



U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan Friendly Waters

Well, former U.S. Sen. Robert Morgan of Lillington was back in friendly waters Friday night as he meandered along the Public Parade before delivering the commencement address at Lawrence Academy. The popular politician visited with a number of his friends at a dinner Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hollowell hosted at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant.

Conversation dealt with many things, not the least being the outstanding Tar Heel Democrat's future. While he wasn't telling any secrets he talked like a restless young man who isn't going to let his first defeat at the polls do him in for good.

Robert is still recovering from an operation which removed a malignant tumor from behind his ear. And the defeat in the U.S. Senate re-election bid probably saves his life for it slowed him down long enough for him to begin thinking about himself. While he admits he isn't back to "talking out of both sides of my mouth" he is back practicing law. And his first trial case since his return is in Sampson County, where he tried his very first case.

The Equal Rights Amendment had just been defeated in the N.C. General Assembly and was very much on the minds of those gathered. Robert admitted to spending considerable time in deep study of the measure but can't find anything not already covered by the 14th Amendment.

Just a few hours before, we had a brief visit with Superior Court Judge Charlie Winberry of Rocky Mount. Judge Winberry was campaign manager for the political fetes of Robert and was top legislative aide to Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., until he was appointed to the bench. Judge Winberry had recalled how ERA failed in 1977 because Gov. Hunt refused to contribute two seats on the Utilities Commission to the cause. Two years later a couple of Republican senators were elected from a big county and the measure was put into the deep freeze - not to yet return.

We had asked Judge Winberry if he didn't get a bit restless when he is away from the action in the General Assembly. He admits to having politics in his blood, but swears it doesn't run as thick as the law.

There was little comment from the popular jurist when he questioned aloud why Gov. Hunt has decided to jump into the ERA thing with both feet. There was a nod of agreement when he surmised that the lights of the national stage is getting in the good governor's eyes.

But, why has Gov. Hunt taken this drastic measure to further move himself from the moderates and conservatives in North Carolina? The liberals couldn't be driven away with a stick, yet it seems Gov. Hunt is making it increasingly difficult for the rest of us to hold still.

Why? For those aren't friendly waters along the Public Parade.

#### ECU Chancellor

Although a bit tardy, we want to congratulate Dr. John M. Howell, a veteran academic administrator at East Carolina University, on his selection as chancellor. Dr. Howell had been acting chancellor since January.

The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina followed the recommendation of President William C. Friday in

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## Recommendations On Budget Heard

The Finance Committee recommended this year's proposed budget. The total General Fund budget for the Fiscal Year 82 - 83 is \$3,019,636. This Fiscal Year's budget calls for an ad valorem tax levy of \$.58 which will yield total revenue of \$1,496,554. This \$44,000 less than last year's tax levy. It shows a fund balance appropriated of \$248,000 or approximately \$140,000 over and above last year's allocation.

The budget contains no cost of living pay adjustment for the County employees. The Finance Committee felt that with the present state of the economy a pay raise could not be justified at this point. Monies are available, however, to grant a cost of living increase in January if economic

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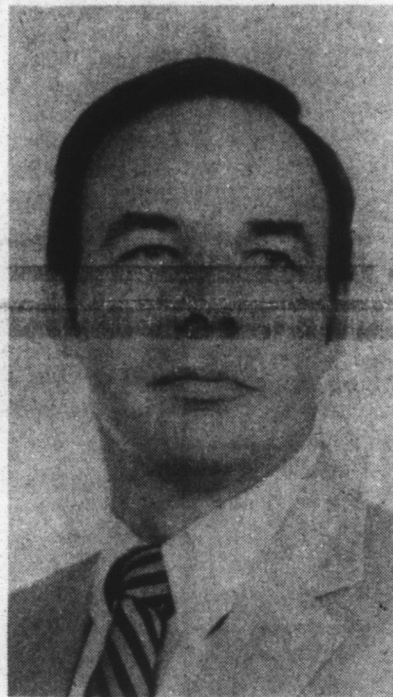
## Mr. Gwaltney Gets Promotion

Joseph A. Priestley, president, announced the promotion of C. J. Gwaltney, Jr. to general manager-manufacturing of the George C. Moore Co. of Westerly, R. I.

Gwaltney has been with the George C. Moore Co. for the past 17 years, most recently as plant manager of the Greenville, Tenn. plant.

In his new capacity Gwaltney will be responsible for all manufacturing functions of the company. George C. Moore Co. has plants in Edenton and Greenville, Tenn.

Gwaltney, his wife Marilyn, the former Marilyn Anderson of Westerly, and their three sons presently reside in Greenville.



C. J. Gwaltney

## Farmers Market Opens June 17th

June 17 marks this season's opening day for the Chowan County Farmers Market. Established last year under the joint sponsorship of the Chowan County Agricultural Extension office and the Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce, this year's market will be operated by the vendors themselves. Mrs. Virginia Hobbs, who will be acting as coordinator states that the market

will be open each Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9 A.M. til 4 P.M. or until produce is sold out.

This seasons growing conditions indicate potatoes, cabbage, beans, beets, tomatoes, radishes, honey and canned goods will be available to customers on opening day.

Vendors that wish to participate may contact Mrs. Virginia Hobbs at 482 - 7186.



**CHOWAN COUNTY FARMERS MARKET** - The Chowan County Farmers Market will open June 17, and will be sponsored by the Chowan County Agricultural office and the Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce. Jerry Hendee, left, director of the Chamber, stands with Virginia Hobbs, the Market coordinator, and Mike Williams of the Extension office, in front of the sign advertising the Farmers Market.

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## Basnight Blocks Attempts To Obtain Permit

by Richard Williams

Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, Marc Basnight, again blocked an attempt by local construction companies to obtain a permit to haul overweight equipment over area bridges.

Basnight, operating as the governor's appointee out of Manteo, told County Manager Cliff Copeland via telephone that he would not issue an overweight

permit as long as the decision is his.

In other action the Council: - proposed to reappoint eligible persons now serving on the Edenton Board of Adjustments, ABC Board, Medical Development Authority and the Recreation Advisory Committee.

- nominated Parker Chesson to fill the position on the Coastal Resources Commission.

- approved to bury utility lines now "unsightly" located in the parking lot behind the County Office building.

- reduced the acreage requirements for land use valuations.

- approved to update the water system at the Brayhill plant, a \$100,000 project.

- approved a resolution authorizing the Medical Development Authority to proceed with work on expansion of Elder Lodge prior to issuance of bonds.

- approved a \$500 contribution

to fish hatchery for additional feed.

- approved the MDA's proposal to purchase \$160,000 worth of equipment to be leased to the hospital.

- proposed to review Airport operations.

Two local construction companies, Dickerson Inc. and Waff Contracting Inc., are hurt by Basnight's decision, not to issue a permit, and may be forced to leave this area.

"If they continue with this permit stuff, they're virtually telling us to get out of town," said Edsel Waff, who has been without a valuable piece of equipment for over a week because a permit to bring an overweight crane across the Chowan River bridge has not been issued.

"If we don't do something immediately, we'll be forced to move," said John Smith of Dickerson Inc. We don't want to do that because we like it here in Edenton."

## Standing Committees Are Appointed

Standing committees of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce have been appointed by Les Fagan, president.

Fagan heads the Executive Committee which is composed of Tom Phillips, Tom Shepard, Olin Sykes and Oscar White, immediate past president.

The other committees include:

**Agricultural Committee**-Mike Williams - chairman, David Bateman, Cam Byrum, Tom Shepard, W.E. Smith, Wallace Evans and Tom Byrum.

Also, Thomas Paul Griffin, Henry A. Bunch, Wesley Chesson, J. Clarence Leary, Bud Perry, Wilbur Privott and Leonard Small.

Also, R. West Leary, A.L. Briggs, Jr., Oscar White, Bruce Wacklin, Murray Tynch, Jr., Eugene Jordan and Bill Monds.

**Merchants Committee**-Caswell Edmundson - chairman, Jim Blount, George Byrum, John Cuthrell, Bill Norvell, Ben Riddick, Mark Rose and Willie Whittington.

**Industrial Committee**-Bill Norvell - chairman, Alice Bond, George Byrum, Cliff Copeland, Les Fagan, Bill Gardner, Bruce Gillikin, E.L. Hollowell, Spec Jones, Tilmon Keel, Sam Noble, Olin Sykes and Gilliam Wood.

**Education Committee**-Wes Chesson - chairman, John Dowd and Melvin Lane.

**Highway Committee**-Pete Dail-chairman, Tom Byrum, West Byrum, Bill Gardner, E.L. Hollowell and Al Phillips.

**Tourism Committee**-Arch Edwards, - chairman, Carol Becker, Bill Myers, S. C. Patel and Bruce Wackelin.



**PEANUT FESTIVAL SALES UNDERWAY** - Sales are under way for this year's Peanut Festival, according to A.B. Harless, Jr., left, this year's chairman. Linda Evans, center, is in charge of the sales, and will be assisted by Co. Manager Cliff Copeland, right. Support the Peanut Festival by buying an ad in the booklet.

## Capital Improvements Are Discussed

by Richard Williams

Plans for capital improvements to John A. Holmes High School were discussed Monday night by the Board of Education. Renovations are to begin in September, it was announced.

In other business the Board: - approved a 5 per cent increase or an additional \$44,186.00

- approved proposed personnel for Summer School. They are (tentatively) Susan Birkhead, Esther Hollingsworth, Robin DeMurry, Gloria Bryant, Willie Koonce and George Johnikins.

- Summer School classes for the 7-12 program will meet for 7 weeks from 8 A.M. - 12 P.M. Classes will begin on Friday, June

18, and will end on August 6.

- announced resignations of Edna Reaves, Mary Rhea Gardner and Sarah Tynch.

- approved the hiring of Ruth Overman Bass.

- granted Edith Holley permission for her sons to continue the 1981-82 school year at Swain School.

The total estimated cost for the high school renovations is \$738,450. A new Science laboratory is estimated at \$75,000 with an additional \$37,300 for the equipment.

A new dining and kitchen area will cost \$294,500 and a student commons area will add \$199,650. The projected completion date is

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## Winslow Is Chosen To Attend Special School

Charles R. Eilber, director of the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics, announced today that a student from Chowan County has been selected to attend the School next fall as part of the junior class of 238 boys and girls. They were selected from 835 students nominated to attend the School in Durham.

Selected was Carol M. Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Winslow. She is a student at John A. Holmes High School.

The N.C. School of Science and Mathematics is the nation's first state-wide, state-supported, residential high school for students with special ability in science and mathematics. These students will join the School's 154 seniors for a total school enrollment of 392. The student body is drawn from 85 of North Carolina's 100 counties and 153 public and nonpublic schools.

Director Eilber commented,

"We are extremely pleased with the outstanding academic abilities and fine personal qualities of these young people. Their impressive academic achievement at such



Mary Rhea Gardner

## Mrs. Gardner Resigns Post

By Richard Williams

Mary Rhea Gardner, a member of the Chowan County Board of Education for 19 years, announced her resignation Monday night as the Board met in a regular session in the Chowan Co. office building.

Mrs. Gardner, a native of Bertie County and a resident of Chowan since 1957, says she will now have time to do some of the things she always wanted to do.

Attending her last regular session Board meeting Monday night, many of her co-workers expressed that she will be deeply missed.

"Mary Rhea is a very hard and dedicated worker," said T.P. Griffin. "She has done a lot of good things for the area schools and she will be missed a lot."

Mrs. Gardner graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1957 with a B.A. degree in Sociology. She also attended St. Mary's College in Raleigh for two years. Before coming to Edenton she worked for four years in Bertie and Martin Counties in the Department of Social Services.

In her 19 years working with the Board of Education she has weathered the storms of various school superintendents. "I've seen them come and I've seen them go," she said.

Her first few years were under Hiram Mayo. But when her resignation was announced Monday night, John B. Dunn was seated at table head.

"Mrs. Gardner has been a valuable asset to the school system," Dunn said. "She has been a tremendous asset to all of the teachers. She is responsible for bringing the North Carolina Symphony back to Edenton and Chowan County," of which she will continue to operate.

Mrs. Gardner has been married for 25 "wonderful" years to William "Bill" Gardner. They are the parents of three children, Ginny, 23; Beth, 22 and Bill, 16.

"I feel very rewarded," she said, "If I have contributed at all to the education of children in this county."

## Commencement Set

Commencement exercises for the graduating class of John A. Holmes High School will be held June 13 beginning at 6 P.M. at Hicks Field in Edenton.

The guest speaker for the occasion is John T. Dowd, a 1967 graduate of Holmes High School, and former Distributive Education Coordinator and DECA advisor at the school.



Carol M. Winslow