

Welcome, Senator

U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms comes to meander along the Public Parade Wednesday. We want to be among the first to welcome him to ye olde creek on Queen Anne's Creek where he meandered during a stint in the U.S. Navy.

And he hasn't forgotten us since he moved into the U.S. Congress. The last time he spent any time among us was that cold Sunday in February, 1981, when the new Chowan County Courthouse was dedicated. Sen. Helms applied enough heat in Washington, in cooperation with Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, to get a wrong righted.

Sen. Helms' appearance at the annual meeting of the Albemarle Area Development Association at National Guard Armory will be somewhat of a homecoming. It was to the same group on December 5, 1972, that he made his first post-election speech.

Our favorite newspaper published along the Public Parade quoted Sen. Helms as putting his creed in simple terms. It went:

"I'll never be anybody's yes-man, and my only obligation is to the people of North Carolina who accepted and elected me as a fellow who believes in his God, his country, and the American free enterprise system."

Sen. Helms returns to the Public Parade a decade later having been accused of much, but he could certainly ever be convicted of violation of the creed he ascribed to in these familiar surroundings.

Deadly Weapons

A young Edentonian died early Sunday evening in a single-car accident. There was no evidence of excessive speed. There was no evidence of alcohol or drugs. The usual elements of a fatal mishap

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Rare Historical Map Found In Local Mansion's Attic

By William A. Shires
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GREENVILLE - Rummaging through the attic of antebellum Wessington mansion in Edenton several months ago, a researcher came upon an old map, folded neatly and tucked among stacks of papers, publications and ledgers of a century ago.

When he retrieved and unfolded the map, historian Donald R. Lennon knew instantly he had discovered an extremely rare historical "find", an original copy of a 250-year old map of North Carolina drawn by colonial surveyor general Edward Moseley.

"It was one of the most exciting moments of my life," says Lennon, director of the ECU Manuscript Collection at East Carolina University.

It has been verified that Lennon's "find" is the only original copy of the famous Moseley map known to exist in the United States.

Accident On Highway 32 South Resulted In Local Fatality

George Stephen Underkofler was pronounced dead on arrival at Chowan Hospital after a fatal accident Sunday night, according to a Chowan Hospital spokesperson.

Underkofler was traveling north on South 32 near the Barbecue Barn

when the 1975 Ford he was driving slid off the road on the right and collided with a bridge. A shift of the weight made the car turn over and rest on its top in Queen Anne Creek, according to a State Patrol spokesperson.

The 1975 Ford he was driving belonged to his father, Bill Underkofler, who was a member of the Rescue Squad that was out on the scene.

The spokesperson also said that the car was traveling around 55

miles per hour when the accident occurred.

Members of the Rescue Squad spent a long time in the cold water. James Brabble, a captain of the Rescue Squad, spent around an hour in the water trying to get inside of the car.

Underkofler's body was not retrieved until the car was drug out of the water.

He was also said not to have been drinking before the accident, according to the State Patrol spokesperson.

There was no one else in the car with Underkofler.

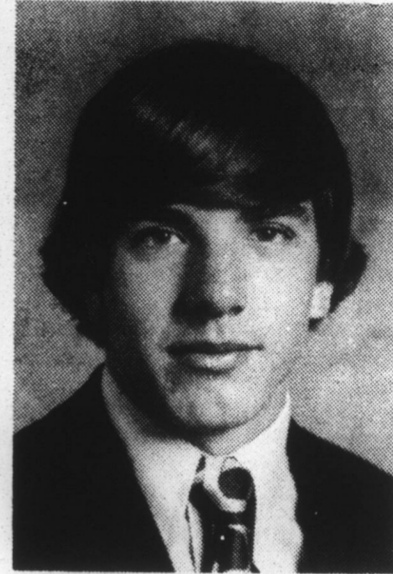
Underkofler was a native of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was the son of William and Mrs. Jane Winarski Underkofler. He was a senior at East Carolina University and a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Surviving other than his parents, 2 sisters; Miss Laura Ann-Underkofler, N.C. State University, Raleigh and Miss Julie Marie Underkofler of the home; 1 brother, Michael Underkofler, University of N.C., Chapel Hill, N.C.; Maternal grandmother, Mrs. Stephanie Winarski, Edenton, N.C.

A funeral mass was celebrated Wednesday, 10 A.M., St. Anne's Catholic Church by Father Thomas Gaul and Father Raymond Donahue with burial in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Rosary service 7 P.M. Tuesday Williford-Barham Funeral Chapel. The family suggest memorial contributions be made to the George Stephen Underkofler Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Jim Smith, P.O. Box 387, Edenton, N.C.



FATAL ACCIDENT—Kevin Jacobs (left), a soon-to-be Rescue Squad member and Captain James Brabble (right), struggle to open the door of the 1975 Ford that struck the bridge and turned over in Queen Anne Creek, killing Steve Underkofler. (Photo by Clay Roberts)



George Stephen Underkofler

Farming Costs Increased In '82

U.S. farmers spent almost \$139-billion in 1982 to produce crops, livestock and poultry, topping the previous year's \$136-billion level. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the N.C. Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, this averages nearly \$57,000 per farm, nationally.

Feed purchases at \$19-billion, down 5 per cent from 1980, were the major expenditure for farmers. Purchases of livestock and poultry followed at \$15.4-billion, down 11 per cent interest at \$13.1-billion, up 24 per cent; rent at \$11.2-billion, down 6 per cent; farm machinery and equipment at

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Town Council Appoints Carmon To New Post

The Edenton Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11 at 8 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Roy L. Harrell, an invocation was given and the minutes of the two Council meetings held in December were approved. Administrative and Departmental Reports were also reviewed and

accepted.

The Finance Committee presented the first order of business when it recommended that the Council approve a resolution to accept the Community Development Block Grant to renovate the Oakum Street Community Development Area. The recommendation was unanimously approved.

The Finance Committee further recommended approval of the following four recommendations, all of which passed unanimously. First, it was recommended that Council resolve to authorize Mayor Harrell and Linda Edmundson, Finance Officer to sign a requisition for the Block Grant Funds.

Second, that the position of Community Development Housing Specialist be added to Salary Grade 12 of the Town's Pay and Classification Plan.

Third, that the position of Community Development Director be deleted from the Edenton Pay and Classification Plan.

Lastly, it was recommended that the position of Accounting Clerk

Deputy Tax Collector (presently grade nine) be reduced to a grade eight rating.

The Finance Committee concluded with the recommendation that the Town of Edenton purchase two police cars from George Chevrolet Company of Edenton. A motion was made and seconded.

Councilman Fenner requested that the two bidders (George Chevrolet & Albemarle Ford) specifications for their respective cars be read to the Council with regards to the carburetors. The Chevrolet Impala with a 350 V-8 four barrel carburetor could go from 0 to 60 in 11.67 seconds. The Ford LTD with a 351 V-8 two barrel carburetor could go from 0 to 60 in 12.17 seconds, a difference of one half a second.

Albemarle Ford's bid for the LTD was around \$400 lower than the George Chevrolet bid for the Impala, with the only significant difference being the carburetor.

Councilman Fenner asked the difference between the local bids and the state contract, which is a Ford contract for law enforcement vehicles in the state. He was quoted a price that was some \$4000 less than the local bids.

Councilman Fenner suggested to Council that it consider awarding the Town's contract to the State's contractor.

Discussion continued for some time before being put to a vote. The measure was approved by a 3-2 vote; with Councilmen Fenner and Hampton voting against it.

The Utility Committee was next to give its report. It recommended that Council approve a resolution authorizing Mayor Harrell to accept the \$5,455,100 EPA grant for the building of a land application waste water facility.

The Committee also recommended that council declare two trucks - one flat bed and one pickup - surplus and to be sold by sealed bid.

Both items of business were passed unanimously. The Utility Committee also reminded Council of a special meeting to be held on January 15 at 5:30 P.M.

There were three items of new business brought to the Council's attention. The first was a resolution declaring January 15 as "Martin Luther King Jr. Day" in the town of Edenton. The resolution was sponsored by Councilman Fenner and passed unanimously.

Mayor Harrell appointed three members to serve on a Town/Council Committee as a liaison between Council and the County Commissioners.

In its final action, the Town Council

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Measuring 57 by 45 inches and in good condition, the Moseley map had been in the possession of the John W. Graham family of Edenton for several generations, but it had disappeared from view during the late 19th century.

Mrs. Graham, who had donated the papers of Graham's grandfather, William B. Shepard, to the ECU Manuscript Collection, has now added the Moseley map to the gift.

"It is an extraordinarily important donation to the University," Lennon said. "Mrs. Graham has entrusted East Carolina University with a truly unique and irreplaceable historic treasure."

"We are extremely excited that the Moseley has found a home here," he said. After careful restoration and conservation work, it will be placed on permanent display in the ECU Manuscript Collection.

Lennon said the Moseley map,

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Fires Result In Minor Damage

by Clay Roberts

The Edenton Fire Department responded to eight fires beginning in December.

On December 10th, a stopped up chimney caused smoke to back up into the house. The fire department responded.

The total loss of a 1962 Chevrolet resulted from a car fire at the Etna Station on December 13th.

On December 15th, the E.F.D. responded to a fire drill at the Elderlodge.

No damage resulted from a stove fire at 111 South Oakum St. on the 19th.

Thirty-nine minutes later, just down the road at 1207 Oakum St. there was another stove fire. There was no damage.

On New Years Day there was a chimney fire at 203 Court St. There was no damage.

On January 4th there was a chimney fire with no damage at 136 Freemason St.

Also on January 4th, a car fire at Tee-Lock resulted in the total loss of Sally Layton's Chevrolet.

"We have been very fortunate for this time of the year" Fire Chief Lynn Perry said about the lack of major fires this winter. "The department does a very sufficient job at controlling the fires."

Perry credits this to the long and many hours of training members of the department put in. "In fact, the last Edenton firefighter that died fighting a fire was around 30 or 40 years ago" he said.

"I think people have become more fire prevention cautious," Perry said. "mainly because people seem to know how to handle fires, such as stove fires. They don't grab the pan and burn themselves. They call the fire department or handle it correctly."



James E. (Jim) Mims

James E. Mims Named To Post

James E. (Jim) Mims has been named eastern area executive for NCNB National Bank and given overall responsibility for banking activities in several eastern North Carolina communities, according to Robert L. Kirby, NCNB eastern region executive.

Previously city executive for NCNB in Raleigh, Mims' new assignment is a result of NCNB's recent merger with Bank of North Carolina.

Mims' responsibilities include Greenville, Henderson, Kinston, Murfreesboro, Southern Pines, Tarboro, Washington, Wilson and Woodland, plus these communities previously served by Bank of North Carolina: Benson, Dunn, Edenton, Farmville, Hertford, Hobbsville, Lillington and Seaboard.

A senior vice president, Mims joined NCNB in 1967 and has served as commercial loan officer and metropolitan area director in Greensboro, city and central area executive in Eden and senior corporate lending officer in Charlotte.

Mims earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics from Guilford College in 1956.

Mims and his wife, Kathryn Wall Mims, have two children. Mims will be based in Raleigh.

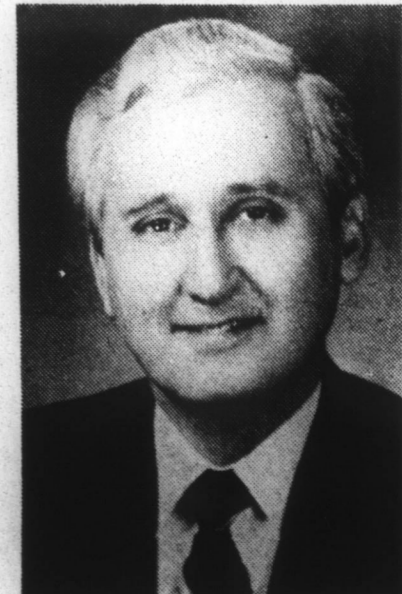
To Address Local Church

R. Gene Puckett, editor of the Biblical Recorder, N.C. Baptist State Convention journal, will fill the pulpit Sunday at Edenton Baptist Church during the 11 o'clock worship. Puckett's visit to Edenton is in connection with the sesquicentennial (150th) celebration of the birth of the Recorder.

The first issue appeared January 17, 1833 and was called the North Carolina Baptist Interpreter with Thomas Meredith, publisher while serving as pastor of Edenton Baptist Church. The Recorder was moved to Raleigh in January 1838 and remained there until last month when it was relocated in the new N.C. Baptist State Convention Building at Cary.

A native of Green County, Kentucky, and a graduate of Western Kentucky University and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Puckett has held several pastorates before becoming affiliated with Baptist papers. He assumed reins of the Biblical Recorder in August 1982, following the retirement of J. Marse Grant after a 25-year tenure.

E. N. (Pete) Manning is serving a four-year term on the Board of Directors for the Recorder.



R. Gene Puckett



EXAMINING RARE MOSELEY MAP—Cartographer William Cumming of Davidson College and Donald R. Lennon, right, director of the ECU Manuscript Collection, examine the only known existing copy of the Edward Moseley map in the United States. The map was found at Edenton. (ECU News Bureau Photo).