

# Public Parade

Labor Day, 1971

We are about to observe another three-day weekend. On the last one, Independence Day, 636 persons were killed on the highways. By comparison, during the same week, 29 U. S. soldiers were killed in battle in Vietnam.

The war is coming to an end, but there seems to be no end in sight for senseless highway slaughter.

Many lives could be saved if motorists took the simple precaution of being certain their automobiles were functioning properly before leaving home. Others could be saved by using the safety belts provided by all manufacturers. And still more could be saved if that "one for the road" was made from a recipe of three parts caution mixed with one part common sense.

If you are driving over the Labor Day weekend, we want you to have a pleasant holiday and to see you and your family back home safely. Drive defensively and, if in doubt about safety, don't drive.



Rep. Walter B. Jones

## No Time To Gamble

D. Livingston Stallings, the robust New Bern insurance executive, wants to go to the U. S. Congress. Or so we read in our least favored morning daily of general circulation along the Public Parade.

Columnists who burn the midnight oil to take pot shots at amiable Rep. Walter B. Jones would have you believe Mr. Stallings is about to make a plunge into a primary battle with the incumbent.

Mr. Stallings has had a taste of public life. Some of it hasn't been too flattering, but the mere fact that he is mentioned as a serious candidate for the U. S. Congress can do wonders to a man's ego. But before he gets too far along toward feeding his political ambitions, he should consider some rather important questions.

The real questions either haven't been asked by the liberals or haven't been answered by Mr. Stallings or his drum beaters. Is he congressional timber in this period of uncertainty and turmoil in government? His background, as well as some reported recent statements, would tend to result in a negative answer to this question.

It is reported by a reliable source, that he has neglected to make a formal announcement while his "supporters" round up \$100,000 to deposit in his campaign chest. We want to be among the first to suggest to not only Mr. Stallings, but to anyone with political ambitions in the First Congressional District; this seat isn't for sale. Maybe in the big city district money speaks louder than common sense.

While we may reside in a poverty stricken area, the lack of green stuff hasn't affected the intelligence of the electorate.

Mr. Stallings is a veteran member of the Craven County Board of Commissioners. He even served one term as president of the state association, only to be rebuffed in his efforts to serve a second consecutive term and by a Republican commissioner not in line to succeed to the office.

He had to go into a second primary last year to retain his seat on the county board. And his colleagues did not see fit to re-elect him as their chairman.

It should also be pointed out to any would-be candidate that the First District embraces 21 counties of Tar Heelia—more area than a number of states in the United States. It is a long way from Pink Hill to Knotts Island. It would, therefore, take a newcomer several years to effectively represent such a vast area with multiple problems in business, agriculture, industry and coastal areas.

Also, any candidate who opposes Rep. Jones must draw heavily on support of the liberals, labor and blacks. The district is in no condition for leadership with a direct line operated by the LLBs.

Rep. Jones believes in the doctrine of friendly persuasion and not bare-knuckled, arm-twisting tactics. And if the genial congressman has anything to hide it is because of modesty rather than guilt. For all the years he has

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# Census Here Shows Farm Harvest Up

The summer's final fling lies dead ahead in a three-day Labor Day weekend.

Town, county, state and federal offices will be closed. However, Superior Court Judge Walter Cahoon of Elizabeth City has scheduled the opening of the September Term of court here Monday morning.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said there will be no garbage or trash collection Monday. The street department crews will pick up all over Edenton on Tuesday.

Financial institutions will be closed Monday.

The U. S. Post Office will also be closed and there will be no rural route delivery.

All libraries in the Pettigrew Region (Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton, Tyrrell County Library in Columbia, and Washington County Library in Plymouth) will be closed Monday. There will be no bookmobile run on that day.

The N. C. State Motor Club has estimated that 1,200 traffic accidents will be recorded during the weekend, leaving 24 dead and some 700 other persons injured on Tar Heel streets and highways.

The state will count its holiday highway toll from 6 P. M., Friday through midnight Monday, for a 78-hour period. In a similar span last year, the casualty count came to 18 killed and 658 injured in 1,186 accidents.

"If you want to stay alive this Labor Day weekend, drive your car as if it were loaded with dynamite," Thomas B. Watkins, president of the motor club advised.

"Defensive driving is your best safeguard. It is a system of common-sense highway safety that can be applied to any driving situation. Learn to drive defensively," he urged.

## Project Is Sought

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has made application to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for assistance under the Emergency School Assistance Program. The project has been submitted for \$72,000 that would include teacher aides, individualized learning program, a special program for eighth grade girls and a communications program.

The board has asked the following people to serve on the Advisory Committee for the project:

Sherlon Layton of Edenton, Mrs. Catherine White of Tyner, William Reeves of Edenton, Mrs. Rebecca Wheeler of Edenton, Wilbur Pierce of Edenton, Mrs. Frances Inglis of Edenton, Dr. James Slade of Edenton, Mrs. Rachael Holmes of Edenton, Ross Inglis of Edenton, and Mrs. Kay Rountree of Tyner.

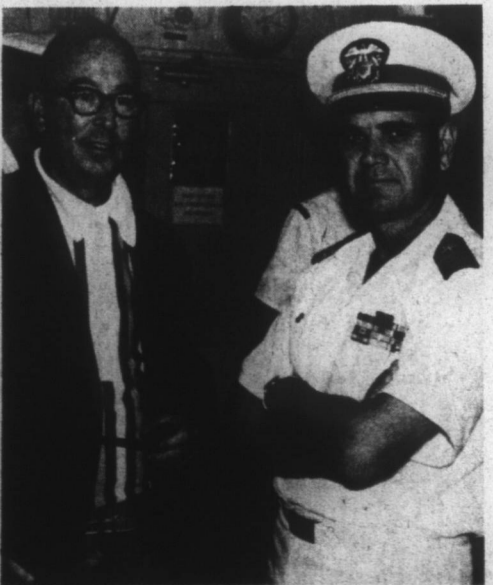
If the project is approved the Advisory Committee will be asked to meet monthly to review the project and evaluate the progress of the project.

## Target -- Horses

The federal and state governments are embarking on a program to vaccinate every horse in North Carolina against Venezulen equine encephalomyelitis (VEE). The vaccine will be available September 9.

The vaccine will be administered through available local veterinarians who will be paid by the government.

Dr. H. C. Jackson, veterinary medical officer, said that he is hopeful owners would contact their county agent's office and report how many horses and ponies are on each premises. This office will relay the information to local veterinarians who will make the injections



**Cruise On USS Edenton**—The officers and crew of the salvage vessel USS Edenton last Saturday played host to 40 men, women and children from the Town of Edenton on a cruise in the Chesapeake Bay. Tropical storm Doria had moved through the area Friday night but Saturday dawned as a perfect day of boating. The pictures here capture part of the scene. At left, Mayor George Alma Byrum chats with Capt. Bill Furr, Edenton's skipper, in the



**Harvesting New Crop**—Chowan County farmers who planted over 100 acres of popcorn are now in the midst of harvesting their crop. Morris Small is shown here dumping a load into a trailer. Pete Thompson, county extension chairman who spearheaded the experimental planting on some 10 farms, reports a good yield which will result in farmers making a hefty profit. The popcorn here is grown on contract with Jimbo's Jumbos and the yield is expected to exceed 70 bushels to the acre.

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## Judge Walker Rules On Explosives

District Court Judge Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck, Tuesday ruled that bottle rockets are in fact pyrotechnics (fireworks) and the possession or sale of the devices are unlawful in North Carolina.

In convicting a Negro grocery store operator of possessing the bottle rockets, Judge Walker instructed law enforcement officers in Chowan County and throughout the First Judicial District to enforce the law dealing with fireworks.

The jurist held that the bottle rockets were actually fire crackers which have been attached to a small stick. He said they are extremely dangerous and are not something for children to play with.

In a hotly contested case, which pitted Solicitor Tom Watts and Edenton Police Department against W. L. Cook

of Windsor, defense attorney, the judge convicted Pearl Mae Bemby, operator of Bemby's Grocery on West Albemarle Street.

The defendant was sentenced to three months in prison, suspended for 12 months upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. Two charges against James Drew of selling the devices were dismissed.

In other cases prosecuted by Solicitor Watts, Judge Walker took the following action:

Samuel Earl Person, speeding, \$45 fine and costs.

Melvin Bradley Forbes, drunk driving, four months, suspended upon payment of \$125 fine and costs.

Leon Oliver Harris, Jr., leaving the scene of an accident, three months suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

David Jordonson Dines, speeding, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$5 fine and costs.

David Carroll Douglas, drunk driving and disobeying a stop light, four

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## Jail Plan Drawn

Chowan County commissioners will discuss the proposed addition to the historic county jail at the regular monthly meeting, set for September 13 at 9 A. M.

N. J. George, head of the board's jail committee, has received plans for the addition from Skinner-Lamm Associates, Wilson architects and engineers. The addition includes some 950 square feet.

The commissioners have a \$30,000 budget for the addition, which includes a \$15,000 grant from Albemarle Law & Order Association.

Department of Social Service detention inspectors have pressured the county board to make improvements to the jail or be faced with having it closed. Some months ago the local board decided not to become affiliated with a regional jail, but to make necessary improvements to the existing building and construct an addition in order to meet state jail standards.

The architects have drawn a plan to include the sheriff's office, a combination conference room-clinic, jailer station, visiting area, and two new cells—one for isolation and a four-occupant cell.

Commissioners are expected to call for bids on the new construction within the near future.

## Columnist Finds August Vacation OK

(Editor's Note: The author of this vacation report is a regular food columnist for The Chowan Herald and doubled for six months earlier in the year as General Assembly correspondent. So, the vacation about which she writes is well deserved. The only complaint is that she didn't invite her publisher to join in the salt, sand, sun and fun. LFA.)

By MILDRED HUSKINS

There are beach vacations . . . and beach vacations. But the month we have just spent on Hilton Head Island was more than the usual type.

Sure, there was salt and sand. But there was more. There was a big, comfortable house filled to overflowing with loved ones. That made it a very special vacation for us.

We had been a little apprehensive about taking the Hoopes House on Whistling Swan Road in Sea Pines for the month of August. Our usual vacation time is in June and the weather has always been wonderful. We knew August was not noted for very good

# Holiday Set For Monday In Chowan

In the latest farm census, farmers indicated that crops were harvested from 32,680 acres or 39 per cent of the land in farms in Chowan County. Total land in farms in this county total 84,448 acres.

Major crops harvested during 1970 were corn for grain at 10,172 acres, up 14 per cent from 1969; peanuts at 6,242 acres, up 1 per cent; and soybeans at 11,393 acres, up 5 per cent.

The January 1, 1971 inventory of livestock showed sows and gilts kept for breeding at 2,020 head, up 8 per cent from the same time the previous year. Beef cattle increased slightly to 873 head as layers slipped to 4,523 birds.

This information was contained in the preliminary 1971 county commissioners farm census summary released by the N. C. and U. S. Departments of Agriculture. It was compiled from information contributed by farmers to the county commissioners through farm census supervisors and/or township listers.

## Support Fish Fry

Nearly 50 area businessmen and professionals have joined the 100 Per Cent Club for the Chowan County Shrine Club's benefit fish fry. The annual event will be held September 18.

Plates will be served from 11 A. M., to 7 P. M., at the Boy Scout Hut on North Broad Street.

Those who have purchased tickets for employees include:

Edenton Office Supply, Montgomery-Ward Agency, W. W. Byrum Agency, Edenton Savings & Loan Association, Carpet and Appliance Plaza; Atlantic Discount, Hollowell's Drug Store, R. Eleton Forehand Agency, Ross Jewelers, G. T. Davis Company, John F. Habit-State Farm Insurance; and The Hub of Edenton.

Also, Dr.'s Downum, Jackson Radio & TV, Sanitary Dry Cleaners, J. H. Conger & Son, Spruill Business Machine, T&T Fish Market, The Chowan Herald, Albemarle Tire Service, Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Dr. Richard Hines, Quinn Furniture, and Leary Bros. Storage Co.

And, Dr. Allen Hornthal, Hughes-Parker Hardware, Townson Lumber Company, Edenton Construction Co., Cuthrell Department Store, Marion Beauty Salon, Taylor Theater, Belk Tyler, James Wood, WCJD, Edenton Tractor & Equipment Company, Chowan Veneer, Bank of North Carolina, Mitchener's Pharmacy, Leary Oil Company, Colonial Funeral Home.

weather at the beach due to storms, but we had little choice since the General Assembly went into such an extended session that we knew a part of the family would be missing the fun. So, August was the time and it turned out to be the very best yet. It was just too long in coming.

And we did have a full house! There were the four grandsons, Keith and Kevin Power, ages five and four, and Jay and Joey Watson, ages nine and six. Then there was the son-in-law, Dr. William L. Power; our daughter, Mrs. Power; her sister-in-law and our dear friend, Miss Lanier Watson, a first grade teacher at St. Andrews Episcopal School in New Orleans. Then there was our Jay for two of the four weeks. Dropping by for a long weekend was Lanier's friend, Wendell Robinson, a medical student at Tulane University. For at least two nights and three days there were 10 in residence.

It was a long, restful and delightful

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pilot house. Ann Shepard appears in a pensive mood as he rides the waves. Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, Mrs. Byrum, Mrs. Spec Jones, partially hidden, and Mrs. Tom Shepard watch a passing pleasure craft. At extreme right, James C. (Pete) Dail, Jack Habit and Spec Jones spot the photographer. A cookout was held at lunch on the fantail.