

Public Parade

Noted And Passed

The following item, "Don't Light Up Your Gum!", was found recently in our unattended typewriter:

Smokers—attention, please! Another new method to help you quit smoking is on the counters in Switzerland and Canada. Unlike some other methods which substitute lettuce or herbs for the tobacco in cigarettes, this seems to be entirely new.

It is a chewing gum that satisfies the craving for a cigarette because it contains nicotine. It is the withdrawal from nicotine, a substance which produces a form of drug addiction, that causes the most trouble when people try to quit smoking.

The gum has a spicy flavoring and is intended to replace the nicotine in a cigarette for the first weeks after quitting.

Tested extensively in Europe, it is now being tried in the United States before approval for sale. Not intended for use for more than a few weeks, it satisfies the urge to have something in your mouth while assisting in the withdrawal from nicotine.

Special Visitors

There are some very special people meandering along the Public Parade during the next few days. They include: Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr.; Sec. Howard Lee of the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, Luther H. Hodges, Jr., deputy secretary, U.S. Department of commerce; Robert M. Baker, regional director, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District.

Gov. Hunt fulfilled a campaign commitment yesterday (Wednesday) when he landed in Rocky Hock. It will be the first time a Tar Heel chief of state has come to the area via helicopter since Republican former Gov. James Holshouser. Earl Smith is well aware of this fact.

Gov. Hunt made a fast tour of the Chowan River before meeting with Capt. Alfred Howard and the Chowan Regional Task Force.

Sec. Lee and Mr. Baker will be key figures in the dedication ceremonies for Queen Anne Park along Edenton Bay. This ceremony is set for 4 P.M. Friday. The public is encouraged to show appreciation for state and federal support given efforts to beautify the waterfront.

Mr. Hodges will be keynote speaker at the first Business Appreciation Banquet of Albemarle Area Development Association next Tuesday night. Rep. Jones will introduce him at the 10-county event being held at the American Legion Building.

You don't have to pay to attend the Queen Anne Park dedication. It is necessary to have a ticket to the AADA function. C.B. Smith at Seabrook Blanching Corp., is chairman of the banquet and will be pleased to fill the ticket order.

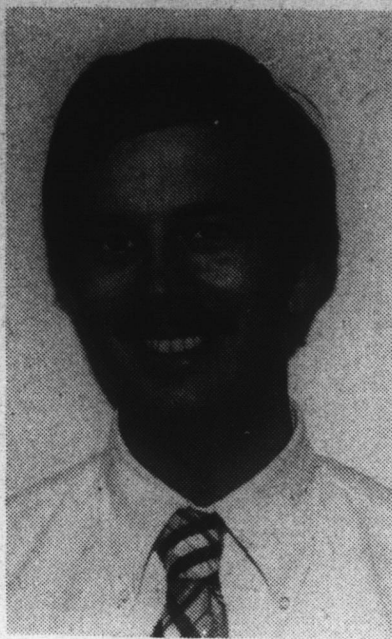
Weekend Report

Well, we went up to Lynchburg, Va., last Friday afternoon to participate in Parents' Weekend at Virginia Episcopal School. As expected, we found Paul no worse

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WRITE NOTES—Will this be the lucky card? Tiffany Belfield, Kirk DeVine, Jarret DeVine, and Crystal Belfield all hope to be the long-distance prize winner when more than 700 balloons are launched at noon Saturday from Colonial Park. Each balloon will bear the name of a K-3 schoolchild in Chowan County.



Charles T. Busby

Law Firm Gains New Associate

Charles T. Busby of Plymouth has become associated with the local law firm of Earnhardt & Busby, P.A., on West Eden Street. The attorney is the brother of Max S. Busby of the firm.

A native of Salisbury, Busby received his BA degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1958. He was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity there.

He is a graduate of the Wake Forest University Law School in the Class of 1978 and was admitted to the bar the same year.

Before joining the Edenton firm, Busby was associated with Hutchins, Romanet, Thompson & Hillard in Plymouth.

Busby is single.

Threats Result In Heavy Fine

Herbert Ray Lane, Route 1, Edenton, was given a suspended sentence Tuesday morning after being convicted in Chowan County District Court of two counts of communicating threats.

Judge Richard Parker sentenced Lane to 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs. Prosecuting witnesses were Thelma H. Lane and Roger C. Bunch.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Keith Teague of Elizabeth City prosecuted the docket. Other action taken included:

Johnny L. Owens, assault and injury to personal property, six months, suspended upon payment of \$75 fine and costs and make restitution.

Jeffrey Wayne Vaughan, stop sign violation and exceeding safe speed, five days, suspended upon payment of \$35 fine and costs.

Darryl Glenn Stallings, failure to stop for school bus, \$40 fine and costs.

Charles Herbert Small, III, stop sign violation and Joseph Beasley, unsafe move violation, called and failed.

Samuel Boston, inadequate support of children, six months, (Continued on Page 4)

Lighter Than Air Contest Set

More than 700 helium-filled balloons will take to the air from Colonial Park at noon Saturday. Each balloon will carry with it a postcard bearing the name of a K-3 schoolchild. The entry traveling the longest distance will win a prize for both the finder and the child whose name is on the cards.

Milkshake Bandit Escapes With Drugs

By L. F. Amburn, Jr.

A strawberry milkshake bandit with a shopping list for drugs is being sought in connection with an armed robbery Sunday afternoon at Hollowell & Blount Rexall Drugs, Inc., 323 South Broad Street. W. H. Hollowell, Jr., two young clerks and several customers were frightened but unharmed in the daring episode.

Police were notified at 4:50 P.M. by Hollowell, an official of the store who is a member of Edenton Town Council.

Drugs with a street value of

about \$2,000 were taken by the lone bandit who left via the front door, moved swiftly down East King Street and disappeared down Colonial Avenue to the waterfront. He carried a paper bag containing the drugs in his left hand and nervously held a small caliber pistol in his right.

One employee of the store became suspicious of the man who turned out to be a bandit and was about to notify Hollowell when the robbery unfolded.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said law enforcement officers

throughout Northeastern North Carolina and Southeastern Virginia are searching for the suspect who ordered a strawberry milkshake and casually spent some 30 to 40 minutes at a table before making his move. He is described as a young white man who was wearing thick, wire framed glasses. The escape vehicle is believed to be an old model, red small car.

Witnesses told investigating officers that the man entered the drug store and paused at the magazine rack. Janet Hollowell, a

clerk, asked if he needed assistance and he replied that he was just looking around.

Some five to 10 minutes later he ordered a strawberry milkshake. He then sat at a table for some 30 to 40 minutes before going back to the soda fountain, poiting a gun at the young girl and announcing that it was a robbery.

As he moved to the rear of the store with Miss Hollowell he disabled a telephone. He ordered Sheila Cherry, another young clerk, John Hobbs, a customer and

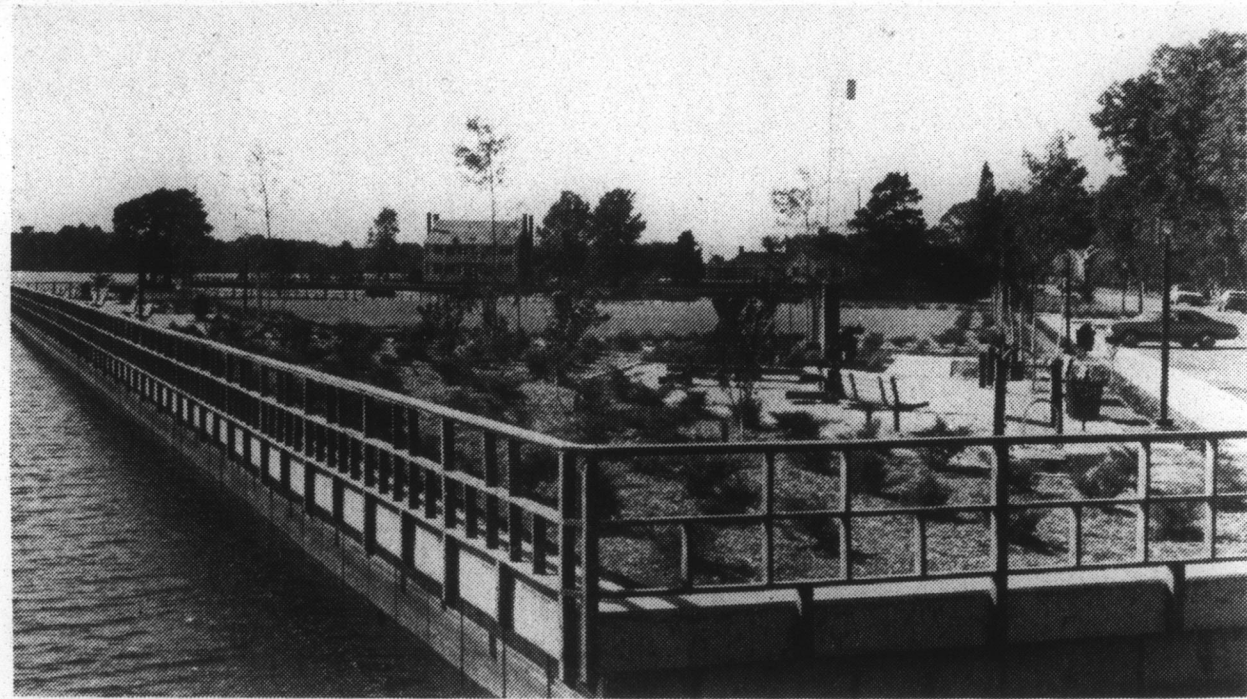
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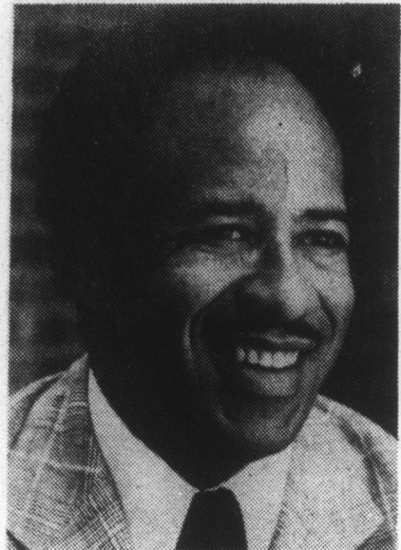
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DEDICATION FRIDAY — A dedication ceremony for the new Queen Anne Park will begin at 4 P.M. this Friday afternoon. A host of local and state officials will be on hand including Howard N. Lee, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, who will be guest speaker.

Sec. Lee Speaker For New Park Dedication

Edenton's second waterfront park — Queen Anne — will be dedicated Friday afternoon. In conjunction with the dedication will be presentation of an Achievement Award from the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Services of the U.S.



Sec. Howard Lee

Department of Commerce.

Sec. Howard Lee of the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and Bob Baker, Southeastern regional director of HCRS, will be central figures in the program.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell will preside at the 4 P.M. dedication. Town Administrator W.B. Gardner will recognize special guests and introduce Sec. Lee.

The Town of Edenton was nominated for the federal achievement Award by Stephen H. Moler, park-recreation consultant with NCDNRCD. Moler said in the 10 years he has worked with the municipality he has seen exceptional efforts in historic preservation and recreation.

"Edenton has excellent and

Suspect Jailed

A man wanted in the August 11 armed robbery of Fast Fare on North Broad Street has been arrested in New York and returned to Edenton to stand trial.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said George Lee Revell, 28-year-old Negro, is in Chowan County Detention Facility. He is being held in lieu of \$75,000 bond.

Revell, a former resident of this area, is charged with three counts: conspiracy to commit armed robbery, armed robbery, and discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

John Robert Bush of Syracuse, N.Y., and Charles P. Bond of Liverpool, N.Y., were arrested several hours after the robbery. They were recently tried in Chowan County Superior Court.

Need Certificate Gains Approval

The Certificate of Need Section, Division of Facility Services, N.C. Department of Human Resources announced on September 30 approval of the proposal of David L. Henson to incur a capital expenditure for the proposed ancillary departmental expansion of Chowan Hospital, Inc.

Review of the project was conducted pursuant to Section 1112 of the Social Security Act and Chapter 131, Article 18 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. (Continued on Page 4)

Hospital Gets Strong Support For More Beds

If there is room for community support in the methodology used to arrive at numbers for hospital beds, Chowan Hospital will be well on the way to setting precedent. Thirty-two local people spoke at a public hearing here Friday and several statements were entered into the record, all supporting the hospital's petition to have the State Health Plan modified.

As it now exists, Region "R" is shown as being five beds over what is needed through 1985. In order for additional beds to be constructed here the plan must be amended. If this happens it will be a first in North Carolina health annals.

Buck Lattimore of the Division of Facility Service, State Department of Human Resources, was hearing officer. After the lengthy hearing in the Conference Room of the County Office Building he made an observation which might question his neutrality. He said approval of the Chowan Hospital petition "would open a Pandora's box" for state health planners.

However, in opening the hearing, he said I. O. Wilkerson, director of the Division of Facility Services, had determined that the local application had sufficient merits to go to a public hearing.

Jesse L. Harrell, board chairman, testified that in many cases of emergency patients are admitted to the hall or other sections of the hospital. "This is not the kind of health care we desire to give," he said. Harrell also pointed out that continued crowded conditions would affect accreditation in the future.

Pointing out that the local board is "very conservative," he said a decision was made to seek a 10-bed expansion rather than 30 beds, as recommended by Hospital Associates of Atlanta, Ga., a consulting firm who studied the facility about 18 months ago.

The chairman further pointed out the expansion of the hospital medical staff to 24 physicians, four dentists and four emergency room doctors. The hospital now has less than three beds per active staff physician.

Dr. Lee DeVine later testified that in the past year 40 per cent of the people he admitted to the

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AT HOSPITAL HEARING—Buck Lattimore of Raleigh, right, of the N.C. Department of Human Resources, conducted a hearing here Friday on a petition of Chowan Hospital to construct 10 additional beds. Shown with him are David Henson, left, hospital director; and Jesse L. Harrell, board chairman.