

Guest Editorial

The following editorial, headed "Tuition, Fees and Quality", appeared in The Washington Post on November 21. The unsolicited response is from someone close to the national scene as well as to this writer. Here they are:

From time to time, various listings and guides rank the colleges by tuition and the cost of a year's education. It's generally pretty depressing, especially for the parents of children in their last years of high school. Most of the attention generally goes to the top of the list, a position currently occupied by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where tuition and fees now run \$8,700 a year, and the total cost for a resident undergraduate is around \$13,500. But it's more interesting to look down the list for those institutions that maintain superior standards while managing, somehow, to keep the price down.

The leader in that more difficult test, among the large universities, is the University of North Carolina. Tuition and fees there come to \$702 this year for local students. (Those who are not fortunate enough to be North Carolina residents are charged a less unusual \$2,260.) Including living expenses and all, a resident student can typically get through the year on \$3,800. Throughout the country, on the average, college costs in both public and private institutions have been rising at just about the rate of inflation, which is to say that in the past four years, they have gone up by nearly half. At the University of North Carolina, they have gone up by less than a third. Why does the student pay less? Because the state pays more.

Public education is a creed and a passion in North Carolina. The people of the state make it a point of pride not only to run a university that is manifestly one of the finest in the country, but to keep its doors open to students who haven't much money. North Carolina is not a rich state, but it has clear ideas about priorities.

Here in Washington, there is much urgent talk about the need to strengthen the national economy and the country's technological base. That talk usually drifts toward tax gimmicks to push companies into more industrial research. How about investing that money, instead, in the people who are going to be running the com-

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Chowan District Court Report

Chowan County District Court was in session on Tuesday, November 30 with the Honorable Gafton G. Beaman presiding.

York Hayes failed to show for commitment. An arrest order was issued and \$500 security bond.

Charlene Felton Richardson was found guilty of going 70 in a 55 zone. She was fined \$40 and cost.

Linda McDougle Robinson was found guilty of going 65 in a 55 zone. She was fined \$5 and cost.

Robert W. Sawyer did not show on two counts of passing a worthless check.

Charles Leslie Russell received voluntary dismissals for driving under the influence and driving with no operator license. He did receive a \$100 fine for reckless driving and a \$35 on delay or obstructing an officer. He had to pay cost for both of the last two charges.

Ernest Willie Hardy was found guilty of reckless driving. He was fined \$75 and cost. He has appealed.

Sylvester Armstead was found guilty of secreting property. He was sentenced to 30 days with 2 years suspended. He had to pay \$211 to the Carpet and Appliance Plaza for restitution.

Archie Stanley was found guilty of disposing of mortgaged property. He was sentenced to 30 days with 2 years suspended, cost of court and \$187.35 to Goodwin's T.V. for restitution. He has appealed.

Richard Elliott was found guilty of trespass. He was sentenced to 90 days with 3 years suspended, fined \$50, cost of court and must stay off the premises of Edenton Laundry and Car Wash for a period of 3 years.



FINAL SHOT—Cast and crew of "The First Holly Day" are shown here preparing for the final shooting in Edenton where the flash-back ends and time is again in the present.

Edenton Is Chosen As Site For TV Series

The Frog Hollow series, a production of WRAL-TV Raleigh, came to Edenton this past week as the cast and crew spent two days, November 29 and 30, taping the series "Children's Holiday Special".

The special, "The First Holly Day", is about a winter celebration in Frog Hollow, which is a small country town of some age. The show itself is set in the present but flashes back into the past so that one of the characters can see and

participate in the original "Holly Day" that took place hundreds of years before. Thus the need arose for historic location.

The producer, Julie Wick, called the Department of Historic Sites in Raleigh to find a historic location that would fill the needs of the show. The "Department" in return gave her a list of several towns that it felt would match her requirements, Edenton was on that list. Ms. Wick came and previewed the area on October 22.

"I was struck by the beauty and the appropriateness of Edenton to the needs of the show that I didn't have to look any further," Ms. Wick said.

Edenton's participation in the holiday production was vast. It included the taping of scenes around and in several of the historic homes in Edenton including the Coffield House, the Skinner-Bond Home, the Homestead and the East Custom House.

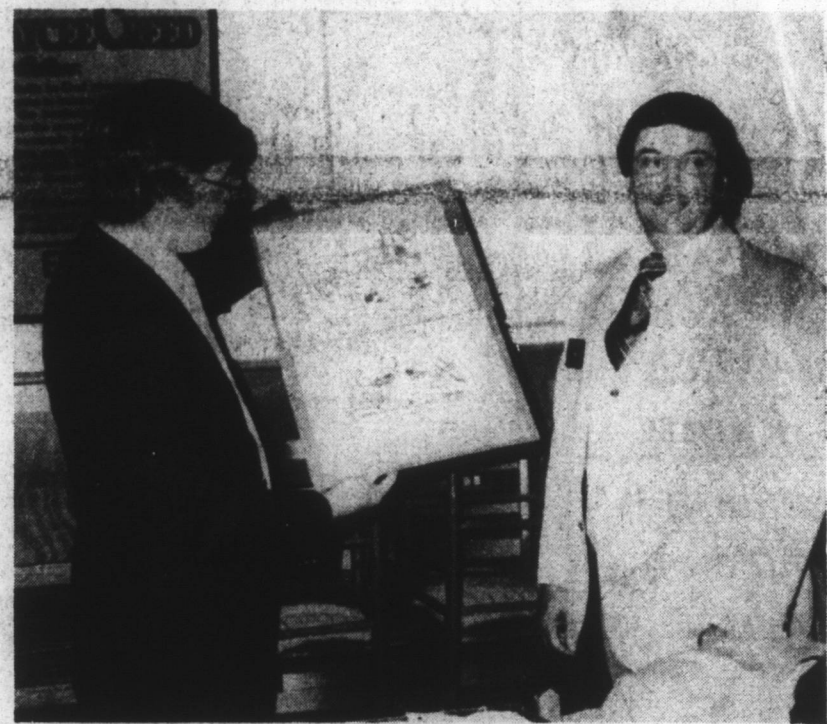
The series also needed and used several people from Edenton in one of the scenes which took place on the Courthouse Green. The scene involved a choreographed dance in front of the Historic homes. The Edenton participants: Ruth Rose, George Byrum, Sheila Snell, John Smith and Carol Baker; played the parts of musicians during the dance scene.

Other people in Edenton helped in the production by loaning the cast their 18th Century costumes.

Chief Parrish of the Edenton Police Department also helped in the production by stopping traffic on the streets where the show was being shot.

Julie Wick expresses her appreciation for all help given to the production by the people of Edenton.

The program "The First Holly Day" will air on December 16 at 7:30 P.M. over Cable; channel 11.



SPEAKER RECEIVES GIFT—Mr. Billy Jones, Vice President of N.C. Jaycees, receives two drawings of Historic Edenton from the Edenton Jaycees in appreciation for his speech.

Edenton Jaycee's Hold Boss' Banquet In Honor Of Their Employers

The Edenton Jaycees held their annual Boss' Banquet on Tuesday, November 23. The banquet was not to honor one specific boss but all the bosses that members of the Jaycees work for.

The speaker at the banquet was the State Vice-President for the Jaycees, Billy Jones, from Gardner, N.C. His talk revolved around the importance of a good boss/employee relationship; especially for members of organizations.

First he talked with members of the organizations urging them to get involved with outside organizations, that will help themselves and their community.

It is important," Mr. Jones said, "for young men to join the Jaycees and other groups and to be involved with the community."

"People have to get their priorities in order," he continued. The family, job and community is the proper order for priorities according to Mr. Jones.

"You have to think about what you have to do and plan ahead," Mr. Jones continued, "You know for example you have to be off x-number of times."

"You'll need to make arrangements with your boss to be off these times."

Some of the arrangements mentioned were to: come to work early

to make up the time or to get the boss and company involved with the organization and the community.

When he spoke to the bosses he asked them to grant time off to those people involved with civic organizations because they play a "...more vital role in the life of the community and the company." He also asked them to be attentive to the needs of the people who are involved with civic organizations.

Mr. Jones encouraged the bosses to encourage young men to join the Jaycees and other civic organizations and to get involved with the community.

He closed his formal talk by reminding both the employees and bosses that getting along was a two way street and they both need to work at the relationship.

Banks Fund Educational Loans For Students

ROCKY MOUNT—North Carolina banks are funding educational loans for North Carolina students for the 20th consecutive year. Since 1963 the banks have provided student loan funds through College Foundation, Inc., a private, non-profit corporation serving as

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Resources Commission To Discuss Three Rule Changes

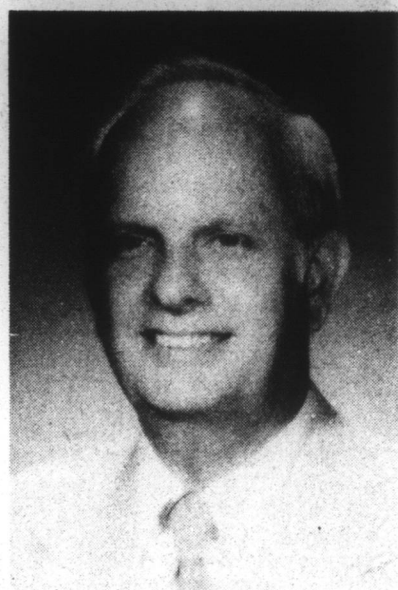
The Coastal Resources Commission will meet December 3 to review the results of the December 2 Oceanfront Development Conference and to act on a proposal to eliminate permit requirements for small, wooden jetties and single family homes built along rivers and sounds. The meeting and the conference will be held at the Hilton Inn in Wilmington.

The Oceanfront Development Conference will examine the special challenges facing North Carolina's coastal communities from growth along the fragile ocean edge. The conference will feature Governor Jim Hunt, Secretary Joe Grimsley of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, key members of the General Assembly and Dr. Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The event is sponsored by NRCD's Office of Coastal Management.

The public is welcome at all commission sessions and encouraged to attend both events. There is a registration fee for the conference to cover materials, lunch and refreshments.

The commission will hold a

public hearing at 10:00 A.M. on December 3 on three proposed rule changes. The first would allow piers to be built within 15 feet of adjacent property lines with neighbor's approval. The other proposals would clarify commission rules on variances. Under one proposal a five day lead time would be set of the legal ads already required prior to a variance hearing. The



Alton Elmore

Mr. Elmore Is Chosen Merchant Of The Month

Alton Elmore has lived and worked in Edenton for the past twenty years; first with Belks as a manager, and when Jim Parden retired from the Edenton Furniture Company, he bought one half interest with the "Company". He later bought the rest of the interest in Edenton Furniture Company, and brought courteous and cheerful service to the people of Chowan County.

In lieu of his outstanding service to the community, Alton Elmore has been named the Chowan Herald Merchant of the Month.

Mr. Elmore came to Edenton from Rocky Mount in 1962 as a manager of Belk Tyler. Ten years later, he ended his twenty-four year association with Belk Tyler when he bought half of the corporate stock in the Edenton Furniture Company.

That same year (1972) he ran for and was elected to the Chowan County Board of Commissioners where he has served for ten years and is at present midway of his third four-year term. While a member of the County Commissioners, Mr. Elmore has served on the Airport Commission, ARPDC, representative of county's District Health Board and as past vice chairman of the Board of County

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Edenton Holds Townwide Sale

Sixteen merchants in Edenton are participating in "Edenton's Townwide Pre-Christmas Sale" this weekend. The sales event is being sponsored by the Merchants Committee of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and is expected to draw people from throughout the area to shop in Edenton.

A 12-page advertising supplement is included in this week's edition of The Chowan Herald. In addition, some 10,000 copies of the advertising supplement have been distributed through the mail and hand delivered in Edenton, Hertford and Windsor.

The Edenton merchants participating in this special promotion include: Jackson's Radio and T.V. Service, Quinn Furniture Company, Belk Tyler, Elliott Company, TG&Y, Winn Dixie and Ben Riddick Jewelers.

Also participating in the sale are: Edenton Furniture Company, Byrum Hardware, Macks, The Betty Shoppe, Cuthrell's Department Store, Carpet and Appliance Plaza, Inc., Tarkington's, Parker-Evans Hardware and Western Gas Service.

Santa Makes Appearance In Edenton's Christmas Parade

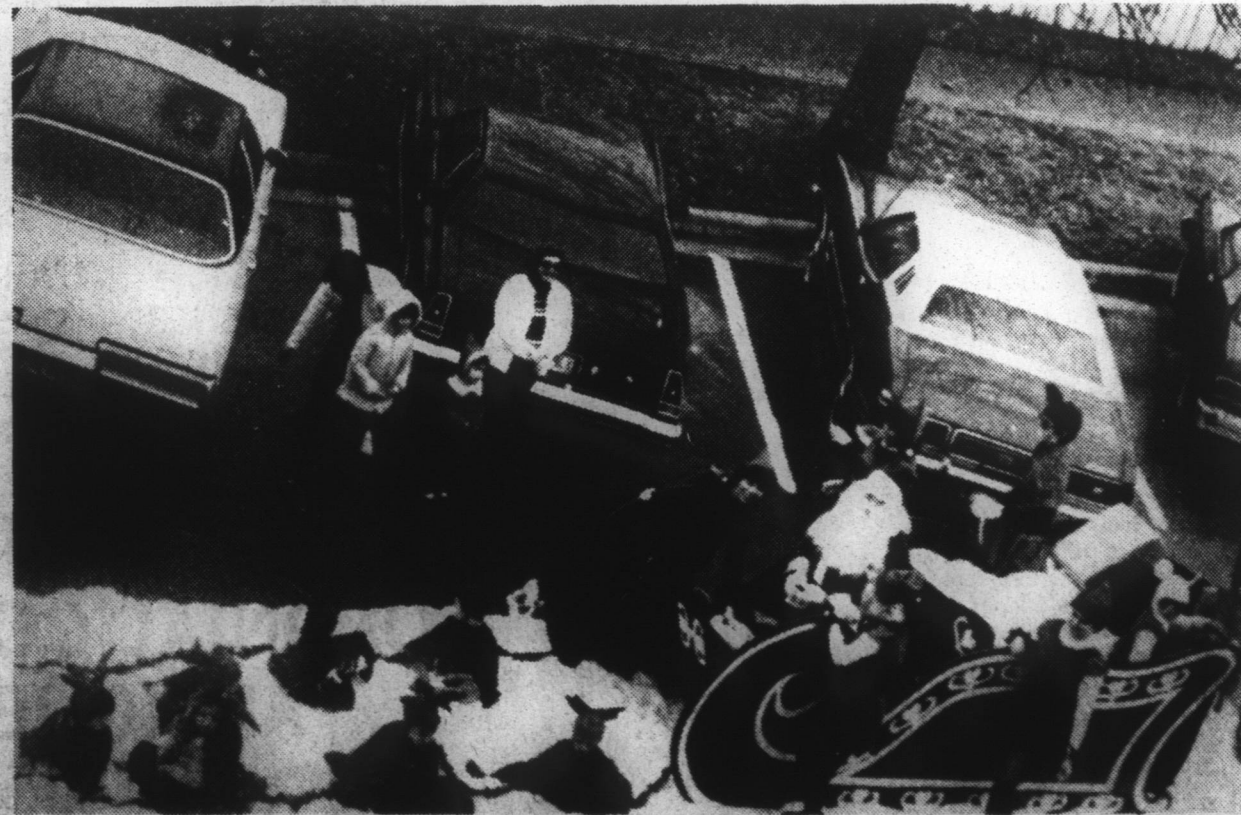
It was a dark and rainy Sunday afternoon as a large crowd gathered to watch Edenton's Annual Christmas Parade. The weather may have been gloomy but the spectators who watched the parade warmed themselves on the sights, sounds and colors of the parade. The entrants ranging from John A. Holmes High School Junior NROTC class to a horse drawn survey to the queens of various contests marched strolled or rolled

down Broad Street.

The dozen or more floats captured the meaning of Christmas as they depicted Christian and family themes in their attempt to represent the Parade's theme of "Good Will to All Men." Groups sponsoring floats included; John A. Holmes DECA; Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club; Edenton Business and Professional Woman's club; Hertford Saddle Club; Edenton Fire Department and many others.

The parade traveled to the music of the John A. Holmes Marching Aces. They played selections of traditional and contemporary Christmas music.

The Edenton Jaycees did an excellent job of getting the parade lined up and underway with the adverse weather conditions hampering their efforts. A good time was had by all who attended the parade.



SANTA ARRIVES—Santa arrived in Edenton last weekend to participate on the Edenton Christmas Parade. Santa is shown here with several of his elves on the Jaycee Float during Sunday's parade.