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 counties as well as Chowan because of the wide area served. Nevertheless, the problems were handled efficiently and effectively.

We number among those who are saddened by the close of Chowan Academy. The private school gave parents a real choice. Now the choice is between public schools or those church-related. An element is missing, and for this we are genuinely sorry.

Capable school administrators—from the superintendent and principals down—are not easy to find. Really good officials in this field are the subject of much competition.

Parents of children—some of whom have been raised on progressive theories now partly discredited—have an obligation to cooperate with school authorities in every way possible, to make their task easier as they attempt to guide, train and educate the children of this community.

Children must be disciplined, as well as educated, for if they are not disciplined they cannot be educated.

Recreation Needs

"A very concerned parent" has submitted a letter which contains a lot of good thinking and touches on a subject which is claimed to not be adequately addressed along the Public Parade. The topic is recreation.

While the letter won't be published because the author is anonymous, the contents raises some valid questions. Unfortunately, nothing is suggested that can't be cured with money.

The Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department, directed professionally by Mike Johnson, doesn't need defending. The department provides the most diversified program to be found in any area of our size. The Town of Edenton administers the \$90,155 program, which is partially funded by Chowan County.

Sure, a bowling alley, skating rink or drive-in movie would be nice to have available along the Public Parade. They are, however, things which must be provided through private enterprise, not tax dollars. There is a limit as to what can be provided for the public through public channels.

Admittedly, it does appear harsh to post "no parking after business hours" signs on private and public parking lots. And there is always the minority who foul up the works for the majority. Evidence of lack of respect for public and private property along the Public Parade is everywhere.

The solution to a vast majority of the problems along the Public Parade cannot be legislated, nor sufficient money appropriated to justify the means, let alone the ends. This is a reality—one which we all must touch base with now and then.



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FESTIVAL OFFICIALS — Plans are being finalized for the Fifth Annual Peanut Festival. Harry Gibson, President Band Parents Association, Betty Cox co-chairman, and Otis Strother, band director make final plans.

Band Parents Are Preparing For Annual Peanut Festival

Members of Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association are gearing up for the Fifth Annual Peanut Festival slated for October 2-5. The purpose of this project is to raise funds for the John A. Holmes High School Marching Aces.

The first event will be a Talent Show October 2, which promises to be an evening of fun.

The weekend activities begin Saturday at 10 A.M. with one of the largest parades hosted by

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 community.

The mayor produced a telegram from DOT requesting the council delay any action on the Thoroughfare Plan until a joint council-DOT meeting has been held. He asked the council to lay aside and completely disregard the preliminary plan until after that meeting.

Councilman Allen Hornthal pointed out that as a preliminary draft, no action was expected to be taken in the first place. "This report was presented for information only and I have no intention of laying it aside," he commented. Hornthal said studying the plan was essential to being prepared for an intelligent and informed discussion with DOT officials.

Gardner pointed out that the loop road concept was first adopted in 1969, and that it is still vital to the community. He added that extending Twiddy Avenue was not the only alternative to direct access.

Mayor Harrell said construction of U. S. 17 by-pass had already significantly reduced in-town traffic and that a loop road would only serve to hurt business by skirting the business section.

He went on to say that according to the preliminary report, the Town Council's top priority above all was the construction of a loop road.

Councilman Gil Burroughs termed the mayor's statement a misrepresentation of the town's priorities, since that study related only to transportation needs.

Councilman Ricks said the council should not, in any event, "categorically deny the citizens' rights to highway access."

"No hue and cry was sounded when we put a road past Vine Oak Cemetery from Granville Street to Chowan Hospital", he stated.

Edenton. Nine bands are already committed and more are expected. "Mr. Peanut" one of the Parade highlights last year will be back to greet everyone. Following the parade Barbecue Plates will be sold from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. at the Boy Scout Hut in front of John A. Holmes High School.

The Band Field competition promises to be one of the festival highlights. This will begin at 1 P.M. at Hicks Field. All bands participating in the parade will compete in the Field Competition. Judges for the event are outstanding in their field and come from both North Carolina & Virginia.

Saturday evening a teen dance will be held at Walker Gym with music furnished by Mark Storie and a Festival Dance will be held at the American Legion, with Jim Boswell furnishing the music.

On Sunday the activities move to Colonial Park with an Art Sidewalk Show-Sale beginning at 1 P.M. The John A. Holmes High School Band will have a concert at 2 P.M. followed by gospel and country-western music.

A Sailboat Regatta will begin at 2 P.M. in Edenton Bay.

A spokesman for the festival promises that there will be something to delight all. Make plans now to be in Edenton October 2-5 for a weekend of fun and festivities.

Takes Post

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 Edenton.

The board took action to obtain mal practice insurance on members of Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, officially named Mrs. Gail Forehand land records clerk, approved a contract for microfilm work for the Register of Deeds, and reappointed West W. Byrum, Jr., to the Albemarle Mental Health Center board.

The county received \$33,730 from the State Department of Human Resources as a one-time grant to cover costs for the aging.

Mrs. Ward inquired of Earl Moore, district DOT engineer, of how long a detour would be required for school buses between Ryland and Center Hill. She said this has caused a hardship on some students. Moore said the bridge will be replaced by pipe as soon as possible.

Emergency Loans Approved

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The County Rural Development Panel, which consists of the Extension Service District Health Department, Employment Security Commission, ASCS, Soil Conservation Service and FmHA representatives assessed the damages and estimated significant loss for corn, soybeans and peanuts on a majority of the farms in the county. Application was made during the last of August to obtain the designation for the county.

Loans must be based on substantial losses resulting from the weather conditions. A production loss of 20 per cent or more in at least one basic crop must have occurred. Farmers must be able to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere to meet their actual needs. The farmer must have a cash flow repayment ability to pay the loan back with projections based on his crop yields and overall income and expenses for the past four to five years.

The law provides for disaster emergency credit to recognize farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Howell said the farmers would need to get their crops in and know what their losses are in order to qualify for the loan.

FmHA, a U.S. Department of Agriculture agency, makes disaster emergency loans at varying rates and for terms consistent with the borrower's repayment ability. Amounts offsetting actual losses are generally loaned at a low interest rate. Additional amounts needed to restore or make necessary changes in farm operations are loaned at general prevailing market rates.

Britt Given 18-Month Active Sentence

Charlie Joe Britt, 18-year-old Negro, Route 1, Tynar, was sentenced to 18 months in jail Tuesday in Chowan County District Court on a reduced charge involving the disappearance of an automobile.

Judge John T. Chaffin sentenced Britt to 18 months on the count of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

A companion, Ernell Stanley, 17-year-old Negro, Route 2, Edenton, was given a suspended sentence on the same charge. Stanley was sentenced to 12 months, suspended upon payment of \$250 fine and costs, his court appointed attorney's fee, and \$1,000 for damage to the vehicle. He gave notice of appeal.

The two were arrested August 13 following the disappearance of a 1972 Porsche owned by Dr. Allen Hornthal.

Authorities said the transmission of the sports car was damaged because Britt and Stanley were not able to properly drive the vehicle.

Plans Progress For Celebration Of Tea Party

According to Mrs. Terry Wackelin, Edenton Historical Commission's appointee to organize and supervise the October 25th celebration of the 206th anniversary of the famous Edenton Tea Party, plans are progressing well for a wide variety of activities of interest to all ages.

In addition to day-long demonstrations by the 2nd N.C. Regiment of Foot, a Revolutionary re-enactment group, there will be colonial games and entertainment for children, crafts and contests for adults, and plenty of 18th Century food cooked in iron cauldrons over open fires.

Mrs. Wackelin has named the following to head up these and various other elements of the operations: Jane Williams, Annette Woglom, Walter Abbe, Ken Branch, Carol Sick, Lynn Donovan, Mac Self and Norm Bullard.

The Tea Party celebration, itself a non-profit activity which it is hoped will appeal to the entire community, is intended to serve also as a kick-off for the Edenton Historical Commission's annual fund-raising drive.

Open House

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 fantry, posting of colors, roll call, and the reading of mobilization orders.

Open House displays will include over 23 stations displaying everything from old uniforms and equipment to the new guided missile system. Firing demonstrations by the 1st North Carolina Volunteers and Company C 1st BN, 119th Infantry will be performed every half hour. Refreshments will be served by the National Guard Ladies Auxillary. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Edenton joins North Carolina in saluting those who served their country then, and those who serve in today's National Guard.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Michael Johnson prosecuted the docket. The following other action was taken:

Leon G. Ange, two counts of worthless checks, dismissed.

Kirk Douglas Basnight, speeding, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs.

Rhonda Nichols McGuinness, no liability insurance, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Lonia Bell Chesson, inspection violation, \$35 fine and costs.

William Skittlethorpe, Jr., drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Grace Holley, worthless check, dismissed.

John Henry Krumpelman, exceeding safe speed, cited and failed.

Samuel Downing, no operator's license and drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs.

Henry Clay Brooks, assault on a female, nine months, suspended upon payment of \$300 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Matthew Blount, inspection violation, \$40 fine and costs.

James Harris, speeding, \$35 fine and costs.

Young Democrats To Organize

The Albemarle Region Young Democrats Organization will be holding its first organizational meeting at the Edenton Municipal building, on September 16 at 7:30 P.M. Richard Winslow, who will be in charge of the initial meeting said, "Our hope here in the Albemarle region is to spark the vast potential of Young Democrats to become active members in the world's best political party."

"Our overriding aim is to help the senior party elect Democrats from the Courthouse to the White House," Winslow said.

In closing Winslow said, "The YDNC is a good organization with unbelievable potential. I sincerely ask that all Albemarle Region Democrats between the age of 18 and 35 join us at our meeting on September 16 at the Edenton Municipal Building.

Workshop Is Scheduled For Volunteers; Substitutes

A series of workshops for veteran and prospective substitute teachers and school volunteers, jointly, has been scheduled for September 17-19 at the Edenton Municipal Building. Registration for the workshops will begin at 9 A.M. on September 17. Workshops will continue daily until 3 P.M.

According to James Pressley, director of instruction, the workshops are being conducted differently this year to offer participants concentrated training during three consecutive days. In past years, several workshops have been held throughout the school year. School principals and volunteer coordinators and teachers will assist with the training sessions.

New substitute teachers will be required to attend the day long sessions on all three days before being eligible to receive substitute teacher certification. Substitutes with previous certification will only be required to attend from 9 A.M. to 12 noon on Sept. 17.

There are no mandatory attendance requirements for volunteers. However, Mary Rhea Gardner, community Education director, strongly urges all interested in serving as volunteers to attend as many sessions as possible. Teachers and volunteers will be on hand to enlighten prospective volunteers on expectations and duties performed. On-site classroom observations are being planned for volunteers,

as well as substitutes.

Health Department representatives are cooperating with the workshop by administering T.B. skin tests to those who will become substitutes. The skin tests, which are precautionary and required of those working with students will be read by health nurses on the last day of the workshop.

Judge Allsbrook To Hear Docket

Judge Richard B. Allsbrook of Roanoke Rapids will preside over a term of Chowan County Superior Court which opens September 22 with grand jury action. The grand jury is to appear at 10 A.M.

Those chosen for regular jury duty will report at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday.

Asst. Dist. Atty. H. F. Williams, Jr., of Elizabeth City, will prosecute the criminal docket.

There are 24 cases on the grand jury calendar and 72 cases on the arraignment and motions calendar.

David Ross and Raleigh S. Perry are scheduled to be tried on two counts each of common law robbery.

Two defendants, Charles Phillip Bond and John Robert Bush, are expected to face trial on several charges growing out of the armed robbery of Fast Fare on North Broad Street.

Helms' Bill Response Good

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A Senate committee has taken favorable action on a bill introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms aimed at increasing grain exports for the state's farmers.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry unanimously approved the Helms bill (S. 2569) which would permit the N.C. Department of Agriculture to inspect grain exported from the state.

Under existing federal regulations, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) must handle the inspections.

Helms maintains the federal inspection costs which exceed those of the state, place an unfair competitive burden on North Carolina.

Also, he pointed out, because of a grandfather clause, Virginia and South Carolina ports are permitted to inspect their own grain exports.

Earlier, Helms said, "North Carolina can meet and perhaps exceed all existing federal requirements for inspecting export grain but one. Under present federal regulations, North Carolina is unable to inspect grain for export because the state, on July 1, 1976, was not inspecting grain for export."

He said, "My bill would remove that arbitrary date criterion and lift the disadvantage and unnecessary burden—some federal regulation under which North Carolina must labor."

The senator noted that higher costs of federal inspections at such ports as Norfolk and Charleston can be absorbed more easily because of a greater volume of exporting. He said this would not be true in his homestate ports of Morehead City and Wilmington.

Sen. Herman E. Talmadge (D-GA), chairman of the committee, said he agreed with Helms that present regulations tended to put North Carolina in an unfair competitive position. Helms is ranking Republican member of the Committee.

In a related action, the Senate Agriculture Committee favorably reported another bill that would amend the United States Grain Standards Act.

The amendment would permit grain delivered to export elevators by any means of conveyance other than barge to be transferred into the export elevators without federal weighing.

Sen. Helms has favored this amendment because it reduces what he considers unnecessary federal regulation.