



"Emergency Stop"

Startles Edenton

There was a loud crashing sound that rang through the north side of Edenton on Wednesday, February 9, around 11:15 P.M. as one of the Norfolk and Southern trains came to a sudden and unexpected stop.

Local residents who heard the crashing sound thought the train had derailed. One resident who came to investigate exclaimed, "It shook my whole house!"

There were no real problems with the train, however. It seems that the engineer saw several people on the tracks at the place where the tracks cross 17 business. He immediately put the train into "emergency stop".

The people on the tracks were Norfolk and Southern supervisors who had decided to do a spot "efficiency rule check" to see if the train complied with the company's regulations and to see if the men who worked on the train followed proper operating procedure.

G.M. Kiefer, Assistant Division Supervisor, was pleased to announce that the train had complied in all ways.

No damage was done either to the train or tracks; the conductor and others made sure by "walking the train" to check. The only problem with the whole test was that it caused a slight inconvenience to the second shift employees who were leaving Fisher Nut.

insurmountable stack of paperwork.

Chowan Hospital was approved to begin construction of the ten new beds after petitioning the State of North Carolina to revise its State Health Plan which stated that this area already had too many hospital beds for the population. It was the first case of its type in North Carolina.

After the petition was filed, a hearing was held at which time a great deal of public support and evidence of need were given. Various State Government agencies then reviewed the petition and evidence which had been gathered. Following several months of waiting, hospital officials were notified by the Governor that he had approved the petition, giving the hospital the green light to proceed. Groundbreaking was held on May 25, 1982 and construction began in earnest.

The first phase of construction is now complete. Mr. Bryan asks that "the public be patient as the necessary renovation work is

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Dedication Of New Addition To Chowan Hospital Was Held

With the Sunday dedication of its new addition, Chowan Hospital concluded the first phase of its construction project.

A number of interested citizens were on hand for the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony which were handled by Jesse Harrell, immediate past chairman of the hospital's Board of Directors.

Following introduction by Johnny Bryan, Hospital Director, Mr. Harrell explained that the Open House

was being held prior to completion of the entire project. The Staff and Board of Directors wished for the public to have the opportunity to view the newly expanded patient care areas prior to the areas being occupied. (The new Intensive Care and the Emergency Room areas were officially opened on Wednesday.)

Mr. Harrell informed the group that almost every area in the hospital will undergo some renovation work in the next several months.

The Rev. Richard Blankenhorn, a member of the Hospital's Chaplaincy Program, gave the innovation and the group moved outside for the ribbon cutting.

After Mr. Harrell cut the ribbon, Mr. Bryan invited visitors to enter through the Emergency Room door where employees led them through the new areas of the facility. The employees explained the activities which could occur in each particular section of the building toured.

Some visitors may have been shocked when they arrived on the second floor and witnessed a "patient" in one of the new Intensive Care rooms. The "patient" was "Annie", the mannequin used to teach cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. She was "hooked" up to a ventilator, monitor, I.V., and various other tubes and devices.

The hospital wishes the public to know that not every patient who goes into Intensive Care Unit will have all that equipment attached to them. However, displayed were a number of sophisticated pieces of equipment which are available for the treatment of the critically ill patients, if needed.

Besides the bright blues and oranges of the Emergency Room and Intensive Care areas, included on the tour were Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy, and Pharmacy, all boasting their own bright hues of blue and yellow.

Softer shades of blue and yellow decorate the ten new patient rooms. In a continuing re-decorating project, the hospital plans to carry the blue and yellow decor throughout the remaining patient rooms.

Sunday's dedication service followed a great deal of research by various agencies and completion of what sometimes seemed to be an



NEW WING OF HOSPITAL DEDICATED—The new wing of the Chowan Hospital was officially dedicated and opened on Sunday, February 13. Pictured above is "Resusca Annie" enjoying the care in one of the new Intensive Care units.

Hon. John T. Chaffin Presides Over Chowan County District Court

The Chowan County District Court was in session Tuesday with the Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding.

William Haywood Williams suspended sentence was revoked and he was given 120 days committed. He was charged with failure to comply and support.

Anthony Parker Terry was found guilty of transporting alcoholic beverages with seal broken. He was given a 6 month commitment.

George William Thompson was found guilty of DUI-1. He was given 6 months, suspended for two years, a \$250 fine and cost of court. He must also attend Albemarle Mental Health.

Henry Chesson, Jr. was found guilty of nonsupport of children. He

was given 6 months, suspended for 5 years on payment of cost of court. He must pay into the office of the clerk of court \$30 a week to benefit a minor child.

Albert Benjamin Ward was found guilty of a wildlife violation and setting a steel trap without required tag. He was given 30 days, suspended for 2 years, a \$50 fine and cost of court. His steel traps are to be confiscated and disposed of by the sheriff.

Byron Franklin Murphy was found guilty of driving 68 in a 55. He had to pay cost of court.

Michael Gleen Thompson was found guilty of 66 in a 55. He was given a \$10 fine and cost of court.

James Brent Moore was found guilty of driving 66 in a 55. He had to pay a \$10 fine and cost of court.

Leo Parker, Jr. was found guilty of simple assault. He was given 30 days, suspended on payment of cost of court. He must pay \$5 restitution to the town of Edenton.

Democratic Precinct Meetings Scheduled

The precinct meeting is the foundation of the nation's democracy. Democratic Party precinct meetings will be held all across North Carolina, March 3, at 8 P.M.

"Democrats from Chowan County will meet at their precinct polling place," Lueta Sellers, Chair of Chowan County Democratic Party announced today. "All registered Democrats are urged to attend these meetings. In the event of severely bad weather or failure to assemble a quorum of 10 Democrats the make-up date of the precinct meeting is Thursday, March 10, at the same time and place," added Sellers.

"This year, precinct meetings are more important than ever before. Democrats face historic campaigns in 1984 and the precinct meetings are the beginning of setting the tone for that race," Mrs. Sellers said.

The purpose of the precinct meetings is to elect delegates to the county Democratic convention to be held on April 30 and to elect precinct officers. Sellers added that the meeting also provides an excellent opportunity for Democrats to express their concerns regarding local, state, and national issues. Knowing the expressed concerns of our local Democrats can assist our local Democratic Party leadership in planning and taking action where possible.

"For those persons who want to

Holly Reeve Dances Her Way To Stardom

by Clay Roberts

Holly Reeve moved from Tyrone, Pennsylvania when she was seven and lived here for about six years. She was in the movie "Fame" and in the 1980 Broadway revival of "Brigadoon."

Around the mid 60's, Holly's parents, Keith and Carmon Reeve, hired a teacher from Elizabeth City and started a ballet school at Swain Elementary School.



SOMETHING TO FLIP OVER—Holly completes a flip during rehearsal at Franklin High School in Franklin, Virginia, with a little help from other members of the American Ballet Comedie. (Photos by Clay Roberts)

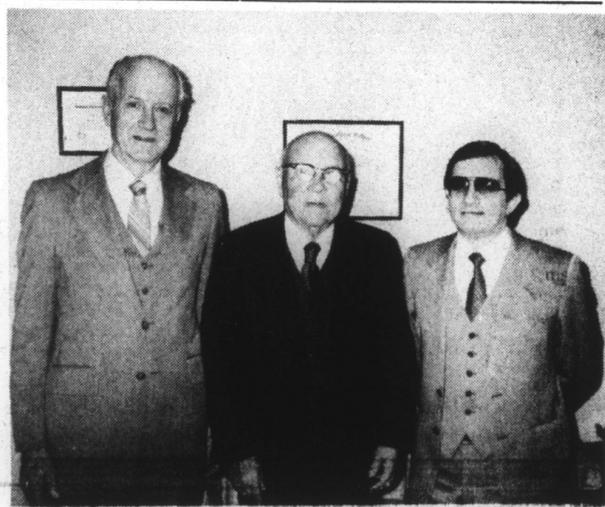
BPW Club Hosts Bosses' Banquet

The Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its Annual Bosses Night Banquet Thursday (tonight), Feb. 17 at 7 P.M. at the Edenton United Methodist Church.

The guest speaker will be Ms. Fran Voliva, chairman of Tyrrell Co. extension office.

Entertainment will be provided by Mr. Clifford Tretick, flutist and artist in residence at COA and he will be accompanied on the piano by Ms. Lily Chou.

The highlight of the evening will be the recognition of the Woman of The Year.



SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY—Lloyd E. Griffin, center, on Sunday morning will meet to teach the Lloyd E. Griffin Bible Class of Edenton Baptist Church for the 60th consecutive year. Pictured at left is C. W. Swanner who is in his 14th year as General Sunday School Director of the church, and at right is Dr. John A. Allen, pastor.

Anniversary Of Bible Class

By Pete Manning

This Sunday morning, February 20th marks the 60th anniversary of the Lloyd E. Griffin Bible Class of Edenton Baptist Church. This distinction, in itself, is significant but, even more significant is the fact that the class has known only one teacher during its entire existence — Lloyd E. Griffin — from

whom the class takes its name. On the third Sunday of February, 1923, a young Edenton attorney, Lloyd E. Griffin, began teaching at Edenton Baptist Church a new Sunday School Class which was to be known as the Young Men's Bible Class.

According to the most knowledgeable sources, the need for a class especially for young men was recognized by the pastor, Rev. E. L. Wells, and he approached Griffin and asked him to teach the class. Reluctantly, Griffin accepted the challenge and told his pastor that he "would try...and would do the best that he could."

From a nucleus of five members who met for the first time on the back center pew in the sanctuary, the class grew through the years to an enrollment, at times, to well over 100 members, and became known as the Men's Bible Class.

In order to continue to teach his class, Griffin was obliged to travel by bus to Edenton from Raleigh and back each weekend for 35 years until his retirement from active employment. Griffin was associated with N.C. Citizens Committee and a former Legislator. Following retirement he was active in community activities as well as his church.

About 15 years ago, the name of the class was changed to Lloyd E. Griffin Bible Class.

"He certainly has been an inspiration to every teachers within our Sunday School. There have been very few Sundays he has missed" stated Mr. Charles Swanner, general Sunday School Director.

On Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, Lloyd E. Griffin, who just reached his 90th birthday, will stand before his class for the sixtieth consecutive

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Public Parade

Coming Clean

Rep. John Gilliam of neighboring Bertie has changed his attitude about the dumping of holding ponds into the Chowan River at CF Industries at Tunis. The genial young legislator said in the press this week he just didn't have all the facts when he earlier opposed the plan of the State Environmental Commission.

You're a good man, John. Someone of lesser character would have said he was misquoted in the first place.

CF Industries, the prime contributor to seasonal algae blooms in the Chowan River, has closed. The plant is being dismantled and the biggest question has been what to do with not only the nitrogen-laced water in the huge holding ponds, but the millions of pounds in the soil beneath and around the plant.

The State Environmental Commission, with the blessing of the Chowan Regional Task Force decided dumping at the time would be best. The heavy rains we have been blessed with in recent days has helped increase the flow in the river and increase the flushing action at Albemarle Sound and ultimately the Atlantic Ocean.

"No I realize it was probably a sound judgement," Rep. Gilliam is quoted as saying in reference to the dumping. "When you don't understand something you can't make a good judgement."

Well, one thing Rep. John Gilliam understands is politics. And his realization that his November judgement was bad is now good politics. Call your next case, Rep. Gilliam.

Yet Another Tragedy

The business community along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina is still in state of shock over the brutal death of L.A. Bailey in Fayetteville on Friday.

For those of you who don't know it, Mr. Bailey headed the 15-store Belk Tyler Company chain of



L.A. Bailey

department stores and sat on the board of directors of Belk Stores Services, Inc., which provides Belk and Leggett stores with such services as advertising, personnel and training, legal assistance and warehousing.

Mr. Bailey's battered body was found in a pool of blood in a motel at mid-morning Friday. He was in Fayetteville to answer to a minor traffic charge. Officials have ruled robbery as the motive since the 56-year old bachelor's car, jewelry, billfold and other belongings are missing.

The Belk Tyler executive took a personal interest in the communities in which stores under his supervision were located. Alton G. Elmore recalled Monday that he worked side-by-side the victim for 12 years as they worked themselves up from the stock room to administration. Elmore, who more than paid his dues to the community with the Belk chain, chose to go into business for himself rather than take a promotion. The same community spirit is demonstrated

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