

Noted And Passed

A couple of weeks ago our favorite Sunday newspaper of general circulation along the Public Parade featured a local boatworks. Last week, the area's reputation for being strong in the floating market was expanded in a TV news clip which highlighted a second manufacturer.

Tanzer Yachts is a sailboat manufacturer which prides itself in quality, not quantity. The same is true of Albemarle Boats, which turns out a select variety of combination fishing sport motor boats.

Tanzer, with Barbara Hendee as general manager, has demonstrated staying power in the sailboat business. A great deal of this can be attributed to the design of the product, but moreso to the personal touch which a few craftsmen apply at the plant near Edenton Municipal Airport.

The company was the subject of a feature article in a recent edition of The Daily Advance, which is published in the Isle of Pasquotank, but which is considered our "local" daily newspaper.

The Raleigh Boat Show has turned into one of the biggest on the East Coast and this year was in competition with one in Tidewater Virginia. However, the belle of the ball in Raleigh turned out to be a new 27-foot Albemarle fishing-sport craft manufactured by Scott Harrell and his crew at Edenton Marina.

Scott founded the boatworks here only a few years ago and vowed to stick to a single model. Customer acceptance was so great that he "just had to try something a little bigger". Then came one a tad bigger and now the 27-footer which retails in the fifty grand class.

The N.C. State Fairgrounds was filled with boats of all makes and sizes last week. But WRAL-TV, Channel 5, picked out the one by Albemarle Boats to feature on a newcast Thursday night. Knowing Scott and his enthusiastic associates that didn't happen by chance. If anyone sees Charlie Gaddy or Karen Scott in an Albemarle-27 we'll know!

Economic Disaster

The announcement earlier this week that a peat-to-methanol fuel conversion plant wouldn't be built in Northeastern North Carolina is an economic disaster. The opponents to the controversial plant may be overjoyed in their "victory" but when the final total button is pushed the loss to the Albemarle Area of Tar Heelia will be much greater than the estimated \$15-million lost by investors.

Two of the immediate losers, in addition to the investors who will take a handsome tax deduction, will be Washington County and First Colony Farms. The plant was to be located in the county and First Colony was to supply the peat to fuel the plant.

Among the other losers will be the hundreds of people who would have been employed during the construction of the plant, as well as those who would have had permanent jobs once it went into operation. Furthermore, the promise of less expensive fuel cannot be overlooked.

From the outset the ground rules called for the proponents to garner no favors, environmental or otherwise, from the State of North Carolina. They asked for none, and by the time the cost got beyond the benefit stage Monday, nearly half of the needed permits had been granted on their merits.

There was a hint that the project might be in deep trouble a couple of weeks ago when a "noted scientist" published a report which declared that the area contained only about one-fourth the anticipated amount of peat. We doubt the validity of this report for we don't believe First Colony Farms is run by people who would intentionally mislead anyone; nor could they snooker a consortium of individuals of great wealth and companies comparable to Koppers.

Peat Methanol Associates, in which Koppers invested heavily, had a solid foundation. This is evidenced by the fact that it survived many cut-offs by the federal Synthetic Fuels Corp. The company leveled with the public, but it ap-

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Conversion Causes Food Stamp Delay

By Maru Amburn

Chowan County food stamp recipients can expect a delay in obtaining their March stamp benefits as the county is added to the state's centralized computer system for the food stamp program.

A food stamp household could see a week-long delay in the first month, when the county is in the process of converting to the new system.

"I hope people will plan for the difference in delivery time," Hazel

Elliott, County Social Services Director said, "It will probably be hard the first month."

Elliott said that under the old system, authorization cards were mailed by the county and arrived between the first and the tenth of each month.

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Insurance Rates Are Investigated

The Albemarle Commission met Thursday February 16 in the ARPDC/Perquimans Co. Office Building in Hertford with Bill Cox presiding.

Don Flowers, Executive Director of the Commission said that the commission is looking into the possibility of the ten counties joining together to purchase hospitalization insurance from one company. He explained that buying insurance from one company would lower premium rates.

In his status report Flowers announced that any building that receives county funds must be made more accessible to handicapped persons by October 17 in order to participate in revenue sharing.

In other business, Fiscal manager Mary Lou Ownley presented a budget amendment that J.T.P.A. funds be added to the budget.



SURPLUS COMMODITIES — Over 570 households benefited from last Wednesday's distribution of honey, butter, cheese, dry milk, and corn meal at the County Storage facility on Dicks Street. Targeted households were those that receive food stamp, AFDC, and WIC allotments.

Judge Chaffin Presides Over Docket

The Chowan County District Court was in session February 21 with the Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding over the criminal calendar.

Everette Bonner Small was found guilty of allowing a dog to run at large. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended 2 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$50 and cost of

court. Sabrina DeLoatch was called and failed to show on charges of passing worthless checks.

Charlie Joe Britt was found guilty of breaking and entering and assaulting a female. The charges were consolidated for judgement. He was committed for 24 months.

Charlie Edward Wills was found

guilty of larceny. He was sentenced to 12 months suspended for 2 years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$150 and cost of court. He is not to go on the premises of John A. Holmes High School for 2 years.

Willie L. Rollins was called and failed to show on a charge of driving 66 in a 55 mph zone.

John D. Pierce was called and failed to show on a charge of passing worthless checks.

Tina Louise Brooks was found guilty of shoplifting. She was sentenced to 90 days suspended for 2 years on the condition that she pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court. She is not to go on the premises of S&R for 2 years.

Leola Jones was called and failed to show on a charge of passing worthless checks.

Darryl Dwight Cuffie was found guilty of shoplifting. He was sentenced to 90 days suspended for 2 years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court. He is not to go on the premises of A&P for 2 years.

Walter Lee Smith was found guilty of DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 1 year on the condition that he pay \$100 fine and cost of court. He is also to attend drug alcohol school and perform 24 hours of community service. He surrendered his license.

George Lee Riddick was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended 1 year. He is fined \$50 and cost of court. He is not to carry any weapons when he is off

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Town Council Salary Increase

By Ron Anderson

Edenton Town Council members unanimously passed a motion Monday, February 20 to give themselves a \$50 a month raise. The raise will increase a council member's salary from \$100 a month to \$150 a month.

The action occurred at a special council meeting to discuss a personnel matter before council members went into executive session.

Town Administrator Sam Noble said that council decided to increase their salaries after they compared councilmen's salaries in nearby communities. Councilmen are paid \$150 a month in Nags Head.

Utilizing W-2 forms, the \$50 a month will be taken out for councilmen's income tax. Previously council members had to pay taxes on their earnings at the end of the year.

The raise is retroactive to January 1.

The North Carolina Symphony Performance Is Set For Tonight

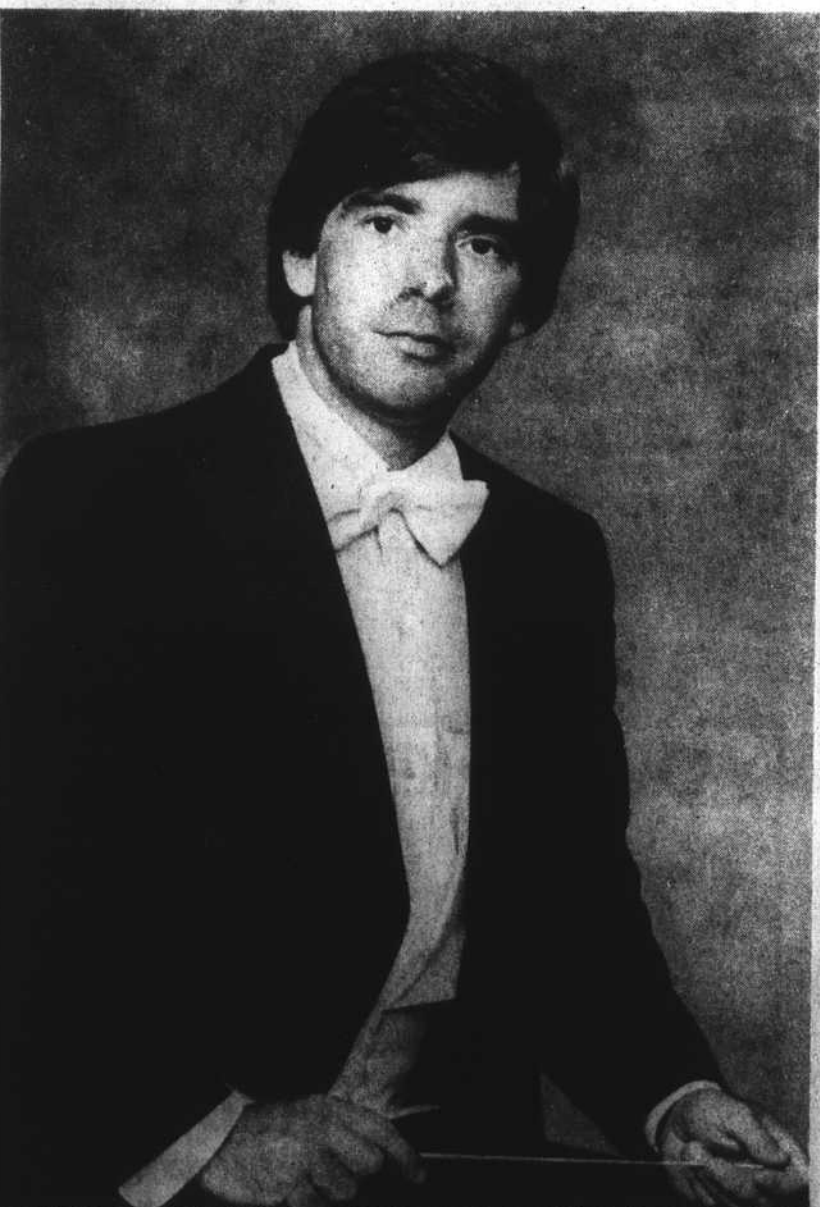
The North Carolina Symphony will make its third appearance before an Edenton audience tonight at Ernest A. Swain School at 8:00 P.M.

Last year, the concert was a sellout, with final sales being made at the door. The large crowd prompted enthusiastic appreciation from symphony musicians who are unaccustomed to playing to a full house when touring outside Raleigh.

Following the favorable response to their 1983 performance, Symphony Board members expect this year to also be a sellout.

The Symphony Chamber Orchestra and the Edenton Chorale Society will join forces for a concert that includes Beethoven's Hallelujah" from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*, Schubert's *Tantum Ergo* and Johann Stamitz's *Concerto for Flute, Two Horns and Strings*, featuring Clifford Tretick on flute.

Under the direction of Associate Conductor James Ogle, the remainder of the program includes Rigger's *Dance Rhythms*, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 2*, Richard Rodgers' "You'll Never Walk Alone," and Brahms' *Hungarian Dances Nos. 1, 3, and 10*. Tickets are \$8 at the door and 17 in advance.



SYMPHONY PERFORMANCE - Associate Conductor James Ogle will lead the N.C. Symphony Chamber Orchestra tonight at 8:00 P.M. at Swain Auditorium.



1st PLACE — Jimmy Parrish (center), Chowan County farmer and member of the Board of Directors for the N. C. Peanut Growers Association presented Johnny Layton (left), a trophy for having the highest peanut yield in Chowan County. Layton averaged 4,246 lbs. per acre on 130 acres. Also pictured is Chowan County peanut farmer Sherlon Layton. The presentation was made at The Chowan County Peanut Production meeting held at The Center Hill Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department.

Ban On Phosphates Could Improve Quality Of Water

AHOSKIE — Claims that a phosphate detergent ban would raise consumers' laundry costs, disputed here at a meeting Jan. 19, have been further disputed by the president of Purex Industries, Inc. in a letter released in Raleigh this week.

In response to a letter from James A. Summers, State Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development, W.R. Tincher said that "there is no basis other than myth and innuendo" for the association's claims that it cost consumers more to use nonphosphate detergents.

The claim was made at a meeting sponsored by the Soap and Detergent Association in Ahoskie Jan. 19 that banning washing products containing phosphates would increase the average family's laundry bill over \$26 per year, costing consumers \$60 million yearly statewide.

Alfred M. Howard, a resident of Arrowhead Beach in Chowan County, and a longtime supporter of better water quality, stated, "If you put enough rocks in a bowl of water, eventually the bowl overflows." Howard contends the ban would be a way to remove one of the "rocks."

Joe M. Parker, chairman of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow, disputed the claim at the time it was advanced by Association representatives. NNCT last fall endorsed the concept of a statewide ban on phosphate detergents as one means of improving water quality in northeastern North Carolina, especially the nutrient sensitive Chowan River basin.

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Wackelin Receives Jaycee Distinguished Service Award

Bruce Wackelin was the recipient of the Edenton Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award at the Jaycees' Thirtieth Annual D.S.A. Banquet held Tuesday, February 21 at the Edenton Jaycee Community Building.

Wackelin has been with North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance since 1979.

After receiving the highest award presented by the Edenton Jaycees, Wackelin said, "When someone is blessed enough to have a good life in the community, its good to be able to return it."

He added, "We've taken a lot from this community and I hope we've given a lot back."

Wackelin's dedication to serving his fellow man has manifested itself in service activities such as work with the underprivileged in Appalachia during college. Since moving to Edenton, he has made numerous contributions to his community in several areas. His work as president of the Chowan Arts Council earned him a position on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of Arts Councils.

As a member of the Edenton Jaycees, he has been internal vice-president for two years and has worked on numerous projects, including the 1982 Project of the

Year. As Red Cross Blood Drive Chairman for three years, his extensive recruiting of new donors has doubled collections. He has been named to the Regional Red Cross Blood Services Subcommittee.

Wackelin also chaired Governor



Bruce Wackelin

Hunt's Chowan County School Division of the "Save the Light" fund drive, and it was through his efforts, that the goal for the drive was surpassed in the county.

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