

## Public Parade



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Since the Senate Judiciary Committee voted against Sen. Robert Morgan's nomination of Charlie Winberry for a federal judgeship, names of prospective new nominees have been freely put forth. At this writing the speculation mill continues to grind.

We would like to put forth a candidate. It is Judge Naomi Elizabeth Morris, chief judge of the N.C. Court of Appeals. The Wilson native is abundantly qualified for the live-time post by background and judicial temperament.

Judge Morris meanders frequently along the Public Parade as she is related to Mrs. A.C. Boyce at Strawberry Hill.

Judge Morris was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Gov. Dan K. Moore when the court was established July 1, 1967. She was elected on November 5, 1968, and at other elections. She was appointed to be chief judge a few years ago.

She is the second female attorney to gain lofty places in the profession.

The other was Judge Susie Sharp who was the first woman to hold a Superior Court judgeship and who went on to become chief justice of the N.C. Supreme Court.

Sen. Morgan could not find a nominee more deserving and qualified than Judge Morris.

### John W. Graham

The mighty reaper has added the name of John Washington Graham to his rolls. In so doing he removed from along the Public Parade a man who willingly paid his dues at each station in his life.

John Graham lived a full life. He was a doer at a time when things needed to be done. We would like to have been on the scene during the prime of his life. It must have been exciting to be a part of that happening.

The squire of Wessington House at the corner of South Granville and West King Streets died in his sleep early Monday morning at the age of 71. There were expressions of sadness as the word spread through the community. Another of the faithful had been called to stand with his God. At judgment day, John Graham was sure to pass muster.

He was a considerate son, a loving father, and a community leader.

John Graham not only lived in history but practically wrote the book of the history of his day. In the 30's he established himself in the community as a young lawyer with foresight. In the 40's and 50's he paid his dues to his church, family, community and country. Much of the 60's and 70's were spent continuing his contribution to the community following a near fatal accident. He was truly a man for all seasons.

At 26 years of age the recent graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Law hung out his shingle along the Public Parade. He became a member of the N.C. and American Bar Associations. During his professional career he served as president and secretary of the First District Bar; served in the 1947 General Assembly; was county attorney for many years, and was prosecutor and judge of Chowan County Recorder's Court. He served as District Solicitor in 1950.

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# Fuel Charge Is \$182,000

Electric municipalities such as Edenton, who purchase power from Vepco at wholesale and retail it, are taking a hard look at alternatives. A meeting was held Wednesday and an update of "progress" with CP&L was expected.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, spoke of the meeting at Tuesday night's Town Council meeting. He noted that the town received an electric bill Tuesday from Vepco that totaled \$287,000. Of this amount \$182,000 was fuel charges which are passed on to the consumer.

The bill showed a small increase in the energy charge. "What concerns us all is that it remains at such a high level," Gardner said.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell asked the administrator to obtain the amount of energy charges being paid by other municipalities. He indicated he had information that some might be paying less than Edenton.

A rift between the town and local contractors erupted at the end of the meeting. Joe Lee, a heating and air conditioning contractor, said licensed contractors are tired of people coming from other areas who are not licensed. He said these people do not get the required permits to work.

Gardner and Ralph Parrish, building and zoning coordinator, said if the violators are caught doing the work they will be prosecuted. This reply did not

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## Census Is Scheduled During March, April

During March and April, list takers and enumerators will be busy conducting the federal census in Chowan County, under the coordination of the Chowan County Democratic Party. By the first day of April, Census Day, questionnaires will be in approximately 86-million households, housing some 222-million people across the U. S.

President Jimmy Carter, in a letter to the Advertising Council Inc., said, "The census has become an invaluable tool, providing all Americans with vital, non-personalized facts and figures about our constantly changing society. This information forms the basis for

countless decisions made by government, industry, labor, academia, the communications industry and many others."

1980 census date will direct the dispersal of billions of dollars in Federal funds to state and local governments. Such funds are currently estimated at more than \$50-billion a year, according to John St. Leger, vice president of the Ad Council.

Undercounts can shortchange cities and communities of literally millions of dollars in federal aid. Census data are also used as the basis for fair apportionment among the 50 states for seats in the House of Representatives.



**TRAIN CARS DERAILED** — Three Southern Railway boxcars containing peanuts derailed last week from an industrial spur near the intersection of Badham and Virginia roads, behind Edenton Shell Service Station. The peanuts were on route from Universal Blanchers, Inc. of Blakely, Ga. to Fisher Nut Company facilities in Edenton and Suffolk. A Southern Railway official in Washington, D. C. said the derailment was caused by the track, which is routinely maintained but not as frequently as a main line. A cost of \$150 was incurred in having a roller bearing inspection performed on one of the cars.

## Cooperation Among Agencies Aids CDC

"Rather than fence with state agencies, we try to get them involved," said Robert White, executive director of Coastal Developmental Center, in speaking of the success of their two-fold vocational training program, here.

CDC is currently providing welding or carpentry training to some 25 young people who are mostly drop-outs and from low income backgrounds. The programs are made possible by funds through the Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA).

"What sets us apart from other CETA programs, primarily, is caliber of our instructors and the quality of our equipment," White commented. He said those factors coupled with the philosophy of producing skilled workers with the proper attitude toward employment and the attendant responsibilities has made the program extremely successful.

As of January 7, 1980, a total of 17 CDC participants, 14 graduates and three non-graduates, has received assistance in securing jobs. Of those, 12 gained employment and have retained their jobs earning from \$2.90 to \$4.50 per hour. Seven placements, or 58 per cent, were within Chowan County

with 17 per cent going to Hertford County, eight per cent to Pasquotank County and another 17 per cent, out of state.

Funded by the N. C. Department of Commerce in 1979, CDC initiated a pilot welding program with a \$73,000 grant, and followed that by adding a carpentry class. While the first six-month carpentry class is nearing completion, a second welding class is underway. The carpenters will graduate on March 31.

"This is a program that draws support from educators, community leaders and the private sector," White noted. Letters of interest and endorsement from state government down to small, local businesses attest to the viability of the program.

"We accept the responsibility of spending wisely the grants we acquire. Emphasis on control and accountability is dealt with the proper scrutiny," he said.

Recruits in the CDC program come from a number of sources. Trainees are referred directly to CDC by the Employment Security Commission Job Service office, who also handles job placement after graduation. In addition, referrals are made by the Edenton-Chowan Schools who monitor actual and potential drop-



**TRAINING FOR CENSUS** — Mrs. Edward G. Bond, census supervisor for Chowan County and a portion of Perquimans County, is shown conducting a training session for list takers and enumerators in the conference room of the county office building. Lists of potential census workers were submitted by Democratic Precinct chairmen. Volunteers were then tested and those qualified are being trained for work during March and April.

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## Concerning Drug Smuggling No Evidence Of Operation; No Investigation

Concern that drug smugglers are operating along the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound was a topic of discussion by the Chowan County Commissioners, Monday, and by Tuesday morning a report of a joint local, state and federal investigation was being circulated in a daily newspaper of general circulation in Eastern N.C.

Sheriff Troy Toppin, while acknowledging an open exchange of information among the Sheriff's Department, SBI and federal customs agents, said he had heard nothing about a formal investigation. He said citizens had reported their concern about possible drug trafficking, but at time there was no evidence to support the existence of a major operation.

"We are a department that works with other departments, as you know," he told a reporter Tuesday morning. "We check out all information we get."

He added that most information is two or three days old by the time it reaches his department.

"If people would call us when this happens, we could do something about it. It's not doing us any good when they wait two or three days," he said. "And we don't just discard this information, either."

The story of a large-scale investigation was the end product of comments on a request by the

N.C. Wildlife Commission to hold public hearings in Chowan County about banning spotlighting of deer from 11 P.M. until half an hour before sunrise.

In commenting on the request, chairman C. A. Phillips said, "We have bigger problems than this." He said reports from citizens showed suspicion that boats and airplanes operating late at night were involved in drug trafficking.

He added the Sheriff's Department was aware of this concern and was doing everything in their

### Mr. Graham, 71, Buried Wednesday

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Wednesday for John Washington Graham, 120 West King Street. The services were held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Bishop Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright officiated, assisted by Rev. Fred Drane and Rev. Raymond Storie.

Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Graham, a prominent attorney for nearly 46 years and a leader in community and civic affairs, died at his home Monday morning. He was 71.

A native of Hillsborough, he was born September 3, 1908, son of the late Dr. William A. and Anne Shepard Graham. He was married to Mrs. Dorothy Cummings Graham, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons: John Washington Graham, Jr., of Denver, Colo.; and Donald Cummings Graham of Hilton Head, S.C.; a daughter, Mrs. Continued on Page 4



**WELDERS IN TRAINING** — Welding is only one of the skills taught at the Coastal Developmental Center, located near Edenton Municipal Airport on the Base Road. Two projects currently underway are a wood stove for an elderly woman and a second trailer which will be used by the center to transport materials and refuse. Standing on the trailer at right is Trevor Gurganus and at floor level is Ricky Winslow, welding program instructors. They are shown with members of the second class, which began studies and training in November.

means to follow-up on those reports, though limited manpower and funds made round-the-clock surveillance and stake-outs impossible.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore said that as recently as last week, a private citizen wishing to remain anonymous told him of high speed boats and vehicles operating after mid-night. He said the man and his neighbors believe them to be drug smugglers.

"I don't think it is likely these people are checking nets or hauling fish," Elmore observed.

He pointed out patrolling was limited after midnight and that the Sheriff's Department was forced to spend most of its time in the courtroom, transporting prisoners and serving papers.

Chairman Phillips remarked that while everyone wants better law enforcement, no one wants higher taxes.

Elmore suggested that provisions for night patrols be considered in the next budget.

Concerning the original topic of spotlighting deer, board members agreed it was an innocent, commonplace activity in Chowan County and that a ban on spotlighting would do little to curb the occasional incidences of hunting deer at night.

They moved to table the request.

## Symposium Slated April 17 And 18

Scattered among the many beautiful buildings of Historic Edenton are many notable gems of nineteenth-century origin. During the 1980 biennial Edenton Symposium, the heritage of this century and its development will be studied from many points of view.

Distinguished historians will discuss styles of living in the 1800's. Among the speakers will be Nancy T. Merrill, curator of the glass collection at the Chrysler Museum of Norfolk; Sumpter T. Priddy, III, architectural historian of colonial Williamsburg; Tom Parramore, N. C. historian of Meredith College, Raleigh; Catherine Bisher and Thomas Funk of the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, N.C.; and John Tyler, furnishings curator of Hope Plantation, Windsor, N.C.

Each of these experts will explore one of many special areas of nineteenth century culture. An explanation of glassware, styles of decorating, Federal furnishings, archaeological discoveries, and more will be interspersed with a Victorian fashion show and dinner in local vintage homes.

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