



**HITS FIRE CHIEF** — Fire Chief Frank White of Center Hill Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department returned home Tuesday from Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City where he had been a patient since being struck by a piece of flying steel two weeks earlier at the scene of the Winslow Company fire in Hertford. Here W.B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator, and Sheriff Troy Toppin inspect the heavy gauge steel top of a gasoline storage tank which struck the fire chief as he stood several hundred feet from the blaze.

## Public Parade

### Noted And Passed

Editor's on the Union Camp Corporation mailing list recently received a correction notice. It corrected a \$40-million error — in Union Camp's favor — in a report of fourth quarter sales.

When you do a billion dollars-plus in business, such an "insignificant" error is hardly worth correcting.

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Gov. Jim Hunt announced his decision regarding the Wilmington 10 case Monday night. Before the airwaves cooled there were those willing to make him the Wilmington 11th.

Like President Carter and the Panama Canal, this is something Gov. Hunt inherited. In our opinion he would have done just as well to leave it alone.

However, he did not cop out, as did his predecessor. He maintained his strong commitment to law and order while showing some compassion.

### A Missing Link

North Carolina has more fire departments, more firemen and more state-supported fire service training than any other state in the nation. Tremendous!

At last count there were 1,100 fire departments in the state and 38,000 firemen (this does not include persons trained for fire brigades). Fire service training is big business in North Carolina. Super!

There are six agencies which to some extent, offer fire service training—the Department of Community Colleges, the Insurance Department, the State Bureau of Investigation, the Institute of Government, N.C. State University and the Insurance Rating Bureau. Fantastic!

The missing link in the chain is in the area of communications. It is especially true along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina. Unfortunately, we have well trained firemen—paid and volunteer—who constantly encounter "dead" spots in radio communications.

On the other hand, a sophisticated law enforcement communications system is nearing completion in the 10 counties of Region R. This is fine but their brothers in the fire departments are systematically being overlooked.

There is more to the program than numbers and training. You must have the hardware to go along with it. The best trained and equipped fireman must not continue to be sent out without adequate contact with his colleagues. Mutual aid has no town or county lines—until it comes to communications. This, then, is the missing link.

In a way, it is like sending a member of the CIA into the jungle without a compass.

Local units of government can purchase law enforcement and rescue vehicles and allied equipment through federal programs. There are not such outside resources available for fire trucks and fire fighting apparatus.

Those who write the plans for Federal Domestic Assistance have always left out the fire

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# Power Plant Not Feasible

The Town of Edenton and 15 other municipalities won't be going into the business of building a power plant for use during heavy demand. The decision was made late last week when the City of Greenville, for the second time, withdrew from the N.C. Municipal Power Agency No. 2.

Without the largest user in the group, construction of the power plant was deemed impractical, according to Marshall Lancaster, executive of ElectriCities and

acting general manager of the agency.

The authority to construct "peak load" generation facilities was granted municipalities by the N.C. General Assembly. After considerable negotiations, Virginia Electric & Power Company agreed in April to the proposal.

"What it boils down to," Lancaster is reported as saying, "is that if Greenville had participated, it was clearly a feasible

project offering a projected savings of about \$53-million (for the 16 cities in 28 years)."

Greenville accounted for from 40 to 42 per cent of the total anticipated load.

The participating municipalities would have invested about \$18-million in a generating plant, expected to be in Greenville. Controlled by Vepco, the plant would be put into use to satisfy the extra energy demands of peak periods such as hot summer days.

Greenville has decided to withdraw in favor of a load management program. Devices would be installed on customers' heaters and air conditioners to automatically curtail use briefly during peak periods.

W. B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator, said approximately \$2,200 had been invested in local funds in the program. Jesse L. Harrell, town councilman, represented Edenton on the board of commissioners of the agency.



**BOAT BUILDERS**—R.J. Higman, operations manager of the Edenton branch of Tanzer Yachts, Inc., is shown above with two crew members on the production line at the Base Road facility. A subsidiary of Canada-based Tanzer Industries Ltd., Tanzer Yachts opened their third plant in November. They currently employ 22 persons.

## No New Candidates List

No new candidates had neither filed nor announced intentions to file for Chowan County positions by mid-morning Wednesday. The deadline to file for the May 2 primary election is 12 noon on February 6.

Those who desire to file can contact Robert S. Harrell, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, or Mrs. Corinne F. Thorud, supervisor of elections.

Sheriff Troy Toppin, Clerk of Court Lena M. Leary and County Commissioners N.J. George of the First Township and J.D. Peele of the Second Township do not have opposition.

Commissioner C.A. Phillips of the Fourth Township is being challenged by Mrs. Lueta C. Sellers.

Dr. J.H. Horton, a veteran member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education from First Township, does not have opposition at this time.

Morris Small of the Fourth Township is not seeking re-election but a race has developed for his seat in the non-partisan election on May 2. Cecil W. Fry, a veteran school administrator, and Mrs. Gwen VanDyke, a housewife who formerly taught in the local school system, have filed.

## Hunt Affirms Land Use Stand

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has assured the citizens of North Carolina's coastal area of the state's commitment to local coastal community land use planning.

In special session January 18 in Raleigh with the members of his cabinet present, Gov. Hunt stated, "the effects of the Coastal Area Management Act have been impressive. Localities, some for the first time, planned for the future use of their land."

He continued, "extensive efforts were made to involve citizens in all aspects of the state's Coastal Management Program, from the local land-use planning and designation of areas of environmental concern, through to the development of implementation procedures."

"The results of these efforts have been to lay down a design for the N.C. Coastal Management Program. The things that you were to have done to implement the Coastal Area Management Act, have been done."

"Now we need a commitment  
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Charles D. Evans

## Evans Seeks House Seat

A third candidate, the second from Dare County, has filed for the Democratic nomination to two seats in the First House District. Mayor Charles D. Evans of Nags Head is running for one of the seats held by Reps. Vernon James of Weeksville in Pasquotank County and Stanford White of Manns Harbor in Dare County.

Reps. James and White have both filed for re-election.

The district includes Dare, Tyrrell, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Chowan, Perquimans and Washington counties.

A native of Dare County, Evans graduated from Manteo High School in 1963, from UNC-Chapel Hill with a BA in economics in 1967 and from UNC Law School with a J.D. degree in 1971. He has served six terms in the U.S. Army Reserve.

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## Groundbreaking

Formal groundbreaking exercises will be held at 10 A.M. Tuesday for the Chowan County Courthouse-Detention facility on North Broad Street. N.J. George, chairman of the county commissioners, will be master of ceremonies.

Brief remarks by J. Everett Fauber, Jr., architect, on the theme of "A Dream Takes Shape" will highlight the program prior to the turning of the soil.

George said all five county commissioners will participate in the event.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell and town councilmen are being invited to attend along with court officials on the local and district level and the Economic Development Administration, funding source for the \$1.8-million project.

## Speeding Nipped

Edenton Police Department has cracked down on speeders. Twenty citations were written during as many days in January.

"We're trying to slow them down some," was the comment of Police Chief J.D. Parrish.

Many of the citations were written on Highway 32, south of the railroad tracks. Another favorite spot for the electronic device to clock speeders has been Old Hertford Road.

## Workshop Set

A 12-hour workshop on Working Relationships will be held here February 20-21, conducted by the Industrial Extension Service of N.C. State University.

J. A. Miller will be workshop leader. Sessions will be held from 9 A.M. to 12 noon and 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. each day. The registration fee is \$35, which includes all student study materials.

The sessions will be held in the Unit B Classroom at Chowan Hospital.

This workshop is open to all levels of supervision and is especially recommended for first line through middle level supervisors and key employees being groomed for supervisory positions.

## Jaycees Set DSA Event

The 24th annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet, sponsored by Edenton Jaycees, will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. Fred Morrison of Raleigh will be the keynote speaker.

The event begins at 7:30 P.M.

Highlight of the event will be presentation of the DSA to a young man in the community who has contributed of his time and talents above and beyond the call of duty. The presentation will be made by Mayor Roy L. Harrell.

Morrison is a past president of



**SENATOR IN EDENTON** — U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms and Mrs. Helms are shown with two of some 500 supporters who turned out Friday night for a banquet in his honor at National Guard Armory here. At left is Roland Vaughan, who was in charge of local arrangements. T. Erie Haste, Jr., of Hertford, is at right.

## Helms Visits

An enthusiastic crowd of more than 500 people honored U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms at a dinner hosted by the N.C. Congressional Club Friday night in the Edenton National Guard Armory.

In his address to the receptive group of Eastern North Carolinians, Sen. Helms criticized the practice of wasteful spending by Congress, and stressed the need for survival of the free enterprise system. Helms asked,

"What have the (politicians) done for their country when they vote to heap more and more government regulations upon the backs of the small businessmen, and the farmers, and all the rest of productive society — costing the

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**CHEERFUL TRIO** — It is not certain who told the "funny" but it obviously tickled, from left, U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, Dewey Wells of Elizabeth City, and Jim (Catfish) Hunter of Perquimans County. They are pictured at a banquet here last Friday night at which Sen. Helms was the principal speaker.

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