

Armed Robbery Suspects Apprehended

Noted And Passed

The following appeared in a recent edition of The Tribune in Elkin, N.C.:

"Over 40 local residents have been employed by Elkin's new K-Mart store located in Elkmont Shopping Center on N. Bridge Street, Manager Rick Beddingfield announced today.

"Additional employees will be added to the K-Mart staff during peak seasonal periods, Beddingfield said. "We are eager to announce the opening date as soon as department layouts are complete," Beddingfield said.

"K-Mart employees, over 200,000 in the United States, are among those with the longest employment tenure in retailing. Over 3,000 employees have been with the company 25 years or more.

"The local store is one of more than 2,000 K-Marts, Kresge and Jupiter stores operated by the K-Mart Corporation, headquartered in Troy, Michigan, and founded 81 years ago."

Dr. Neil Grigg, director of the N.C. Environmental Management Commission and assistant secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, reported Tuesday that a statement from the federal Environmental Protection Agency on a task force study of the Chowan River will be out by August 20.

Dr. Grigg said the scientists, gathered at the request of Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., complimented the state agency for knowledge concentrated on the algae choked river.

"We are anxious to see what they have to say," Dr. Grigg told The Chowan Herald.

So are we.

Carolina Fever

Well, we were glad to get back to the Public Parade early Sunday evening after three days of business and pleasure which took us as far west as the Blue Ridge Mountains. We have managed over the past few days to pick up the pieces and can now appreciate what is becoming popularly known as Carolina fever.

The chain of events began early Friday as we left our "Hilton" on the Chowan River for an 8 o'clock business appointment in Greenville. From there we went to Chapel Hill to load up the belongings of the first Amburn to become a graduate of the University of North Carolina.

We were joined in Tar Heel country by other Amburns from along the Public Parade and headed toward Elkin (remember the "Tale of Two Cities"? for a 4 o'clock business appointment. A car was left in Greensboro because part of the crew planned to visit relatives in South Carolina on Sunday, while the working members of the family headed back to the salt mines.

In Elkin we found our 95-year-old Mother had sufficiently recovered from recent hospitalization and had just taken up residence at Chatham Nursing Center.

By noon Saturday we were ready to escape the heat, seeking relief at the Air Bellows home of Pat and Harold Brendle; Pat being one of our six sisters. From there we journeyed deeper into the Blue Ridge that evening for our 30th high school class reunion at

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By L.F. Amburn, Jr.

A small plastic divider in a cash register tray played a key role in Edenton Police Department's breaking an armed robbery case at Fast Fare, at the intersection of North Broad and East Albemarle streets. Two New York residents have been charged in connection with the 1:20 A.M. crime Monday.

John Robert Bush, 25, of

Syracuse, N.Y., is being held in lieu of \$20,000 bond on an armed robbery charge. Charles Phillip Bond, 32-year-old Negro, of Liverpool, N.Y., is being held in lieu of \$60,000 bond on charges of armed robbery and discharging a firearm.

Both defendants are also being questioned in connection with recent robbery case in Hertford

and Elizabeth City. Furthermore, Dist. Atty. Tom Watts of Elizabeth City and SBI Supervisor O.L. Wise questioned the suspects Tuesday morning, indicating a possible expansion of the investigation.

Police Chief J.D. Parrish praised officers of the local department as well as Chowan County Sheriff's Department who participated in the investigation.

"Everyone did a mighty professional job," the chief said. "I am real proud of the way the events unfolded.

Police received a call at 1:20 A.M. Monday from Mrs. Mickey Black that Fast Fare had just been robbed. An undisclosed amount of money was taken by a Negro with a ski cap over his face, who carried a sawed off shotgun.

Mrs. Black said the man entered the convenience store from the south, told a customer, Julius Harris, if he moved, "I'll kill you," and threw a pillow case at the attendant. When Mrs. Black started putting in change she was told by a person identified as Bond that he wanted the "green stuff".

In emptying the cash register, Continued on Page 4



ARMED ROBBERY QUICKLY SOLVED — Edenton Police Department, working with cooperation of other law enforcement agencies in the area, have arrested two suspects in connection with an armed robbery early Monday at Fast Fare on North Broad Street. Police Chief J.D. Parrish holds a small plastic cash

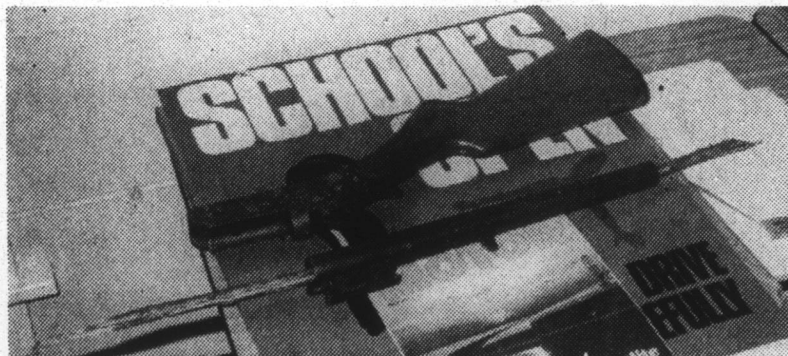


drawer divider found in the suspect's car. Dist. Atty. Tom Watts, left, and SBI Supervisor O.L. Wise are shown with him. Witnesses said a Negro man, wearing a ski mask and brandishing a sawed off shotgun came from the south side of the building, at right. (Staff Photos by L. F. Amburn, Jr.)

Unearth Building

Carolina Telephone Company workers apparently unearthed the foundation of a building which may date to 1720 during routine line expansion work on South Granville Street.

Archaeologists from the State Division of Archives and History in Raleigh have been working at the scene, adjacent to Wessington House.



WEAPON RECOVERED — Parts of a sawed off shotgun police said was used in the armed robbery at Fast Fare is shown here at Edenton Police Department. Officers, working on a tip from a suspect, found the weapon in weeds along Old Hertford Road.

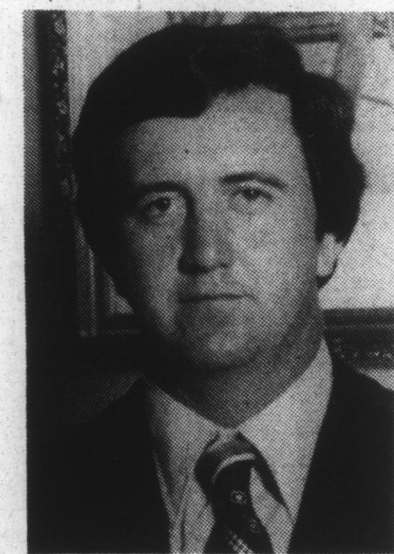


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Spruill Resigns From Council



Harry A. Spruill, Jr.

Guardsmen Plan Reunion

National Guardsmen who were mobilized on September 16, 1940, with Edenton's Company D, 105th Medical Regiment will gather at the Edenton Armory for the weekend of September 13-14, for a reunion and dinner. The occasion is the 40th anniversary of their mobilization for World War II.

Activities spearheaded by PSG

Carroll W. Jones and SSG Albert C. Everson, who were appointed for Project 40, will include a dinner September 13, and on September 14 an open house which will have displays of weapons, equipment, uniforms, awards, memos, pictures (all of which will be from the past up to the present). Presentation of Colors, Roll call, and many other events.

Mobilization of the Guard was launched on September 16, 1940, the same day that President Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act. Together, the two actions were the first step in what would be the most far-reaching mobilization of military power the United States had ever conducted.

Making up the first increment of mobilized Guard units were four combat divisions and numerous anti-aircraft, coast artillery, anti-tank and aviation units, totalling 63,646 men from 27 states. Thirteen months -- and 25 mobilization increments -- later, the last Guardsmen went into Federal

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eligibility. Bean recommended that the town charter be amended to exactly define "residence".

An opinion of the Board of Elections said Spruill was not eligible to hold office in the Fourth Ward while residing outside of it.

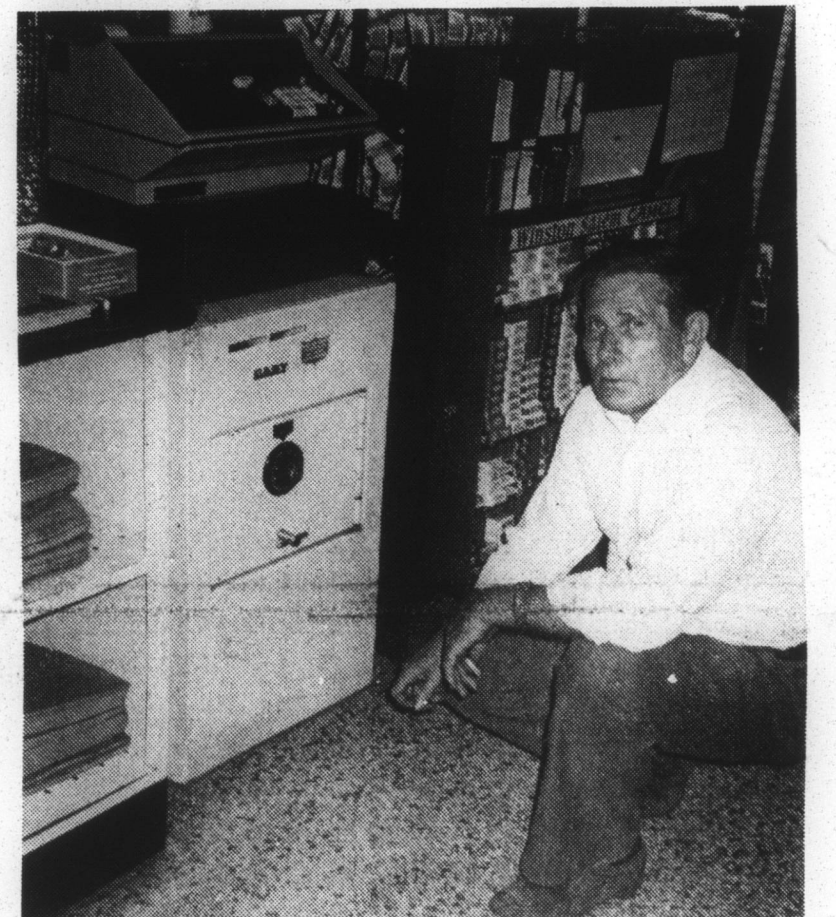
Councilman Allen Hornthal maintained that both the councilman and the citizens of that ward were entitled to due process of law.

The selection of a replacement will be the first order of business at the September council meeting.

Adopted was an ordinance closing all town parks at 11 P.M. and the council agreed in principal to light dark areas in the parks. Rewards will be posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons vandalizing those facilities. In addition, the cooperation and assistance of persons living next to the parks is being urged.

The old fire engine in Colonial Park adjacent to the Municipal Building will be removed due to

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MANAGER AT SCENE — Bill Jordan, manager of Fast Fare on North Broad Street, is shown at the scene of an armed robbery at 1:20 A.M. Monday. Money was obtained from the cash register, but the attendant did not open the safe below.

Commission Slates Meeting

The semi-annual general meeting of the Edenton Historical Commission will take place October 24, according to J. Gilliam Wood, chairman. This date has been selected to coincide with the annual celebration of the famous

Edenton Tea Party, which occurred on October 25, 1774.

This year's Tea Party celebration will feature a weekend of "living history", as portrayed by the Second North Carolina Regiment of Foot, a re-enactment group from Fayetteville. Fully uniformed military personnel, and costumed frontiersmen and their camp followers, are expected to reach Edenton the evening of October 24, where they will set up camp at a waterfront park.

The Regiment will parade Saturday morning. However, it is reported that contingents of British Redcoats are active in the coastal areas, and citizens are warned that skirmishes may take place

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Attendance Urged

The executive committee of the 10-county Albemarle Area Development Association will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at Gabby's Restaurant in Perquimans County.

W. W. Wheeler of Dare County, president, said important business will be discussed and he encourages all county representatives to be in attendance.



COMMISSION FEATURE — A unit of the Second N.C. Regiment of Foot, shown in action, will encamp here October 24-26 as a principal feature of a special semi-annual meeting of Edenton Historical Commission. This year's meeting is being held in conjunction with celebration of Edenton Tea Party Day.



TOO HOT TO HANDLE — A van fire Sunday afternoon temporarily interrupted a weekend trip of the Amburns from along the Public Parade. Greensboro firemen are shown getting things under control. See "Carolina Fever" in Public Parade. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)