

Ashley To Face Federal Charges

John Wayne Ashley, former vice president and Hertford city executive for the Raleigh-based Bank of North Carolina, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Raleigh, November 3 on charges that he falsified loan records and embezzled \$176,000 from the bank.

Robert L. Pence, special agent in charge of the FBI in North Carolina, said Ashley, formerly of Edenton, will be served with a criminal summons and arraigned on the charges later this month.

The Bank of North Carolina, in a suit filed in Perquimans County Superior Court, has sued Ashley to recover the \$176,000.

Bank officials and federal authorities said discrepancies in the Hertford branch records were turned up last summer in a multi-state probe of a \$1.5-million fraud scheme, which affected two South Carolina contractors who were building a hospital in Florida.

Hodd Hunt, FBI agent in Tampa, Fla., who is in charge of that investigation, said the discrepancies "had absolutely nothing to do with this case."

Hunt said the FBI had completed its investigation into allegations that money from padded and phoney bills paid by the South Carolina contractor was "laundered" or shuffled through several bank accounts, including

accounts at the Hertford branch.

The FBI has not completed other parts of its investigation, and Hunt said, "The U. S. attorney (in Florida) doesn't want to hand this thing out piecemeal; it'll be presented all at once."

The indictment in North Carolina said Ashley falsified records for two loans to Hertford customers of the bank. One loan was for \$46,867.17, and the other was for \$9,252.82.

In addition, the grand jury said Ashley had embezzled \$176,000 from the bank between March 1979 and March 1981.

The money was given to Ashley by bank customers for deposit in

certificates of deposit, according to the civil suit filed by the bank against Ashley.

Each of the three charges carries a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine and five years in prison, Pence said.

A. P. Carlton, attorney for the bank, said that after bank records were subpoenaed in the multistate FBI probe, "we turned up information that led us to conclude that we should investigate further."

"We reported (the results) to our regulatory authorities," Carlton said.

Those results were then given to the U.S. attorney for Eastern North Carolina for possible prosecution.



BIG PICTURE — Three Edenton men waited six years and seven months for the above picture. The occasion was the closing of \$3.1-million in tax free revenue bonds to construct a 120-bed health care facility in the Town of Nags Head. Holding one of the bonds are, from left: L. F. Amburn, Jr., president; Jack Habit vice president; and John A. Mitchener, Jr., secretary-treasurer of Outer Banks Haven, Inc. The fourth man in the picture is J. Norfleet Pruden, III, an Edentonian who represented N. C. National Bank, trustee, at the closing. (See Public Parade.)

Public Parade

Local Flavor

Dare Health Development Services, Inc., of Nags Head, last week sold \$3.1-million first mortgage health facilities revenue bonds. The event was not without a local flavor along the Public Parade.

Outer Banks Haven, Inc., which owns the project to build a 120-bed facility at Nags Head, is owned entirely by three local men. L. F. Amburn, Jr., is president; Jack Habit, vice president; and John A. Mitchener, Jr., secretary-treasurer. The three also own Cape Colony Haven, Inc., on Paradise Road which is known as ElderLodge, the trademark of SouthEastern Health Services, Inc., of Wilmington, contract management firm headed by W. Phil Rawls.

As if these are sufficient ingredients to inject a local flavor into the State of Dare project, J. Norfleet Pruden, III, an Edentonian, was counsel for N. C. National Bank, trustee for the tax-free bonds.

Last Thursday was a joyous day for the owners. It ended nearly six years and eight months of agony. It was on March 11, 1975, that the firm's development plan was publicly announced in the Coastland Times in Manteo. On June 6, 1975, the Town of Nags Head, via Mayor Carl Nunemaker, agreed to a private sale of property for the facility adjacent to Outer Banks Medical Center. The project survived three Nags Head administrations - Nunemaker, Rep. Charles Evans (whose wife was a member of the non-profit corporation which sold the bonds); and Mayor Donald Bryan.

Norfleet, who is a member of a prestigious law firm in Charlotte, had a run of his business cards since people at the closing came from as far away as Florida. By the time he got around to us he was out. Although we recommended a good, inexpensive printer, Norfleet chose to replenish his supply in Charlotte. Along with his top drawer Madison Avenue engraved card on linen stock came a letter. While it is both impossible and improper to print it in full, we want to lift the following paragraph:

"Since it appears that there is as much action going on in Chowan County and vicinity as in Charlotte, I want to resume my subscription to The Herald. I believe I saw that the annual subscription rate was something like \$10, so I enclose my check for that amount. If it is more, please bill me for the difference; if it is less, please use the difference - if it is at least 29 cents - to buy a glass of water at Mitchener's Pharmacy."

Let's see now. It has been more than 10 years since Norfleet meandered along the Public Parade but he is right on target with inflation hereabouts.

Big Opportunity

People meandering along the Public Parade have a big opportunity Saturday. There are really two opportunities being offered by the Methodist Men at Edenton United Methodist Church.

Edenton Aces Win Final Game

The Edenton Aces won't be at the post-season playoffs this year, but they ended their season in a winning style, defeating conference rival Williamston 41-6.

"It was our last game, and we wanted to go out on a winning note," said Jimmy Addison, Edenton's head coach. "I felt we had a better team than our 6-4 (overall) record shows. We didn't have much depth and we had nagging injuries."

Only six points were scored in the first half. These came with just two seconds left in the half, when Edenton quarterback Robert Cofield hit Thomas White with a 23-yard scoring pass.

Williamston had two good scoring opportunities in the first half, twice being inside the Aces 25-yard line, but the Edenton defense held them off.

The flood gates broke open in the second half, however, for the Aces. First Cofield scored on a 14 yard run. Senior running back Bill Whichard then scored from two yards out.

But the Aces still weren't through. Senior fullback Tony Creecy had a two-yard scoring run. And the final quarter saw the Aces score twice more, on a one-yard run by sophomore Ed Alston, and the final TD by Troy Wright, who led the Aces with 103 yards.

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Harriet Abbe

Abbe Receives DAR Award

Harriet Abbe, a senior at John A. Holmes and the 1981 recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award, will be the guest of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter at the District DAR Good Citizens Day on Nov. 14. Held in Wilson, 1981 recipients of the award from Hertford, Elizabeth City, and other neighboring areas will also attend the District meeting.

These students were chosen by their respective faculties for their dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. A District winner of the Good Citizen award will be announced after a luncheon at the Wilson Woman's Club.

Miss Abbe, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abbe of Edenton, is a member of the National Honor Society, the Drama Club, the Senior Executive Council and the Student Council. She also attended the 1981 session of Governor's School at St. Andrews College in Laurinburg.

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Local Citizens Are Recognized For Community Service

Gov. and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Jr., were at the Royal Villa in Raleigh, November 4, to pay tribute to the people they have hailed as America's greatest resource -- volunteers. The ceremony, one of three this fall, was at 7 P. M. in the ballroom. They presented awards in nine categories to outstanding volunteers in the 33 eastern counties participating.

The categories are Individual Human Service Volunteer, Individual Community Volunteer Leader, Youth Volunteer, Senior Citizen Volunteer, Disabled Person Volunteer, Administrator-Coordinator of Volunteers, Church-Religious Volunteer Group, Community Volunteer Organization and Business-Industry Volunteer Involvement.

To the group of over 900 assembled for the event, Governor Hunt said, "Your example of giving instead of getting, caring instead of complaining, actions instead of apathy, is the catalyst

which will continue to make North Carolina a good place to live and work."

The 1981 Governor's Statewide Volunteer Awards ceremony is a result of a process which began in March. Throughout the year, local committees identified outstanding volunteers in each county participating.

Although the categories and broad guidelines were established by the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs, local selections were made in a number of ways. In counties with Involvement Councils, each was asked to select the top volunteers in their community. In counties without Involvement Councils, the county commissioners were asked either to make the selection themselves or to appoint a committee to make that selection.

In many counties, volunteers were honored at local recognition events prior to this ceremony, and many are planned following this event.



VOLUNTEERS HONORED — Chowan County award recipients in the picture are, left to right, back row: Dorothy Wagner, Individual Human Service Volunteer; Betsy Kelly, Individual Community Volunteer Leader; left to right, front row: Beverly Walker, Youth Volunteer; Novella P. Wilson, Senior Citizen Volunteer; Richard Dixon accepting for the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club, Community Volunteer Organization; and the Governor and Mrs. James B. Hunt, Jr.

Social Services To Administer Energy Assistance Program

The Chowan County Department of Social Services is again responsible for administering the Energy Assistance Program in Chowan County, according to Mrs. Hazel S. Elliott, director.

Staff members met October 26 with representatives of local agencies and providers to explain the program regulations and answer questions. The Chowan Herald is pleased to assist by printing the following:

What Is It? — This program provides a one-time cash payment to help eligible households in paying their heating bills. However, it is not the purpose of the program to pay all of a household's heating bills.

Who Is Eligible? — Households are eligible if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. The household's total income is at or below the non-farm poverty level; and

Assistance Program

Number Of Household Members	Monthly Income
1	\$316
2	418
3	519
4	621
5	723
6	824
7 or more	Add \$102 for each additional person over 6

2. The household has heating bills. For those in a private living arrangement, the heating cost may be included in the rent. If the household members live in public or subsidized housing and receive a utility allowance to pay their heating bills, they may be eligible for a partial payment; and

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Early Appearance Is Scheduled

The Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce advises that Santa Claus will make an early appearance in Edenton this year on Sunday, November 29th at 2:30 P.M.

This year's annual parade promises to be bigger and better than ever. To permit attendance of the entire family the event will again take place on a Sunday afternoon.

The Chamber wishes to encourage all businesses and organizations to take part by entering a float or marching unit. For further information please phone the Chamber office at 482-3400.

Chaffin Hears District Court Cases

The following cases were heard in the Chowan County District Court on Nov. 3 by John T. Chaffin, the presiding judge.

Dewey Lee, Sr., show cause order, 6 month sentence invoked. Appealed.

Charles H. Small, Jr., secreting property, 6 months suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court, and restitution. Appealed.

Patricia Alexander, 3 counts of worthless check, 60 days suspended sentence, \$50 fine and cost of court and restitution to S&R in each count. Appealed.

Ray C. Leary, worthless check, 30 days suspended sentence, \$50 fine and cost of court, and restitution to S&R.

Harriett Sawyer, hit and run and property damage, voluntary dismissal.

Pamela A. Smith, three counts of worthless check, 30 days suspended sentence, \$50 fine, and cost of court and restitution in each count.

David Wilson Brabble, felonious breaking and entering, probable cause was found and the case was bound over to Superior Court. Bond was modified to \$2500.

Raymond L. Silverthorne, felonious breaking and entering, probable cause was found and the case was bound over to Superior Court.

Ellis Ray Bonner, nonsupport of illegitimate child, 6 months suspended sentence, cost of court and payment of support.



COMMUNITY CITED — Gov. Jim Hunt presents the Governor's Community of Excellence Award to R. J. Hendee, executive vice president, Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce who accepted on behalf of Edenton at a statewide economic development conference in Raleigh. Award winning communities met a series of requirements that make them more attractive to economic development.

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