

Board Gets Go Ahead For Municipal Election

Chowan Board of Elections was instructed Tuesday night to go ahead with the November 6 Municipal Election in face of the fact that the new ward voting has not been approved by the U. S. Department of Justice. E. N. (Pete) Manning, board chairman, was assured that the Town Council would take full responsibility for the action. Earlier, W. B. Gardner, town administrator, told council members that the U. S. Department of Justice has said approval was never

granted of townwide elections voted by council some 10 years ago, let alone the action in 1977. Manning said, however there is little chance of any problem with the earlier unapproved action. He added that there could be some move to set aside the forthcoming election if it is not federally approved. Councilman Allen L. Hornthal, saying the council had acted in good faith, said time does not permit any action other than to move ahead. Mayor Roy L. Harrell said the board should explain that the council

acted only on what the people voted. "I don't think you have a problem," he added. "Any other action would be chaos." In other business, council set public hearings for the next meeting on assessments for consideration of a petition to curb and gutter Jackson Street as well as rezoning of property of Earnhardt and Burroughs on Highway 32. James P. Ricks, Jr., was named a voting delegate to the N. C. League of Municipalities Convention later in the month.

New Candidates File For Municipal Offices

The field was set at noon Friday for the Municipal Election in Edenton on November 6. Races developed for mayor, councilman-at-large, Second Ward councilman, and treasurer before the deadline for candidates to file. Russell Wheeler, 52, 222 East Queen Street, filed Friday mor-

ning as a candidate for Second Ward councilman. Earlier, Steve Hampton had filed for the seat now held by Dr. Allen L. Hornthal. Dr. Hornthal announced last week that he would not seek re-election from the Second Ward, but would instead run for the councilman-at-large post. Jesse L. Harrell, the incumbent, is not a candidate but Rev. J. L. Fenner, pastor of Providence Baptist Church is running. A. B. Harless, Jr., town treasurer, announced early on that he would not seek re-election. That post is now being sought by James M. Bond, a former town treasurer, and Joe Lee.

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Russell Wheeler



James M. Bond



Joe Lee

Billups Facing Robbery Charges

A Hertford man has been charged with the December 20, 1978 armed robbery of LaDall Distributors on North Oakum Street, following extradition from New York by Hertford law enforcement officials for robbery of a funeral home in that town.

Edenton Police Chief J. D. Parrish reported Wednesday afternoon that Waymare Billups will face first appearance proceedings in Chowan County District Court next Tuesday. He is currently being held under \$25,000 bond. Billups was arrested by Edenton Police Department Wednesday at 11:50 A.M.

Career Center Meeting Slated

A special meeting of the Steering Committee of the proposed Tri-County Career Education Center will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in the auditorium of the Perquimans County Office Building in Hertford.

Clifford Winslow, chairman, said a number of important items are on the agenda including a report on the status of continued funding.

Kenneth L. Stalls of Edenton is director of the feasibility study in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties.

Hospitalized For Dog Bite

A young Chowan County girl was hospitalized last Wednesday night after being severely bitten by a dog. Shanor Bond, two and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bond, Route 3, Edenton, was released from Chowan Hospital Saturday but authorities believe she received some permanent damage from the attack.

Deputy Sheriff Melvin Evans said the girl and her father were

visiting at the Joe Jones residence on Route 1, Edenton. She and another youngster was playing with the dog.

The deputy said the dog knocked the girl down and attacked her face.

The dog has been impounded at Dr. L. A. Dees'.

Deputy Joe Byrum and Charlie Fain, animal control officer, participated in the investigation.



OPENING NEXT WEEK — Tarheel Bank & Trust Company will open a branch next week at the intersection of North Broad Street and Coke Avenue in Edenton Village Shopping Center. Mack Self, vice president and city executive, is shown in front of the new branch. Open house will be from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. Wednesday with regular banking hours to commence at 9 A.M. on October 18.

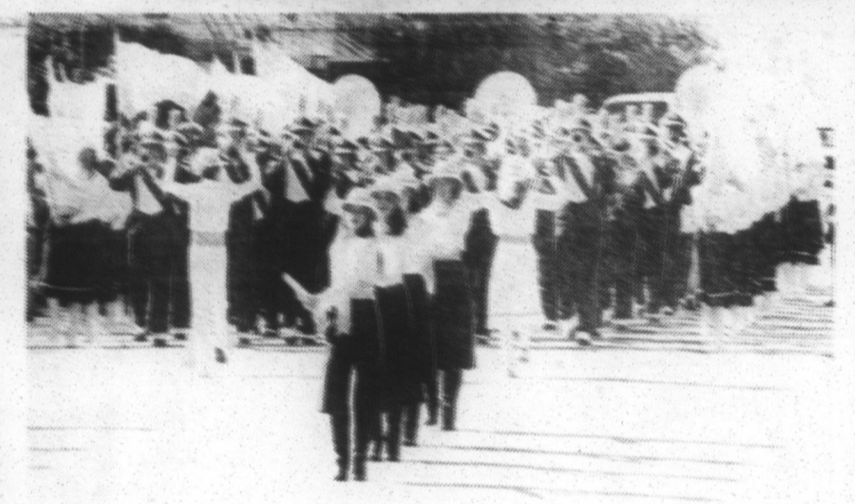
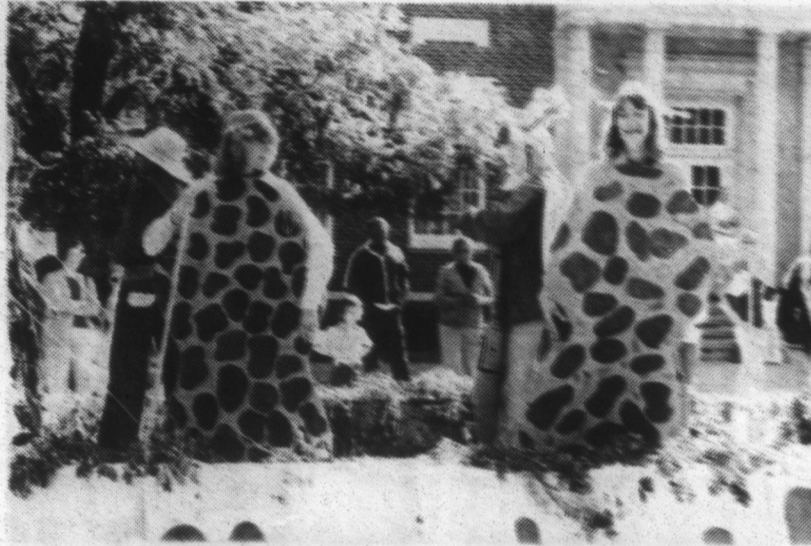


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The 1979 Peanut Festival In Pictures



Public Parade

Funding Halted

The Tri-County Career Education Center Feasibility Study along the Public Parade, and in adjacent Gates and Perquimans counties, has been dealt a crippling blow. Chances are between slim and none of funding by the Coastal Plains Regional Commission.

Three projects in this area, representing over 40 per cent of the North Carolina allocation were funded. They are the Pasquotank County Water System \$200,000; Gates County Water System \$200,000; and an add-on grant for the Wanchese Harbor Project.

Sec. Joe Grimsley of the N. C. Department of Administration stated in a letter to this writer: "Our interest in vocational education, and in cooperation and consolidation, is very strong. We are extremely pleased with the tri-county efforts and I am happy we were able to help pay for the initial feasibility study."

The initial plan was for a three-year study. The Steering Committee, headed by Clifford Winslow of Perquimans, and the study director, Kenneth L. Stalls of Edenton, made so much progress last year that steps have been taken to combine the other phases into a single year's work.

While it is unfortunate that the Coastal Plains Regional Commission had to drop out as a

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ALOA Is Threatened By Fund Cuts

The criminal justice planning component in Northeastern North Carolina faces a drastic cut in manpower or even may be forced to go out of business. Officials of the Albemarle Law & Order Association are taking steps to secure additional local funding

should federal funds not be adequate to maintain the unit at its present level.

The situation has become so critical that the Policy Board meeting here Friday had to transfer a year-end balance of \$638.50 to maintain the services of

Dianne S. Pierce, secretary, for the month of October.

Glenn M. Hassell, planning director, and Chief W. C. Owens of Elizabeth City, told board members that a ranking state official had warned that the unit might get as little as \$3,963 from the federal government for this fiscal year. Funding last year was \$18,000 and this was matched by local monies.

Chief Owens said there are indications from the state that some planning regions will be

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Second Auditions Tonight

A second series of auditions for the Edenton Little Theater's fall production will continue through tonight (Thursday) following cancellation of "Play It Again, Sam" due to low response at last week's tryouts.

Readings will begin at 8 P.M. in the John A. Holmes High School auditorium for Patrick Hamilton's "Angel Street", termed a "Victorian soap opera" by director Hugh Dial, Jr.

This psychological drama calls for a cast of three women and two men.

The plot involves a husband who is trying to convince his wife that she is crazy. However, a retired police inspector enters to present new complications.

"Angel Street" provided the basis for the movie "Gaslight" which starred Ingrid Bergman and Vincent Price.

Director Dial stated that potential actors and actresses unable to attend auditions tonight may make an appointment for a private reading by calling him at

482-4137. Technical positions are also available.

Staging for this production is scheduled for November 15 and 16.



CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEADERS — Sheriff Troy Toppin, second from left, first vice president of the Albemarle Law & Order Association, is shown with other officials who attended a Policy Board meeting here Thursday. They are: Glenn Hassell, planning director; Dist. Atty. Thomas Watts; and Chief W. C. Owens of Elizabeth City, president of the 10-county group.