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Susan Who?

Library Staffer Relates Interesting Facts About New Dollar's Namesake

[Editor's Note: Monday marked the debut of the new Susan B. Anthony dollar coins. So far, they have been met with mixed reactions at best, ranging from "cute" to "ugly" and "convenient" to "nuisance." The most distressing comments, though, have been "Who is Susan B. Anthony?" Harnett County Library staffer Paula Moffitt agreed to shed a little light on the life of this remarkable woman, the first to adorn American currency.]

A new coin was introduced this week to the public for circulation—the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

The coin, with the obverse side bearing the profile of Miss Anthony and the reverse side the symbolic eagle of Apollo 11, is larger than a quarter but

smaller than a fifty cents piece. It is a copper-nickel clad coin like all U.S. coins valued at 10 cents or greater. This composition has many advantages, such as superior surface wear and appearance and relatively low cost to produce. Also, because of the unique electrical resistivity and density of the laminate, it is very difficult to counterfeit or slug.

The reasoning for the substitution of the dollar coin for the note is that it eliminates the need for removal of worn and torn bills from circulation. It reduces mistakes resulting from new currency being stuck together or being mixed denomination.

The new coin reduces teller verification time and speeds up teller transactions, while it reduces customer waiting time.

It also eliminates jamming of currency counting machines. For the retailers, the new one dollar coins will save time and reduce errors at the cash register. They are also easily withdrawn and dropped into the cash register, whereas dollar bills must be placed and straightened. The coins are quickly counted and handled and easy to separate by size.

SUSAN B. ANTHONY
Susan B. Anthony was a great American who devoted her life to securing the right of women to vote. She stood firm on the belief that equality is the right of every citizen, not the privilege of a few.

Born in Adams, Mass. in 1820, Miss Anthony was raised in a family of Hicksite Quakers. These people were often the backbone of liberal thought and

action in nineteenth century America.

She was fund-raiser and president of the local chapter of the Daughters of Temperance, one of the only organizations open to women, and to them she delivered her first public speech.

When she was refused permission to speak at a mass-meeting of the Sons of Temperance, being told that women were there only "to listen and learn," she walked out to become the organizer of the first Woman's State Temperance Society in New York.

Miss Anthony was a strong-willed person who didn't give up easily. She often spoke up for working women and their plight, yet she was denied a delegate's seat at the 1869 Convention of the National

Labor Union. One trying moment came to her when at the first Women's Rights convention in 1866, her life-long family friend, author Frederick Douglass and his male anti-slavery advocates announced that women must wait and be patient because this was "Negro's hour."

This statement was a bitter blow for Miss Anthony because she had also worked for anti-slavery. It was her dream that all citizens would have the right to vote, black and white, male and female.

The non-citizen status of women bothered Miss Anthony the most, and led her to the legal event for which she is best known: The case of the United States vs. Susan B. Anthony. Throughout 1872, she had been urging delegates of the suffrage

convention to test the theory that the Fourteenth Amendment did not exclude women from voting. Reading a newspaper plea urging all citizens to register to vote, she did not see anything indicating that the vote was intended for men only.

On Nov. 1 she led a group of women to register to vote in Rochester, N.Y., armed with the 14th Amendment and the state election law which she read as proof that the text did not prohibit women from voting. The same 16 women returned to the polls on Nov. 5 and voted.

All were soon arrested and pleaded guilty to voting. They were placed under bail of \$500 and ordered to appear before the Albany court where Miss Anthony's bail was raised to \$1,000.

Miss Anthony was prepared for

these actions and those about to follow. She spent months before the trial speaking in 29 post office districts of the county on the subject, "Is it a crime for a U.S. citizen to vote?"

The trial, held in June 1873, was a mockery of justice. The judge was newly appointed by a senator known to be an adversary of the women's cause. The judge declared that Miss Anthony was not competent to testify in her own case and was not protected by law and did not have the right to vote. He refused to have the jury polled, but rather dismissed them.

He asked her if she had anything to say before sentence was passed. She replied, with many interruptions from the judge, "Failing to get this justice-justice, even to get a trial by jury not of my peers—I ask not

leniency at your hands." The sentence of the court was to pay a fine of \$100 and the cost of the prosecution. Miss Anthony refused to pay the fine.

She never did pay the fine, but for 33 more years continued speaking, writing and counseling her followers, who carried on her work and secured passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Miss Anthony never wavered in her effort to gain the vote and to record for history the many events of the women's movement. Today she is honored by

being the first American woman, rather than a symbolic woman, to appear on the circulating coinage of our nation.

Board Hears Road Requests From Women

Four women from the Churchland area between Buies Creek and Erwin approached the county board Monday morning to ask that action be taken to improve the roads in their housing development.

The board and department of transportation representative Taylor told the women that the roads, at this point, are neither the state's nor the county's responsibility.

The state, Taylor explained, will maintain their roads once they are accepted on to the state system. But they are in such poor shape, they won't meet state standards for acceptance until they are repaired.

"The drainage and the pavement's all torn to pieces," said Taylor, "and there are large potholes."

The cost to get the roads in shape would be approximately \$50,000 per mile. The stretch of

road the women live on is about a half mile in length.

"We cannot afford \$25,000. There are 10 to 12 homes there. That would be \$2,000 each, and we just can't afford it," said Elaine Chance.

The women said they had been petitioning the highway department for several years to improve the drainage systems, which flood over into the yards when it rains, and the potholes in the roads which knock their cars out of alignment.

Commissioners told the women—Betty Thompson, Elaine Chance, Kathy McNeill and Ella McLean—that they should first contact the developers of the plan, and then the Farmers' Home Administration for aid.

"This is not a real unique situation," said chairman Jesse Alphin. "It's all over the county. We're willing to approve a petition to have the street added to the state

system—we already have. The problem is with the state and your developers."

The women said they had not yet approached the developers—Fred McCall, Jake Lamb, John Wilbourne and Curran and Dorman—to ask for help.

In other business, the board: *Opted to readvertise for bids on the county's first machines. At the bid opening at 10 a.m. Monday, only one company—Valtec of Tulsa, Okla.—submitted a sealed bid for the 22 machines the county plans to buy.

The Valtec bid will be left sealed until the August 6 meeting of the board. If there are no other bids at that time, it will be opened anyway.

The Valtec Tally Box, a computerized unit that counts and stores hand-marked ballots, was recommended almost unanimously by a team of registrars and judges from the Harnett Board of Elections.

*Adopted a new personnel policy which will put county employees on a 40 hour week and which incorporates many policies the board has adopted since the last set of policies was adopted.

County employees have been on a 37 1/2 hour work week for several years. "The forty-hour week is more compatible with the functions of the private sector of the economy," commented Jesse Alphin. "I think it might be more acceptable to the people who pick up the bill, the taxpayers."

Ambulance workers are on a 56 hour week, and law enforcement employees are on a 60 hour week under the new policy. Mileage for county employees is increased from 15 cents to 17 cents in the policy.

*Agreed to send a letter of intent to purchase liability insurance for county employees

from the Republic Insurance Company of Dallas, Texas.

The letter is not a commitment to buy the policy.

County Manager Jack Brock recommended that if the policy is taken, it should be taken as a whole packet at a rate of \$30 per head.

Brock expressed his reservations about the insurance. "Are we opening the door for lawsuits? If you've got it, do you care if you're sued? I don't know," he said.

He added on the other hand, that the mental health board had been sued on at least two occasions, that the board of education had also been sued. Most counties, he said, are taking liability insurance on their employees.

Around Town

BY STEVE PLUMMER

BOOSTER MEET
The Trojan Boosters, the athletic booster club for Harnett Central High School, will hold its monthly meeting July 9 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will replace the regularly scheduled meeting on the first of the month.

The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria. Club president Rudy Brown invites all persons who are interested in the school's athletic program to attend.

Adoption of the club's by-laws and projects for the coming year will be the main items of business.

BONANZA DAY
The Western Harnett Recreation Department will host a Recreation Bonanza Day Saturday and Sunday at Johnsonville Elementary School on N.C. highway 27.

Bob Edison, recreational director for Western Harnett, said several activities will be held, including parachute exhibitions by the HALO team from Fort Bragg. Jumps are scheduled at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

A T-ball tournament will begin at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. The championship game will be at 5 p.m. At 9 a.m. will be the adult horseshoe tournament, the children's bicycle rodeo will be at 1 p.m. and the children's turtle race will be at noon.

At 1 p.m. will be the high school "Everything Goes" contest, followed by the adult version at 3 p.m. The events in these unique contests will be the same for both divisions, with about five or six in each.

Possible events will be old eggs collector, high stepping
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HONORED FOR LONG AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE — These four women were presented with certificates of appreciation at the Monday meeting of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners. Retiring from the county offices on June 30 were: [from left] Mrs. Lillian Smith, after 17 years in the Civil Defense office; Mrs. Lottie Patterson, after 35 years in the Tax Supervisor's office; Mrs. Alice Smecke, 33

years at the Tax Collector's office; and Mrs. Rachel Blanchard, after 30 years as the Auditor's office. Mrs. Patterson was given her 35 year pin; Mrs. Blanchard was presented a 30 year pin. Fellow employees gathered afterwards at a party in the county office building to say good-bye to the women, who received high praise for commissioners, Tax Supervisor Thomas Allen, and Tax Collector Earl Jones. [Photo by Luci Uzzle.]

Local BPW Gets New Officers

The Lillington Business and Professional Women's Club had a good beginning when the first meeting of the year was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Charlotte Renn.

A covered dish meal was featured at the meeting as plans for activities during the year was discussed.

Club members plan to support the Fourth of July Festival planned by the Lillington Chamber of Commerce.

Carolyn Johnson, first vice president, announced she had presented the BPW scholarship to Karen Sawyer, graduate of Harnett Central High

School. Mrs. Charlotte Renn and Mrs. Sirena Byrd will be delegates to the National BPW meeting in Boston in July.

The theme for BPW for the year is "Decade for Decision: Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve."

In addition to a strong focus on international issues, their impact on women and on going programs such as individual development plans and young career women, BPW programs for the new year will deal with issues important to working women:

Health and retirement plans,

sex-stereotyping in education and the changing nature of family life.

New club officers and committee chairmen are:

President - Charlotte Renn; 1st vice president, Carolyn Johnson; 2nd vice president, Dorothea Stewart; secretary, Ruth Knight; treasurer, Daphne Crews; parliamentarian, Dr. Theo Strum.

Program Chairman, Carolyn Johnson; Foundation chairman, Margaret Randall; legislative chairman, Flora J. Milton; public relations chairman, Ester Johnson; finance chairman, Cramer Davis; Young

Careerist chairman, Dorothea Stewart; membership chairman, Sirena Byrd; and calendar chairman, Elizabeth L. Matthews.

Accidents Reported

An accident involving two out-of-town motorists was reported by the Lillington Police Department on June 29.

Investigated by Officer Clyde Pate, the accident occurred on South Main Street and involved
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THE NEW OFFICERS, committee chairmen of the Lillington Business and Professional Women's Club are, l-r: Sirena Byrd, membership; Flora J. Milton, legislative; Dorothea L. Stewart, second vice president; Carolyn T. Johnson, first vice president; Charlotte L. Renn, president; Ruth J.

Knight, secretary; Daphne W. Crews, treasurer; Cramer T. Davis, finance chairman; Ester Johnson, public relations. Not pictured are Margaret Randall, foundation; Elizabeth Matthews, calendar; Theo Strum, parliamentarian. [Photo by Steve Plummer]



NEW ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS for 1979-80, installed last week, are l-r, Larry Currin, secretary-treasurer; Glean Hood, president; and Dan Spangler, vice president. [Photo by Dr. J.K. Williford]

New Rotary Officers Installed

The Lillington Rotary Club installed a new sated of officers at their regular meeting June 28 at Speedy's Restaurant.

On hand for the installation ceremony was the past district governor A. B. Johnson of Dunn, current district secretary.

Johnson conducted the ceremony, swearing in Glenn Hood as the club's new president, replacing Harold Lloyd, who

assumed a position on the board of directors as past president.

The other new officers were Dan Spangler, vice president and Larry Currin, secretary-treasurer.

The officers are also serving as members of the board of directors. Other directors sworn in Thursday, in addition to those already mentioned, are Reid Ross, Steve Skinner, Ray

Gilchrist and Roger Johnson.

A. B. Johnson also conducted the induction ceremonies of the two new members, Joe Boone and Tom Edwards.

Noting that this year marks the 75th anniversary of Rotary International, Hood emphasized his theme for the new year, "Rotary Effectiveness."

Hood reflected on the influence of the Rotary organization on his

own life, beginning with his childhood when he first came into contact with the group through school-related activities.

Hood said he would like to see the local club become more visible in its community and school projects and emphasized the need for an active membership.

MBA Names Promotions

Vincent B. Lane, operators manager of the Lillington plant of MBAssociates, has been promoted to divisional vice president by Robert Mainhardt, president and chief executive officer at the firm's

headquarters in San Ramon, Cal.

Lane is a pioneer in the employment of passive radar countermeasures for aircraft protection and is well known throughout the electronic war-

fare community and in the Association of Old Crows.

He resides with his wife in Raleigh.

Mainhardt also announced that Eston E. Melton Jr. has been named divisional vice

president for all manufacturing operations of MBAssociates.

Melton is responsible for all manufacturing operations at San Ramon, Camden, Ark. and Lillington.

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