

Council Approves Study Of Charter

By Flynn Surratt

Recent interpretations of the Edenton Town Charter and conflicts arising from those actions prompted the Town Council Tuesday night to call for a Finance Committee study of the document.

The motion for the study was made by Councilman Allen Hornthal, based on a recommendation by Councilman Gil Burroughs who cited in particular,

Public Parade

Strong Language

Gov. J.C.B. Ehringhaus was one of Edenton's greatest boosters. He never passed up the opportunity to lay some words about ye olde town on Queen Anne's Creek on anyone who would listen.

Some of them were recorded in Gov. Ehringhaus' addresses, letters and papers. The Ehringhaus Era was put into a volume edited by D.L. Corbitt. Virginia Wood of Houghton Point sent us this quote of the late Tar Heel governor as found in the Corbitt edition:

"Have you never been to Edenton? Then life still has something in store for you, and let me warn, once you have indulged you are doomed to carry with you to the end the haunting memory of a place and a people who are different. Though served by years and miles from the land of their forefathers, in tradition and inclination here is one 'spot that is forever England' in the best and revered sense of the phrase."

And as Virginia put it, "Wow!"

Easter, A Time For Families

Genevieve Millet Landau is director of Hasbro Center for Child Development and Education in Pawtucket, R.I. Her Easter article presents much food for thought and is recommended for those who meander along the Public Parade. It follows:

The celebrations of Easter and Passover, like those of Christmas and Hanukkah, are among the few remaining traditions in our society which has so largely abandoned rituals and symbols. So it is more important than ever that this season be made a family time, a time when parents and children do things together, a time to share in a variety of ways — the joys and the deeper meanings — of the season.

Springtime is the true beginning of the year. Nature is reborn in the spring. For children especially, the lengthening days, the warming spring sunshine, heralds a welcome new world of active outdoor play. Youngsters can get out of the house to do all the active things they have been missing while winter weather limited their activities, and often kept them indoors. Bicycles, tricycles, wagons, roller skates come out of storage sheds, basements and garages. New games are learned. New territories are explored.

Some of these new interests can be beneficially — and painlessly — channeled into programs of regular physical activity. In fact, this is a good time for the whole family to join in a fitness program. Grownups can get into shape by brisk walking and hiking, jogging, playing tennis, exercising. Youngsters seeing their parents shaping up for spring and summer will be encouraged to follow suit, doing things geared to their own ages and interests. According to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, children should get at least one hour of activity every day. And research shows that children who see their parents exercising are more likely to want to be physically fit themselves.

Now is the time to start. Most of

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the need to realign voting wards to be consistent with the ward voting system, and to deal with internal inconsistencies describing the powers and responsibilities of the mayor and council, and the two of them together.

At issue was the question of whether or not the mayor has the authority to halt issuance of a check by refusing to sign it, and whether or not the Town Council has the authority to designate another officer to sign a check instead. Also questioned was the mayor's authority to impose specific conditions and restrictions on the Town Administrator.

Concerning the issuance of checks, a letter to Mayor Roy L. Harrell from the office of the Attorney General, endorsed by

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'Grizzly' Perry And The Close Encounter

Glenn Perry was out in rural Chowan County about mid-afternoon Sunday. That in itself isn't unusual, since he is a deputy with Chowan County Sheriff's Department.

He cruised in to see Teenie Boy Perry. Neither is that unusual, since Teenie Boy is his brother.

From there it gets a tad unusual, from a three-legged dog to a bear who chases deputy sheriffs.

This reporter must first violate a standing policy. That is, to reveal the source of his information. It came from Deputy Melvin Evans so The Chowan Herald takes no responsibility of its accuracy.

It seems that Deputy Perry and his brother were out in the yard on the balmy Sunday afternoon. Much to their surprise they saw a mama bear and her three cubs crossing a field. They, the animals, crossed a road into another field and started into a patch of woods.

The curious deputy and his brother followed, but at considerable distance. Teenie Boy's three-legged dog and a companion didn't. Running and barking, the dogs overtook the cubs and became engaged in a playful scuffle.

Mama bear soon tired of this, whereupon she started snorting and charging towards the dogs. Old three-leg and his companion got the message and headed for home. The Perry brothers did likewise. "Glenn's feet just wouldn't let him stand still," it was reported.

It is not known who got to the house first, but Glenn said Teenie

Boy didn't bother to hold the door open for him.

The three cubs climbed up to a fork in a tall tree. After making sure everything was secure at the house, mama bear took a position a short distance below them.

When the deputy got his breath and recovered some of his lost nerve, he went to his car and radioed: "Melvin, I've got something down here I can't handle. How about giving me some assistance."

Deputy Evans hurried to the scene, only to find his buddy still in a state of shock, requesting only that his colleague get close enough to the bear controlled tree to capture the scene in pictures. This was done.

Deputy Evans, upon learning what had happened, was a bit embarrassed for his co-worker.

Deputy Perry sometimes gets a snort or two from those he comes in contact with in carrying out his duties, but it was his first encounter with a bear. He found out a three-legged dog doesn't add a thing.

But for more than two hours after the incident, Deputy Perry, Teenie Boy, a three-legged dog and his companion were joined by hundreds of people who got wind of some unusual happenings near Cannon's Ferry. The sight those people missed, though, was the chase which mama bear almost won.

Sheriff Troy Toppin would neither deny nor admit the allegations recorded on Deputy Perry's incident report.



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Town Receives State Grant

Town acquisition of waterfront property now owned by J. H. Conger & Son moved a step closer, Tuesday night.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner reported that a grant of \$49,315 had been received from the

Department of Natural Resources and Community Development through the Land Conservancy Act.

The Town Council approved adoption of a new travel policy which includes a per diem

allowance and ceiling on reimbursement for meals.

Councilman W.H. Hollowell, a member of the Finance Committee, said it was a good and fair policy based on those of other towns, plus some ideas of their own.

Gardner informed the council that smoke testing of sewer lines has been scheduled and will take 30 to 45 days to complete. He cautioned homeowners not to panic during these times if smoke appears in their homes. TV inspection of problem areas will follow, prior to replacement of old sewer lines.

Concerning cable TV in Edenton, a recommendation of Councilman J.P. Ricks was adopted for a survey to be mailed out to utility customers to gauge demand and to inform them of the cost, channels available and other factors.

Ricks stated the advantages of cable TV would be improved reception of channels now available, reception of satellite relayed channels, and the possibility of a small, local studio to operate on special occasions.

ER Physician Is Employed

Beginning April 1, Chowan Hospital's emergency room began providing daily fulltime emergency room physician coverage from 8 P.M. until 6 A.M. Fulltime emergency room physician coverage began several months ago on the weekends and has provided fulltime physicians continuously available in the emergency room from 8 P.M.

Friday night until 5 A.M. Monday morning.

"We are glad to be able to provide this service to the public," said John Carlisle, CHHS interim hospital director. "The board of trustees have planned and worked hard to accomplish this and believe this expansion of service will improve the accessibility of care, especially to those with urgent problems," said Carlisle.

Some coverage is still being provided with interim physicians but soon will be provided by physicians who have moved to the community. Until now part of the weekend coverage has been provided by physicians who are in specialized training programs in such areas as surgery, internal

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Theft Is Reported

An air compressor assembly, valued at more than \$8,000, was stolen over the weekend from the construction site of the new Chowan County Courthouse-Detention Facility.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said Barnhill Contracting Company of Tarboro reported the machine missing Monday. It was a Joy air compressor with some 200 feet of hose.

Also, the Edenton Police Department received a report Monday that a box of assorted tools, two electric drills and a wrecking bar were stolen over the weekend from Northside Properties on Peanut Drive.

N. J. George reported that radio antenna's from eight cars were broken off over the weekend.



SPREADING THE WORD — The Beautification Committee of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce continues to promote the spruce-up campaign with the target date being April 18. Claude Griffin, center, owner of Griffin Musicenter, is given a sheet containing suggestions from Vann Johnson, committee chairman, and Mrs. Faye Hampton, a committee member.

Easter Sunrise Service Set

Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock, and Easter Sunrise Service will be held on the Courthouse Green. It is being sponsored jointly by Edenton Baptist Church, Edenton United Methodist Church, and First Presbyterian Church of Edenton.

Dr. Paul Carlson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will bring

the message, and special music will be rendered by Edenton Baptist Church.

A cordial invitation to attend is extended to the public.

Chapell Hill Baptist Church will host a sunrise service at the church Sunday. The service will start at 5:30 A.M., with the host pastor, Rev. Billy Old, leading the service.

Special music will be rendered during the service.

The congregation of Chapell Hill Baptist Church wishes to invite all who would come, to come and share with them in this time that the resurrection of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ, is commemorated. Come and share in this meaningful service and rejoice that the Saviour arose that all might know eternal life.

Warrens Grove Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday at 6 A.M. Music will be rendered by the brotherhood of the church. Refreshments will be served following the service.

An 11 A.M. service will also be held with the pastor, Rev. Wilbert Mills delivering the Easter message.

The public is cordially invited to

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NEW PRODUCTION ITEM — Johann Tanzer, founder and president of Tanzer Industries, Inc., stands beside a 26-foot sailboat his firm is now turning out at a plant at Edenton Municipal Airport. The Canadian company now has three production models being built in its only American plant.

Third Model Added Tanzer Expands Production

Tanzer Industries, Ltd., has added a third model to the production line at its plant here. It is a 26-foot sailing yacht which heretofore had been manufactured at the company's plant in Canada.

The first of the new models rolled out of the plant at Edenton Municipal Airport last Friday, just 10 days after the first mold was activated. Johann Tanzer, founder and president of the company which bears his name,

designed the sailboat and was here to oversee the production of the first American-made model.

In the past 15 months, Tanzer's local plant has grown to 25 employees who turn out three boats per week. With the current production the local operation will yield \$1-million in sales in 1979.

Tanzer is highly pleased with the quality of the employees as well as their devotion to and pride in their work. "They do a fantastic job," he said. "I am quite tickled about the operation here now. But it has taken us some time."

He pointed out that it is the quality that is built into a boat which enables it to withstand changing economic conditions. "The people we work here have so much pride in their craftsmanship," he added. "We have young people out there and they are great. Otherwise, it would not be possible to increase the production line to this Tanzer 26."

Tanzer said 95 per cent of the local production is from American products. Design and tooling is done in Canada and the local plant is under the direction of Jack Easley.

"Jack does a fine job training his employees," the president noted. He said the company will continue to train and add steadily to the payroll until it numbers a maximum of 60 people.

Tanzer has 25 to 30 dealers on the East Coast who receive boats from the local plant.

"This is a company that has come to stay," he said. "We are determined to make a contribution to this community."

Shrubs Infected

The shrubs in front of Chowan County Courthouse are victims of nematodes and are being replaced this week.

Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, said every known chemical had been used in the unsuccessful fight to save the shrubs. He said yaupon bushes are not available and Leary Plant Farms will put boxwoods in their place.

Correction

Three John A. Holmes High School Distributive Education Club award recipients were omitted in last week's report of the state leadership conference in Winston-Salem.

The entire paragraph which was dropped from the original story follows:

Series Winners — Selina Pate, third in advertising; Julie Wright, first in math; and Ken Armstrong, first in operations.

The Pilgrimage Is Coming! Spruce-Up Day Is Wednesday