

Recognizing The Difference

The Edenton and Chowan County of the future rests entirely in the hands of the present. Without steady, capable and respected hands at the wheel our tomorrows can be nightmares.

In the past we have been both lucky and fortunate. In most instances the voters have used exceptional judgment in electing and re-electing those who best serve the public interest. And is there any greater obligation given an elected official than public trust?

Almost without exception, when two or more individuals sit as a public or private board, there are the doers, the non-doers or the undoers. There are those who think deeply and act accordingly; those who think shallowly and act likewise.

The greatest test is not always found at the ballot box. But it is there that the "power structure" must answer to the people on a regular basis.

While from time-to-time we have disagreed with the logic displayed by elected officials along the Public Parade, in the main we have been able to rationalize, if not salivate, the end results of their actions. The public need not be timid. The need for advice has never been greater.

Change for the sake of change is not healthy. The voters must pay the fiddler and be ready to accept the music. An informed public can do this, but the information assimilated must be accurate.

A candidate who uses a cause rather than a case is not worthy of election. And the difference between the two is monumental.

A Rare Moment

Forty-one years ago two ambitious Edenton residents embarked on a new venture. They called it The Chowan Herald.

J. Edwin Bufflap was editor; R. Hector Lupton was business manager and advertising salesman. Thirty years later, we are able to put together a business corporation to purchase the paper.

These have been 11 rewarding years for us, but our most privileged moments were Thursday night when we presented Buff the Senior Citizen Award of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

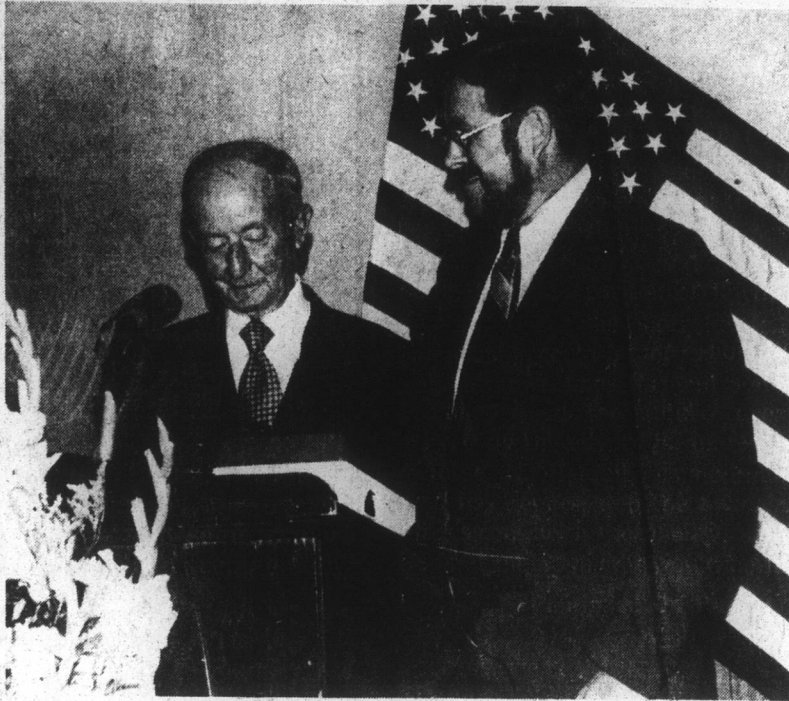
Although surprised by the honor, he was nonetheless not without his usual wit. He told a couple of "surprise" stories to illustrate his feelings. And the delicious steak he had just done away with didn't hold him back one bit.

We have known and admired Buff for more than 20 years, although half of it was long distance. We know of no one along the Public Parade more deserving of the recognition he received.

And we are pleased to report to his far flung admirers that at 83 years and seven months he is hale and hearty, and just as full of himself as he was when he and Hec Lupton established a new newspaper in Chowan County.

Buff is an inspiration to us. He can usually turn a low moment into a high one without breaking his stride and with grace and

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HIGHLIGHTS OF CHAMBER BANQUET—Some 200 people turned out last Thursday night for the annual membership banquet of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. Staff photographer Flynn Surratt recorded these highlights. Luther C. Parks is shown in top picture receiving the past president's plaque from Robert W. Moore, chamber executive. Above left is Ed Wimmer of Fort Mitchell, Ken., the keynote speaker. J. Edwin Bufflap, co-founder and editor of The Chowan Herald, who received the Senior Citizen Award is shown in picture at right. Making the presentation is L. F. Amburn, Jr.

Bufflap Becomes Recipient Of Senior Citizen Award

The Edenton Chamber of Commerce Senior Citizen Award was presented to J. Edwin Bufflap, a co-founder and editor of The Chowan Herald, last Thursday night during the annual chamber banquet at the Jaycee Building. Presented by L. F.

Heads Observance

C. A. Phillips of Edenton has been named state vice chairman of Farm-City Week in North Carolina. He will be working with Mrs. Gilbert English of Trinity, chairman of the 1975 observance.

Phillips is chairman of Chowan County Board of Commissioners. He is vice president of Edenton Cotton Mills.

At the same time it was announced that George W. Lewis of Edenton has been named Chowan County Farm-City Week chairman. This was released by Mrs. English.

Serving with Lewis as co-chairman for the county committee is R. M. (Pete) Thompson, county extension chairman.

Lewis is associated with Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

Farm-City Week will be observed across the nation on November 21-27, ending on Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of the event is to help create a better understanding between rural and urban people.

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Council Rezones Tract After Lengthy Debate

A 10-acre tract of the Ward property adjacent to U. S. 17 by-pass has been rezoned for a shopping center. The property is on the south side of Highway 32.

The action came Tuesday night on a 5-3 vote of the Town Council. Earlier the council refused to rescind action taken August 12 in changing the zoning of a 10-acre tract on the north side of the highway to highway commercial.

The public hearing was called on rescinding the earlier action after Mayor Roy L. Harrell challenged its legality and received an opinion from the Attorney General's office supporting his claim.

After considerable, and often times heated discussion, Councilman Errol Flynn made a motion that the action be rescinded. After some delay and further discussion the mayor declared that the motion had died for a lack of a second.

The next item on the agenda was a vote on the earlier petition. A public hearing on this petition had been held earlier, however, there was what amounted to another public hearing prior to the vote.

Councilman Harry Spruill, Jr., made the motion to rezone and it was seconded by Councilman J. H.

Conger, Jr. Joining them in the affirmative vote were: Councilmen James E. Darnell, James C. (Pete) Dail, and Leo Katkaveck. Councilmen Flynn, Jesse Harrell and W. H. Hollowell, Jr., voted in opposition to the motion.

During the debate, Councilman Harrell argued that the development of a shopping center would hurt the downtown area. He said to support such a development would not be consistent with the fact the town has spent a great deal of money to improve and beautify the downtown area.

At the same time he agreed that commercial development is the best use for the landowner, but "this does not have anything to do with this question."

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Inflation Hits Parking Fines

The price of overtime parking in downtown Edenton went up 300 per cent this week. Citations which were 25 cents earlier are now \$1 under an ordinance being enforced by Edenton Police Department.

One of the first orders of business when the Downtown Beautification Project got underway was the removing of parking meters. Since that time parking in the downtown area has not been regulated.

When the decision was made by Town Council to do away with parking meters, a new two-hour

parking ordinance was passed for parking on Broad Street between Queen and Water streets, and East King Street from Broad to Colonial Drive.

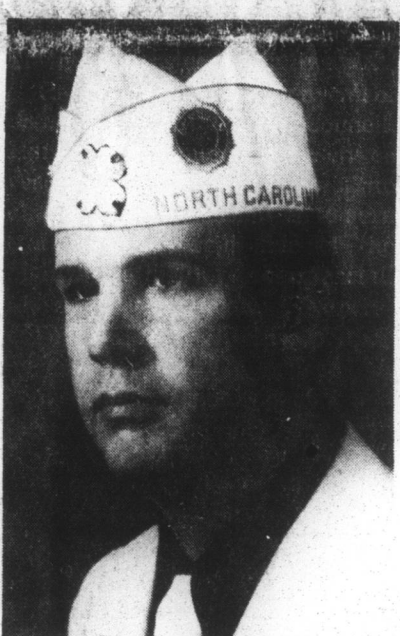
The ordinance limits parking to two hours and sets the penalty for overtime parking at \$1. The hours are 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said officers were instructed this week to begin enforcing the ordinance. He called for the cooperation of all motorists and especially employers and employees in downtown.

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Carver To Address Lawmen



STEVE CARVER

Recipient of the 1975 Chowan County Officer of The Year Award will be announced tonight (Thursday) at the fifth annual appreciation banquet for law enforcement officers.

The banquet is sponsored by the Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion. The banquet will be held at the Legion Hut with Commander Bill Perry presiding.

The award will be presented by Sheriff Carl Axom of Rockingham County, a ranking official of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Speaker for the banquet will be Steve Carver of Dunn, commander of the N. C. Department of the American Legion. Cmdr. Carver is the first Vietnam veteran to be elected president of the state department and the youngest veteran to hold the position.

A tour of the peanut processing facilities in Edenton will be held the afternoon of October 16 with a tour of Historic Edenton set for the next day.

Decision Appealed

Mrs. Rosa F. Ward was awarded \$42,133 for 18.5 acres of land taken by the State Department of Transportation for the U. S. 17 by-pass, which is now under construction.

The jury's award was appealed by Mrs. Ward's attorneys.

Another case involving Mrs. Ward's property was settled



H. E. BASS

Bass Named

Gov. James Holshouser has named a chairman and 14 members of the Governor's Committee on Jobs for Veterans.

The purpose of the committee is to develop community and employer interest in veterans' employment problems.

Members of the committee will serve at the pleasure of the governor rather than for fixed terms.

Serving as chairman of the committee will be Col. H. E. Bass of Edenton. Col. Bass, who served 22 years in the U. S. Air Force, owns a small farm. He is active in the Rotary Club, chamber of commerce, VFW, American Legion, Red Cross and Boy Scouts.

Col. Bass and his wife, Lola, have three children.

Work Progresses

The development of a waterfront park between Water Street and Edenton Bay is moving along "ahead of schedule" and the town is in the process of buying the adjacent Woolard Building, which will be renovated as an annex to the Municipal Building.

This was reported Tuesday night by W. B. Gardner, town administrator, at a meeting of Town Council.

Also, by unanimous vote, council agreed to inner-connect with the Chowan County water system. The connections will be made at three locations around the town at the County's expense.

C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, assured councilmen proper agreements can be worked out concerning the inner-connect and future expansion of the town limits.

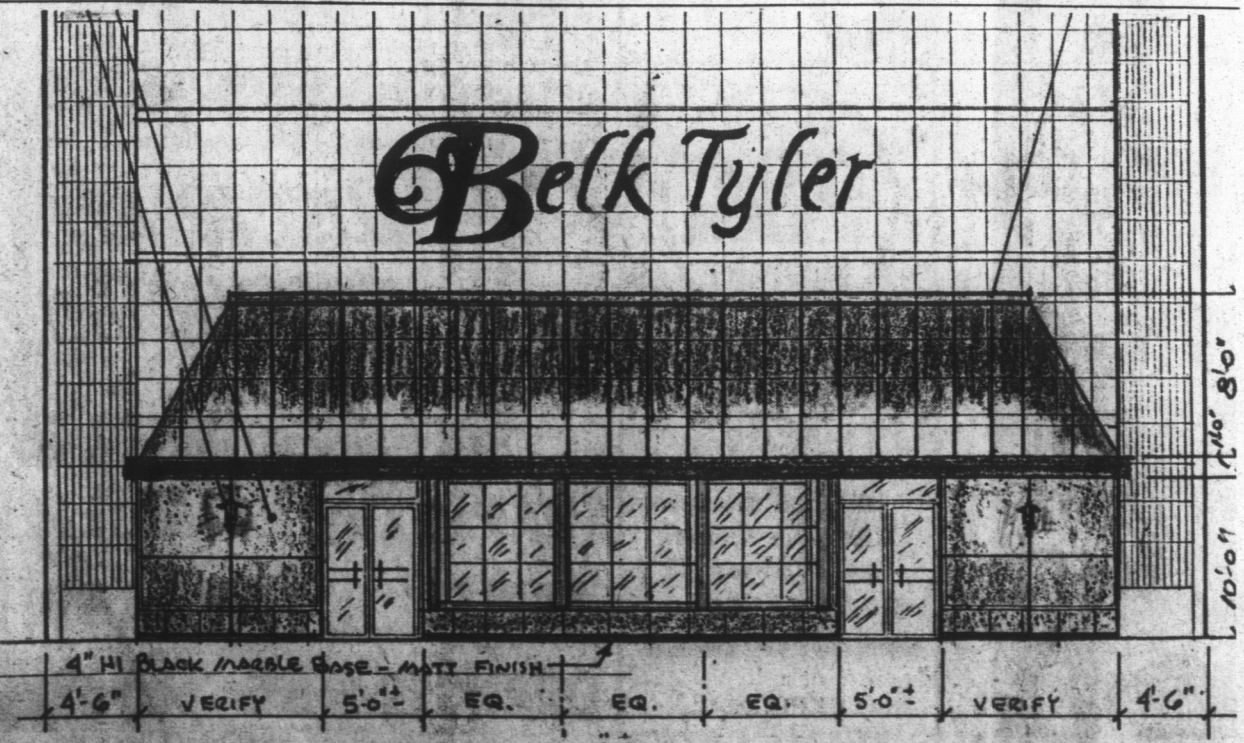
Phillips said since the county received considerable grant funds for the water system it "becomes very, very complicated...when selling off any portion of it (the system)". But he said he felt the county would be agreeable to sell the town lines through some manner if in the future area served by the county is annexed.

Jesse L. Harrell, councilman who has represented the town in discussions with the county, said he is of the opinion it would be in

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WATERFRONT PARK WORK ADVANCES—Workmen are reported "ahead of schedule" on the development of the waterfront park on Edenton Bay. Also, the town is in the process of buying the Woolard Building, at right, to be developed as an annex to the Municipal Building.



NEW STORE FRONT—The Belk Tyler store on Broad Street is getting a face lifting. Workmen have torn out the front of the building and when all the pieces are put together the new appearance will be similar to the above architectural sketch. George Moore, manager, said some minor changes have been made since this sketch was done but the new appearance will be in keeping with downtown Edenton's beautification program. Haywood Jones is contractor for the work.