



Real Public

If the records in the office of the Chowan County Clerk of Superior Court get more public they will be out in the street.

Due to the lack of space, in her office, Mrs. Lena M. Leary has placed three file cabinets back of the courtroom in the hallway leading to her office.

As laws change practically every department is required to handle more and more paper work. This has become burdensome in most quarters and is creating a real problem in the courthouse along the Public Parade.

The law requires that the court clerk's records be kept in the courthouse. So when the two rooms Mrs. Leary occupies on the second floor become filled she found it necessary to expand into the hallway.

Chowan County commissioners have been aware for some time of the inadequate space not only for Mrs. Leary but also for Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, register of deeds. They are now actively engaged in a courthouse-jail project which will solve the problem.

But even with the wonders of microfilm, storage continues to be a problem and is expected to be in the future.

In the meanwhile, anyone who thinks the clerk of court's records aren't public only has to pay a visit to the courthouse. Because of the conditions it is suggested that the visit be planned for some day other than when court is in session.

Drop-In Visitor

Jay Huskins publishes the Statesville Record & Landmark when he isn't carrying out his chores as one of the state's busiest legislators. Now and then he plays brother-in-law along the Public Parade as is evidenced by the following article.

On Going Home Again

Tom Wolfe discovered to his disappointment that he could not, during his lifetime go home again to Asheville. And we discovered during the week that we could not go home again to Edenton.

But we almost did.

We had been in Edenton so much during the past 10 or 11 years that we had come to regard it as a second home. But it had been almost a year since we had been down there.

So we decided, inasmuch as we had to attend a meeting Wednesday evening in Greenville, that we would go on over to Edenton for a drop-in visit.

First thing we did was drive down to The Chowan Herald for a visit with former Statesvillian L. F. (Bud) Amburn, who is now publishing the Edenton paper.

Bud wasn't in.

To pass the time, we decided to walk about the downtown area. It was all new, almost a pedestrian's mall, in fact. Attractive brick sidewalks has replaced the old

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DOWNTOWN EDENTON'S NEW LOOK—This view of "cheap side" in downtown Edenton is typical of the new look provided for the three-block area between Queen and Water streets. Holly bushes were added to the scene last week joining tulip poplars along the street. This picture, taken Sunday, is a typical section of the project, showing an arbor, benches, street lights and flag poles along the brick sidewalks and newly surfaced streets.

Solo Operation Is Begun At Grampian Marine, Ltd.

By Flynn Surratt

Terry Gannon, plant manager of Grampian Marine Ltd., revealed Tuesday that the local operation is now an autonomous subsidiary of Grampian Marine Ltd., of Oakville, Ontario, Canada, and will be responsible for its own production, distribution, and marketing.

He stated that the change from a principally developmental organization has also brought about several changes in organizational structure and streamlining of staff.

Gannon noted, "The confidence of the executives in Canada is reflected in giving us autonomy. The economy over the past 18 months has allowed us the opportunity to test new ideas and systems. The economic crisis resulted in a loss of revenue in the boat building industry in general, and necessitated various staff adjustments. Now that consumers are again interested in investing money in leisure craft such as sailboats, there is a gradually increasing demand for boats whose quality is in line with the cost."

Gannon stated that the Grampian staff is composed solely of specialists, each one being highly skilled in at least one phase of boat building, and that a smaller staff highly specialized is economically more feasible than a larger staff less specialized.

All factors taken into consideration, he is of the opinion that these changes will result in a better product, more diversification, and will direct the company into a bigger money making operation.

"Our capacity," he said, "is filled for the next year. We are looking to more diversification in glass fiber products, and it is possible that a few new lines may be added along the way. Boat building in this area is looking better."

Approximately 45-60 boats will be produced during 1976, and he estimates that Grampian will be

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Grants Set

Sec. James E. Harrington of the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources, has announced \$56,850 in travel promotion grants to 28 organizations across the state.

Among those receiving grants were Edenton Historical Commission, \$500 and Historic Albemarle Tour, Inc., \$2,000.

The grant program was established by the N. C. General Assembly. The largest grant allowed is \$5,000. The grants are made to non-profit organizations on a 50-50 match basis.

Sec. Harrington said \$37,150 of the \$94,000 allocated by the General Assembly is still available, and applications from other organizations are anticipated over the next several months.

Rep. Jones Speaker

Rep. Walter B. Jones, the First Congressional District, will serve as host for a Democratic program for selected teams, young Democrats and other party leaders on November 12 at Chowan College in Murfreesboro, North Carolina.

Ken Kinion of Edenton, will serve as teenage host.

Through the efforts of Rep. Jones, Robert Strauss, chairman of the National Democratic Party, will be the keynote speaker of the event.

The program is planned to create further interest in the democratic process through the Democratic Party. A press conference will be held at 6:15 P.M. in the President's Room in the cafeteria.

Registration for the program will begin at 6:30 P.M. in the college auditorium. Dinner, buffet style, will be in the college cafeteria for those attending the program.

The program will be at 8 P.M. in the college auditorium. Tickets for this event are available through the Democratic Party chairman in each of the 21 county districts. Tickets are also available through Kinion.

An art exhibition of pen and ink sketches of North Carolina's most historic sites and public buildings by Jerry Miller, artist, will be a featured cultural attraction in the main lobby of the auditorium. This program is an intraparty nonpartisan affair.

No Fatalities Recorded Here

Chowan County was among 42 across North Carolina which did not record a traffic fatality during September.

The death rate in the state showed a dramatic 28 per cent decrease during the month, according to Commissioner Edward L. Powell of the Division of Motor Vehicles.

"It is evident that selective enforcement, improved communications with the public regarding highway safety, the driver improvement program and the most important changes in driver attitudes are producing positive results," Powell said.

The highway accident perspective for September showed 17 reportable accidents

Home Instruction Set For Pre-School Children

There is a new program in our area for children from birth to four years old who need extra help in developing special skills or in learning to do things for themselves.

This home-based program is called Access to Mainstream. It is offered free of charge to children in Bertie, Chowan, Martin, Gates,

Perquimans and Hertford counties.

Access to Mainstream teacher-counselors recognize that usually the family members know more about the child than anyone else; and they feel the family can be the child's best teacher. Therefore, teacher-counselors in the program visit the child's home once or

twice a week to work with the family to plan a special instructional program which will help the child develop the special skills he's having trouble with. They also plan activities which will help the child learn to do new things more easily.

Mrs. Susan Thomas, director of

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Mrs. Ross Inglis Heads Group

Mrs. D. Ross Inglis, who successfully headed the Publicity and Promotion Committee of Edenton Historical Commission, has been elected chairman of the commission for a two-year term.

Mrs. Inglis was unanimously elected at the semi-annual commission meeting held last Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant. She succeeds Mrs. Helen Stevenson of Raleigh who was elected second vice president.

Rounding out the slate is Mrs. Emmett Winslow of Hertford, first vice chairman; Mrs. Edward G. Bond, secretary; and J. William Wood, treasurer.

Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., was chairman of the nominating committee. She paid special tribute to Mrs. Lena M. Leary, secretary, and John A. Mitchener, Jr., treasurer, who had served in their respective positions for the past 14 years.

The commission voted to contribute \$500 to Historic Albemarle Tours, Inc., to be used as matching funds for a state grant. Also, the group agreed to work with the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Edenton Town Council and Chowan County commissioners in displaying proper signs to attract tourists to Edenton.

James Blount, president of Historic Edenton, Inc., received unanimous approval of two new board members—Mrs. Clement Lucus and W. T. Culpepper, III.

Blount also reported on activities of the corporation and noted that approximately \$5,000 is needed to meet an expanded budget. He called on commission members to assist in securing this needed money.

The president also expressed concern over promotional work being done.

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HEADS COMMISSION—The newly elected chairman of Edenton Historical Commission is Mrs. D. Ross Inglis last Thursday with Lou Hafermehl, historic site manager in Edenton. Mrs. Inglis and other officers were elected for a two-year term.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR—Sheriff Carl Axson of Rockingham County, left, presents Sgt. G. W. Mizelle of Edenton Police Department with the award of Law Officer of the Year. Sgt. Mizelle's wife stands at the right. In the right photo is Steve Carver, state commander of the Department of the American Legion, who was keynote speaker.

Sgt. Mizelle Is Named Officer Of The Year

Sgt. G. W. Mizelle of the Edenton Police Department was honored as the Law Officer of the Year at the annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet sponsored by the American Legion Post 40, last Thursday night.

A seven-year veteran of law enforcement, he was presented the award by Sheriff Carl Axson of Rockingham County, president-elect of the National Sheriff's Association.

It marked the second consecutive year that a member of Edenton Police Department has been recipient of the award.

Sgt. Mizelle has successfully completed over 20 specialized

training courses in areas such as homicide, arson, and narcotics investigations, police-public relations, first aid and emergency medical training, finger printing, riot and crowd control, firearms and self-defense, and advanced police science.

Sgt. Mizelle joined EPD in 1967. He served as chief of the Havelock Police Department in 1972, returning to Edenton in 1973.

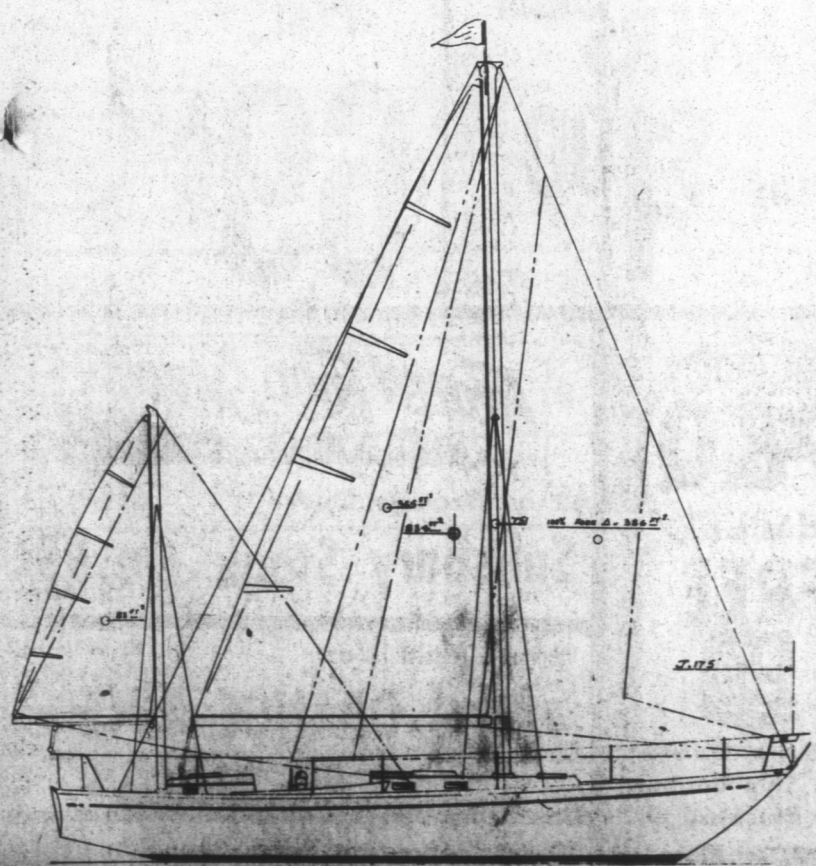
"He is a good and dedicated officer, and I was proud to hear that he had received the award," remarked Chief J. D. Parrish.

Keynote speaker was Steve Carver from Dunn who is state commander of the Department of the American Legion.

"I can appreciate the job law enforcement is doing to combat organized crime and the law breaker. I would like to see you fairly represented in the eye of the public. You hear of the hardships in prisons but you hear little of the problems of officers," remarked Carver.

He charged the public to back up the efforts of officers in combating crime, and called for the aid of law enforcement in helping the public become more responsible citizens.

Over 400 people attended the affair including a large cross section of law enforcement and court officials.



FORTHCOMING NEW LINE—Grampian Marine Ltd., of Edenton, will soon be producing a new luxury craft, a 46-foot sailboat that will sell for around \$100,000. The yacht will have a beam measuring 12 feet, utilizing about 825 square feet of sail, and displacing about 25,000 pounds of water. There are presently two prospective customers of the new craft.