

Outer Banks Notes

Well, we took our family down to the Outer Banks Beach Club last Saturday afternoon for a week of fun in the sun. It turned out to be a lot of the Public Parade mixed in the 24 hours we were able to spend in the State of Dare.

On the second trip to the grocery store after 4 P.M., we shopped at Nags Head Super Market, owned and operated by Howard and Artie Ange, displaced Edentonians. During our visit we learned that Rev. Cliff Shoaf had spent enough time at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church over in Manteo to spearhead a highly successful building program.

The Shoafs maintain a hideaway near Johnston's Bridge on South Granville Street. We told him a year ago when he was assigned to Manteo, so close to Edenton, that Bishop Cannon was giving him a real test.

So, Sunday morning we decided to drive over to Manteo to see if the good minister was on the job. He was, and apparently is doing a marvelous job since the Building Fund budget has been exceeded by more than 10 per cent in less than 45 days.

Among other Edentonians in the congregation was Jackie Parker, the musically talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker of Morgan Park. Jackie is heading up the youth ministry at the popular Circus Tent this summer, which is opened at 8 P.M. Tuesday.

Emphasis was placed on graduates of the 1983 class at Manteo High School. Special recognition was given to Anne Sawyer, valedictorian, who has been awarded a four-year scholarship to Harvard University. She was baptized by Mr. Shoaf while he was a minister at Edenton United Methodist Church and the Raymond Sawyers resided on Mexico Road.

"Character Is Its Own Reward" was the subject of the sermon, and Mr. Shoaf did his usual fine job of putting everything into proper perspective.

The bulletin listed the nursery volunteers as Becky and Charles Evans. The genial First House District representative is embroiled in a Currituck County measure and we are sure he did not find the nursery as much of a change of pace as he needed for the weekend.

It was a quick 24-hours for us on the Outer Banks. But we returned to the Public Parade late Sunday refreshed. Our experience had been just what we needed.

Get This!

United Financial Incentives of North Wales, Pa., will buy those grocery receipts you've been throwing away all your life along the Public Parade.

UFI's new program, started last October, buys grocery register tapes from people in all 50 states and U.S. territories and in Canada. Information extracted from the tapes is sold under contract to marketing research companies who use it to better target their advertising. More than 14,000 people have signed up with UFI so far.

Tapes are brought 1 per cent of their face value, minus money paid for alcoholic beverages, tobacco and sales tax, and discounted back to the next lower multiple of 25. For example if you spend \$129.88 on groceries this week you can sell your register tape to UFI for \$1.25. The maximum value of tapes that UFI will accept from one person in a year is \$6,000, for payment of \$60.

If you think the scheme is nutty, get this. Information about the program comes of Hixson, Tenn.

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RETIREMENT COMPLEX GROUNDBREAKING—Five of the people who participated in groundbreaking exercises Tuesday morning for Senior Village of Edenton are pictured here getting about their official duties. Left to right are: James E. Lewis, director, Albemarle Associates; Sec. of Commerce D. M. (Launch) Faircloth; Mayor Roy L. Harrell; Alton G. Elmore, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; and L.F. Amburn, Jr., one of the five partners in the venture. The \$2.2-million retirement complex will be located on West Hicks Street, adjacent to Chowan Hospital.

Groundbreaking Held For Senior Citizens' Complex

State Sec. of Commerce D.M. (Launch) Faircloth called his participation in groundbreaking ceremonies here Tuesday morning for a senior citizens' living complex "a little off the beaten path" for him, but said the sum total of projects being developed by an Edenton firm "will be far bigger than most of the industry we announce."

Groundbreaking for Senior Village of Edenton on West Hicks Street was one of the last official acts for the commerce secretary. He announced his resignation today (Thursday) and is expected in the next few weeks to throw his hat in

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years, not to consume alcoholic or malt beverages in public, not to possess alcoholic or malt beverages in public, not to possess a weapon including a knife for two years and the Sheriff is to confiscate and dispose of by destruction the concealed weapon, a knife.

Larry Ray Ferebee was called and failed to show on the charge of improper parking.

Robert Alan Clark was found guilty of driving 79 miles per hour in a 55 zone. He was sentenced to 30 days with two years suspended, fined \$80 and cost of court.

Joseph P. Kaczor was called but failed to show on the charge of driving 67 miles per hour in a 55 zone.

Alvin T. Hooks was called but failed to show on the charge of driving 65 in a 55 zone.

Louis McKinley Roulac was called but failed to show on the charge of driving 67 in a 55 zone.

William Arthur Manning was called but failed to show on the charge of driving 68 miles per hour in a 55 zone.

Clarence Edward Walker was found guilty of failure to yield right of way. He was fined \$50 and cost of court. He has appealed.

Robert Allen Mason was found guilty of driving 66 miles per hour in a 55 zone. He was fined \$25 and cost of court.

Edward McKenley Hill was found guilty of abandonment and nonsupport of child. He was sentenced to six months with five years suspended and must pay \$30 per week for support of child.

Michael Wayne Spivey was found guilty of larceny. He was committed for 12 months.

Carrie Welch Britt was found guilty of three counts of assault on a law enforcement officer, one charge of being intoxicated and disruptive. She was sentenced to 24 months with five years suspended, fined \$500, the cost of court in all four cases, pay restitution of \$35 for Trooper Siles' hat and \$41 for Troy Toppin's frames, not to possess any alcoholic beverage for five years and is not to assault a law officer for five years. She has appealed.

Richard Welch was found guilty of resisting a public officer. He was committed for 90 days.

Gary Thomas McDaniel was found guilty of trespassing. He was sentenced to six months with two years suspended, fined \$300, cost of court, not to go upon the property of Joseph Logan, Jr., for two years and is not to come within one mile of the area for two years.

to the political arena as candidate for Governor of North Carolina.

"I'm glad Bud Amburn and Albemarle Associates invited me here today because this Senior Village project is a perfect example of how private enterprise in North Carolina is responding to the needs of the people," he said.

The secretary later noted that when the 29 facilities now being planned are completed the value will exceed \$64-million and provide more than 500 new jobs. "That's the equivalent of a huge new industry—and it's an investment that's going to provide quality retirement options for older North Carolinians across our state," he noted.

"In our society today there is a tremendous demand for appropriate care for older Americans," he continued. "For some senior citizens, that means careful attention and quality health care in a nursing home or a hospital. For others it means a rest home, providing help with things like medicine, hygiene, and other personal care. And for some, appropriate care simply means an opportunity to live in a smaller more manageable home with easy access to companionship and suitable recreation."

"Here at this Senior Village project, you are taking the innovative step of combining apartments for the elderly with a quality rest home facility. You are providing these options at a reasonable price without high down payments or entry fees."

"The facility you are building will allow its residents to move from private apartment life to rest home care without being uprooted and taken away from familiar environments and friends. These are important considerations for most older North Carolinians."

In opening his remarks, Sec. Faircloth quoted from the concept document of the developers which states: "...as proposed (the facilities) represent more than brick and mortar; it basically represents a philosophy. If the prospective owners or investors are only interested in the bottom line solely then they should invest their monies elsewhere." He said this type philosophy impressed him and if maintained would insure the success of the master plan.

The complex will consist of a 60-bed rest home and 34 townhouse apartments for the elderly. The one and two bedroom apartments will be built adjacent to the rest home, forming a village atmosphere, complete with courtyard. The project, under contract to Finch Construction, Inc., of Dunn, will occupy nearly 10 acres across West Hicks Street from Chowan Hospital.

There will be room in the rest home for a spacious dining room, where occupants of the apartments as well as rest home residents may

Dismal Swamp

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Rep. Jones to develop this course of action, which will ensure the retention of the economic benefits attributable to commerce through the canal, as well as continued viability of a waterway system initiated by George Washington.

be fed. There will be a beauty-barber shop and generous activity space in the 18,730-square-foot home.

Edenton is headquarters for the developer, Albemarle Associates, headed by James E. Lewis, which is in the process of developing similar facilities in other counties across North Carolina. W. B. Gardner and L.F. Amburn, Jr., are also partners with Lewis in the Associates. All of the facilities will be managed by Moore Health Care Management, Inc., of Dunn.

Sec. Faircloth was introduced by W.B. Gardner, president of Retirement Concepts, Inc., which holds applications for several villages in other parts of the state.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell of Edenton welcomed those attending the ceremonies after the invocation was given by Rev. Richard R. Blankenhorn, pastor of Edenton United Methodist Church.

A further welcome and introduction came from Chairman Alton G. Elmore of Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

Senior Village of Edenton is a partnership owned by Lewis, Gardner and Amburn; Keith G. Finch and W. J. Moore, both of Dunn. The partners also plan facilities in Craven and Person counties. Finch currently is general contractor for Senior Village of Elizabeth City.

Facilities are already in operation in Elkin, Conover and Seven Lakes. In addition to Elizabeth City, construction is underway in Rocky Mount, Fayetteville and Clinton and is to begin soon in Wilson, Kinston, and Greenville.

The projects, which are conventionally financed, take about seven months to build. Interim financing for Senior Village of Edenton was provided by Peoples Bank & Trust Company. Construction and permanent financing has been arranged through Preferred Savings & Loan Association of High Point.

Dove-Knight Associates of Rocky Mount is architect.

County Library To Be Closed

The county libraries in Chowan, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington counties will be closed all day on June 22.

The staff will take a tour to Raleigh, where they will visit libraries and museums. The county libraries will be open at the regular times the other days of the week.

Wackelin Elected To Arts Council

RALEIGH — Bruce Wackelin, representing the Chowan Arts Council, has been elected to a two-year term on the N.C. Association of Arts Councils, Inc. The appointment is effective July 1.

The incoming president of the association is Jon Gossett, executive director of the High Point Arts Council.

The N.C. Association of Arts Councils is comprised of arts councils and arts organizations from all over the state.

Council Discusses Power Agency

Mayor Roy Harrell requested that the Council give him permission, by unanimous vote, to write Gov. Jim Hunt a letter, requesting that the States Attorney General look into the Town of Edenton's contract with the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency during the Council's regularly stated meeting on June 14.

The Mayor's request came after a report by the Power Agency's Executive Director, Ralph Shaw. During his report, Mr. Shaw gave a brief history of the Power Agency from its beginning when it represented cities to fight wholesale rate cases.

The cities could only develop two alternatives. The first was for them to build their own power plants. The second was to become part owners with the companies.

Since the Town of Edenton originally bought its power from Vepco it must buy Vepco until the end of this year.

In addition to the Vepco power that the Town must buy from the Power agency, it has two contracts for the type of power it buys from

CP&L through the Power Agency. The first type is project power, which is at a lower rate since the Town and other communities own part of the plant along with CP&L through the Power Agency. The second type of power is supplemental power which is bought at CP&L's wholesale rate.

The Power Agency and the communities it represents in addition to receiving the reduced rates in part ownership in the plants must also accept part of the obligation in building and operation of the plants. Mr. Shaw compared the conditions of ownership in the electric plants to ownership of a house.

"If you rent a house and the roof falls in the owner pays for it initially but you pay for it in the long run through higher rental fees," he said. "If you owned the house, you pay for it at one time," he continued. "Our feeling is that it is cheaper to pay for it once and get it over with than to continue to pay for it over and over through higher rates," he concluded.

What Mr. Shaw was referring to were several unexpected problems that occurred in the ownership of the plants that gave the Town only 2.7 per cent savings instead of the 15.19 per cent should conditions have been ideal.

Mayor Harrell complained at buying into CP&L's problems and asked if the Town saved 15.19 per cent last year. Mr. Shaw answered, "no". Mayor Harrell asked if the Town would save 15.7 per cent this year. Mr. Shaw answered, "no". Under present conditions the Town may only save 4.5 per cent.

Mayor Harrell continued by stressing that the Power Agency did not come to Edenton when he asked Mr. Shaw to at a regional meeting in Hertford. Mr. Shaw responded to this by stating that, in the letter sent to the town setting up the Hertford meeting, the Power Agency requested that should a city desire a separate meeting with the Power Agency. The Town of Edenton did not request such a meeting in response to the letter and by the time Mayor Harrell asked at the Hertford meeting, there was not enough time.

Councilman Hampton asked if the Town would have a rate increase in October as the Power Agency had once planned. The answer was that there would be no increase until January.

The discussion with the Power Agency concluded by Mayor Harrell's request for a motion and unanimous vote for him to write the letter to the Governor requesting a review of the Town of Edenton's contract with the Power Agency, and to request the renewal of the Governor's investigation into Vepco and CP&L.

The motion was made and seconded. Councilman Hollowell requested that The Town of Edenton look at the problem on a local level because taking it to the state level could have long reaching effect.

Mayor Harrell then stated that no letter would be sent until the wording of the letter was agreed upon by the full Council.

The Council voted five to one in favor of sending the letter.



McDONALDS HOLDS GRAND OPENING — The newest McDonalds in the world held its official "Grand Opening" on Sunday, June 12. On hand to help celebrate was Ronald McDonald who entertained both young and old with his show. The balloon flight over the Blue Ridge Mountains was won by Chris Stallings. His father, Bill Stallings is shown above accepting the prize from Ronald McDonald.