



MEMORIAL DAY—County and town residents displayed American flags Memorial Day (Monday) to honor those men who lost their lives fighting to keep America free. The two flags pictured here were displayed on W. Queen St.

Eight Face DWI Charges After Holiday Weekend

by Ron Anderson

Eight motorists were charged with DWI (Driving While Impaired) in Chowan County over the three day Memorial Day Weekend.

Trooper J.A. Siles said that he stopped three drunk drivers and Trooper Mike McArthur stopped five between 6 P.M. Friday and midnight Monday. "That's alot," Siles said.

Siles said that the highway patrol is on the lookout for drunk drivers over a holiday weekend because "people are festive during the holidays." He attributed last weekend's high rate of DWIs to the warm weather and lower cost of fuel this year.

No traffic fatalities occurred over the weekend, but two accidents were reported: one on the Chowan River Bridge and the other on Rural Rt. 1317 (Brayhall Rd). Siles said that alcohol was involved in both accidents.

Those motorists who were charged with DWIs this Memorial Day weekend will face stiffer sentences than motorists arrested last year under DUI (Driving Under the Influence) charges.

Since the North Carolina Safe Roads Act of 1983 became effective on October 1, drunk drivers will face one of five levels of punishment which are determined by evidence of grossly aggravating, aggravating, and mitigating factors. All of those found guilty will have their licenses revoked.

A motorist recently tried and found guilty of DWI in Chowan District Court was punished under a level two judgement. He was sentenced to 6 months suspended for 3 years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$500 and court costs. As a condition of probation he was required to serve an active sentence of 7 days in jail. He was ordered to attend Alcohol and Drug Traffic School and surrender his drivers license.

There are two ways a DWI can be proven: (1) by proving the driver's physical or mental faculties are appreciably impaired by alcohol, drugs, or a combination of both or (2) by proving the driver's alcohol concentration (AC) is 0.10 or more at any relevant time after driving.

The State Highway Patrol, the Chowan County Sheriff's Department and the Edenton Police Department all worked together over the weekend to keep the highways as safe as possible.

"The holiday campaign was successful," said Siles. "We're glad that no more wrecks happened that did."



Mrs. Frederick Drane

Town Tax Rate Remains Unchanged In Budget Proposal For 1984 - 1985

By Maru Amburn

Edenton's current tax rate of \$0.49 per \$100 valuation remains unchanged in the budget for fiscal 1984-85 that has been prepared by the Finance Committee of the town council and Town Administrator Sam Noble.

The administrator said, "This is the third consecutive year in which the Town of Edenton has not increased its tax rate."

The annual budget, which was presented during a special council session Tuesday night, will be the subject of a public hearing set for June 26 at 8 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Copies of the budget are available for review at the town offices.

The ad valorem tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year is based upon an assessed valuation of \$11,772,085 and a tax collection rate of 93 percent.

"The proposed budget reflects expenditures and transfers of \$8,670,918," Noble said. "Last year's budget total was \$7,948,187."

Noble added that the budget increase reflects a 8.3 percent increase over fiscal year 1983-84.

Town officials account for the 8.3 percent budget increase, resulting in no tax increase, due to industrial growth, reduced hiring, and tighter control of expenditures. Noble stated in a telephone interview.

The additions to the town tax base of the W. B. Gardner Senior Village, McDonald's Restaurant, and a building addition at ElderLodge have been instrumental in keeping taxes down, Noble noted.

"If you don't have any growth in the tax base, you're in trouble, there will probably be tax increases," Noble pointed-out.

Also significant is the fact that town hiring has been kept in line, the town manager added.

"Over the past three years, in particular, we have reduced positions through not rehiring in the street, electric, water and sewer departments in order to keep costs in line," Noble said.

The administrator said that all town employees, following an evaluation period, are slated to receive five percent cost-of-living raises under the proposed budget.

According to the town manager's prepared statement, no merit pay increases were budgeted for employees. The council did discuss pay adjustments in executive session following the open meeting, Noble stated.

Noble also noted that the town has strived to keep a tab on expenditures by putting line items such as travel and training expenses within the individual departments.

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Congressmen Confer With Producers On Importance Of Peanut Program

By Maru Amburn

Area peanut producers recently confided in Ahoskie with Congressman Walter B. Jones and Congressman Charlie Rose on the economic importance of the peanut program.

The Northeastern North Carolina growers expressed strong support for the present program with few modifications at the Peanut Legislative Hearing May 21, at Roanoke-Chowan Technical College.

The hearing, conducted by the Tobacco and Peanuts Subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Agriculture, also provided an opportunity for discussion of the future of the agribusiness economy and declining representation of farming interests in Washington.

David Bateman, a Chowan County farmer and former president of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, said the meeting addressed both the costs of the peanut program and the denial of new grower interest.

"Additional provisions allowed

anyone in the United States to produce peanuts without being a quota holder," Bateman said.

Bateman emphasized that peanut grower unity is vital to the future of the program.

"Growers have attempted to make the program work for the benefit of all," Bateman stated, "Together we are a small entity, but apart we are nothing."

Bateman, who is now chairman of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Advisory Committee, was referring to the 1981 Farm Bill vote during which the peanut program was nearly dismantled. Peanut growers then banded together in 1981 in an

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Les Jones' Suspects On Court Calendar

Chowan Superior Court will meet Monday, June 4 with the Honorable Elbert S. Peele, Jr. presiding over the criminal calendar.

Included on the criminal calendar are the trials of three men charged with the murder and robbery of Yeopim Township store owner Les Jones. Jones was murdered on January 31, 1979.

Two of the men, Clyde Alexander Leary, 20, of Edenton and Donald Vernall Broady, 29, of New York City, are charged with murder; armed robbery and accessory after the fact to murder and armed robbery. George Lee Revell, 31, Hempstead, NY, is charged with murder and robbery.

The cases were continued from both the January 30 and March 26 sessions of Superior Court because of difficulties with an essential witness for the state.

Also scheduled on the calendar is the sentencing of two men, Larry Wayne Sanders and Mitchell Duke Ivey, who have been tried in connection with the June 1982 burning of the Elliott House.

By Maru Amburn

Chowan County resident Terrence William Boyle, 38, was inducted Tuesday as the 17th federal judge in the history of the 44 county First Judicial District amid high praise for his professional and personal achievements.

"I have first-hand knowledge of his competence, dedication, and character," said Senator Jesse Helms. "I was a direct beneficiary of his exceptional legal skills; and most importantly, of his high moral character and uncompromising integrity." Boyle worked as legislative assistant to Helms in 1973.

Over 200 dignitaries and friends attended the induction ceremony at the Federal Courthouse in Elizabeth City.

Among the many distinguished participants were Judges W. Earl Britt, Franklin Dupree, Jr., John D. Larkins, Jr., James C. Fox and J. Dickson Phillips. Each of the judges had words of wisdom and advice to bestow upon Judge Boyle, but Chief Judge Britt, who also administered the oath said, "You'll get a lot of advice. There is one thing that no one can do for you. No one can make the final decision. Once you make it, announce it without fear."

The events which led to the induction ceremony began last December 31 when Judge Franklin T. Dupree, Jr. decided to take senior status.

Boyle was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on April 24, follow-

ing his nomination by President Reagan and hearings before the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

U.S. Senator John East, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said of Boyle, "I am confident that he will bring a constitutionist philosophy to the federal judiciary. We need people to serve that have a firm grasp on the

constitution."

Boyle, a former partner in the Elizabeth City law firm of LeRoy, Wells, Shaw, Hornthal & Riley, moved to Chowan County in 1973.

Born in Passaic, New Jersey and raised in Garfield, New Jersey where his father has been City Court judge for 18 years, Boyle was graduated from Brown University

in 1967.

He received his juris doctor from the American University in Washington, D.C.

Boyle and his wife, the former Deborah Ellis, have three children. During his remarks following the administration of the oath, Boyle

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Public Parade

Better Access

The State Department of Transportation recently held a public hearing on the proposed design and other matters related to two access points on U.S. 17-bypass of Edenton. The absence of a large crowd at the hearing is positive.

People along the Public Parade have a tendency of yelling when they are anti and speaking calmly, if hardly at all, when they are pro.

The access points at Paradise Road and West Albemarle Street have been eyed for years by those in commerce. The additional interchanges are a long time in coming, and are badly needed.

Planners at the DOT have used good judgement in going forward on a two-phase program. The proposed design calls for a half clover interchange at each point, with sufficient right-of-way acquired now for the ultimate goal. This is the practice followed with the existing road.

Roads stimulate progress. Better access to the bypass is moving in the right direction, whether coming or going.

School Discipline

There's a large movement underway along the Public Parade and throughout the nation to improve public education. Particular attention is being given the subject by Edenton-Chowan Schools.

A little seed money and a lot of dedication is resulting in a more wholesome atmosphere for learning to take place. The award-winning "Courtesy Is Contagious" program in local public schools is proving that money isn't the answer to all educational ills.

School discipline is improving along the Public Parade. This school-based program is making it more difficult for people to associate "can't" with education. The effect is electrifying.

Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina pointed out some alarming statistics from the National Institute of Education:

"Twelve percent of the teachers hesitated to confront misbehaving students because of fear.

"Twenty-one percent of all second-

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FEDERAL JUDGE—Terrence W. Boyle of Edenton is administered the oath of office at the Federal Courthouse in Elizabeth City by Judge W. Earl Britt as (left) Senator Jesse Helms and Boyle's daughter, Anna Jinette, witness the ceremony.