



SERVICE RECOGNIZED—Mrs. Julia Hassell, right, is pictured presenting a special award from Edenton United Methodist Church to Mrs. E. L. Ward, during services Sunday. Others shown are Mrs. Marginette Lassiter and Rev. Richard R. Blankenhorn. Mrs. Ward, who donated property for the new church buildings, has been a member of the local congregation since 1924 and is moving to Conway.

4th Of July Brings Traffic Fatalities

Monday is the Fourth of July, a general holiday recognized by the Merchants Committee of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce. Therefore, most business and industrial establishments will be closed for the day which will give employees a long weekend.

While the Edenton Optimist Club is planning a big Fourth of July celebration here, many people will be traveling. Fifteen people could lose their lives and approximately 800 injured in traffic accidents in North Carolina over the long weekend, the N.C. State Motor Club has estimated.

The state will count its toll over a 78-hour period beginning at 6 P.M. Friday, to midnight Monday. Last year 18 fatalities occurred during a similar period and 926 were injured.

The Fourth of July holiday weekend occurs near the start of the summer vacation season and, according to John G. Frazier, III, motor club president, tends to produce more fatalities on average than any other holidays, except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Traffic fatalities to date are running below the death rate of a year ago. "The safety trends are certainly most encouraging," said Frazier. "We are hopeful that the current safety trend will continue through the year and for the first time in twenty-eight years North Carolina's traffic deaths will not pass the 1,000 mark," Frazier continued.

In 1982 traffic fatalities totaled 1,320 in North Carolina, a 11.8 per cent decrease from 1981. To date 510 fatalities have been reported this year while 534 were reported killed through this same date last year. The downward trend is attributed to economic conditions, and the crackdown on DUI drivers by law enforcement officers throughout the state. The concentration on DUI drivers will continue over the upcoming holiday weekend, along with speeding drivers.



Arthur Franklin Beeler

Beeler Selected Outstanding Man

The other day Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Beeler, Route 2, Edenton received a letter with the return address of "Outstanding Young Men of America". The Beeler's, upon opening the letter, read the first paragraph which follows: "Congratulations! Your son, Arthur Franklin Beeler, Jr., has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America for 1983."

Arthur F. Beeler, Jr., or "Art" as he is known here in Edenton was a 1971 graduate of John A. Holmes High School. He attended East Carolina University where he graduated with honors from its Criminal Justice Program.

He was immediately employed

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FIVE GENERATIONS REPRESENTED — Mrs. Alice Bond, retiring manager of the Edenton Employment Security Commission, is shown here with four former managers of the office. They are, from left to right: Milton Bass, R.E. Cheek, Robert J. Jenkins, and Jim Hannan.

Mrs. Bond Is Honored Upon Retirement

A retirement dinner honoring Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manger of the Edenton Employment Security Commission, was held June 24th at Overton's Restaurant.

Dinner guests included four former managers of the Edenton Employment Security Commission office, past and present employees of the Edenton office, and ESC officials and workers from Raleigh and surrounding counties.

Mrs. Bond's family was represented by her husband, James, Edenton Postmaster, and her three sons; Jimmy; Millard; and Richard.

A native of Draper, N.C., Alice Bond attended the Raleigh School of Commerce. After completing her studies, she was hired by the Unemployment Compensation Commission office in Charlotte, N.C. In 1946, she began her work at the Edenton office as a senior stenographer - a position she held until 1952.

Following an extended maternity leave, Mrs. Bond came back to work in April, 1960 as an intermittent interviewer. Through a series of promotions, she became manager of the Edenton office in February, 1972 - one of the first women in North Carolina to hold such a position.

Mrs. Bond cited three reasons for her early retirement: the changeover from the federal CETA program to the the new Job Training Partnership Act (to take place October 1st); wanting more time to

devote to community activities; and finally, to be able to devote more time to her family.

In addition to being presented a certificate of retirement by Mr. John Fleming, Director of the Raleigh Employment Security Commission, Mrs. Bond was also admitted to the Commission's 20-Year Club, by Elmer Van Court, club president.

Mrs. Bond will officially retire on June 30. Mr. Bill Taylor will become the new manager of the Edenton office on July 1st.

Public Parade

Silent Leadership

Mrs. E. L. Ward, 205 North Granville Street, is moving from along the Public Parade after a lifetime of silent leadership to her church, friends and the community.

Mrs. Ward has been a member of Edenton United Methodist Church since 1924. Since she will soon be moving to Conway to be nearer her immediate family, Mrs. Ward was given special recognition at the church Sunday.

She was somewhat embarrassed by the "fuss" made over her, which is in keeping with her nature. But it was entirely fitting and proper that she be publicly recognized.

Mrs. Ward was among the first to get the building program underway, which is now nearing completion. She donated the site on which the Education Building, and now the new sanctuary are erected.

Rev. Richard R. Blankenhorn, Mrs. Julia Hassell, chairman of the Administrative Board; Mrs. Laura Fagan and Mrs. Marginette Lassiter participated in the tribute. It was Mrs. Lassiter who composed the following lines which tie together the feelings of Mrs. Ward's many friends along the Public Parade:

"Rosebud"

"The clothes she wore were Fashion-wise
In greens and gold and brown.
You knew she was a lady
When Rosebud came to town."

"She attended every meeting;
Not a one left in the lurch:
Holding up a pillar
Of United Methodist Church."

"Her views she shared at
Sunday School.
In circles she did toil.
No worthy cause exempted,
"No luncheon 'lowed to spoil."

"A cheerful face she brought to you
When you were sick in bed.
A kindly heart to listen
When yours was filled with dread."

"For her the word is loyalty;
One never heard to boast.
God bless you as you leave us.
Which of us will miss you most."

Health Care Cost

Health care costs along the Public Parade are now lower than at other regional centers, but action by the State Senate Finance Committee last week might change this. The committee killed a House passed bill which would allow Chowan Hospital to garnish wages of patients whose bills were at least 180 days overdue.

As has been stated in this column recently, if the local hospital—which is a county owned institution leased to a corporation to operate—consistently loses money, before long county tax funds will be necessary to erase the red ink. The garnishee measure was misunderstood in the General Assembly from the time Rep. Vernon James of the Isle of Pasquotank introduced it. As it wound its way through the legislative maze it got worse, even though it is a fact that Albemarle Hospital in neighboring Elizabeth City has had such a collection tool—although

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SPINEY RECOGNIZED — Joe Grimsley, left, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, presents Chowan County Forest Ranger Roger Spivey with the Department's Outstanding Service Award. Spivey was given the award for his more than 20 years of leadership in forest management and civic work in the county.

Felony Cases Slated On Chowan County Superior Court Calendar

Five men—including a Hertford attorney are scheduled to be tried next month in Chowan County Superior Court on felony charges surrounding the burning of an unoccupied dwelling.

James David Singletary, a young Perquimans County attorney, is among those charged in the conspiracy to burn the Elliott house on Highway 32, approximately 15 miles north of Edenton. Also charged are Larry Wayne Sanders, Peter Rosenthal, Luckie Douglas Cartwright, and Mitchell Duke Ivey.

The cases are on calendar for the session which begins July 18 and was circulated this week by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court.

Judge Herbert O. Phillips, III, of

Morehead City, will preside over the criminal term. Asst. Dist. Atty. Frank R. Parrish of Elizabeth City will prosecute the docket.

Also scheduled for trial is Charles H. Small, Jr., who faces six felony counts of disposing of leased property.

The trial calendar, which will be called at 2 P.M. on July 18, includes cases where Henry Drew is charged with driving while his license were permanently revoked, third offense of drunk driving and another count of driving while license revoked, and assault on an officer.

Sonnie Mae Hurdle Dillard faces counts involving the sale of spirited beverages to minors, as does Edward Earl Hall, Sr.

Funeral To Be Held On Friday

Edward Leroy Murphy, 80, of Route 1, Hertford, was fatally injured in a fall from a ladder, June 28, while installing aluminum siding at Ballard's Bridge Church.

Mr. Murphy was the owner and operator of Ed Murphy's Aluminum Products. He was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

He was married to the late Linda Lee Thurmond Murphy and had two daughters; Mrs. Martha Ann McGohon and Mrs. Lorraine Lamb, both of Hertford.

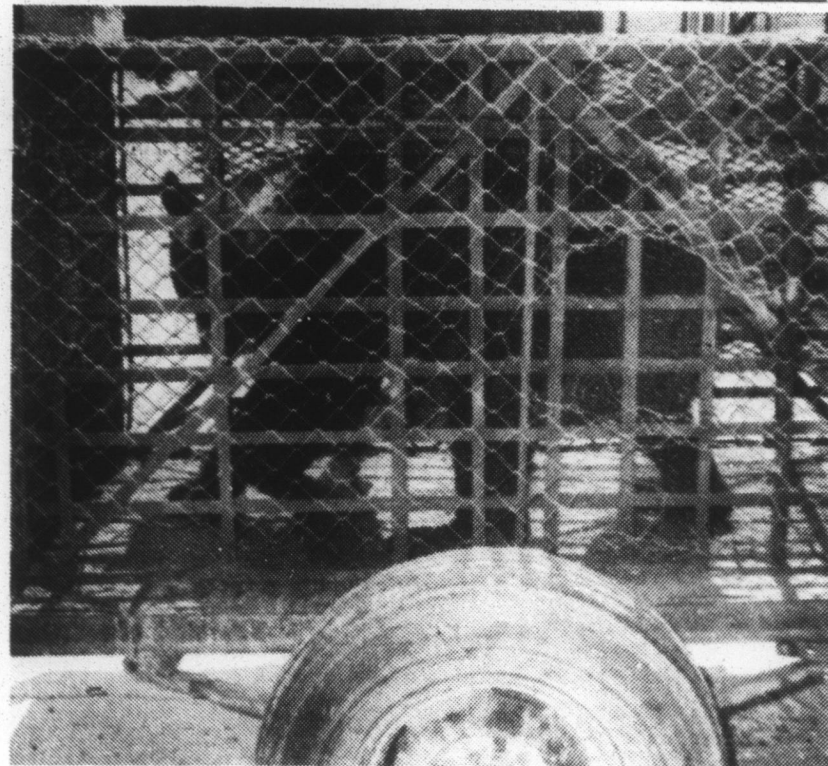
He is also survived by three brothers; William Murphy of Jackson, Miss., Daniel Murphy and Thomas Murphy both of Carthage, Miss.; six sisters; Mrs. Sarah Horn, Mrs. Emma Stribling, Mrs. Ada Cochran, and Mrs. Nell Waggoner all of Carthage, Miss., Mrs. Mildred Ellis of Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Mary Watkins of Louisiana; seven grand-children and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 1 at 3 P.M. at the Swindell Funeral Home Chapel and the Rev. Charles Middleton will be delivering the eulogy. Burial will follow at Bethel Cemetery.

Chowan Produce Exchange Opens

The Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange will open Monday the 4th of July at Valhalla. Local truck farm produce, (such as corn, tomatoes and watermelons), will be available at the auction which runs through the middle to latter part of August.

Toby Williford of Windsors will once again be the auctioneer and Les Bass will be the manager. Mr. Bass said that the auction has been held for just about as long as he can remember, and that he is looking forward to another good year.



CAPTIVE BEAR—Pictured above is the bear who came through Edenton Sunday night. This picture was taken at the Wildlife Depot on Airport Road.

An American Black Bear Visits School Yard In Edenton Sunday

A young male American black bear weighing approximately 200 pounds was treed Sunday night,

June 26, in the parking lot behind Swain School.

The bear was first spotted walking across the bridge at Hayes Plantation and later he was seen crossing several backyards on South Oakum Street. An unidentified man ran him up a tree in the Queen Street parking lot around 10 P.M. Both the Wildlife Commission and the police were contacted.

The bear was tranquilized by Wildlife personnel, put in a cage, and taken to the Wildlife Depot on Airport Road. After the wildlife officials applied a non-toxic green "paint" (for tracking and identification purposes), the bear was released in a wilderness area away from towns and populated areas.

Wildlife Commission personnel believe that the bear swam across the sound in search of either new territory, food, or both. An official with the Commission said that the larger male bears chase the smaller males out of existing territories, forcing the younger bears to seek a new habitation.

Highway Patrol Out In Force

The State Highway Patrol will be put in force during the weekend to provide maximum coverage of the state's highways on this most deadly of all holidays in the year.

"This is a very dangerous holiday period," Col. David Matthews, commander of the patrol, said. "We urge everyone to be very careful if they are going to be on the road."

The patrol will increase the number of troopers in marked cars on selected highways during peak traffic hours in high accident areas. Unmarked patrol cars also will be in operation.

"We hope the presence of marked patrol cars will deter violations and encourage voluntary compliance with the posted speed limit," Jenkins said. "We also will be making a special effort to remove drunk drivers and speeders from the highways. Those violations were the most prevalent ones involved in fatalities last year."