

## Losing Out

Gov. Jim Hunt has announced that travel expenditures in North Carolina last year exceeded \$3-billion for the first time. We are quietly losing along the Public Parade.

It is unfortunate that several tourist attractions along the Public Parade have gone by the boards. The Biennial Tour of Colonial Edenton and Countryside took second place to none in the entire state. It was cancelled this year.

Christmas activities were also cancelled. There is something bad happening along the Public Parade and one thing we hope it doesn't turn out to be is greed.

Tourist dollars are smokeless dollars. The people come to the area, enjoy what we take for granted and are willing to pay for it. What we are missing out on can be explained by two paragraphs from Gov. Hunt's recent statement:

"The impact of the travel industry on the North Carolina economy is very significant and very broad. The benefits of this industry reach into all parts of the state and touch the lives of all of the people of North Carolina.

"Thousands of businesses and individuals prosper directly from the expenditures of the visitors to our state. Others benefit from the many millions of dollars of tax revenue generated from travel expenditures."

The quietness of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Edenton Historical Commission is rapidly becoming deafening.

## Pleasant Problem

It is with a great source of pride that we read in our favorite afternoon daily of general circulation along the Public Parade where Chowan County is facing a costly expansion to its water system. Problems like these are signs of growth, even if not as much prosperity as we would like.

This writer gets a particular amount of glee over the "problem" since he took on the handle of "Ole Countywide" when this newspaper supported the water system several years ago.

The critics said it would never work. First, there would never be 1,250 customers needed to make the project financially feasible. Then, it would bankrupt the county because there would not be enough users to pay off the debt.

Paul Parks, an official of the Farmers Home Administration in Raleigh, had figures which showed it would work. He not only approved every possible loan, but he saw to it that every penny available from grants came to Chowan. The result is a system which is the envy of all of Tar Heelia.

Phase II was financed at the cost of Phase I. Now that another phase is necessary it will probably cost more. But the people of Chowan County no longer have a health hazard - poor quality drinking water.

This writer has every confidence in the world that Chowan County commissioners, working with the able assistance of County Manager Cliff Copeland and Utilities Director Graham Farless, will find a solution to the expansion project which won't bankrupt the county. In fact, except for the time spent by locally elected officials on the project, we don't think the countywide water system has yet to cost the taxpayers anything more than the letterhead on which the resolution of approval was drafted.

In good times and bad, the Chowan County countywide water system is a bargain and has proven its critics to be more than a little out of focus.

## Bird Action

Over the past several years our neighbors to the northwest have been infested with black birds. It was suspected that Mayor Ferd Harrison of Scotland Neck voted every one of them in his bid to become president of the National League of Cities.

Mayor Harrison is now about to get the last laugh. It appears that the chance of ponds designed into the Town of Edenton's new \$7-million wastewater treatment

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# Town Council Holds Special Meeting To Vote On Rezoning

The Edenton Town Council held a special Called meeting on February 21 at 8 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roy Harrell.

The first item of business to be discussed at this special Council meeting was the review of bids received by the Public Works and Finance Committee on a new street sweeper. There were two bids received for the street sweeper, the first coming from the Tymco dealer from Waco, Texas who made the bid of \$66,995 for a new sweeper. The second bid came from Tymco-Public Works Equipment and Supply of Monroe, North Carolina, with

a bid of \$62,400 street sweeper and allowed \$2,500 for the trade in of the Town's old Elgin street sweeper, making their bid \$59,900. Tymco of Monroe went to offer for sell a demonstrator, with 30 hours of operating time on it, for \$58,000 and still allowed \$2,500 for the trade in of the Elgin giving a bid for the demonstrator of \$55,500.

The committees recommended that the Town purchase the demonstrator from Tymco of Monroe on a lease purchase agreement, with First and Merchants Leasing Corporation, for four years at an interest rate of 10 per cent. Council accepted the proposal

unanimously.

The Council opened the floor for a public hearing on zoning changes next.

The first change in the present zoning was the Planning Board's proposal to rezone the area on Jackson Street between N.C. 32 and Freemason Street from R-20 (residential-agriculture) to R-6 (residential). There was some question during the hearing on this change as to be the definition of multi-family dwellings, which R-6 allows, but these questions were dispelled when it was noted that for each additional family unit, there must be at least 3000 additional

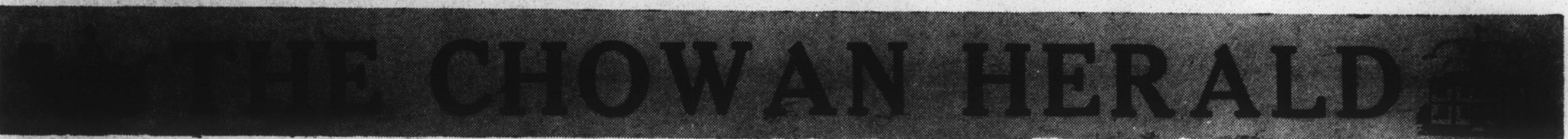
square feet of land over the original lot size required, of an R-6 zoned area, of 6000 square feet. There is only one lot in the Jackson Street area that has the required footage and it falls under the grandfather clause anyway. Council voted unanimously to accept this change in zoning.

The Planning Board proposed to Council that the area North of West Albemarle Street and those lots on the south side of West Albemarle Street be rezoned from R-10 to R-6, next. The major change made by this zoning change would be to reduce the minimum lot size from 10,000 square feet to 6,000 square

feet. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

The final action requested by the Planning Board was to amend Edenton's Zoning Ordinance to include "storage warehouse and mini-storage" as a permitted use under R-20 (residential and agriculture) zones. The Council passed the proposed amendment with one dissenting vote, Councilman Fenner. He was concerned with what might be stored in the Warehouses."

The public hearing was closed and Council adjourned.



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The North Carolina Symphony

## The N.C. Symphony Will Perform Tonight

At last, the waiting is over! This Thursday, February 24, at 8:00 the North Carolina Symphony will return to Edenton for their 50th anniversary season performance. The concert, under the direction of James Ogle, will feature Jacqueline Bartlett, harpist, and numbers by the combined Edenton Choral Society and Holmes Concert Choir.

At press time, some tickets remain at Hollowell-Blount Drugs and Mitchener's Pharmacy. Those concerned about tickets not yet purchased may wish to call Jake Boyce, ticket chairman, at 482-4436 or 221-4188. There are expected to be a few seats still available at the door.

The program for this special performance offers something for everyone, and was especially tailored by Ogle for Edenton.

James Ogle, a graduate of the University of Michigan, is now in his fifth season as associate conductor of the North Carolina Sym-

phony, after having served four years as its assistant conductor.

Winner of the symphony's first Young Conductor's Competition in 1974, he was also a 1974 winner in the Malko International Conducting Competition held in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Ogle appeared with the International Festival of Young Artists Orchestra in Leysin, Switzerland, and won the statewide James Bland Memorial Scholarship Contest in Virginia. He has also been a guest conductor of "Music from Bear Valley", a music festival held each summer in the High Sierra Mountains of California.

He studied at the National Conservatory of Music in Paris and with Igor Markevitch in France. IN 1980 Ogle studied with Seiji Ozawa, Leonard Bernstein, Andre Previn, and Sir Colin Davis at the renowned Tanglewood Music Festival, summer home of the Boston Symphony.

During the summer of 1981, Ogle

was conductor-in-residence at Appalachian State University's Cannon Music Camp. This summer he returned to Cannon as artistic director/conductor of the North Carolina Symphony Chamber Orchestra, which was in residence during the first week in August.

The concert will include such selections as George Frederick Handel's "Music for the Royal Fireworks" and "Sing Unto God", Maurice Revel's "Introduction and Allegro", Randall Thompson's "Choose Something Like a Star", Johannes Brahms' "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic".

The Edenton Choral Society and the John A. Holmes High School Concert Choir will be singing the following selections along with the Symphony: Ralph Vaughan Williams' "English Folk Song Suite", Wolfgang Mozart's "Divertimento in D Major", a medley of George Gershwin tunes, and selections from "My Fair Lady".

## Asbell Named As The 1982 Woman

Mrs. Ann Perry Asbell was named the 1982 Woman of the Year at the annual Bosses' Night Banquet, sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club. The banquet was held at 7:00 last Thursday night at the Fellowship Hall of the Edenton Methodist Church.

The prevailing theme throughout the evening was "The Changing World for Working Women - Be Involved".

The Methodist Churchwomen outdid themselves with a delicious roast beef dinner cooked and served from their own special kitchen. Following the meal and welcoming addresses, the entertainment was introduced.

Mr. Clifford Tretick again touched the Edenton area with his joyful performance on his "Golden Flute", while being accompanied by Lily Tong Chou, a concert pianist. The two are presently serving as artists-in-residence, sponsored by the College of the Albemarle.

Mrs. Fran Ward, 1981 Woman of the Year, introduced Mrs. Voliva as the night's speaker. Mrs. Voliva, Home Economics Agent for Tyrrell County, spoke on the changing roles of women and the importance of keeping one's perspective clear in these exciting - but confusing - times.

Mrs. Julia Hassell then introduc-

ed Mrs. Ann P. Asbell, the 1982 Woman of the Year. The surprised Mrs. Asbell listened proudly as Mrs. Hassell told of her dedication to the teaching profession, her family, her church, and her community.

Ann Perry Asbell was born in

## Of The Year

Bertie County and graduated from Merry Hill High School. She attended Campbell College for two years, and then transferred to East Carolina University, where she graduated with a degree in mathematics.

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THE 1982 WOMAN OF THE YEAR—Mrs. Ann P. Asbell, right, is the new recipient of the Woman of the Year Award, given annually by the Edenton Business and Professional Club. Mrs. Julia Hassell, left, introduced the new 1982 Woman of the Year last Thursday night at the Bosses' Banquet held at the Edenton Methodist Church.

## Duke Endowment Appropriates Grant To The Chowan Hospital

"The Duke Endowment has appropriated a second \$150,000 grant to assist with the current construction projects of the hospital", Johnny Bryan, Hospital Director recently announced.

Application was made to The Duke Endowment in December 1981 for financial assistance with the building program. The Endowment responded by appropriating \$150,000 "for assistance in the construction and equipment of additions and alterations to the existing hospital to provide ten (10) additional patient beds, expanded and modernized ancillary facilities, and the addition of nuclear medicine services."

At that time, the Trustees of The Endowment approved a recommendation that further support be given in future years if funds were available to do so. Following a February 2, 1983, Board meeting of The Endowment Trustees, the hospital received notification that the grant had been approved.

Since 1945, The Duke Endowment has granted more than \$600,000 to Chowan Hospital. These monies

have aided the construction and renovation of the present hospital, the renovation of the long-term care facility, the addition of the educational annex, the introduction of fulltime Emergency Room physicians, and reimbursement for charity care.

North and South Carolina hospitals are eligible to receive assistance from The Duke Endowment for construction and equipment, charity care, and expanding patient services.

The Endowment also assists children's homes in the Carolinas; four educational institutions - Duke, Johnson C. Smith, and Furman Universities, and Davidson College; and rural United Methodist ministers; widows and dependent orphaned children of United Methodist ministers in North Carolina.

The Duke endowment was established by James B. Duke in 1924, and is today among the largest private foundations in the United States. \$36 million was appropriated in 1982, a \$1 million increase over 1981 grants.

## Edenton Police Department Is Still Investigating Weekend Burglaries

The Edenton Police Department is at present investigating two burglaries that occurred last weekend, February 18 and February 19.

The first burglary was discovered when, on Friday night, around 8:19 P.M., Ricky Browder returned to his truck, after a ballgame at the old Armory. When he arrived at his truck, he found that the glass on the passenger's side had been broken, and the two guns stored there (a Remington Shotgun and a .22 Marlin Rifle) with scope, were missing.

The second burglary occurred sometime Saturday morning when it was discovered that Hollowell and Blount Rexall Drugstore was broken into. The burglars gained entry by removing the glass from the back door. Apparently, they then went into the prescription area where they stole some Darvon capsules. Darvon is a painkilling drug. The only motive the police have

at present was that the burglars were after the Darvon capsules, since nothing else was taken.

The investigating officers for the Hollowell and Blount burglary are into both burglaries, and there are no suspects at present.

## Gayle Byrum: Winner In NCNB Sweepstake

Gayle Byrum of Edenton has won \$1,000 in the NCNB New Banking Sweepstakes sponsored by NCNB National Bank.

NCNB sponsored the precedent-setting \$100,000 sweepstakes as a way of promoting its two new money market accounts, Individual Retirement Accounts and discount stock brokerage service.

A. Donald Ross III, director of advertising and sales promotion for NCNB, said approximately 140,000 entries were received during the sweepstakes, which ran throughout the month of January.

## The Extended Benefits Program

Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager of the Edenton Employment Security Commission Office, announced today that The Extended Benefits Program "triggered on" with the week ending January 29, and the first payable week was the week ending February 19. The program is activated legally by a period of sustained high unemployment, and it begins the third week after the week in which there is a "trigger on" indicator.

Extended Benefits (EB) payments have the same monetary value as regular unemployment insurance benefits. The EB Program will last 13 weeks, and it can be extended only if the unemployment rate maintains a level high enough to "trigger in" another period.

Unemployed workers are advised to contact the ESC local office serving their area for complete information about the Extended Benefits Program.

Doug Taylor, chief accountant for ESC, said, "The last extended benefit period in North Carolina began week ending February 6, 1982, and ended week ending October 22, 1982. During that period over \$12.4 million was paid to eligible claimants." EB payments are funded by state and federal governments.