

**NEW LOCAL INDUSTRIES**—Fueston Wood Products on Badham Road, left, and Design Group, near Edenton Municipal Airport, right, are two newer additions to the local industrial community. The former is a manufacturer of wooden boat parts and the other produces fiberglass cabs and engine covers for railroad maintenance equipment.

## New Industries Open In Chowan County

### Out Of Sight

The nation's food stamp program badly needs reforming. The crying need is for something more than mere cosmetic treatment. Any reasonable approach will take time and it must be tackled by politicians in a different climate than is now found in Washington.

Immediate action is necessary to aid the needy. They should not suffer because of the greedy.

If Congress had not done something by May 15 more than 22-million people would be without the aid in June that food stamps bring. Along the Public Parade in April there were 621 cases certified covering 1,901 persons. A total of \$61,007 in free stamps were distributed.

We support the basic underlying principle of the food stamp program of providing needed nutritional assistance to those of our less fortunate citizens living at or below the poverty level. However, we strongly object to the maladministration of the program which wastes taxpayer money through abuse or use of the program by those who do not truly need assistance.

For example, the food stamp program has grown from \$610-million in fiscal year 1971 to an estimated \$10.7-billion in the fiscal year 1981. The last few months have seen a burgeoning of beneficiaries, with recipients growing at the rate of almost 500,000 per month—from 15-million in October, 1978, to nearly 22-million in March, 1980.

Although some of this increase no doubt is a result of increasing unemployment and high inflation, there is also no doubt that there are widespread program abuse. The General Accounting Office has found that in 1977 there was a 12 percent error rate in administration of the program. By applying that figure over \$1-billion of total program expenditures is being issued in error during the current fiscal year.

One of the first things needed in the reform is to restore the purchase requirement. The Congressional Budget Office estimates this amendment would save \$800-million in fiscal 1981.

It is also proposed to reduce the overlap between the food stamp program and the school lunch program, this would have annual savings of \$630-million.

A third measure would be to restructure the eligibility standard by re-defining the income and deduction formula. This could save an estimated \$600-million annually.

The food stamp program, as it now exists and could exist under pending legislation, has gone out of sight. Congress needs to rediscover the basic underlying principle of the program. The needy must be served; the greedy must be booted out.

### Guest Editorial

As the campaign for the presidency goes on, the general public will be dismayed at the money which is being spent. And the people also may wonder what may be expected of the winner, or winners, in return for the huge expenditures which are being made. This applies not only to the presidential campaign but also to many other campaigns in the nation, including the gubernatorial and other contests in North Carolina and other States.

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Two of the most recent additions to Chowan County's industrial community are Fueston Wood Products, located on Badham Road, and Design Group, located on Base Road near Edenton Municipal Airport.

Fueston Wood Products is in the business of manufacturing wooden boat parts. The firm was started about 4½ years ago in Virginia Beach, Va., according to Vernon M. Fueston, III, president.

They produce interior parts such as tables, handrails, ladders and molding as well as small parts for Snark Sailboats. Fueston is currently supplying parts for Tanzer Yachts and Scott Boat Works, both local businesses. In addition, the company builds a line of made-to-order cocktail and lamp tables, marketed by CharTables for about \$390. The unique tables feature marine navigational charts mounted beneath glass tops.

The company employs five people, three on a full time basis. They include Fueston, his son and

partner, Vernon, Jr., and his wife Jacquelyn. Jacquelyn serves as the company secretary.

The Fuestons moved to North Carolina in 1979 and reside on Holiday Island.

Fueston was formerly an industrial arts teacher at a school in Virginia Beach. Prior to that, he served as main propulsion officer aboard the aircraft carrier U. S. S. Forrestal. He retired in 1969 after 28 years in the Navy.

Design Group, in its first year of operation, produces fiberglass cabs and engine covers for railroad maintenance equipment, both manned and remote controlled. The firm is under contract with the Plasser American Corp. in Norfolk, Va.

Jack Ireson of Portsmouth, Va., is president of the company. It is supervised locally by Robert S. Rea. The firm employs three people full and two, part time.

Rea stated all fiberglass, metal and woodworking is handled on the premises.

## Hospital Plans Expansion

Chowan Hospital, Inc. has filed and is awaiting approval of an application with the State Health Agency to proceed with an expansion program. The proposal was the result of a long-range planning study and was recommended by the board of directors.

### School Board Gives Approval To Bus Routes

Proposed bus routes for the upcoming school year were approved by the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, Tuesday night, at their last regular mid-month meeting, held at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School.

James Kinion, chairman of the Transportation Committee, reviewed some 35 routes that have been devised to transport students next year when consolidation and reorganization of the school system becomes reality. He said the proposed routes have already been approved by the Reorganization Steering Committee.

The school board authorized the Transportation Committee to revise the routes as is needed.

Kinion said the committee began work in November, locating students that had not previously been bused. In setting up the routes, running time was given top priority. The transportation system will include a two-fold approach. Some students will be picked up and transported straight to their respective schools. Other students will be carried by shuttle buses to Chowan and Holmes high schools where they will re-load onto express buses. The shuttle buses will then be used to pick up near-by students attending school in their own locality. The longest route established thus far will be 22 miles and is estimated by Kinion to take one hour and ten minutes to complete. Most other routes are well under an hour, he said.

Kinion reported the committee is looking at hiring adult bus drivers for transporting K-8 grade students, for discipline and safety reasons. At present, the committee is screening potential drivers from among the school system's employees.

It has been endorsed by the medical staff, hospital administration and the Chowan County commissioners.

According to David L. Henson, hospital director, the proposed expansion calls for an additional 10 beds, expansion of ancillary service areas, with the potential addition of new diagnostic equipment for those areas.

In a letter, Henson reported the expansion will improve the hospital's ability to admit patients and will assist in providing superior diagnostic and therapeutic capabilities to the patients.

"Over the past six months to a year, the census at Chowan Hospital has grown dramatically to the point where we are having difficulty in admitting patients on a timely basis", he remarked. "Often, admissions are having to be deferred for one or two days, and there have been several instances where we have had to admit patients to hallway beds in

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## Woman Fined For Issuing Bad Check To Court

Hilda Privott Taylor learned in District Court, Tuesday, that the worst thing a defendant can do is pay a court fine with a worthless check.

Judge Grafton G. Beaman gave the Elizabeth City State University employee a 120 day suspended sentence, fined her \$200 and cost of court, and ordered that she pay \$125 in restitution for a worthless check she wrote to pay off a fine for drunk driving. She was convicted of that charge about a month ago in Chowan County.

## Second Primary Set June 3

Chowan County Democrats will return to the polls for a second primary to elect a candidate for State Auditor. State board of Elections officials have learned that J. E. B. Davis is a registered Republican. E. N. Manning, chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections, said on Monday, the second primary will be held June 3.

On May 6, Edward Renfrow polled 801 votes followed by W. S. Chestnutt with 555. Davis trailed in the election with 274. Statewide, Renfrow captured 347,983 votes,

## Convention Is Cancelled Publisher, Wife Stranded By Volcano

By L. F. Amburn, Jr.  
VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A stubborn husband prevented two Edentonians from being caught in the action, Sunday, when Mount St. Helens blew her lid. It was one of two historic events Emily and I are experiencing in the western U.S. and Canada.

Mount St. Helens had been dormant for 123 years. The first sign of trouble came in late March. Scientists have been joined by the curious since that time. Sunday's eruption, thus far, has caused at least seven deaths and millions of dollars in destruction. The cloud is on a journey around the globe.

We came to the state of Washington last Thursday. I was

to represent the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service at a leadership development in rural areas conference in Spokane, beginning Tuesday.

The flight to Seattle was in the company of Dr. and Mrs. Chester Black of Raleigh. We went our separate ways Friday. The Blacks headed southeast to Richland, to visit relatives, located halfway between Seattle and Spokane in the direct line of the volcanic fallout.

Our assistant program director and navigator planned a Saturday trip north from Seattle to Anacortes, to catch a ferry to Victoria, B.C. In my better judgment, I retained veto power. I flatly refused to leave early enough to catch a 7:30 A.M. ferry

100 miles away. This route would have put us nearer the volcano that night.

The alternative was to go from Seattle to Bremerton, then along the west peninsula to Port Angeles. It was at Port Angeles, some 200 miles northwest of the volcano, that we first experienced the impact of Mount St. Helens. At 8:37 A.M. PDT (11:37 A.M. EDT), we were awakened. We didn't know the cause until sometime later. The earthquake jarred buildings 200 miles away.

We decided to return to Seattle. However, at Burlington, Wash. we were informed that I-5 South was closed due to poor visibility. The alternative for that was to go east through the Cascades. The route,

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## Former Aces Star Honored At Banquet

Zack Valentine of the champion Pittsburgh Steelers saw his old number 89 jersey retired from the Edenton Aces, Monday night, during a ceremony highlighting the spring sports awards banquet sponsored by the Aces Booster Club.

Well over 300 people crowded the Jaycee Building to honor the Holmes High School graduate and to witness the presentation of awards to Edenton's top athletes.

Gerald Hall and Willie Holley, Valentine's friends and former teammates from Holmes High

School and East Carolina University made brief remarks about their association with Valentine and recounted some amusing experiences from the past years.

Valentine commented that in his success as an athlete, he was proud to be able to represent Edenton both on the playing field and off.

Head football coach Jimmy Addison presented Valentine a commemorative plaque at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Steve Holley was named most valuable player and Chris Simons was named most dedicated player on the Aces basketball team. Coach Tom Bass commented that with next year's consolidation, the Aces can expect to be contenders for the championship.

In jaycee basketball, Tony Wright received the MVP award from coach Herb Woodley. Woodley also presented the MVP award to Kathy Blount, the sportsmanship award to Kim Baker, and the senior award to Tracy Armstead, all members of the girl's basketball team.

Edward Jackson was named the wrestling team's most outstanding player. Coach Gil Burroughs presented the most improved award to Thomas Bembury.

In tennis, Bobby Ahlesley received from Burroughs, the most outstanding award while Craig Stepany was named the most dedicated player.

Bernise Riddick, Gloria Holley, Herbert Hill and Alexander Johnson were recipients of the most outstanding awards for their participation in track and field competition. The awards were made by coach Robert Shields.

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GRID STAR HONORED — Spectators to the Edenton Aces football games will no longer see the number 89 on the playing field. That jersey, worn by former Aces star and member of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Zack Valentine, was retired Monday night. Valentine is shown receiving a plaque commemorating the event from head Coach Jimmy Addison during the spring sports awards banquet, Monday night.

The worthless check conviction came minutes after she was granted limited driving privileges. Judge Beaman found no probable cause for James Drew to be tried in Superior Court of a second degree rape charge, but he will face a charge of first degree burglary when the next session convenes, June 16.

The 74-year old resident of Albemarle St. was arrested in the early hours of May 4 after he allegedly entered the Blades St. home of Avis Dunbar and told her,

at gun point, he was going to get in bed with her. The prosecuting witness testified she walked out on him and went next door to phone the police.

The court learned the two had been acquainted for a long time and that she had cooked and cleaned house for Drew. She said Drew came in the house through a back door he opened with a key.

Defense attorney Chris Bean argued that the defendant's statement "I'm going to get in bed with you" inferred nothing more than he intended to go to sleep, and that he didn't forcibly enter the house.

While Judge Beaman agreed to throw out the rape charge, he said the burglary charge was a good one for plea bargaining and jury trial.

Drew was released from custody under \$5,000 unsecured bond. No probable cause was found in a case where Stewart Elliott Anthony was charged with first degree burglary. Anthony will be tried, however, on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

Warren Elonard Alexander was denied limited driving privileges, and was told that he probably won't get them when he becomes eligible to petition the court again, in several months.

"If I do give you driving privileges, it will be the first time I ever have for someone who going 96 in a 55 zone and driving drunk," Judge Beaman commented. "It just makes me hot under the collar."

Other cases prosecuted by Michael T. Johnson, Asst. Dist. Atty., including the following: Ellis Ray Bonner, for dismissal of support order.

Thomas Lloyd Forehand.

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## Legion Baseball Begins Sunday

American Legion Baseball action will get underway this Sunday when the Albemarle area team takes on Washington for a double header. Game time is 1 P.M. at Hicks Field.

A game set for Saturday has been cancelled due to a conflict of schedule.

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