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C. B. Smith was elected chairman, after being nominated by E. L. Hollowell, who has shouldered numerous community, regional and state projects. Mrs. Clara Boswell, principal at Edenton-Chowan Alternative School, had made inspirational comments about our youth. It got her a round of applause and the ultimate vice-chairmanship of the county committee.

Sheriff Toppin and Chief Parrish were tickled to death by the large crowd. Both denied they had taken notes on those who had promised to come and didn't show up. There were those present old enough to remember the old Police Ball's where tickets were gobbled up before the ink dried, but both top law enforcement officers denied any resemblance.

"I firmly believe that it is only through the support, cooperation and involvement of the citizens of North Carolina that we can effectively combat crime in North Carolina," Gov. Hunt said recently "To do so, we must all participate in proven crime prevention programs such as Community Watch."

Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Burley Mitchell joined the governor in calling for citizen involvement in crime prevention. "There are over 6,500 active Community Watch Programs in North Carolina," Mitchell said, "which shows that people can get personally involved in the fight against crime. Our Crime Prevention Division is actively seeking citizen and law enforcement suggestions about the kinds of things we can do in crime prevention, such as the crime prevention committees we have helped establish over 80 of the 100 counties in North Carolina, and such as the 4-H and Girl Scout statewide programs to get young people involved in crime prevention."

Chowan County and the Town of Edenton may be late comers to the program. With the enthusiasm demonstrated by those in attendance Friday night, and the caliber of leadership which came forth, if you are a betting person you couldn't do better than to put your money on those from along the Public Parade.

### DUI Arrests

Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Burley Mitchell and Highway Patrol Commander John Jenkins recently announced that the Highway Patrol made more arrests for driving under the influence during 1980 than in any year in the Patrol's history.

There were 48,270 motorists charged with DUI during 1980, an increase of 2,300 over 1979. More than half a million drivers have been charged with DUI since the patrol began its Drinking Driver-Chemical Test for Alcohol Program in 1966.

Mr. Mitchell said, "These figures, combined with the fact that we had 27 fewer traffic deaths in 1980 than in 1979, show that our emphasis on removing the drinking driver from the highway is paying significant dividends in



**WATCH THOSE ASHES**— Two times this week the Edenton Fire Department was called out to extinguish fires on garbage trucks caused by wood ashes that were smouldering. The Town of Edenton is cautioning all persons using wood stoves or fireplaces to be sure all ashes are completely extinguished before putting them out for collection. So far good fortune has prevailed. Non of the trucks have been damaged and no injuries have been reported.

## Bandit Gets 15 - 30 Years

The strawberry milkshake bandit was given a lengthy prison sentence in Chowan County Superior Court here last week. Carroll Henry Dockery, 22, was given a 15-30-year term on his plea of guilty to robbery at Hollowell & Blount Rexall Drugs on South Broad Street.

At the same time, Steve Wright, 20, was given a four-year term for being an accessory after the fact of the felony.

Judge Michael Bruce of Mt. Olive made a condition of the judgment that if either man becomes eligible for parole or work release he is to pay a fine of \$2,000 and costs of court and make restitution to Hollowell & Blount. The court found that \$600 was the cost of the drugs taken in the mid-October robbery.

Dockery reportedly spent some 45 minutes in the drug store, casually drinking a strawberry milkshake while the busy afternoon traffic cleared out. He held the clerks and customers at bay while he presented W. H. Hollowell, Jr., a shopping list of drugs.

The robber then left the store via the South Broad Street entrance, highway safety. I am proud of the patrol's DUI enforcement and wholeheartedly encourage the continued emphasis on removing the drinking driver from our highways."

Col. Jenkins said, "I am confident that the efforts of the members of the patrol were instrumental in preventing an increase in the death toll in 1980. We are not interested in establishing arrest records, but I believe that every drinking driver we remove from the highway is one needless death or injury we have prevented."

A word to the wise should be sufficient.

walked down East King Street and fled in an awaiting car which was parked on Water Street.

When Edenton Police Department broadcast the alarm, Robert Hendrix, juvenile probation officer, heard the message and took the license number of a suspicious car on Highway 32, north of Edenton. The number was traced to Dockery, but he went AWOL before sufficient evidence could be obtained to obtain a warrant for his arrest.

He was arrested at his South Carolina home by the FBI and returned to Edenton on Christmas Eve.

Wright, who resides in Hampton, Va., surrendered to local officers in mid-January.

## Special Meeting Of School Board

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 7:30 P.M. Monday. The meeting will be held in the Third Floor conference room of the County Office Building on East King Street.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, stated that the purpose of this meeting will be to get in budget preparations for 1981-82. The NJROTC program which is proposed for John A. Holmes High School will also be considered.

## Surcharge

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Television gave the council an update on progress being made in this area. He said the system, which is being expanded to include portions of Chowan and Perquimans counties and the Town of Hertford, will be in operation in Edenton within five or six months.

Councilman Ricks brought up another issue which usually raises Mayor Harrell's ire—a loop road or thoroughfare plan. He said good planning dictates that this be discussed when addressing such issues as the widening of Badham Road and another access off U. S. 17 bypass.

Mayor Harrell said he doesn't object to hearing from State Department of Transportation engineers. He did say it should be at a special meeting where the matter is the only item on the agenda.

In other matters, council adopted a recreation ordinance, which Dr. Hornthal explained is aimed at the day the town assumes control of the National Guard Army on North Broad Street. Councilman Ricks made note of the fact that the document addresses the existence of 18 individual recreation areas.

Former Mayor George Alma Byrum, chairman of the Edenton Historical Commission, got the town's support of special legislation to have the state purchase the Ziegler Property on Broad Street as a state owned and operated visitor center.

## Courthouse; Hardware Store Break-Ins Being Investigated

Two break-ins involving the theft of small amounts of cash from Parker-Evans Hardware and the Chowan County Courthouse are currently under investigation by the Edenton Police Department. Both appear to have taken place in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Cpl. McCoy Parker discovered the break-in at Parker-Evans Hardware at 2:47 A.M. Entry had been made by breaking a glass in the front door of the store. Between \$10 and \$30 was taken from the store's drink machine funds, but change left in a cash register was not touched.

A custodian making his round Wednesday morning found that the Clerk of Court office had been entered. Investigators believe entry was made through a bathroom window on the first floor

## Local Merchants Set Promotion

Twenty-six merchants in Edenton are conducting a cooperative George Washington's Birthday Sale this weekend. In conjunction with this promotion local merchants will begin a program of remaining open until 9 P.M. on Fridays.

The Merchants Committee of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce has solicited cooperation from all area merchants in this endeavor. It is but one step in an ongoing program by local merchants to accommodate the entire family.

Realizing the average working couple has a minimum amount of time available to make necessary purchases together, it is felt regular Friday night openings will be welcomed.

Merchants point out that by making it easier to shop locally customers benefit not only by added convenience but also realize substantial savings in gasoline cost.

Participants in the cooperative sales promotion are:

A&P, P. H. Rose, Tarkington's, Parker-Evans Hardware, Edenton Furniture, Albemarle Tire Service, Jackson's Radio & TV, Elliott Company, Quinn Furniture, Jay's Clothing, Davis Jewelers, Betty Shoppe, and Cuthrell's Department Store.

Also, Byrum Hardware Company, Winn-Dixie, Belk-Tyler, Ben Riddick Jewelers, Carpet & Appliance Plaza, Mitchener's Pharmacy, Hollowell & Blount Rexall, Creywood Oil Company, Western Gas, Montgomery Ward, B. B. Furniture, Western Auto and Macks.

## River Restoration

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Summers said: "Don't let anyone push you around just because you happen to be downstream from a problem. There is a way to get those upstream to work with you."

Earlier, Dr. Grigg said he believes North Carolina has made significant progress to cause Virginia to address the problem more aggressively.

Capt. Al Howard, chairman of the Chowan Regional Task Force, cited progress made in the past two years. He also called on elected officials to join the task force in moving forward with the program, including the Albemarle Sound.

While Phillips said a great deal of progress has been made recently, and while he thinks "we are gaining," much, much more remains to be done.

During the afternoon session Dr. Gerald W. Esch of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem predicted that the Albemarle Sound would be technically dead by 2000 if the pollution is not curbed. Most of his time was spent describing his study of the red sore disease on fish.

He said the sound has a way to recharge itself if pollution is curbed. What can be done? "Quit loading the sound with all kinds of junk," he answered.

of the courthouse. A large screw driver may have been used to force open the door leading into the offices where change from the employees' coffee fund was taken.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, Clerk of Superior Court, said her desk as well as several others had been

tampered with, but attempts to break into the District Attorney's office and the courthouse vault were unsuccessful.

Damages were listed as minor. Handling the investigations are Cpl. Parker, Patrolman Fred Spruill, Patrolman Linard Bonner and Capt. C. H. Williams.

## Proceeds From 'Cinderella' Earmarked For Heart Fund

Edenton Little Theater's upcoming performance of "Cinderella" promises to be quite special. In keeping with the Valentine spirit, admission has been set as \$1 for adults, 50 cents for unaccompanied children, and children accompanied by their parents will be admitted free.

While this comic version is certainly not just for kids, the purpose of the pricing is to allow families to come to either the 7:30 P. M. Thursday or Friday performance without overtaxing their budget and enjoy this special Valentine treat together.

As a further extension of this spirit of giving, all proceeds of the

shows will be donated to the Heart Fund.

On Wednesday night the residents of ElderLodge and Oak Leaf Home have been invited to a special preview performance.

On Thursday and Friday everyone is invited to J. A. Holmes High School Auditorium for the regularly scheduled performances.

Much effort has gone into the special effects and costuming, and there will be a surprise for all the children in the audience, so be sure to take your Valentine to Little Theater's Valentine for the area, "Cinderella!"

## Coastal Zone Management Evaluation Set

The federal Office of Coastal Zone Management will conduct a public meeting here today (Thursday) as part of a site visit in conjunction with its evaluation of the North Carolina coastal management program. The meeting will be held at 7 P.M. in the Municipal Building.

The purpose of the evaluation is to see how well the state is carrying out its work program and meeting the objectives of its coastal management program.

Written testimony will be accepted until February 21 and should be directed to Rosella Sussman, Office of Coastal Zone Management, 3300 Whitehaven Street, Washington, D.C. 20235.

## Crime Prevention Is Stressed

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everence to the point where one insurance company is giving a discount on premiums for certification that personal property is properly marked.

Mrs. Clara Boswell, principal of Edenton-Chowan Alternative School, said she is ready to take a stand for our young people. She called on citizens to take the resources "we have in our head and put it in our heart."

Sheriff Troy Toppin and Edenton Police Chief J. D. Parrish both expressed appreciation for the large attendance.

Sheriff Toppin hit on two areas where citizens could impact immediately. One is reporting abuses at trash dumpsters and the new courthouse parking lots.

Mrs. Fran Ward, county extension agent, said the 16 homemaker clubs in the county

have adopted the project. Murray Goodwin, another agent, said the 4-H's are also taking crime prevention on as a project.

George Stokes, who acted as temporary chairman for the organizational meeting hosted by Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, commended the group for the interest and presided at the election of permanent officers.

C. B. Smith was elected chairman; Mrs. Boswell, vice chairman; and Mrs. Shirley Swain, secretary.

Smith greeted his selection as chairman by saying, "Help!"

The group agreed to hold another meeting at 7:30 P.M. on March 11 at the American Legion Building. Community and representatives from various organizations are expected to attend.



**CRIME FIGHTERS**— Citizen involvement in crime prevention will be stressed by a committee which organized Friday night. C. B. Smith, left, is chairman of the group, which was spearheaded by Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion. Mrs. Clara Boswell, standing, is vice chairman; and Mrs. Shirley Swain is secretary. With them is George Stokes, temporary chairman.

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