



Thanksgiving, 1980

This is the 16th consecutive year we have meandered along the Public Parade during the Thanksgiving season. Each passing year we have reflected on our good fortune at being a part of a community of people who care and share. People of varied backgrounds and lifestyles who don't claim to be perfect but strive to live by the Golden Rule.

We like to say people meandering along the Public Parade work at contributing to the solution rather than being a part of the problem. Solutions to many of the problems of the 1970s still linger as the countdown to the first year of a new decade begins. Yet we are a people who somehow, as baffling as it may be, keep on keeping on and seem to grow stronger in the process.

Almost half of North Carolina adults polled in October believe their lives will be better in five years, but only one-third think life for the United States will be better. Forty-six per cent of the respondents to a poll by the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill answered in the affirmative when questioned about their future. But only 33 per cent thought life for the country would improve in the same period.

If the same question was asked people along the Public Parade, in our opinion the affirmative response would be greater. This is not to say we are a people who will be satisfied with tending to our knitting, so to speak. It is, however, a compliment of the diversity of lifestyles enjoyed in this community.

"I'm starting out a life with a new job and a new wife," said a 25-year-old male from Bladen County. He predicted his life would be better in five years. This guy was but two years old when we started out with an old job and a new wife. And we know life not only got better but became more meaningful.

A 48-year-old Mecklenburg County man who thought life for the country would be worse, said: "Young people don't care. No one wants to work and no one wants to fight." We admit that along the way we have had such thoughts, only to realize that maybe we have been part of the problem. It doesn't have to be this way. The sooner we realize there is no need for a middle age spread in the head as well as around the waist the sooner meaningful solutions will surface.

There is room along the Public Parade for the expression of opinions, for expression of love, and at this particular time of year expression of thanks for bountiful blessings. True thanksgiving cannot be measured in tangibles, in things. It is not in the head, but in the heart.

Disappointments come and go. There are enough clouds with silver linings to go around. We have been blessed with our share over the years; always wondering if, in fact, it can get better. It does!

At this time of year we are thankful that we can be thankful for so many, many things without having to give them priorities. We'll think about the good times more than lesser successes at Thanksgiving. And in doing so we'll be strengthened for the future by drawing on experiences of the past.

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Bill Whichard (43) caps a 75-yard Aces drive with an eight yard scoring run while Thomas White (22) clears the way. (Related Photos on Page 4.)

Elected Officials To Take Oaths

Four elected officials will be sworn in Monday and two others will take their oath December 8.

Cliff Copeland, county manager, said the regular meeting of Chowan County commissioners has been postponed until December 8. At that time Commissioners Alton G. Elmore and Barbara Ward will begin four-year terms. The meeting will begin at 9 A.M. in the County Office Building.

The commissioners were elected without opposition in the November election. Mrs. Ward is serving the unexpired term of the late Lester Copeland.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of Superior Court, will swear in Eugene Jordan and James Taylor for six-year terms on Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. They were elected in a nonpartisan vote in May.

Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, register of deeds, will also be sworn in along with Watson Earl White as a member of the Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

The oaths will be taken at 9 A.M. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Office Building on East King Street.

Census Figures Said Accurate

Revisions continue to be made in the 1980 population census with the latest figures showing 12,497 people living in Chowan County, a 16.1 per cent increase over 1970.

N. J. George, chairman, Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, said he thinks the figures adequately show this county's population. Furthermore, he gives credit for the healthy number to Mrs. Snooky Bond and other "dedicated individuals who did a fine job" in conducting the census.

The first figures circulated put the county's population at 12,271, a

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Aces' head coach Jimmy Addison congratulates quarterback Steve Holley following last Friday night's 25-6 victory. (Photos by Luke Amburn.)

Senator Helms Issues Statement

(Editor's Note: Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) will become chairman of the important Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry in the next session of Congress. He moves up from the post of ranking minority leader. Because of the importance of agriculture to Northeastern North Carolina, the entire text of a recent statement by Sen. Helms follows.)

The new leadership in the Senate will have a unique opportunity to move toward significant progress for agriculture. I do not suggest that we will work miracles, or that there will be any easy or instant solutions to the many problems plaguing the American farmer. But we'll do our best -- and if hard work will do the job, I can promise that we'll do it.

I would emphasize that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry has been essentially a bipartisan committee throughout the eight years that I've been a member of it. That will continue. I have already discussed this aspect with Senator Huddleston, who will be the ranking Democrat on the Com-

mittee. He agrees that the success of American agriculture is not a partisan issue. We have a fine Committee, and it will be further enhanced in January when new Senators join our ranks.

Having said all that, I would emphasize that I perceive the Committee's goal as one that seeks to enhance the role of the private sector in dealing with the problems of American agriculture.

We simply must restore fiscal

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Energy, Environment Important To Agriculture

Agriculture leads in productivity throughout the United States but what is done about the environment, energy and efficiency in the future must be addressed now if the lead is maintained. This was the heart of a speech delivered here Monday night by Dr. J. E. Legates of Raleigh.

Speaking to a Farm-City Week banquet audience, Dr. Legates pointed out that it has taken a lot to move agriculture ahead in the past and one can't expect any less in the future.

Aces Close In On State Title

The Edenton Aces are on winning streak which locals hope will continue Friday night in Burlington. The Aces meet Williams High in an 8 o'clock kickoff.

After losing two non-conference games, the Aces have put together a balanced punch which led them to the 3-A Northeastern Conference crown and earned them a semi-final slot in state competition. It is the first time in five years that the Aces have managed to go so high in the playoffs.

Williams is undefeated this year and the Aces of Coach Jim Addison are expected to be "up" for this one. Charter bus service is being made available for the game, so the Aces will have a

representative cheering section in Burlington.

Henry Drew continued to baffle the James Kenan defense and turn in an excellent defensive game for the Aces last Friday night in a 25-6 win.

There was a new kid on the block against Kenan. It was Bill Whichard, a junior speedster who thrilled local fans with an 80-yard touchdown run to open the second half and break a 6-6 deadlock. When Whichard fielded the pigskin at the 20 yard line, the Aces formed a perfect wedge. Near midfield he ran out of the pack and was not to be denied by the startled Tigers.

The Kenan coach, Billy Byrd, credited Whichard's run with turning the game around; so affecting the Tigers that their usual strong second half game was completely bottled up.

Later in the game Whichard scored again on an eight-yard run. The shifty back also contributed greatly to the Aces 400-plus rushing total.

The Aces attack was not all Whichard though. Henry Drew, a senior running back, piled up 213 yards on 23 carries to run his season's total to 1,251 yards.

In the first half, Drew got the fans excited with a 59-yard TD run - part of his 154-yard total rushing in the second stanza. The TD came with less than seven minutes remaining.

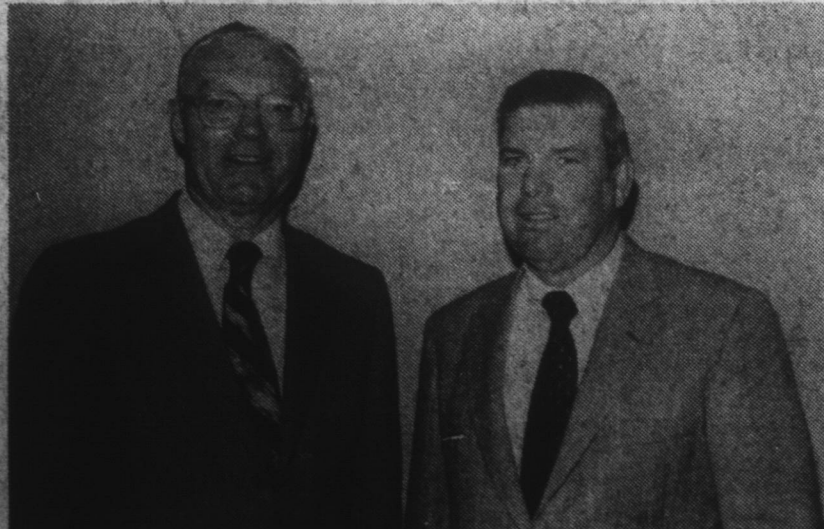
Kenan was not to be denied. On the next possession the Tigers struck pay dirt and the score was tied at 6-6. James Stanley took the pigskin 65 yards on the jaunt, which ended up being the bulk of the 144 yards rushing given up by a rugged Edenton defense.

Coach Addison and Edenton fans were encouraged by the play of another junior, Troy Wright, who added the final score with a nine-yard run with 39 seconds remaining in the game.

Coach Addison said the defensive alignment the Aces threw up against Kenan confused their quarterback which in effect completely broke down their triple option attack.

The statistics showed that the Steve Holley-led Aces posted 416 yards total offense. The defensive team continued an eight-game streak of holding the opponent scoreless in the second half.

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BANQUET SPEAKER — Dean J. E. Legates of the NCSU School of Agriculture and Life Sciences and David Bateman are shown following the annual Farm-City Week Banquet held Monday night at Edenton Jaycee Community Building.



4-H'ERS RECOGNIZED — Jack Parker, president of Edenton Lions Club, presented 4-H Corn Contest awards to three winners at the Farm-City Week Banquet Monday night. They are: Anna Goodwin, Stephen Bass and Neil Bass.



FARMERS HONORED — Billy Nixon, left, and Ray Evans were recognized as recipients of the Outstanding Young Farmer Awards and 1979 Peanut Award, respectively, by W. T. Culpepper, III, of the Jaycees, and Oscar White of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.