

## Making Sense

The budgets of local government along the Public Parade have been adopted and the tax rates indicate that the process wasn't taken lightly. The Town of Edenton was able to maintain a 49-cent tax rate, but Chowan County will have a modest increase (4.3 per cent) to 60.5 cents per \$100 valuation.

The combined \$1.095 property tax rate compares favorably with other municipal and county governments, not only in the Albemarle Area but throughout Tar Heelia, but there is still room for improvement.

There has yet to be an acceptable explanation as to the decision of Town Council to assume control of Edenton Municipal Airport. This is an area where certainly Chowan County has some financial responsibility.

In presenting the county budget last Thursday night, County Manager, Cliff Copeland was making sense when he highlighted several areas in which there should be closer cooperation between the two governments—in the name of efficiency, convenience and economy.

Edenton police and the county's Sheriff's Department now handle their own calls. A central emergency communications system would be a convenience to the public as well as a cost effective measure.

And other areas the county manager touched on involves building inspections, planning and vehicle maintenance. The one he missed is in tax billing and collecting.

If those who meander along the Public Parade are to continue to get the maximum bang for their buck then all of the existing areas of duplication need to be investigated. Then everyone will be making sense.

## Priority Link

Edenton Town Council needs to take another look at seeking state assistance in connecting Twiddy Avenue and Virginia Road. The extension of Coke Avenue to connect North Broad and East Church Streets should be evidence enough of the convenience and need for the western connection.

The U.S. 17 bypass of Edenton took a lot of traffic off West Queen and North Greenville streets, but the Twiddy Avenue extension is still very much needed. Mayor Roy L. Harrell has opposed the construction of a through street in Beaver Hill Cemetery, but the members of the Town Council should not let this deter them from acting in the best

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## Minor Smoke Damage Caused When Switch Failed In Clothes Dryer

A clothes dryer caught fire in the Hurley Mitchell residence, 306 First Street, on the afternoon of June 29th.

The fire was contained to the dryer, and aside from some minor smoke damage in the house, no structural damage was reported.

Fire Chief Lynn Perry stated that the cause of the fire was a malfunction in the dryer unit.

A belt in the dryer broke, causing the normal amount of air cir-



Ron Anderson

## Anderson Joins The News Staff

Ron Anderson, Edenton, has become associated with the news department of the Chowan Herald as a general assignment reporter-photographer.

He received a BFA degree in dramatic art and speech from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Virginia.

After completing college, he worked for the Recreation and Parks Departments of both Richmond and Virginia Beach, Va. as a drama instructor. For several years he played in various musical groups in and around Virginia Beach. In 1979 he moved to Edenton where he has worked as a construction worker and an office manager.

## Legion Baseball Meeting To Be Held

Jim Criddle, Athletic Officer for Edward G. Bond Post 40, American Legion, announces a meeting of all individuals interested in the Legion Baseball Program. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Building, Edenton, July 12 at 6:30 P.M. Purpose of the gathering is to determine the future of American Legion Baseball for the Albemarle Area.

"The American Legion, Edward G. Bond Post 40, has for the past six years overcome the odds and provided this program for the talented players and fans of the Albemarle, Roanoke-Chowan area, Criddle said. "Instead of the obstacles becoming smaller they have increased in number and size. Player dedication, fan support, parent participation and income have been on the decline."

All former, present and future players, parents, supporters and any other interested individuals are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Edenton System Selected As One Of Governor's Programs Of Excellence In Education

# Edenton-Chowan Schools Recognized

Gov. Jim Hunt has announced that a community relations program in the Edenton-Chowan County Schools has been selected as one of the Governor's Programs of Excellence in Education.

Governor Hunt established the Programs of Excellence project this year to recognize programs across the state that are doing an outstanding, innovative job of helping students. The 30 programs chosen will be showcased during an awareness conference sponsored by the Governor, the State Board of Education and business community.

The conference, to be held September 20-22, will give winners a chance to share their programs and help others make successful improvements in their schools.

"Education is being challenged today as never before in our history," Gov. Hunt said. "We in North Carolina are very proud of the progress we have made in education, and we are proud of the

people who have made it happen.

"The Governor's Programs of Excellence in Education give us, for the first time, the chance to recognize programs that are truly outstanding in our schools and will give other schools the opportunity to learn from programs that are successful. These programs can help lead us into a new age of progress in education," he said.

The main purpose of the community relations program, called "Courtesy is Contagious," is to improve the image of public schools. Through various activities, the school system emphasized the importance of courtesy by students, school employees and citizens. The program has resulted in increased support and citizen involvement in the schools.

A special selection committee made up of 15 people representing education, business and the private sector and appointed by the Governor chose the top programs. Nominations were made by local boards of education.



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MRS. JORDAN HONORED — Alton Elmore, Chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners presents Mrs. Mable Jordan with a plaque commemorating her years of service with the County Extension Office.

## Mrs. Jordan Honored For Years Of Service At Retirement Reception

An emotional retirement reception was held Thursday afternoon, June 30, in the Chowan County Building honoring Mrs. Mable Jordan, County Extension secretary. Mrs. Jordan, a native of Edenton, retired after 34 years of service with the County Extension Office.

Mrs. Jordan, known for her pleasant telephone manner, was presented a pin containing 2 rubies and a diamond from the state by Mike Williams, Director of the Agriculture Extension. Alton

Elmore, County Commissioner Chairman, presented Mrs. Jordan a plaque from the county engraved with the dates of her service.

Former District Extension Chairmen, C.W. Overman and Pete Thompson, along with Dr. Tom Hobgood, present District Chairman, expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Jordan.

Mrs. Jordan closed her remarks to the assembled guests with the following statement: "May the work I've done speak for me."

## Grafton Presides At Court Session

Chowan County District Court was in session on July 5, 1983 with the Honorable Grafton G. Beamian presiding over the criminal calendar.

James Augustus Leary was found guilty of larceny. He was sentenced to 6 months with 2 years suspended, fined \$50, cost of court, and must make restitution to the Zip Mart for 55 cents.

James Wallace Shaw was found guilty of driving 70 in a 55 zone. He was fined \$35 and cost of court.

Russell Thomas Byrum was called but failed to show on a charge of driving 66 mph in a 55 zone.

Willie Joe Cecil Leary had 6 cases tried in the District Court. In the first case a voluntary dismissal was ordered. He was found guilty of driving under the influence in the second case and was sentenced to 90 days with 2 years suspended, fined \$200, cost of court, suspension of drivers license, and was ordered to report to the Albemarle Mental Health Center; an appeal was made. A voluntary dismissal was ordered on a DUI charge in the third case, but Mr. Leary was found guilty of disobeying a stop sign and was fined \$35 and cost of court. A voluntary dismissal was ordered on the 4th case. Mr. Leary was found guilty in the 5th case of DUI and sentenced to 120 days suspended, fined \$200, cost of court, surrender of license and to report to the Albemarle Mental Health Center; an appeal was made. In the sixth case, a probable cause was found for a felony and breaking and enter-

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Earl Bell

## New Manager At A&P

The Edenton A&P store has a new manager. His name is Earl Bell. Mr. Bell was transferred from the Plymouth A&P store where he was also a manager. He began working for A&P when he was 16 as a part-time bag boy in the Tarboro store. Through a series of promotions, and transfers, Mr. Bell worked his way up to the position of manager. Mr. Bell said, "There's not been many stores in Eastern N.C. I haven't worked in."

As manager, Mr. Bell wants to promote service and cleanliness; he also plans to make changes in equipment and retail pricing.

Mr. Bell is married to the former Hilda Rae Brown of Ahoskie. The Bells have three children - all boys.

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## Jones To Be Guest At Democratic Party's Fund-Raising Summerfest

Congressman Walter B. Jones is to be guest speaker at Chowan County Democratic Party's SUMMERFEST, Saturday July 16, 1983. SUMMERFEST is being held at the American Legion Building, Highway 17, in Edenton. Congressman Jones will be speaking immediately following the dinner.

The festivities will begin with dinner at 7:00 P.M. Other planned activities include auctions, raffles and dancing to the live music of the "Don Madre Band".

According to Lueta Sellers, Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee Chair, "This will be a time for Democrats in Chowan County and our surrounding area to enjoy one another's company, our Democratic Party Spirit, good food-music-and dancing, which all add up to good fun. We are delighted that Congressman Jones will be our speaker and share in our activities. SUMMERFEST is our first county-wide fund-raising event in over ten years. We are planning and working to make this an outstanding and special event for our Democrats. This will also be a good opportunity for our

Democratic voters to meet statewide candidates, elected officials, have fun, and help our party raise money, too!"

Tickets are \$7.50 per person and can be purchased from the following Precinct Chairs: West Edenton - Tom Shepard (482-2313); East Edenton - Rev. J. L. Fenner (482-4102); Rocky Hock - Jack Evans (482-2131); Center Hill - Helen Hollowell (221-4940); Wardville - Greg Berryman (221-4463); Yeopim - Tom Palmer (482-2138).



Congressman Walter B. Jones

## Positive Effects Of The Courtesy Campaign Viewed On Video Tape

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in a regular meeting June 30, at 8:00 P.M. in the Chowan County Office Building.

At the beginning of the meeting, a video tape, written and produced by Walter Noneman and Jack Boyce, was shown. The tape, hosted and narrated by Superintendent Dunn, illustrated the positive effects that the 1982-83 "Courtesy is Contagious" Campaign has had on the school system and the community.

Dr. Dunn reported that he had received a letter from Governor Hunt stating that the Edenton-Chowan School System has been selected for the Governor's Awards Program of Excellence. This school system, along with 28 other school systems, will be honored at a banquet to be held in Raleigh later this month.

A report on the readiness of John A. Holmes High School additions was presented by George Smart, architect. Mr. Smart said that the classrooms should be finished and ready to use this week and that the cafeteria should be completed sometime in November.

The results of a meeting between Superintendent Dunn, Chairman Cecil Fry and Robbie Laughton, of the Recreation Department were reviewed by Chairman Fry. The three men discussed ways of reconciling schedule conflicts between Little League Baseball games and school work.

Possible changes in the scheduling of games included: allowing only one game to be played per night when school is in session; restricting the games to 1½ hours; not allowing games to be played during exam week; starting games at 6 P.M.; and scheduling double headers on nights when the school year is completed so that Edenton teams will be able to participate in the state play-off games.

Dr. Dunn said that the school

board and the Recreation Department were looking for ways to unite recreational activities with academic excellence. An Academic All-Star Award that would combine recreational and academic endeavors is being considered.

Chairman Dunn explained a new public school finance plan that has been proposed by the General Assembly. The new plan would give the School Board more flexibility of spending allocated money where it

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## Leary Announces Retirement Plans

The Board of Chowan County Commissioners met in a special session on Thursday, June 30, in the Commissioners Room of the courthouse.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, Clerk of Court, opened the session by publicly announcing her plans for retirement at the end of July. Mrs. Leary, the first female clerk of court in North Carolina has held the office for 22 years. She went in the office as a deputy clerk in 1949, became an assistant clerk in 1958, and on October 2, 1961 she was sworn in as clerk of court by Judge Joseph W. Parker. Members of the Commissioners, Sheriff Toppin, and local lawyers expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Leary.

The next order of business was the public hearing concerning the adoption of the fiscal year 1983/84 budget. The budget has been on display in the County Building and was published in The Herald, June 16. The budget provides for a \$219,158 increase over the 1982/83 budget. Cliff Copeland, County Manager, reported that the Revenue Sharing Funds of \$60,000 allocated from the Federal Government, will go towards completion of

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MINOR DAMAGE SUSTAINED — Firemen were called to the residence of Hurley Mitchell last Thursday after a fire broke out in a clothes dryer. Only minor smoke damage to the house was reported.