

Community Of Excellence Award: Judging Slated For Next Week

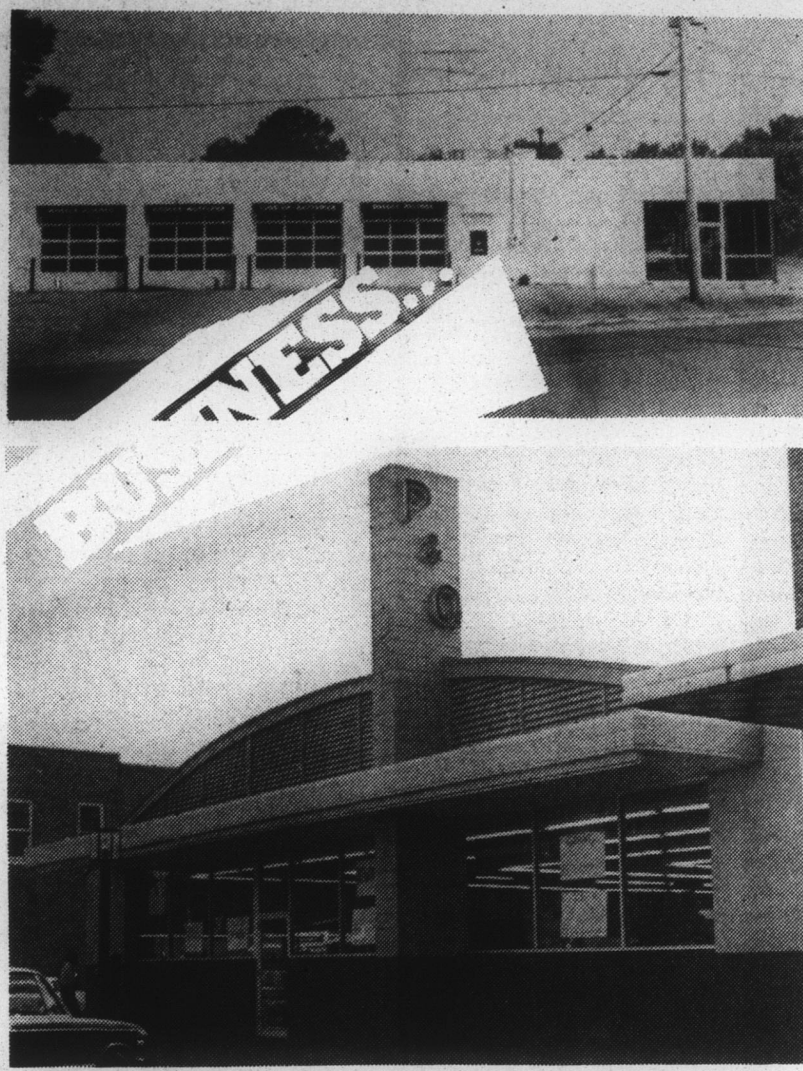
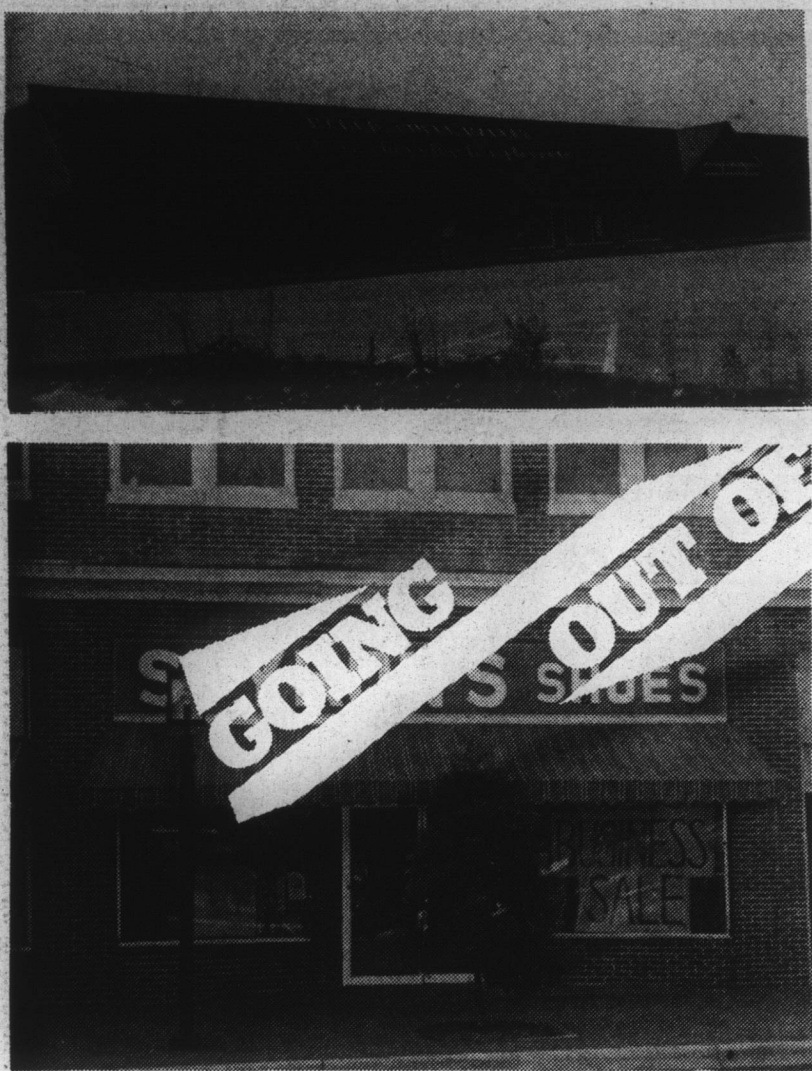
Edenton will be judged next week for recertification in the Governor's Community of Excellence Awards Program. Judges will be in the area Tuesday.

A brief presentation by Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce will take place at 2 P.M. in the Municipal Building. Following a question and answer period the judges will take a field trip to inspect designated possible industrial sites.

Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan is again heading the local committee. She directed activities for judges August 19, 1979, which led to Edenton being designated as recipient of the Governor's Community of Excellence Award. Mayor Roy L. Harrell accepted the award presented by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., at a banquet in Raleigh last November.

Mrs. Vaughan said a team of professional industrial development people from throughout the state will be inspecting the area as if they represented clients or employers interested in locating a plant here. Some of the things being judged will be availability of labor, utilities, etc. The slide-tape presented last year will be repeated.

Mrs. Vaughan pointed out that the public is invited to the presentation next week and hopes interested people will show their support by attending.



Public Parade

Dollars And Sense

The demise of four retail businesses has been witnessed in the past 60 days along the Public Parade. We are living in grave economic times in this country, but an immediate upturn wouldn't resurrect these businesses.

J&K Tire Service, Inc., the Goodyear dealer on North Broad Street, was first to go out of business. Soon to follow were Harris Super Market in Edenton Village Shopping Center; and Myron's Shoes on South Broad Street; and now P&Q Super Market, also on South Broad Street.

The rumor mill, a reality in small communities, has been working overtime. There are rumors on top of rumors about more business failures and new businesses sitting in the wings. The difficulty is you can't shop rumors, neither can you expand the tax base and collect sales taxes; nor can you take people off the unemployment rolls. Business failures have a waffling effect with the fallout being felt way down the line.

Furthermore, it is more difficult to match up an existing building to a tenant than to build originally to meet one's requirements. Also, it is difficult to lure back customers after their shopping habits have been changed via businesses being closed.

Downtown Edenton will continue to remain a compact shopping center of sorts only as long as the entire community is promoted in a unified manner. As the value of the dollar continues to shrink it is necessary that more sense is put into development which will bring more traffic into the community, thereby, giving existing businesses a shot at the trade.

While businesses are padlocked, the majority of Edenton Town Council has been almost criminal in turning down the applications to rezone prime commercial property. W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., and Bernard P. Burroughs, the developers, have gone so far as to flirt with violation of the law by putting names on building blocks in being candid about their plans. Some would consider their openness contract zoning, something illegal in North Carolina.

Nevertheless, not once but on several occasions the council has scarred the three enterprise principle on which America has flourished. Be it K-Mart or whomever, a \$3-million investment, with 60 job slots, is an industry in itself. In addition, such development would provide shoppers with a wider choice of merchandise at more competitive prices.

When tax rates are being set in concrete for 1980-81 is a good time to do a little arithmetic. A \$3-million investment would in itself give Edenton and Chowan County the greatest tax base increase

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Town Budget Is Approved

No one appeared Monday at the public hearing called for the purpose of examining the Town of Edenton budget for fiscal 1980-81. Town Council then unanimously adopted the \$6,163,725 budget.

The budget is based on a property valuation of \$55-million;

a tax rate of 79 cents per \$100 valuation; and a collection rate of 95 per cent. The tax rate is up five cents.

A 10 per cent pay raise for town employees is included.

More than half of the budget - \$3,732,836 - is for the Electric

Department.

Town Council budgeted \$65,548 in anticipated Revenue Sharing funds, which is one-half of what is expected if federal legislation is approved. This is to be spent for recreation, environmental protection, public safety and multi-purpose and general government.

The \$1,272,853 General Fund is distributed as follows:

- Administrative: \$109,589.
- Police: \$312,039.
- Fire: \$107,630.
- Street: \$118,817.
- Sanitation: \$120,293.
- Cemetery: \$21,816.
- Garage: \$95,096.
- Inspection: \$22,759.
- Recreation: \$90,555.
- Other Expenses: \$274,259.

Also included in the budget is a Capital Account of \$620,000. It is broken down as follows: solid waste transfer station, \$40,000; new deep well at Beaver Hill Cemetery, \$80,000; and wastewater treatment construction activities, \$500,000.

There is \$65,000 in street improvements from the Powell Bill and \$407,488 for the Water-Sewer Fund.



UNINVITED GUEST AT ROAST — Jack Habit was the center of attention Friday night at WCDJ's Second Annual Businessman's Roast. Terry Jones, president and host of the roast, says the second female (?) in this picture was an uninvited guest at the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. Dot Habit took little time expressing herself, and her husband was caught by surprise. The uninvited roaster was really David Harrell.

Optimists Prepare For Fourth Of July Event

A parade, contests, games, demonstrations, dances and lots of fireworks will mark the Fourth of July in Edenton, next Friday, when the Edenton-Chowan Optimist Club sponsors the first annual Fourth of July Celebration in conjunction with the Masons, Edenton Jaycees, and the American Legion. The day's events will begin with a sailboat race in Edenton Bay at 10 A.M., sponsored by the Queen Anne Sailing Club.

The Town of Edenton will dedicate the new waterfront park adjacent to Hayes Plantation bridge at 12 noon followed fifteen

minutes later by a parade from the park to John A. Holmes High School.

From 1 P.M. until 8 P.M. special activities and games are planned including a greasy pole climb, frisbee tossing contest, tug of war, penny hunt, frisbee, watermelon eating contest, sack races, car smash, and dunking machine.

Fiberform will provide 20-minute boat rides to interested persons during the day, and at 3 P.M. Pembroke Water Ski Club will provide a one and a half hour demonstration of trick and show type skills on Pembroke Creek.

Four event bicycle races are scheduled for 6 P.M. Events will include six to eight year olds on 20-inch bikes, nine to eleven year olds on 24-inch and 26-inch bikes, 12 to 16 year olds on three and 10 speed bikes, plus a 'free for all' for those participating in the above events but no finishing first or second. Medallions will be presented to the winners.

Practice on the course will be held from 5 to 5:30 that afternoon, followed by a meeting. The races will begin promptly at 6 o'clock.

Entry forms are now available at the National Guard Armory and Harmon's Radio and TV. They must be filled out and returned to those locations before 5 P.M., July 4, or mailed to Henry Overton, race chairman, Westover Heights, Edenton.



James U. Dail

Death Claims Mr. Dail, 66

James Ulmond Dail, Route 1, Merry Hill, died suddenly last Wednesday night at his home. Death was attributed to a heart attack. He was 66.

Mr. Dail was a retired automobile salesman. He had spent most of his life in Chowan County, where he was born, and moved into a home on the Chowan River in Bertie County.

He was born August 27, 1913, son of the late James E. and Essie Stafford Dail. He was married to Mrs. Gertrude Baker Dail, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons: James C. Dail of Edenton; and Gary R. Dail of St. Louis, Mo.; two brothers: Evandus Dail and John Dail, both of Windsor; a sister, Mrs. Wilbur Lamb of Hertford; and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Dail was a member of Capeharts Baptist Church, where funeral services were held at 11 A.M. Saturday with Rev. Cecil Harkey, Jr., officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Cullen, Allen and Larry Baker, Jerry and Gergory Sary, and Rodney Smith.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

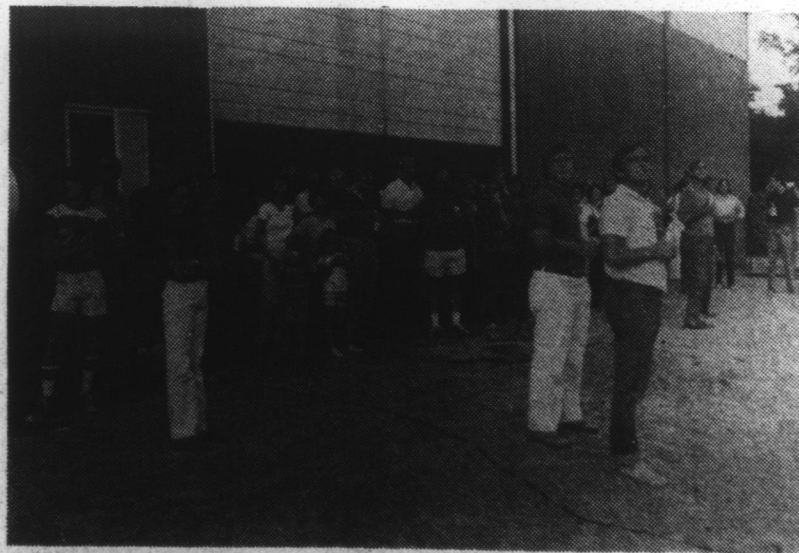
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Printing Early

The Chowan Herald will be printed early next week because of the Fourth of July holiday. Advertising and news deadlines will be Monday afternoon. News items received after the deadline will appear in the July 10 edition.

This early schedule has been set to accommodate advertisers who may be closed Friday, a usually busy day at local businesses.

The Chowan Herald office will close at 4 P.M. Thursday for the holiday.



MARINA PARTY — A fish fry was held at Edenton Marina last Saturday for people who rent boat slips. When this picture was made a group had gathered outside to watch another type of entertainment. What was it? The answer is on page 20A.

Political Parties Are Recognized

Three new political parties have been recognized by the State Board of Elections for the upcoming gubernatorial and presidential elections, according to E.N. (Pete) Manning, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections.

Manning said he has received notification that action was taken by the state board June 17 to recognize the Independent for Anderson Party, the Socialist Workers Party, and the Citizens Party of North Carolina.

These three additional parties have until July to nominate candidates for governor and president.

This means that voters can now affiliate with one of these three new parties when they register, as well as registering as Republican, Democrat, Libertarian or no preference.

Manning said the Chowan board recently received application from a number of voters to establish the Socialist Workers and Citizens Parties. Their names were not released.

State law mandates that for a party to continue for the next four years following the gubernatorial and presidential elections, its candidate must receive at least 10 per cent of the vote in the general election. If the candidate doesn't then the party automatically ceases to be recognized by the State Board of Elections.

Bicycle Safety Law Explained

The high cost of gasoline coupled with summer vacation for students has led to a substantial increase in the number of bicycles operating on the streets of Edenton. Police Chief J.D. Parrish paused this week to remind cyclists of the local ordinance concerning bikes.

"It is against town law to operate bikes on the sidewalks and is particularly hazardous to pedestrians shopping downtown," Chief Parrish said. He also warned that it is unlawful and very unsafe to coast by holding onto vehicles.

Bicyclists are reminded that a fully operational headlight as well as tail reflector are required to night riding.

In addition, bicycles are subject to the same laws as motor vehicles. Riders should always travel with the flow of traffic, and must obey stop signs and signals. Bicyclists are not exempt from being charged if they are riding carelessly or while intoxicated.

Chief Parrish said violation of the local ordinance can result in the bike being impounded for up to 30 days. Those in violation of state motor vehicle laws may find themselves cited or arrested.

"Our first concern is for the safety of everyone involved," he commented. "Courtesy and common sense is one of the first rules of the road."