

Letter To The Herald Editor

The public should be aware that on Tuesday evening, April 13th, the Town Council will deal with the issue of whether "game parlors" (e.g., the Space Escape) should be added as permissible business occupants in the Downtown Commercial District as well as in outlying zoning districts. It is at least equally important that people be aware that the Space Escape, temporarily dislocated due to the remodeling of its former store for a new tenant, is now slated to be reopened on the rear of the same building (the old Roses building) with access from the parking area.

I am not writing to partake in the debate on the suitability of "game parlors" in the historic district or on the overall appropriateness of such establishments as hangouts for our young people. I am by no means anti-kid or unsympathetic with the lack of recreational facilities for the town's youth. Moreover, I am not writing to attack John Mitchener III. I believe that he has the town's best interests very much at heart, and I admire

his willingness to put his money where his mouth is. We'll have people like John to thank if Edenton's downtown commercial district survives and prospers while the downtown areas of Windsor, Williamston, Plymouth, Elizabeth City and most other eastern North Carolina towns go down the tubes.

However, I feel that at least as important an issue as the determination of appropriate zoning areas for game parlors is the specific issue of the current plan whereby the Space Escape would occupy a rear store in the remodeled building with access from the parking lot. I don't believe that either John Mitchener or the Space Escape operators intend to create a public nuisance, but this clearly would seem to be the inevitable result of locating the game parlor there. And, of course, if zoning regulations were to permit the Space Escape to situate there, then the potential for additional similar stores also facing the parking lot would exist.

It doesn't require much imagination to envision what the corner of the

parking lot sheltered by the County Office Building and the row of Broad Street stores would become in the evenings. That area would be open air gin mill and dope den with the accompanying noise, litter, ect. No matter how well the inside of the game parlor is regulated (and I have little doubt that the Space Escape operators will continue to do their best to run an orderly establishment), the parking lot will be a circus.

That parking lot abuts a residential neighborhood. My family and I are a part of it, residing on the Courthouse Green. Having relocated from the unsavory environment of a large city to Edenton almost three years ago, we had the evidently naive expectation that we would find a more wholesome and orderly situation here. After living through two summers in downtown Edenton, we're sadly disillusioned.

The downtown waterfront area during the warm weather months is bedlam. The summer of 1980 was bad. This past summer was just about unbearable. The unwillingness of our local police to get involved has amazed us. I have heard much about lenient laws that prevent our policemen

from keeping the peace. But whether it's due to lax laws, or the look-the-other-way attitude on the part of some (not all) of our police officers, or some combination of these factors, the peace is not kept.

To add to this grim situation a magnet for unruliness in the County Office Building parking lot would be a kick in the face to the residents of downtown Edenton. There are other more suitable, more public and more easily supervised locations for a game parlor than the one presently contemplated, and the citizens of downtown Edenton have the right to a peaceable environment, day and night.

My hope and prayer is that the Town Council will defend the downtown area from further disruption and that it will deal with the problems that contribute to the creeping deterioration in the quality of life in the downtown residential area. A step in the right direction would be to prevent the operation of a "game parlor" in the retail parking lot. I would urge all concerned citizens to make their opinions known prior to the April 13th meeting.

Very truly yours,
John Donovan

Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank the staff of Chowan Hospital and Chowan Nursing Facility, Unit C, for their excellent care during my recent stay.

A special thanks to Dr. Wright for his sincere concern and highly professional treatment.

I thank my family, my Pastor, and all my friends. God Bless you all.

Florence Lassiter chg.

Junior Livestock Show And Sale Slated

The 1982 Chowan County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held April 13 at the American Legion Fair Grounds. This year the show will start 2 P.M. with the sale slated for 7:30 that night.

Nine trophies will be offered by local Businessmen as follows: Edenton Shell; Mitchener's Pharmacy; Hollowell & Blount Rexall, Drugs; Edenton Savings & Loans; Albemarle Production Credit Association; Albemarle Cooperative Association; Peoples Bank and Trust Company; Chowan Farm Bureau; and J. H. Conger & Son.

Our auctioneer will be Wallace Evans of Parker and Evans Hardware. Wallace has been our auctioneer for a very long time and always does a superb job.

The judge this year is an area Livestock Specialist from the southeastern part of the state, Robert Swain. He has worked in counties for sometime and should be an able judge.

Chowan, Ryland and Cape Colony Ruritan Clubs have sold advertisements for the Livestock Show Program. Advance Ruritan Club will be in charge of making arrangements. Ryland

Ruritan Club will be in charge of refreshments stand.

Boys and girls with Steer projects are Kent Howell, David Hare, Debbie Ward, Martin Copeland, Darryl Stallings, Donna Pippins, Crystal Stallings & Mike Pippins.

A steer shelter is being constructed by the American Legion and other interested people.

Four - H'ers with Market Pig projects are as follows: Karen Cox, Valerie Copeland, Crystal Stallings, Jonathan Nixon, Mike Pippins, Johnny Lowe, Richard Cox, Carl

Coston, Jr., Donna Pippins, Debbie Ward, Darryl Stallings, Dennis Cox, Danny Pippins, Anna Goodwin and Garry Copeland.

Everybody is invited to attend the youth event. Come if you can!

Bloodmobile

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Perry, Luci Copeland, Carl Bunch, Wayne Goodwin, Rube Blanchard, Harry Ward, Emmett Winborne, Frank White, Dee Stinette, Shirley Byrum, Donna Bass, Bertha Blanchard, Barbara Smith, Eva Smith and Richard Bunch.

Kindergarten Registration Set

Kindergarten registration for students living in the Edenton school district will be held April 15, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the gymnasium at D. F. Walker School.

All children who will be five years old on or before October 16, will be eligible to attend kindergarten when school opens next Fall.

Parents are required to present a copy of the child's birth certificate, which may be kept by the school. Parents are also required to present the child's immunization records. These can usually be obtained from the Health Depart-

ment or private physician.

Unless parents so desire, it is not necessary to bring the potential kindergarten child to registration. However, a play area supervised by volunteers will be available while parents complete the registration process.

To ensure a smooth registration, trained volunteers and Health Department nurses will be at several stations to help parents during registration.

Kindergarten registration for students in the White Oak School district will be held on April 29.

Fun Run Planned For May 8th

The Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Dept. and Band Boosters will sponsor a 5K (3.1 mile) run and a Fun Run on May 8. The race will begin at 10 A.M. at Hertford Grammar School. Registration will begin at 8:30 A.M.

Cost of the 5K run is \$5 for entries postmarked by May

1 and \$6 for all entries thereafter. Cost for the Fun Run is \$1.

For further information contact the Perquimans County Recreation Dept. at 426 - 5695, or write them at P. O. Box 32, Hertford, N.C. 27944.

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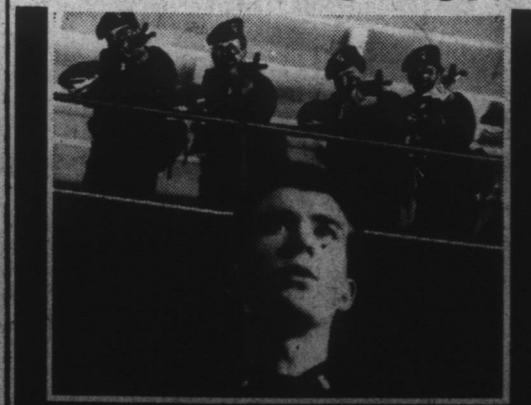
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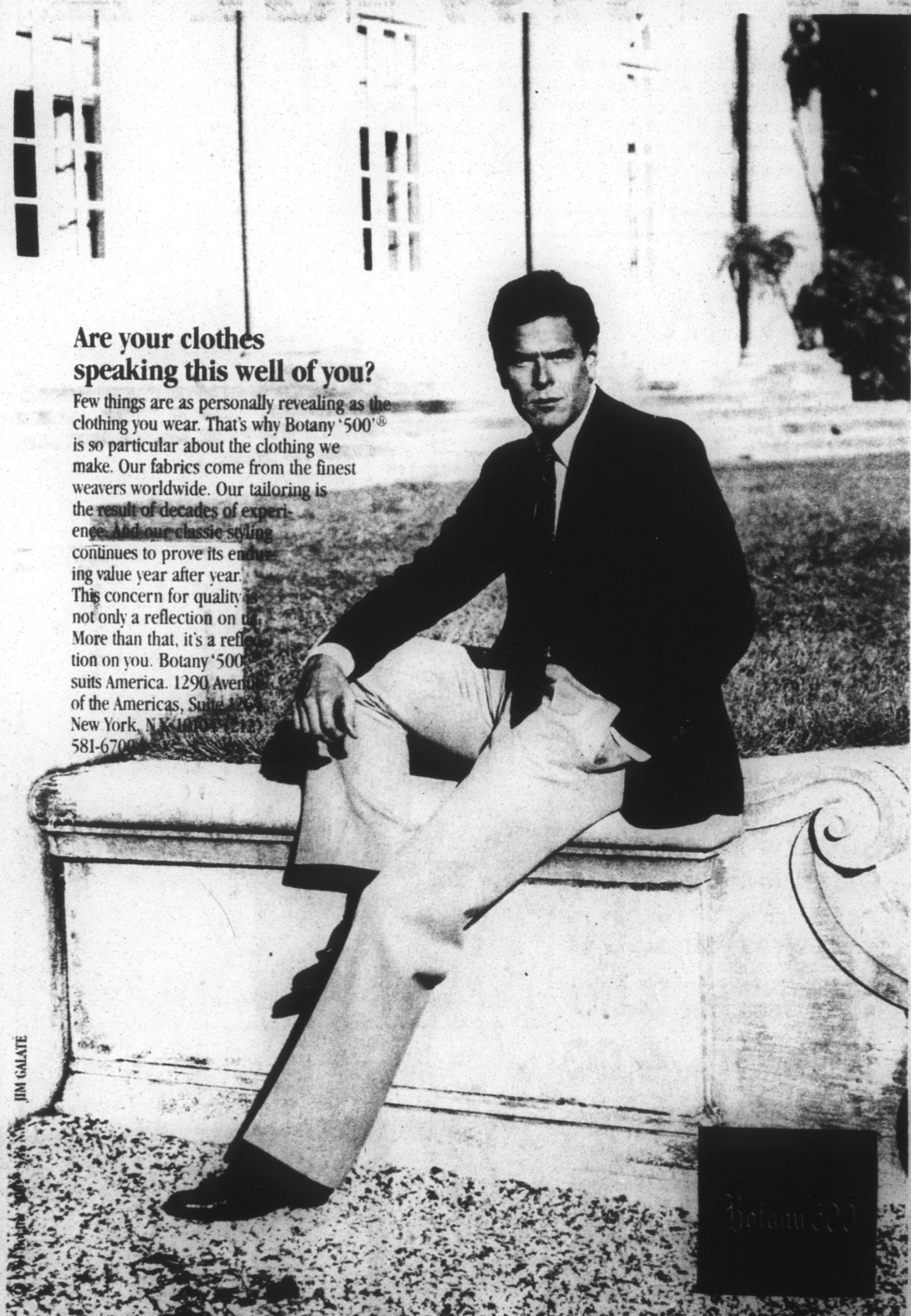
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HAPPY EASTER
Across
1. Another word for Easter hat.
2. A public procession or promenade.
3. A service some churches have on this day.
4. The season that Easter is celebrated.
5. A meat that is traditionally eaten on this day.
Down
1. People give these as gifts at this time.
2. Another word for rabbit.
3. Something made with sugar that children like to eat.
4. A religious building where people go on this day.
5. A container made of interwoven material that holds your Easter goodies.
6. Something children like to paint or color.
7. The month Easter falls in this year.

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NEW LISTINGS

INCOME PRODUCING INVESTMENT - Excellent rental property, brick duplex with 3 BR apartments. Good location. Great price. \$26,000.
Large MOBILE HOME LOT - Just outside city limits, owner financing at 12 percent APR.

WATERFRONT - Elegant home in a spectacular setting on the Albemarle Sound, featuring: foyer, great room, 3 or 4 bedrooms, Florida room, 2 full baths and 2 half baths. Plus 3 bdrm. guest house. 1.1 acres with sandy beach. 12 per cent owner financing.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING - On 2.6 acres with 365' of highway frontage - 12 per cent owner financing. \$65,000

APARTMENT HOUSE - For Sale. \$38,000

COMMERCIAL BUILDING - Highway frontage on 2.8 acres. \$39,500

DUPLEX APTS. - SOLD 12 per cent owner financing. \$29,000

HISTORIC DISTRICT - Charming 4 BR home with 2 full baths, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, LR, den, and utility room. Beautiful yard. Price reduced to \$52,000.

FOR RENT - 3 BR house at the edge of town.

HANDI-MAN SPECIAL - 2 room house on large lot. Arrowhead Beach. \$12,800

CAPE COLONY - Charming 2 bedroom home, 1 1/2 baths, eat-in kitchen, LR, Florida rm, carport, large utility rm. Beautiful, wooded setting. Many extra features. \$39,000

ARROWHEAD BEACH - On the canal, nice 2 bdrm. home with option to buy additional lot. 9 per cent assumption. \$35,500.

CAPE COLONY - Unique, custom built home on dbl. lot, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, rec. rm., LR, cathedral ceiling - balconies - decks, fireplace, 2 bay carport, workshop, beach and much more. \$60,000

MOBILE HOME - 1974 Double-wide, 3 bdrm, 2 baths, Excellent condition. Reduced to \$11,800

WATERFRONT - On Chowan River with septic tank, count, electricity. 12 per cent owner financing. Negotiable.

CHOWAN BEACH - 10 x 50, 2 BR mobile home. Nice shaded lot, beach access. (Owner financing 12 per cent). Make an offer.

WATERFRONT HOME - Arrowhead Beach - 3 bedroom home, 2 baths, LR with fireplace, kit, DR, utility rm, 1 car garage on beautiful extra large lot. Bulkheading and pier with spectacular view of the Chowan River (Owner financing at 12 per cent). Make an offer.

IN TOWN - Stratford - Immaculate home on a beautiful lot. 3 BR, bath utility rm, hardwood floors. In excellent condition. 7% assumption. \$37,500

VALHALLA - Owner Must Sell Now! - Eight year old spacious country home with over 1750 sq. ft. including 3 bdrms., LR, DR, kit, 1 1/2 baths, utility room and studio. Situated on two acres north of Edenton. Price Reduced \$34,000.

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