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weekly devotional column for The Herald.

Mr. MacKenzie was involved in an accident with a drunk driver. He says it is difficult to write from a hospital bed, especially when in traction. But he looks forward to returning home, probably in a wheelchair, by the end of October.

The former Edentonian asks us to open up a prayer line for him along the Public Parade. And we are glad to do it.

Jackets Defeat The Aces

Football was again the name of the game as the Edenton Aces pitted their skills against Roanoke Rapids Friday night for the Aces first home game.

It was a long drawn out battle as the game went into overtime and both teams ended regular play at a seven all tie. Finally, the game was over as the Aces were defeated by a score of 13 to 7.

The entire first half the Aces were unable to mount a running game as the Yellow Jackets

Commission Approves Requests For Business Tax Relief

The Board of Chowan County Commissioners held their regular session Monday, September 13 at 9 A.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. The minutes were approved.

The first order of business were three requests for tax relief. All three of the relief requests were approved. In addition to the three requests on the agenda four businesses were granted tax relief. They were: Chowan

Veneer, Fuston Wood Products, Carolina Block and L.R. Dawson. The reason for granting these additional reliefs from taxes were that the city owned the property which the business were built on and property owned by a city can not be taxed.

The Commissioners next order of business was to discuss the sheltered workshop in Pasquotank County and its possible implications for Chowan County. Present to present the discussion was Bill Phillips of Skills Inc.

In its next order of business the Board of Commissioners approved a data processing agreement between the County and the Town. The Board approved with the stipulation that the city upgrade the system to meet its needs and assume the responsibility for the training and installation of computer software which the Town uses.

The Board next decided to purchase the software needed to conduct a computer assisted tax

revaluation. The revaluation which takes place every 8 years cost in excess of \$100,000 at present without computer assist.

The Water Department's cut off policy was discussed as the Board approved the following amendment:

"Bills are due when rendered and become delinquent on the 28th day of the month following the rendering of bills, where upon a penalty of 10 per cent will be added; if not paid by the 25th day of the following month, service will be discontinued by the County unless a waiver is obtained from the Water Department Director. Under no circumstances will a waiver exceed thirty days unless authorized by the County Manager."

The final order of business was the Extension Annual Report. Mike Williams presented the Extension's report to the Board. The Board was also invited to a lunch prepared by the Extension staff.

Can Recycling Center Opens

A new aluminum can recycling center for the public has been opened in Edenton by the Albemarle Mental Health Center.

The new recycling center is the third in the area to be operated by the mental health agency under the sponsorship of City Beverage Company of Elizabeth City, the local distributor of Anheuser - Busch, Inc., beer products.

The new center is located on the grounds of the Albemarle Adult Activities Center, located immediately west of Edenton on N.C. 32. It is open 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., Wednesdays. Members of the public who cash in cans at the center will receive 20 cents for each pound. There are about 24 cans to a pound.

David Gilbert, Albemarle mental retardation unit director, pointed out, "Aluminum can recycling not only helps reduce litter in the area, it also puts extra money into the local economy through cash payments for cans which are turned in."

He also said, "Aluminum can recycling can be an excellent way for community organizations such as church groups or Scout units to raise extra funds for various projects. A fund-raising program involving aluminum can recycling can run year round."

The new Edenton recycling center brings the total of Albemarle - operated recycling centers to three. The mental health agency also has one adjacent to the municipal building in Kill Devil Hills. It is open 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., Mondays. Another center is located on the Halstead Boulevard in Elizabeth City. That one is open 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., Thursdays.

All administrative proceeds from the operation of the centers are turned over to the nonprofit mental health agency for use in its various work adjustment programs for mentally retarded adults. Albemarle serves a six-county area of eastern North Carolina.

The recycling centers are sponsored by City Beverage Corporation (CRC), the recycling subsidiary of the Anheuser - Busch Companies, Inc.

defense effectively shut it down.

After a scoreless first - quarter, the Yellow Jackets launched an impressive scoring drive during the second - quarter which ended in a three yard run by William Wollett. The half closed with the Yellow Jackets in the lead 7 to 0.

The second half started and Edenton began to regain their running game as their blocking improved. The Aces launched many drives for the goal line during the third - quarter, but time after time the drives were stopped after the Aces suffered the loss of yardage because of penalties.

Joe Hollowell and Earl White led the Aces during the third - quarter as the Aces mounted their first scoring drive. The drive began on the Aces 40 yard line. Hollowell went to the air as he completed a 10 yard pass to Wayland Stallings. He then gave the ball to Earl White, who in two consecutive plays ran for 23 yards. With the ball resting on the nine yard line of Roanoke Rapids; Hollowell passed to Darren White on the sixth play of the drive giving the Aces their only touchdown of the game.

The point after was kicked by Joe Hollowell, it was good and the game was tied 7 to 7 after three quarters.

The Aces were again plagued with penalties during the fourth - quarter as they reached the Yellow Jackets 15 yard line on a run by Earl White but a penalty called the play back.

The second half ended with no change in the score; forcing the game into overtime.

The coin was tossed and Roanoke Rapids gained possession but it was the Aces that had the first opportunity to score during overtime. The Aces failed, however, to score after four tries from the Yellow Jackets 10 yard line.

Roanoke Rapids claimed final victory over the Aces when the last play of the game was run and Fitz Usserey scored for the Yellow Jackets.

Food Program For Children

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc., Full Year Head Start announces the sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program.

Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled children at nine centers, including the D.F. Walker School on North Oakum Street in Edenton. The meals are supplied without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or handicap.

Eligibility standards have been determined for free and reduced price meals. Information can be obtained from ECI, which is headquartered at Edenton Municipal Airport, phone, 482 - 4458.

Council Debates Rate Increase

The Edenton Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 14. The Mayor, Roy Harrell called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the meeting which was held the previous month. Council did so with a unanimous vote.

Departmental reports were approved unchanged. The Recreation Department noted that Mary Sawyer had filled its vacant position on Monday 13.

Standing committee reports were given next. The Finance Committee requested that the Council hold a special meeting on September 22 at 5:30 P.M. No motion was made.

The Utility Committee reported favorable on a request that the water and sewage rate be increased 15 per cent. The increase would mean that the average user of around 6,000 gallons would have to pay an extra \$1.37 on their utility bill. It was noted that the city has made no rate increase since January of 1975. The reason given for the increase was that the Town has had to borrow monies from the electrical fund to pay for the cost over run of the water utility and according to state statute the utility should be self supporting. The increase was passed unanimously.

In other action, the Utility committee requested that council consider writing Gilliam Wood for his help in overcoming the waste water problem. They also requested that a special council meeting be held to consider rate increases for the electrical utility and to consider the options on a computer system. The council is presently considering three options. The motion was made, seconded and passed. The utility committee in its last action requested that L.E. Wooten Engineering to do an archaeological investigation of the land application sight. Wooten has sub - contracted the work to J.M.A. Coastal Zone Resources Division of Wilmington.

The Public Works Committee made no report.

There were six orders of new business on the Councils agenda. The first order of business was to present Captain Williams of the Edenton Police Department with three Law Enforcement Certificates. The Basic, Intermediate, and Advance Law Enforcement Certificate.

The second order of business was for the Town Administrator to present a certificate of sufficiency concerning the petition from Bill

Gardner, Judy Earnhardt and L.F. Amburn. The owners of the real property on the right side of Highway 32, as you leave Edenton, between the present city limits on U.S. 17 bypass. The certificate was presented and October 12, 1982 was adopted as the date for the public hearing.

The third order of business was the discussion by Gilbert Johnson, Housing Director for EIC of 20 Moderate Rehabilitation units that are preposed for Chowan County.

The fourth order of business was the request that council adopt a mutual aid agreement for fire protection between the cities of Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton. A motion was made that the agreement be adopted, it was seconded and carried.

The fifth order of business was the request that Council approve the sale of beer and wine on Sunday from 1 P.M. to 2 A.M. The Mayor asked Council to seek input from the public. No action was taken.

Other business presented to council was the reduction of the speed limit on Blount St. from its present unposted 35 m.p.h. to 15 m.p.h. The motion was made, seconded and carried.

It was also requested that Council look into and ask the Post Office of their intended distraction date of the old Methodist Church.

Bloodmobile Visit Set For Tuesday

The Edenton Jaycees will be sponsoring an American Red Cross bloodmobile on Tuesday at the Chowan Hospital from 12 - noon to 6 P.M.

The goal for this community - wide drive is 150 units of blood. Anyone needing more information or wanting to schedule an appointment to donate should contact Bruce Wackelin at 482 - 7435.

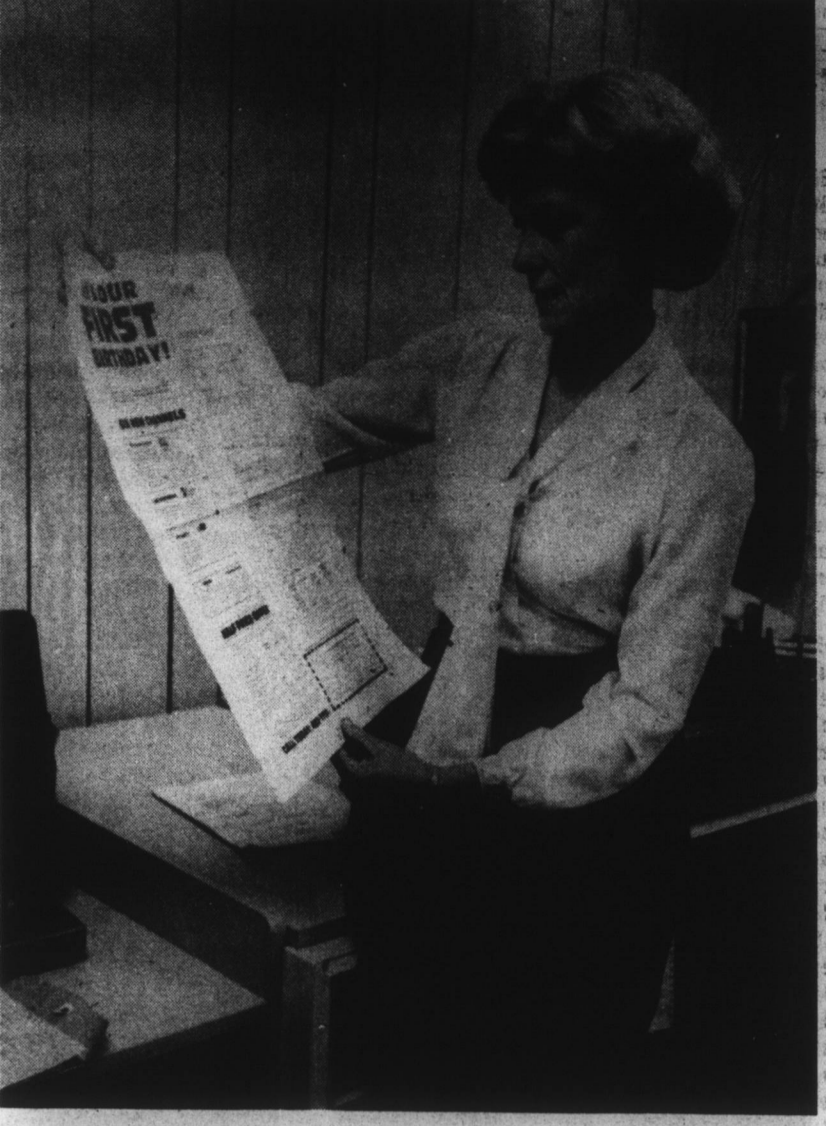
For the first time in its history, the Tidewater Regional Blood Services has not has to issue an emergency appeal for donors during the summer months.

Traditionally, during this time, collections decrease while usage increases. But this summer, the Tidewater Regional Blood Services, which provides the total blood supply for 56 hospitals in North Carolina and Virginia, met an average of 460 units of blood each day. This is due to the strong support of donors and sponsor groups who have worked hard to assure successful drives.

Efforts are being made to recruit more female donors since currently, 64 per cent of the region's collections are provided by men. Until recently women were a smaller percentage of the work force. At that time bloodmobiles were usually scheduled at work sites rather than community locations like schools or churches.

The average blood donor in the Tidewater Region donates approximately 1.1 times a year, although they are eligible to donate up to five times a year.

Generally, individuals are eligible to be blood donors if they are between the ages of 17 and 66, are in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and have not donated in the past 56 days.



BIRTHDAY SPECIALS — Mrs. Janice Byrum, office manager at Albemarle Cable TV, Inc., displays a circular heralding the First Birthday of the local system. The system has added six new TV channels, as well as more FM selections. Coupled with the birthday event is a promotion to secure additional subscribers.

Cable Celebrates 1st Birthday

Albemarle Cable TV is celebrating its first birthday in a big way. Six new TV channels and three new cable FM channels are being added to the system which has enjoyed "steady growth" in the past 12 months.

The additions make the area cable operation a 27 - channel TV system. And to the customers, company officials boast: "You are enjoying one of the finest and most extensive Cable TV service offerings anywhere in the country!"

V.T. Ridikas, president of Albemarle Cable TV, Inc., and John Geer, manager, wish to thank the customers for the patronage and encourage them to enjoy the new services.

There is also something in the birthday package for those who haven't sampled cable TV in the

Edenton - Hertford area. The company has, for a limited time, a half price offer. The package for new subscribers is one - half off the regular price of installation and the first month's service. Savings in the package range from \$9.72 to \$22.93.

The additions to the system are: The Weather Channel, Music TV, Cable Health Network, Black Entertainment Television, CBS Cable and C-Span.

Albemarle Cable TV has franchises for Edenton, Chowan County, Hertford and Perquimans County. Expanding the system into the Arrowhead Beach - Chowan Beach section of Chowan County has been delayed because of "technical difficulties" but is expected to take place in the not too distant future.

Employment Office Reports Number Of Jobs Being Filled

August was a very productive month in obtaining jobs for persons by the Edenton Job Service Office.

Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager of the local office of the Employment Security Commission, reports that during August, the local office had over 200 different people coming in for service and 143 were placed in jobs.

"We have a lot of good qualified job applicants who are seeking work through our office" Mrs. Bond stated. Employers seeking workers may call 482 - 2195 and list

requirements. Mrs. Bond also indicated that a Job Service Representative will be happy to call on any employer who wants to discuss employment.

On a closing note, Mrs. Bond said: "Economic recovery is dependent on the return of the work force to full employment. We encourage employers to call us for workers. With the influx of new people into the area with many and varied skills, employers maybe missing the possibility of a ready - trained person by not surveying all potential resources."

Retail Sales Figures Noted

Food and general merchandise amounted for nearly one - half of the gross retail sales in Chowan County during fiscal 1981 - 82, according to figures released this week by the N.C. Department of Revenue. Total sales were placed at \$65,102,652, up from \$60,852,949 a year earlier.

Gross collections from the sales amounted to \$1,288,940.96. In 1980 - 81 this total was \$1,138,068.63.

Sales in the Town of Edenton amounted to \$58,205,418 of the county's total, while collections from the sales totaled \$1,168,106.42.

The sale of food items totaled

\$15,442,580 while general merchandise placed second with a total of \$14,030,163.

Gross retail sales in Chowan County were \$24,758,626 in 1971 - 72 and the Chowan County sales in the past year were more than 90 per cent of the sales in Pasquotank County 10 years ago.

The latest report shows sales in Albemarle Area counties other than Chowan, as follows:

Camden, \$10,731,790; Currituck, \$50,913,660; Dare, \$137,013,469; Hyde, \$19,920,439; Pasquotank, \$185,171,559; Perquimans, \$30,254,443; Tyrrell, \$15,567,745; and Washington, \$63,802,640.

	Gross Collections	Gross Retail Sales
CHOWAN COUNTY		
1% Retail Sales	\$5,160.21	\$,586,081
2% Auto, Plane & Boats	\$9,993.76	\$,206,043
Apparel	\$1,608.76	\$,109,455
Automotive	\$7,540.72	\$,260,584
Food	\$42,275.63	\$15,442,580
Furniture	\$6,892.17	\$,189,330
General Merchandise	\$30,724.12	\$14,030,163
Building Materials	\$2,069.04	\$,399,415
Unclassified Group	\$21,436.25	\$10,293,001
Use Tax - 1% & 3%	\$4,500.30	
Licenses - Wholesale & Reg.	\$740.00	
TOTALS	\$1,288,940.96	\$65,102,652

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Fair Opening

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An important reminder for those people who are going to enter exhibits in the fair - all exhibits must be entered either Saturday 18, or Sunday 19, this applies to all exhibits except for cut flowers and baked goods, which must be there by 9 A.M. Monday. All the rules for exhibits are listed in this year's fair book.

A copy of the front cover of the fair book is pictured above, and it is one of the more than 2,000 fair booklets to families in the Chowan County area.