

## Town Council Holds Meeting To Hear Reports And Present Award To Privott

### Noted And Passed

The Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton, one of the most popular happenings along the Public Parade, is not being held this month. Edenton Woman's Club, the sponsor which has poured thousands of dollars back into the community from tour profits, couldn't muster adequate support.

We guess this is why a headline in Mondays edition of our least favorite morning daily newspaper of general circulation in Northeast North Carolina caught our attention. It read: "Southern Pines, Raleigh open homes to public."

Some of the luster is gone from along the Public Parade because there is no pilgrimage this year. The loss of the smokeless dollars the popular event generated will be hard to recapture.

Our reputation as being generous in sharing even our private heritage with others, even those willing to be paid a modest fee, is tarnished. Shame!

### Being Covered

The rapid increase in health care cost is being felt by people along the Public Parade and throughout the country on almost monthly basis. It is a great deal of comfort to have adequate insurance.

Expensive as it is, health insurance has become a necessity, not a luxury. It is something people can't afford to be without. It is something, like the Fire Department, which one doesn't think much about until it is needed.

Elsewhere in today's edition is a story which reports that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina alone paid benefits totaling in excess of \$3-million in Chowan County in 1982. The total in all 10 counties in Northeastern North Carolina exceeded \$15.5-million.

On a personal note, we know how it is to be adequately covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The cost of a recent illness was nearly \$8,000. Our personal payment was less than \$500. That's an example of being covered.

### Back In Groove

Chowan County commissioners are getting back in the groove of leadership of improved water quality along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina. As a board, the commissioners had become somewhat slack with regards to the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound.

Capt. Al Howard, head of the Chowan Regional Task Force, put a prod to the commissioners Monday night and the response was positive. The board endorsed a statewide ban on phosphate detergents and agreed to reconvene a group of commissioners from the counties bordering the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound. With Farmers Chemical at Tunis shut down, the group can expect stronger support from Hertford County.

It was at the encouragement of commissioners from the multi-county area, led by C. A. Phillips, former chairman of the Chowan board, which took their case to Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and got results. Gov. Hunt made the Chowan River his Number One environmental priority. For a while the General Assembly supported the chief executive with funds.

Two studies have been completed and should not be allowed just to collect dust. As Capt. Howard says, "From 1977 until today the quality of the water (in the entire Albemarle Sound Basin) has continued to deteriorate."

The only thing which gets results in the political process is pressure. Gov. Hunt encouraged the locally elected officials to keep the pressure on the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development to strive toward better water quality. Now that we are heading into the algae bloom

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The Edenton Town Council met in its regular scheduled meeting on April 12, 1983 at 8 P.M. Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order and Councilwoman Crumney offered the evening's invocation.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved prior to conducting the evening's business.

The first item of business was administrative and departmental reports. During the Police report it was noted that parking on downtown Broad Street has been extremely congested. It was suggested that the Police Chief send letters to all downtown merchants requesting that they have their employees park in one of the parking lots off Broad Street. Chief Parrish reported that his department has checked these parking lots and has found them to be crowded also. The Police Department was asked to continue their check including the parking problems across from Privott's Shoe Repair and along side of Whites Barber Shop.

The Fire Department report was next and Fire Chief Perry noted that on Thursday night the East Carolina Firefighters Association will be meeting in Edenton. He requested that Council support them by attending the meeting.

The Street Department report followed noting that several

potholes along the streets in Edenton are in need of repair. Sam Noble noted for the Street Department that the sidewalk in front of the old Chowan County Courthouse is in the process of being replaced with a brick sidewalk.

The Finance Committee made five motions which the Council passed. The first was the approval of a lease agreement between the Town of Edenton and the Albemarle Baptist Mission for the use of the old NRCD building at Edenton Municipal Airport. The second was the deletion of section 19-8 Personal indebtedness of the Town's personal policy. The motion was made to prevent the intrusion of the personal finances and lives of the employees.

Thirdly, the committee made the motion that Personal Policy Section 19-42 (Sick Leave) be amended to limit the number of days sick leave taken by employees due to a death in the family, to three days.

The fourth motion made by the Finance Committee was to approve any and all permits necessary for the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club to host the Fourth Annual Independence Day Celebration plus contribute \$100 toward the project.

In its final action the Finance Committee recommended that the Town approve a contract with Johnson and Miller, CPA, to per-

form the 1982-83 audit. It was noted that theirs was the only contract received.

The Utility Committee requested that Council hold a special meeting at 5 P.M. to discuss an increase in electrical rates.

The final committee to make a motion to Council was the Public Works Committee. It requested that a single parking space on Colonial Drive be designated handicapped to accommodate a handicapped individual who lives there.

There were two items of new business. The first was the presentation of a plaque to Councilman Privott to recognize his service on the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency. A cover letter received with the plaque read: "We are pleased to present you with the enclosed commemorative plaque; 'Commemorating completion of financing for the acquisition of the Ultimate Ownership Interests in Joint Facilities purchased from Carolina Power and Light Company'."

Mayor Harrell, after presenting the plaque, stated, "The Town of Edenton is fortunate to have a man like Councilman Privott. I don't know how he finds time to go to all the meetings... we really ap-

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**EARNHARDT AWARD PRESENTED**—Mrs. Judy H. Earnhardt of Edenton is shown presenting to Capt. John D. Summers the Earnhardt Sea Power Award. The award is in memory of her late husband W. J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., local attorney.

## Earnhardt, Jr., Sea Power Award Presented At Recent Ceremony

Capt. John D. Summers, a member and past director of the Naval Air Reserve (NAVAIRES) Norfolk Sea Power Presentation Team, received the third Capt. Wiley J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., Sea Power Award for outstanding performance and leadership in 1982, during a ceremony held at NAS Norfolk, Va. in March.

Mrs. Judy Earnhardt of Edenton, presented the award on behalf of her late husband, who served as the first director of the award-winning 'Norfolk team.'

CDR Glenn Allen Scott, current director of the team, lauded Summers for "presentations portraying the United States as an organization ever true to its finest tradi-

tions" and for "enabling others to understand the critical missions of the sea service and the essential importance of sea power to the nation."

In his acceptance remarks, Capt. Summers stated, "My participation on the Sea Power Team has definitely been an act of love. I am truly honored by this recognition bearing Capt. Earnhardt's name - no one else has ever touched my life the way he did. He was an inspiration to all of us on the team."

## State Insurance Benefits Are Paid

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina paid benefits totaling \$3,242,666 to hospitals, doctors, skilled nursing facilities, and home health agencies in Chowan County in 1982, the not-for-profit health service Plan announced.

The amounts paid to doctors and institutions in other counties in the area were: Camden, \$1,300; Currituck, \$7,166; Dare, \$146,418; Gates, \$14,682; Hyde, \$26,025; Pasquotank, \$9,890,218; Perquimans, \$19,666; Tyrrell, \$5,936; and Washington, \$2,268,669.

During the year, the statewide health service Plan processed 4,616,560 claims for participants in its regular Blue Cross and Blue Shield programs, amounting to more than \$580.3-million in total benefits. In addition, more than \$689-million was paid through the federal government's Medicare program (Part A), which is administered by the Plan.

Through its underwritten and administered government programs combined, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina serves approximately 1.8 million North Carolinians.

Now in its 50th year of service, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina is the state's oldest and largest health insurer.

## Deputy Sheriff Receives Award

Mrs. Linda Nixon Terry, Chowan County Deputy Sheriff, received the award for Young Career Woman at the District XI meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs held at the Holiday Inn in Williamston, N.C. on Saturday, April 9, 1983.

Speaking to a group of 65 members and three judges Mrs. Terry spoke earnestly about her interests in working with children of all ages to help promote better communication for solving problems and for building productive lives. She will speak again during the state convention in June.

The competition included girls from seven other clubs in the district: a Speech & Hearing Specialist, a Director of Nurses, a Day Care Operator, an Attorney, an Assistant Cashier, a Policewoman, and the Coordinator of Dare County 400 Anniversary.

Judges were: Mr. Jack Runion, Vepco Public Relations, Mrs. Peggy Griffin, Chair Martin County Elections Bd. and Mr. Ray Ferris, Program Director N.C. Dept. of Correction.



**PRIVOTT RECEIVES PLAQUE**—Councilman Privott is shown here receiving a commemorative plaque from Mayor Roy Harrell. The plaque comes from the North Carolina Municipal Power Agency.

## The Chowan County District Court Session Held; Judge Beaman Presides

Chowan County District Court was in session on April 12 with the Honorable Judge Grafton G. Beaman, presiding.

Leon Johnson was found guilty on

### Lowery Scheduled To Speak At ECSU

Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Leadership Conference, will be the keynote speaker during Elizabeth City State University's Honors Convocation set for April 20, at 10 A.M. in Moore Hall auditorium. The annual program salutes over 350 high achieving students who have also made significant contributions to the arts and sciences.

Widely known for his involvement with the Civil Rights movement, during the 50's and 60's, Dr. Lowery has been instrumental in helping it grow beyond national issues. One of the founders of SCLC, Dr. Lowery "made international headlines by leading a delegation to the Mideast, where he called for Palestinian participation in the peace talks, a direct challenge to official U.S. policy. While there, he helped secure a cease-fire agreement in Lebanon from PLO leader Yassir Arafat, and asked for an end to Israel's bombing of southern Lebanon."

Since taking over the leadership

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one count of passing a worthless check. He received a five year sentence, suspended for one year; further, Johnson was ordered to make restitution to Byrum Implement Co. in the amount of \$501.41.

John Oscar McCloud was charged with excessive speed of 70 in a 55 zone; the case was called and failed.

Ellis Ray Bonner was convicted of non-support of illegitimate children. He was sentenced to 120 days, suspended for 3 years. Bonner was ordered to pay \$40 for the benefit of his minor children.

Tony Anthony Blount was charged with excessive speed of 58 in a 45 zone; the case was called and failed.

Marcella Weeks Stallings was charged with excessive speed of 66 in a 55 zone; the case was called and failed.

William (Hook) Wilson was convicted on charges of being intoxicated and disruptive and sentenced to serve 4 days. The sentence was commuted to time already served. Wilson was also convicted on a charge of trespassing. He was sentenced to 120 days, suspended for 3 years, and was fined \$100 plus cost of court. The defendant was further ordered to stay off the premises of Fast Fare for a period of 3 years.

Mordeay Mishali was found guilty of excessive speed of 83 in a 55 zone. Mishali was fined \$25 and ordered to pay cost of court.

## Hospital Auxiliary To Donate To Fund For Special Birthing Room

The Chowan Hospital Auxiliary voted to donate \$2,500.00 to a fund for a special birthing room at Chowan Hospital, Inc. at their meeting Monday, April 11. Also, approved was a \$500.00 contribution for shrubbery for the area around the new addition to the hospital.

## Special Philatelic Spring Promotion

The Edenton Post Office is celebrating spring with a special philatelic promotion set to run from April 18 to May 14, Postmaster James M. Bond announced today.

"The purpose of the program is to call attention to the educational benefits as well as to the overall fun of stamp collecting," Bond said. "It's the most popular hobby in the world."

In keeping with the theme of the celebration, "Get Carried Away With Philately," the recently issued 20-cent commemoratives that feature colorful hot air balloons are available at the post office.

Another popular item on sale, the postmaster noted, is the inexpensive and useful guide to stamp collecting, "The Postal Service Guide to U.S. Stamps." This paperback contains background information on many postage stamps dating back to the 1800s. It also has listings, current values and colorful illustrations of most of the stamps.



**AUXILIARY ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**—Pictured here are the newly elected officers of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary: Mrs. Wil Parker, President; Mrs. J.A. Wright, Vice President; Mrs. J.M. Parrish, Secretary and Mrs. Robert Halsey, Treasurer.