or photographs brought in on Friday, December 19 (tomorrow) by 5:00 p.m. are encouraged to do so.

Your observance of these deadlines will be greatly appreciated.

Woman Evading Police Wrecks Car

A Hertford woman led local police on a high-speed chase through Edenton and onto U.S. 17 last Wednesday evening. Edenton Police Officers C.C. Alexander and S.B. Terry responded to a domestic disturbance call at 6 p.m. in a neighborhood near D.F. Walker School.

A woman, identified as Leola Jones, 25, one of the subjects of the call, stopped her car briefly alongside the police car before abruptly pulling away. The of-

ficers followed, with blue light and siren after she was seen to be driving on the wrong side of the street and ignoring stop signs and traffic lights.

She reportedly passed three cars waiting at a Hwy 17 business north red light and attained speeds of 60 mph before coming to the intersection of 17 Bypass. Ignoring that stop sign, she is said to have "spun out" on the highway where the patrol car stopped in front of her.

After ramming the police car, she spun her car around and proceeded toward Hertford at a high rate of speed, apparently driving more in the southbound lane than her own, passing northbound traffic.

While attempting to pass a semi-trailer truck and two other vehicles near Gabby's Restaurant, she lost control of her car, which jumped the ditch on the southbound side and came to rest.

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FETED AT RETIREMENT—A retirement reception was held for former Chowan County Sheriff Glen Perry at the Carolina Room Tuesday afternoon. Perry will continue with the sheriff's department as a Special Deputy. A plaque honoring his many years of service to the county was presented to Perry by Chairman of the Board of Chowan County Commissioners, Alton Elmore (right) and Commissioner C.A. (Al) Phillips.