

Letters To The Herald Editor: Citizens Speak Out On Local Issues

Shrine Club

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 begun in 1922. No government funds support any of these Hospitals and the Shriners have never charged a cent for their services. The more than 11,300 members of Sudan Temple are justifiably proud of the fact that every penny collected from their newspaper sale will go to their Hospitals. None of the proceeds are used for the collection or administration. With all the facts in view, we think this program deserves our community's support because all children of need, up to age 18, regardless of race, creed, or color, are accepted for treatment of severe burns and for problems affecting the bones, joints and muscles of their young bodies.

When you see these men in their Red Fez, seek them out and give generously to their cause for our community could need their services at any time.

The Chowan County Shrine Club

The Ballet

To the Editor:
 I'm better known for brickbats than bouquets, but this time it's all bouquets. Dance came to Edenton in a big way last Saturday. The years of difficult and demanding training, clearly in the hands of skilled teachers, came through at every turn. It was a thoroughly entertaining and impressive performance by the Tidewater Ballet Association. Those kids can dance!

Compliments are due the Chowan Arts Council for bringing us this delightful program.

N. B. Bullard

Space Escape

Dear Editor,
 It has recently come to my attention that this town's only youth-oriented establishment, The Space Escape, is now being forced out of the downtown area.

The game room's owner, Keith O'Berry, did not cause trouble by protesting this eviction. Instead he simply applied to the town council for a special permit to keep his business open until he could find a new place to operate.

Tuesday night, the council refused this request despite a strong showing of youth and adults for the game room. This is supposed to be because of the council's interpretation of the local zoning laws. There is no law that definitely prohibits game rooms in the downtown area.

If the council's reason is legitimate then how was Mr. O'Berry able to obtain the proper permits and papers they needed to set up business. Also, if there is any such law, then how was the Habitat able to stay in business for as long as it did? These are questions that as of now I have no answers to, but I feel they need to be.

From a personal standpoint, I feel the Space Escape has given the youth not only something to do in this town but also a place to meet and enjoy each others company. Except for an extra amount of trash (which is understandable) I have yet to hear of any serious problems that have been directed to the game room. In fact, some of the downtown businesses have probably been helped by the Space Escape.

Due to this and other events it seems that there is only one conclusion I can draw. The youth of this town mean nothing to the town. Our voices are very seldom heard and when they are, they are not given the consideration they deserve. I think it's about time that the town began to listen to its youth. Our needs and desires should be important to this town. After all, the future of this town rests on the shoulders of the youth. I can also honestly say that most of the youth of this

town feel this way.
 In closing, I would like to address the complaints that a game room detracts from the historic theme of this town. Isn't it time we realize that this is 1982 and not 1776? I agree that this is a town with a proud history and it should be preserved and honored but why should this be any reason to live in the past?

A Concerned Youth
 Frank Parrish

Firefighters

Letter to Editor:
 Being a native of Edenton,

I look forward each week for The Herald. Although I communicate with my relatives, Mrs. Mary Morris, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Kaupp mostly by telephone, I read The Herald like a letter from home.

In the Public Parade column, in the April 1 edition, I read with deep appreciation, the story of the Governor's designation of "Fire Awareness Week" and of your recognition of the Edenton and Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Departments. I think it is indeed befitting, anytime

firefighters receive public recognition.

I'm confident that I speak with authority, after more than 30 years of fire service, and voice the opinions of fellow firefighters that all too often the public we serve fail to really appreciate or recognize their fire departments until our services are needed.

Although, I'm retired, I'm still very cognizant, as is Chief Parks of the continuing high cost of the overall operation of a contemporary fire department, of justifying unrealistic budgets,

providing even greater services and demands to the general public, and never forgetting those austere times passed.

Today's firefighter is indeed the most educated ever, his knowledge enhances his integrity and indeed welds him into a diligent professional.

Over the years, we have painfully learned that fire is not selective, it feeds on human carelessness and takes its toll on the most important of natural resources, our people.

Additionally we have learned and enhanced our

skills through wide and varied first hand experiences, learned the hard way, by no less dedicated and loyal professionals such as former Fire Chief's Dick Hall and Jordan Yates and more recently Luther Parks. Their experience's and others having been passed down through the years have become the basics for today's technology on the art of fire fighting and fire prevention.

Because of his education and expanded experience in the field of emergency medical aid, today's firefighter may very well

become the common denominator in a life or death situation, indeed a direct asset to the citizen's of Edenton and Chowan County.

Really, Mr. Amburn, I have only touched on the real value of dedicated firefighters everywhere, who serve without fanfare, and serve with one of the few entities which still make "House Calls."

I compliment the governor for the dedication of "Fire Awareness Week" and join him and you in your salute to fire service personell.

As I said in the beginning, I think it is befitting anytime firefighters receive public recognition, and I wish to thank you for allowing me to acknowledge, briefly, the merits of the service in which I served for many years.

In closing I wish to acknowledge the retirement of Fire Chief Luther Parks. I extend my congratulations and commend him for a job "well done".

Sincerely,
 George E. Morris
 Fire Chief, Ret.
 MCAS, El Toro,
 Santa Ana, Calif.


National Volunteer Week

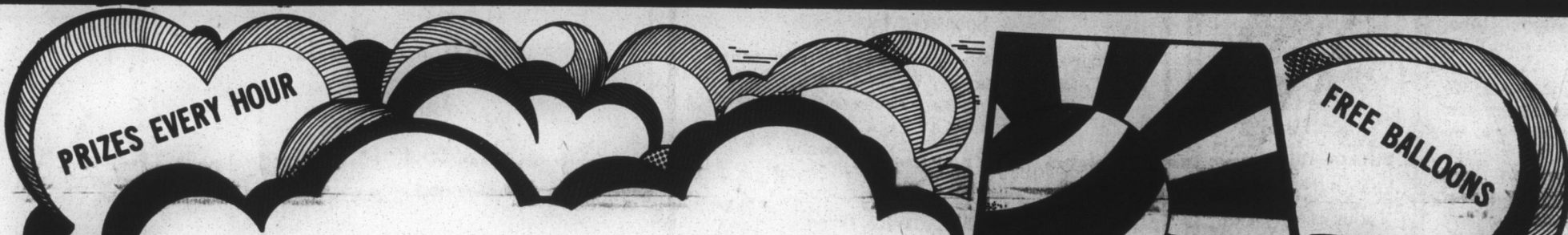
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