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**Mildred Is Back**

The General Assembly is back in session up in Raleigh so our Roundup gal, Mildred Huskins is back, giving us along the Public Parade some interesting, behind the scenes reports.

It may be the shortest lived return of our favorite columnist's career. She predicts that the budget session will end Saturday. But fear not, when she is not rounding up in Raleigh she is busy in The Herald Kitchen—which we have learned to appreciate more as years wear on.

**Changing Direction**

North Carolina is moving toward a paid emergency services staff. The Emergency Medical Services training is tough and demanding. It has been designed by professional who devote full-time to the program.

The program has met its share of problems along the Public Parade. We have enjoyed a rescue squad composed of dedicated, independent volunteers who have asked for the essentials. The frills have been waived in the name of economy. The members are taxpayers who realize the demands on the tax dollars.

The state, however, got into the emergency medical service business because abuses by funeral homes had bordered on a disgrace. In an effort to make everything "uniform" the state placed an undue burden on counties like Chowan, where a volunteer squad not only had compassion, but pride.

Contrary to what we have said, the chief of the N. C. Office of Emergency Medical Services stated here Monday night that the state realizes every county cannot afford paid providers. This is new utterances from the former head of the State Highway Patrol who later directed the Governor's Highway Safety Committee.

While everything hasn't been smooth sailing for the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, it has been personalities rather than procedural. And we challenge any county in the state, regardless of size, to come up with a more enthusiastic crowd than those who attended the Appreciation Banquet held Monday night in recognition of the 11th anniversary of the unit.

Col. Speed's office put the kiss of death on an EMT program of the 10-county Albemarle Area. His remarks at the banquet indicated that maybe he, or some of his cohorts, have had second thoughts about the program. Nevertheless, the good colonel, and those with whom he surrounds himself, have got to remove politics from medical care and consider an area's ability to pay for the service.

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**Parrish, Ward Will Attend 4-H Congress**

Two Chowan County senior 4-H Club members have been named 1976 State Project winners. Jane Parrish and Al Ward, both of Route 2, Edenton, were selected on the basis of a cumulative record of their work in 4-H. They will receive a trip to

National 4-H Congress to be held in Chicago, Ill. in the fall, where national winners will be announced.

Jane, 16, won state honors in crop production. Her trip to National Club Congress is sponsored by the Pioneer Seed

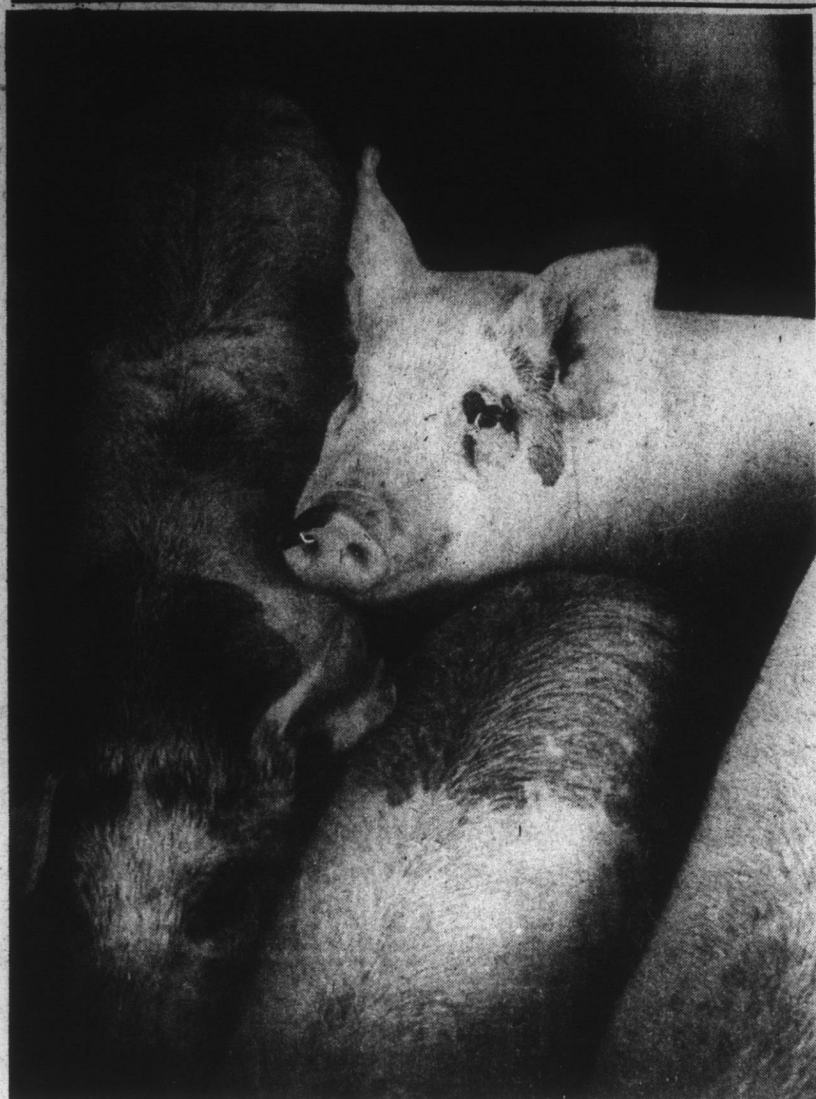
Company.

Jane's interest in crops have centered on corn and peanuts. She has carried the corn and peanut projects for the past three years. This year her corn had a yield of 170.5 bushels per acre in the county contest. Her acre was measured and picked for the state contest. This was called an "official harvest". For the past three years her peanuts have averaged 3,503 pounds per acre.

Jane has also completed projects in beef, health, bicycle, swine, personal appearance, electric, flower growing, home environment, crafts, recreation, poultry, entomology, terrarium, home beautification, garden and safety. She has been county champion in projects 24 times.

In activities she has canvassed for the Heart Fund, worked on Christmas floats and worked on a State Fair booth. She has been songleader, recreation leader, vice president, and president of Yeopim 4-H Club and recreation leader for the county council.

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**BOOMING BUSINESS IN AREA**—Swine production is rapidly becoming the top agricultural enterprise for income in nearly half the counties in Northeastern North Carolina. Clean, healthy hogs raised in modern, low labor-requirement houses are a mark of the North Carolina pork industry. Pig nurseries are a part of



modern pork production nowadays and in these nurseries, three or more sows and their litters are often grouped until the pigs are weaned. Each pig knows his mama; each mama knows her baby, although they all may look alike. The mama will only nurse her own babies ( N. C. State University Photos).

**Swine Production Is Top Area Business Enterprise**

Swine has become the top agricultural enterprise for income in six of the 10 Albemarle Area counties and is pushing crops for first place in others. In the past two years swine income has increased \$10-million to a high of more than \$51-million in Northeastern North Carolina.

In Chowan County income from hog production was placed at \$4.775-million in 1975, a 23 per cent increase over

1973. The biggest percentage increase has been in Washington County (134) where the income jumped from \$1,395,200 in 1973 to \$3,272,000 in 1975.

Currituck County boasts the biggest income from swine—\$9,287,536. This represents a 76 per cent increase over 1973.

Swine is the top agricultural enterprise for income in Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Perquimans and Tyrrell counties.

Jack Parker, livestock specialist, has recently had his service area expanded to include Bertie, Hertford and Martin counties. Bertie and Hertford counties showed a decline in swine income over the period studied.

Parker said there are two reasons for the substantial increases in the Albemarle Area. "First, he said, it is a good agriculture commodity. The dollar return on the dollar invested is as high as any other enterprise, except some specialized vegetables.

Also, there is not problem with

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**Business Good**

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County during March amounted to \$19,760.04.

The state-wide collections were \$9.9-million according to J. Howard Coble, Secretary of the State Department of Revenue. Collections in Albemarle Area counties other than Chowan were: Camden, \$2,933.18; Currituck, \$10,728.03; Dare, \$23,933.14; Gates, \$5,910.87; Pasquotank, \$61,921.91; Perquimans, \$9,575.08; Tyrrell, \$4,316.43; and Washington, \$24,176.15.

**Council Approves Land-Use Plan**

The Chowan County and Town of Edenton land-use plan had smooth sailing at a public hearing Tuesday night. There was little public concern expressed as Judd Little, planner, explained highlights of the plan.

In all it took less than 30 minutes to move through the document which meets the requirements of the Coastal Area Management Act. Little said the ease with which the document had been prepared is a result of prior planning by the town and county boards.

One of the more significant changes in the plan, according to Little, is that Cape Colony was changed from a transition area because there are no plans for centralized sewage disposal.

The Coastal Resources Commission changed the definition of historic areas which excludes a majority of the Edenton Historic District from Areas of Environmental Concern. Little explained the land-use objectives in the plan.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator and a member of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council, complimented Little on his work. "He has done a tremendous job," Gardner stated. He also praised the work of the planning boards.

The council approved the plan. Later the county commissioners also gave its approval.

**Funds Available**

The Aging Program in Region "R" will receive \$147,101 in state and federal funds during the next fiscal year if the proposed state plan is adopted. Public hearings on the plan are being held this month across the state.

State officials will be at Martin Technical Institute in Williamston on May 26 from 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. to receive comments on the plan.

The 10-county Albemarle Area would receive \$53,178 in Title III funds. Program planning is slated to receive \$18,785 with the remaining \$34,393 going to coordination and services.

Title VII, the nutrition program, would provide \$93,923 in funds for the region.

**Rescue Squad Commended**

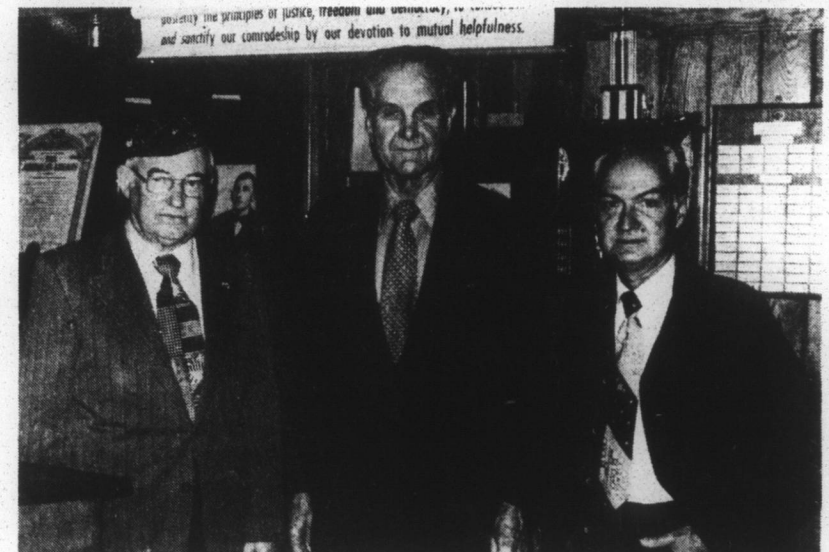
Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad was characterized Monday night as a "fantastic thing" by the chief of N. C. Office of Emergency Medical Services, who went on to say he cannot foresee paid ambulance providers in every county of the state.

Speaking at an appreciation banquet for the local volunteer squad on its 11th anniversary, Col. Charles Speed said a state-wide program of paid personnel would be too costly. "We must depend on volunteers," he added.

Murray Ashley, former Civil Preparedness coordinator for the county and a charter member of the squad, was recognized as the new captain. Gil Johnson, another charter member, is operations and training officer, and James Phillips is secretary-treasurer.

Leaders of the three units were recognized and the units were presented awards of recognition by Sheriff Troy Toppin, past commander of Edward G. Bond Post 40, American Legion, who

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**SALUTE RESCUE SQUAD**—Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad was stage center at Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, Monday night. It was the squad's 11th anniversary and proceeds from a steak supper went to the local organization. Sheriff Troy Toppin, former post commander, and Murray G. Ashley, right, newly elected captain, are pictured with Col. Charles Speed, head of the state's EMS program. In the other picture, E. L. Hollowell, president, Chowan Veneer Company, Inc., presents a \$500 donation from his firm to Capt. Willis Privott.



Jane Parrish



Al Ward

**Bloodmobile TODAY At Edenton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**  
12:00 Noon Til 6:00 P. M. Quota: 100 Pints