

## Public Parade

### Noted And Passed

Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox is unique among North Carolina mayors. He has veto power.

Edenton Mayor Roy L. Harrell not only doesn't have such power; he doesn't need it. The Town Council allows him to do pretty much as he pleases.

### A Spoiler

The Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club put the "big pot in the little one" again Saturday. In the past two years the "newest kid on the block" of civic organizations has put the Public Parade on the map of Fourth of July celebrations.

Rains Friday and early Saturday failed to put a damper on the plans. The sky was mildly overcast Saturday by the time the parade started down Broad Street. Then an afternoon of fun for the entire family, plus one of the area's most popular arts and craft show drew people to Edenton from throughout the Albemarle Area of Tar Heelia and Tidewater Virginia.

The observance was climaxed in usual form with a beautiful, and expensive, display of fireworks.

Throughout the day and night the crowd was orderly and Sunday's morning glow was not welcomed with an abundance of trash. There was, however, a spoiler.

Sometime Saturday night the top was taken from a tent on loan from Swindell - Bass Funeral Home. It was located on the Courthouse Green. The Optimist Club has posted a \$50 reward for information leading to recovery of the property. The information should be given to Edenton Police Department.

Except for the one spoiler it was a great day and evening along the Public Parade on the Fourth of July. While the greatest credit should go to the Optimist Club there should be plenty left for the host of others in the community who pitched in one way or another to make the event successful.

### Pulling Together

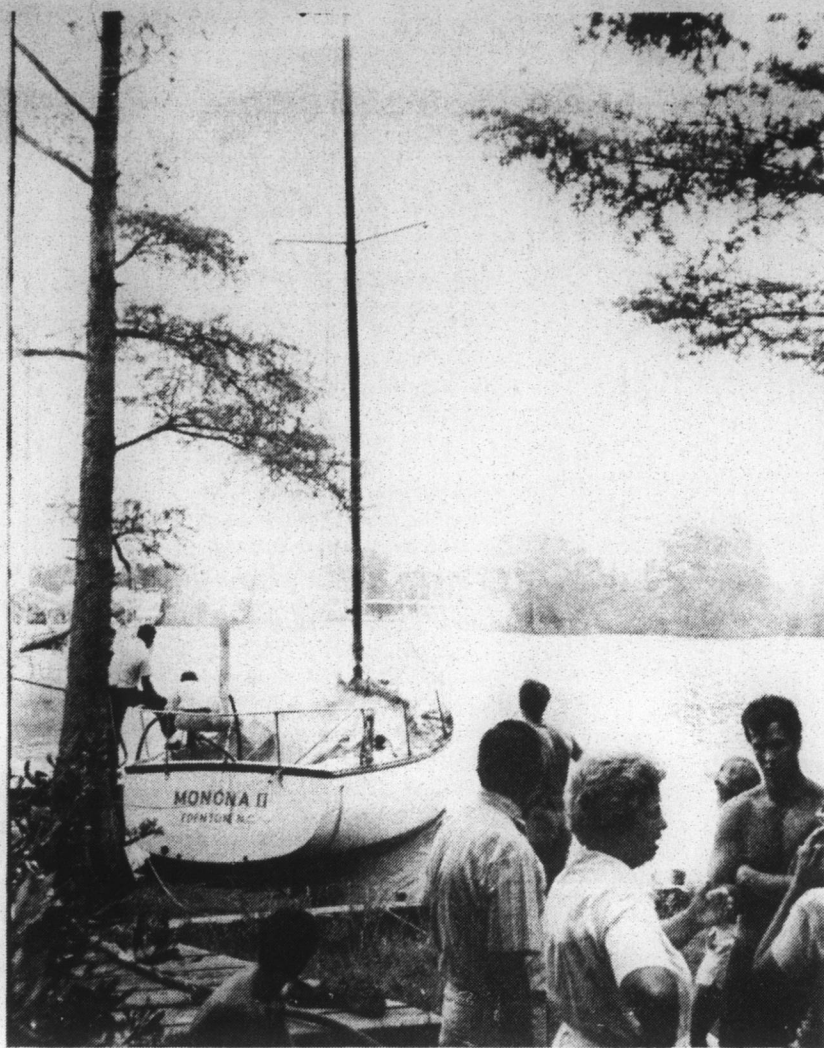
The State of North Carolina and Virginia Electric Power Company are pulling together to foster industrial development along the Public Parade and Veeco's service area in Northeastern Tar Heelia. Like motherhood and apple pie, there is little room to criticize the efforts.

Veeco doesn't have the greatest track record for supplying attractive electric rates. In fact, Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has gone so far as to suggest that the company get out of North Carolina.

The municipalities, such as Edenton, that buy electricity from Veeco at wholesale and resell it may be helping the utility firm take seriously Gov. Hunt's suggestion. The municipalities in Northeastern North Carolina have reached agreement with Carolina Power & Light Company to purchase a piece of CP&L's generating capacity. This move is believed to be the most immediate answer to lower electric rates in the area.

But so long as Veeco continues to service the area, there is a need for cooperation all along the way to attract new industry and encourage expanding of existing

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'MONONA II' DESTROYED — Marty Bankhead of Kernersville, right, and Kathy Wright were attempting to start the sailboat "Monona II" here Monday morning when the motor backfired and started a blaze. The boat was owned by Dr. and Mrs. David Wright, foreground. It was docked at the mouth of Queen Anne Creek, near Edenton Marina.

## Engine Explosion Is Blamed For Destruction Of Sailboat

A sailboat was destroyed by fire Monday morning at a private dock in Queen Anne Creek, at the entrance to Edenton Marina. There was no injury to two people on the boat at the time of the fire.

Kathy Wright, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David Wright Old Fish Hatchery, and her companion, Marty Bankhead of Kernersville, were attempting to start the boat's motor. They told investigators

## Inmates Hold Birthday Party

Mrs. Catherine Mead of Mexico Road knew just exactly what she wanted for her 50th birthday party. Her husband is the chaplain at the Chowan County Detention Facility and she wanted to show her support for his work and her concern for the prisoners.

She baked cupcakes and purchased ice cream cups. On her birthday she went to the jail with her husband to share with the 18 who were present. The prisoners did a fine job of singing "Happy Birthday" and really enjoyed the refreshments and thoughtfulness. Rev. Bill Mead conducted a short devotional using the 23rd Psalm.

This is the only birthday party that she had - or wanted. She wanted the prisoners to know that there were some people who still care even when one has done wrong. It is little wonder that this fine Christian wife was named "Lady of the Day" by a radio station in Portsmouth, Ohio.

The Governor of Alabama appointed her "Lieutenant Colonel Aide - De - Camp" for her valuable volunteer service rendered in that state. She has often been applauded in her work as a nurse, school teacher, minister's wife, mother of a minister, and mother-in-law of two ministers.

"Thank you, Catherine, it was a thoughtful birthday!" are the words of her husband.

from Edenton Police Department and Edenton Fire Department that the engine "backfired" and there was an explosion.

Firemen responded quickly but were unable to save the fiberglass "Monona II", owned by the Wrights.

"Danalea", a large craft owned by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Darnell, was docked alongside the Wright's boat. It was "walked" away from the dock by some young swimmers. Darnell arrived in time to move it into the Edenton Marina before substantial damage occurred.

Fire Chief Luther C. Parks said the department answered three minor calls Saturday, July 4. They included an auto fire, electric sign, and an overheated electrical panel in a home.

In other area weekend activity, Edenton Police Department is investigating the theft of a pocketbook from Mrs. Sam Sawyer, 108 Jackson Street. Mrs. Sawyer said she was mowing her grass when someone entered the house and took the pocketbook which contained \$3 in cash and various papers.

Police Cpl. C. C. Alexander found the items along the railroad track near the house. No arrest has been made.

## Focus On Toppin

The spotlight will be on E. C. Toppin of Edenton during a homecoming celebration Saturday at Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion. Toppin was recently elected commander of the N. C. Department.

Commander Toppin will preside at the Department Administrative Committee meeting at 11 A. M. The Executive Committee meets at 1:30 P. M. and a pig picking begins at 3 P. M.

The day's activities will conclude with a dance, beginning at 9 P. M.

# Johnson Becomes Fourth Employee To Resign

The Town of Edenton is operating without its top administrative officer and a department head has joined three other employees who have resigned in the past month.

W. Michael Johnson, director of the Parks and Recreation Department, submitted his resignation July 1, to W. B. Gardner, town administrator whose own resignation was effective July 4. Johnson's resignation is effective September 1.

The official records of the Town Council do not show that Gardner's resignation occurred. However, Gardner was recognized June 29 by Councilmen Allen Hornthal and W. H. Hollowell, Jr., prior of a public hearing on the 1981-82 budget.

Mrs. Betsy King, finance officer, and Mrs. Sue Brown, an administrative secretary at the Municipal Building have also

resigned.

Gardner has entered private business as senior vice president of AGEnterprises. Mrs. King has become administrative assistant with AGE. Mrs. Brown's plans have not been revealed.

Applications are currently being accepted for the administrator's position which Gardner held for more than 20 years. Mrs. Janet Boswell, a long time employee of the Electric and Water Department, has been named acting finance officer.

A memo has been circulated to department heads instructing them to report to standing committees of the Town Council during the interim. An advertisement in the current issue of Southern Cities, municipal trade publication in North Carolina, states that applications for the administrator's position will be received by Mayor Roy L. Harrell until July 15.

Johnson has held the director's post of the countywide recreation position for a number of years. He cited "unnecessary and undue political interference in the operation of my department by certain town politicians" as the chief reason for his resignation.

"I also feel that your resignation as town manager will greatly hinder a smooth operation not only of my department but of all town departments," he wrote Gardner.

"It has been a pleasure as well as an honor working with you," he continued. "I will sorely miss your guidance and leadership as well as the challenge of running the Recreation Department."

Councilman Willis Privott, a member of the Recreation Committee, said Monday that Johnson's resignation came as a shock. "I haven't had the opportunity to talk with Mike," he added.



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**BUSINESS EXPANDING** — Perdue, Inc., is well underway on a \$10-million expansion program in Northeastern North Carolina. The Lewiston plant is being enlarged to boost production by 600,000 chickens per week. An additional 300 broiler houses will be needed to supply the plant. A great number of farmers in Chowan County are Perdue producers.

## \$10-Million Expansion Plans Now Underway

Perdue, Inc. has announced its \$10-million expansion is underway at the Lewiston Processing Plant to meet increased consumer demand for Perdue brand poultry products.

"Perdue continues to increase its commitment to the Eastern North Carolina area," stated Bill Bollinger, head of Perdue operations in North Carolina.

The expanded plant will offer both existing and new Perdue growers even greater assurance of continued productivity in the coming years. An additional 300 broiler houses will be needed to supply the Lewiston Processing Plant when operation is at full capacity. (A great number of houses are already located in Chowan County.)

"Joining the Perdue program now will really provide a solid investment for the farmers within our Ahoskie service area," noted Bollinger.

"With our New House Guarantee in effect, a Perdue

grower can earn a guaranteed minimum gross income of over \$16,000 per year per house. I don't know of any other crop a farmer in this area could grow today which offers a guaranteed return on the investment the way the Perdue program does," says Bollinger.

This expansion will also result in an additional 700 persons being employed by Perdue at the Lewiston operation for a total of

## Additional Funds Are Approved

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, today announced approval of additional grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency for the Town of Edenton. The funds total \$56,921.

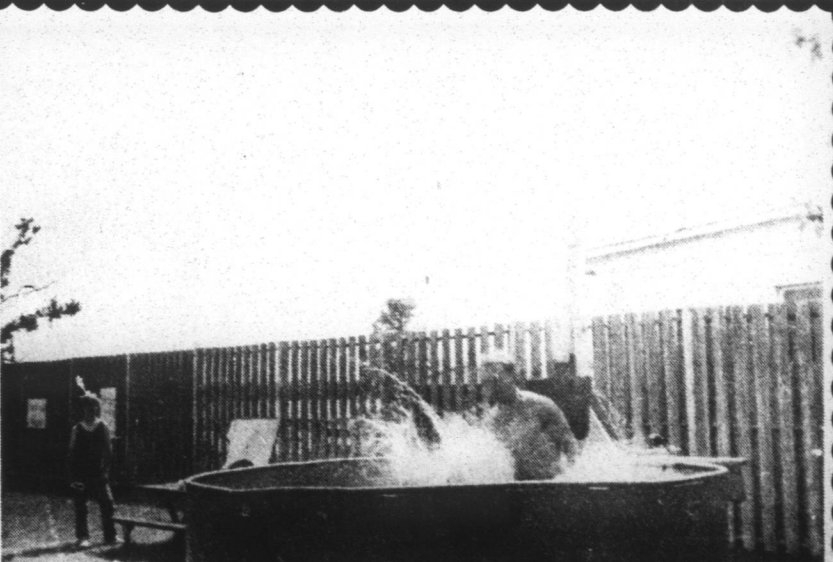
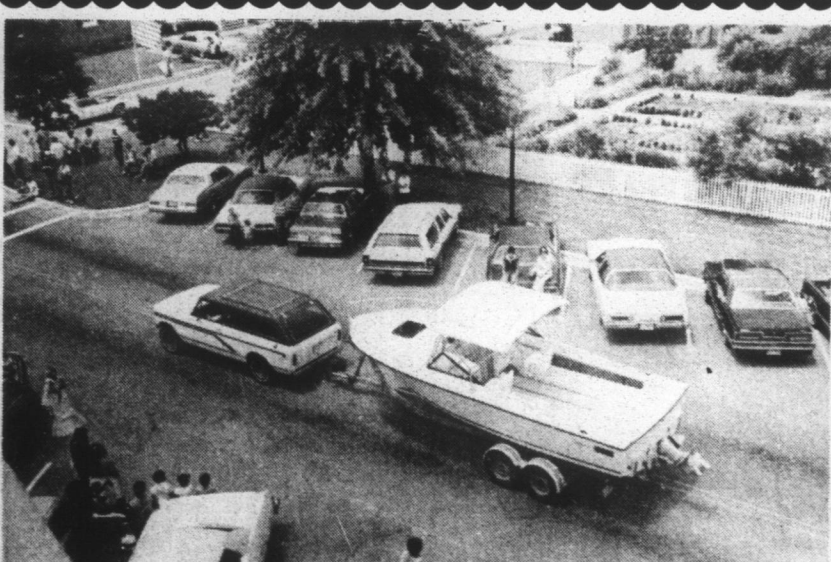
Rep. Jones said this will provide funding for additional study of land application associated with waste water treatment facilities.

1,700 employees. The plant will be expanded in two phases with the first phase completed in March, 1982, and the second expected to be completed in March, 1983.

The plant now processes 1.2-million birds per week and the expansion will add another 600,000 birds per week to this processing capacity.

Perdue, Inc., which was founded in Salisbury, Md. over 61 years ago, is currently the fourth largest poultry business in the U. S. In 1974 Perdue began development of its North Carolina operations from the Ahoskie office and has since built a feed mill, hatchery, processing plant and over 560 broiler houses in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia.

"North Carolina has been very good to Perdue over the years, and we are committed to provide our growers with the most economical and efficient broiler house program possible," concluded Bollinger.



**FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION** — The Chowan - Edenton Optimist Club sponsored a second consecutive Fourth of July celebrations here Saturday. The event got off to a good start at noon with a parade. The Scott Boat Works' entry, an Albemarle 24, was photographed from the roof of The Chowan Herald Building. There was a mad scramble for pennies, as evidenced at left, on the

Courthouse green. At far right, a participant of the dunking machine creates a splash as he enters the water following a direct hit on the seat release. See "A Spoiler" in the Public Parade. (Photos by Paul Amburn.)