

From The Editor

Elsewhere in this newspaper is a letter to the Editor critical of our editorial last week concerning the Town Council's decision not to rezone a parcel of land on Highway 32 near the new by-pass to allow for commercial development.

The criticism is not surprising. The one who criticized is. The author of the letter is one of two members of Chowan County Board of Commissioners representing First Township. The fact that he is a downtown Edenton businessman with a partner on the Town Council is incidental.

The criticism is of no real concern to us. Webster defines an editorial as being "an article in a newspaper, magazine, etc., explicitly stating opinions of the editor or publisher." Maybe our New 20th Century Dictionary is out of print but this is the only definition we know for an editorial, which makes it always subject to criticism.

We have never claimed to be a knight in shining armor; a fortuneteller with a crystal ball; or a spokesman for the community. (Sometimes we question our ability to speak for the Auburn family along the Public Parade.)

For Mr. Alton G. Elmore to say that our "personal views" are not "always clearly identified" challenges our integrity, not our judgment. But we still maintain the opinion that the councilmen in recent actions showed a lack of foresight, and took action inconsistent with a progressive community.

Nothing increases the tax base faster than industrial and/or commercial development. And the latter is, in our opinion, the highest and best use for the highway frontage at this intersection. Simply stated, this is the fairest measure in determining how the property should be rezoned.

At the present time all of the property in question is outside the corporate limits of Edenton. Therefore, the only benefits, tax-wise, will accrue to Chowan County. And it is extremely difficult to run from something someone wants to serve up on a green platter, if you please.

One of the problems confronting the developers is the fact that they are local residents. Outsiders who come "bearing fruit" are courted enthusiastically. They are not tarnished by scars of jealousy, or questioned by the self-righteous, or other goodies which could be spelled out but would wipe away the question of our ability to have our personal views clearly identified.

Calling All Cars

Motorists along the Public Parade should take note of the following release:

The Highway Patrol announced today that 50 new radar units are being distributed throughout the state. Col. E. W. Jones, patrol commander, said the units are the latest design of the new moving radar which enables troopers to check the speed of vehicles while patrolling the highways.

He said the new units which were purchased with funds provided by the Governor's Highway Safety Program will increase the total number of moving radar units in operation by the patrol to 100.

Additionally, Col. Jones said the patrol has more than 100 stationary type radars and 400 electronic speed computers. He said the new moving radars will be used to control the speed of vehicles on all highways across the state.

A word to the wise should be sufficient.

All Too True

We are indebted to Walter Harlow, the bank executive up in



Rev. Robert E. Gray



Rev. A. C. Robinson



Sue Ann Stutzman



Emma Marie Turner



Jonathan Robinson

Plans Set For Holmes High School Graduation

The Class of 1975 of John A. Holmes High School announces plans for the graduation exercises.

There will be a Baccalaureate Service at the Edenton Baptist Church on the evening of June 1, at 7:30 o'clock. The speakers for the program are: Rev. Robert E.

Gray, pastor of Edenton Baptist Church, and Rev. A. C. Robinson, pastor of Warren Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Robinson's speech will be entitled, "We Are The Future"; while Mr. Gray will speak on "Punctuation Marks of Life."

Special music will be performed by the Senior Chorus of Holmes, under the direction of Mrs. Shelby Strother and accompanied by Mrs. Mary S. Smith.

The downstairs section of the church will be reserved for seniors and parents. The seating will be on a first come, first served basis. The balcony will be open to friends and guests.

On the night of June 4, the commencement exercises will be held for the graduating class on Hicks Field at 7 o'clock. The theme for the graduation is "We Are The Future."

Jonathan Robinson, psychologist and human relations consultant will be the commencement speaker. He will address the seniors on his thoughts of tomorrow with his speech, "I Am . . . I Said."

The Senior Chorus, directed by Mrs. Shelby Strother, will present special music.

The valedictorian of the Senior Class is Miss Sue Ann Stutzman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blair Stutzman, Country Club Drive. Miss Emma Marie Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner of Badham Road, is salutatorian.



FUNDS GIVEN—Edenton Woman's Club recently awarded two local historical organizations with checks totaling \$10,000. Above left, Mrs. James Martin, representing the club, is shown presenting matching \$5,000 checks to Mrs. Nelson Crandall, president of the Cupola House Association, and James Blount, president of Historic Edenton, Inc.

Monies Aid Historical Groups

Intensive fund raising efforts were culminated Tuesday when Mrs. James Martin, representing the Edenton Woman's Club, presented checks of \$5,000 each to Historic Edenton, Inc. and the

Cupola House Association. The money will be used primarily for maintenance and structural repairs and toward completion of the Cupola House formal gardens.

For Boy Scouts

During the next week, volunteers will seek to raise \$4,000 to support the Boy Scout program. The Tidewater Council, of which the local troops are affiliated, is in serious financial trouble and without local support the future of the program is uncertain, according to a spokesman.

"We have a good scouting program going in Edenton," the spokesman said. "Now we must pay for it."

Frank Habit of Elizabeth City, a former resident of Edenton, is chairman of the finance committee seeking to secure funds.

Edenton Jaycees and the Rotary Club have agreed to conduct a community funds campaign. James Bond, local postmaster, is heading a family campaign among parents of scouters.

With a saturation campaign volunteers hope to reach the \$4,000 goal by May 30.

Net Collections

Net collections from the local option 1 per cent sales and use tax in Chowan County during April amounted to \$18,882.60, according to a report issued by Sec. J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue.

Collections in other Albemarle Area counties include: Camden, \$2,897.07; Currituck, \$8,039.91; Dare, \$23,010.77; Gates, \$5,717.19; Pasquotank, \$62,612.59; Perquimans, \$9,740.59; Tyrrell, \$3,834.45; and Washington, \$12,490.66.

Collections in the state amounted to \$9.4-million.

Copeland Elected

ASHEVILLE—Woody Copeland of Edenton was elected state vice president of N. C. Jaycees at the group's annual convention held here last weekend.

Copeland is a former regional director and club president. Joe Hollowell, also of Edenton, has been named regional director.

Bosses Honored

At what proved to be their most impressive banquet in four years, the John A. Holmes High School Distributive Education Clubs of America last week honored the business community of Chowan County. The Bosses's Banquet is held annually as an expression of appreciation to those who have contributed so much toward making the distributive education program at Holmes School successful.

Acting as spokesman for the merchants and in response to the welcome, Wallace Evans of Parker-Evans Hardware Co., praised the strong DE program which has developed at John A. Holmes. He also pointed out how beneficial the program has been toward furthering stronger relations between the school and merchants.

Entertainment

The Edenton Choral Society will perform a light evening of entertainment for the citizens of Chowan County and the surrounding area. The singing program will consist of some highlights from various musicals, and will then center on a patriotic theme to set the bicentennial celebration into motion for this summer.

The festivities will take place outside on the Courthouse Green. The evening plans to be a most enjoyable one for parents and children alike.

Make a point to be there May 29 at 8 P.M.

Named To Governors School

Mary Ann Brown, a junior at John A. Holmes High School, has been selected to attend the 13th session of the Governor's School of North Carolina. The Governor's School is a six-week residential program on the campus of Salem College in Winston-Salem for 400 intellectually gifted and talented N. C. high school students.

It is an experimental school operated by a Board of Governors under the Department of Public Instruction of the N. C. Board of Education.

Ann's invitation to the Governor's School resulted after nominees were submitted by the school system. On the basis of high intelligence rating and superior ability in an academic field or a high degree of talent in one of the arts, she was selected, after state-level screening, as a young person demonstrating high potential.

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Several awards were presented to citizens and students for their outstanding contribution to the Distributive Education Program. Guy Hobbs of Hobbs Implement Co., was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his unselfish contribution and service to DECA. For the past three years, he has provided the equipment which DECA has used in making their award winning floats.

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DECA AWARD WINNERS—John Dowd, center, advisor for the Distributive Education Clubs of America program at Holmes High School is shown with Del Glasgow and Karl Ingram named Students of the Year in the local program. They were cited at last week's banquet.

ARPDC Elects Spruill Chairman

ELIZABETH CITY—T. R. Spruill, chairman of Washington County commissioners, last Thursday was elected chairman of the Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission. Spruill succeeds W. B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator, who has headed the commission since its inception three years ago.

Mayor John Bell of Elizabeth City was elected vice chairman and Lester Simpson, chairman of Perquimans County commissioners, is the new secretary-treasurer. Simpson succeeds N. J. George of Edenton.

The Executive Committee met in executive session prior to the board meeting to discuss personnel matters. It has been reported that near the conclusion of the meeting Wesley Cullipher of Elizabeth City, executive director of ARPDC since it was formed, rendered his resignation for "personal reasons".

Spruill confirmed the report this week, but said he is hopeful that the problems can be satisfactorily resolved. He said the Personnel Committee was to meet Wednesday night to discuss the matters turned over to it by the Executive Committee.

Reports from the executive session indicate that Cullipher has recommended the dismissal of two employees of the Human Resources Division (formerly Albemarle Human Resources Development System). He handed his letter of resignation to Gardner after the committee decided to have the Personnel Committee make a recommendation on the matter.

Gardner would not comment on

Delegate Chosen

Michael White and Paul Fisher have been selected by the Chowan High School faculty to attend Boy's State at Wake Forest University this summer.

The two rising seniors were chosen because of their outstanding service to their school and their potential leadership abilities.

Michael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl White, has participated in a number of activities during his three years in high school. Probably one of the most outstanding for him has been the student aide program, which has provided him the experience of working with primary students at White Oak School.

Paul, a new student at Chowan High School this year, has taken on active part in school activities while maintaining a good academic record. He has a special interest in music. Although Chowan has no high school band, Paul has continued his trumpet lessons and on occasion can be persuaded to perform in school assemblies and talent shows. Paul is the son of Mrs. Charlette Fisher.

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The Governor's School begins its 13th session on June 29, at which time Ann will pursue further studies in the area of the Social Sciences.



MARY ANN BROWN