



On American Achievers

At the risk of being tagged underinformed or worse, we would like to say that the American Tobacco Company has done a commendable thing in recognizing 100 American achievers as a part of its centennial celebration.

You never know these days when tobacco manufacturers will be criticized for even the nice things they do. Recently P. Lorillard received just such a treatment for buying television time to offer free copies of the Bill of Rights on the 200th anniversary of its adoption.

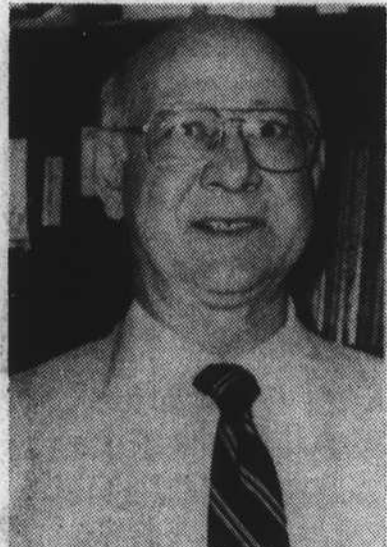
Now the American Tobacco Company has published a 211-page book, with illustrations in full color, depicting the career of 100 Americans, chosen by a selection process, as unique achievers during the 100 years since the company was formed in 1890 with some 38 per cent of the cigarette market.

By 1899 the American Tobacco Company had captured 60 per cent of the nation's smoking and chewing tobacco market. It owned two-thirds of R. J. Reynolds and had just bought out P. Lorillard. This brought on such a hue and cry that the "tobacco trust" was dismantled in 1911, spinning off such cigarette firms as Lorillard, Liggett & Myers and R. J. Reynolds.

But this was by no means the end of the company founded by old Washington Duke. By 1912 it owned 40 domestic and 20 Cuban factories and employed 37,000 people. And today its products account for a large portion of the world market, with brands introduced in 1987-88 capturing more than 12 per cent of the American market.

That is a far cry from 1865, when Washington Duke returned from the civil war to a ransacked farm, which he sold and then rented back a few acres on which he planted tobacco. He peddled his crop from a wagon and earned \$40 that first year. By 1866, W. Duke and Sons were in business, realizing \$5,000 in af-

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M. A. (Johnny) Bryan

Retirement Announced

After eight and one-half years as Chowan Hospital's Administrator, Marvin A. (Johnny) Bryan announced his retirement at Tuesday's Board of Directors meeting, to be effective June 30.

"I had initially planned to wait until the psychiatric unit was completed (at the end of this year), but with the long-range plans moving more quickly than I had anticipated, I felt it was in the best interest of the hospital that I retire," said Bryan.

Chowan Hospital is currently embarking on a five year long-range plan which includes expansion and renovation. "I felt that the hospi-

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NEWS TEAM DROPS IN--A TV crew of WTVD, Channel 11 from Durham flew in by helicopter Tuesday to film a segment with Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson concerning upcoming legislation. From left are photographer Mark Hendricks, newsman Dave Boliek and Thompson. (Photo by Pete Rogers)

Day Care Bill May Be Offered

By JACK GROVE

Seeking to make it more difficult for convicted child molesters to find employment around children, Chowan County's state legislator, Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson hopes to introduce legislation to that end.

Thompson said Tuesday that he has drafted a bill that would require a background check including fingerprints of applicants for day care positions in the state. State law currently has no requirements that day care center operators conduct any checks on applicants.

Thompson said, "The bill is to make sure that a convicted child-abuser has a

harder time getting a job in a day care center." He said that the heart of the bill is the fingerprint requirement. The prints would be sent to the State Bureau of Investigation to check against known abusers. The applicant would be allowed to be employed during the first ten days while the check is being conducted.

A local day care case as well as others in the state prompted the legislation. Nationwide, there have been a number of such cases including the well-publicized McMartin case in a Los Angeles suburb.

Thompson said that if the bill is passed by the General Assembly, it will act as a deterrent to employment. "These kind of folks look for this kind of job." He cited a New York study where he said that, of the first 6,000 applicants for day care jobs, 240 individuals were identified as convicted child abusers.

Since the legislation was not submitted in last year's regular session of the General Assembly, it must have the agreement of two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives in the upcoming short session to even be introduced.

However, the bill has the backing of Secretary David Flaherty of the N.C. Human Resources Dept., Thompson said.

The Chowan legislator took his bill before the state's Juvenile Study Commission Friday in Raleigh. The commission "will work on this particular bill" and Thompson hopes the commission will push the legislation.

While Thompson has not, as yet, actively sought the support of other legislators, many by now likely have already learned of it.

A news team from WTVD, Channel 11, in Durham was in Edenton Tuesday afternoon to do a segment on the legislator and his bill.

They landed in the company helicopter at Chowan Hospital where they were met by Thompson. The filming took place on the green with the historic courthouse as a backdrop.

After the WTVD crew departed, Thompson said, in referring to the local day care case and his legislation, "This is something positive that can come out of this."

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Prison Terms Handed Out Last Week

The balance of cases tried in Superior Court last week as The Chowan Herald was going to press include:

Delaware Kahn Hunter, larceny by an employee, nine years, suspended, five years supervised probation, ordered to submit to warrantless searches for stolen goods, drugs or contraband and to complete 100 hours of community service.

Ruth Henderson Copeland, 70 in a 55, cost of court.

Antonio Satterfield, common law robbery and felonious possession of stolen goods, 10 years, suspended, five years supervised probation with a special provision that he serve a six month active sentence, submit to warrantless searches for stolen goods, drugs or contraband and complete 48 hours of community service.

Vickie Brothers Bryan, 70 in a 55, cost of court.

Clarence Junior White on a probation violation, serve two months in jail.

Willis Anderson Drew, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury, three years, suspended, two years supervised probation with a special provision that he serve a 92 day active sentence and complete 48 hours of community service.

Denise H. Archer, misdemeanor possession of stolen

goods, 30 days, suspended, one year unsupervised probation and 24 hours of community

service. Charles Riddick, domestic criminal trespass, 15 days in

jail. The state took a voluntary dismissal on another

Home Improvements Are Made

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

In order to give special recognition to North Carolina's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG); Governor James G. Martin has designated April 7-14 as "National Community Development Week."

Communities in North Carolina have used CDBG funds since 1982 to assist businesses committed to creating over 12,000 jobs; to rehabilitate over 13,700 homes; to construct 260 miles of water lines, 125 miles of sewer lines and 127 miles of street improvements.

In 1988 the Town of Edenton received \$600,000 in CDBG funds. The undertaking of public works improvement (water, sewer, street and storm drainage) used a portion of the amount.

Rehabilitation of 34 units in the West Albemarle Street Community Development Area received the bulk of the grant, \$488,000.

Administration of the work is being handled by the Wooten Company of Raleigh and Greenville. Company representatives are project manager Donald Harvey and community development specialist Brendan Nolen.

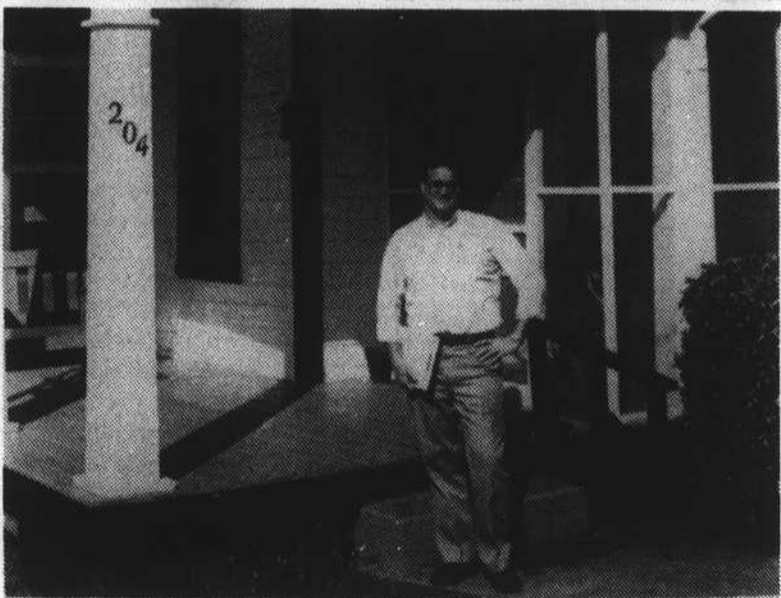
Nolen said that twenty-six of the units are severely run-down, eight are moderate and three will require destruction. The latter will necessitate acquisition of the properties and relocation of the families.

"Archives and History does not want anything torn down except as a last resort," he said. "So those that come down will be of absolute ne-

cessity. "In order to not even temporarily displace residents in the homes being rehabilitated, we're asking them to cooperate with the contractors while the work is being done."

The proportion of grant money used for rehabilitation of homes depends on the owners income. Thus far, of the

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NEW FACELIFT -- Brendan Nolen of Greenville, N.C., Wooten Company Community Development Specialist, stands outside this house at 204 West Gale Street that glistens with new paint. It is one of the houses rehabilitated under the CDBG program that aids small cities in community development. Mrs. Callie Freeman owns the home. Nolen indicated his satisfaction with the job done.

Slade Is Honored

CHAPEL HILL -- Dr. James N. Slade of Edenton has been honored with a 1989 School of Medicine Distinguished Service Award.

The award was presented by Stuart Bondurant, Dean of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Slade, a pediatric and adult medicine specialist, was honored as a "quiet, gentle force for excellence." The second black medical graduate of UNC, he returned to his hometown to practice in 1965.

Since then, he has devoted his professional life to improving access to health care for the entire community. He has served as a clinician for the health departments of the Martin-Tyrrell-Washington and Perquimans-Pasquotank-Camden-Chowan Districts since 1966.

His citation quoted a local newspaper which told its readers that "despite the late hour, Slade's gentle bedside manner is still holding up. Few doctors would work the late hours for the hourly fee paid by the state for conducting free clinics to those unable to pay."

Efforts Successful In Obtaining Additional Clerk

After several years of effort, an additional clerk has been added to the court clerk's office.

Mrs. Marjorie Hollowell, Clerk of Chowan Superior Court said last week, "I've been working since June of 1986 to get another clerk's position for this office." She said that her staff members have, at times, had to work on weekends to keep up with the burgeoning workload.

Because of the increased work, Mrs. Hollowell said that she recently got a call directly from Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts in Raleigh. He told her that an additional deputy clerk's position had been authorized for Chowan County.

Mrs. Hollowell worked with Edenton's Employment Security Commission to fill the post. Out of 11 who applied, four were interviewed and Stella Simpson Brothers was selected for the job.

Mrs. Brothers is a graduate of John A. Holmes High

School and Elizabeth City State University. She also attended College of the Albemarle for computer and notary public training.

She has worked with the Employment Security Commission, Town of Edenton as a CDBG director and the Edenton-Chowan Schools as

in-school suspension coordinator.

A volunteer at the Teen Center and Chowan Arts Council, Mrs. Brothers is a member of the Fannie A. Parker Women's Club and is on the Credit Committee of the Chowan Credit Union. She is married with two children,

ages 12 and four.

Mrs. Hollowell now coordinates a staff of one assistant clerk and four deputy clerks.

They handle the paperwork for Superior and District Courts, both civil and criminal, small claims, juvenile, support cases, estates, adop-

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WELCOME ADDITION--Mrs. Marjorie Hollowell, Chowan Clerk of Superior Court and her staff welcome Stella Brothers to the clerk's office. Shown from left are Mrs. Hollowell, Sheila Sawyer, Mrs. Brothers, Alice Twiddy, Sarah Copeland and Sam Evans.