

# Grand Jury Indicts Two For Perjury

Wayland L. White, Jr., Route 1, Hertford, and Geraldine Fleming, Route 3, Edenton, were indicted for perjury Monday by the Chowan County Grand Jury. In a companion case to the Fleming indictment, Willie Ray Basnight, Jr., 206 East Peterson Street, was charged with subornation to perjury.

All three indictments are 10-year felonies.

White was in the courtroom when Dist. Atty. Thomas Watts handed the indictments up to Judge Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., of Winston-Salem. Charged with drunk driving, White was attempting to obtain a court-appointed attorney for his trial in Superior Court.

Watts said the indictments are an attempt on the part of his office to get witnesses to "clean up their act" in District Court.

He pointed out that the perjury indictments were the result of District Court testimony by White and Miss Fleming. The subornation charge (to induce false testimony) grew out of Miss Fleming's testimony as the prosecuting witness in a first degree rape probable cause hearing.

Judge DeRamus ordered White taken into custody. A search by Sheriff Troy Toppin turned up a pint of whisky concealed under

White's shirt.

The indictment alleges that he gave false testimony during his drunk driving trial on July 17 in District Court.

Miss Fleming's complaint in late August resulted in Arthur Privott being arrested on a charge of first degree rape. Privott was arrested and placed in jail on August 25. He was held in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

Following the prosecuting witness' testimony at the probable

cause hearing, Deputy Linda Terry and SBI Agent Bill Godley conducted an investigation.

Watts said when evidence gathered in the investigation was presented to his office on September 20 he immediately took action to have Privott released.

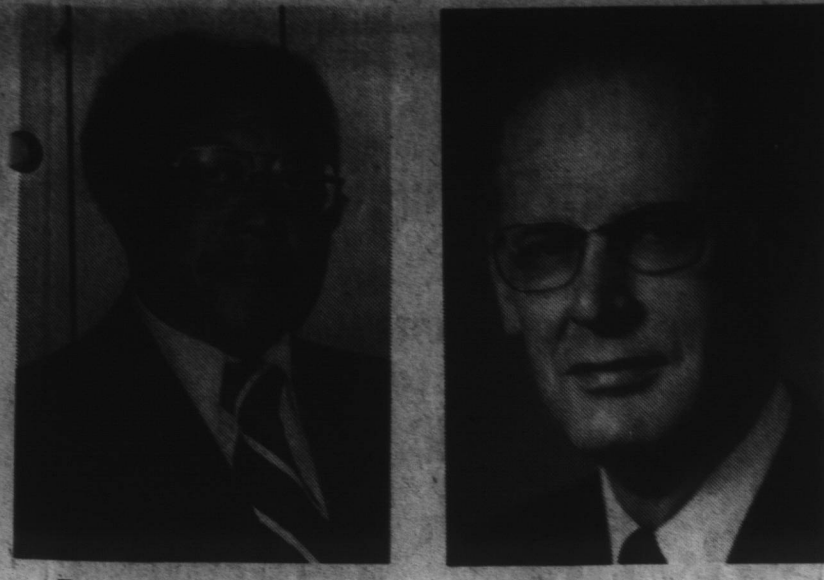
The district attorney said Basnight is the boyfriend of Miss Fleming.

All of those indicted have been released under \$1,000 bond each. Ferrell Pavlich was appointed

grand jury foreman by Judge DeRamus.

New members of the panel chosen to serve 12-months were: H. T. Savage, Hazel Trueblood Byrum, George Clifton Beaman, Anne Agnew Morgan, Betsy Jones, James Robert Penwell, W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., Jeanette Penny Floyd, Leslie Evans Hughes, Jr., and Rose Marie Byrum.

The jury reported to Judge DeRamus at 3 P.M. Monday



Rev. James L. Fenner

W. H. Hollowell, Jr.

## Activity Is Picking Up For Municipal Election

There was a flurry of activity on the political scene within the past week as an incumbent member of Edenton Town Council announced that he would seek re-election; a second councilman said he will not be a candidate; and a newcomer filed.

W. Herbert Hollowell, Jr., First Ward councilman, said he will

be a candidate for re-election. However, Jesse L. Harrell, councilman-at-large, announced that he is closing out a 21-year career of public service.

Rev. J. L. Fenner, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, filed with the Chowan County Board of Election last Friday as a candidate for councilman-at-large.

Earlier, Steve Hampton filed as a councilman from Second Ward. The deadline to file as a candidate in the Municipal Election is 12-noon on October 5.

Hollowell, a local pharmacist and civil leader, released the following statement:

"Edenton is one of the most progressive towns in North Carolina and I appreciate the opportunity of having contributed to its progress by serving on the Town Council for 11 years.

"I will be a candidate for re-election in November, representing the First Ward.

"If re-elected, I pledge to continue considering each issue on its own merits and receiving full value for each tax dollar. I will serve all of the people in the First Ward and Edenton to the best of my ability."

Hollowell further stated that he is proud of his record of missing but one regular council meeting since he was appointed in December, 1968.

Following is the text of the statement from Councilman Harrell:

"It is with mixed emotions that I announce that I am not a candidate for re-election."

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## Public Parade

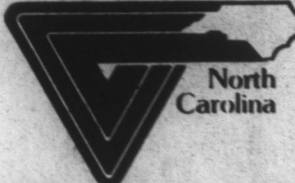
### Volunteers Stressed

The successes of history, and probably to a greater degree in the future, will be the result of volunteers. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., recognized this early in his administration, establishing the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs.

The idea of volunteers was not invented along the Public Parade or by Gov. Hunt. His administration's plan to get this valuable segment of society tied closer together is new.

At a reception held in Raleigh last Saturday afternoon, hosted by Gov. and Mrs. Hunt, a symbol and pin was unveiled. The governor said it "marks the beginning of a

## Volunteer



new era and a new challenge in volunteerism in the State of North Carolina."

Gov. Hunt recognizes that those working without pay can accomplish a lot to give others the opportunity to achieve, to excel, to learn, to give, to receive, and to live in dignity.

The governor has been the target of criticism for the importance he has placed on citizen participation in state government. His critics say he has used his position to strengthen his political base. We disagree; but if his actions have been politically motivated, then the people can point to something good to come out of politics.

Lay groups, properly structured and manned, can keep the bureaucrats in touch with reality. They can flag unnecessary programs and projects before they become set in concrete. More importantly, these groups can work to reassure the people at the grass roots that all about government—local, state and federal—ain't necessarily bad.

### Put On Notice

Electric customers of the Town of Edenton can expect higher utility bills next week. The energy charge passed on from Vepco has taken another jump.

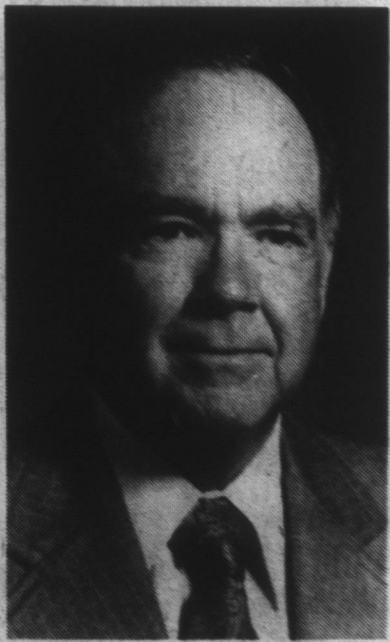
Bill Gardner, town administrator, told us this week that the fuel charge will be .0091 per 1,000 kwh, up from this month's .00925.

Where it will go from there? Probably higher.

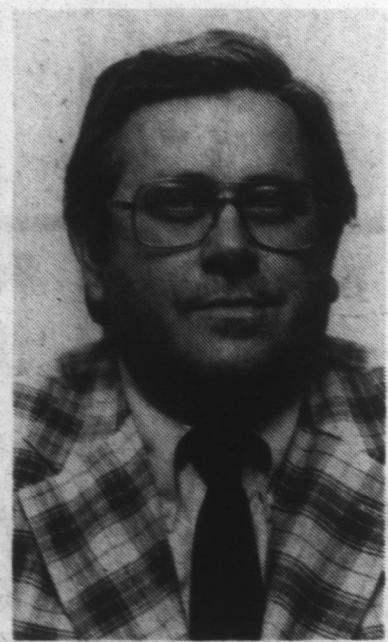
### Food Distributed

Through the fiscal year ending June 30, North Carolina schools, charitable and other eligible institutions received \$26,238,875.

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T. C. Blalock



L. F. Amburn, Jr.

## Stronger Agriculture Is Topic

Seven Chowan County citizens will attend a district meeting in Williamston on October 11 to discuss ways of strengthening programs of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

David Bateman, chairman of the Chowan County Agricultural Extension Advisory Council, said six of the seven participants are volunteer citizens who serve as members of the board.

They are: Bateman, L. F. Amburn, Jr., Mrs. Daisy Bembry, representing home economics; Mrs. Mary Julia Parrish, community resource development; Mrs. Dorst Copeland, 4-H; and Jimmie M. Parrish, agriculture.

The seventh person attending will be R. M. (Pete) Thompson, county extension chairman.

Bateman said the Williamston meeting is one of seven being held across North Carolina in October and November. "This is the first

district meeting conducted by the newly appointed state advisory council to bring county representatives together," he added.

"We feel that a lot of good ideas will come out of such a meeting," he commented.

Presiding at the meeting will be Amburn, chairman of the State Extension Advisory Council who represents the Northeastern District on that council. Also participating will be Dr. T. C. Blalock, state extension director.

The Agricultural Extension Service is a cooperative educational agency involving county government, N. C. State University and A&T State University, and the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Agents in each county carry out educational programs in agriculture, home economics, 4-H and community resource development.

## Conference Play

The Edenton Aces begin 3-A conference play at Plymouth tomorrow (Friday) night. Kickoff is 8 P.M.

Edenton takes a 2-1 record into the game. The Aces lost their opener to Northeastern, a 4-A club, then defeated Perquimans and last week soundly defeated 4-A Bertie, 20-7.

Henry Drew, David Bunch and Jimmy Addison scored TDs for the Aces.

Fumbles by both the Aces and Falcons were costly and kept each team in trouble.

Again, Coach Jimmy Addison put a strong defensive team on the field.

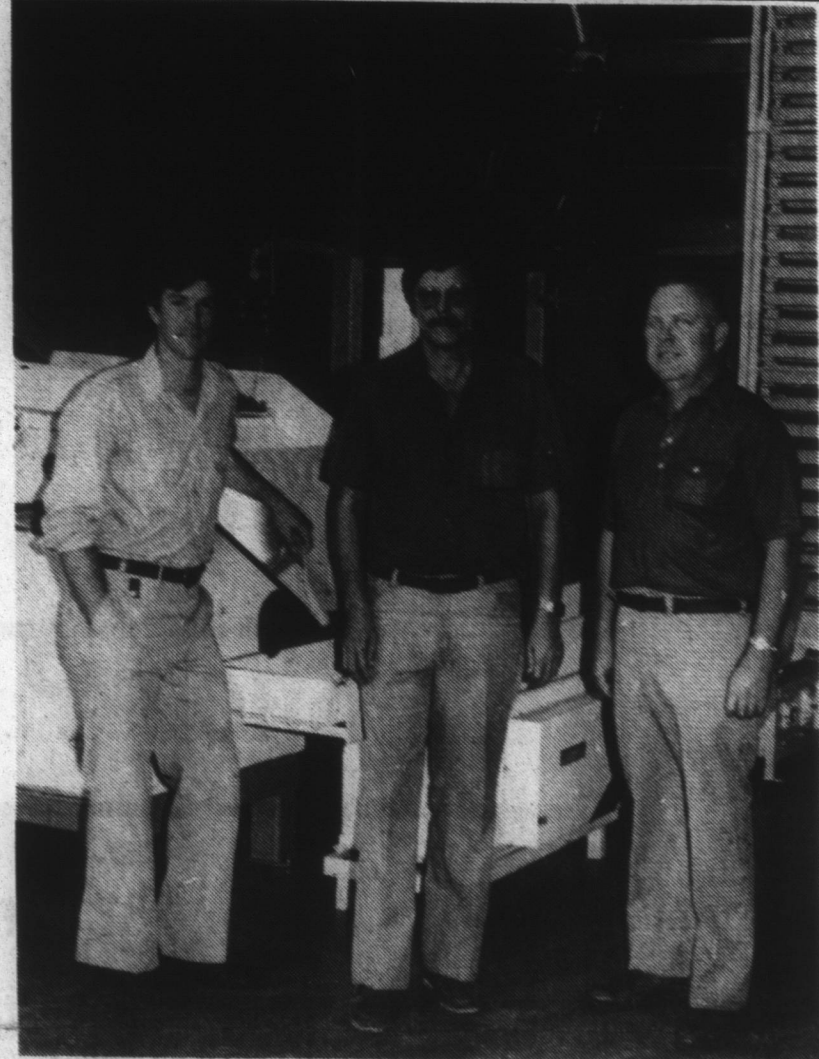
Quarterback Steve Holley passed for 76 yards while the Aces posted 125 yards rushing, 105 of them by Drew.

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NEW PLANT IN OPERATION — The new \$1-million peanut processing plant at Jimbo's Jumbos, Inc., on Peanut Drive, is now in production. Pictured left to right are: Sandy Schenck, plant supervisor; J. Tilmon Keel, vice president; and Harry Gard, president.

## \$1-Million Operation Begun

Jimbo's Jumbos, Inc., on Peanut Drive, has a new \$1-million plant in operation which within five years could result in \$50-million in product sales annually. When full production is realized the new facility alone can turn out 30-million pounds of processed peanuts per year.

J. Tilmon Keel, vice president, claims that Jimbo's Jumbos already has the customer base to reach full plant production capacity in less than five years.

Keel and Harry Gard, president of the local firm, speak with pride as they point out that the highest means of sanitation is designed into the new addition, which will be under the supervision of Sandy Schenck.

The plant includes highly mechanized equipment for sizing, blanching and roasting primarily North Carolina and Virginia splits. The current roasting capacity is 6,000 pounds per hour. Keel points out that with little effort this could be doubled, should the need arise.

Full production of the plant will result in some 40 new employees

on three shifts. The plant started up recently with one shift and product demand has required the addition of a second shift.

Keel points out that the peanuts are divided into three grades. One is granulated for ice cream toppings and peanut butter. Another is for the health food trade for use in peanut butter machines. The third is for vending machines and mixes. Keel estimates that more than 50 per cent of the production will be for the health food trade.

The new plant contains some 12,000 square feet of floor space and is the second expansion at Jimbo's Jumbos in the past two years. Last year an 8,000 square foot cold storage facility was added. This facility can hold 1-million pounds of product.

The company has reached the point of having a 250,000 pound daily product capacity.

## Testimony Heard In Amos Parker Murder Trial

A jury in Chowan County Superior Court heard testimony Tuesday in the second degree murder trial of Amos Parker, alias Weasel Parker. Parker is charged with the August 25 death of Shirley Mumford in the Wildcat section of the county.

Dist. Atty. Thomas S. Watts of Elizabeth City announced at Parker's arraignment Monday that although the grand jury had returned an indictment of murder in the first degree he would ask for conviction of the lesser offense.

W. T. Culpepper, III, court-appointed defense attorney, sharply questioned witnesses for the prosecution in an effort to show self defense or at the most involuntary manslaughter.

Judge Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., of Winston-Salem, is presiding over the term of court where only one jury trial is anticipated. Earlier actions by Judge DeRamus included:

Albert Brooks, assault with a deadly weapon and probation violation, seven to 10 years.

Danny Leigh Paul, speeding, \$25 fine and costs.

Dennis Leon Hassell, breaking and entering, 10 years; larceny, larceny and receiving, speeding and worthless checks, 10 years to begin at the expiration of the first term.

Tyrone Halsey, breaking and entering and larceny, seven to 10 years; split sentence to serve six months active and placed on probation for five years and pay \$500 fine and costs and make restitution.

Seth Shannonhouse, trespass, remanded to District Court for compliance.

Thomas Louth, no operator's license, drunk driving, and no liability insurance, called and failed.

Desi E. Pierce, larceny, trespass and communication a threat, two years, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and placed on probation for three years.

David Earl Evans, hit and run, two to five years, suspended and

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## Historic Facility Inspires Judge

Judge Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., of Winston-Salem, one of North Carolina's newest Superior Court jurists, said here Tuesday he "sat in awe" in the historic Chowan County Courthouse.

At the same time he said he hoped that the facility could continue to be used for certain regular terms of Superior Court so other new judges could have the opportunity to preside in such a setting. While, he said, some of the facilities are much less than adequate, the history needs to be preserved.

Speaking to prospective jurors prior to starting a murder trial, the jurist noted that he knew of no other place in North Carolina where a presiding judge could look out over a sound (Albemarle Sound in this instance) while sitting on the bench.

He said he comes from a historic town with Old Salem as a focus, but Edenton is some 60 or 70 years ahead.

"I am very appreciative to be able to sit here while this courthouse is still in continuous use," he continued. "I hope it will be used from time-to-time in the future so new judges can sit in such a historic place."

Judge DeRamus earlier told The Chowan Herald that he had requested assignment to a regular term of Superior Court here to satisfy his desire to preside in the oldest courthouse in continuous use in North Carolina.

As a sidebar, he told the audience that on Monday some 50 different counts had been disposed of in non-jury action.

Dist. Atty. Thomas Watts added that while some are critical of the courts for the slow pace, he felt the court here had worked extremely hard since Monday's recess came at 7:10 P.M.

## Auditions Slated

The humor of writer-comedian Woody Allen will come to the John A. Holmes High School stage November 15 and 16 as the Edenton Little Theater presents the romantic comedy "Play It Again, Sam".

Director Michael Reeve reported Monday that auditions for three men and nine women are scheduled for October 2 and 3, in the Holmes High Auditorium. Potential actors and actresses are encouraged to be on hand.

In addition, six other technical positions will be open. They include properties, costuming, make-up, stage manager, assistant director, sound and box office.