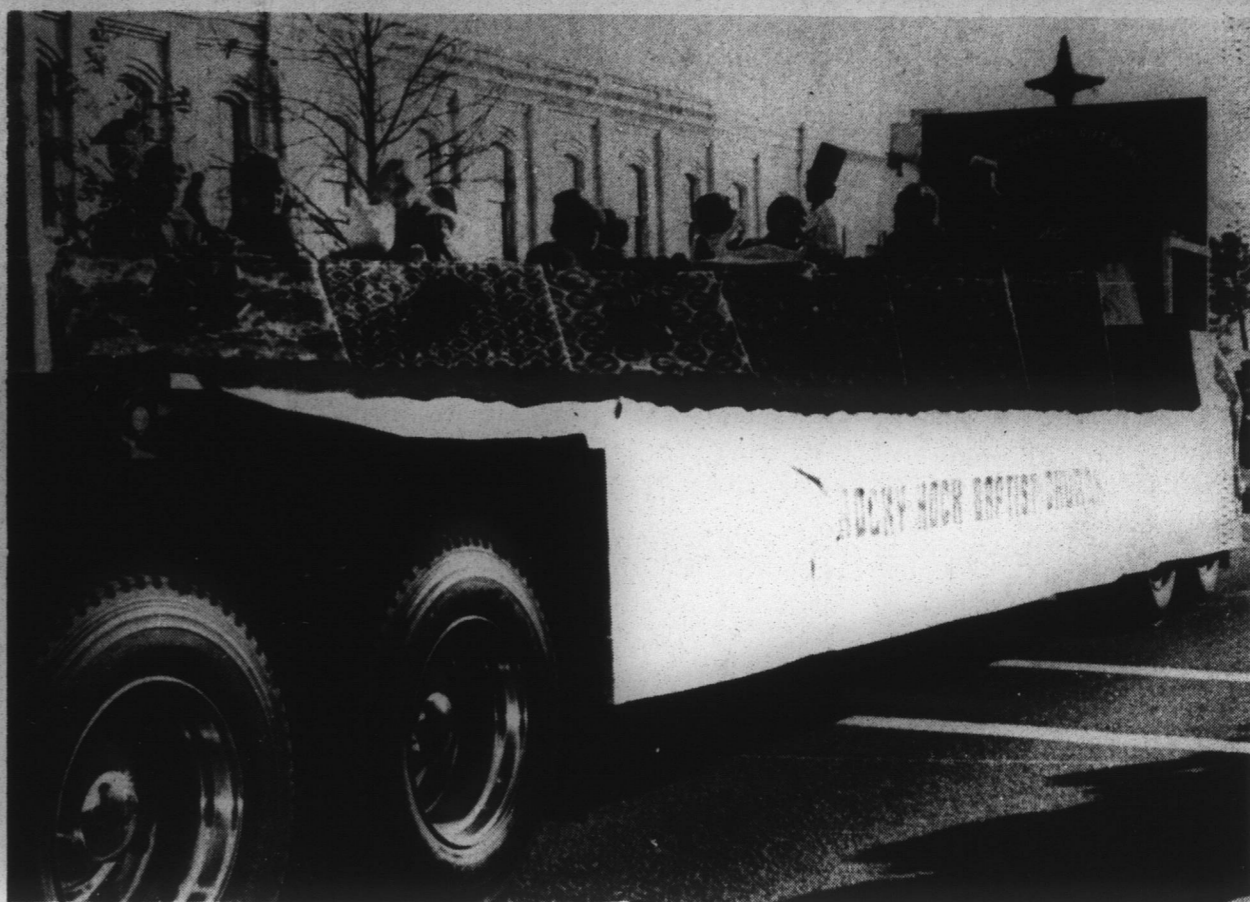


SANTA CLAUS IS COMING — Santa Claus was indeed present at the Christmas Parade. Almost all of the smaller children shouted greetings to him, which he answered with a smile and wave. The float was sponsored by the Edenton Jaycettes and was awarded second place. (Staff photo by Barbie Britton).



THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL — This float won first place in Sunday's Christmas Parade. The Rocky Hock Baptist Church entered it and their time and efforts were well rewarded. There were several good floats and a little of everything in this year's parade. (Staff photo by Jeffrey W. Winslow).

Public Parade

Another Plug

"Open House In Edenton" is the title of a 30-page story which will appear in the January-February issue of Colonial Homes magazine.

Colonial Homes is distributed along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina by Elizabeth City News Company. The magazine will appear on news racks beginning December 17.

"Ye olde towne on Queen Anne's Creek" is a sleeping giant of the historic scene and is popular material for creative writers and photographers. While we haven't seen a preview copy of Colonial Homes magazine we anticipate special treatment.

This is just another plug for Edenton, which ranks among the best in getting free publicity.

Northeast Flavor

The N. C. Board of Natural Resources and Community Development has its first vice chairman, Roberts H. Jernigan, Jr., of Ahoskie. This gives the board a continued Northeast flavor since Sec. Joe Grimsley of NRCD serves as chairman.

Gov. James B. Hunt's choice of Roberts of neighboring Hertford County is good for North Carolina and just "super" for Northeastern Tar Heelia. Mr. Jernigan is a veteran of 18 years in the General Assembly and his talent was well used in working with a state commission which established the department.

Gov. Hunt appointed J. Gilliam Wood of Hayes Plantation along the Public Parade as chairman of the board in his first four-year term. The Edentonian was most vocal in criticism of state government's lack of clout in saving the Chowan River from destruction. It was at Wood's insistence that Gov. Hunt personally became involved, making the river his top environmental priority.

However, Mr. Wood had become so disenchanted with the bureaucracy that he resigned. Gov. Hunt never publicly acknowledged the resignation.

Later Mr. Wood's indictment of point sources in Hertford County drew the ire of Joe Parker, Ahoskie politico and newspaper publisher. Now that a top NRCD post is in a new camp, and a strong environmental advocate (Dr. Neil Grigg) is moving back to Colorado, it will be interesting to monitor future developments.

Mr. Jernigan and Mr. Parker are strong advocates of Northeastern North Carolina getting more exposure in industrial development. In fact, they have both courted interests in Virginia. Whether this courtship will develop into any sort of marriage remains to be seen. Mr. Jernigan will have to divorce himself from the matter if he is to be effective in his new role in state government.

Since Sec. Grimsley serves as chairman of the board Mr. Jernigan has a more important role

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SOUTH CAROLINIANS BRIEFED — A delegation from a citizens group in South Carolina met in Edenton last week to obtain information about the effects of Union Camp Corporation at Franklin, Va., on the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound. Dan Bell, seated left, and two unidentified colleagues are shown with local officials during the discussion at Edenton Municipal Airport. Capt. Alfred Howard, standing right, gave an overview of the Chowan Restoration Task Force. Howard is chairman of the project. Seated are: Dr. Bob Holman, partially hidden; Cliff Copeland, county manager; Murray Nixon, a task force member; J. D. Peele, a member of Chowan County commissioners; and W. Earl Smith, a member of the N. C. Marine Fisheries Commission.

Effects On Water Quality To Be Studied

A delegation of South Carolina environmentalists came to Chowan County last week to obtain lay information about the affects of Union Camp Corporation at Franklin, Va., on water quality in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound. They said they wanted to be armed with information to combat "a wealth of statistics and the glamorous public relations" of Union Camp spokesmen.

Capt. Alfred Howard of Arrowhead Beach, chairman of the Chowan Restoration Task Force, assembled a cross section of people with interest in water quality here. They included Dr. Bob Holman, a scientist with the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development who is stationed here; Cliff Copeland, county manager; J. D. Peele, a fisherman who is a member of Chowan County Board of Commissioners;

AADA To Hold Yearly Banquet

People from throughout Northeastern North Carolina will gather in Edenton Tuesday night for the joint business appreciation and annual banquet of the 10-county Albemarle Area Development Association.

Edward Brown of Hertford, president of AADA, has announced that the event will begin at 7 P. M. in the American Legion Building on West Queen Street Extended. A steak dinner will be served.

"We anticipate a large crowd at this important year-end banquet to show their appreciation for area businesses which will be recognized and to elect new officers for 1982," Brown said.

and Murray Nixon, who has business interests on the river.

Allen Morris, a newspaper publisher in the area where Union Camp proposes to build a new plant, pointed out that the area has "a billion dollar industry already in place" with the Santee Cooper reservoir. "It draws people from throughout the nation," he added.

Morris and others in the delegation which met at Edenton Municipal Airport said years of scientific study had gone into weed control development and there is a fear that Union Camp's discharge would "tremendously increase the growth".

Capt. Howard said the Union Camp discharge has a "tremendous" impact on the fishing industry. Peele gave specifics of the decline in the herring catch as well as sports fish.

Dr. Holman said the industry has acres and acres of holding ponds and dump the affluent in the

winter months. He supported Howard's claim of damage from Union Camp.

Peele made a graphic statement about why herring refuse to come into the river to spawn. He said it was like a room full of smoke; once it is full no more can enter and it must go somewhere else. "The fish are smart and they don't want to stay in filthy water," he added. "It's just like throwing a curtain across the window," he said.

Nixon said their are a lot of diseased fish in the waters of Chowan and Albemarle. "And we are getting complaints about the taste of fish which have escaped the disease," he charged.

Calvin Baynard, director of Santee Cooper Country, said Union Camp had distributed publicity claiming that the biggest environmental problem would be noise from the plant. "They have told us that the water they put

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NEW CHAMBER MEMBER — Jerry Hendee, the Executive Vice-President of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, welcomes Dick Schroeder, the owner of the Fish Market, Etc. restaurant and deli at 427 S. Broad Street, into the Chamber of Commerce. Schroeder was elected as part of 1981 membership campaign.

Weekend Christmas Parade Enjoyed By Close To 2,000

Everyone loves a parade! At least so it was last Sunday afternoon when a crowd estimated at upwards of 2000 turned out to ooh and aah over Edenton's annual Christmas parade. Forty one entrants ranging from Brownie and Cub scout troops to a mounted horse group from Hertford paraded down Broad street. With Christmas as their theme, most of the floats and entries reminded the onlookers that Christ is indeed alive and doing well. A generous sprinkling of floats from area churches captured the true meaning of Christmas. Indeed, the first place winner in the parade competition (in the eyes of the judges), was the float entered by the Rocky Hock Baptist Church, titled, "The Greatest Gift Of All".

The judges for the parade were, Pat Storie, Dick Schroeder, and Bill Pierce, all of Edenton.

Second place in the judging went to the Edenton Jaycettes for their Santa float. The third place winner was the Edenton Fire department whose float depicted the "Whole Story of Christmas."

The judges were also asked to give honorable mention to those floats and entries which showed extra effort, initiative, innovation or dedication to the idea of Christmas. There were many floats that showed real effort on the parts of those people involved

in their preparation, but the judges selected the following from this larger group. They are listed in order they appeared in the parade.

Sponsoring groups: John A. Holmes H. S. DECA; Chowan Edenton Optimist Club; Sweetheart Club of Edenton; Chowan Ruritan Club; John A. Holmes H. S. Art Club; Roanoke-Chowan Shrine Club; Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club; Hertford Saddle Club.

The overall quality of the parade was high and the judges had a difficult time in making their selections. Of particular note, and excluded from the judging because of the special nature of their performances, were the bands from John A. Holmes High School, Perquimans High School and Northeastern High School from Elizabeth City. Also excluded was the Albemarle Pops Orchestra, under the direction of Joe Verdone. The Pops orchestra, in addition to being in the parade, also gave an earlier concert of Christmas music in the parking lot next to the new court house.

The Jaycees, headed by President Gary Anderson, did an outstanding job in getting the parade lined up and getting it underway. It was a great parade and a great time was had by all.

Pre-Christmas Sale Event Is Planned

Twenty-one merchants in Edenton are participating in a pre-Christmas sale this weekend. The event is sponsored by the Merchants Committee of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and is expected to draw shoppers from throughout the area.

A 16-page advertising supplement is included in today's edition of The Chowan Herald. In addition, some 10,000 copies have been distributed by mail and hand delivered in Edenton, Hertford, and Windsor.

Merchants participating in this special promotion include:

Quinn Furniture Company, Byrum Hardware Company, Winn-Dixie, Macks, Belk-Tyler, Jackson's Radio and TV Service, A&P, Betty Shoppe, Cuthrell's Department Store, and Ben Riddick Jewelers.

Also, Elliott Company, Food Town, Parker-Evans Hardware Company, Montgomery Ward, BB Furniture Outlet, Jay's Clothing, Westers Gas, Davis Jewelers, Carpet & Appliance Plaza, P. H. Rose and Edenton Furniture Company.



Allan B. Asbell

Asbell Is Promoted To Assistant V.P.

RALEIGH — The Bank of North Carolina, N. A., has promoted Allan B. Asbell to assistant vice president in its Hobbsville office, it was announced today by J. Marshall Tetterton, senior vice president.

A native of Edenton, Asbell joined BNC in 1978. His current responsibilities include those of city executive in Hobbsville.

Active in community affairs, he is a member of the Hobbsville Jaycees, the Ruritan Club, and is past-Jaycee of the Year.

He is a graduate of Chowan High School and has completed the Robert Morris Commercial Lending School at East Carolina University in Greenville.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Asbell of Tyner, and has a daughter, Stephanie.