



**OLDER WORKER WEEK PROCLAIMED**—Bill Taylor, older worker specialist for the Edenton office of the Employment Security Commission is shown here explaining the need for an "Older Worker Week" to Mayor Roy Harrell. The Mayor signed the proclamation.

## The Governor And Mayor Harrell Proclaim "Older Worker Week"

"The value of the older worker should not be overlooked as a means to increase efficiency as we face shrinking budgets and increased emphasis on maximum productivity," said Alice Bond, manager of the Edenton Employment Office. This is the message of Employ the Older Worker Week in North Carolina, March 13-19. Mrs. Bond explained that workers hired after age 45 generally reach higher performance ratings more quickly than their younger counterparts. They tend to have a more positive work attitude, greater job stability and lower absenteeism.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., proclaimed the observance of Employ the Older Worker Week as an annual means of focusing public attention on the importance of using this valuable employment resource.

Mayor Roy Harrell, in like manner, has proclaimed the week of March 13-19 as "Older Worker Week" in Edenton, N.C.

The proclamation reads: Whereas, more than 71 million Americans, 1.7 million of them North Carolinians, are aged 45 and older, and more than 1.7 million are unemployed; and,

Whereas, these middle-aged and older workers bring extensive experience and high job qualifications to the work force of the state and are steady, reliable workers, and,

Whereas, the federal government and the state of North Carolina identify employment of middle-aged and older workers as a priority in attaining maximum productivity of the labor force, and,

Whereas, in pursuing this goal, Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has designated the week of March 13-19 as Employ the Older Worker Week;

As Mayor of the City of Edenton, I actively endorse this opportunity to focus public attention on the pro-

blems of older workers, and Now, Therefore, I, Roy Harrell, do hereby proclaim March 13-19, 1983, as

**Older Worker Week In Edenton** Furthermore, I urge all employers in Edenton to carefully consider the qualifications of persons aged 45 and older when they seek new employees; and I ask public officials with job-placement responsibility to intensify their efforts throughout the year to help older workers find suitable jobs.

Witness my hand and corporate seal of the City of Edenton, North Carolina, this eighth day of March, 1983.

Roy L. Harrell "When you realize that more than 1.7 million North Carolinians are age 45 years old and older, you begin to see how important it is that we make good use of their experience and knowledge," said William J. Taylor, older worker specialist. Job Service offices have participated in Employ the Older Worker Week for more than 20 years as a part of a year-round emphasis on placement of older job-seekers. Since 1967, congressional legislation has mandated equal opportunity and non-discrimination for people on the basis of age.

"In spite of our continued efforts to inform employers and the general public of the advantages of hiring older workers," Mr. Taylor said, "this group continues to have problems of unemployment. The emphasis our society places on youth seems to undermine our attempts to show that employing older workers makes good business sense."

"We urge employers to consider older workers when they are hiring," Mrs. Bond said. "At Job Service, we will help match employer needs with applicant skills."



**AADA PRESENTS AWARD**—C.B. Smith, president of C.B.S. International and immediate past president of Albemarle Area Development Association, receives a plaque for his work in the ten county area of AADA. Bill Meekins, president of AADA, presents the award for AADA.

## Marketing Committee Appointed

A N.C. Farm Bureau Grain Marketing Committee has been appointed by President John Sledge to initiate an in-depth study of the current grain marketing structure in the state.

The committee, comprised of grain farmers representing all major grain producing areas in North Carolina, will initially focus on

determining producer interest and commitment to alternative marketing programs that may be feasible for the state's grain producers.

Two of the committee members are from Chowan County. They are Billy Williams of Tyner; and Jimmy M. Parrish of Edenton. Zeo

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## Commissioners Make Three Representative Appointments

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 7, at 9 A.M. in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse.

The first item on the agenda was the appointment of representatives to three boards. The first appointment considered was to the Board of Directors of Skills, Inc. Four names were submitted and two were placed in nomination for the position: Luetta Sellers and Joe Beeler. The Commissioners voted by written ballot and appointed Joe Beeler to the Board of Directors of Skills, Inc.

The appointment for the planning Board was tabled till next month's meeting.

The appointment for R.C. and D was also tabled to be held later in the month. Two names were brought under consideration. They were Paul Copeland and Thomas Glen Rogerson, Sr.

A public hearing on the following two Chowan County Subdivision Ordinance Amendments was held at

9:15 A.M.

1. Minimum street right-of-way which shall be as shown in the thoroughfare plan for the County. If a plan does not exist (it) shall not be less than called for by the current Subdivision Roads Minimum Construction Standards, published by the Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation.

2. Paving widths shall be as shown in the thoroughfare plan for the county and if a plan does not exist (it) shall not be less than called for by the current Subdivision Roads Minimum Construction Standards, published by the Division of Highways North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The public hearing was closed and a vote was taken. Both amendments passed.

A second public hearing was held at 9:30 to consider two requests by the Cape Colony Property Owners Association. The first request was to declare an area 325x250 feet of

the sound adjacent to the Cape Colony Recreation area a no boat zone or mechanical devices of any kind, (that is jet ski). The second request was to make the Cape Colony Canal system a no wake zone.

The meeting opened with Mrs. Daniels, president of the Cape Colony Land Owners Association. Land stated that a number of letters reporting the near misses and accidents that have taken place at the Cape Colony Recreation Area have been received.

John Shambler, a land owner, stated for the commissioners, that he had seen several small fishing boats nearly swamped by larger boats.

Jean Brooks, who lives on one of the canals, reported a case where she saw two men on jet skis enter the canal and purposely throw water into a boat.

Al Howard, President of Arrowhead Beach Landowners Association, stated that his group supported the application from Ar-

rowhead for the same purpose.

Mike Williams noted that two applications from the same area might help to push them both through the state's system.

The public meeting was adjourned and it was the consensus of the commissioners that an application should be submitted to the Wildlife Resource Commission by the county on behalf of the Cape Colony Land Owners.

The Aces Booster Club represented by Bill Norvell, came before the commissioners to request funds to improve the weight room at John A. Holmes High School.

The commissioners noted at the beginning that any action it might take would be subject to the approval of the Board of Education.

Bill Norvell pointed out that the athletic program at the school was not a budgeted item and that athletics existed primarily on the gate receipts of three sports, football, basketball, and baseball. The

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### New Look

There's a new look along the Public Parade. Downtown Edenton, which is the biggest shopping center in this section of the state, has taken on a new look. And it is super!

The Town of Edenton used federal funds several years ago to go underground with the utilities and put down brick sidewalks. Slowly, but surely, merchants in the downtown area have responded with improvements to physical structures.

Among the latest is the expansion of Edenton Savings & Loan Association at the corner of King and Broad Streets. Then just across the main drag, John A. Mitchener, III, has purchased some older buildings and has turned them into things of beauty.

Earlier there were renovations on either end of the blocks between Queen and Water to add to the beauty. And there is talk of even more of the new look to come.

Downtown Edenton is a shopping center in itself, with adequate off-street parking and a wide variety of merchants. It's good to see new initiative taking place and the new look will bring new customers. That's what it is all about.

### Limiting Sessions

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green thinks it is time to talk about limiting the time the N.C. General Assembly is in session. We would be among those who agree.

Naturally, the state's deputy chief executive isn't meeting with full support. House Speaker Liston Ramsey thinks some of the things being suggested would be harmful. The General Assembly sessions are too long. But we agree with Speaker Ramsey that it would not be smart to allow committees to meet while the General Assembly is out of session. There are already enough study committees meeting between the biennial sessions and really there hasn't much good come from them.

It cost some \$24,000 per day to keep the legislature in session. The Jimmy Green proposal may not be the answer to limiting the session, but it is certainly something worth talking about.

### Politics In Education

Janice H. Faulkner, was recently named director of the Regional Development Institute at East Carolina University in Greenville. More recently, Former Gov. Bob Scott was named president of the state's community college system.

That's a lot of politics getting into education in a short span.

Mrs. Faulkner, according to the ECU news release, is a former

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**\$1000 WINNER**—Gail Byrum of Edenton recently won \$1000 from North Carolina National Bank. She was one out of 25 in the state that was awarded that amount in a sweepstakes contest held by NCNB during January. Pictured with Mrs. Byrum is Jim Ball of NCNB, City Executive of Edenton. (Photo by Clay Roberts)

## Parker Presides Over Session Of Chowan County District Court

Chowan County District Court was in session on March 8 with the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding over the criminal calendar.

Martha Louise Smith was found guilty of shoplifting. She was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, fined \$50, cost of court and is to stay off the premises of Macks.

Douglas Alvin Smith was found guilty of one count of driving under the influence and a count of failure to dim lights. He was sentenced to 60 days with one year suspended, fined \$110. He has appealed.

Stephen Eugene Moreland was found guilty of driving under the influence one. He was sentenced to six months with three years suspended, fined \$500, cost of court, placed on supervised probation for three years, loss of his operators license and is to pay at the direction of probation officer.

Arnell Nathaniel was found guilty of assault and inflicting serious injury. He was sentenced to a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 18 months suspended for three years, fined \$150, on supervised probation for three years, cost of court and is to pay restitution to Melvin Carter.

Henry Curtis Brownridge was found guilty of going 70 miles per hour in a \$5 zone. He was fined \$10 and cost of court.

Hardy Gallop, Jr. was found guilty of passing a worthless check. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for one year, fined \$25, cost of court and pay restitution of \$45 to A&P.

LeRoy Rankins was found guilty of driving under the influence two. He was committed for 90 days.

Jack Donald Bateman was found guilty of going 68 miles per hour in a 45 zone. He was fined \$10 and had to pay cost of court.

Marlene Stallings was found guilty of passing a worthless check. She was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, cost of court, pay restitution of \$353 to Chowan Court and is not to issue a worthless check

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## The Board Of Education Receives "Good Things" Report Monday

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education was forced to move the location of its regularly stated Board Meeting on March 7 when over 30 citizens attended.

The meeting opened with a "Good Things" report from the Edenton Alternative School. The report referred to the activities and participation of the Alternative School's Drill Team in a state-wide competition.

Among the other reports given at the meeting were the good attendance at parent conference day, the proposed 1983-84 school calendar to be considered, a special Board Meeting for the discussion of tenure, number of students participating in food service and Ernest Riddick's 3rd place finish in North Carolina's Heavyweight Wrestling Division.

Two reports of particular interest:

## Blood Donations Are Encouraged

The Tidewater Regional Blood Services of the American Red Cross and the Edenton Jaycee officers met on March 8 with several local businessmen for a breakfast meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review with the businessmen the goals of the bloodmobile and to request their help in getting employee's to give blood.

Bruce Wacklin, Jaycee Bloodmobile Chairman, started the meeting by stating that the goal for the bloodmobile was to collect as many units of blood as the Chowan Hospital uses in a 60 day period. The usage of the hospital at present is 150 pints of blood. The bloodmobile must have around 175 people to achieve this goal when turn-aways are considered.

Betsy Miller, Area Consultant for the Tidewater Regional Blood Services, continued the program by speaking with the businessmen and showing them a short film on blood donation.

Among the ideas and suggestions discussed at the meeting were the benefits of the bloodmobile and on ways to get more people to the bloodmobile. The major benefit of the bloodmobile to the donor is free health services given to the donor. These include a blood pressure check, pulse rate check, hemoglobin check and the typing of the donors blood. The main way discussed by the businessmen to bring more people to the bloodmobile was to make the statistics of those who need blood local by naming the main users in the area and making an appeal on their behalf.

The Edenton-Chowan Bloodmobile has been meeting its goals in recent months but there are those who are in constant need for blood. These people, where ever they may be, need the blood of local people to stay alive.

## The Board Of Education Receives "Good Things" Report Monday

1. The changing of the April meeting date to March 31. (Reason for change—the scheduled meeting date of April 4 is Easter Monday).

2. The request by the State Board of Education for a two per cent reduction in the present school year's budget. (It was noted at the meeting that the two per cent short fall may or may not be real, and that there has been some question as to its legitimacy). It was reported by Supt. John Dunn that the Edenton-Chowan School System is faring better than many of its neighboring school systems because of its policy to spend state monies first.

The public gave voice to some of its own concerns to the School Board designated for public input.

Patricia Young, mother of a mentally handicapped child, requested that there be a full time special education teacher at White Oak. as

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