

## Another Loss

We want to be among the first to congratulate the Bertie County Board of Education for the selection of Gregory T. Todd as superintendent. For Greg, it will be an opportunity to return "home" since he is a native of Windsor.

It makes it a little more difficult to accept positions of such high public trust at home, but Greg Todd is made of the stuff to make it look easy.

During his tenure along the Public Parade, which incidentally has been much, much to brief, Greg Todd has demonstrated true professionalism. He has also been heavy on the side of humility and compassion.

Greg came to John A. Holmes High School at an important time. There had just been a big dispute a few years earlier over the band program. More recently the principal left under less than favorable conditions. And even worse, consolidations time had finally arrived.

The selection of Greg Todd to be principal of Holmes High at the particular time will be remembered as one of the finest hours in education along the Public Parade.

Edenton - Chowan Board of Education now has a difficult task. School will soon be opening again (yes, students, summer is about over) but we have confidence that the board will bite the bullet and fill the vacancy with the best person available.

It would be nice if the promotion could be from within the ranks. That may not be possible from the Third Floor syndrome. However, if we can draw on past performance, the board will make the right choice and when the bell tolls signaling the opening of the 1981-82 session there will be a strong person at the helm out at Holmes.

Greg, you leave with our best wishes and support for the future - except of course, when the Aces are involved both in athletic combat and music.

## Federal Estate Tax

The federal estate tax has a significant effect upon the well-being of the nation's farm families. Although the tax is the smallest source of federal revenue, it is perhaps the largest problem for farm heirs.

For example, some heirs must sell part or all of the farm just to pay the estate taxes. Other heirs face difficulties if they elect to value the farm property (generally land) based upon its productive value as farmland rather than its highest and best use as a commercial or residential development.

Farm widows also frequently have difficulty proving their contribution to the farming operation when the Internal Revenue Service attempts to include the entire value of the property in the estate of the deceased husband.

Although the economic burdens of the estate tax was eased somewhat by the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and the Revenue Act of 1978, the reform provided no permanent remedy for the increasingly heavy taxation of farm estates who major asset - land - is highly inflated.

In addition, special use valuation, which was designed as an answer to estate tax problems for agriculture, has become so entangled in the regulatory efforts of the Internal Revenue Service that some estates have foregone its application entirely.

Legislation has been introduced in Congress that would allow a greater measure of estate tax relief. Still other legislation would completely repeal the estate tax. Farmers believe that estate tax reform is the management of the problem, but that repeal is the solution.

It is ironic to suggest that estate tax repeal would be a boom to nonfarm investors. On the contrary, the presence of the tax has caused many farm heirs in the past to sell a portion of the estate just to pay the estate taxes.

# DOT Approves Plans For New Sound Bridge

The N. C. Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, has approved the location and design for the proposed replacement of the existing bridge on Highway 32 over the Albemarle Sound. This is the same project which was presented at a Public Hearing on April 23, 1980, in the Skinnerville Community Center.

The approved location of the replacement bridge will be approximately 230 feet between centerlines easterly of the existing Highway 32 and over the existing bridge during the construction period.

The approved design will provide for two 12-foot travel lanes plus 4-foot shoulder making a 32-foot clear width on the bridge deck. The overland approach sections will be two 12 foot travel lanes plus 12 foot shoulders.

Beginning at water edge the new structure will rise in grade to a minimum deck level of 20 feet above mean high water than the existing structure provides.

A fixed high level span will be constructed over the navigation channel. The horizontal navigational clearance will be 65 feet.

The Environmental Impact Statement (Final Negative

Declaration) has been approved by the N. C. Division of Highways and the Federal Highway Administration. Copies are available for review and copying in the Planning and Research Library, Highway Building, Raleigh and the First Highway Division Office, Ahsokie, N. C.

Anyone desiring additional information concerning this project may contact the Manager of Highway Design, N. C. Division of Highways, Highway Building, South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27611 or telephone (919)-733-7140.



BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STILL ACTIVE PROJECT — The N. C. Department of Transportation is moving ahead with preliminaries aimed at the ultimate replacement of the Highway 32 bridge connecting Chowan and Washington counties. The picture here was taken by Hugh Morton for Norfolk & Carolina Telephone Company now Carolina Telephone Company.

## County Residents Honored For Volunteer Work With Local 4-H Groups

RALEIGH — Four Chowan County residents were honored in Raleigh July 23 for their volunteer work with the 4-H youth program in North Carolina.

From Edenton, honored were Mrs. Eula Jordan, Mrs. Hilda Goodwin and Mr. and Mrs. Yates Parrish, leaders of the Yeopim 4-H Club.

Mrs. Jordan was honored individually as well, receiving one of 11 individual leader awards presented.

The Chowan County team was one of six selected from throughout North Carolina to receive awards, which were presented at a special luncheon during 4-H Congress on the N. C. State University campus.

Making the presentations were representatives of the two spon-

soring organizations, James Meeuwse of Philip Morris Incorporated and Al Fuqua of the N. C. Bankers Association.

"They have given unselfishly of their time," the citation honoring the Chowan team read, "and they are willing to share their knowledge and skills with others."

The 4-H program in North Carolina is conducted by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service through county extension agents and local volunteer leaders.

Thirteen Chowan County 4-H members and leaders participated in the 1981 N. C. 4-H Congress held at N. C. State University in Raleigh last week. Five 4-H'ers and five leaders were recognized

with state honors.

David L. Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lin Jordan, Route 2, Edenton, was tapped into the N. C. 4-H Honor Club. This honor is reserved for less than 1 per cent of the N. C. 4-Club members and is based on the entire 4-H career of the member. David was also recognized, as a Development Fund Scholarship winner and attended the 4-H Council breakfast hosted by Gov. Jim Hunt.

Lisa Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Evans, Route 1, Edenton, was selected state winner in the Pork Cookery Demonstration Contest and received a Golden Grill Award and \$50 savings bond.

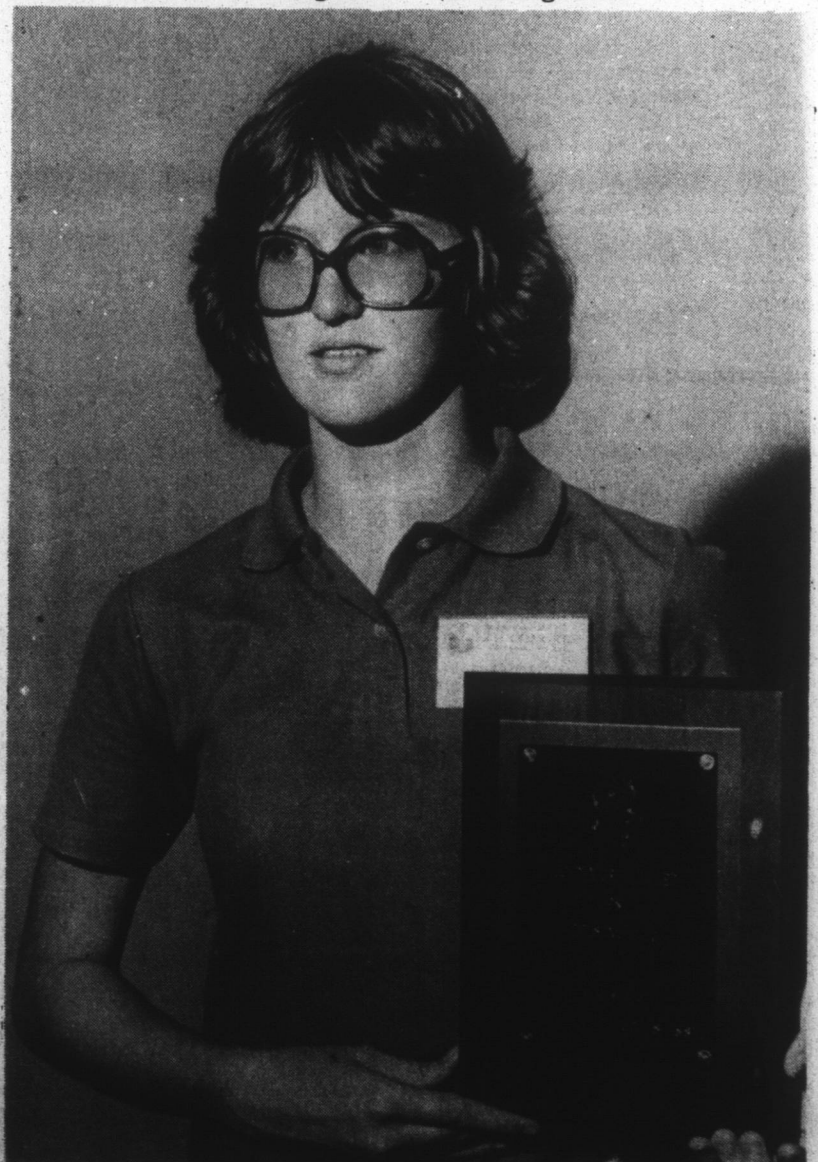
## Edenton Is Winner Of Excellence Award

Edenton is to again receive certification under the 1982 Governors Community of Excellence Program. This past Wednesday a four-man inspection team from the N. C. Department of Commerce met with local members of the Chamber of Commerce to review the communities' industrial development program.

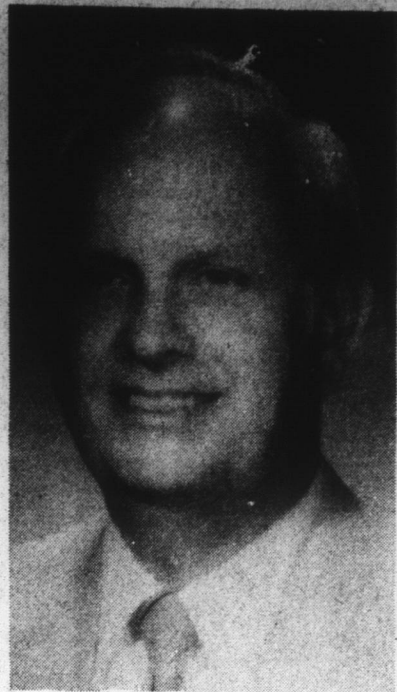
Gary Shope, of the Raleigh Commerce Department office, commended the efforts of development team members; Alice Bond, Les Fagan, Bill Gardner, W. P. (Spec) Jones and Jerry Hendee.

This years program placed special emphasis upon availability of industrial sites, our communities ability to accept additional economic growth, expansion potential of existing industries, availability for industrial training to both new and existing industry, and the efforts put forth by the local Chamber of Commerce in attracting new industries.

Edenton for the third straight year scored high on all counts.



STATE WINNER — Lisa Evans, Route 1, Edenton, was named State 4-H Pork Cookery Demonstration winner at the 1981 N. C. 4-H Congress held in Raleigh last week.



Alton G. Elmore

## Elmore Opens Realty Office

Chowan Realty Company has recently opened with Edenton Furniture Company at 211 South Broad Street. Alton G. Elmore is the licensed real estate broker with the firm.

Elmore, who is a member of Chowan County commissioners and is active in numerous community and regional activities, said the firm will deal with sales, leases, management and rentals.

Prior to becoming associated with Edenton Furniture Company some 10 years ago, Elmore was manager of Belk-Tyler in Edenton.

## \$1.5-Million Growth Is Noted For Tarheel Bank

Tarheel Bank & Trust Company recorded a \$1.5-million growth for the year ending June 30, and Robert E. Lee, chief executive officer, said he is extremely pleased with steady progress during the highly volatile economic conditions throughout the country.

Total assets of the bank on the date of the statement exceeded \$43.8-million. The bank had \$25.8-million loans outstanding.

The statement showed that while demand deposits decreased over the past year there was a substantial increase in savings. The bank's surplus also increased by \$500,000.

The bank's assets have increased from \$3.6-million in 1966.

Lee said the bank's faith in the future is illustrated by a \$214,000 expansion project now underway at the home office in Gatesville. Targeted for completion in September 1, the 5,000-square-foot addition will provide more administrative and storage facilities. Ten new administrative offices are being included in the new facility.

"The offices will be staffed by some of the people who don't have a day to day contact with the general public, but provide administrative services to all six of our banks," Lee said. Tarheel has offices in Edenton, Winton, Ahsokie, Murfreesboro and Lewiston, as well as Gatesville.

I. R. Self, III, is vice president and city executive at the bank's facility in Edenton Village Shopping Center at the corner of

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## College Credit TV Course Set

A new kind of educational experience will be offered residents of Chowan County this fall. Jimmy Anderson, evening program director at College of The Albemarle, has announced the college will schedule an extension credit course which will be taught through the medium of television.

Anderson said the program, "Understanding Human Behavior," will be televised each Saturday morning at 10:30 over WUND-TV on Channel 2. Fifteen one-hour sessions will be shown from August 29 through December 5.

The telecourse encourages understanding an appreciation of the scientific study of human behavior. "It's approach is an intergration of the physiological, intra-psychic, and social-behavioral perspectives on human thought and behavior," Anderson explained.

By viewing the program each

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Beverly Walker, daughter of Mrs. Betty Walker, 89 Davis Place, Edenton received a Century Club Award. This award was presented by Gov. Hunt in recognition of outstanding achievement in the N. C. 4-H Crime Prevention Program. Beverly reached 100 families with information on crime prevention. Beverly also was a model in the 4-H Fashion Revue.

Anna Goodwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, Route 3, Edenton, was recognized as the State Crop Production project winner and was featured in a slide tape presentation on Tuesday night.

Tommy Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harrell, Route 3, Edenton, competed in the Small Engines Demonstration.

The theme of the week was "4-H Reaches Out." Results of the 1980-81 4-H Project "Partners in Prevention" were shown. Four-H'ers were encouraged to continue to reach out to others through projects, demonstrations and activities.

Chowan County hosted Murray Weed, an out-of-state delegate from Georgia. David Jordan attended the 1981 Georgia 4-H

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HONORED — Al Fuqua of the N. C. Bankers Association presented awards to an Edenton volunteer 4-H leader team recently in Raleigh. Receiving the awards were Mrs. Hilda Goodwin, left, and Anna Goodwin, substituting for Mrs. Mary Julia Parrish, who could not be present. Other members of the team who were not present were Yates Parrish and Mrs. Eula Jordan.