

Public Parade

Sick Society

Two stories in Tuesday's edition of our least favorite morning daily of general circulation along the Public Parade paint a horrible picture. Both had North Carolina datelines and deal with citizens who have a public trust.

Down in Wilmington the U. S. Customs Service has attempted to transfer the special agent in charge because of "an unprofessional relationship with his secretary." The agent, the chief investigator in three of North Carolina's largest drug busts, won a round when Judge Franklin T. Dupree, Jr., barred the transfer for the time being.

In Johnston County a magistrate was suspended for alleged sexual misconduct in his office with a Raleigh woman. The woman involved was taken before the magistrate after being arrested for drunk driving. The alleged misconduct occurred while she waited for a friend to drive from Raleigh and take her home.

And just last month a District Court judge in Catawba County lost his fight to stay on the bench after charges of misconduct involving females who had cases in his court.

Is this evidence of a sick society? Hardly anything else!



SUNDAY OPEN HOUSE — The Chowan County Farm Bureau showed off a new permanent headquarters to several hundred people at an open house Sunday afternoon. Jimmy M. Parrish, right, president, of the county organization, is shown here with Jimmy Stallings, second from left, local executive, and state officials. Among those on hand were John Sledge, center, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau, and Paul J. Lancaster, Jr., left, sales manager for Farm Bureau Insurance Companies.

Witnesses Watch As Thief Strikes

A 24-year old black male is being held as a suspect by Edenton Police Department in the theft of a purse from an elderly lady, Tuesday at the A&P parking lot, shortly after 1 P.M.

According to the police report, Mrs. Lula White, about 75 years old, was walking to her car after shopping at the food store when a man struck her from the side and snatched her purse. Mrs. White was sent sprawling to the asphalt pavement and suffered cuts and abrasions to her hands.

Reports indicate there were about five possible witnesses in the parking lot, none of whom offered assistance or have come forward with information to assist the police.

Cpl. C. C. Alexander and Patrolman Fred Spruill answered a call from Les Fagan, owner of Western Gas Service which is located adjacent to the parking lot, concerning the incident. A short time later the purse was recovered from beneath a building owned by Leary Brother Storage Co. Most of the contents including a small amount of cash were found where the assailant had ransacked the purse before fleeing the scene.

An employee of Western Gas told a reporter he was talking with two other employees when he observed two men loitering in the parking lot as Mrs. White was

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Local Industry Elects Directors

Two new directors were added to the board of Edenton Cotton Mills at the annual meeting of stockholders held March 12. Tom Phillips and Ross Inglis were named, bringing the board to a full force of 10 members.

Phillips is vice president and secretary. Inglis is president of Edenton Construction Company, Inc.

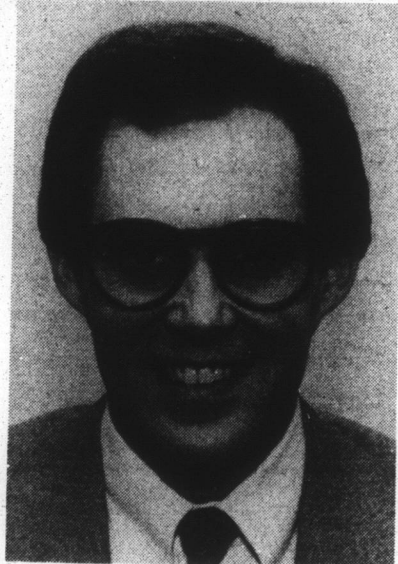
C. A. Phillips, president and treasurer, reported the company is nearing completion of a capital project which involves equipment replacement. The budget is \$1-million.

The company, now in its 81st year, has 220 employees. Phillips said the mill is running six days, three shifts. Earlier in the year the company cut back to the normal 40-hour week for the three shifts.

Phillips said the payroll in 1980 exceeded \$2,250,000.

"We continue to run well," he added. "This is a tough business climate we are in at the present time, but the outlook for our product is good."

Phillip McMullan is chairman of the board at Edenton Cotton Mills. Mrs. Beth Taylor is assistant secretary. Directors in addition to McMullan, Phillips and the two new members are: J. Gilliam Wood, J. H. Conger, Sr., Thomas B. Shepard, R. Graham White, T. B. H. Wood and McDonald Dixon.



C. Christopher Bean

Special Meeting Slated Tonight

An Edenton attorney, C. Christopher Bean, will join Mrs. Winnie Wood of Camden and Frank Sellers of Edenton in a discussion of "The Law and The Woman" topic of a special meeting being sponsored by the Chowan County Democratic Women tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 P.M. in Edenton Municipal Building.

Bean, who opened his practice here after serving as assistant district attorney under Thomas S. Watts, will speak on "Division of Property".

Speaking on behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment will be Mrs. Wood and Sellers. Mrs. Wood is the wife of former State Sen. George Wood and serves as eastern field organizer for "People of Faith for ERA" Sellers, who resides in Montpelier Acres, is plant manager of the Aovca Division of R. J. Technical Company in Merry Hill. He also serves as vice chairman of the Democratic committee of Yeopim Precinct.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, president of democratic women, said members are especially encouraged to attend, and furthermore, the discussion will be open to the public.



PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT CONFERENCE — Mrs. Ruby Jones of Greensboro, president of the N. C. Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, was in attendance at the District 11 conference Saturday at Edenton United Methodist Church. Shown with her are: Mrs. Mildred Johnson of Camden; Mrs. Bonnie White of Hertford; and Mrs. Julia Hassell and Mrs. Hettie Wallace, both of Edenton.

Union Opposing State Involvement In Labor Dispute

Allegations that a member of the North Carolina Highway Patrol aided Atlantic Forest Products in misconduct during a union election last January has prompted the state attorney general's office to seek participation in the case coming before the National Labor Relations Board.

Charges of election misconduct were filed with NLRB by Local 20408 of the United Warehouse, Industrial and Affiliate Trade Workers following the January 8 election in which Atlantic Forest Products employees defeated unionization 113-61.

Representatives of Local 20408 say the union will oppose participation by the state in the case.

Among the objections found by NLRB that should be resolved by record testimony is that a patrolman "engaged in unlawful surveillance, intelligence gathering, racial slurs and threats to supporters of and representatives of Local 20408 while they were distributing leaflets outside the company prior to the election."

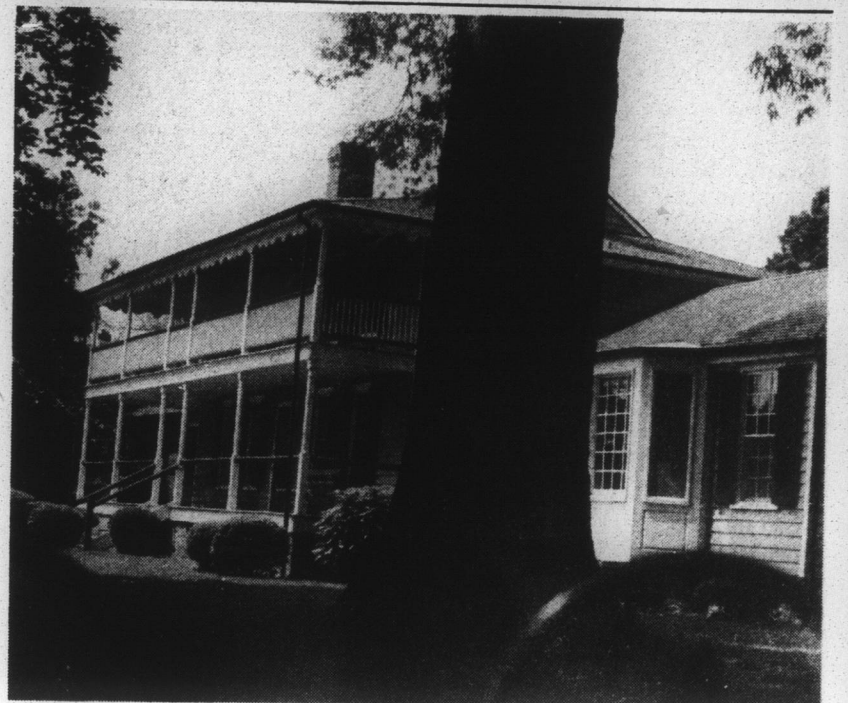
The union has also charged that the officer provided AFP with a photocopy of the business card and alleged criminal record of a union organizer.

Assistant attorney general David Blackwell said the allegations against the trooper were false and that the state is seeking to participate because of the seriousness of the charges and their impact on the patrol's reputation.

According to Blackwell, an internal investigation by the patrol showed "no misconduct on the part of the trooper."

A report released after the internal investigation stated the trooper was called from his home to investigate a report that persons were blocking traffic on the

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The Homestead

1981 Pilgrimage Will Feature Old Favorites; New Additions

Pilgrimage goes this year in "Colonial Edenton" can expect to see a fine collection of houses and buildings from the eighteenth-century. During that time when Edenton was an active port and trading center, many lovely places were constructed for both public and private use, and they'll all be open for touring April 24 through 26.

Among the outstanding public buildings on display for the spring tour are the old Chowan County Courthouse, one of the finest Georgian structures in the South, and St. Paul's Church, "an ideal in village churches". It is the second oldest church in N. C.

Not to be missed are the Cupola House (ca. 1725), the home of Lord Granville's land agent, and famous for its fantastic interior woodwork, and the Iredell House, home of the chief justice of the nation's first Supreme Court.

Several favorites of the Pilgrimage will again be open this year, including The Homestead, on Edenton Bay, and home of the Reverend and Mrs. F. B. Drane, the Leigh House, home of Mr. and

Mrs. Nelson Crandall and one of the town's earliest and most charming homes. New on the agenda this spring will be the Bond House, on the green, built just after the end of the eighteenth century. The house, with its lovely double porches and beautiful location has been exquisitely restored by its new owners, Mr. and Mrs. John Donovan.

Tickets are \$10.00 each for home tours, and other entertainments. Call 482-2637 or write "Pilgrimage", Post Office Box 474, Edenton, N. C. 27932 for more information.

Riddick Declines Extension Position

Henry C. Riddick of Beaufort County has decided not to become Chowan County Extension Chairman. Cliff Copeland, county manager, said he was notified of the decision this week.

Copeland said the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service has already begun the process of

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Hertford Journalist Representing BPW District

Mrs. Noel Todd-McLaughlin of Hertford will represent District 11 in state competition for the Young Careerist title of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She was selected from among six entries at the annual district conference Saturday at Edenton United Methodist Church.

The District Young Careerist is co-editor of the Perquimans Weekly and is president of the Hertford BPW Club.

Upon the announcement, Mrs. Bonnie White of Hertford, district director, noted that this is the third time in the past five years that the Hertford club had spon-

sored the district winner.

Leading state officers to the meeting was Mrs. Ruby Jones of Greensboro, BPW president. Mrs. Julia Hassell of Edenton is a past state president.

The Washington club garnered two honors. The club won the Julia Hassell Membership Award and the Mildred Johnson Newsletter Award. Also, Mrs. Kitty Gavin of Washington was elected district director.

Shirley Davis of Ahsokie won the Colleen Lupton Membership Award.

The Bonnie White Program Award was presented to the Hertford club for a program on

"Political Health" which dealt with the Equal Rights Amendment. Along the same theme, Mrs. Winnie Wood entertained the group with a "music epic" or "history lesson in song."

Miss Martha Jo Hollowell of Edenton represented the host club in the Young Careerist competition and also entertained the group with piano music after the luncheon.

Mrs. Hettie Wallace, president of the Edenton Club, opened the conference attended by 80 people from nine clubs in Northeastern North Carolina. Mrs. Hassell welcomed the group.

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BPW AWARDS PRESENTED — Miss Martha Jo Hollowell, right, represented Edenton BPW Club in the Young Careerist program here Saturday. Mrs. Noel Todd-McLaughlin of Hertford, was the winner. Her club also won a trophy for excellence in the area of programs. Mrs. Kitty Gavin of Washington, newly elected district director, holds two awards garnered by her club.

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