



Heard & Seen "By Buff"

For two times in the last few days lower Water Street has been the most popular places in Edenton for a long time. The first was when the railroad bridge gave way plunging six or seven freight cars into the water. The accident attracted such large crowds that it's a wonder somebody didn't set up barricades and charge admission to look at the unusual sight. Then, too, it's a wonder some enterprising person didn't set up a lemonade and hot dog stand for the crowds for a few days were large enough to do a thriving business. And as of today (Wednesday) workers have been working frantically day and night to build a new bridge and yank the freight cars out of the water. Shortly after the accident Friday morning somebody asked if anybody was hurt or killed. But a bystander replied "No not unless Ernest Kehayes and Maynard Perry were under the bridge fishing at the time." Well, it was a little too early for them to be at one of their favorite fishing holes.

Then another outstanding occasion occurred Monday night at the Masonic Temple when the lodge room was crowded with local Eastern Star members as well as many Eastern Star dignitaries from a wide area. The occasion was an official visit of the Worthy Grand Matron, Emma Lou Johnson of Cary. Every chair in the lodge room got a dusting off and several rows of folding chairs had to be brought in to provide seats for the nearly 150 who were present. Preceding the meeting, of course, a covered dish supper was provided which, as usual, included just everything that is good to eat, and as if everybody didn't have a belly full, added refreshments were served following the meeting.

Probably the folks down Cape Colony way might not be obliged to say, "Brother will you lend me dime?" And it's all because the water in that area will not be fit to drink on September 28 and 29 between the hours of 8 A. M. and 5 P. M. This situation has arisen because a cleaning chemical will be injected into the water lines. But then, of course, drinking water will be available at two locations so that it might be for some people in that neck of the woods like it was a long time ago when folks had to carry water from an outdoor pump or a spring quite a distance from the house.

It looks as if Lorch Stallings has a grandson who is on his way to become as good a fisherman as he has been. The other day the grandson, Chris Stalling, accompanied a couple of young men on a flounder fishing trip to Oregon Inlet. The two young men had their lights and so did Chris. After a spell of fishing the two young men had one flounder between them which was about five inches long, while Chris had five flounders, the largest one weighing four pounds and nine ounces.

Mrs. Leslie Morgan, now living at Rutherfordton, was one who renewed her subscription to the Herald last week and in a note she had this to say:
"Dear Folks: Leslie and I were in Edenton the first of August and were elated over downtown. I took some marvelous pictures (and borrowed some from Alan Asbell) and am quite anxious to show them at the meeting of the Official Appearance Committee

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It is not going to be a pleasant task but the abuse has become so wide-spread that Chief J. D. Parrish has no other choice than to enforce the law and prosecute the violators.

The honeymoon should be over as far as protecting the investment in downtown Edenton and the waterfront. Such is also the case with respect to those who would endanger the safety of pedestrians.

Almost Left Out

Chowan County has been given \$8,400 in supplemental secondary road construction funds. Fantastic? No, pitiful!

The N. C. Department of Transportation has devised another formula which just about includes us along the Public Parade out with regards to highway construction funds.

In the latest allocation of funds, Chowan ranks 97th in the entire state in the amount of money available for secondary road construction. Only Dare, New Hanover and Hoke will get less from the generosity of the state.

If the new money is lumped with an earlier allocation, then Chowan County will have \$63,400 for secondary road construction this fiscal year. At a cost of \$47,250 per mile it doesn't take a sharp pencil to figure that the money will pave 1.34 miles of road.

As of January 1 this county had 39.10 miles of unpaved secondary roads. It would at the current rate, take nearly 30 years to get all the roads now on the state system paved.

But it isn't as bad as it seems. Neighboring Bertie County has 197.90 miles of unpaved roads on the state system. With the allocation received it could take nearly 200 years to get them paved.

Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Bertie, chairman of the Senate Roads Committee and chief architect of the State Highway Reorganization Act, might want to have his colleagues take a closer look at the formula system.

Someone's system is working, but it certainly isn't working to the advantage of those who eat dust along the unpaved secondary roads hereabouts. Chowan County's allocation was probably much less than the cost of staff, printing and distribution of the report.

Presidential Debates Set

On September 23, Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter will meet Republican President Gerald Ford for the first of three nationally televised debates.

The only previously televised presidential debates occurred in 1960 when Democrat John Kennedy and Republican Richard Nixon held four 60-minute televised encounters.

Public television's coverage of the Carter-Ford meeting will include an insert in the video picture of simultaneous sign language translation for the hearing impaired.

Locally, the debate and sign-language translation can be seen on Channel 2.

tomorrow. Our committee is interested in Main Street plantings, etc., and my pictures are proof that it can be done. Another nice surprise was that the water lines were being run by our house. Enclosed is our check to renew The Herald. It's always a welcomed 'visitor' on Friday mornings. Have a good day and a better one tomorrow."

Edenton Aces continued in their winning ways last Friday night when they ran rough shod over Gates County on the latter's gridiron by a score of 48 to 7. It was the third victory in as many starts. The Aces will tackle Plymouth this coming Friday night on Hicks Field and it's hoped that a large crowd of local fans will be on hand to see if the Aces can make it four in a row. So far the Aces have piled up 99 points while holding their opponents to 32. And that's not a bad record at all.



WILL DIRECT PILGRIMAGE—Mrs. James Martin, left, and Mrs. Byron Kehayes have been named general co-chairmen of the 1977 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside. The biennial event in April is sponsored by Edenton Woman's Club to benefit Historic Edenton, Inc.

Committee Is Appointed

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Sponsored by Edenton Woman's

Joint Effort

The Edenton Chamber of Commerce and Holmes High D.E.C.A. Club have joined together in a campaign to educate the people of Edenton and Chowan County in the history of this area.

Holmes High D.E.C.A. members will be selling the book entitled, "Cradle of the Colony", during the next two weeks. This book is the history of Chowan County and the Edenton area dating from 1586 when the area was inhabited by Indians until present time.

This book is an excellent reference for elementary and high school students as well as a gift idea for friends who are interested in the Edenton area.

The cost of the book will be only \$1.50 and the money collected will go to defray the cost of publication.

"Everyone needs to be informed and proud of this area in which they live and work," it was said. "Please support your chamber of commerce and Holmes High D.E.C.A. in this campaign."

School Survey

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School with 687 students, grades 9-12, having 72 course offerings. Both schools in short, need more students in order to be more effective. The same type of situation exists among the schools housing elementary and middle grades students.

"There is not a clear progressive elementary, to middle, to junior high, to senior high school pattern of organization. There are, however, no serious distance or topographical barriers to the development of a uniform organizational pattern," the report included.

Under the first proposed option for school system organization a new middle school would be constructed and John A. Holmes High School with a long range capacity of 770 would house all students in grades 9-12. Elementary students in the southern portion of the county would attend D. F. Walker School which has a long range student capacity of 880. Elementary students in northern Chowan County would attend White Oak. That school has a long range capacity of 352.

Again taking into account the projected student population decline, Chowan High with a better site, larger cafeteria, and gymnasium, but a lower long range capacity of 264, could serve in lieu of White Oak. Because it would be 1979-80 before John A. Holmes would be able to house all four top grades, the second option was presented, ideally as an interim step, but could also serve as a permanent arrangement.

Under the second recommended option, ninth graders would be housed at Chowan High School, having only grades 10 - 12 at Holmes.

As far as cost of a new middle school goes, the price tag would be about \$1,258,200, not including site development, furniture, equipment, and fees.

Club, the biennial pilgrimage will be held April 15-17, 1977.

In addition to Mrs. Kehayes and Mrs. Martin, the other committee chairman include:

Mrs. Wendell Copeland, treasurer and insurance; Mrs. Gibson Young, publicity; Mrs. George Alma Byrum, hostesses; Mrs. Al Howard, guides; Mrs. Lonnie Sick, brochures and tickets; Mrs. W. T. Culpepper, III, window displays; Mrs. George C. Moore, registration; Mrs. L. A. Dees, signs; and Mrs. Robart Truesdell, flowers.

The pilgrimage brings thousands of visitors to Edenton and proceeds are given to Historic Edenton, Inc., for restoration work.

Roads Money Allocated

RALEIGH—State Secondary Roads Councilman Kenneth Hudson Roberson of Robersonville announced today that \$8,400 of supplemental road construction funds have been allocated for use to improve secondary roads in Chowan County.

This allocation is part of a \$4.6-million statewide supplemental allocation of secondary road construction funds for Fiscal Year 1976-77 and was approved by the Board of Transportation last month. These funds are in addition to the \$30-million dollar allocation enacted by the General Assembly during its Second 1976 session.

Chowan County's share of the \$30-million allocation released in July was \$55,000, bringing the

Iredell Birthday

Descendants of Judge James Iredell have been invited to celebrate the 225th birthday anniversary of this patriot October 9th.

The observance of Iredell's birthday, who was born October 12, 1751, will be sponsored by the James Iredell Association with a luncheon at 12:30 P. M. at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant followed by a tour of his historic house.

Don Higginbotham, an authority on Iredell, who edited The Papers of James Iredell (1767-1783) which were published this year, will be the speaker. A professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he was on leave last year to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

Frank Williams, association president, announced that the co-chairmen for the occasion are Mrs. Wood Privott, Mrs. George Mack, and Mrs. Jacqueline Ricks. He said, all members of the association are invited to the luncheon.

The association's membership campaign is underway and nearly \$1,000 has been received, which will be used for furnishings for the house. Membership is open to anyone interested in promoting the ideals of the early patriot

Drag Race

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hour, and failure to stop for a blue light and siren. His trial is set for Tuesday in Chowan County District Court.

Sheriff Toppin said his department was called to the airport scene about 6 P.M. He said little children were running around on the pavement where drag racing was in progress. There was evidence of drinking at the scene, also.

Jail Placed Back In Plan

Chowan County commissioners put the jail back into a courthouse-jail project Tuesday morning for the purpose of making application for federal funds. But in so doing it was pointed out they are not closing the door on possible entry into the Tri-County Jail.

Board members voted to instruct the architect to include the jail in the project for the board's consideration.

But the board came out divided on a motion to authorize Chairman C. A. Phillips and Commissioner Alton Elmore to act on its behalf on day-to-day things dealings with the grant application.

Commissioner David Bateman, before the vote, indicated that he would vote against the motion because it would appear that he sanctions the site where options are currently being sought. Bateman said he was in full agreement on the need for the complex, but felt the cost of the block "will be out of sight."

The vote was 4 to 1. Chairman Phillips said the board had gone too far to change directions and attempted to impress upon Bateman the need for a united board on the program.

Commissioner N. J. George said if 100 per cent federal financing for the structures could not be gained the board would propose a bond referendum before any land is purchased.

Then Commissioner Elmore, who has been obtaining the options, said once all options are in hand—this week he hopes—then the total purchase price will be made public.

He also said, in answer to questions from Albemarle Associates, grant consultants, that in his opinion two houses facing on North Broad Street will be moved and will satisfy questions raised by the division of Archives and History.

James E. Lewis, director of the consulting firm, said he felt the Public Works program is tailored for what Chowan County has been wanting to do about a new courthouse and possible jail in recent years.

Three Jailed

Two motorists were convicted of third offense of drunk driving and driving while their license was revoked Tuesday in Chowan County District Court. They were given active terms in prison.

A third defendant got an active term for failure to comply with support payments.

Judge John T. Chaffin gave Clarence J. White six months after learning that he was \$1,150 in payments to his wife for support of two children. White gave notice of appeal.

George Edward Harris was convicted of third offense of drunk driving and driving while his license was revoked. He was given 12 months and also gave notice of appeal.

James Augustus Leary was convicted of third offense of drunk driving and two counts of driving while his license was revoked. He was given 18 months and gave notice of appeal.

In other cases called by Asst. Dist. Atty. Chris Bean the following action was taken:

Edward Cale Ward, speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

Adrian Cecil Stanley, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs; drunk driving and driving to left of center line, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs. Notice of appeal was entered.

Bobby Dillard and Perry Jackson, traffic violations, called and failed.

Edward Albert Weigand, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs.

Orian Lorenzo Jordan, Jr., improper equipment, \$20 fine and costs.

Linda Stillman Sykes, traffic violation \$10 fine and costs.

Rosevelt Ford, larceny of cash, probable cause found.

Sherwood Dean Bass, speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

James Nathaniel Blount, speeding, \$10 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

James Blot and Milton Art Bunch, motor vehicle violation, called and failed.

Jesse Willard Bowling, fishing without a license, \$15 fine and costs.

Knapp Charlton Brabble, speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

Walter Lee Carroll, fishing without a license, called and failed.

Claude Algustus Felton, Jr., speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

Albert Jean Stanley and Timothy Joseph Wysocki, traffic violations called and failed.

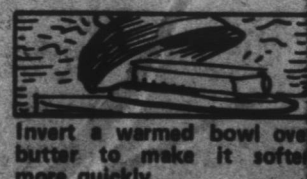
Johnnie R. Basnight, reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident, 12 months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Theodore Roosevelt Holley, driving while license revoked, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

James Wiggins, kidnapping, first appearance. His bond was reduced to \$7,500. He faces other counts of assault with a deadly weapon and assault and battery.

Libraries Close

All libraries in the Pettigrew Region (Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton, Tyrrell County Public Library in Columbia, and Washington County Library in Plymouth) will be closed all day on Wednesday for the regular quarterly staff meeting. There will be no Bookmobile run on that day.



Invert a warmed bowl over butter to make it softer more quickly.