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Thanksgiving, 1975

Eleven years ago we observed our first Thanksgiving along the Public Parade. And for better or worse we have the same vocation, are still wedded to the same woman, are the father of the same children—plus one—and are the son of the same healthy mother.

We are thankful for these and many things. Among them is the fact that we have been fortunate to meander along the Public Parade longer than either our family or our critics predicted.

We are also thankful that for the second time in more than a decade hereabouts our wife's mother-in-law is able to share the holiday season with us. Being the youngest of 11 children, we are extremely pleased when we are chosen for a holiday visit.

Thanksgiving is a time of reflection. While things are never so good that they couldn't be better, then they are never so bad that they couldn't be worse.

We are by nature a restless people. Because of this we possess an inquiring mind and a certain amount of adventuriness that often times disregards danger signals. Our nature doesn't limit us to the status quo, but spurs us on to conquests beyond our fondest dreams.

We timidly pass them up from time to time. We unconsciously pass them by without proper recognition. We give lip service rather than complete service. We tend to abuse rather than simply use those who are closest to us. We have a storehouse of good intentions and a shallow pit of accomplishments.

The Thanksgiving season is a perfect time for re-dedication to a movement to contribute to the solution rather than continue to be a part of the problem. Thanksgiving, 1975, can be a launching point for a more humble, faultless, sincere existence. It can be a readjustment period of our priorities. Moderation can be rediscovered.

We commend these exercises to everyone along the Public Parade. Then the Thanksgiving season will be more than heartburn, and headache.

Aces Are Tops

The curtain closed last Friday night on the 1975 gridiron campaign for the Edenton Aces. While they were knocked out of contention for the state 3-A championship, their 37-34 loss to Havelock was indicative of their entire season.

The provided hours of thrill for their loyal fans and finished with a 10-2 record.

The game at Havelock showed Willie Holley at his best. The speedster repeatedly brought the Aces from behind with his ex-

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Holiday Mails Schedule

Domestic Mails	Letters	Priority (Air) Parcels More than 13 oz.	Surface Parcels
Contiguous 48 States	Dec. 15	Dec. 21	Dec. 10
Alaska and Hawaii	do.	Dec. 20	Nov. 30

International Mail	Air Greeting Cards	Air Parcels	Surface Greeting Cards	Surface Parcels
Canada and Mexico	Dec. 19	Dec. 15	Dec. 8	Dec. 2
South and Central America	Dec. 16	Dec. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 11
Europe	do.	do.	do.	Do.
Africa	Dec. 14	Dec. 9	Nov. 4	Nov. 1
Near East	do.	do.	do.	Do.
Far East	do.	do.	Oct. 25	Oct. 15

Overseas Military Mail	Airmail	Parcel Airlift (PAL)	Space Available (SAM)	Surface Mail
Africa	Dec. 9	Dec. 1	Nov. 25	Nov. 25
Canada—Greenland, Labrador, and Newfoundland	do.	do.	do.	Do.
South and Central America	Dec. 2	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Europe—Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and Spain	Dec. 11	Nov. 27	Nov. 20	Do.
Africa (excluding Ethiopia), Congo, and Liberia	Dec. 9	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Near East—Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey	Dec. 2	Nov. 7	Nov. 1	Nov. 1
Far East—Antarctica, Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand	do.	Nov. 27	Nov. 20	Oct. 28

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PROMOTE FARM-CITY OBSERVANCE—Some of the dignitaries who participated in the Farm-City Week banquet Monday night are pictured here. They are, from left: Ed Foil, assistant director of N. C. Agricultural Extension Service; Wallace Evans, chairman of the Agriculture Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce; Chairman C. A. Phillips of Chowan County commissioners; George Lewis, banquet co-chairman; Mayor Roy L. Harrell; and Paul Parks of Farmers Home Administration. More than 300 people attended the banquet at Edenton Jaycee Community Building.

Speaker Lauds Efforts On Water System

Rural and urban cooperation, with a special emphasis on the county-wide water system, was the theme for one of the area's most successful Farm-City Week

banquets here Monday night.

Paul Parks of Raleigh, chief of the Community Services Section of Farmers Home Administration, praised the positive attitude of

people in the area. Speaking for representatives of the State Rural Development Panel present, Parks said there is "no negative thought" among local citizens.

He said while there are bigger water systems, there is not one better than what is being installed in Chowan County. He added that "forward thinking" county commissioners, with the involvement of the Town of Edenton, are constructing something the area will be proud of.

In introducing Parks and other agency representatives in attendance, George Lewis, co-chairman with Pete Thompson, said Farm-City Week provides an opportunity to pay tribute to our neighbors.

C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, and Mayor Roy L. Harrell also spoke briefly. Each had words of praise for the healthy exchange among elected officials and the citizens of the area.

John E. Bunch, Jr., Route 2, Edenton, was honored by Edenton Jaycees. He was named recipient of the Outstanding Young Farmer Award.

Bunch, a graduate of East Carolina University, farms approximately 350 acres of land with his father.

The Chamber of Commerce peanut yield award for 1974 went to Byrum Farms, Inc.

Nadine Monds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Monds, won the Edenton Lions Club 4-H Corn Award. Her yield was 186.2. Second place went to Ken Dail and third place to Randy Lowe.

Jane Parrish and an official yield of 170.5 bushels per acre and will represent Chowan County in the state contest.



FARM LEADER RECOGNIZED—A. C. Griffin, right, was recently recognized by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for 35 years of service to ASCS. He and H. O. West, executive director for ASCS in Chowan County, are shown at Monday night's Farm-City Week banquet.

Peanut Yield Statistics Are Shown

The peanut yield in Chowan County continues to average around 2,600 pounds, according to latest figures compiled by the ASCS office.

H. O. West, ASCS executive director, reported Monday afternoon that with 71 per cent of the marketing cards returned the yield averages 2,624 pounds per acre.

There are 459 farms in the county on which peanuts are grown. With 325 cards returned West said 10,184,915 pounds of peanuts have been harvested. This represents 3,881.9 acres.

The yield thus far has been greater than most predictions although it is some 200 pounds per acre less than last year.

Russia Tour Presentation Set

Raleigh Carver, former district director of ASCS, will present a series of slides about Russia's agriculture, farm people, and Moscow scenes at the 4-H Achievement Program. This program will be at the Center Hill Community Building at 7:30 P.M. on Monday. Everybody is invited to attend!

County champions in projects will receive medals. All 4-H'ers participating successfully in demonstration projects, talent show, and Club Congress will be recognized.

Special awards will be given in achievement (all phases of 4-H), leadership and citizenship.

The slides that Carver will show were taken on a 22-day trip last May as part of the People-to-People exchange between the United States and Russia.

Besides the program and awards there will be entertainment and refreshments.

Christmas Parade Plans Progressing

The opening of Edenton's holiday season will be marked by marching bands, floats, and an early appearance from Santa Claus when the annual Christmas parade gets underway next Thursday.

Sponsored by the Edenton Highways Are Subject

A non-profit organization to "foster, promote, and encourage" a constructive program for highways and other transportation means was introduced here Monday.

And Better Transportation for North Carolina, Inc., immediately gained the support of Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston. He is chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee.

Sen. Harrington told some two dozen community leaders that "roads are about the hardest thing to conquer" in state government. Also, he said it is "hard to get in with the folks up there," meaning the Department of Transportation.

"The people who are successful in Raleigh are those who have someone up there looking out for them," he added.

Rep. Vernon James of Elizabeth City, who introduced a bill last session of the General Assembly to increase the gasoline tax, said the state has to have a new system for highway improvements. "The Northeast is hurting and unless someone goes to bat we are going to be a long time getting any relief," he continued.

Gregory Poole, Jr., of Raleigh, treasurer of the organization now being promoted at the grassroots throughout the state, said he feels it can be a vehicle to bring about needed changes. He said the plan of action will enable the group to accomplish their goals.

"I believe we have something to contribute to the state," he noted.

George S. Willoughby, Jr., executive director and secretary, said the state now has a seven-year program but will be unable to fund it. Too, he said there needs to be better general knowledge about highway and transportation money.

Willoughby is former DOT administrator.

Merrill Evans, Sr., of Ahoskie former chairman of the State Highway Commission and J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton, former highway commissioner were among those attending the dutch luncheon at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant. Also attending was Rep. Stanford White of Manns Harbor.

Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Edenton Jaycees, the parade will step off from Hicks Field promptly at 3 P.M.

Bob Moore, executive director of the chamber, reported that a variety of civic clubs and businesses will sponsor floats on the Christmas theme, including at least one entry on the theme of Christmas 200 years ago.

He added that among those invited to march are bands from Northestern, Plymouth, Columbia, and Manteo high schools, Elizabeth City State University, and the Drum and Majorette Corps from Currituck. Final plans for the parade are not yet complete, he noted.

From Hicks Field the parade will move down Broad Street and around to Water Street where the units will disband. The Jaycees will assist in presenting the event.

"We are looking for a large parade, and good turn-out," Moore said adding that it is hoped the weather will be cooperative.

Registration for entry in the parade is still open. Deadline is no later than noon, December 3, but those desiring to participate are urged not to wait to the last minute to register. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 482-3400 to place entries in the parade.

As of Tuesday morning, the chamber said that 13 units had entered.



TO SEEK NOMINATION—George Wood of Camden said Tuesday morning that he will seek the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. The statement confirmed reports which had been circulated throughout the state that the former State Senator would be a candidate. Wood's reference to his future political plans was made during a speech at the Beaufort-Washington Farm-City Week breakfast in Washington. Wood said that a formal announcement would be forthcoming.

Suspects Nabbed In Bank Heist

COLERAIN—The Planter's National Bank branch here was robbed about 45 minutes after it opened Tuesday morning. A short time later two suspects were taken into custody without incident.

An undisclosed amount of money taken in the robbery was recovered.

The suspects, both white males, were arrested near Cofield in Hertford County, some 14 miles north of Colerain on Highway 45.

The Hertford County Sheriff's Department would not release the names of the suspects or further details of the robbery and arrests. All inquiries were referred to the FBI.



HIGHWAY HUDDLE—J. Gilliam Wood, right, former State Highway Commissioner, and State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston, center, discuss highways with representatives of the Better Transportation For North Carolina, Inc. They are George S. Willoughby, Jr., left, and Gregory Poole, Jr., both of Raleigh.