

Public Parade

W.J. Taylor

When we came to meander along the Public Parade nearly 18 years ago another "newcomer" had already paid his dues, but kept on contributing to the community. It was W.J. Taylor's nature to put in more than he took out.

Walter John Taylor enjoyed a good life for most of his 84 years on this earth. He had been sidetracked by illness the past six months and was called to his Heavenly reward Saturday at Chowan Hospital.

Mr. Taylor left his native Rutherford County to attend college in Chapel Hill and Tennessee. He found something he liked more than the hill country of Tar Heelia and meandered along the Public Parade all of his professional life.

His first vocation hereabouts was with the Chowan County Department of Social Services. He then became superintendent of Chowan County Schools, retiring after 30 years in that position. You might say he majored in people, and kept right on after his retirement.

Outside his profession, Mr. Taylor made mammoth contributions to the community through his church - Edenton Baptist; his lodge - Unanimity No. 7; and his service organization - Edenton Lions.

Also, playing a major role in his life was his family. He was married to the former Lois Winslow and they raised two sons and three daughters. To this union also came three grandchildren, who were a source of joy until his death.

Longevity is a trait along the Public Parade. The good life hereabouts is infectious; some get it earlier than others but nonetheless you are never really rid of it.

W.J. Taylor enjoyed a good, long, meaningful life. He maintained concern for his community throughout his life. And in his quite, unassuming way he tended to these concerns in a way which will make his absence sorely missed.

Back To Courts

Edenton - Chowan Board of Education last week said "no thanks" to Terri Ranson's offer to assist with the coaching duties of the girls' tennis team at John A. Holmes High School. The decision wasn't based on finances since Mrs. Ranson wanted to work without pay.

The board's decision is final and should put to rest a seven - month dispute between Mrs. Ranson and Supt. John Dunn. It is almost time for the lady Aces to defend their 18 - 0 record of 1981. Certainly the players need to build their confidence for the future in clear air.

Terri Ranson did for girls' tennis at Holmes High was Dean Smith did for Carolina basketball. In three short seasons she built a solid winner. It is unfortunate that her tenure was shortened and that a cloud of unanswered questions remains.

The Terri Ranson - John Dunn episode isn't the usual personnel matter. More has been revealed publicly about the disagreements than normally, because Mrs. Ranson felt that public sentiments would strengthen her position on the Third Floor of the County Office Building. Needless to say, she knows more about getting young ladies to perform to their optimum than about school politics.

Mrs. Ranson is to be congratulated for her accomplishments. The new coach deserves the support of the team members and the community. And when they post another successful season, a lot of it will be marked; "Made by Ranson."

Targeting Crime

When the calendar records mid - August, can school days be far behind? Hard as it may seem, it won't be long before school bells ring, the familiar buses take to the highways and students are faced with new challenges.

At the same time, the students will be exposed again to crime in the schools. Administrators spend a lot of time on discipline and regardless of their efforts, what they do is never enough.

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BROAD ST. TEXACO—Broad St. Texaco, owned by J.H. Conger and Son, Inc., opened up last Thursday across from the Fire Station. The self-service station also contains a mini-store and game room. Kel Elmore is manager and Roy Forehand is assistant manager of the new service station.

New Service Station Offers More Than Gas

Need some gas? If so, then J.H. Conger and Son, Inc. has opened a new self - service gas station, Broad St. Texaco, just for you. The station, located at 711 N. Broad St. across from the Fire Station, includes a mini - store and game room also.

The facilities of the station include a trio of three dispenser islands, containing regular, unleaded and super - unleaded gasoline with the ability to service nine cars at one time. A fourth island will be located at the side of the building with kerosene and diesel fuel dispensers.

The new station, managed by

Kel Elmore with Roy Forehand serving as assistant manager, contains the finest and most modern in gasoline dispensing equipment. The dispensers themselves are computerized and electronically operated, with the end result being total accuracy and pumping time that is twice as fast as the older equipment. These dispensers, manufactured by the Gill Barco Corp., are the most modern in the world.

The site itself is leased by J.H. Conger and Son, Inc. from J. Clarence Leary and Wes Leary. The Conger family, which has been representing Texaco

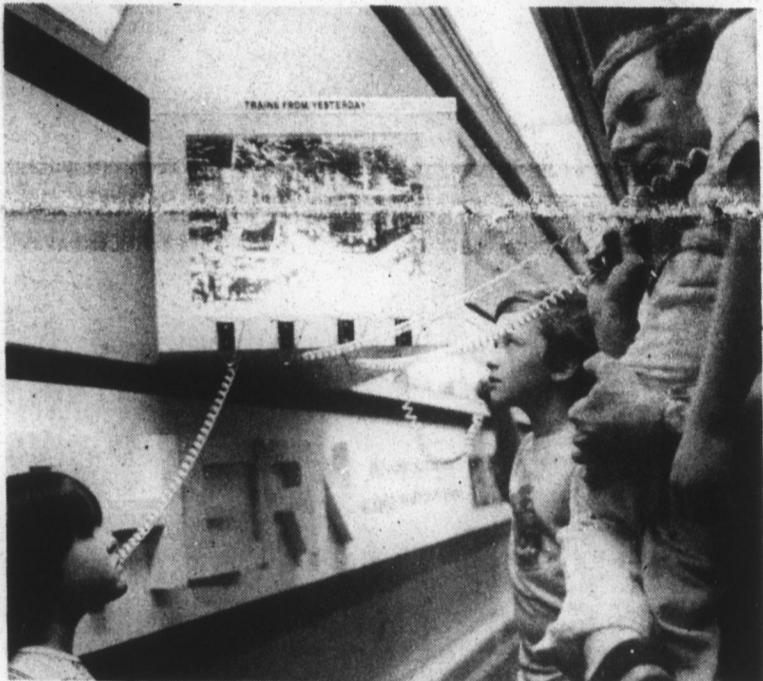
products since 1914, has been selling Texaco products at that site for over 50 years.

Broad St. Texaco also offers a mini - store, with over 500 square feet of space, offering such items as health and beauty aids, party food items, beer and other beverages, fountain drinks, hot coffee and sandwiches, plus much more. There are also 3 accesses to Broad St. and plenty of parking available.

The game room will be run by Keith O'Berry, who also runs the Space Escape game room at Mitchener's Village. There are at present six popular video games, these being Defender, Hyperball, Gorf, Pac-Man, Radar Scope and Vanguard.

Broad St. Texaco honors Master Charge, Visa and Texaco Travel cards. Their hours will be: 6:30 A.M. to 10 P.M. Monday thru Thursday, and until 10:30 P.M. on Friday and Saturday. They will open at 8 A.M. on Sundays.

As J.H. Conger puts it, "This is one of the most modern Texaco stations in northeastern North Carolina."



TO STOP IN EDENTON—Southern Railway's Exhibit Car has three audio-visual shows, this one covering the history of the system. It will be in Edenton August 14.

Exhibit Car A Real Attraction

Visitors to the Railroad Daze Celebration in Edenton, will have an opportunity to learn something of the history and modern sides of railroading this weekend. Both the "Best Friend of Charleston" - Southern Railway's colorful train from the past - and the Southern Railway Exhibit Car will be on display August 14, near Leary Brothers Farm and Feed Store.

The Exhibit Car, with many new displays, including a working model train actually powered by solar energy, will be open to visitors from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. in

the car, slide shows, dioramas, scale and working models depict Southern's computerized operations, detection of overheated wheel bearings and many other facets of modern railroading. A display on solar energy shows how Southern harnesses the sun's rays to meet varied energy needs.

The "Best Friend" consists of steam engine, tender and two open coaches, and was built in 1928 from the plans of the original "Best Friend," which inaugurated

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"Bobo" Riddick Is High On Aces Football

by Richard Williams

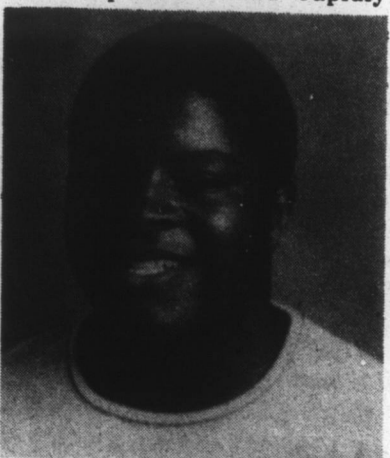
Preseason drills began last week for more than 1,000 high school football players in Eastern North Carolina.

John A. Holmes, attempting to improve on a 6-4 finish last season, was among area high schools that recently hit the grid iron.

On hand for his fourth year of activity was senior Ernest Riddick. His objective for the upcoming season is clear and earnest.

"As for myself, he said, "I would like to be better conditioned than I was last year. I would like to make more tackles and be an All-State selection. Team-wise I'd like for us to go all the way, win it all," he said with a huge, seldom used grin.

At 9:30 A.M. Tuesday morning the temperature had rapidly



"If there was a 'Meanest Looking Guy on the Team' award I'd probably get it," Ernest Riddick

climbed from when practice began at 8 o'clock that morning. Coaches were losing their voices slightly. But you still could hear them shout: "Thirty-one trap. Forty-four power. Eighty-five sprint down. What the h-- are you doing? Throw that forearm in there and make that pop. Good pop, Bobo!"

Oh, Bobo? That's Ernest. "We definitely have the talent to go all the way," he said. "If everybody gets their head together, we'll be there, too. We're small but we have a lot of quickness."

It didn't take Bobo long to get it all together. As a freshman he played on the varsity team and even started a few games, although he admits that he was shuffled in and out of many

Edenton's Town Council Holds Its August Session

By Joe Beeler

On Tuesday, the Edenton City Council held its monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roy Harrell who immediately entertained a motion that Council go into closed executive session to discuss a legal matter. The motion was seconded and carried.

Upon Council's return, Mayor Harrell swore Milton Stilley into the office of Building Inspector Trainee.

The business of city government continued with committee and Departmental Reports. The Finance and Public Works Committees had no business to conduct. The Utility Committee carried out two orders of business.

The first order of business deals with the four foot strip of property that the city owns behind the commercial business of the East side of South Broad Street. John Mitchener, III had requested that this strip of city property behind his building be sold to him. The Utility Committee recommended to the Council that this four foot piece of property not be sold at the present time. The recommendation of the committee carried.

The Utility Committee's second order of business was to recommend that the council approve the

engineering and plans for curbing and guttering on West Carteret St. by the Wooten Engineering. The cost of said work not to exceed \$4000. The recommendation was voted on and carried.

The Mayor continued the business of the meeting by awarding Chief Parrish three Law Enforcement Certificates, a General Basic, a General Intermediate and a General Advance Law Enforcement Certificate.

The Council's next action was to direct the Clerk to investigate a petition for annexation. The property requested to be annexed on U.S. 32 N. between the present city lines and 17 by-pass on the right.

The old business that was discussed pertained to who the bell presently located at Queen Anne Park, belongs to and where it should be displayed. Mr. Wiggins, the owner of the lighthouse that the bell originally comes from maintained that the bell should be part and parcel of the lighthouse, the Council believing that it should remain at the park. A vote was called for and the Council chose to let it remain in the Park.

The Council moved for informal discussion where it was noted that edges of the streets maintained by the state were sprayed with weed killer as a cost cutting experiment. However it will not be done again.

The Council voted to pay the town bills and the meeting was adjourned.

Fraud Attempt Is Reported

The Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce advises that local residents should be aware of what may be a fraudulent scheme currently being offered through the mails. A firm listing itself as a "Testing Authority" is sending computer type cards to selected individuals for their completion. At the same time the statement is made that those persons receiving the cards have already been qualified to win prizes valued at \$250 to \$5,000. They are asked to send approximately \$15 to cover the cost of mailing the prize to the individual.

Complaints have been received from persons complying with this offer.

Educator Taken In Death

Graveside services were held Monday for Walter John Taylor, 205 South Oakum Street. The services were held in Beaver Hill Cemetery with Dr. John Allen and Rev. Robert Kelley officiating.

Mr. Taylor, 84, died Saturday in Chowan Hospital following an illness of six months.

A prominent educator and community leader, Mr. Taylor was born May 22, 1898, in Rutherford County. He was the son of the late William J. and Ida Bailey Taylor. He was married to Mrs. Lois Winslow Taylor, who survives.

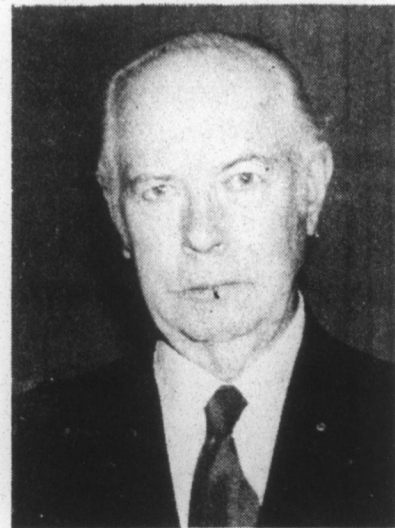
In addition to his wife, surviving are two sons: W.J. Taylor, Jr., of Mullins, S.C.; and Gene Winslow Taylor of Newport News, Va.; three daughters: Patsy A. Taylor of Greensboro; Mrs. Anne T. Boyce of Tyner; and Mrs. Catherine Townsend of Murphy.

Also surviving are five brothers: A.C. Taylor of Forest City; Russell Taylor of California; Ross and Paul Taylor of

Rutherfordton; and Roscoe R. Taylor of North Glenn, Colo.; two sisters: Mrs. Violet Ward of Gastonia; and Mrs. Beulah T. Austell of Shelby; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Taylor attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated from

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Walter John Taylor

Hessenflow Takes New Position

ELIZABETH CITY — Dr. Donald H. Hessenflow, public relations director for the University of Alabama at Huntsville and former Institutional Development Officer for Roanoke - Chowan Technical Institute in Ahoskie, has been named executive director of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow (NNC T), the new 16 - county regional development organization headquartered at Elizabeth City State University.

Announcement of the selection of Hessenflow from a field of 15 candidates, screened from 150 applications, was made Thursday of last week by Joe Parker, Ahoskie newspaper publisher and chairman of the NNCT Board of Directors, and ECSU Chancellor Marion D. Thorpe in a joint statement.

The director assumes responsibilities on September 13, moving into a new suite of offices located in the recently completed ECSU Continuing Education and Graduate Center, Milan Muznich, regional manager for the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development in Washington, has been serving as Interim Director for NNCT on loan from the state agency since June 1.

Holding a Doctor of Education degree from N.C. State University with a major in adult and community college education, a Master's Degree in secondary education from the University of Southern California, and an undergraduate degree in English and journalism from Midland College, Neb., Hessenflow, 40, also brings to the NNCT program eight years of experience in institutional

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