



Public Parade

'Kate'

"Kate". It's as simple as that. Put "Mrs.", "Aunt", "Mother", "Worthy Matron" or whatever before it and it made no difference. She was still just "Kate".

There was nothing pretentious about Kate Bufflap. She loved people and people loved her in return. She loved fishing but the fish up Queen Anne's Creek, in Edenton Bay and elsewhere often weren't quite as affectionate to her hook.

The two columns she wrote weekly for The Chowan Herald were widely read by those who meander along the Public Parade and elsewhere. Hardly a day passed that she did not receive "fan" mail or contributions of recipes or other things she requested in her popular Broad Street Bulletin.

Her fight against cancer which ended at 11:45 A. M., Monday, was an inspiration to all who knew her. She was down on many occasions but always managed a rally. Until the end she remained a Christian wife, mother, friend of mankind.

"30" is the newspaper symbol for "the end". Kate Bufflap wrote it with an impact that will long be remembered by not only those who knew her but those who had just read her columns or heard about her.

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No Place For Secrecy

There is but one place for elected officials, meeting in regular or called sessions, to discuss the business of the Town of Edenton. That is in the attractive council room in the Municipal Building.

There is no place for executive or secret sessions by the council. The town's business is just that—the business of the citizens of Edenton. Although the town council sessions are seldom attended by anyone but the press and department heads, all action by the council and discussion leading up to that action MUST be made in public.

Tuesday night the Town Council concluded the regular agenda and went into hiding to discuss a request from Edenton Chamber of Commerce for an increase in membership. An earlier request was made to Chowan County commissioners who discussed it in regular fashion and acted out in the open.

The press along the Public Parade has been fair with the Town of Edenton's elected officials. Bond issues, and worthwhile projects have been supported extensively. Then when it comes to such a thing as a simple request from the Chamber of Commerce, the door is closed.

Too many doors are being closed to the public these days. Yet when the chips are down, when support is needed for bond issues, sales tax, and numerous community projects the public is courted.

Council will soon learn that they can't have their cake and eat it, too. There is absolutely no room for secrecy in the affairs of the Town of Edenton.

Hail, The 'Fuzz'!

We want to be among the first to salute Roy Blackley and the Edward G. Bond Post, American Legion, for planning an appreciation banquet for Chowan County Law Enforcement Officers. The event will be held at the Legion Hut at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday and you won't want to miss this one.

The men to be honored deserve the effort being put forth by the American Legion as well as the presence of at least 200 of those who meander along the Public Parade who will purchase tickets for the steak dinner.

As a bonus, the audience will hear Superior Court Judge Robert D. Rouse, Jr., of Farmville.

This writer cut his professional teeth on the police beat. It was a county sheriff who took him under his wing, preaching the value of a confidence and a friend.

It is difficult to believe that it has been 16 years since we walked into the sheriff's private office in Iredell County Courthouse to meet Charlie Rumble for the first time.

He had been a "cop" all his life, he related. "And I don't like to be double-

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Mrs. J. E. Bufflap

Mrs. Bufflap, 59, Taken In Death

Mrs. J. Edwin Bufflap, 104 East Church Street, died at her home at 11:45 A. M., Monday following a lengthy illness. She was 59.

Mrs. Bufflap was the wife of the co-founder and editor of The Chowan Herald. In addition to being a housewife and leader in civic affairs, she was a columnist for the newspaper, writing weekly Broad Street Bulletin and Shopping With You In Mind.

She was associated with the District Health Department in Elizabeth City for 13 years. A member of Edenton Methodist Church, she was a past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 302.

Mrs. Mary Katherine Bufflap was born in Hagerstown, Md., on August 5, 1911, daughter of Frisby Kline and the late Irene Fritz Kline. She was twice married, first to the late Edward R. Zimmerman and then to Mr. Bufflap, who survives.

In addition to her father and husband, surviving are two sons: Edward Zimmerman of Annandale, Va.; and Martin Zimmerman of Rocky Mount; one step-daughter, Miss Dorothy Bufflap of Eliz-

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Early Next Week

As in prior years, The Chowan Herald will be published one day early next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

All advertising and news copy must be in the office by Monday afternoon in order that the paper can be printed on Tuesday, rather than the regular schedule on Wednesday.

The early publication date is to allow subscribers to take advantage of holiday specials as well as to allow newspaper employees the holiday with their families.

Town Suits Legal Move To Get Land

Standard Printing Co., ex 40202
220-230 S. First St.

The Town of Edenton has filed suit for ejectment of U. S. Lumber Company from property under lease at Edenton Municipal Airport and a suit for \$112,000 in damages.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., town attorney, advised councilmen at a meeting Tuesday night of the latest efforts to re-gain control of the property. Several attempts by the town to break the lease with the firm have been unsuccessful.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner had earlier informed the council of the bad condition of the buildings on the 60 acres now leased to U. S. Lumber. The council had instructed Earnhardt to take legal action to reclaim the property.

U. S. Lumber, the first industry to locate on the old Base property, has control of the administration building, two warehouses, the dry kiln and steam plant.

Council also passed a resolution requesting State Highway Commission to authorize a second access to the proposed U. S. 17 by-pass of Edenton. As the plans are now drawn the only access will be at Highway 32, north of Chowan Hospital.

Mayor George Alma Byrum and Gardner met recently with Highway Commissioner Joe Nowell of Perquimans County and District Engineer D. W. Patrick.

The town is seeking the opening up of the road through Industrial Park to the by-pass. It is contended that as well as opening up more land for development traffic coming west on Highway 32 could use Old Hertford Road

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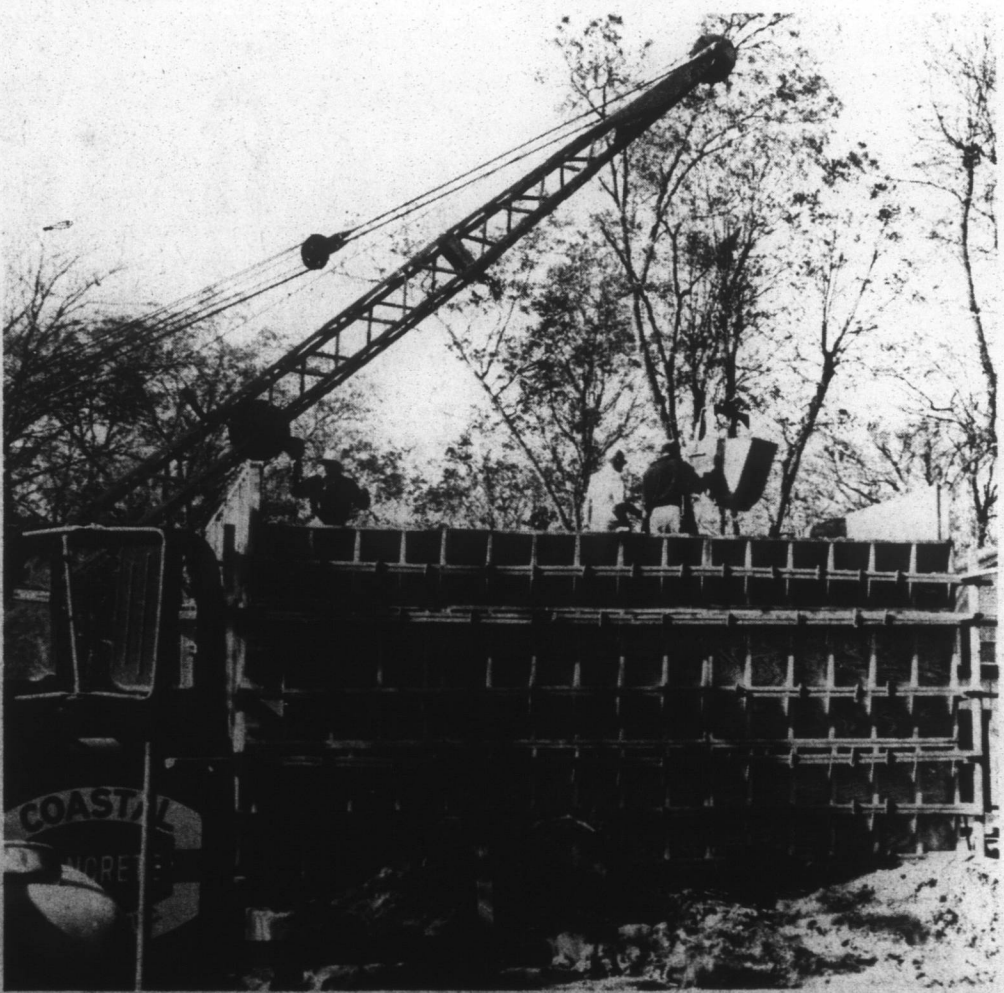
Yule Parade Set

The annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, will be on Thursday, December 3. All floats participating must have a Christmas theme but should not include a Santa Claus. Specifications for floats are that they cannot be more than 10 feet high nor more than 40 feet long.

A \$30 prize will be given to the best float, and a \$25 prize to the second, and \$20 to the third best. All floats participating in the parade will be given \$5.

The Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad requests that all floats and other units be assembled at Hicks Field no later than 3 P. M., on the day of the parade.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade should contact Murray D. Ashley, parade director, at 482-3111, by November 23.



Progress on Bank Building—Workmen this week poured the vault to the new Peoples Bank & Trust Company building at the corner of Church and Broad streets. This is considered a major step in the construction program for the structure. The design is Colonial and progress is reported on schedule.



A Piece of History—Slowly but surely "Planter's Inn", one of the least desirable historic old buildings in Edenton is coming down. The Inn, located at the corner of Oakum and Church streets, is being razed and Rev. E. C. Alexander will erect a home on the site. Historic Edenton, Inc., gave Mr. Alexander permission to remove the building when it was determined that it had no historic value.

Edenton Is Site For Proposed EDA

Edenton was chosen as the site of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission offices and N. J. (Nick) George of Edenton, was elected secretary-treasurer, at a meeting here Thursday night.

Wesley Cullipher of Elizabeth City was elected president of the ARPDC and Leon Ballance of Hyde County, vice president.

The executive board also includes W. W. Forehand of Camden County, C. A.

Phillips of Chowan County, Richard Poyner of Currituck County, P. A. Tillett of Dare County, Walter Harlow of Gates County, W. J. Lupton of Hyde County, Riley S. Monds of Perquimans County and Lem A. Cohoon of Tyrrell County.

By-laws and the constitution were adopted and a time for regular meetings was established.

A \$60,000 budget was approved for the operation of the group, of which \$45,000 will come from federal sources and the other 25 per cent from counties in the region on a per-capita basis.

Money was allotted in the budget for the hiring of an executive director, an economic planner, a human resource coordinator and a secretary-bookkeeper.

Chowan County's portion of the money to be given to ARPDC is \$2,111.22.

John Fraley of Huntington, W. Va., federal regional director, said one advantage to being a part of a district or regional group is that it provides a "larger voice in local, state and federal governments when you speak at a group."

He also stated that he had great hopes that the area EDA would be funded early next year and urged the group to start formulating plans now for the projects desired.

Ron Ingle of Raleigh, State EDA Coordinator, listed federal funding, employment of a professional staff and their writing of an overall area economic development program as the steps necessary for final designation as a full-fledged district.

Ingle stated he thought since so much groundwork had already been accomplished by AADA, that official EDA designation will come by mid-1971.

Christmas Music

The public is invited to attend the Seventh Annual series of Christmas concerts by the Albemarle Choral Society which will be presented December 6 at 4 P. M., in the COA Gymnasium and December 7 at 8 P. M., in the Edenton Baptist Church.

Accompaniments will be supplied by a string orchestra from East Carolina University, Anna Withers Bair, organist and Dorothy Morse, pianist.

The series will be directed by Dr. Clifford Bair, Chairman of the COA Fine Arts Department.

The concert programs will feature four short choral works by French, German, American and English composers representing four centuries of choral music composition. All solos will be performed by singers from the Albemarle Area and the College of The Albemarle.

The concerts are presented under the auspices of the COA Lyceum Series and the Albemarle Area Arts Councils as a project of the COA Adult Education Division.

Sales Tax Revenue Above Collections

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax reached a new high in Chowan County during October when \$12,323.58, was reported to N. C. Department of Revenue.

At the same time, the department has issued a second quarter report showing Chowan County and the Town of Edenton receiving a total of \$38,545.02 for the period from July through September. During this period collections were \$35,307.42, with the county and municipality gaining \$3,237.60 from pool funds.

The first quarter the tax was collected, April-June, the county and town re-

ceived a total of \$33,853.96 while collecting \$32,638.93.

Chowan County has received \$55,246.79 from collections between April and September while the Town of Edenton received \$17,172.09. In the budget for fiscal 1970-71, the town anticipated \$30,000 from the local option sales tax while the county's estimate was \$106,400.

Both the county and town used anticipation sales tax revenue to lower the property tax rate. The county's rate was cut 30 cents per \$100 valuation while the rate in Edenton was cut 10 cents. The county rate within the fire district is \$1.55 while the town rate is

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