



## Thomas C. Byrum, Jr.

It has now been two weeks since they laid Thomas Campbell Byrum, Jr., to rest in Beaver Hill cemetery, but the vacuum his death created still pervades the community, as it will for a long time to come.

For Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., was a living force felt throughout Chowan County.

He was the retired owner of Byrum Implement and Truck Company and he served on the board of directors of Edenton Savings and Loan Association, which has long been a catalyst in community growth and restoration.

He had long played a leading role in the affairs of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, Ancient, Free and Accepted Order of Masons. He was a past president of the Chowan County Shrine Club and, as treasurer for 11 years, handled the funds of this active fraternal organization. And he still found time to move up the Masonic ladder in the Scottish Rite Bodies of New Bern.

He was the hub of many activities at Edenton Baptist Church. A member and deacon, he served on its finance committee and was long a leader in its Lloyd E. Griffin Bible Class.

In the civic area, he was a past president of the Edenton Rotary Club and of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, both organizations found on the cutting edge of community progress.

He attended Porter Military Academy and, following service in the Air Force in defense of his country, he became a member of the American Legion Post 40.

At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he became co-captain of the Tarheel football team and participated in other campus activities.

So far we have dealt only with the public side of Tom Byrum. There was a private side of generosity and helpfulness that was wider and deeper, where no records were kept and no minutes read. It consisted of the good things that men do which are not interred with their bones, the helping hand, sympathy and encouragement, love of family and friends.

Tom Byrum was the sort of man who asked what does the Lord require in addition to walking humbly, doing justly and loving mercy? And he did it.

Now a man who had carried all those responsibilities, who had led in many endeavors for good and

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**NEW SEWAGE LINES**—Workmen were busy installing new sewer pipes at the corner of Granville and Water Streets this week. Residents have had to detour as some streets west of Broad have been blocked off to allow for the installation of the new lines which will connect with the waste water treatment plant to be completed early next year.



**WOMAN OF THE YEAR**—Dr. Candace N. Corson, M.D., was honored as Edenton BPW's Woman of the Year at their Bosses Night Banquet last Thursday evening. Dr. Corson was graduated Summa Cum Laude from Yale University and received her M.D. degree from Yale's School of Medicine. Currently a full-time mother of three, she has been active as a speaker on health matters and on the medical and psychological consequences of the arms race. She has traveled to Finland and the U.S.S.R. as an active member of Physicians for Social Responsibility-USA, the American affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

## County Demos Disagree On Meeting

By JEANETTE WHITE

An unresolved disagreement has developed between the county East Edenton Democratic Precinct chairman and the county leadership in the party.

The disagreement emerged after the legality of a March 5 meeting was questioned when a party member filed a complaint.

Ken Eudy of Raleigh, executive director of the N.C. Democratic Party, said at presstime Wednesday that he could not decide if the meeting was legal until an investigation is completed.

Eudy informed *The Herald* at 4 p.m. Wednesday through a staff member, Everett Ward, that another meeting would be held Thursday, March 26. Rita Saunders specified that the precinct meeting would be held at 8:00 p.m. on the main floor at the old armory (the East Edenton polling place).

The dispute arose after Democrats went to the old armory for a scheduled meeting and found a volleyball game underway. Precinct Chairman Willis Privott said the meeting was moved into an office at the armory and someone was posted at the door directing late arrivals to the relocation. Privott said 18 Democrats found the office without problems.

Democrat Gwen Hendrix said

Tuesday that Marginette Lassiter and Julia Hassell went to the armory, found no one posted at the door and went elsewhere looking for the meeting. When the two women could not find another location, they returned to the armory and found the meeting, which was ending. Delegates to the county convention, officers and precinct committee members had been elected.

Mrs. Lassiter filed a complaint and Rita Saunders, chairman of the County Democratic Party, announced another meeting for March 26. She notified cable television, radio and a newspaper in a neighboring county to announce the new meeting.

At this point, Privott said the first meeting was legal and no other meeting could be held. Contact was made with officials at the state level to decide proper procedure.

Everette Ward of the Raleigh office had notified Mrs. Saunders to reschedule the meeting, but said Tuesday, "A communication was circulated to Mrs. Saunders advising her to have another meeting, but we have received additional information and cannot make a decision until we talk with some more people."

Eudy emphasized that comment Wednesday and said,

"We're working at it and hope to get it resolved this afternoon."

Eudy said officials must look at the "practical" and "strict interpretation of the rules" set forth in party guidelines.

Legally, when a meeting is relocated, a sign must be posted showing the new site. Eudy said in "strict interpretation", a person posted at the door would not meet guidelines, but "practically speaking, yes".

He further stated that notification in a neighboring county's newspaper and radio and cable announcements met legal requirements for a new meeting "in my opinion".

Mrs. Hendrix said the meeting

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## Chowan Plans Clean-Up Day

Chowan County is organizing an effort of all county citizens to clean up roadside litter. A statewide effort is planned for April, with a countywide effort Saturday, April 11, from 9 - noon.

Chowan Board of Commissioners Chairman Alton G. Elmore is encouraging every group of adults and youth to participate in this effort. The North Carolina Department of Transportation will provide large trash bags for collection. The filled trash bags are to be tied and left on the roadside for pickup by DOT trucks.

Please call the county manager's office at 482-8431

McDonald's of Edenton and Hardee's have donated complimentary certificates for free french fries and hamburgers with or without any other purchase for all participants. All individuals participating in this Saturday morning effort will be entered in a drawing for cash prizes in the amounts of \$25, \$20 and \$15. At the end of the clean-up you will be asked to submit a list of names of participants for the drawing.

"I encourage you to participate in the countywide effort to clean up litter in what is already the prettiest place in the world to live" Elmore said. "Please call the County Manager's office by April 6."

## Businesses Cited

Owners of 15 area businesses were called to courthouses last week after an undercover operation found them selling malt beverages to minors in February and March.

N.C. Alcohol Law Enforcement Agents in Hertford, Bertie and Washington Counties sent one 16-year-old and one 17-year-old into various stores and attempts were made to purchase beer from the clerk on duty.

Of the 79 locations checked, 15 stores sold to the minors. Seven of the clerks checked the minors' identification, which showed them to be underage, and still sold the beer.

Ellis Paul of Edenton, assistant superintendent for the local division of ALE, said, "It would have been perfect if we had zero sales, but the more of these operations we run, we make less and less buys."

Paul said he could not say when, or if, the undercover operation would come to Chowan County. "I can't say if we will or if we are already in Chowan County," Paul said.

Each clerk who sold malt beverages to minors was issued a citation and will have to appear in district court in the county he/she

was charged. Reports of each sale will be sent to the ABC Commission, which then will look at each case individually and decide what should be done. Penalties could range from loss of ABC license to warnings.

Each clerk who sold the beer was identified at the time, but no citations were issued until the entire operation was completed.

If those who were cited did not appear at their courthouse at the specified time, Paul said they would be arrested and brought to the courthouse.

This sting operation was the first of its kind locally, but other operations are scheduled.

Businesses cited for the sales in Bertie County were Hughes Market, R.D. Harrell and Son, Jeff White's Service Center and Auto Parts, Mount Gould Grocery and Powellsville Market.

In Washington County, sales were made at Haks Fast Serve Market, Billy's Grill and Grocery, Station Break #2, Pizza Hut (Plymouth) and Spiewaks.

In Hertford County the minors bought beer at Ahoskie Food Center, Red Apple Market #1, Bentons' Grocery, Sports Mart and Wise IGA.



W. HERBERT HOLLOWELL JR. served as toastmaster when Edenton Lions Club met for a fiftieth anniversary celebration Friday night. Seated to Hollowell's left is Jack Leary, Edenton president.



AROUND 200 MEMBERS and guests met for fellowship at the golden anniversary of Edenton Lions Club Friday at the American Legion Building.

## Edenton Lions Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Edenton Lions Club reminisced about the past and looked toward the future when it met for a golden anniversary celebration Friday night.

About 200 members and guests met at the American Legion Building for a banquet featuring Charlotte Attorney William L. Woolard, third vice-president of Lions International, as keynote speaker.

A host of officials congratulated club members for accomplishments over the past 50 years.

The Edenton Club was organized January 21, 1937 with help from the Washington (N.C.) Club. The first meeting was at the old Joseph Hewes Hotel with 22 members.

Kenneth L. Stalls, president of the fiftieth anniversary planning committee, highlighted some of the early projects of the club, including a county health plan, baseball games, lights for the ballfield and development of the first

local Boy Scout Troop.

Edenton was instrumental in the organization of the Hertford Club in 1939 and the Colerain Club in 1950.

Stalls drew a laugh from the audience when he said minutes of an early meeting showed that the club voted to remain neutral on controversy over a proposed stoplight at the intersection of Church

and Broad Streets.

Woolard, who gave up a lucrative law practice to fulfill duties associated with his office, has traveled 450,000 miles since 1981 to serve 1.3 million members in 38,000 clubs in 161 countries. Woolard said the Lions are the largest service organization in the

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## Groundbreaking Ceremony Is Scheduled

Chowan Hospital will celebrate its 40th Anniversary and Ground Breaking for its new Skilled Nursing Wing Sunday, April 5, at 2 p.m. Speakers will include Ashley Gale of the Duke Endowment, Burt Dodson of SunHealth, and W.P. "Spec" Jones, a member of the original hospital board of directors.

A time capsule containing mementos, predictions and other commentaries will be sealed and later placed in a cornerstone of

the SNF wing. The program will conclude with a release of balloons containing coupons for free services such as a mammogram, blood test, or respiratory therapy procedure. Tours of the hospital and refreshments will follow from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to participate.

In case of rain, the ceremonies will be held at the Edenton United Methodist Church.