

## Public Parade

### Our Birthday

Today, August 30, is a special day along the Public Parade. It is the 45th birthday of The Chowan Herald.

On this day in 1934, J. Edwin Bufflap and R. Hector Lupton, Sr., published the first edition of The Chowan Herald. It was on January 1, 1965, that they sold their interests and the new published promised to carry on in the same tradition.

Vol. 1, No. 1 carried the following statement of policy which remains today:

"It will be the purpose of The Chowan Herald to publish a fair presentation of news of general interest. The opinions of the publishers will not be reflected in the news stories, space being allowed freely according to the news value, irrespective of the opinion, religion and politics of said publishers.

"Both of the publishers are Democrats, one a Methodist and the other an Episcopalian, but we have not reached the point where we think every Methodist, every Episcopalian and every Democrat is an angel, but rather that there are good and bad in every denomination and every political party.

"The opinion of The Herald on any question will be set forth in the editorial column, but we are satisfied that our opinion is no better than the opinion of many of our readers. We, therefore, throw open our columns to any criticisms that may appear therein, whether the criticisms agree or disagree with our views. The only request is that the writer must sign his or her name, which may or may not appear with the article. We invite a discussion of timely subjects in the columns of this newspaper."

We hope that 45 years from today the above will still be the policy of The Herald, but we doubt if we will be around to see it printed, as has "Buff".

### Non-Food 'Groceries'

Americans spent \$107.3-billion on food and non-alcoholic drinks in grocery stores in 1977. However, they also spent \$40.8-billion on non-foods and alcoholic drinks ... also in grocery stores.

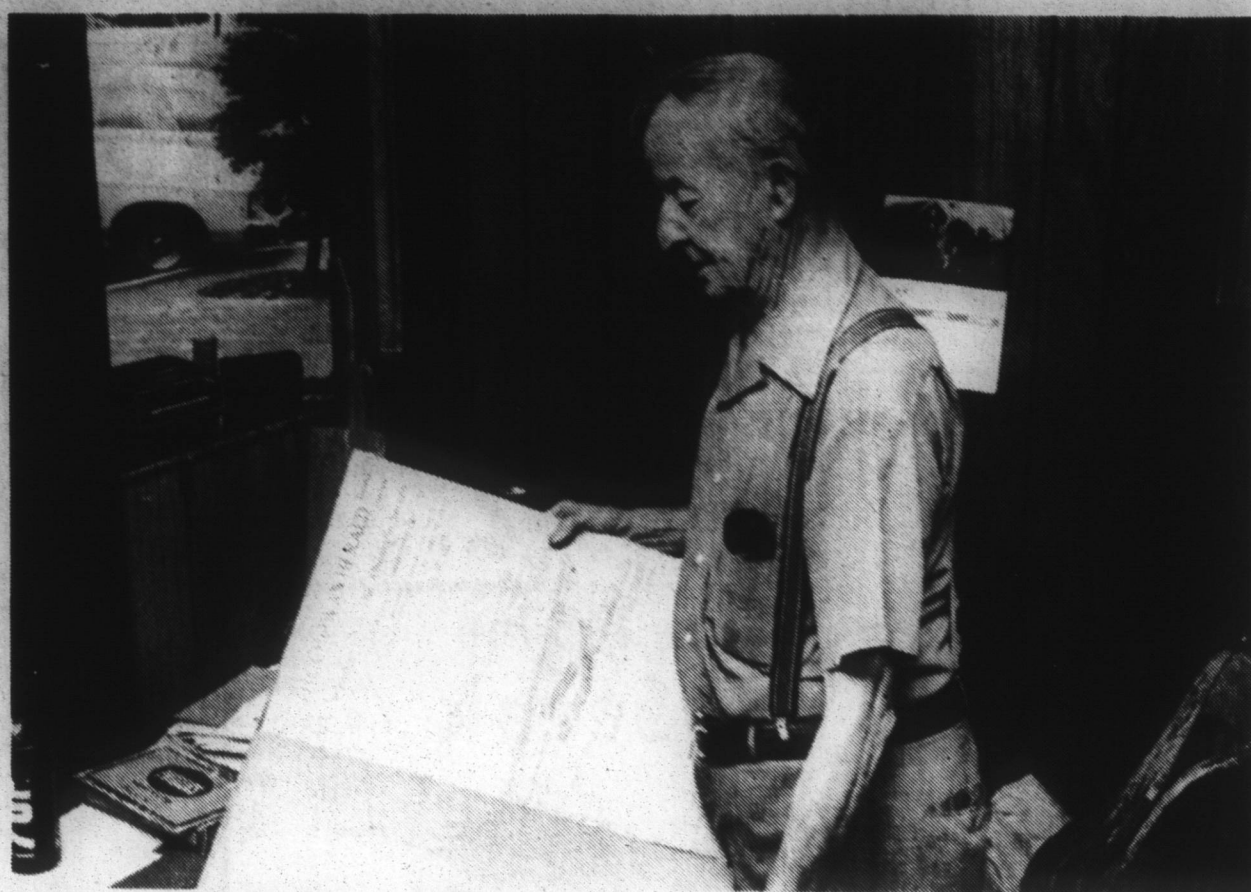
According to a U. S. Department of Agriculture report, in 1957 non-foods accounted for 16.7 per cent of grocery sales, but in 1977 those items accounted for 27.6 per cent to all sales.

In other words, one dollar in every four spent in grocery stores is spent on products other than food.

A breakdown of the consumer's grocery dollar shows:

- Fresh and cured meat, fish and poultry accounted for \$30.4-

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VOLUME I, NUMBER I — J. Edwin Bufflap, co-founder of the Chowan Herald is shown above holding the 1934 file containing the first edition of the newspaper. Today, marks the 45th anniversary of Chowan County's only newspaper.

# THE CHOWAN HERALD

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## Parker Faces Murder Charge In Shooting Death

A 25 year old Edenton man is being held in Tri-County Jail under \$50,000 for the shooting death of Shirley Freeman Mumford, 35, on Saturday.

Charged with first degree murder is Amos Parker of Rt. 1, Edenton. He turned himself into Sheriff Troy Toppin just after noon Saturday, saying he had shot Mumford.

First appearance proceedings were held in Chowan County District Court on Tuesday. A probable cause hearing has been scheduled for September 18 where it is expected he will be bound over for trial in Superior Court.

The shooting occurred in the Wildcat Road section north of

Edenton, apparently the result of arguments between the two men which started the night before.

Sheriff Toppin reported the man died of a .22 caliber rifle bullet which struck him behind the right ear. Three shots are believed to have been fired, but Mumford was hit only once.

Sheriff Toppin and SBI Agent Kent Inscoe were on patrol together when a call was received telling of the shooting and Parker's surrender at Edenton Police Department.

Assisting in the on-going investigation besides Agent Inscoe is Deputy Glenn Perry.

## Edenton Award Recommended

A judging committee will recommend approval of Edenton for the Governor's Communities of Excellence Award. Judging was held August 16.

John M. Radford of the N. C. Department of Commerce has notified Robert W. Moore of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce of the committee's recommendation. Radford was a member of the six-member panel judging Edenton.

"You and the citizens of Edenton are to be commended for the improvements that have been made in your community in preparation for more and better job opportunities," Radford wrote.

Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan was coordinator of the local project.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., will recognize award winning communities at a special program in Raleigh on November 15.

House Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr., of Gastonia has announced the appointment of Rep. Charles D. Evans of Nags Head to the N. C. Seafood Industrial Park Authority.

Earlier Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green appointed Sen. Melvin R. Daniels of Pasquotank County to the authority.

C. A. Phillips of Edenton serves as chairman of the Wanchese Harbor Commission which the authority replaces. Phillips is chairman of Chowan County commissioners and president of Edenton Cotton Mills.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has not yet appointed the members of the authority authorized by the 1979 legislation. Both Sen. Daniels and Rep. Evans introduced legislation to establish the authority.

The authority was created by the 1979 General Assembly and has the purpose of developing and improving the Wanchese Seafood Industrial Park, and other places and waterways, deemed feasible

for expeditious and efficient handling of seafood commerce. Rep. Evans' appointment is for a two-year term and will begin immediately.

During the 1979 session of the General Assembly, Rep. Evans served on the following committees: Appropriations, Appropriations on Education,



Rep. Charles Evans

## Bike-A-Thon Funds Raised For Families

Twenty-four youth from Rocky Hock Baptist Church participated in a 20-mile Bike-A-Thon last Saturday. Youngsters ranging between the ages of eight to 17 left the church at 10 A.M. and followed a 10-mile course to Colonial Park then back to the church. The event was staged to benefit three local families. Some \$2500.00 was realized as a result of the youngsters' ride.

Those riding were: Ginger Ober, Butch Byrum, Ken Bunch, Kermit Nixon, Lorrie Tynch, Lisa Nixon, Roger Smith, Chris Evans, Melony Noble, Scott Noble, Karen Evans and Curt Smith.

Also, Jasper Evans, Arlene Evans, Mark Bass, Jennie Parks, Cindy White, Mike Harrell, David Davenport, Stephen Bass, Neil Bass, Linda Twine, Gail Harrell, and Cindy Byrum.

Riding along with them were: Chuck and Nancy Noble, Joe White, Pat Harrell, and Vonnie Smith.

## Holiday Schedule Set

Labor Day will be observed in Edenton and Chowan County Monday but no special events are being scheduled.

Labor Day is a general holiday approved by the Merchants Committee of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

Local, state and federal offices

will be closed for the day and majority of the retail business establishments will observe the holiday.

All financial institutions in the community will be closed Monday.

With this year's highway death toll running well ahead of last

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## Officers Earn Promotions

Two veteran officers with Edenton Police Department recently were recognized with promotions. They are Sgt. Gregory Bonner and Cpl. C. C. Alexander.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish announces that Sgt. Bonner was promoted from corporal, a rank he has held since February 5, 1978. The sergeant joined the department on December 3, 1973.

Cpl. Alexander joined the department as a patrolman on October 21, 1974.

Both promotions were effective August 19.

Chief Parrish said the department currently has one vacancy. This vacancy was created with Patrolman S. F. Small resigned to join the N. C. State Highway Patrol.



POLICEMEN PROMOTED — Police Chief J. D. Parrish, left, is shown here with two officers of Edenton Police Department who were recently promoted. Gregory Bonner, center, was promoted to sergeant while C. C. Alexander moved up to corporal. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)



HALF-WAY HOME — Pictured above are youngsters from Rocky Hock Baptist Church who participated in the 20-mile Bike-A-Thon last Saturday. The event was staged for benefit of three local families and netted \$2500.00.