



## Public Parade

### Other Moves

We have been so caught up in our own personal happenings of late that two other moves are tardy of being mentioned along the Public Parade. The law offices of Earnhardt & Busby are now in a new location on East Queen Street and Dr. James F. O'Leary has moved to the Earnhardt Building on West Eden Street.

Dr. O'Leary is engaged in the practice of medicine, with a speciality in surgery.

Although we believe editorial license carries greater weight than medical ethics, we will merely say we are glad Dr. O'Leary and his family have made this commitment to the community. They are an asset and we need more professionals and families like the O'Learys.

But we have a problem with the Earnhardt & Busby crowd. There hangs in a prominent place in our office (which includes only areas that can be seen) a "Complaint" from the firm. While we were somewhat proud of the damages sought, to wit, \$1-million, their humor fell on one of our bad days, but we've enjoyed the joke.

Like the people on Cheapside, the Busbys - Max and Charles - quickly found out that the Chowan County Courthouse had been relocated on North Broad Street. Since it is much easier for us to walk than move, we have stayed put. The law firm did otherwise.

We challenged Max the other day about how he got his exercise since he was just across the street from the \$2.5-million building the public built for lawyers to practice in. "I am still nailing shingles on the roof," he replied.

Max and brother Charles have exerted blood, sweat, and probably, if the truth be known, tears in renovations at the East Queen Street location.

And there is something new coming to Cheapside about which we will have more to say later.

### Not Keeping Up

Business along the Public Parade is not keeping pace with Washington County across Albemarle Sound. Month-by-month our neighbors to the south report greater retail sales, a good means to measure counties of almost equal size.

The N. C. Department of Revenue distributed a total of \$86,185.08 in Chowan County from the 1 per cent local option sales and use tax for the quarter ending June 30. At the same time, the Washington County total exceeded \$100,000.

Secretary Mark G. Lynch reported that Chowan County received \$68,613.50 while the Town of Edenton's share was \$17,571.58.

A total of more than \$54-million was distributed across the state with the following totals for other Albemarle Area counties:

Camden, \$25,480.12; Currituck, \$62,950.25; Dare, \$274,090.39; Gates, \$26,829.35; Hyde, \$32,100.28; Pasquotank, \$356,719.28; Perquimans, \$38,232.36; Tyrrell, \$23,894.31; and Washington, \$100,621.73.

As we said, Chowan County, by these numbers, just isn't keeping up.

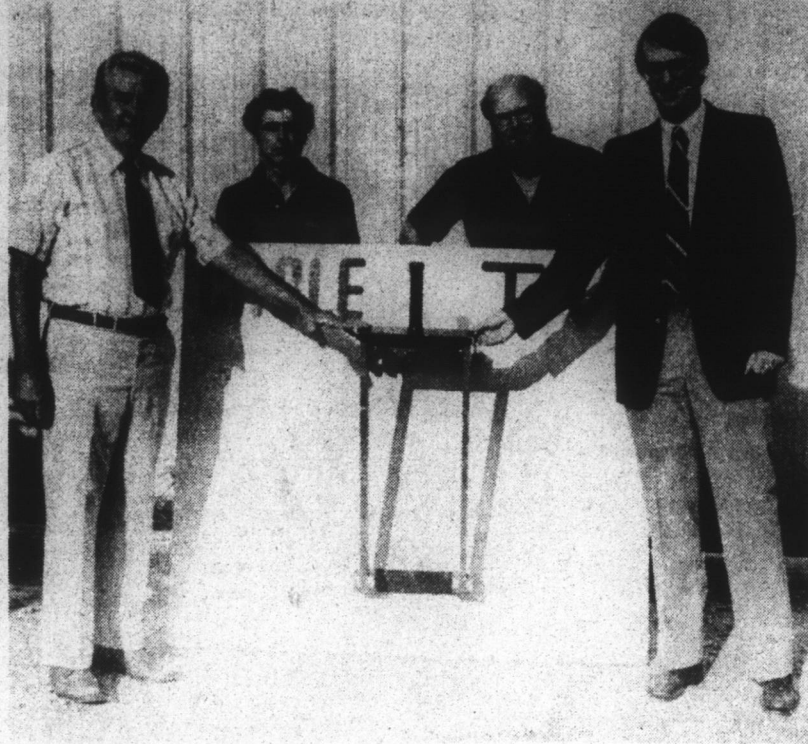
### In Tourism Either

Expenditures in North Carolina's travel and tourism industry in 1980 increased by 16 per cent to \$2.4-billion, according to the recently completed survey. But not along the Public Parade.

Chowan County, according to estimated expenditures, was 15 per cent behind 1979. For 1980 the estimated expenditure amounted to \$1,032,000 while the total for the previous year was \$1,220,000.

The nine other Albemarle Area counties showed an increase ranging from Dare's 7 per cent to Pasquotank's 22 per cent. In between were: Camden, 18; Currituck, 21; Gates, 18; Hyde, 11;

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**THROWING THE SWITCH** - Mayor Roy Harrell and County Manager Cliff Copeland throw the switch which opened Albemarle Cable's new cable service in this area. Vice president of System Development Don Vicinni, back left, and President Vince Ridikas, back right, observe their system being turned on.

## Cable TV Begins Service To Chowan-Perquimans Area

By Jeff Winslow

Cable T.V. has arrived in the Chowan-Perquimans area, thanks to Albemarle Cable. The selection to be found on this new cable circuit, ranges from sports, movies and news, to educational and children's programs

Located on U.S. 17 Business North, Albemarle Cable is a division of Compass Corporation, which was started in September 1980. The main office for Compass Corporation is located in Erie, Penn.

There are 25 channels on the new cable, 12 of which are transmitted by Albemarle Cable's 160-foot tower here in Edenton. The other 13 channels are received via a satellite-to-earth system.

There are several things that separate cable T.V. from regular television programs. One unique feature is that on the cable there are different channels that pertain to one specific subject, such as sports, news or movies.

Another feature is evident on the

channels that show movies all day, such as HBO and Cinemax. These stations show full-length movies without commercial interruptions.

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John Thomas Nixon

## John T. Nixon, 19 Shooting Victim

An Edenton man, David Thomas Nixon, 120 Morris Circle, allegedly shot and killed his 19-year-old son, John Thomas Nixon, in the early morning hours of August 30.

The Edenton Police Department responded to the call at 12:57 A.M. Investigation indicated that a .45 caliber weapon was involved.

Witnesses heard them arguing and then heard shots being fired, police report. The investigating officers, Cpl. F. M. Parker and Patrolman D. E. Jethro and Bland Terry, found six to seven bullet holes in the house, most of which were in the ceiling.

Nixon, charged with murder and released under a \$20,000 bond, made a first appearance in the Chowan County District Court on September 1. His probable cause appearance is scheduled for September 29. The Edenton Police are still investigating the matter.

John Thomas Nixon was born January 8, 1962, in Norfolk, Va., son of Mrs. Minnie Hughes and Mr. David T. Nixon, both of Edenton.

In addition to his parents, surviving is his step-mother, Mrs. Daye D. Nixon; his step-father, Bert Hughes, both of Edenton; the paternal grandmother, Mrs. Josephine L. Nixon of Edenton; the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lassiter of Driver, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Judy A. Skinner of Edenton; and a step-sister, Mrs. Teresa Forward of Edenton.

Graveside rites were held at 2 P.M. Tuesday at the Nixon Family Cemetery, Route 1, Edenton, with Rev. George Cooke and Rev. Donald Wagner officiating.

Pallbearers were: Earl Bunch, Eugene Bass, Wayne Long and David Dail.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Petition Filed For \$47.2-Mil. In Added Funds For CT & T

TARBORO - Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company on August 27 filed a request with the N. C. Utilities Commission for a rate increase of about \$47.2-million.

"If the request is granted, it would mean an increase of \$3.40 a month for our smallest exchanges to \$4.35 for our largest exchanges for basic local residential service," said Ted P. Williamson, vice president for Carolina Telephone. "We are not asking for an increase in telephone instrument rental charges.

"Meanwhile there may be an increase in statewide long distance rates. If such an increase is effective prior to a decision on our local rate increase, then we will not need as big an increase on local service rates. Revenues from long distance service has paid nearly one half of the cost of home telephone service for the past 20 years and any additional long distance revenues will reduce the size of our rate increase request," Williamson said.

The commission is expected to hold public hearings in early 1982 before ruling on the company's proposal, and rates are not expected to change before next year.

Williamson said that the company's request includes increases in basic local service rates, installation and change charges, extended area service (EAS) rates, and other supplemental service and equipment rates and charges.

The Tarboro-based utility got

## Peanut Growers Assn. To Meet

David T. Bateman, president of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association, has announced the annual meeting of the association for September 10 at the Peanut Belt Research Station, Lewiston at 10 A.M.

Bateman, a peanut grower from Chowan County, said, "We are pleased to have our Association join hands with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Research Service, North Carolina State University in highlighting peanuts and it's importance to the economy of North Carolina.

All peanut growers in North Carolina are invited and encouraged to attend their annual meeting. Bateman stated, "We want our growers to know, first hand, what the association is doing in areas of legislation, promotion, education and research". In addition to a brief business meeting of the association, Rep. Charles Rose, chairman, House Subcommittee on Peanuts and Tobacco and Frank McGill, "Mr. Peanut", U.S.A. will make very timely remarks.

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## Chowan County Schedule Noted For Labor Day Holiday

Labor Day, Monday, usually marks the end of the summer season. It also signals a time for a holiday for many workers.

Monday will be a general holiday in Edenton and Chowan County. All county, state and federal offices will be closed.

There will be no trash collection Monday. Pickups will be made Tuesday and Thursday on the East Side and Wednesday and Friday on the West Side.

The U. S. Postal Service will operate on a normal holiday schedule Monday. No residential, business, or rural delivery will be provided, according to Postmaster James M. Bond.

Jerry Hendee, executive vice president of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, has made a survey of business establishments remaining open. They in-

clude: Belk-Tyler, Betty Shoppe, Cuthrell's, Elliott's, Pope's, Roses, TG&Y, and all grocery stores.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish joins the State Highway Patrol in calling attention to motorists of usually heavy traffic on holidays. Sgt. Glenn L. Swanson of Greenville, traffic safety information officer for the region, urges motorists to prepare physically as well as mentally for a trip.

Addressing usual tragic accidents, Capt. Carl Gilchrist of Troop A. says: "It doesn't have to be this way. If every individual would shoulder his or her responsibility, we would not have the grief brought on by a tragic accident."

The usual advice from every quarter is to have a fun holiday, but make it safe and sane!

A Municipal Election in the Town of Edenton will be held November 3. The election will be conducted by the Chowan County Board of Elections, of which Felix P. Chambers is chairman.

Chambers, through Marjorie T. Allen, supervisor of elections, released the following information pertaining to the election:

Absentee voting will be allowed in the Municipal Election on November 3. Ballots will be available as soon as can be printed after filing deadline at noon on October 2.

Persons may make applications for absentee voting beginning September 4, until October 29, at 5 P.M. One-stop voting begins Tuesday, October 6.

The Election Board will be required to meet to approve absentee voting applications. During the period opening 30 days before an election in which absentee ballots are authorized and closing at 5 P.M. on the Thursday before the elections, the County Board of Elections shall hold public meetings at 10 A.M. on Tuesday and Friday on each week, and it shall also hold public meetings at 10 A.M. on the eighth, fifth, third and first days immediately preceding election day.

The County Board of Elections shall not be required to hold any of the meetings prescribed by this subdivision unless, since its last preceding meeting, it actually has received one or more applications for absentee ballots which it has not passed upon.

investment, but the company contends that the increases allowed were insufficient and that the allowable return is far below what any investor expects today.

Williamson said, "The rate case process which takes over a year puts Carolina Telephone far behind before prices can be raised and that it is nearly impossible for

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## Former Teacher Taken In Death

Mrs. Aileen Murray Bunch, 76, Route 1, Edenton, died August 29 following an extended illness. She was a former school teacher in Chowan and Person counties.

Mrs. Bunch was born October 3, 1904, daughter of the late Robert Mason and Ida Pulliam Murray. She was the wife of Lloyd C. Bunch, who survives.

In addition to her husband, surviving are two sons: Fred C. Bunch of Edenton; and Harold Lloyd Bunch, Route 1, Edenton; a daughter, Mrs. Huley Winborne of Edenton; a sister Mrs. Gladys M. Smith of Edenton; 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bunch was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church where she was active in the WMU, was an honorary member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the State Soil and Water Conservation; and a member of Matoca Council No. 10, Degree of Pocahontas.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 P.M. Monday in Rocky Hock Baptist Church with Rev. Donald Wagner in charge. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery with her grandsons serving as pallbearers.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Willis McCoy Privott, Jr.

## Privott To Attend School Of Medicine

GREENVILLE - East Carolina University has accepted 52 students from North Carolina into the first year class at the School of Medicine.

Among the students will be Willis McCoy Privott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Privott, Sr., 136 Tylers Lane.

The students represent 33 counties in the state and 21 universities. Thirteen of the students received either undergraduate or graduate degrees from East Carolina.

The class was selected from more than 1,100 applicants. Fourteen of the students are women.

Last year ECU accepted 40 students in to the entering class. The Liaison Committee on Medical Education granted the medical school full accreditation in May and gave permission to increase the first-year enrollment to 52 students.

The school now has 172 enrolled in the four-year medical education program. The first 28 graduates of the school received their medical degrees in May.