Iublic 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

osaid 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 nonfoods and alcoholic drinks ... also in grocery stores.

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

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

A breakdown of the consumer's grocery dollar shows:

- Fresh and cured meat, fish

and poultry accounted for \$30.4-Continued on Page 4



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.

Herald Marks 45th Anniversary

J. Edwin Bufflap spent the better part of the night of August 29, 1934 printing the first edition of The Chowan Herald on a flat-bed press that held little sympathy for mistakes. That edition, like today's was datelined August 30.

"It was a mess. I really don't know how we did it," he commented on the eve of the Herald's 45th birthday.

Some 45 years from Volume I. Number 1, the operation producing this newspaper bears little resemblance to the hot metal and linotype method used then.

Phototypesetting by computer and offset printing is now the name of the game.

J. Edwin Bufflap and the late R. Hector Lupton teamed up in 1934 to give Chowan County a weekly newspaper. Newspapers, including a local daily publication were not new to Edenton and Chowan County. They had come and gone, some being dead for a lengthy time before "burial".

Lupton and Bufflap had worked on some. They liked Edenton and Chowan County and felt they could give the area a newspaper with some permance and quality.

Lupton was advertising manager and Bufflap was editor and linotype operator. They accumulated some old machinery and with determination they published their first edition.

The Chowan Herald was sold to its present owners in 1965, a corporation headed by L. F. Amburn, Jr., president and general manager. Amburn had previous experience in Statesville before coming to Edenton.

Mrs. J. P. Huskins, Amburn's sister, is secretary-treasurer and her husband, an Iredell County legislator and president and general manager of the daily Statesville Record and Landmark, is vice president.

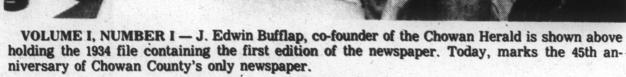
The new owners decided to make the switch to offset printing. It was accomplished in stages. First a darkroom was built and a process camera, a R.R. Robertson purchased from a federal government printing shop, was purchased. The metal plates were prepared and carried to Ahoskie to be printed. This was done for several months while awaiting delivery of a two-unit Fairchild News King press.

The old flat-bed press was removed from the building to the junk yard. The new press, capable of printing 8 pages at the rate of 12,000 per hour was installed.

For several years linotype continued to be used for the body type of the newspaper, until the purchase of a Compugraphic 2961TL which photographically sets the type. Another phototypesetting machine is used for ad copy and headlines.

Just this year, a third unit was added to the News King enabling the Herald to print 12 pages at once in black and white, or eight pages with a color. Also the cumbersome R.R. Robertson process camera was replaced with

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Edenton, North Carolina, Thursday, August 30, 1979

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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.

Edenton Award

A judging committee will

recommend approval of Edenton

for the Governor's Communities of

Excellence Award. Judging was

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

"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

Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan was

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., will

coordinator of the local project.

recognize award winning com-

munities at a special program in

Raleigh on November 15.

Recommended

held August 16.

judging Edenton.

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

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.

Commercial Fishing, Courts &

Judicial Districts, Judiciary I,

Local Government I, Natural and

Economic Resources, and Wildlife

In appointing Rep. Evans,

Stewart said: "I am very pleased

that Rep. Evans has agreed to

serve on this authority. He is

knowledgeable of the area and the

industry and I am sure will do an

outstanding job for the coastal

counties and the people of North

Resources

Carolina."

Rep. Evans Appointed To Seafood Authority

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

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 busine establishments will observe th

All financial institutions in the community will be closed Monday. With this year's highway death toll running well ahead of last Continued on Page 4

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.



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.

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



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.)