

# Kennedy Offers Sewage System Assessment

Edenton's sewer system, a subject both controversial and badly in need of repair, has been the main topic of late among area residents. A. L. (Buck) Kennedy, vice president at L. E. Wooten and Co., which is Edenton's new consulting firm, spoke at a Rotary Club meeting last week in Edenton and addressed the Edenton Town Council later that

evening on the subject of land application as a means of sewage disposal. After assessing the current situation of the sewer system to the Council, Kennedy said, "That puts you back at looking at land applications." (Note: A land application sewer system is when treated wastewater is sprayed across a large area of land and

allowed to settle back into the earth.) The Council hired J. N. Pease and Associates back in 1974 to come up with a sewer facility plan to either replace or upgrade Edenton's 20-year-old plant. The Charlotte-based firm came up with a plan, but it took almost four years to have it completed, approved and certified. The state Division of Environmental Management was blamed by Pease officials for causing the delay by their slow response in issuing discharge standards needed to prepare the preliminary plan.

After the plan was certified, the town began saving funds to help finance the upgrading of the sewer system. Edenton's cost in the \$3.46-million project would have been \$432,650.

Feeling confident that the final steps in completing proposal for construction funds was close at hand, Edenton called on Pease again in 1979 to perform a preliminary survey of the current facilities, with concentration on the sewer lines.

Pease finished their study of existing lines and pumping stations in 1980. However, two major changes took place that year that sent the past six years work down the drain, literally.

The Chowan River was declared a nutrient-sensitive body of water

by the state Division of Environmental Management and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency in November of 1980. This meant that all towns along the lower Chowan River Basin, including Edenton, that had been discharging treated sewage in the river could no longer do so.

The original Pease plan, which had been developed under discharge guidelines issued in 1976, was now obsolete, and the town was advised to consider land application as means of a new sewer system.

Edenton made a request for funds to amend the original sewer plan and adapt it to land application specifications and for funds to enter into the second stage, the actual repairing of existing sewer lines, on its existing facilities.

These requests were made under the reign of a new president, however. The plan to clean sewer lines was not acted upon by the regional EPA office in Atlanta. Funding for the amendment to the land application plan was approved by the federal government in July of 1981, however.

Edenton was in for a surprise, though, and not a very good one. By this time the cost of building a new land application sewage system had jumped to \$9.33-million.

Bill Gardner, Edenton's Town  
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Emily B. Byrum

## Byrum Joins Hospital Board

Chowan Hospital's Board of Directors recently welcomed Emily Byrum as a new member of its Board. The length of her appointment is three years, at which time she will be eligible for one 3-year reappointment period.

Activities of Mrs. Byrum's include serving as bookkeeper for the Albemarle Cotton Growers' Co-op and for Byrum Farms, Inc. She is secretary of the Chowan Junior High School PTA, chairman of the Recreation Committee of Rocky Hock Community  
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## Different Folks

Officials of the court up in Guilford County should be drawing hazardous duty pay. Twice in the past three months defendants have shot themselves in Guilford County Superior Court.

A convicted rapist Friday chose death to life in prison. The other recent incident came when a defendant in a child-support hearing in the same court shot himself, but not critically.

News reports indicate there wasn't nearly as much excitement Friday as on December 10. That's understandable. The folks are getting use to such courtroom drama, which doesn't speak well of law enforcement in Guilford County.

Thankfully, we have different folks in law enforcement along the Public Parade. The troops of Sheriff Troy Toppin, Police Chief J. D. Parrish and the State Highway Patrol exercise better judgement that to let serious incidents happen in the courtroom in the first place, and certainly not twice.

About as far as anyone got with pulling something over on Sheriff Toppin was the defendant who appeared in court pretty well drunk. The sheriff noted that the man favored his right side. Later it was determined that he had a bottle of vodka inside his pants, enough to finish him off before being jailed.

And speaking about the difference of folks along the Public Parade, we returned home from a meeting recently to find we had been "pounded". It came just two weeks after we had been surprised with a "welcome to Country Club Drive" party at our house, thrown by our new neighbors.

For those meandering along the Public Parade too young to remember the art of "pounding" we want to say you have missed a lot.

When a new preacher came to town, about every two to four years if you are a Methodist, the congregation had a "pounding" where enough good foodstuff is given to fill up a pantry.

Generally, though, the practice is reserved for preacher, so you can see why we were rendered speechless by a recent event. We learned that Sheriff Troy and Earline Toppin had visited while we were away. (We were at a political meeting which would have generally captured the sheriff's attention, by he doesn't have opposition this year.)

The Toppins had generously shared canned goods, meats, potatoes, etc., with us. It was the latest in many, many expressions of love and concern where we have been on the receiving end since our double tragedy in mid-July.

Yep, there are delightfully different folks along the Public Parade than to be found anywhere else with such quality and in such quantity.

## Now You Know

A case can be made for and against salary supplements for public school staff. And while it is doubtful that the \$150 extra given teachers along the Public Parade helps capture special talent sought, the custom has remained in almost sacred proportions.

The N. C. Education Association Bulletin this month devotes considerable space to the question of salary supplements.

It is interesting to note, for example, that Edenton-Chowan ranks 13th in Tar Heelia in superintendent's supplement, which is \$4,350.

The local system's former superintendent, Dr. Eddie West, is now drawing the second highest supplement at High Point. His \$20,604 is just \$24 less than that paid at Durham City, which pays the most in the state.

The highest state salary is \$39,756 and currently no superintendent is at the maximum.

There are five systems in North Carolina which do not pay a supplement to the superintendent. They are: Bertie, Cherokee, Clay, Mitchell and Polk counties. Bertie County, even without extra cash  
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**SPEAKS AT ROTARY CLUB** — Guest speaker at last week's Rotary Club meeting was Buck Kennedy of L. E. Wooten and Co. Kennedy explained the advantage of a land application type system and answered questions on the system.

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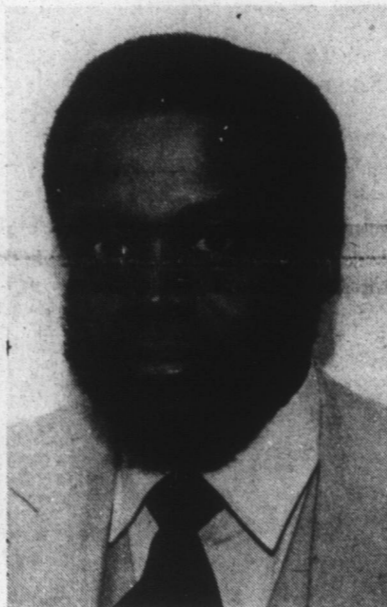
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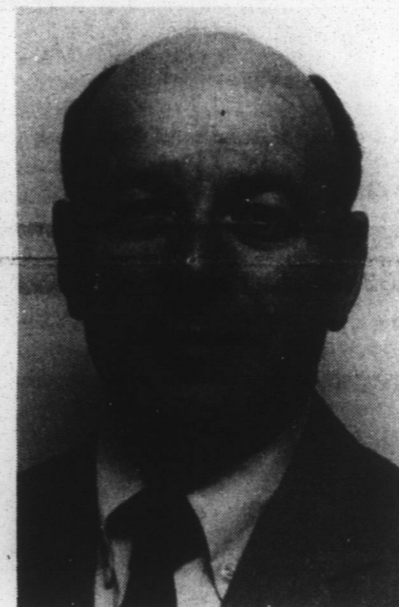
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Clara Boswell



Jerald Perry



Allen B. Harless

## Incumbents To Face Stiff Opposition

The date has not yet been set for the upcoming primary election in Chowan County, but the battlefield has.

Sheriff Troy Toppin and Clerk of Court Lena M. Leary are the only two seeking re-election that won't face opposition.

In the election for Chowan County Commissioners, incumbent C. A. Phillips will be opposed by Warren Twiddy. In-

cumbent J. D. Peele will be faced by Clara Boswell, and incumbent George Jones will square off against Joe Hollowell.

In the School Board vacancies for the Second Township, Billy Ray Nixon will run against Yvonne A. Smith.

The competition for the School Board First Township seat is hot and heavy. Opposing each other are Allen B. Harless, Jane Underkofler, Jerald Perry and John A. Mitchener, III.

Clara Boswell, seeking election as a County Commissioner, is the principal, and one of the organizers of the Edenton-Chowan Alternative School. She is an active member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals and is presently serving as Vice-Chairman of the local principal's association.

An active member of the N. C. Association of Educators, having served as past treasurer and secretary, she has many honors to her credit. Among these include being a member of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, serving as past president and director of District XI, and was involved with numerous working committees.

She was selected as BPW Club Woman of the Year for 1973. Mrs. Boswell is a past Matron of the Edenton Chapter No. 302 Order of the Eastern Star and has served as District Deputy Grand Matron for the First District of N. C. Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Boswell first came to Chowan County in 1954 as Assistant Home Extension Agent, and since that time has taught science at Holmes High School and

Chowan High School until becoming principal in 1977. She has been very involved in state student government and serves on the Governor's Committee for Positive Youth Development. She helped organize the Chowan Co. Youth Task Force and has served as chairman and is an active member. She is presently involved with the Community Crime Watch, having served as Vice-Chairman during its first year of organization.

Mrs. Boswell is a member of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church and has served as Training Union Director and Sunday School Teacher.

She and her husband, W. Elton Boswell, Sr., live in the Small's Crossroads community.

Allen B. Harless, Jr., candidate for the Edenton-Chowan School Board from the First Township, is a native of Edenton and a local general insurance agent associated with Kellogg-Morgan Agency, Inc.

Active in community and civic affairs, Harless currently serves in the following capacities: Public Relations Committee for the In-  
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## Mrs. Fran Ward Is Recipient Of Local BPW Award

Last Thursday night marked the long awaited Bosses' Night that is annually sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club. The excited guests, club members and their bosses arrived at the American Legion Building with one main thought in mind, "Who will be the 1981 Woman of the Year?"

The building was decorated in yellow and lime green with green ivy draping each of the long white tables.

The theme of the evening was "Decade For Decision: Global Perspectives". Each person's role in the overall economic, social and political order was carried throughout the night.

The BPW President, Hettie Wallace, presided over the

banquet and called the meeting to order. The invocation was led by Louise Goodwin; then Julia Hassell with her welcoming address.

A delectable roast beef dinner was served by the dedicated American Legion members.

The John A. Holmes High School Stage Band, under the direction of Otis Strother was the night's entertainment and entertainment it was for all. These young band members showed an enormous amount of talent and ability. Their performance of "Over the Rainbow", left an impression in every attending ear.

Featured next was the guest speaker who was introduced by Martha Jo Hollowell. Barbara Perry, the director of Public  
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**1981 WOMAN OF THE YEAR** — Beth Taylor, right, introducing Frances Ward as the recipient of the BPW's honorary award at last Thursday night's Bosses' Night Banquet.

## Democratic Party Caucus Is Planned For March 11th

Democrats from Chowan County will caucus at their precinct polling places on March 11, at 8 P.M., Lueta Sellers, Chair of the Chowan County Democratic Party announced today. Any registered Democrat is eligible to attend.

"These precinct meetings represent grass-roots democracy in action," Sellers said. Democrats all over North

Carolina will be gathering to elect delegates to their county Democratic convention and to discuss and pass resolutions on issues that concern them."

Sellers stressed that the Democratic Party is seeking broad participation in its meetings at both the precinct and county level. "It is our goal to hold meetings in every precinct in the county and to continue to build on

this strength at the county convention. We urge all Democrats to attend these meetings and to show their interests in good government."

Chairwoman Sellers also urges Democrats to remember the Income Tax Check-Off on their income tax forms—\$1.00 for individual returns and \$2.00 for husband and wife returns.