

Area Eyes Festival Opening

The eyes of the Albemarle are on Edenton this weekend as the second annual Peanut Festival gets underway. Weeks of preparation are expected to draw throngs of people to the various events and produce big bucks for the high school band and other projects.

While the prime goal is to produce money for the John A. Holmes High School Band, arrangements have been made to include other organizations within the school system in a share of the proceeds.

Mrs. Peggy Ann Vaughan and Al Everson have co-chaired the general committee for the event, they have enlisted the support of numerous other volunteers to assist in the project.

Gary Anderson, parade chairman, is pleased the parade will be three times as large as the one held last year. Joining the Marching Aces will be the Navy Band from the North Atlantic Naval Fleet, the Golden Angels from Newport News, Perquimans School Marching Unit, Creswell

High School Band, Columbia High School Band, seven army jeeps, commercial float with Peanut Court, First N.C. Confederate Regiment, and many other interesting entries.

Following the parade will be concerts on the Courthouse Green and the dedication of Historic Edenton Walking Trail. Rep. Walter B. Jones will be present to officially designate the trail.

The Peanut Festival Executive Committee has planned events for the entire family. As a part of the

afternoon program, peanut games, races, and relays will be held on the American Legion Fairgrounds. Thirty ribbons have been purchased to award as first, second, and third place prizes to the most agile participants. Be on hand to support the Edenton-Chowan Band. If you aren't participating, you will enjoy watching the greased flagpole race and other special events.

J.J. Harris and his bluegrass music team from Elizabeth City

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Council Appointments

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Hunt has named 10 members, including Miss Annette Fairless of Edenton, to the N.C. Arts Council, the community arts section of the Department of Cultural Resources.

The council, which has 24 members, advises the Secretary of Cultural Resources on assistance to local arts organizations and assists and promotes community arts

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RALEIGH — W. Earl Smith of Edenton is one of eight new appointees to the State Marine Fisheries Commission. He was named by Gov. Jim Hunt.

Sec. Howard N. Lee of Natural Resources and Community Development, noted that the appointees include two commercial fishermen.

Smith is a prominent Chowan County businessman and community leader.



ANTICIPATING BIG WEEKEND—The radiant smiles of Mrs. Peggy Ann Vaughan and Bruce McGraw are examples of high anticipation for a big Peanut Festival weekend. Mrs. Vaughan is co-chairperson of the event and McGraw is principal at John A. Holmes High School. They hold a 60-page souvenir program distributed this week by the sponsoring Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association.

Doing It Again!

The highlight of this weekend along the Public Parade is the Peanut Festival. If you don't know about it, you must have had your head buried in the sand.

Mrs. Mary Partin has turned out more copy in the last few weeks than the Associated Press. Loyal, dedicated members of the Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association have put together a 60-page souvenir program which has been widely distributed in the area.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District knows it, but it should be impressed upon James Rousseau, assistant division chief of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, that "Doing It Again" is the theme song of this season. We welcome him to dedicate the newly designated Historic Edenton Trail.

Farmers want to repeat their banner yields. Peanut Festival sponsors want to repeat the success of previous successful endeavors to raise money for the John A. Holmes High School marching band and other school functions.

Last year's festival resulted in more than \$5,000 going to the band. There is every indication that this weekend the community can do it again, but better.

The program provides good, wholesome entertainment. It has something for the entire family. And if the parade is expected to be three times as big as last year then the same can be anticipated for Bob Harrell's horse show, Jerry Downum's dances, etc.

In our corner, we have had about as much of Snooky Bond, Mary Rhea Gardner, Mary Partin and Pat Storie as our system can stand. In fact, we are considering a boycott of peanut butter in the house as our protest. If we carry through, then someone will have to come up with a substitute for those sandwiches which contain jelly and something else.

However, none of us will have to rely on the chief substitute for home cooked meals this weekend. The concession stands runneth over with goodies.

Yes, the Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association is doing it again.

Deadline Approaches

Because of deadlines Americans have become crisis oriented. Because of local, state and federal deadlines we move from one crisis situation to another. Little thought is given to many situations until they reach a crisis situation. Then, in a vast majority of instances, there is an over-reaction.

Along this line is the subject of American Legion baseball along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina. For weeks E.C. Toppin, district commander and a representative of the local Edward G. Bond Post,

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Board Approves Low Bids

"Hot dog! I'm so tickled I don't know what to do."

Those were the comments of Chairman C.A. Phillips after Chowan County commissioners voted unanimously Wednesday to let bids for construction and

detention facility. The bids total \$1,616,965.

The budget for construction was \$1,479,820. The county received a \$1.8-million grant in February from Economic Development Administration.

Donald Young of Albemarle



RECOGNIZED—Robert Hendrix flashes a surprised smile as Commander George Stokes of Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, recognizes him as the outstanding law enforcement officer in the county. Seated are Dist. Atty. and Mrs. Tom Watts of Elizabeth City.

Hendrix Outstanding Officer

Robert Hendrix of Tyner joined an elite group of men Thursday night as he was named Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of Chowan County. Hendrix is juvenile probation officer in the First Judicial District.

Past winners of the award given by Edward G. Bond Post No. 40 include: R.E. Evans, Capt. C.H. Williams, William E. Godley, Jr., G. Wayne Mizelle and Sheriff Troy

COA Grant OK

College of The Albemarle moved a step closer "From Dream to Reality in the 1970's" Tuesday when Rep. Walter B. Jones announced that the community college's application for a construction grant of \$1,664,356 for a new building has been approved by the Economic Development Administration.

Matched with \$774,644 from state, county and institutional development funds, the federal funding will allow the college to proceed with final plans to begin construction of a 75,000-square-foot facility adjacent to the existing building on its new campus. The total cost of the structure is expected to be approximately \$2,439,000.

Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr.,

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Toppin.

Some 400 officers and members of the community who support them attended the banquet at the American Legion Building.

Dist. Atty. Tom Watts of Elizabeth City was the keynote speaker. He said everyone is involved in the criminal justice system, that everyone must busy themselves about doing something to curb crime.

In order to help solve the problem he said there must be more law enforcement, they must be better trained and better equipped. "We are doing a reasonably good job of this in our area," he noted.

Watts said courts are criticized for not being tough on those who break the law. To this he replied: "If courts weren't putting people behind bars they would not be

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Monday Meeting

The regular meeting of Chowan County Planning Board will be held Monday at 8 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Fourth Floor conference room of the County Office Building on East King Street.

Chairman George Lewis has encouraged all members to attend the meeting. He will preside.

Associates, project coordinator, said a request would be sent to EDA to have certain line items adjusted to increase the portion set for construction. This would narrow the gap between the low bids and the budget.

The recommendation from Everette Fauber, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., architect, and accepted were:

Barnhill Contracting Co., of Tarboro, \$1,189,000, plus \$30,000 for off-site work; Electricron, Inc., of Kinston, \$302,500; and Bullock Plumbing & Heating of Raleigh, \$95,425.

In other business, commissioners adopted resolutions of support for the \$300-million road bond referendum and the clean water referendum.

Conference Day

Parents of children in Edenton-Chowan Schools will have the opportunity to visit schools, meet faculty and administration, and discuss any concerns on Friday. The Parent-Teacher Conference Day was established on the 1977-78 school calendar at the request of teachers and with the approval of the board of education last spring.

The Parent Conference Day follows the end of the 1st six weeks grading period. Report cards were sent home on October 19.

Even though school personnel will follow a regular work day schedule, students will not attend school on this day.

Trail Dedication Slated

James Rousseau of Atlanta, Ga., assistant division chief of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, will represent the U.S. Department of Interior at Saturday's dedication of the Historic Edenton Trail.

The dedication will be shortly after 11 A.M. on the Courthouse Green where the John A. Holmes High School Band will present a concert. This is part of the second annual Peanut Festival.

Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus recently designated the Historic Edenton Trail in the town limits of Edenton a National Recreation Trail in the National Trails System.

The approximately 1.9-mile trail is within a two-hour drive of approximately 1.6-million people. The largest major urban complex is the Norfolk and Hampton and Newport News areas. The trail is administered by the town of Edenton.

The Historic Edenton Trail traverses a variety of land-use, primarily residential, commercial and public, and is designed to acquaint the user with architecture of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Architectural representatives include Georgian, Greek Revival, Queen Anne and Victorian.

Notable buildings seen along the trail include the Chowan County Courthouse and the Cupola House, both National Historic Landmarks. Chris T. Delaporte, director of the Interior Department's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation which administers the National Trails program, praised the far-sighted creativity of the residents of Edenton for providing an urban trail with historic features.

The trail is the third National Recreation Trail in North Carolina and the 114th in the nation. National Recreation Trails are usually located near urban areas and serve diverse recreation users. They may be designated by the Secretary of Interior or if on national forest lands, by the Secretary of Agriculture.

SCS Assistance To Be Observed

Soil Conservation Service Administrator, Mel Davis, will be visiting Northeastern North Carolina on October 25 and 26. Davis heads this U.S. Department of Agriculture Agency from his Washington office and reports directly to Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, on the wide ranging conservation activities carried on by the SCS.

Davis will be touring farms in both Chowan and Perquimans counties Wednesday afternoon. He will be observing the technical assistance provided to landusers in applying soil and water conservation measures.

Davis, an avid conservationist, stresses a policy of working directly with the landuser in getting

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Byrum Heads Advisor Board

West W. Byrum, Jr., local real estate and insurance executive, has been elected chairman of the Edenton Community Development Citizen Advisory Board. His selection came during the organizational meeting of the nine-member board Monday night.

A.C. Hudson, chairman of Edenton Housing Authority, was chosen vice chairman, and Jud Little, CD director, secretary.

Other members of the board attending were Councilmen James C. (Pete) Dail and Jesse L. Harrell, Mrs. Novella Wilson, Charles Swanner and L.F. Amburn, Jr. Two members were absent.

Little briefed the members on the \$450,000 CD block grant the town has received. He said the objective is to improve the physical neighborhood chosen. The current site is on North Oakum Street between East Peterson and East Carteret streets.

Williams & Works, Inc., of Sanford are the engineers on the project.

Little stressed the importance of having a viable project since the Department of Housing & Urban Development has indicated a switch to multi-year funding. This

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Man Injured

A watermelon was thrown from the Paradise Road overpass of U.S. 17 by-pass shortly before noon Monday, going through the windshield of a tractor-trailer rig and injuring the driver.

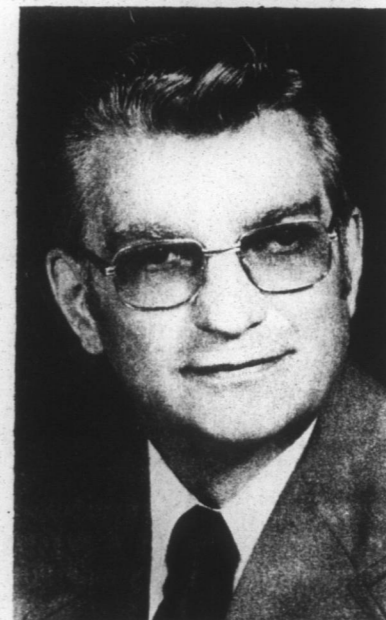
Garland Ray Pendergraft, 51, of Wilson, was identified as driver of the truck. He suffered painful injuries to his right arm. He was treated at Chowan Hospital.

State Trooper Y.Z. Newberry said Pendergraft told him that he saw two young boys on the overpass as he approached Paradise Road. He saw one of them run and as his rig came out from under the bridge a watermelon came through the windshield.

The force of the object bent the steering wheel of the 1977 International tractor. Pendergraft was wearing safety glasses which is believed to have prevented eye injuries.

Pendergraft was a driver for Central Soya, also of Wilson. He managed to keep the tractor-trailer under control, averting further damage.

The Chowan County Sheriff's Department is cooperating with Trooper Newberry in investigation of the incident. No arrests have been made.



Mel Davis