

Public Parade

Noted And Passed

President Reagan, Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas have all sacrificed some credibility over filling a top patronage position in the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Wilmer (Vinegar Bend) Mizell is a former Tar Heel congressman and close friend of Sen. Helms. Morgan Williams is a former aide to Sen. Dole. They both wanted to become assistant agriculture secretary for government and public affairs. It is difficult to fit two people into a single position. That is, unless you are President of the United States.

In order not to offend either Sen. Helms or Sen. Dole, the President split the position. Each man will be paid \$52,750 a year. Mizell will get the task of lobby members of Congress for the administration and Williams will be in charge of the intergovernmental relations.

This type action does not befit conservatives of the caliber involved in this matter. Sen. Helms has been characterized, unjustly many times over, as "Senator No." President Reagan would have served his charge best had he said "no" instead of taking the easy way out.

Our National Guard

There are some vacancies in the local work force. It is not because there is no work to be done. The N. C. Army National Guard is at camp.

A lot of things along the Public Parade are taken for granted. The National Guard is one good case in point. North Broad Street is Edenton's busiest thoroughfare and the National Guard Armory out there plays an important role in the community.

Soon the new National Guard Armory at Edenton Municipal Airport will be ready for occupancy. The existing facility will revert back to the Town of Edenton and detailed plans are ready to transform it into a first rate recreation center.

The new armory is a sign of progress along the Public Parade. Edenton and Chowan County stand second to none as being a top flight National Guard area. Gen. William E. Ingram, adjutant general of North Carolina whose home base is still in the Isle of Pasquotank, is proud of the professionalism demonstrated by local guardsmen.

Gen. Ingram has toured the width and breadth of Tar Heelia attempting to focus more attention on the National Guard. While his efforts have been worthwhile, there are still too many people who take the National Guard for granted.

One contribution of the guard which goes unnoticed is measured in dollars and cents. The total payroll last year for Edenton guardsmen, members of Detachment 1, Company C, 1st Battalion, 119th Infantry was \$191,498.31.

The National Guard along the Public Parade is not a mere service organization. It impacts on our economy.

Our National Guard stands second to none, along the Public Parade or throughout North Carolina.

A Prophecy

Carey Bunch, retired fishery official with the U. S. Department of Interior, found a clipping that belonged to his father years ago. He left the following in our unattended typewriter:

These lines were first published in England in 1835, before any of the discoveries and inventions mentioned therein.

Carriages without horses shall go,

And accidents fill the world with woe.

Around the world thoughts will fly

In the twinkling of an eye.

The world upside down shall be,

And gold be found at the root of tree.

Through the hills men shall ride,

And no horse or ass be at his side.

Under water man shall walk,

Shall ride, shall sleep, shall talk.

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Federal Offices And Local Banks Closed Monday

Except for the closing of federal offices and banks, Memorial Day (Monday) will pass with little change of pace. Memorial Day is not a general holiday recommended by Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

The U. S. Postal Service will operate on a normal holiday schedule, according to Postmaster James M. Bond.

No residential, business or rural delivery will be provided.

Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Burley Mitchell has announced that North Carolina will again join 47 other states this Memorial Day weekend in implementing Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort).

Mitchell said, "Memorial Day unofficially marks the beginning of summer and brings with it heavy traffic. The recent Easter weekend, in which the number of traffic deaths were less than half the number killed during the same weekend in 1980, proves that with the cooperation of the motoring public and the hard work of the Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies, this increased traffic need not be cause for an increase in traffic deaths."

The Memorial Day holiday begins at 6 P. M., Friday, May 22, and ends at midnight, Monday, May 25.

The N. C. State Motor Club, estimating 16 people could lose their lives in traffic accidents on North Carolina streets and highways over the long Memorial Day Week-End, urges motorists to drive with care during the holiday period.

Last year 17 fatalities and 817 injuries were recorded for a similar period of time while 18 died in 1979.

Currituck Man Slightly Injured In Plane Crash

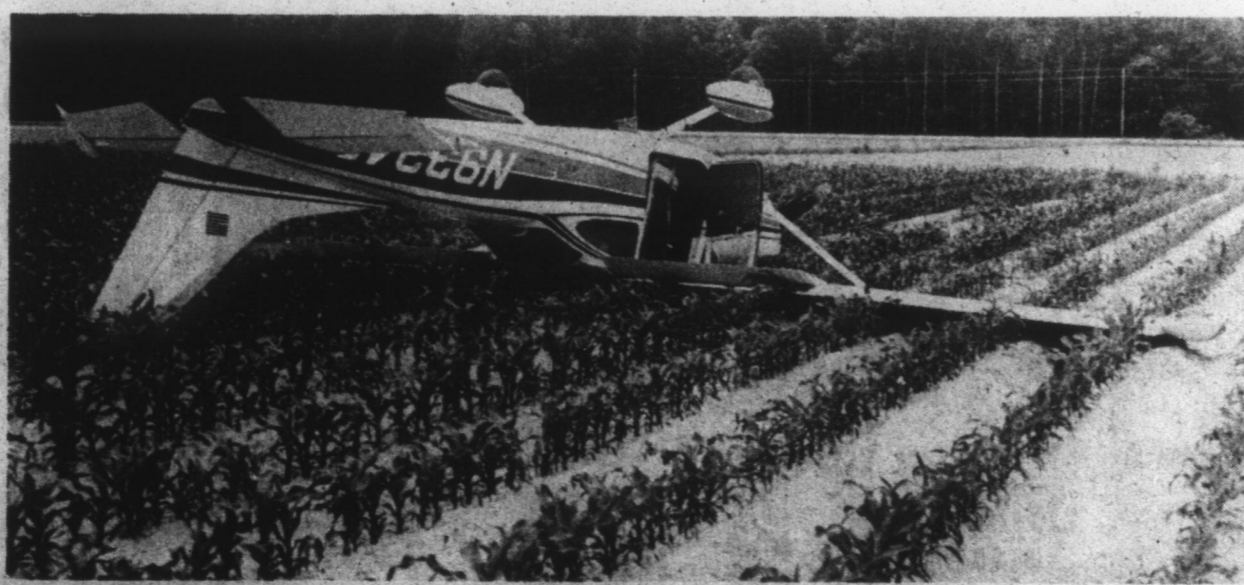
A Currituck man escaped serious injury, Monday, when a Cessna 183 Skylane he was piloting crashed into a field owned by Yates Parrish on N. C. 32 South, about three miles from Edenton.

According to the Chowan County Sheriff's Department, James Ferebee of Shawboro was en route to Gregory Poole Equipment Co. adjacent to Edenton Municipal Airport when the single engine, four passenger aircraft lost power. Ferebee attempted an emergency landing which failed when he struck a large drainage ditch, shearing the landing gear. The plane hit a corn field nose first and flipped onto its back.

Ferebee suffered a bloody nose but was otherwise uninjured. He reported the accident to Edenton Police Department shortly after 12 noon, and the Sheriff's Department was called in to investigate.

Deputy Joseph Byrum said no investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration is expected, though a report will be filed with the agency.

It is believed the aircraft is a total loss.



PILOT ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY — James Ferebee, a Shawboro man, walked away from the crash of his Cessna Skylane, Monday, with only a bloody nose. He reportedly lost power and was attempting an emergency landing in a field when he struck a drainage ditch, causing the plane to flip. Ferebee was en route to Edenton Municipal Airport.



ALO SPRING MEETING — The Albemarle Law and Order Association held its spring dinner meeting at the Seafare Restaurant in Nags Head, Friday night. Among the 250 persons attending were, in the left photo from the left, Congressman



Walter B. Jones, Sen. Melvin Daniels and Elizabeth City Police chief W. C. Owens. In right photo, Mrs. Emily Amburn, chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Women chats with Sen. J. J. "Monk" Harrington.

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Area EMC's Are Threatened By Wholesale Rate Increase

Virginia Electric and Power Company's latest proposal for raising its wholesale rates could put six N. C. Electric Membership Corporations into a severe "price squeeze" situation this fall.

"We've had price squeeze situations before, but the EMCs served by Vepco appear to be headed for the most critical case of this kind that the state's co-ops have faced in the past decade," said Jim Hubbard, executive vice president of N. C. EMC, the power supply arm of the statewide EMC organization.

The EMCs that would be affected by the rate case are Albemarle EMC, Hertford; Cape Hatteras EMC, Buxton; Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro; Halifax EMC, Enfield; Roanoke EMC, Rich Square and Tideland EMC, Pantego.

Ed Brown, Jr., general manager of Albemarle EMC, explained that the term "price squeeze" refers to any situation where a co-ops cost

of wholesale power is so high that its charges to consumers are disproportionately out of line with the retail rates of the power supplier.

"NCEMC has raised this issue in its petition to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington with regard to the new Vepco wholesale rate proposal," he said.

In that petition, the statewide generating and transmission co-op argues that the rates place the EMCs in an "anti-competitive price squeeze situation" that could threaten to put them out of business.

The VEPCO rate hike request was filled with FERC to become effective on September 1, subject to refund if the agency later finds the request excessive.

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Food Town And TG&Y Opening At Shopping Center

Food Town Stores, Inc. and TG&Y Stores Co. will both be opening stores in Edenton Village Shopping Center this summer joining Revco Discount Drugs and Tarheel Bank.

According to Charles Nichols, co-manager of TG&Y Family Center here, a July 2 target date has been set for the grand opening of the 40,000 square foot department store. It is expected to employ between 35 and 50 persons.

The Oklahoma-based firm currently operates about 900 stores nationwide. The new facility will include building supplies, automotive, photographic, fabric, and sporting goods departments, pets, sewing supplies, household items, infants, children's, men's and women's clothing and more.

Heading the operation will be Willie Whittington from Georgia. Along with co-manager Nichols will be assistant managers Jerry Herring and Julie Williams.

Although not yet confirmed, it is believed that Food Town will begin business within the next 60 days. The Edenton store will be

one of 40 new Food Town location to be opened over the next two years in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Based in Salisbury, Food Town presently has 111 stores in the three-state area. The firm claims to offer the lowest food prices available.

The 21,120 square foot supermarket was previously leased by Harris Supermarkets of Greenville.

Jobless Rate Noted

Unemployment in Chowan County during March registered 6.9 per cent, according to the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina. In Perquimans and Pasquotank counties it was above 8 per cent.

ESC reported unemployment at 14 per cent in Tyrrell and 15 per cent in Dare counties.

Chowan County's unemployment was exactly on target with the state figure. Nationally, the unadjusted unemployment rate for March was 7.7 per cent.



Mrs. Liza Knight Elliott

Death Claims Area Leader

Mrs. Liza Knight Elliott, a well known and respected community leader in the Albemarle Area, died Tuesday following an extended illness. She was 83.

Mrs. Elliott, formerly of Route 1, Tyner, died in Tarboro where she had made her home in recent years.

She was born August 23, 1897, in Edgecombe County. She was the widow of Emmett Nowell Elliott. She was a graduate of St. Mary's College.

Mrs. Elliott was an active member of the Democratic Party.

Surviving is a brother, Robert V. Knight of Tarboro and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Elliott was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Graveside services were held at 3 P. M. Wednesday in Beaver Hill Cemetery with Rev. Raymond Storie officiating. Williford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Elliott was the first extension home agent in Chowan County. She was recipient of the

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Conference Is Saturday

Approximately 100 women will attend the Chowan County Governor's Conference on Leadership Development for Women to be held Saturday, May 23, at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton. It will begin at 8:30 P. M., with adjournment at 2:00 P. M.

"Conference participants will hear and attend workshops covering topics such as 'Assertiveness Training,' 'Energy Management,' 'Finance Management,' 'Managing Your Career and Your Family,' and 'Women and the Law,'" said Mrs. Betty Manning.

The county level conference is an extension of the statewide conference convened by Gov. Jim Hunt in Raleigh in May 1978 and the nine successful regional conferences held over the last two years. "All of the conferences have shared the objectives of helping women of the state identify their own leadership potential and develop skills they can use to help their communities and North Carolina grow even stronger," added Mrs. Beth Taylor.

Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Taylor are co-chairpersons of the Chowan County Conference. Members of the Planning Committee who have assisted the co-chairpersons are Mrs. Frances Boyce, Mrs. Gayle Gieseke, Mrs. Debbie Hallyburton, Mrs. Julia Hassell, Mrs. Marguerite Lassiter, Mrs. Ethel LaVoie, Mrs. Carolyn Ricks, and Mrs. Hettie Wallace.

The Chowan County conference is just one of 100 being held across the state. All 100 are being sponsored by the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women and the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations in cooperation with the Office of the Governor.