

## First Snow

Since Christmas has become so commercialized, about the best time for the "kid" to come out is at the first snow. There is just something about the beauty it makes the landscape, the purity of everything it touches that creates within us a special feeling.

Of course, like in everything else, there can be too much of a good thing. The results are the fender benders and the loss of life. But along the Public Parade there are hardly enough of the crystals to bring out the bad. That's why the thrill of a kid comes with the first snow.

Snow is one of the marvels of nature. The hundreds of thousands of flakes it takes to turn an ugly field of stubble into a thing of beauty. The tiny flakes catch on the branches of shrubs and trees, on the roadside weeds.

The first snow transforms into instant beauty railing on houses which are in need of paint, yards which should have been mowed just one more time and driveways in need of sand to fill a pot hole here and there.

The dreariness of winter is suddenly brought to life with the first snow. The leafless branches make forms which are limited only by one's imagination. And deep in many a man's thoughts is whether or not he has enough dry wood to get a roaring fire going before the bridge game is over.

As we sit by the window and look out upon an unspoiled yard, except for a dog track here and there, the realization of the absence of young children at home takes a bit away from the first snow. But then when you leave the comfort of home into the outside world, the joy is experienced anew as a carrot-nosed snowman stands as a sentinel in the Tom Palmer yard.

The first snow! We've had it now, so let's get on to other things, like Spring.

## Noted and Passed

The bed and breakfast trail Arch and Jane Edwards blazed along the Public Parade with their Lord's Proprietors' Inn has brought additional tourists to the area and is catching on within and outside the Albemarle Area.

Lords Proprietors' is among like facilities featured in the February edition of Southern Living Magazine. River Forest Manor, at Belhaven, is another from Tar Heelia to garner text and photos in the widely circulated publication.

Lords Proprietors' has already expanded into an adjacent home. Also, Trestle House Inn has opened at JC Ranch on Base Road, while Tommy Wood is doing something special with Mulberry Hill on Albemarle Sound.

While the bed and breakfast idea doesn't suit the fancy of the hotel, motel and restaurant associations, the 1983 General Assembly did adopt legislation for their licensing. We think they will add to community while not taking any big bucks from the traditional motels and restaurants. If there is an attractive bed and breakfast facility in a town, especially along the Public Parade, it will flag traffic which other wise would pass by.

Like the Lords Proprietors', and Trestle House Inn, Mulberry Hill will be an asset. And the chamber of commerce cannot afford to buy the type advertising these facilities give the community, whether it be word-of-mouth or in Southern Living.

## From Ft. Collins

One of our favorite subscribers lives out in Ft. Collins, Colo. We liked Dr. Neil S. Grigg the first time we heard him speak about the algae problem along the Public Parade. He spoke with authority, not with a forked tongue of a bureaucrat.

Because of his candor, not to mention his vast amount of knowledge, he has been one of the few people in state government to enjoy any degree credibility regarding a very, very sore subject along the Public Parade.

When Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., announced that cleaning up of the Chowan River was his administration's No. 1 environmental priority, Dr. Grigg had already started the proper action plan which involves people from the lay community as well as scientists. As assistant

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**FIRST SNOW** — Although the north end of the county received most of Monday's snow, the Cupola House Garden did get a light dusting. The snow gently bent branches in the garden and covered the top of the arbor.

# Unexpected Holiday

Edenton-Chowan school students got a surprise day and a half off from school this week because of the snow storm that moved into the area Monday February 6.

A light snow began falling in the county around 9 A.M. Throughout the morning hours the snow became mixed with rain and sleet, but by 11 A.M. the snow began to get heavy.

At 12:30 the schools were closed and the students sent home.

Snow continued to fall throughout the day and while accumulation was light in town, the county received over three inches of the white stuff.

A ride up the county to check the road conditions on Monday night around 10 o'clock convinced school superintendent Dr. John Dunn to keep the schools closed on Tuesday. Dr. Dunn said that he was surprised at the amount of snow he saw

around the Center Hill Crossroads area.

He also said that when he left his home in the Country Club Drive area, the sky was clear and the stars were out. By the time he reached the Crossroads area it was snowing again.

On Wednesday all the roads were clear and schools were back in session. The snow day will be made up during Easter week which begins on April 22.

Drivers in the area handled the snow with relative ease.

The Chowan County Sheriff's Department said that although close to 20 accidents occurred as a result of the snow, no serious injuries were reported. Edenton Police Chief Parrish said that only one snow-related accident occurred within the city limits. He said that little damage was done to the vehicle involved and that no one was hurt in the mishap.

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## Council Meets

The Town Council Thursday authorized L. E. Wooten and Co. to sub-contract Law Engineering and Testing Company to conduct soil tests on two sites for the proposed land application system.

In order for the town to finalize site selection and begin the \$7-million project, a soils investigation is required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The two sites now under consideration are approximately 750 acres east of the Municipal Airport and the Small site, approximately 640 acres northwest of Edenton.

"The Small site was not available when we originally considered alternative sites," according to Town Administrator Sam Noble.

"Site selection will be determined by a comparison of application rate and acceptable cost," Noble said.

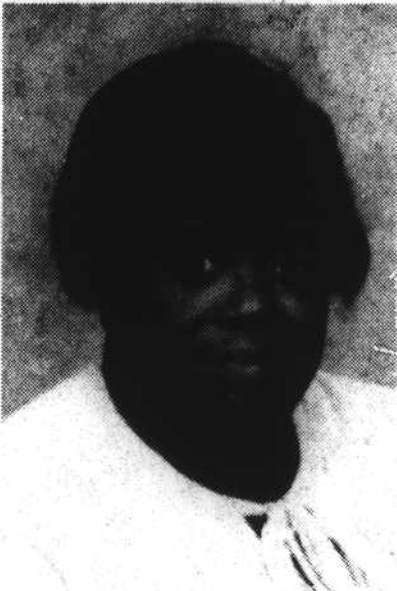
It will take 60 days or more to complete testing on the two sites at a cost of \$16,290. The town will pay 7 1/2 per cent of the total cost of testing.

Should a third site need to be evaluated, the cost will increase to a total of \$23,880 for the three sites.

Following the testing phase, and before site selection is finalized, the council will meet with Buck Kennedy of L. E. Wooten and Co. and have a second public hearing.

Noble suggested that the public hearing might be held as early as April 3.

In further action, the Council approved a contract with Southeastern Consulting Engineers for a study of the feasibility of the municipality generating its own power. The peak generation study will be made at a cost of \$3,850.



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## Four Candidates Vie For Board of Education

Five candidates filed to run for the 1st Township seat on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education during the last two days of the filing period which ended at noon Monday, February 6.

J. M. "Jim" Criddle, Alice P. Jones, Lois Jordan, C. B. Smith and Dr. Harriet "Dee" Flannery were the last minute filers.

Jones withdrew leaving four candidates to vie for the seat currently occupied by Dr. John Horton. Dr. Horton has served on the School Board for the maximum number of terms which he is allowed.

The election will take place during the May 8th Primary.

This has turned out to be the only election race in Chowan County this year. Running unopposed for seats on The Board of County Commissioners are incumbent Alton

Elmore, 1st District, and Wayne R. Goodwin, who is running for the seat currently held by Barbara Ward.

Also running unopposed are incumbent School Board member Cecil Fry, Marjorie Hollowell, Clerk of Court and Anne R. Spruill, Register of Deeds.

The four candidates running for the 1st Township seat on the School Board were asked to make statements for the Herald.

Here are their replies:  
Jim Criddle: "I believe that our schools are in need of repair. The School Board is going in the right direction; we must make the repairs.

Teachers salaries need to be increased.

The size of some classrooms are too large and I think that if we are

to continue to increase the quality of education in the county that the residents of Chowan County must make up their minds to support such an effort."

Harriet "Dee" Flannery: "A community's capacity for continued growth and prosperity is measured by the level at which its citizens are willing to participate in its improvement. My decision to run for the Board of Education is based on my desire to contribute to Chowan County in the manner I feel my experience would be of most value.

My exposure to the educational process spans a wide range of levels and settings, both as a student and teacher. I hope this will enable me to bring to the Board new perspectives on how best to achieve a standard of educational excellence in the county public school system.

In a time when the quality of science education is receiving special attention nationwide, I offer my particular expertise in the sciences.

Most importantly, the decisions facing the Board of Education will require a high level of critical and analytical ability if we are to make the most productive use of our monetary and human resources. I am prepared to look objectively at our county's educational strengths

and weaknesses, identify problem areas, seek and find solutions, and decide how best to implement decisions."

Lois Jordan: "I am a candidate for the Edenton - Chowan Board of Education primarily because of my sincere interest in the education of children.

I feel that my being a member of the Edenton - Chowan Board of Education will enhance the overall quality of education in Chowan County."

C. B. Smith: "My straightforward and constructive approach can best be understood by the platform which follows:

1. Strive for even higher standards of education to meet the needs of all students.
2. Develop a close association with teachers regarding salary and position to insure the self-satisfaction needed to make them more effective in teaching their students.
3. Provide a businessman's approach to spending tax dollars.
4. Evaluate and upgrade facilities.
5. See that more sales tax dollars are put to work in the school system.
6. Work toward greater understanding and cooperation between the Board of Education and County Commissioners.
7. Stress parent awareness and involvement with their children and their school activities.

## County Authorizes \$471,000

The Chowan County Commissioners authorized the Board of Education to proceed with the design and construction of the first priority of Stage I of their capital outlay program.

In their regular monthly meeting Monday, the Commissioners appropriated \$471,000, including the 40 per cent funding available to the Board of Education by imposition of the state half-cent sales tax.

The Commissioners stipulated that, upon completion of the project and the planned relocation of students from Swain to Walker Schools, the Board will turn over the Swain facilities and lot to the County at no additional cost.

Under the first priority of Stage I of the capital outlay program the following renovations and construc-

tion are planned: conversion of the shop area into a media center, conversion of the existing library into classrooms, conversion of the home economics area into classrooms, construction of band and music facilities into a gym, conversion of science lab into classrooms, site renovations, and construction of two exceptional children classrooms.

In other action, the Commissioners agreed that it would be unwise to participate in a law suit regarding the Lake Gaston withdrawal issue. Although the Commissioners reiterated their concern for the impact any withdrawal from Lake Gaston might have on the Chowan River, they agreed that multiple law suits on the same ac-

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**1984 OFFICERS** - At the first 1984 meeting of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce the Board of Directors elected officers for the year. The officers are (from left to right) John Dowd of John Dowd and Associates, Vice President-Elect; Jack Habit of State Farm Insurance Companies Vice President - Internal Affairs; Bruce Gillikin, Vice President and City Executive of Peoples Bank, President; and Clarence Leary of Leary Brothers Storage, Vice President - External Affairs. Gillikin will move into the presidency, replacing Tom Shepard who served throughout 1983.