

Police, SBI Investigate Easter Fire Bombing

Fast Action Saves Home

Police were optimistic Tuesday of an early break in the case of a fire bombing Easter morning at the home of a high school principal here. While comments about the case were guarded, Police Chief J.D. Parrish did say he felt they have a "good suspect".

Four gasoline-filled soda pop bottles, with paper wicks, were hurled at the home of Bruce F. McGraw, principal at John A. Holmes High School, early Easter morning.

One of the bottles broke a storm window on the front of the house at 117 Pembroke Circle, shattered the inside glass and the liquid set the curtain on fire. A second bottle exploded at the front steps to the home, located in a heavily populated neighborhood.

Two other liquid-filled bottles were hurled at the home but did not ignite.

McGraw, who was at home

alone at the time—about 2:25 A.M.—was awakened when the bottle broke the glass. He saw the fire and extinguished it before calling police.

The fire department was alerted and aided in the investigation.

The State Bureau of Investigation sent an agent to Edenton about noon Tuesday and evidence gathered has been sent to their lab in Raleigh for study.

Jr. Livestock Show Slated

Chowan County's Junior Livestock Show will be held on April 18 at the American Legion Fairgrounds. The show will be at 3:30; sale 7:30 P.M.

FFA members and 4-H'ers will be competing for numerous ribbons and nine trophies. Donors of trophies for the 1978 are Albemarle Production Credit, Peoples Bank and Trust Co., Mitchener's Pharmacy, Hollowell and Blount Rexall Drugs, Inc., Albemarle Motor Company, P & Q Super Market, Edenton Savings and Loan Association, George Chevrolet Co., and J.H. Conger and Son.

Twenty-two boys and girls are feeding approximately 64 hogs. Ten boys and girls have steer projects.

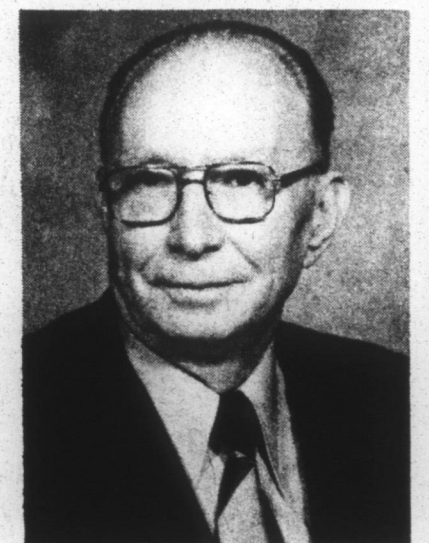
Member of Cape Colony, Ryland and Chowan Ruritan Clubs have been getting ads for the Livestock Show Program. FFA members are patching up the hog pens.

Seeks Re-Election

Rep. Stanford White, veteran legislator from Dare County, is a candidate for re-election to the N.C. House of Representatives. Currently serving in his seventh year in the General Assembly, the First House District embraces eight counties. They are Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.

Rep. White is at present serving on six legislative committees. He is chairman of the Wildlife Committee; vice chairman of committees on Commercial Fisheries & Oyster Industry; and Natural & Economic Resources; and is also on Appropriations, Local Government, and Rules committees.

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Rep. W. Stanford White

CETA Jobs Being Filled

The 10-county Region "R" has 245 slots filled through President Carter's Economic Stimulus Package, CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) and prime sponsors in North Carolina have created enough jobs to hire more than 5,805 unemployed workers.

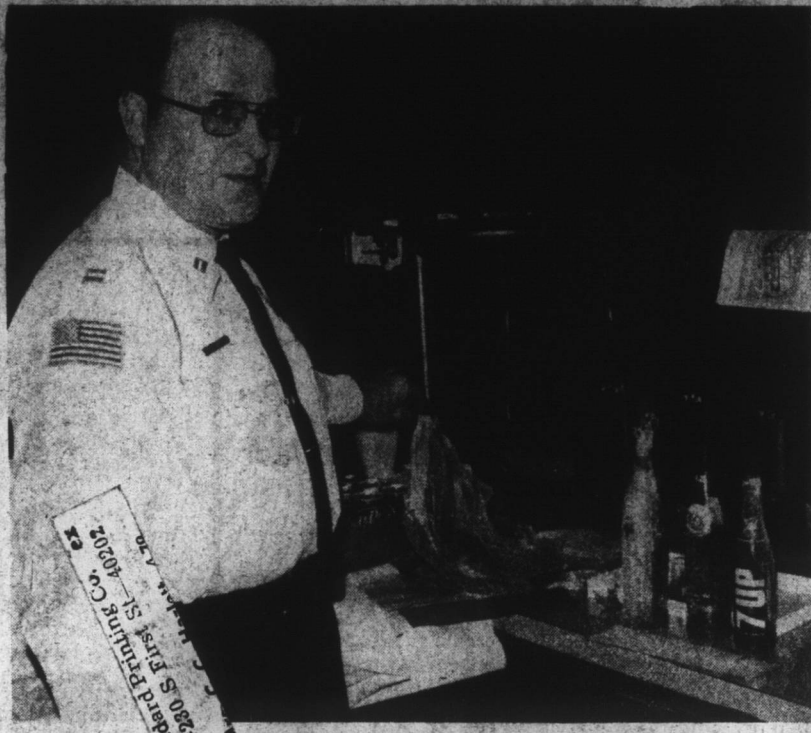
Prime sponsor in the Albemarle Area is Employment Security Commission with certain functions being sub-contracted to Economic Improvement Council, Inc.

Chowan County has a total of 21 slots, or less than 10 per cent of the total assigned to the region.

Salary ranges from the minimum wage, \$2.65 per hour, to \$10,000. Figured on the minimum, the program has boosted the local economy by \$1,368,440.

In May of last year, 9,855 persons were working in public service jobs in the state; as of March 3, the number was 15,660, according to David T. Duncan, acting regional employment and training administrator, U.S. Department of Labor, Atlanta.

Some \$8-billion will be spent on public service employment throughout the country during the current fiscal year, ending September 30.



PRINCIPAL HOME 'BOMBED'—A fire-bomb thrown through a window of the Bruce McGraw home, 117 Pembroke Circle, early Easter morning resulted in only slight damage because of quick action by the principal of John A. Holmes High School. The damaged front window is shown in the photograph at right. Police Capt. C.H. Williams is shown holding a piece of newspaper used to make wicks for four gasoline-filled fire bombs, three of which are shown at right. No arrests had been made by mid-day Wednesday. The State Bureau of Investigation has entered the case.



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F., F., & F.

Three things have become chief objectives of Americanism, and they have not evaded the Public Parade; the three F's—funds, fame and foolishness.

This was brought out most vividly at the Good Friday service last week in a message by Rev. Richard Blankenhorn of Edenton United Methodist Church.

It appears that we seek funds to obtain fame and to enjoy foolishness. It has become the rule in our scheme or things, rather than the exception.

As children we were taught that the claim to fame had little, if anything, to do with the accumulation of funds; that foolishness was a luxury few of us could afford, but enjoyed.

While priorities continue to change, it behooves us to make sure that efforts are made to return to the basics which made this state and country great. The trivial cannot long endure, regardless of rationalization.

Funds, fame and foolishness must be put into proper sequence if there is to be any order at all in the lives of future generations.

In Unison

There are signs of herring appearing in the Chowan River. To oppose herring is like a blow to motherhood and apple pie.

There are a couple of other things happening on the Chowan which are drawing attention along the Public Parade. Both are good.

First, it is a relief to learn that the U.S. Corps of Engineers has determined that water withdrawal from the Chowan River is not among the answers to the problems in Tidewater Virginia.

Then, the same agency, but in another district, distributed a revised plan that raised the deck of a pier which would help provide a better source of water for United Piece Dye Works.

Fishermen on the Chowan need the herring; the river needs the continuous flow of water; and UPDW needs an adequate source of pure water for operation of its plant.

In this instance, it can be the best of all three worlds.

The herring are sure to come since the pollution has been stopped. Without withdrawal of an appreciable amount of water at the upper regions, the Chowan can be sure to continue to provide the best recreation area in Eastern North Carolina. And, with an increase in the height of the pier by UPDW the danger to sportsmen

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ARPDC Size, Representation Debated; By-Laws OK'ed

Efforts to reduce the size of the board of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission and dilute representation of municipal governments failed during a meeting here last Thursday night.

The new by-laws, as drafted by a committee headed by Raleigh Carver, chairman, Pasquotank County commissioners, would have reduced county membership from four to three and municipal membership from two to one.

W. B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator who served three terms as ARPDC chairman, objected to the change in membership as well as elimination of the executive committee.

Furthermore, he argued that the requirement of 51 per cent of the board membership to make up a quorum would "strap" the function of the board.

"If we cannot get elected officials (involved) then it is time for us to quit operating for a time," Carver countered.

The make-up of the board was retained, but the by-laws were

amended to require a quorum of 51 per cent of member governments. Since a quorum was not present after the adoption of the new by-laws, Chairman R.S. Monds, Jr., of Perquimans adjourned the meeting.

Carver pointed out that the operation of programs has been eliminated from the purpose and objectives of the organization which represents local governments in the 10-county Albemarle Area.

During earlier discussion, Don Bryan of Nags Head, vice chairman, pointed out that

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Appointments

W. L. Norvell, president, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, recently released committee assignments for this year in a new membership publication, Edenton Area Report.

One of the primary projects this year has been the erection of highway signs. The chamber received a \$5,000 matching grant for the project. Members of the committee working on this project are: J. Scott Harrell, chairman, W.B. Gardner, George Alma Byrum, J. Gilliam Wood, Jim Wood, J.H. Conger, Jr., and Norvell.

Other committees include: River and Fisheries — Al Howard, chairman; Murray Nixon, J.D. Peele, Linnie Perry, W.E. Smith, Gilliam Wood, Al Phillips, George Byrum, Jimmy Byrum and W.B. Gardner.

Business Development — W.P. Jones, chairman; West Byrum, George Byrum, W.B. Gardner, Gilliam Wood, Al Phillips, Charles Creighton, J. Scott Harrell, Jr., and Norvell.

Agricultural — Tom Shepard, chairman; W.E. Smith, W.B. Evans, T.C. Byrum, T.P. Griffin, H.A. Bunch, Wesley Chesson, J.C.

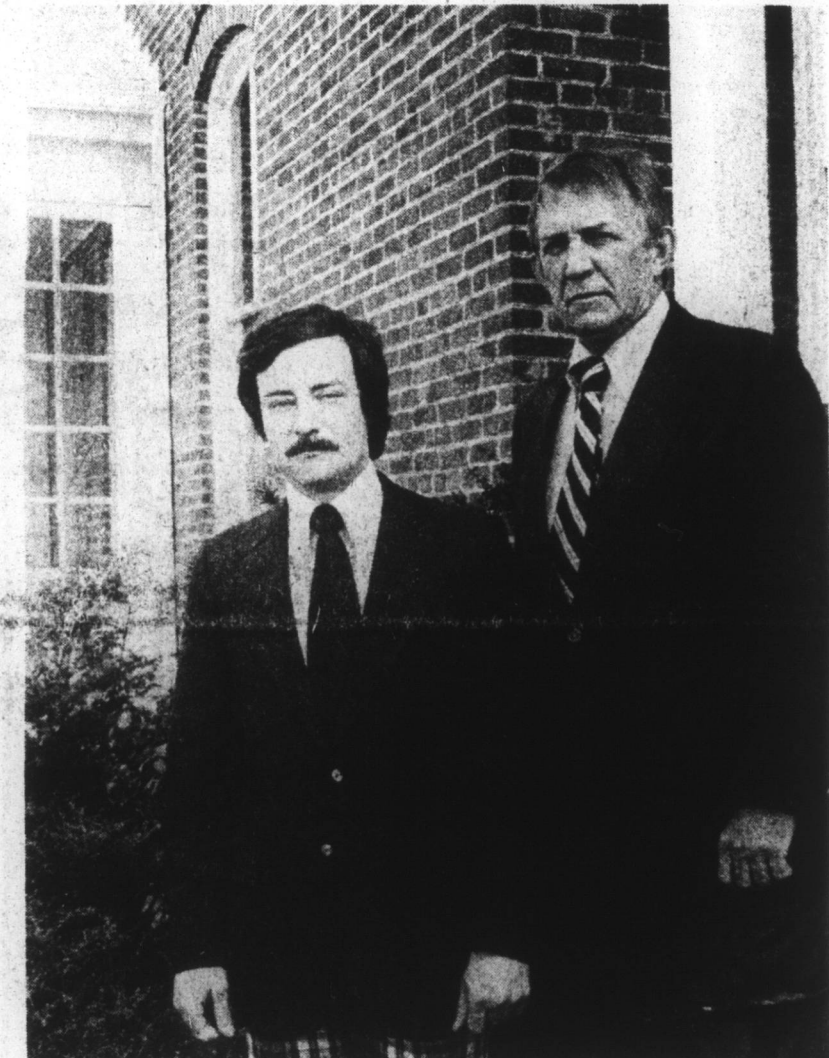
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Net Collections

Chowan County had net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in February in the amount of \$20,495.28. Net collections in the 10-county Albemarle Area were \$170,064.77, while in the state the total exceeded \$11-million.

Net collections in other area counties included:

Camden, \$7,476.82; Currituck, \$11,841.79; Dare, \$28,678.25; Gates, \$6,219.69; Hyde, \$5,248.65; Pasquotank, \$49,320.44; Perquimans, \$9,827.92; Tyrrell, \$4,577.58; and Washington, \$26,368.35.



CORPORATE OFFICIALS—C.A. Phillips, right, has been named president treasurer and chief executive officer of Edenton Cotton Mills, the area's oldest industry. At the same time, Thomas C. Phillips was re-elected vice president and named secretary of the corporation.

Phillips Heads Cotton Mill

Philip S. McMullan, veteran president of Edenton Cotton Mills, has been named chairman of the board of directors by stockholders of the area's oldest industry.

At the same time, C.A. Phillips was named president, treasurer and chief executive officer during reorganization of the firm. Thomas C. Phillips, son of the new president, was re-elected vice president and named secretary.

John W. Graham, local attorney, was re-elected vice president and Mrs. Beth Jethro was re-elected assistant secretary.

Re-elected to the board of directors were: McMullan, Phillips, Graham, J. Gilliam Wood, Graham White, Thomas Shepard, McDonald Dixon, T.B.H. Wood and J.H. Conger, Sr.

The corporation was organized in 1898 and started the production of cotton yarns in January, 1900. The firm now produces some 5-million pounds of yarn annually with a payroll of 200.

McMullan became associated with the company in 1920.

C.A. Phillips was employed as superintendent of the mill in February, 1950, and was promoted to vice president in 1960.

He served for six years on Edenton Town Council before moving to Hornblow Point on Albemarle Sound. He was elected



ADVERTISE EDENTON—Colorful new signs are being erected at the entrances to Edenton along U.S. 17 by-pass, a priority project of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. J. Scott Harrell, Sr., right, chairman of the committee, and W.L. Norvell, chamber president, are pictured here with one of the signs, created by John Becker.