

No Breather

The past 30 days have been real zingers for us along the Public Parade. Let me let you share in the misery.

Hardly had we recovered from another birthday before the School Bond Referendum came along. It was followed by the Chowan County Fair and now the Edenton-Chowan Peanut Festival and townwide Harvest Sale.

Somehow we were deeply involved in them, all of which can be labeled a success, depending on the side you were and-or are now on.

But we still can't take a breather. On October 14 our Melissa will be married to John Smith in a family ceremony at Edenton United Methodist Church. With a 93-year-old mother who birthed 11 children, just our side of the family will create a crowd. We've asked John and the bride's mother to bring theirs along too.

We are the father of five children and have been the father of a deb. But being the husband of the mother of the bride is about to do us in. So, if we act stranger than usual for the next 10 days you'll know it ain't your fault.

Think 'Bridge'

Hugh Morton's camera caught the beauty of the area surrounding the Albemarle Sound Bridge. Anything so pretty has to be of immense value.

"For all the Albemarle its day of days is nearly here, and next Thursday, (August 25), the mammoth new vehicular bridge over the Sound, which has been under way in agitation and construction since 1933, and which has culminated in an engineering feat unequalled and unsurpassed in the annals of national bridge work, North Carolina's greatest pride and most expensive roadway venue, will be formally dedicated in the presence of an expected great concourse of people with governors, ex-governors and other state and federal dignitaries on hand to lend oratorical eclat to the occasion." From The Chowan Herald, August 18, 1938.

"...along with damage to property, fish and wildlife, many people are being inconvenienced due to the closing of Albemarle Sound Bridge.

"The bridge was closed last Wednesday when it was learned that huge chunks of ice pounding against the wooden pilings made the bridge unsafe for vehicular traffic."

"...The bridge will be closed from 60 to 90 days while repairs are being made." From The Chowan Herald, February 3, 1977.

More than 50 of the 3,000 pilings which support the three and one-half mile span were repaired during that close-down. Many others were weakened, to

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1978 Peanut Festival

Saturday, October 7, 1978

- 10:00 AM—Peanut Festival Parade
- 11:00 AM—Band Competition, Courthouse Green
- 11:00 AM—BBQ Plates, American Legion
- 7:00 PM
- 1:00 PM—Horse Show, Chowan County Fairgrounds
- 2:30 PM
- 2:30 PM—Special Events, Chowan County Fairgrounds
- 3:30 PM
- 3:30 PM—Horse Show Continues, Chowan County Fairgrounds
- 5:30 PM
- 8:00 PM—Gong Show, Swain Auditorium
- 9:30 PM

Sunday, October 8, 1978

- 1:00 PM—Sidewalk Art Show, Municipal Park
- 2:00 PM—Sailboat Regatta
- 2:30 PM—John A. Holmes High School Band Concert, Municipal Park
- 3:30 PM—Country Western Band, Municipal Park

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Peanut Festival, Harvest Sale Set For This Week

The area is rapidly getting "peanut fever" as time approaches for the Third Annual Peanut Festival. Numerous committees of the Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association, under the direction of Mrs. Linda Keel, have put together what many feel will be a highly successful festival.

This festival is expected to draw many people to the area. With this in mind, the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Harvest Sale.

The festival proper will begin at 10 A.M. Saturday with a parade. Forming at Coke Avenue, the parade will move down Broad Street to the Courthouse Green for competition among participating bands.

Barbecue plates will be served at the American Legion Building from 11 A.M. until 7 P.M., and a horse show will be held at the

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CHAMBER LEADERS — Charles Creighton, left, is the new president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. Shown with him at last week's annual membership banquet are Robert Moore, executive vice president, and W.L. Norvell, immediate past president.

Creighton To Head Chamber

Members of Edenton Chamber of Commerce were exposed to an overview of activities over the past year at last Thursday's annual meeting at which time new officers assumed office, headed by Charles Creighton.

An "in house" program was presented in the form of reports from directors and committee chairman. Giving reports were: Vann Johnson, W.B. Gardner, Terry Jones, Stanley Hege, Capt.

Alfred Howard, W.P. Jones, and Larry Roberson.

Robert Moore, executive vice president, said the chamber had enjoyed one of its busiest and finest years under the direction of William L. Norvell.

The top priority project was to secure additional motel accommodations followed by the erection of signs on the by-pass. The chamber has a letter of intent

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Highway Hazard Sounded Driver Critically Injured

Mrs. Mary (Kitty) Evans Barringer, 22 Stratford Road, was reported in critical condition in a Greenville hospital Tuesday afternoon with injuries sustained in a single-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon on Highway 32, just east of Edenton.

Mrs. Barringer was the lone occupant of a 1977 Toyota station wagon which went out of control about 1:40 P.M. during a down-pour and crashed into a utility pole. She was removed from the wreckage by Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad and taken to Chowan Hospital.

Because of the seriousness of her injuries she was later transferred to Greenville.

State Trooper Y.Z. Newberry said Mrs. Barringer lost control of her vehicle in the curve in front of Carter's Ink during heavy rain.

The motorist, the wife of Jerry Barringer, is the daughter of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Melvin Evans.

Sheriff Troy Toppin said the Safety Committee of Chowan County has called to the attention of the State Department of Transportation the hazardous condition of this particular spot in the highway. On June 1 he reported it to the county commissioners and DOT responded on July 21.

The response was that "due to the nearness of the pond located on each side of the roadway and the

inadequate recovery area should a vehicle run off the road, we feel that delineators should be placed around the outside of the curve. These delineators will be erected as soon as our schedule will

allows." Sheriff Toppin said he again called the situation to the attention of Marc Basnight of Manteo Monday morning. Basnight is a member of the DOT board.



DRIVER SERIOUSLY INJURED — Mrs. Kitty Barringer, 22 Stratford Road, was seriously injured about 1:40 P.M. Sunday when the 1977 Toyota station wagon she was driving struck a utility pole on Highway 32, just outside the town limits. Grif Bond, an EMT with Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, is shown inspecting the vehicle after Mrs. Barringer was taken to Chowan Hospital.

State, Federal Funds Sought

Chowan County is close to being selected for development of a model land records management program, funded heavily by state and federal sources over the next two years.

The fact that this county has already budgeted money for new tax maps is an indication of local interest in such a project, stated Donald Holloway, director of the section of the N.C. Department of Administration, in a presentation here Monday morning.

Special Services

Rev. George W. Blount, a former pastor, will be the guest preacher for the Homecoming Services at the Edenton United Methodist Church on Sunday, at 11 A.M. Mr. Blount is now retired and he and his wife, Evelyn, reside in Raleigh.

Mr. Blount has chosen "God's Family" as the topic for his sermon. The Scripture lesson will be Mark 3:31-35.

Friends and former members are cordially invited to share in the worship service and fellowship dinner as the church celebrates its 170th year of ministry to the people of Edenton.

Holloway said funds could be available for the purchase of additional equipment to insure a successful project. He said good maps and a parcel identifier is very important.

At the insistence of Tax Supervisor Dallas Jethro, Jr., the county has budgeted funds over the past two years for new maps. When asked of his opinion of a broader program, Jethro said: "It couldn't harm us."

County Manager Eddie Dick said the county already has more than \$25,000 available for new maps which could be applied as matching funds for state and federal monies. Holloway said this is good since the federal program has placed little emphasis on maps.

Ronald Scott, also of the Department of Administration, said this not "an academic exercise, not merely a test, but something that would be ongoing."

He said it would allow a better tool for searching title to property and create a situation where it would not be as costly.

The state has funds to conduct a demonstration project in the field of manual and computer systems. Washington County is being

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ALBEMARLE SOUND BRIDGE — This photograph showing Highway 32 crossing the Albemarle Sound was taken by Hugh Morton from his helicopter on a political tour across the state in 1971. The bridge was closed for a long period in February, 1977, while repairs were made to many of the pilings damaged by an ice storm. (See Public Parade).