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Thanksgiving, 1974

The 14-year-old boy at the Amburn compound along the Public Parade has a paper route for our favorite morning daily of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina. That is supposed, we thought, to make him somewhat financially independent.

This having failed, we were encouraged Sunday morning, which is our day to help with the chore, when we rolled out of our sick bed and heard him say as he laced his shoes: "One thing about being your own boss, you can't call in sick."

In an editorial just a year ago this week, we mentioned that if we had contributed anything towards the solution of the area rather than being a part of the problem it had to be credited to a team effort, for which we are thankful.

Monday proved the point. "Buff" has had something involving the nervous system in his jaw (which we can't spell) and had a flare up over the weekend. But he worked until going to Portsmouth to the doctor.

"Pete" Manning turned up with an inner-ear infection but couldn't be kept down, knowing the work that was piled up in the office. He came from his sick bed to put in six hours at his old stand-the Intertype machine.

When we started mentioning names we would be in trouble but the rest of the crew also has pitched in like champs to get this edition to you on schedule.

Next week will bring the Christmas parade. A host of merchants have gotten together to support a 12-page supplement. You'll like what you see. We have already previewed the first section and it is beautiful!

Then there is the understanding family that puts the icing on the cake.

And if you don't think we are thankful for all of this, you have failed to get the message. Everyone around here feels like Luke and his paper route. This makes us thankful on Thanksgiving, 1974, not delirious.

We hope we won't maximize the problem by asking those who meander along the Public Parade to be mindful of the less fortunate at this Thanksgiving season. Our cup runneth over!

Destroying Confidence

The State Utilities Commission last week granted Norfolk Southern Railway Company authority to establish a Mobile Agency Concept along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina. The authority was granted without a hearing and over the objection of area associations, commissions, towns, counties and users.

The commission's action of November 20 is a direct insult to those on the consumer level and a prime example of the attitude of regulatory agencies who time after time expose their utility-oriented membership.

Norfolk Southern was sneaky on Labor Day when they posted on agency doors a notice to file for the Mobile Agency Concept. Later, when numerous objections were registered, officials from

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Thanksgiving Holiday Set; Motorists Warned

The great majority of business establishments, local, state and federal offices will be closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Chowan County courthouse, county office building and Edenton Municipal Building, as well as the U. S. Post Office.

There will be no trash collections Thursday. The regular Thursday pickup will be made Wednesday and the Sanitary Department will remove its

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FARM-CITY BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS—The three pictures here illustrate the highlights of Monday night's Farm-City Week banquet held at the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. At left, Wallace Evans, and Oscar White, right, admire the Outstanding Young Farmer award presented to Sammy Morris. Kenneth Stall, is shown in picture at right with two of the three 4-



H Corn Contest winners: Keith Bunch and Bradley Ward. Below, head table principals huddle after the meeting. From left, they are: James T. Johnson, keynote speaker; George W. Lewis, chairman; Mayor Roy L. Harrell and C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners.

Danger Spots Are Reported

RALEIGH—The most dangerous intersection on north Carolina roads for automobile accidents is in Washington County. The most dangerous bridge location is in Anson County. Two railroad crossings in New Hanover County and Winston-Salem each had the largest number of car-train accidents.

A recent traffic engineering report issued by the Traffic Engineering Branch of the Division of Highways listed the most dangerous intersections, bridges, and railroad crossings in North Carolina during the period, January 1974 through August 1974. The report is an annual report first started in 1966 in response to the Federal Highway Safety Act which called for a "comprehensive analysis of high accident locations."

The most dangerous intersection is U. S. 64 at Highway 32 and State Road 1317. The fourth most dangerous intersection is in Perquimans County. It is U. S. 17 and Highway 37 at State Road 1343.

J. O. Litchford, head of the Traffic Engineering Branch, said that the report cites dangerous locations with an eye toward doing something to reduce the number of mishaps.

Project Is Active

The Pembroke Creek dredging project reportedly has struck a snag but has not been shelved, according to W. B. Gardner, town administrator.

Gardner said it is true that the Corps of Engineers is experiencing some difficulty in securing adequate space suitable to dump the materials taken from the area.

He said negotiations are still underway with property owners in the vicinity and no date can be set at this time for the project work to begin.



Johnson Lauds Urban-Rural Cooperation

Some 300 "partners in progress" gathered at Edenton Jaycee Community Building Monday night for the annual Farm-City Week banquet. A cold rain didn't keep either rural or urban folks from making this the most responsive observance of this type in Chowan County.

James T. Johnson, state director, Farmers Home Administration, noted that both rural and urban people have "mutual interests and common beliefs" and he is proud of his

rural heritage. "I am proud to be an American citizen and a citizen of North Carolina," he declared. "And rural people have made this country great."

Johnson said this state has the second largest FaHA program in the nation and has expanded from a rural-oriented organization to one which aids people in the smaller towns.

He also noted that out-migration from the farms is slowing which shows more of the young people are staying on the farms. He said

because of this farming is becoming the most efficient industry in the nation.

Johnson noted that his agency has aided Chowan County is a multi-county sanitary landfill and the first county-wide water system in Eastern North Carolina. He added that FaHA is pleased with the innovative approach being taken in this county.

He was introduced by Melvin Howell, agency representatives in this area.

Sammy Morris participated in a three-member musical entertainment group and then was honored as recipient of the Jaycee Outstanding Young Farmer Award. The award was presented by Wallace Evans.

Byrum Farms, Inc., for the second consecutive year, won the Peanut Award presented by

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AHRDS Board Has Meeting

Thomas M. Suratt, chairman of the board of Albemarle Human Resources Development System, Thursday night was authorized to name a three-member committee to work with a similar committee from Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission to bring back recommendations on a consultant's report which is anticipated in the near future.

The commission recently called on the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources to study the regional organizations. The system has cooperated in the study.

Suratt said he hopes the system

and the commission can "move down the road in a collective atmosphere." He said no one had envisioned the system growing so big so fast and remarked that it had been made possible because of a good staff.

The chairman said he believes any differences existing at the present can be resolved with detriment to either group and especially keeping the people of the region foremost in mind.

James E. Lewis, executive director, said by working with the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and Chowan County Department of Social Services the child day care center will open at Chowan High School around January 1.

He also reported that the transit system program was being sent to committee for review and comment.

Surratt recognized Mrs. Jean Wilson of Elizabeth City as the new chairman of the review and comment committee.

Reports were received from various standing committees and Harold McKinney, assistant executive director, reported on program activities.

Dr. Harold D. Holder of The Human Ecology Institute presented a briefing on the feasibility study for integrated services.

Units Sought For Edenton Yule Parade

The annual Christmas Parade will be held in Edenton at 4 P.M. on December 5, sponsored by Edenton Chamber of Commerce and assisted by the Edneton Jaycees.

Robert Moore, chamber executive, said anyone wishing to enter a float or participate may pick up their entry blank from the chamber office. Any children under 16, whether riding or walking, must have their parent's consent and must sign a form which can be obtained at the chamber office.

All participants are asked to be at Hicks Field and in position for the parade by 3:30 P.M. on Thursday of next week. As usual, the parade will move from Hicks Field down Broad Street and disband at Water Street.

Meetings Set

The regular monthly meeting of Chowan County commissioners will be delayed one hour Monday, according to Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, clerk to the board. The meeting will begin at 10 A.M. with board members taking their oaths, administered by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk.

Mrs. Leary has to go to Elizabeth City at 9 A.M. in order to take her oath.

Oaths will also be administered to Eugene Jordan and Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, who were re-elected to the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, as will other elected officials.

Commissioners beginning new terms will be Phillips and N. J. George. J. D. Peele will be sworn in as a new commissioner.

Following the taking of their oaths, the commissioners will reorganize.

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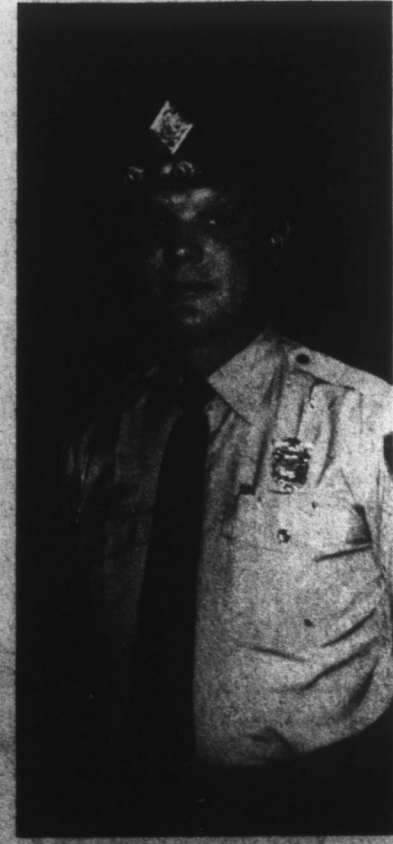
Tax Collections

Chowan County had net collections of the 1 per cent local option sales tax in October amounting to \$16,025.96, according to the State Department of Revenue.

Collections across North Carolina amounted to \$9.6-million. In other Albemarle Area counties the collections were as follows:

Camden, \$3,071.45; Currituck, \$14,493.99; Dare, \$42,134.02; Gates, \$5,280.83; Pasquotank, \$63,994.97; Perquimans, \$9,281.21; Tyrrell, \$4,319; and Washington, \$24,249.82.

Sgt. Overby Assigned Here



Sgt. F. L. Overby

A fourth State Highway Patrolman has been assigned to Chowan County. Sgt. F. L. Overby recently was promoted to his present rank and transferred from Greenville to Edenton.

He was one of 20 troopers promoted to line sergeants. another among the line sergeants is J. C. Minton who was formerly stationed in Currituck. He is now with Troop C, in Louisburg.

Troopers assigned to Chowan in addition to Sgt. Overby are: Robert Allen, B. F. Chappell and Mike McArthur.

Sgt. Overby is a native of Moore County and has been a state trooper for more than eight years. He was in Greenville for one year but prior to that was stationed in Lewiston.

He is married to the former Betsy Green of Creedmoor and they have three children. Sgt. Overby plans to move his family to Chowan County in the near future.