

Public Parade

Nuclear Waste Disposal

It is unlikely that Chowan County will ever be considered an appropriate site for a high-level nuclear waste storage facility. For that reason we should all consider ourselves fortunate.

But that is not to say that all North Carolina ought to be considered off-limits for such projects. Sooner or later, one or more will be located in our state.

After all, North Carolina is one of the prime generators of such byproducts, not only at our several nuclear power plants, but at our medical facilities. Up to now, we have had the good fortune to be able to ship this material away for storage in other states, primarily South Carolina, Alabama and Washington.

The time is fast approaching, however, when these states are going to refuse to accept any high-level nuclear waste generated outside their borders. In anticipation of that event, the federal government for more than a decade has been developing long range plans for underground disposal sites for such waste.

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Award Banquet Held

The Edenton Jaycees held their annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet last Thursday evening. Honored this year was Morris Small, City Executive of Tar Heel Bank. Small is a 1973 graduate of the College of the Albemarle.

The honoree was cited for accomplishments and participation in many areas which include: president of the Chowan County Medical Development Authority; Key Banker for Chowan County; Deacon, past usher and Sunday School Teacher, and choir member of the Edenton Baptist Church; 1977 Jaycee Faith in God Award while chaplain of the local chapter; current treasurer and past president of his chapter; Officer of the Year for the Edenton Jaycees last year; recipient of the Jaycee Presidential Award of Honor; and past chairman for four years each of the Chowan County Heart Fund and Cancer Fund.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Jerry Wall, state President of the Jaycees. Wall praised Small for holding the office of treasurer for 1985-86 after having served as president of the group

in 1977-78. "I think that's outstanding. Morris, I want to thank you for that," he said.

Wall praised the accomplishments of the Edenton Jaycees and went on to say, "I think the greatest thing that's happened to us is the ladies coming into this organization in 1984."

The state president told the group that some have said that the volunteer spirit is dying in North Carolina. He said that you only have to look to the accomplishments of the Jaycees around the state to know that that isn't true.

He cited such things as "Jaycees helping the elderly keep warm," shooter education programs for kids; the burn center; a youth basketball program for youth in the southeast; "a lot of little things here and there." "Right here in Edenton, you'll find them selling jelly and helping a bloodmobile." He also said the Jaycees are helping raise funds for cystic fibrosis, parks and playgrounds.

Wall said of the organization, "It's a lot of people. People run projects. The reason we're doing more is because we've got those

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DSA AWARD — Morris Small, City Executive of Tar Heel Bank in Edenton holds a plaque commemorating his selection as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Edenton Jaycees. With him and his wife Susan and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Small, Sr.

Association Board Members Elected

Two Chowan County men have been elected to three-year terms

on the 30-man Board of Directors of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association. They were among ten named to the board during the nineteenth annual membership meeting of the association held in Raleigh on January 17.

Fenton T. Eure, Jr., prominent Chowan County farmer and seedman was one of those named. Eure has a diversified farming operation which includes soybeans, cotton, wheat, corn, peanuts, hogs and cattle. He also operates a custom seed cleaning business and produces certified

Seed.

Eure also is active in many organizations, including Ruritan, Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, Hertford Savings and Loan, Albemarle Cotton Co-Op and the N.C. Seedsmen Association.

Eure and his wife, Margie, are parents of a son and daughter and the family members are active in Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

H. Clark Peele, a native of Chowan County and graduate of Chowan High School was also elected. Peele is a well-known

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Van Hecke Speaker

The Chowan County Democratic Women have announced that James M. Van Hecke, Chairman of the N.C. Democratic Party, will be the guest speaker at their February meeting.

Van Hecke, 38, who succeeds Wade M. Smith, was elected January 11, 1986. He is a Greensboro businessman and has vowed to lead the party to success in the crucial 1986 election.

Bill Hodges, First District Chairman, will also be at the meeting. County Democratic leaders, businessmen and State Representatives from the District are being invited (dutch treat).

Pansy A. Elliott, president of the group, said, "We are being honored by having our State Chairman visit us in Edenton and expect a big turnout. Please come."

The meeting will be held in the Carolina Room of Gaslight Square on Tuesday, February 4, at noon. Reservations should be made by 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 31 by calling Mrs. West (Pattie) Byrum at 482-4068.

The business portion of the meeting will concern consideration of the nominating committee report and election of officers.

Candidates Continue Filing

New names continue to appear on the rolls of candidates for political office. As of January 29, three names have been added to the ever-growing list for the May 6 Primary.

Norman E. Bunch, who lives at Rt. 1, Box 302, Edenton (Rocky Hock), joined an already crowded Sheriff's race Wednesday morning. Bunch, who has never held political office, is a farmer and commercial fisherman. He filed in the Democratic column.

Also filing for Sheriff this past week was Delvin Earl Jethro, an Edenton police officer who filed as a Democratic candidate. Jethro, who lives at Rt. 4, Edenton, is the second Edenton policeman to run for Sheriff. The first was Fred A. Spruill who filed as a Republican.

Jethro was a write-in candidate for Sheriff four years ago.

The field of candidates for Sheriff also includes E.C. Toppin, the first to file, and Chowan County Deputy Sheriff Wayne S. Rice.

Another newcomer is Paul E. Chappell of Rt. 1, Tyner. Chappell has filed for the third township seat being vacated by Eugene Jordan. To date, he faces no opposition.

All of the positions to be decided in the Primary and the General Election in November now have at least an aspirant.

A complete slate of candidates will be published in next week's edition of the Chowan Herald.

Deadline for filing is Monday, February 3 at noon.



SEEN DIMLY— Snow all but obscures the Cupola House Monday morning. The winter storm dumped about an inch of snow on the area as arctic air from Siberia swept across Canada and into Chowan County's front yard. Temperatures in parts of the County were recorded at 10 degrees Monday night. The weather service reports moderating temperatures for at least the next few days.

Area Joins Nation Mourning Shuttle Loss

By Jack Grove

Reactions of disbelief and shock were heard around Edenton on Tuesday as word spread, and people gathered around televisions to see, the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger. The catastrophe was not seen on live TV by most adults, and word of it

first came to many over the radio.

"Dozens of people came in to watch" at Pickwick around noon according to an employee there who asked not to be identified. A sampling of reactions to the mishap included, "Shock - but I'm not surprised;" "Gave me the chills;" "Oh no;" and "Disbelief."

The shuttle carried a school teacher for the first time who was to teach two lessons to students across the country including one entitled "The Ultimate Field Trip." Among the seven on board the shuttle was Christa McAuliffe, a high school teacher from Concord, New Hampshire.

Gil Underwood, principal of White Oak School said that "about half" of his students watched the launch. He said that teachers had received lesson plans for the teaching in space from NASA recently.

The children exhibited some bewilderment at the event as evidenced by one kindergarten child who maintained that everyone in the shuttle had died but the school teacher.

Underwood said that the school staff was talking with the children on Wednesday, attempting to put the tragedy in perspective for them. He said that the children were being told "that in life there are risks and dangers. There are winning and losing situations and that they must learn to be good losers as well as good winners, and that they must learn to handle misfortune."

He said that the dialogue will continue with the students to help them understand and cope with

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Satellite Broadcast Scrambling Causes Controversy Locally

Dish Owner and Cable Executive Disagree

Owners of satellite dishes have lost a "freebie" and may soon be losing more, according to the president of the Albemarle Cable TV Company.

Time-Life, Inc., parent company of the Home Box Office and Cinemax TV channels, scrambled their signals last week so that owners of satellite antenna systems (dishes) receive a useless signal from the Galaxy I communications satellite parked 22,400 miles above the earth.

In a telephone interview from his office in Erie, Pennsylvania, Vincent Ridikas, executive of Albemarle Cable TV said that this was deemed necessary to prevent "widespread interception" of the HBO and Cinemax signals. He said that Congress had recently passed a "private cable act" that "allows anyone to intercept as long as the intercept is paid for." He said, that technically, anyone intercepting any of these satellite signals without paying for them is a lawbreaker.

An Arrowhead Beach resident takes issue with many of the assertions of the cable industry, however. Wayne Ziemba is not upset that HBO and Cinemax are now scrambled. He feels that a fair price should be paid by dish owners due to the fact that these

channels are commercial free.

Ziemba differs however on what is a fair price. Ridikas says that his company has descramblers (or decoders) available for purchase by the public for \$395. Additionally, the dish owner would be required to pay \$12.95 per month for either HBO or Cinemax (or \$19.95 per month for a package of the two). Ziemba doesn't feel

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Satellite Dish Retailers Present Their Side

Battle lines are forming over the issue of scrambling TV signals from satellites in space. On the one hand are pay-TV and cable TV companies and on the other are satellite dish retailers and private owners of the receivers.

Extensive interviews with Bob Daughety of Atlantic Satellite Systems on U.S. 17 So., Elizabeth City; and Jerry Williams, manager of the Plymouth office of

Coastal Satellite Systems have put the issue in perspective from the dealer's viewpoint. The accompanying article presents the viewpoints of the private dish owner and the president of a local cable TV company.

According to Daughety, HBO and Cinemax, pay-TV programmers, decided several years ago to scramble their signals due to the "pirating" being done by businesses such as motels and condominiums. Daughety made available an "Open Letter to Owners of Home Satellite Systems" published by HBO, Inc.

The letter first explains the interception of their signals by motels and other businesses "without permission and without charge."

"This is a violation of the copyrights of artists and businesses with whom we have contractual agreements to provide programming. Signal scrambling is the best way to protect these copyrights" the letter says.

The letter continues, "At HBO, we are careful to distinguish between the legitimate reception of our signals by individual satellite system owners and theft by com-

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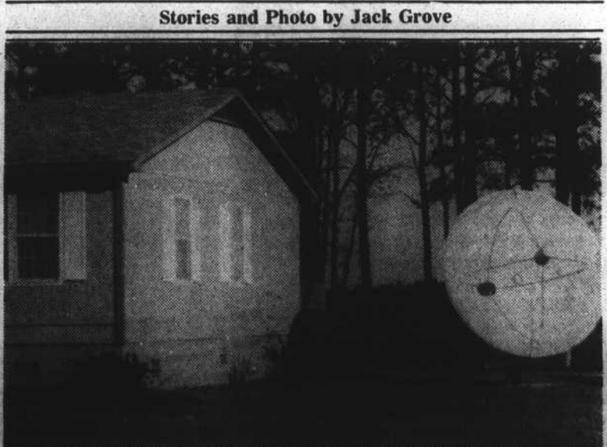


Anne Elizabeth Vaughan

Leadership Participant

Anne Elizabeth Vaughan, a student at John A. Holmes High School, will be one of 125 high school juniors from across Eastern North Carolina to participate in a Rotary Youth Leadership Conference at the Ramada Inn in Ahoskie. The conference, sponsored by the 100 Rotary Clubs of District 771 and 773, will be conducted February 28 through March 2.

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COMMON SIGHT—Satellite dishes are becoming a common sight in the country as rural residents seek to receive better programming and signals in areas not served by cable TV. This picture was taken near Valhalla.