

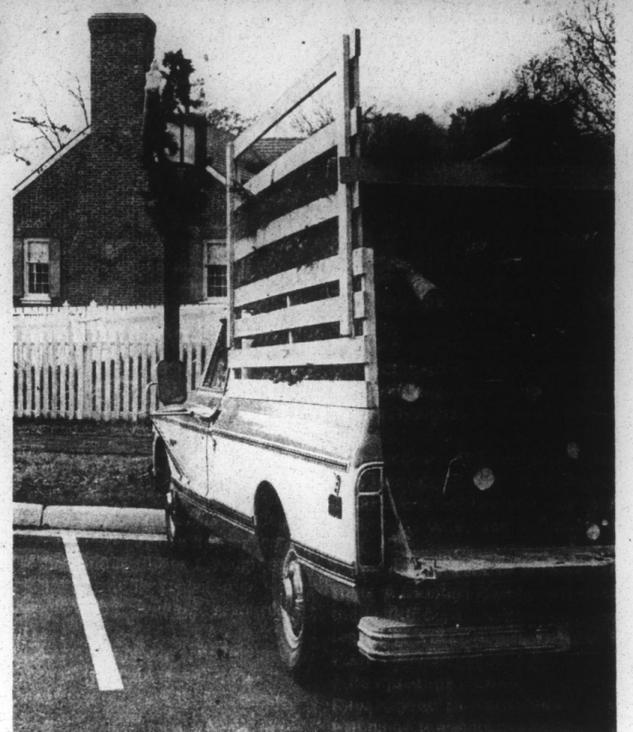
# Santa's Arrival Scheduled At 3 P. M. Today

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**SYMBOLS OF HOLIDAY**—Four symbols of the holiday season—a chimney, wreath, lights, and Christmas trees—are shown in this picture taken on South Broad Street. The local area's holiday shopping season is officially launched at 3 P.M. today (Thursday) with a gala parade which assembles at Northside Shopping Center.

## Forerunner To Round-Up

(Editor's Note: The General Assembly convenes next month and subscribers to this newspaper again will be able to enjoy the lighter side of the proceedings through The Raleigh Roundup by Mildred A. Huskins. Our correspondent was in the galleries earlier this week as the Democrats caucused. The following forerunner to her regular reports will refresh your memory of the fact that she writes an interesting column with accuracy—something unique to come from under the dome. LFA.)

By Mildred Huskins  
A caucus, according to dictionary definition, is "a meeting of

the members of a legislative body who belong to the same party to determine upon action in that body."

Sometimes, however, a caucus is a lovefeast.

Democratic members of the N. C. House of Representatives had one Monday.

Or, that is the way it looked to those of us who observed from the galleries.

Rep. Dwight Quinn of Cabarrus, dean of the House and referred to by some of his colleagues as "The Silver Fox" which is his CB handle, called the elected officials together for the purpose of nominating the leaders of the legislative body when the 1977 term opens in January.

Prior to the formalities, the red-carpeted floor of the chamber resembled a fraternity reunion. Veteran members greeted old friends and welcomed the new faces. . . Democrats all.

"Welcome aboard" and "glad you made it" were heard from all sides with friendly claps on the back and hearty handshakes.

In the corridors, wives of the members greeted one another for the first time since the mini-session adjourned in May, hugged, kissed and commented on new outfits, longer skirts, different coiffures and "you've lost a little

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## Flu Shot Series

The District Health Department has scheduled another series of Swine Flu clinics in an effort to serve as many citizens as possible in Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and Chowan counties, according to Howard B. Campbell, director.

Free Swine Flu shots can now be received each Friday from 1 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. at the Chowan County Health Department on East Queen Street.

In Perquimans County the shots will be given at the health department on Thursday from 9 P.M. to 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Those who want to receive the shots in Camden County can go to the health department any day of the work week from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Pasquotank County Health Department in Elizabeth City will make the shots available each Thursday from 8:30 A.M. until 12 noon and 1 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

The recent two-day clinic at National Guard in Edenton attracted 969 people.

## Awards Event For 10 Counties Here Next Week

Community and industrial awards will be presented December 10 at the annual meeting of the Albemarle Area Development Association here. The meeting will begin at 6:30 P.M. in D. F. Walker School Cafeteria with James C. Green, lieutenant governor-elect as keynote speaker.

Tickets to the banquet are still available from the 10 county extension offices. Pete Thompson, who is ticket chairman, said space is limited and he urges those who desire to attend to get their ticket early.

Ed Brown of Hertford, chairman of the Industrial Committee, will present AADA awards in that category. Mrs. Lillian James of Washington County will present community and area development awards as chairman of that committee.

Raleigh Carver of Pasquotank County, president, will preside and a slate of new officers will be presented by the Nominating Committee.

State Sen. Melvin Daniels of Elizabeth City will introduce Green. C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County Commissioners, will welcome those attending and entertainment will be provided by the Choral Group from John A. Holmes High School directed by Mrs. Shelby Strother.



**NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS**—Two Chowan 4-H'ers are among 36 North Carolina 4-H'ers attending the 55th National 4-H Congress in Chicago. They are Jane Parrish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Parrish, Route 2, Edenton; and Al Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ward, also of Route 2, Edenton. With them is Mrs. Carrie L. Thompson, Washington County associate home economics extension agent, who accompanied the delegates to Chicago. Ward won his trip for his achievements in the 4-H petroleum power program; Miss Parrish was a state winner in crop production. The delegates will return home Friday.

## Local Athletes Honored

Central figures in the Aces Fall Sports Banquet Tuesday night were John Norris and Lou Ann Bunch. They garnered most valuable player trophies in football and tennis, respectively.

Coach Pat Dye of East Carolina University was the keynote speaker. During the course of his interesting and inspirational talk

## Seek Volunteers

Additional volunteers are needed to work with the Arts and Crafts Program at the Skilled Nursing Facility at Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Jacqueline Ricks, director of volunteer services, has announced a meeting will be held Monday at 11 A.M. in the classroom at Unit B for all interested persons. Those who have not worked with the program before, are invited to observe the class at 10:30 A.M. prior to the meeting.

to approximately 300 at Edenton Jaycee Community Building he told of his familiarity with the athletic program at John A. Holmes High School. "I know from the players you have sent me," he added.

Three former local stars are now deeply involved in the ECU grid program. They are Zack Valentine, Gerald Hall and Willie Holley. The visiting coach had words of praise for them individually.

In addition to Norris, senior gridgers honored were: Charles Watford, best offensive player; Tony Pierce, best defensive performer; Mike Brown, most dedicated; and Keith Hall, most improved.

Buddy Cofield was recognized as the Most Valuable player among the Junior Varsity.

Lou Ann Bunch is the only senior on the girl's tennis team at Holmes. Amy Lane received the

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**BANQUET PRINCIPALS**—Dr. Robert E. Gray, right, president of the Aces Booster's Club, is shown here with other principals at the Fall Sports Awards Banquet last week. Left to right are: Coach Dave Holton, John Norris, and ECU Coach Pat Dye.

## Hylton Morehead Nominee

Joel Walter Hylton, a senior at John A. Holmes High School, is the Chowan County nominee for a Morehead Award to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

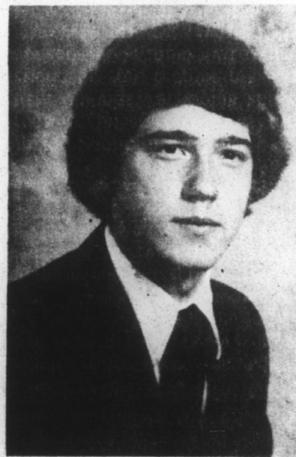
The announcement of the selection was made by W. H. Hollowell, Jr., chairman of the county committee.

At the same time it was announced that Florence Berryman of Chowan Academy has been named an alternate.

Hylton, son of Mrs. Frances Hylton, will enter District I competition in January, 1977. Those chosen at that level will compete before the Central Committee in Chapel Hill.

The Morehead Scholarship is valued at \$2,750 per year and is

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Joel Hylton



**TENNIS IS THEIR GAME**—Lou Ann Bunch last week was named the Most Valuable tennis player at John A. Holmes High School. Here she is shown with Dr. Allen Hornthal, another local tennis buff, at Saturday's tourney sponsored by Chowan Racquet Club.

## Response To School Survey Is Termed Enthusiastic

During the first of seven planned informal meetings, a small but enthusiastically interested group of parents and citizens turned out Monday night to hear facts and recommendations contained in a 1976 survey of Edenton-Chowan Schools. The survey was made for the Board of Education by the Division of Planning in the State Department of Public Instruction.

Information in the survey, plus the feelings of the school community, will become the basis for plans and decisions the school board will use for the future direction of education in Chowan County.

A slide-tape presentation, showing the three most recommended options, condensed the information. Emphasis was placed on five major factors to be considered in a plan of reorganization.

In view of a continually declining student population, a major factor is how to offer the best education possible to students. High school

## Dear Santa

The fellows up at the U. S. Post Office are extremely busy this holiday season keeping the mail and packages flowing at as smooth a pace as possible. They are human and do make mistakes but they should not be made into federal cases.

What could be made into something is opening someone else's mail. A letter from Ricky Flynn, West Church Street, to Santa Claus mistakenly was placed into our box Monday afternoon. Before we realized what had happened, we were caught reading the letter.

Since we had already opened the letter and didn't want to chance it not getting to the party to which it was addressed, we will assist Ricky by using this space to send along his message:

"Dear Santa:

"I want a tent, skateboard, batman car, Flying Aces attack carrier, Sea King, Sea Wolf, and Walkie-Talkie.

"Your friend,

"Ricky Flynn."

That a pretty healthy list. However, for a youngster who is smart enough to know the Zip Code for the North Pole is 00001 there is bound to be a lot of good in him which Santa will consider extra carefully on Christmas.

## Your Chance

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education is attempting to involve school patrons in every section of the county in order to gain maximum participation in a plan of reorganization. The plan should improve the quality of education along the Public Parade.

Merger of the administrative units here a number of years ago was first thought to be disastrous. It has been prove, though, that to have taken a lesser course would have resulted in something we could ill afford.

The survey was made by a group of outside, independent professionals. It can best be used as a vehicle to encourage citizen participation in the planning and implementation process.

There are those who have already expressed the feeling that the board might "over kill" with the survey. But if board members and staff will listen carefully and read objectively what the school patrons impart they can choose the best of the recommendations from the consultants, thereby, developing a palatable program.

Full and complete disclosure of all information, pro and con, will be necessary if the citizens are to be expected to assume additional liability for quality education. To propose closing Swain School, for example, is pure folly unless an acceptable alternative is found.

The middle school concept is new in these parts. Already a number of questions have surfaced because of ignorance to what it will actually offer. Special emphasis on this phase of the options in the survey would be most helpful.

People who attend the informal meetings, both patrons and board members, should not become discouraged by the size of the gatherings. Many are more interested in where their child will go to school and how long it will take to get him there than what educational opportunities he will have once he arrives.

These people are to be reckoned with at the polls. By acting, rather than sitting back and reacting, those with a genuine interest in public education can maintain a strong offense. With the future of our children in their charge, the board of education can ill afford to take short cuts or short circuit anyone who wants to make a contribution.

In the next six months there will

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