

Elizabeth Stevens

# Holmes Senior Morehead Candidate

Elizabeth Stevens, a senior at John A. Holmes High School, has been chosen as the candidate for a Morehead Scholarship from Chowan County. The coveted four-



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year grant is for study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The announcement of the popular senior's selection as a candidate was made by W.H. Hollowell, chairman of the county Morehead Committee.

Miss Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chestnut Stevens, will next be interviewed by a district committee in Williamston early in 1978. Six nominees will represent District 1. The district will be further interviewed in Chapel Hill as approximately 36 high school seniors vie for Morehead Scholars.

Financial need is not considered. The value of the award is \$2,750 per year. The Morehead program has developed into one of the most outstanding in the entire country.

Miss Stevens ranks first in her class of 126 students. She is a member of the Student Council,

Superintendent's Advisory Council and served last year as Chief Marshal.

She is treasurer of the National Honor Society, secretary-treasurer of the Drama Club, president of the Biology Club, secretary of the Concert Choir and is a member of the Sea Scouts.

The nominee attended the Governor's School. She is a riding instructor, and is active in all areas of her church, including conducting a young children's choir.

She is a member of Edenton Choral Society and Edenton Little Theater. A talented musician she sings and plays the guitar at various community banquets. She was chosen for the N.C. Honors Chorus.

Serving with Hollowell on the local Morehead Committee are: Dr. Edward G. Bond, Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan, John Graham and Mrs. Anne Hines.



**ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED** — Mayor Roy L. Harrell, right, and C.A. Phillips, center, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, have proclaimed November 18-24 as Farm-City Week in Edenton and Chowan County. They are pictured here with Robert Moore, executive vice president, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, who is standing in for C.B. Smith, chairman of the chamber's Agriculture Committee.

# Hearing On Zoning Is Delayed

The council chamber at the Municipal Building was filled to capacity Monday night as Town Council was to hold two public hearings in a three-year battle to have property on the Edenton side of U.S. 17 by-pass rezoned. Neither hearing developed.

Town Administrator W.B. Gardner announced that the developers, W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., and Bernard Burroughs, had withdrawn their petition for a change on 10 acres on the south side of Virginia Road from R-20 to Shopping Center.

He further stated that the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance has not been met with regards to a like amount of land on the north side, which is being considered for a change from R-20 to Highway Commercial. Gardner said there is a question as to the proper notification of adjacent property owners.

At Gardner's suggestion, council agreed to hear the request at the December meeting. This was agreeable with the property owners.

A public hearing was held to consider changes in the text of the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Board. Judd Little, planner and Community Development director, explained the proposed changes. No action was taken.

Councilman Gil Burroughs recommended that council not take actions on matters at the same meeting where a public hearing is held.

Council officially accepted the petition for a paving project on North Granville Street and accepted a \$9,155 state supplemental grant for airport improvements.

In other matters, council adopted a resolution in opposition to taking water from the Chowan River by Southeastern Virginia towns; approved liability insurance coverage for public officials; and discussed newspaper route tubes which are appearing in residential areas.

# Farm-City Banquet Set

A complete meal utilizing peanuts will be served to several hundred people who attend the annual Farm-City Week banquet Monday at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

The banquet begins at 7 P.M. and there will be no charge. It is sponsored by Edenton Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Edenton Lions Club, Ryland Ruritan Club, Edenton Rotary Club, Chowan Ruritan Club, Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club, Cape Colony Ruritan Club and Edenton Jaycees.

C.B. Smith is chairman of the chamber's Agriculture Committee and has made arrangements for the meal through Seabrook Blanching Corporation and Pert Labs.

R. M. (Pete) Thompson, county extension chairman, said there will be no banquet speaker. Entertainment will be furnished by the Chowan County 4-H Clubs and annual awards will be presented.

The Lions Club will present 4-H Corn Awards; the Jaycees will recognize the Outstanding Young Farmer; and the chamber will give the 1976 Peanut Award. A number of door prizes will be awarded.

In addition to Smith, those appearing on the program will be James Bond, C.A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; Mayor Roy L. Harrell; and Bill Norvell, president of the chamber.

Farm-City Week, of which Phillips was state chairman last year, is being observed through the United States and Canada

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## More Free Stuff

One thing Edenton is fortunate to get is an abundance of free publicity.

Town & Country magazine, a classy Hearst publication, this month features five southern plantations, one of which is Hayes. Then, North Carolina Education, the journal of the N.C. Association of Educators, has an article on "The County Courthouse In North Carolina," which is illustrated with a picture of the Chowan County edifice of justice.

Taking the spotlight in Town & Country is a full page, full color picture of J. Gilliam Wood in the valuable and beautiful library at Hayes. There are several smaller color prints along with a generous amount of text.

Again, this is publicity which money can't buy, even if those who promote Edenton and Chowan County could afford it. And, someday, the exposure may lead to our area getting a fair share of the "smokeless dollars" left behind by tourists.

## Rufus Bows Out

Atty. Gen. Rufus L. Edminsten has finally withdrawn his name from a host of Democrats, one of who will attempt to unseat Sen. Jesse Helms. He showed excellent judgment in this decision.

He is the second Council of State member to display just plain "good horse sense" when tempted to seek a more lofty post. The other was Secretary of Agriculture James A. Graham who flirted with a race in the contest won by Gov. Jim Hunt.

In both cases, we believe at the present time, each man — Edminsten and Graham — can perform a more valuable public service in present positions.

"In the past three years I have had to call on friends such as you for two elections," he wrote in a letter to "Dear Democratic Supporter" on November 14. "To run for the Senate would mean calling on you for three elections in only four years. This is a great deal to ask."

The attorney general is sincere in this assessment. While, in our opinion, the real question was whether or not he could win the nomination and go on to garner a Democratic victory against the incumbent. This was a bullet he had to bite, putting aside the "advice" of all the people telling him what they thought he wanted to hear and/or wanted to feather their own nest and enhance their own personal position. He proved up to the task and made the right decision.

Now he needs to concentrate on being a better attorney general. If he aspires to higher political ground it is incumbent on him to

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**NEW DIRECTOR** — Bruce N. White, right, Tuesday assumed his duties as executive director of Edenton Housing Authority. He is pictured here with A.C. Hudson, a veteran authority member who was re-elected chairman at Monday evening's reorganization meeting. H.O. West was re-elected vice chairman. White succeeds L.F. Amburn, Jr., who resigned recently after 10 years as executive director.

# Economic Growth Discussed

By Flynn Surratt

City and county officials discussed Edenton and Chowan County's needs for balanced economic growth and development in an open forum with state advisors last Thursday night at the courthouse.

Billy Rose, administrator of the Department of Transportation,

and Ed Regan, policy advisor with the Department of Administration, were on hand to receive and comment on local input as well as to compare statewide trends with those regional.

In a run-down on emerging trends relating to industry, employment, population growth, travel and tourism, and development, Rose commented that North Carolina is close to an economic boom if the state takes advantage of its assets and improves on its deficiencies.

He pointed out that the per capita income of North Carolina has improved from 41st to 38th, but at the sametime the growth rate was stunted by recession and climbing inflation.

Other figures showed that the functional illiteracy rate is 28 percent of the population, and that the infant mortality rate remains high.

Rose commented that statewide emphasis must be placed on recruiting and expanding industry

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# Pair Arrested

Two young Negroes, both juveniles, have been charged with setting fire to the press box at Hicks Field the morning of November 6.

Police Chief J.D. Parrish said the arrests followed an intense investigation by Edenton Police Department.

The press box was damaged beyond repair by the blaze.

# To Print Early

The Chowan Herald will be printed and distributed one day early next week because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The holiday calls for the newspaper to be printed Tuesday evening and distributed Wednesday. Therefore, all advertising copy must be in the office by noon Monday and all news copy by no later than 10 A.M. Tuesday.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., president and general manager, said the holiday schedule also calls for the office to close at 12-noon on Wednesday. "In this way our employees can spend an extended holiday period with their families," he stated.

At the same time, he noted, some late news items will not be published in the paper the week they are submitted. They will, however, appear the following week.

# Hunting Offenses Net Big Fines

Five men, charged in connection with hunting violations, paid a total of \$900 in fines, plus court costs, in Chowan County District Court Tuesday. The five, all from Perquimans County, were indicted by A.D. Dowdy, Jr., of the Wildlife Protection Agency.

Michael Anderson Knight was charged with firefighting deer, transporting a dead deer and possessing a dead game animal. He was given 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$250 fine and costs and ordered not to hunt for 12 months. His gun was confiscated.

Dennis Ritch, charged with firefighting deer and possessing a doe deer, was sentenced to 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and ordered not to hunt for 12 months.

Larry Sidney Sheldon, Walter G. Townsend and Danny Ray Townsend, were all charged with firefighting deer. They were given identical terms of 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs.

Danny Ray Townsend had his gun confiscated and he and Sheldon were ordered not to hunt for 12 months. Walter G. Townsend was ordered not to hunt for two years.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Larry Overton argued that the car Knight was driving should be confiscated. However, Judge John T. Chaffin ruled that since the vehicle was registered in Knight's mother's name it could not legally be taken.

The attorney for Sheldon and Ritch commented that it was a case where "too many people got together over a bad idea."

# Hornthal Is Mayor Pro Tem

Dr. Allen L. Hornthal, unsuccessful candidate mayor, Monday night was elected mayor pro tem. His selection by Town Council, without opposition, came during the biennial reorganization of the town's official body.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, administered the oath of office to those elected in the November 8 election. Mayor Roy L. Harrell took the oath for a third two-year term; Gil Burroughs to a four-year term as councilman-at-large; and James P. Ricks, Jr., Third Ward councilman and Harry Spruill, Jr., Fourth Ward

Harrell and W.H. Hollowell on the council.

James C. (Pete) Dail was mayor pro tem but was defeated by Burroughs in the election.

Mayor Harrell appointed "his" standing committees as follows: Finance: Hollowell, Harrell and Burroughs.

Utility: Ricks and Harrell. Public Works: Hornthal and Spruill.

Airport: Ricks. Tree: Hornthal and Spruill.

Recreation: Burroughs and Hollowell from the council; Bill Underkofler, Percy Nixon, Jim Darnell and Mrs. Gail Stevens.

# Christmas Play Scheduled

By Jane Holmes

The public can look forward to a special Christmas treat. The Edenton Little Theater is presenting two one-act Christmas plays, under the direction of that very talented John Becker.

Performances will be at 8 P.M. December 8 and December 9 at

# Christmas Checks

Peoples Bank & Trust Company recently put \$128,330.50 into circulation in the area in the form of Christmas Club checks, according to Vann H. Johnson, city executive.

Johnson said a total of 905 club checks were distributed.

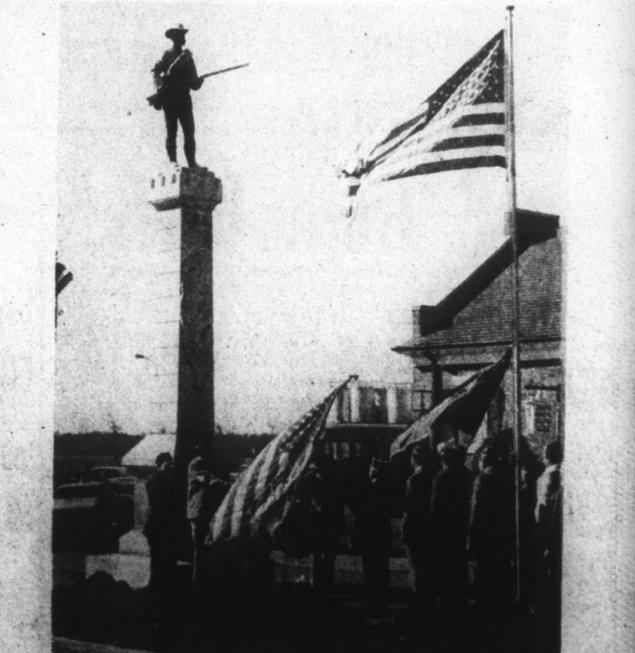
The new Christmas Club began November 7 and sign-ups will continue through January, 1978.

the John A. Holmes High School Auditorium. Tickets cost \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for students.

The first play to be shown is "The Enchanted Christmas Tree" by Percival Wilde. This delightful Yuletide comedy tells the story of a Scrooge-like couple who detest children. Through magic they are transported to a realm where they find themselves on trial in a courtroom run by children.

Members of the cast are: Marcie Ashton and Frank Roberts as Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Benton. The children who put them on trial are: Bill Gardner, Jr., Lynn Perry, Marc Pressley, Ben Reinhardt, Greer Amburn, and Scott Venters, Patrick Becker, Paul Amburn, June Jordan, Chris Spruill, Beth Reinhardt, and Liza

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**PLAZA CEREMONY** — Veterans Day was observed here Friday with the placing of a wreath at the Confederate Plaza. Pictured here are some of the participants. Music was provided by the John A. Holmes High School Band.