

## Public Parade

### J. Edwin Bufflap

When one sets out to discuss "Buff" it is sorta like eating an apple since there are so very, very many places from which to start. Of course, we refer to J. Edwin Bufflap, co-founder and editor emeritus of The Chowan Herald.

"Buff" died Saturday morning at his home. His breath left him as he sat in his favorite chair. He had probably been a bit lazy that morning getting ready to go to the shop on Cheap Side and do some work. To say that "Buff" was an amazing individual would be an understatement. At the age of 90 he looked and acted many years younger.

Although he had officially retired from The Chowan Herald some time ago, "Buff" still maintained a close tie with the newspaper he and Hec Lupton founded August 30, 1934. He loved to sit at the linotype and watch the lines of type delivered. In recent months this had been done to keep up the mailing list, a necessary chore which "Buff" carried no special affection.

"Buff" and Hec worked for the same newspaper along the Public Parade. Hec came from Washington around 1928 but "Buff" had already been around about four years, coming from Pennsylvania via Elizabeth City. He had been working in the printing business since graduating from high school in 1910.

The duo left the Edenton Daily News about the same time and opened a job printing plant—"Buff's Printing House"—at 100 East King Street. After the News folded "Buff" and Hec decided to try their hand at publishing. They shared the responsibilities pretty equally, each with a needed skill.

They maintained this remarkable partnership until January 1, 1965, when the newspaper was sold. This writer became the editor and publisher. The newspaper continued to carry "Buff" as editor and we are sure he caught a lot of heat for things that were not his doing.

The sale of the newspaper was negotiated in a car on East Water Street in front of the Leary House. Of foremost interest to both men were the future of maintaining a sound newspaper for the community, and for the protection of their loyal employees. Their personal interests had a lesser priority.

Hec Lupton died April 19, 1979, while still employed at The Herald.

We say with a great deal of pride, which speaks more to the quality of the Bufflap-Lupton team than to us, that from January 1, 1965, until the deaths of the co-founders there was never a cross word spoken among management. There were disagreements without anyone being disagreeable. Personalities were never injected into discussions.

"Buff" was not a "hell raising" editor. He hated controversy as bad as he hated evil itself. Maybe this explains how he served 30 consecutive years on the Edenton Town Council.

In a brief visit Saturday with his surviving daughter, Dorothy, she was overheard to comment: "The Herald was the closest thing to a sister I ever had." That's the way her father felt about everything in the community.

J. Edwin Bufflap was an institution along the Public Parade. The burning of the Cupola House, for example, wouldn't be missed any more. And now in his heavenly reward, we bet he is still wondering if Pete Manning has had time to set the corrections to the mailing list.

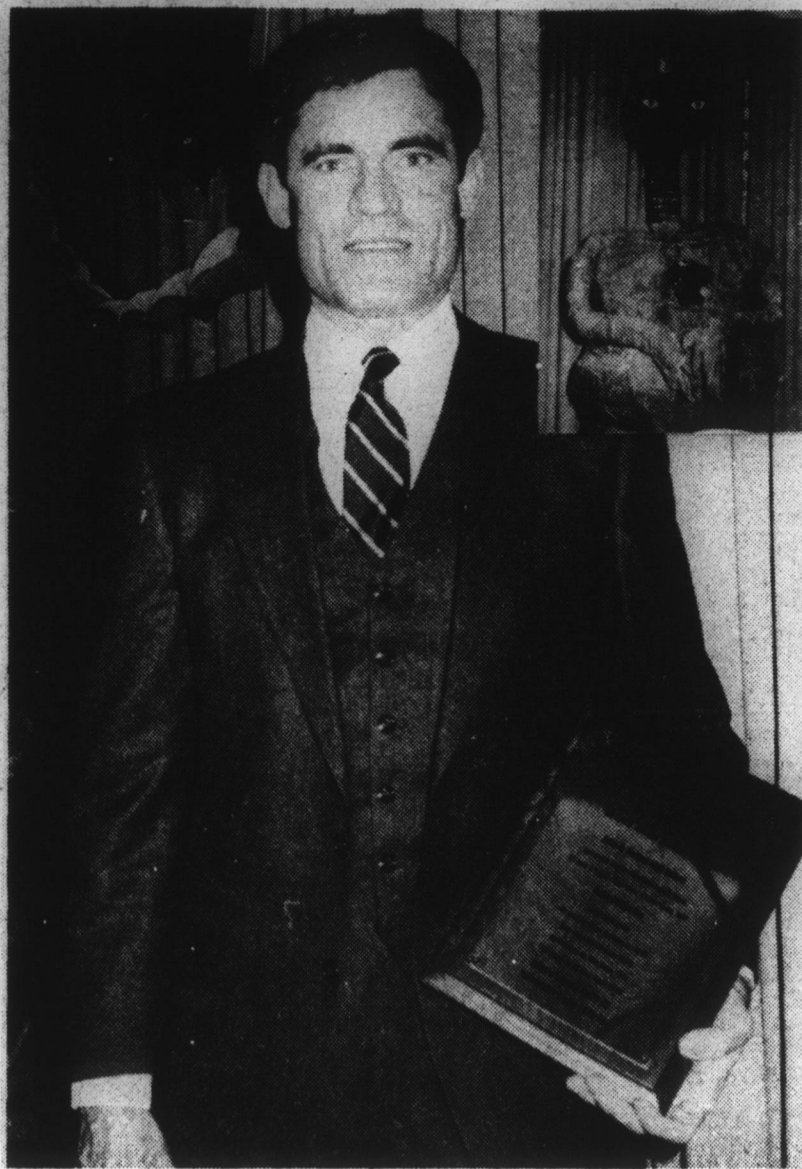
### District Court Session

Chowan County District Court was in session on January 18 as the Honorable Grafton G. Beaman presided over the criminal calendar.

James Ellis Bunch, Jr., was found guilty of disobeying a stop sign. He had to pay a \$25 fine and cost of court.

Wallace Elton Copeland was found guilty of having .10 blood alcohol. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended upon the payment of a \$100 fine, cost of court, and attend Alcohol

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TWO GUEST—Wes Chesson (left) was the guest speaker at the awards banquet Tuesday night. E.T. (right) was a little speechless. (Photos by Clay Roberts)

## High School Athletes Honored At Banquet

By Clay Roberts

The semi-annual Sports Award Banquet, sponsored by the John A. Holmes Booster Club, was held Tuesday night, with Wes Chesson, III as guest speaker.

Jerry McGee, Athletic Director of Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Schools and former John A. Holmes Coach, introduced Chesson. McGee coached Wes Chesson in high school.

During his speech, Chesson talked about his many memories at John A. Holmes High School, in-

cluding his disappointments, and highlights of his athletic career. He put a lot of emphasis on "not giving up." He used Tom Dempsey as an example of one who persevered and set goals. Dempsey, although handicapped by no right hand or foot, set a 63 yard record for the longest field goal.

Chesson ended his speech with an example of a famous phrase. He said, "You're lying on an operating table and the anesthesiologist is getting ready to put you asleep. Then, the doctor says to his staff

"It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game."

At the conclusion of his speech, Chesson was presented with a plaque by the Edenton-Chowan School system, listing his many athletic achievements.

The girls on the tennis team were then presented their awards by Coaches Nan Copeland and Allen Hornthal.

The members of the sophomore team receiving letters were: Julie Underkofler, Lynn Cale, Cindy Dunn and Amy Clarkston. Letters were also awarded to Karen Keeter, Nicole Roberson, Elizabeth Hornthal, Patricia Ashley, Carol Voigt and Martha Harless.

The Most Aggressive Player Award was presented to Pam Babb and Elizabeth Hornthal.

Elizabeth Hornthal and Nicole Roberson were recipients of the Most Valuable Player Award.

The Most Dedicated Player Award was received by Martha Harless.

Artemesia Nixon and Lin Phelps were selected the Most Improved for their performance on the cross country team. Terry Hayes and Ken Jones received the senior award.

Paul Bunch was awarded Most Dedicated Player for the J.V. Football team.

In varsity football, the Most Im-

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SPECIAL PLAQUES were given to Nichole Roberson, Martha Harless, Pam Babb, and Elizabeth Hornthal for the Tennis team.



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James Edwin Bufflap

### Former Editor Taken In Death

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock for James Edwin Bufflap, 17 Queen Anne Place. He was 90.

The services were held at Edenton United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Blankenhorn officiating. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery with full Masonic rites.

Mr. Bufflap, co-founder and editor emeritus of The Chowan Herald, died suddenly at his home about 10:30 A.M. Saturday.

He was active in community affairs, having served on the Edenton Town Council for 30 years. He was past master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, AF & AM; past worthy patron of Edenton Chapter 302, Order of Eastern Star; a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Shriner, a member of Sudan Temple in New Bern; a member of the Order of Red Men in which he was the keeper of records; and a member of Edenton United Methodist Church where he had served as a trustee and member of the Administrative Board.

A native of Lancaster, Pa., Mr. Bufflap was the son of the late Charles Henry and Annie Bufflap. He was the widower of Mrs. Kate Kline Bufflap.

Survivors include one daughter, Miss Dorothy Bufflap of the home; five step-sons; two granddaughters; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorial donations be made to a favorite charity.

Willford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangement.

### Council Holds Special Meeting

The Edenton Town Council held a special Council meeting on Monday, January 17, to discuss the bids it received on the waste water extension project and the road improvement project. They also discussed the implementation of the Block Grant Program at this special meeting.

The waste water extension project was the first project discussed at the meeting. The project includes the addition of the homes on Old Hertford Road, Coke Avenue and the McDonalds restaurant, to the sewage system. The town received eight bids for the project which ranged from \$238,000 to \$334,000. The lowest bid was received from R and G Company from

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### Allan Asbell Appointed As Vice President For Consumer Loans

First Financial, a financial institution based in Kinston with of-

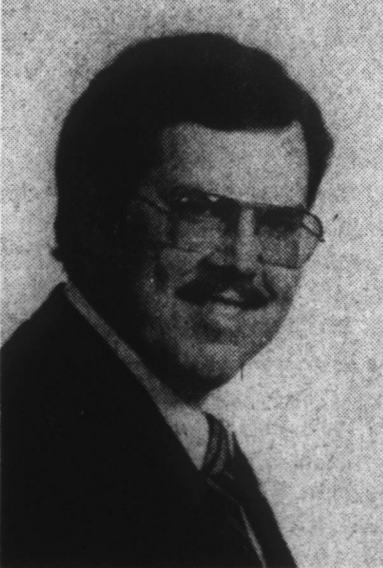
fices throughout Eastern North Carolina, announced the appointment of Allan B. Asbell as vice-president for consumer loans.

Asbell, the executive officer in charge of consumer loans, will be responsible for retail loans for First Financial.

Asbell is a native of Chowan County and has been involved in community activities including Industrial Development in Perquimans County. Prior to joining

First Financial Asbell was City Executive for the Bank of North Carolina and has had an outstanding career in banking.

Asbell is the son of Garland and Ann Asbell. He has one daughter, Stephanie Alana.



Allan B. Asbell



TEACHER OF THE YEAR—Sandra Phillips is shown here giving John Dunn, superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, a tour through her scrap book, as several of her students look on.

### Phillips Named Local Teacher Of The Year

Sandra Phillips has been nominated for the local Teacher of the Year Award by the Edenton-Chowan School System. She has also been named first runner up for the regional Teacher of the Year Award.

Mrs. Phillips is a teacher at D. F.

Walker Elementary School and is currently teaching kindergarten through third grade, working primarily with exceptional children; that is, learning disabled, educationally disabled and gifted and talented children.

It all started for Mrs. Phillips, ac-

ording to her biographical sketch, "During my pre-school years, the most exciting Christmas that I can remember was the year I received a large, green chalkboard from Santa."

"My dolls and my younger

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HOSPITAL BALL CHAIRMEN CHOSEN—Mrs. C.B. (Thelma) Smith has selected the chairpersons for the Annual Chowan Hospital Auxiliary Ball. The chairpersons will be: Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Parrish (pictured left) and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bean (pictured right). The ball will be held on February 26 at the New National Guard Armory on Base Road. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abbe will be on the decoration committee. The other committees will include: Mrs. C.B. Smith and Mrs. Byron Kehayes on the reservation committee, Mrs. Allen Hornthal - food committee, Mrs. Gilliam Wood - band and entertainment committee, Susan Hill - program committee, Mrs. Roland Vaughan, Jr. - patron parties committee and Carol Voigt - cloak room committee. Proceeds from the Ball will be used for needed equipment or furnishings for the Hospital.