

Weekend Snowfall Blankets Edenton Area

No Serious Injuries Noted Despite Highway Condition

It doesn't snow very often in Edenton, but a belated white Christmas made a visit Saturday. Preceded by a falling temperature and bitterly cold winds, the first flakes began to fall around 9:30 A.M., accompanied by a small amount of rain that quickly turned many of the streets quite slick. As expected, several accidents did occur resulting in damage to property, but the local authorities noted that there were no serious injuries.

J. H. Conger, Sr., reported that approximately one inch of snow fell in the period from 9:30 A.M. to 4 P.M., mixed with .02 inches of rain. Between Saturday and Sunday, the lowest temperature recorded by him for Edenton was ten degrees, and Elizabeth City bettered that at nine degrees.

One accident occurred within the city limits as a result of the precipitation. Edward Martin Harris, Route 1, Edenton, lost control of his car on the slick street Saturday night and struck a bench on Broad Street by P&Q Supermarket.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said there was no unusual activity over the weekend.

James Martin, director of utilities, reported Monday no

problems were experienced because of the weather.

The Highway Patrol station in Elizabeth City noted that one accident was reported in Chowan County on Saturday out of the 18 that occurred in the six county area. However, four out of five accidents on Sunday were in Chowan County. There were no serious injuries.

Executive Committee Meeting Set

The Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee will hold a public meeting at 8 P.M. on February 2 at Edenton Municipal Building.

George Alma Byrum, committee chairman, said the meeting is being held to discuss how to become a delegate to the 1976 Democratic National Convention. Also, a discussion will be held on the revised plan of organization of the Democratic Party.

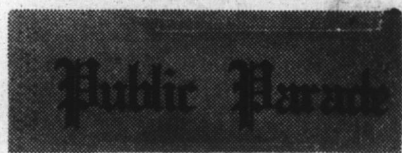
Byrum at the same time announced that precinct meetings will be held at 8 P.M. on February 12 throughout the county.



FROZEN BEAUTY—The Albemarle Area was wrapped up over the weekend with an unexpected snowfall and temperatures which were recorded at nine degrees Sunday and Monday. There was no evidence of sunshine Saturday, but Sunday morning it rose to provide shutter bugs in Historic Edenton with a pretty



subject. The picture at left was taken from Water Street, showing a back entrance to Pembroke Hall. The familiar scene at right shows the Cupola House, new fence and all, with the handsome new downtown light post standing sentry.



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Something Missing

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A criminal term of Chowan County Superior Court opened along the Public Parade Monday morning. There was a noticeable void as court officials assumed their positions.

It wasn't on the bench. Judge Ralph A. Walker of Greensboro was in place, the same as in March, 1975.

It wasn't at the prosecutor's table. Dist. Atty. Tom Watts and his assistant, Dick Parker, were prepared as usual.

It wasn't at the bar. Sheriff Troy Toppin went through the procedures without a flaw.

Therefore, the noticeable vacancy was at the clerk's desk where Mrs. Lena M. Leary was missing. In her stead was Mrs. Marjorie Hollowell, an able assistant who handled the proceedings like a champ.

Regular court buffs, though, could sense the absence of Mrs. Leary who is confined to Chowan Hospital. She was taken to the hospital Tuesday night of last week after becoming ill at her home.

Mrs. Leary's misfortune has been reportedly diagnosed as a circulatory problem. Her colleagues say she is in fine spirits and apparently is responding well to treatment. Fantastic!

There has been no announced speculation as to the required period of recuperation, but the clerk, who has been affectionately referred to as a "tough old biddy", won't be kept down for long.

We want to express our concern over her illness and best wishes for a speedy recovery. A session of Chowan County Superior Court sans Lena Leary, is like a peanut butter and jelly sandwich sans jelly.

Big Brother Blueprint

Several months ago we carried an article in this column telling how Big Brother is slowly but surely taking over in North Carolina and other states in the union.

We commented on moves which are underway to place the health delivery system in the hands of non-elected regional bodies which, eventually, will be able to veto arrangements which they do not approve.

The significance of that was brought home in quick fashion to residents of Northeastern North Carolina recently when Gov. James Holshouser fired the 21-member convener group for refusing to follow guidelines set up

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Plea Bargain Pays Off

Two motorists who entered guilty pleas to third offense of drunk driving were given suspended prison sentences and placed on probation in Chowan County Superior Court Monday. Both had received active sentences in District Court and gained their freedom through plea bargaining in the higher court.

In exchange for the guilty pleas from Donald Jean Johnson and Joseph McCarter Privott, the prosecuting attorney recommended to Judge Ralph A. Walker of Greensboro that no active sentence be given.

Johnson was given 18 to 20 months. It was suspended and the defendant was placed on probation for three years and ordered to pay \$700 fine and court costs. Payment is to be made at the direction of the probation officer.

Privott was given six months, suspended upon the condition that he be placed on probation for two years. The \$500 fine and court costs are to be paid at the direction of the probation officer.

Dist. Atty. Tom Watts of Elizabeth City, and Asst. Dist. Atty. Dick Parker, also of Elizabeth City, prosecuted the docket. There were no jury trials Monday.

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Cayton Heads Heart Fund

Verne Cayton, president of Bank of North Carolina, N.A., announced Wednesday that he will serve as president of the Heart Fund Campaign for Edenton. The drive is slated during Heart Month which will be February.

He also reported that Mrs. Evelyn Keeter, executive vice-president of Peoples Bank, will serve as campaign treasurer, and Mrs. A. F. Downum, Jr. will chair Heart Sunday on February 22.

Bloom and Tag sales at John A. Holmes High School will be coordinated by Willis Privott, SGA president.

Mrs. Fran Ward will act as rural director for Chowan County.

Funds acquired through the campaign will be applied toward treatment and research of heart disease, including heart attack, and its companion, stroke. Together they strike nearly two million people each year in the United States without regard to age, race, or social status.



CAMPAIGNS IN EDENTON—Waverly Akins of Wake County, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, shown at right with Edenton Mayor Roy L. Harrell, campaigned in Edenton, Tuesday morning. His platform is strong on the concept of better government through better business practices.

Akins Stumps In Edenton

Waverly Akins of Wake County wants a new relationship between state and local government. He wants no region of the state neglected since it hurts the remainder of the state. He wants a good mix of high quality of industry.

And he wants to accomplish this as lieutenant governor in North Carolina.

Akins campaigned in Chowan County Tuesday morning and was heavy on elected officials at all levels facing up to the problems the state faces. He said the pie-in-the-sky folks say they want to sell the "North Carolina way to the nation". He questions whether or not the nation wants this "way" at this point in time.

The candidate, a Democrat, who served as Wake County commission chairman for four years, said the lieutenant governorship has been "sluffed over for far too long" and the office should be used to that effect.

DSA Banquet

Jim Morgan, president of the N. C. Jaycees will be keynote speaker for the Edenton Jaycees Distinguished Service Award Banquet to be held tonight (Thursday) at the Jaycee Building, on Base Road.

Social hour will begin at 6:30 P. M. followed by the banquet at 7:30 o'clock.

Tickets are \$2.50, and those planning to attend should contact Mike DeBlais at 482-4461 or Tom Privott at 482-2103 before 5 P. M.

good government becomes good business.

"This can only be accomplished if we have the tools to work with," he said, adding that a full-time lieutenant governor is absolutely essential. He believes that when the General Assembly is not in session the lieutenant governor can be busy seeking more industry

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Resolution Backs Bonds

A large group of elected officials gathered at Angeler's Cove in Perquimans County Friday night as the Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns met.

T. R. Spruill of Washington County presided.

Craig Kennedy of Wayne County made an appeal for support of the Industrial Revenue Bond amendment. He said this is vital if North Carolina is to maintain its enviable pace in landing blue chip industry.

Also, Dr. Marshall Redding discussed at some length the malpractice insurance crisis. Later the group adopted a resolution to be presented to the General Assembly calling for affirmative action in this area.

Tom Rictor of Washington, chief planner in the Department of Natural and Economic Resources area field office, outlined planning assistance which is available to local governments through the office.

Jaycee Jelly Week Begins

Jaycees all over the state, including the Edenton chapter, are selling jelly door-to-door this week during the third annual Jaycee Jelly Week.

The jelly drive is a statewide fund-raising effort on behalf of the new Burn Center at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Named the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center in honor of the Jaycees' continued support, the facility will provide comprehensive care for the burn patient. It will occupy the fifth floor of the planned General Support Wing of the hospital. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall, according to hospital architect John Ware.

The new Burn Center will house 20-24 beds, making it one of only four comparable-sized burn centers in the Southeast. The other are in Atlanta, Richmond and Charleston. Included in the plans for the Burn Center are treatment rooms, occupational and physical therapy area, and adult lounge, recovery room and pediatric playroom and classroom.

Because burn patients are especially susceptible to infection, a limited-access elevator will connect the Burn Center to the existing second-floor operating suite. A special operating room will be constructed to meet the unique needs of burn surgery.

Many hospitals have burn units, such as N. C. Memorial's six-bed unit, but the small facilities basically are intensive care areas

set aside for burn patients. Burn centers like the one planned at N. C. Memorial emphasize teaching and research in addition to providing improved patient care. The Jaycee Burn Center will allow more burn patients referrals from all over the state to come to N. C. Memorial.

Over half the state's Jaycee chapters are participating in the jelly drive. Dr. A. Griswold Bevin, chief of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at N. C. Memorial, has been involved with the Burn Center from the beginning. He cites the Jaycees' yearly fund-raising efforts as the major impetus behind the Burn Center's progress.

"We are greatly indebted to the Jaycees," he says. "Without their help, we might never be able to see

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Places Fifth

Maru Amburn of Edenton placed fifth in the state Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of America Program.

The John A. Holmes High School senior represented the First District in judging Thursday in Elizabeth City. There are 17 VFW districts in the state.

Carol Anne Lehman of Rocky Mount took the first place honors for the state. She will travel to Washington, D. C., in March for the national competition.

Judging was done by a panel who listened to tapes made by the contestants.



HITS CAMPAIGN TRAIL—George M. Wood of Camden officially hit the campaign trail for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor Wednesday night at a pig picking in Raleigh. Nearly 350 well-wishers from the Albemarle Area traveled by bus to the rally. Among them was Edenton attorney Max Busby who is shown here talking with the candidate. (Story on Page 1-C.)