

Our Parade

The Christmas Parade along the Public Parade was held Sunday afternoon. It will go down in local annals as the best attended of all parades, regardless of their origin.

This year's parade lacked some band support. The Marching Aces and the Northeastern High School Band from Elizabeth City were the only entries in their category. The other 38 units took up the slack.

"Let's Put Christ Back In Christmas" was the theme chosen by the Marchants Committee of Edenton—Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Edenton Jaycees. What it did also was afford families to turn out in greater numbers as well as employees of downtown establishments who in the past have had to tend the store while the units passed in review.

Also, it needs to be noted that the first place unit was enjoying its second day of success. Billy White and the other Perquimans Band Boosters won first place Friday in the Hertford parade, and came over to the Public Parade to garner another top prize.

"Super" has become an overworked word, but it best describes what was experienced here Sunday. Our community could stand more of the same.

On Traveling

There is an adage about the great distance from Manteo to Murphy. In the past few weeks we had the opportunity to try it from Edenton to Atlantic Beach, to Williamston to Tarboro and back to Atlantic Beach in a day; from Edenton to Raleigh, on to Lincolnton then to Asheville, Statesville, Winston-Salem, Southern Pines, Charlotte and back to Edenton.

The following week found us one morning in Jacksonville, then to Manteo and back to Edenton. We have often said that the prettiest sight is crossing the Chowan River Bridge after being on the west side. The same can be true of the Albemarle Sound Bridge after being on the east side. The last hurdle was a Pinehurst jaunt, after a side trip to Washington, D.C.

The Tar Heel State is a wide expanse, no matter how you travel it. But when you are on a mission such as the N. C. Agricultural Extension Advisory Council the spirit extruded at every stop narrows the span and makes one feel that it is all worthwhile.

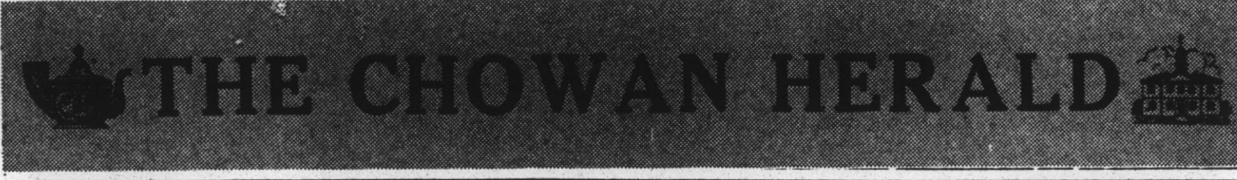
While there may be an energy shortage it was not evidenced by the amount of traffic. People continue to pay the price and go, go, go!

We want to say a word here about the state's new Lay Leadership System as put into place by Dr. T. C. Blalock and the Agricultural Extension Service. Seven district meetings were held across the state, resulting in 89 per cent attendance by those expected. Figured conservatively, some \$32,000 in time, mileage and meals were contributed. In our opinion, this demonstrates that the

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WINNING PARADE ENTRY — The Perquimans County Band Boosters entered this first place float in Sunday's Christmas Parade through downtown Edenton. The float had earlier won honors in Hertford. Judged second here was an entry by Edenton United Methodist Church. Third place went to Hunter's Fork Church. See Public Parade. Other pictures on Page 18-A. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)



Firefighters Lose Guns; Hunting Privileges Here

Two hunters were convicted of firefighting deer, first appearance was held for a man charged with second degree murder, and a probable cause hearing was held for a man charged with crime against nature.

It was a busy Tuesday morning in Chowan County District Court. Judge J. Richard Parker of Elizabeth City presided. The docket was prosecuted by Asst. Dist. Atty. Frank R. Parrish.

James Stephen Chriscoe of Moore County and Jack Howard Williams of Washington County were convicted of firefighting deer in separate incidents. They were arrested by Protector George R. Sawyer and James E. Alston respectively, in the Nixon Beach area of Yoepim Precinct.

The defendants were given identical sentences of 60 days,

Concert Slated

The Yule season opens for many people with the annual Christmas concert given by the Edenton Chorale Society. This year the program will be presented on Sunday at 3 P.M. at Edenton Baptist Church.

The concert will open with 'O Come All Ye Faithful' featuring a local brass ensemble. Familiar carols will be heard as well as 'The Shepherds' Chorus' from Amahl and the Night Visitors. An unusual version of 'Silent Night' demonstrates that this lovely old carol is never outdated.

The Edenton Chorale Society is made up of local residents and is directed by Shelby Strother. Mary Smith accompanies on piano and organ.

The public is invited to attend Sunday's concert and participate in this musical opening of the holiday season.



CONCERT SUNDAY — The Edenton Choral Society will present its annual Christmas concert Sunday afternoon. Directed by Mrs. Shelby Strother, the concert begins at 3 P.M. at Edenton Baptist Church. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and not hunt in North Carolina during the 1979-80 season. Chriscoe's four guns were ordered confiscated. Williams had one gun ordered confiscated.

Both defendants gave notice of appeal.

Carlton Eugene Copeland, 42, of Chesapeake, Va., was in court for the first time on a charge of second degree murder. He was arrested November 28 after Sammy Lucian Langley, 39, of Perquimans County was slain.

Sheriff Troy Toppin said the men had an affray prior to the mid-afternoon shooting. Copeland remains free under \$15,000 bond.

Clarence Alexander Rankins was bound over to Superior Court for trial on the morals charge.

The following other action was taken:

William Thomas Elliott, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs. He gave notice of appeal. A speeding count was dismissed.

George Lawrence Bazemore, traffic violation, \$10 fine and costs.

Ronnie Wayne Holland, no operator's license and speeding, Continued on Page 4

Rent Refunds

More than 12,000 North Carolina families—some in Edenton—who lived in certain federally subsidized housing projects across the state may be eligible for refunds of up to \$500 for illegal rent increases they paid four years ago.

Denny Ray, Legal Services of North Carolina executive director, has announced that Chowan Court in Edenton is one of the projects on the list.

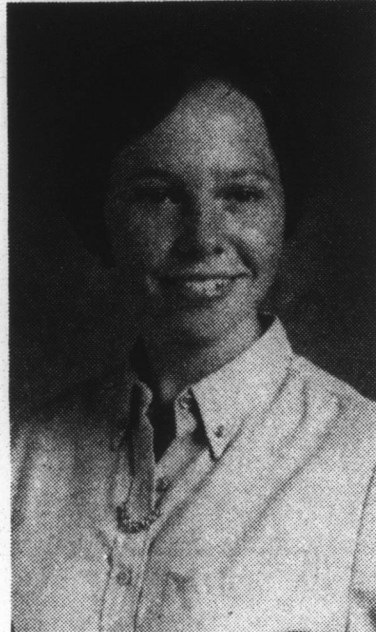
"The refunds are part of a \$60-million settlement between the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Legal Services lawyers who filed class action lawsuits in 1975," said Ray. "Those lawsuits were filed on behalf of an estimated 500,000 tenants in 5,000 affected housing projects across the country."

Ray noted that the settlement is the largest in the nation's history in a consumer class action case.

He said that 76 of the 5,000 affected housing projects are located in North Carolina.

Persons who lived in a so-called Section 236 housing project between February 1, 1975, and September 30, 1977, may be eligible for refunds but must file claims before next January 31.

The Section 236 program was created by the 1968 Housing Act to provide apartments for families who earned too much to qualify for public housing but too little to be able to afford housing in the private market.



Amy Carol Lane

Lane Nominee For Scholarship

Amy Carol Lane, a senior at John A. Holmes High School, has been selected as a nominee for a coveted Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was chosen to represent Chowan County in district competition, according to W. H. Hollowell, Jr., chairman of the county award committee.

The nominee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Earl Lane, 902 Johnson Street.

Valerie Jean Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Winslow of Hobbsville and a student at Chowan High School was selected alternate.

Miss Lane has been active in Student Council, National Honor Society, FHA, school newspaper, Continued on Page 4

Outstanding 4-H's Receive Awards

By Murray L. Goodwin
Agricultural Ext. Agent

Debbie Jordan and Joseph Goodwin won the top 4-H Achievement Award at the 1979 4-H Achievement Program held Thursday night at the Center Hill Community Building. Eliot Atstupenas won the Leadership



4-H LEADERS — Five of the Chowan County 4-H's recognized last week are pictured above. Left to right are: Eliot Atstupenas, Gene Baker, Jr., Gwen Spivey, Tommy Harrell and Anna Goodwin. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

Chowan Hospital Planning Purchases

Chowan Hospital plans to purchase \$311,266 worth of equipment through the Chowan County Medical Development Authority. This represents the first sizeable equipment purchase since the hospital was built in 1970.

At the same time, Jesse L. Harrell, hospital board chairman, told Chowan County Commissioners Monday that steps are being taken to implement a long range plan which would add 30 beds to the facility. The hospital currently has 61 beds.

Harrell said the cost of a 30-bed addition, if approval could be granted, has been placed at \$5-million. Saying this is out of the question, he noted that the hospital board will attempt to accomplish the goal with 10 beds at a time.

AADA Banquet

Secretary of the Department of Transportation Tom Bradshaw will speak at the Albemarle Area Development Association's annual banquet Tuesday. The program begins at 7 P.M. at Angler's Cove Restaurant.

According to Larry Davenport, president, the annual banquet will provide an opportunity to recognize an outstanding industry or business in each county. Communities will receive awards and recognition for development and progress in the area.

Tickets can be obtained from the County Agriculture Extension Office in each county of the Albemarle.

Public Hearing

DHEW-requested supplemental information to the proposed use of \$200,000 in federal funds for the Northeastern Rural Health Development Association's second year of operations in Bertie, Tyrrell and Perquimans counties will be the subject of a citizen-requested public hearing.

Funding of the application was disapproved in August by the ECHSA governing body upon the lack of evidence of local support. DHEW's subsequent review of the application led the Department to request the supplemental information, which will be reviewed by the ECHSA on December 12, at 7:30 P.M. in Greenville.

Proponents and opponents of this proposal are invited to appear before the project review committee of the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency: December 6 from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. at John A. Holmes High School Auditorium in Edenton.

Written testimony will also be accepted by the committee at this time and made a part of the official record of the meeting.

In response to a question, the chairman said the board has not determined how to finance any capital outlay program beyond the equipment purchase.

County commissioners gave approval to the proposed equipment purchase after being told it would result in ultimate savings to patients because of a more favorable interest rate.

The action came after Tom Phillips, authority president, gave the board and update on activities of the authority. "We are finally about to enter into what we were designed for—helping medical facilities in the county," he said.

Harrell said the hospital is currently funding a reserve at the \$10,000 per month level. This would be used to pay for the equipment over a three-year period. He added that while the hospital has needed to update its equipment for some time it could not be accomplished because of the financial condition.

Harrell and Dave Henson, administrator, discussed the long range plan with the board. They said the census is running high and there is an immediate need for additional beds and ancillary space. "Dr. Lucas and his group have helped the hospital a great deal," Harrell noted.

"If the green light is on all down the line we are at least three years away from any additional beds," Harrell said. Pointing to the critical nature being experienced, he said in the past two weeks surgery has had to be postponed because of the lack of beds.

C. A. Phillips, county board chairman, paid special tribute to Harrell. He said the community is fortunate to have such a man interested in the hospital.

Later the board re-appointed Harrell, Pete Thompson and Harry Lee Winslow to the hospital board.

At the outset of the meeting, Phillips was re-elected chairman; J. D. Peele, vice chairman; W. T. Culpepper, III, county attorney; Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, board clerk; and Mrs. Nancy Morgan, deputy clerk.

Decor Contest

The Garden of Eden Club is sponsoring an outdoor decoration contest within the Town of Edenton. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: best traditional home; best contemporary home; most creative; and outstanding business.

Judging will take place December 21 after 5 P.M. This will be done by a five-member panel.

A wooden plaque and cash prize will be awarded to the winners.

State Swine project contest, completed seven projects, worked with two 4-H's on preparing a demonstration, was county council reporter and district secretary-treasurer.

Joseph won the State Field Crops project contest, placed second in the State Automotive Skill Driving contest, and won both first place individual hog and first place pen of three hog at the Livestock Show.

Melvin Byrum, vice president of Chowan Ruritan Club, presented the Ruritan Club trophies and told of the youth programs that the club has an interest in.

Eliot completed five projects and was state champion in the Wildlife Demonstration contest. He is currently president of the Yoepim 4-H Club and a recreation leader for the county council.

This is the first time we have recognized a junior boy and girl in achievement. The winners were Gwen Spivey and Gene Baker. Gwen completed five projects, is county council vice president, was

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