

Public Parade

Closed For Repairs

The Herald Kitchen will not appear this week on account of illness. Mildred Huskins is sick of cooking.

That is only partly true. Mrs. Huskins, our least expensive columnist who writes the weekly cooking feature, has been in the hospital for the past two weeks with a back problem. And for the next two weeks she will be recuperating at the beach.

Her hospitalization immediately followed our long overdue visit to her "laboratory" Down In Iredell. The facility was much more sophisticated than what we left more than two decades ago, but the sandwiches were just as tasty.

We hope the Deerfield wine we left as a "bread and butter" gift didn't aggravate the existing back problem. But they say two weeks at Hilton Head is the best tonic for any ailment. Hopefully, for all you Herald Kitchen fans this will prove true.

And while The Herald Kitchen is closed for repairs we'll find something else to fill the hole.

School Bells Ringing

This is the time of year along the Public Parade and throughout the country to which parents look forward. The world's largest babysitter—our schools—reopen for another session.

At this particular time The Chowan Herald annually involves more people in its coverage area than at any other time. This is because it has become a practice of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education to publish the room assignments of students.

Elsewhere in today's edition are two and one-half pages of names. There are bound to be last minute changes, but they are the best we could do with what we had to work with.

We want to welcome back existing teachers who have been away for the summer, as well as welcome those who meander along the Public Parade for the first time as a member of the school system.

Furthermore, we want to caution motorists to be on the alert for the bill orange buses which transport students to and from schools. We know of very few instances in which they do not have the right-of-way.

Last year Tar Heelia was plagued with school bus accidents. This was not the case along the Public Parade. Many, many people are responsible for the absence of accidents—administration, local supervisors, trainers and trainees.

As we go into a new school year it is hoped that the students will cooperate with the drivers, the walking students, with the motorists, the motorists with the school buses, etc. Only through a cooperative effort can a non-record be maintained.

Those who meander along the Public Parade certainly don't want to become a negative statistic.

Helping Consumers

ElectriCities of North Carolina is a consumer oriented agency which has an enviable track record in holding down the cost of electricity. In the past year ElectriCities saved member municipal utilities \$23-million.

The Town of Edenton is one of 66 of North Carolina's 72 municipal electric systems that make up ElectriCities, which also has eight associate member cities in Virginia.

The agency represents municipal electric systems in opposing rate increases by the private power companies. Recently at the 13th annual meeting in Pinehurst, it was reported that since July 1, 1974, municipal electric systems saved \$60-million through the association's continuing opposition to rate increases by private companies. This is more than 30 times the association's costs during the same period.

In the past two years alone the association has cut a total of \$46-million from proposed increases.

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COMMUNITY JUDGED — While it may be as much as 30 days before the results of judging of Edenton last Thursday for Community Excellence Award designation, everyone appeared to be pleased by the local presentation. Shown left to right are: Ginger Scales, Charles Creighton, chamber president; Roger Critcher, Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan, local coordinator; John Radford, Steve Molar, Keith Painter and Marilyn England.

Judges Term Edenton 'Exemplary'

"This has been an exemplary presentation by exemplary people," stated Keith Painter of Washington last Thursday as Community of Excellence Award judges visited Edenton.

Painter is a community planner associated with the Department of Natural Resources & Community Development. Other judges on the panel were: John Radford, Roger Critcher, Steve Molar, Ginger Scales and Marilyn England.

The six-member team appeared to be pleased with what they saw

and heard during their afternoon in Edenton and Chowan County.

Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan, coordinator of the program sponsored by Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, directed the presentation.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell told the group at Edenton Municipal Building that while he knew the slide-tape would be impressive "you can't put the love we have for our town on a slide." He said he hoped the judges would be able to be exposed to the people on the

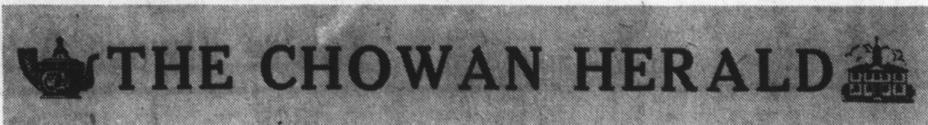
street.

In introducing the panel, Critcher, a field representative for the Department of Commerce, said Edenton reminded him of a pretty girl. "How do you make a pretty girl prettier?" he asked.

In the same vein, Charles Creighton, chamber president, said he thought Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., had Edenton in mind when he started the Community of Excellence Award Program.

W. T. Culpepper, III, described

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Morgan Addresses Democrats

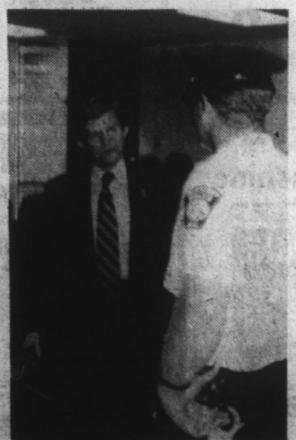
HERTFORD — Sen. Robert Morgan finds people across North Carolina "frightened" by inflation but has encountered no bitterness toward President Carter, although his popularity is low.

Speaking at a reception here Friday afternoon sponsored by the Perquimans County Democratic Party, the Tar Heel junior senator said he thinks if President Carter wants the nomination for re-election that he will get it and if he gets it he can win re-election.

"Whether you like President Carter or not," he continued, "he hasn't backed off from the difficult issues."

He said energy is feeding all our inflation. "We have to become self-sufficient," he added. Later he said he doesn't think any government can manage the economy in a free country. He said the question is how to balance the conflicts of private interests.

Sen. Morgan pointed out that the Albemarle Area has been fortunate in getting federal grants. He hinted that such funds may become harder to obtain as Congress moves to balance the



GREETINGS SENATOR — Among those greeting Sen. Robert Morgan last week in Hertford was Police Chief F. Marshall Merritt. As Attorney General of North Carolina, Sen. Morgan established a reputation as being tough on criminals.

budget.

He noted that 30 per cent of the Economic Development Funds which came into North Carolina from the Local Public Works Act of 1976 went to the 10-county area.

Archie T. Lane, Sr., chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, presided at the meeting with Mayor Bill Cox and Joe Nowell, chairman of county commissioners giving welcomes. Sen. Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., introduced the speaker.

Request Denied

The N. C. Utilities Commission this week denied a request from Virginia Electric & Power Company to delay a commission ordered \$1.6-million refund and lower rates to Tar Heel retail customers.

Veeco had requested the delay pending an appeal of the commission's order to the N. C. Court of Appeals. It was reported that the utility company now will make a similar request with the Court of Appeals.

The commission's order calls for Veeco to cut its rates to North Carolina retail customers by more than \$4.1-million annually as well as make the \$1.6-million refund. The refund amounts to about \$12.14 if the customer used 1,000 kilowatt hours of electricity each month from February through July of this year.

The commission's order does not affect wholesale rates, such as those paid by the Town of Edenton to Veeco for electricity the town retails to its customers. The town has the policy of following Veeco's retail rate, so it is possible if the commission's order is upheld in the courts there could be some relief in sight for municipal customers.

Operation Overcharge, a group formed by chambers of commerce in the Veeco service area of North Carolina, mounted a campaign last fall to bring the company's rates into line with those paid by Tar Heels served by Duke Power Co., and Carolina Power & Light Co.

Cookie Funds Are Embezzled

The mother of a Brownie Scout was given a suspended jail sentence in Chowan County District Court Tuesday morning in a case involving embezzlement of Girl Scout cookie funds.

Earleen Boston, Edenton Manor Apartments, entered a plea of guilty to the charge although her court appointed attorney, Walter Edwards, Jr., of Hertford, told Judge Grafton Beaman that his client didn't actually receive the money.

Mrs. Donnie Anderson testified that the defendant failed to pay \$67.50 for cookies allegedly sold by her (the defendant's) young daughter. She said this represents the local troop's profit from the transaction which was to be used in projects as well as to continue the program this year.

Judge Beaman sentenced the defendant to 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$80 fine and costs and make restitution to the troop.

Ada Holly Leary of Merry Hill was given an active sentence for larceny. She was charged with the theft of marked money from the

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Retires From Naval Reserve

Edenton attorney Wiley J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., has retired from the U. S. Naval Reserve after completing 25 years of military service. A ceremony was conducted at Naval Air Reserve Unit (NARU), Naval Air Station (NAS), Norfolk, Va., last Saturday.

Prior to retirement, Earnhardt, a captain in the Naval Reserve, headed the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Sea Power Presentation Team at NARU Norfolk while serving on the reserve training staff. Previous reserve assignments in Norfolk were to Atlantic Fleet headquarters and an anti-submarine warfare operational control unit.

Earnhardt resides in Edenton with his wife and two children.

Schools Opening Next Tuesday

For 162 education employees, summer officially came to a halt this past Monday. Teachers returned to their respective schools and teaching stations to make preparations for an anticipated 2,625 students due to arrive for orientation on Tuesday, August 28. A one-half day schedule will be followed.

Students assignments by schools and homeroom teachers appear elsewhere in this edition.

Teachers, students and all school personnel face a busy year as they enter the transitional

period for reorganization and consolidation in 1980, in addition to performing their regular responsibilities. Prior to a luncheon on August 20 given by the Board of Education to honor all school personnel, the progress of the organizational structure established to prepare students, school personnel and community for consolidation and reorganization was explained.

Realizing that the reorganization process will take time and work, Supt. John Dunn pointed out that "our first goal and responsibility this year is to provide education for today's children." He further added that "Reorganization is important and will benefit students next year and in the future, but to give the students a fair shake this year, reorganization will have to be second priority this year."

During the six-day period prior to students return, teachers have been attending in-service workshops (both locally and at the Regional Center in Williamston), orientation, school faculty meetings and readying their classrooms.

Some changes greeted teachers on their return: due to fewer resignations, 16 new teachers were employed for the 1979-80 term as opposed to 28 last year; a principal, Greg Todd, is at John A. Holmes High School; Mary Nixon former K-6 supervisor has replaced Bill Tyson as assistant principal at Chowan; White Oak School's library has a totally new look; the Teacher Resource

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Resist Sale

Virginia Electric & Power Company has continued to resist any statements by North Carolina officials that the electric utility dispose of its territory in this state. The most recent statement was by T. Justin Moore, Jr., board chairman for Veeco.

"The suggestion that Veeco sell its North Carolina service territory as a way out of a 'sticky situation' is ill-founded. Selling your facilities to raise money is like selling your furnace to pay the oil bill. This is unwise.

"Veeco has served North-eastern North Carolina for more than 50 years. We have invested more than \$200-million in facilities to serve our North Carolina customers. The recent testimony of many citizens and state officials praised Veeco's reliability of service, and noted that the area of North Carolina which Veeco serves has outpaced the rest of the state in attracting new industries and jobs.

"While Veeco's rates currently are somewhat higher than other North Carolina utilities, we are engaged in an affirmative program to reduce our dependence on expensive oil, and our rates will become competitive with other North Carolina utilities in the near future.

"For these reasons, Veeco continues to believe that it would not be in the best interests of its customers or the company to consider a forced sale of our North Carolina territory."

Bike-A-Thon

The youth of Rocky Hock Baptist Church are looking for cool, dry weather Saturday as they participate in a benefit bike-a-thon. Between 15 and 20 young people will head out from the church at 8 A.M. and follow a 10-mile course to Colonial Park in Edenton. They will then return to the church to conclude the 20-mile route.

Participants are now busy securing sponsors who will pay a certain amount per mile for each mile completed. All the funds will go to benefit two families in the community.

The individual who secures the most amount of money for the benefit will be presented a 10-speed bicycle. Donors of the bicycle are: W. E. Smith's Store, Byrum Hardware, Murray Nixon's Fishery, and Bank of North Carolina, N.A.

Changes Noted

Adult students who are working toward the completion of high school equivalency requirements will discover that several changes are taking place at College of The Albemarle's Individualized Instruction Center (IIC) here.

At the present time, the IIC is closed. It will reopen on September 4 in a new location and under the direction of a new coordinator.

Although the center is moving, it will be a short one to the location, and will still be in the Ernest A. Swain Elementary School where it has always been housed. Students will now use the entrance under the covered walkway on Queen Street, rather than the basement entrance as before.

Mary Partin, who is no newcomer to the IIC, will begin her duties as coordinator when the center reopens. Mrs. Partin served in that capacity in 1975, and has assisted in the operation of the unit at various times since.

With the new coordinator and location comes new hours. The IIC will be open during the day from Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M. It also will operate two evenings each week, on Monday and Wednesday, from 6:30 P.M. until 9:30 P.M. Detailed information regarding times and available programs may be obtained by calling 482-4745.

Since the IIC opened its doors here in September, 1967, approximately 200 persons from the Edenton area have completed their high school requirements.

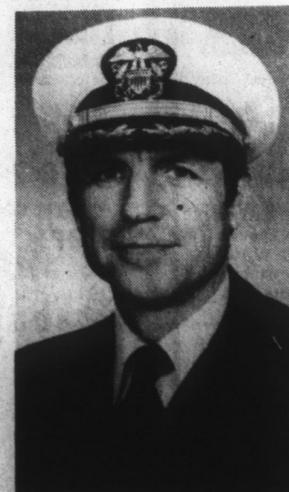
Mrs. Partin pointed out that the center serves many purposes including the provision of opportunities for adults to complete high school, to prepare for college-level programs, and for study in many areas of personal interest.

Missing Person

Edenton Police Department has filed a missing person message regarding James Johnson, a retired town employee. Johnson, a 68-year-old Negro, was last seen at approximately 7 P.M. August 5 on Paradise Road.

Johnson was wearing green work clothes. He is five feet five inches tall and weighed 130 pounds.

Anyone with information regarding this person should contact Edenton Police Department immediately.



Capt. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr.