



## Public Employees

### Not For Just A Day

Although teachers' pay in North Carolina now ranks only 33rd among the 50 states, the real heroes are not the education professionals but the working people along the Public Parade and elsewhere in the state.

For what is often overlooked during the biennial budget squabbles in Raleigh is that our teachers, however much more they deserve, are maintained at rank 33rd by wage earners who stand 45th from the top.

Wage figures for 1984 are not available, but at the close of 1983 the average wage in North Carolina was \$14,676, an increase of 6.1 per cent over the previous year. That figure no doubt will be somewhat higher for 1984, but is not likely to change the state's ranking very much. For any gain would have to reflect the 14.5 per cent increase given school people and the 10 per cent given other public employees during 1984.

Salaries for teachers in North Carolina now average about \$18,000 for nine months work. If everybody else were paid as well, our state would move from 45th up to 12th place, or even higher if the three months vacation time is taken into account. The average income for the nation as a whole at the beginning of 1984 was \$17,544.

Just what will happen to the state budget this year is not yet clear. Legislators pretty generally are committed to another round of pay increases for teachers in other public employees. A great many of them are in favor of reducing class size, beefing up the basics and putting into effect a merit pay system for teachers, which would be over and above any across the board increase.

To do all of these, even on a phased-in basis, would require probably a half billion dollars in new money. Then there are other agencies that can make a good case for more money. Our community college system, for example, ranks near the bottom when it comes to instructional pay. Our university system needs more money with which to intensify research in biotechnology, which is fast becoming the lowest common denominator for improving the quality of life among our people.

Meanwhile, Gov. Jim Martin appears to be making a good case for removing the sales tax on food and medicine and repealing the inventory and intangibles levies outright — a reduction of almost a half billion dollars in our total state tax burden.

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## Tornado Week Is Proclaimed

Governor Jim Martin has proclaimed the week of March 3-9 as "Tornado Awareness Week" in North Carolina.

Martin said, "Tornadoes can be killers as all North Carolinians know from last year's storms that left 44 people dead in eastern North Carolina. All of our citizens need to be aware of the weather signs that precede a tornado so they can take actions to protect themselves and their loved ones."

"I commend the National Weather Service, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, and the Department of Public Instruction for their cooperative efforts to educate the public to the dangers of tornadoes and tornado safety measures during the week."

"Tornado Awareness Week" is an annual effort of the Division of Emergency Management in the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the National Weather Service, the Department of Public Instruction, and other interested agencies. The main focus of the week will be a statewide tornado drill sometime during the week.

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**WOMAN OF THE YEAR** — Marquerite Butler McCall is the B.P.W. Club's Woman of the Year for 1984. She is pictured in her office in the Barker House with a plaque presented to her by the B.P.W. last Thursday evening.

## McCall Named The BPW's 1984 Woman Of The Year

Marguerite Butler McCall was named Edenton and Professional Women's Club 1984 Woman of the Year at the organization's annual Bosses' Night Banquet held Thursday, February 21 in the Fellowship Hall of the Edenton Methodist Church.

The B.P.W. has presented the award annually since 1950 to recognize women in Edenton or Chowan County who are "unique and special to our community."

McCall is the educational coordinator of the Edenton Historical Commission, a position she has held for three years. She is a much requested speaker throughout eastern North Carolina and

sometimes portrays Penelope Barker, the woman who organized the Edenton Tea Party.

A prolific writer, McCall writes articles for "The Chowan Herald" and other local publications. She has been published in "The State" magazine and recently completed her first novel, "And Roofs Needs Patching."

McCall was born in Hertford and attended East Carolina University in the early 50's. She is married and the mother of two sons.

The award was presented to McCall by Betty Manning, president elect, B.P.W. Lynn Usher was the speaker for the evening.



**ROTARY** — Charlie Overman (left) became a "Paul Harris Fellow" at Edenton Rotary Club's Ladies Nite Banquet. Pictured with Overman is Ray Jones of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club who made the award presentation.

## Overman First To Receive Award

The Edenton Rotary Club honored one of its members on Thursday, February 21 by making him a "Paul Harris Fellow."

Charlie Overman, a Rotary member for 46 years, became the first member of the Edenton club to be a recipient of the prestigious title. The announcement was made at the organization's Ladies Nite Banquet held in the American Legion Building.

"This is one of the greatest and best surprises I've ever had," Overman told the crowd after he was honored.

On becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, Overman had a gift of \$1,000 contributed to the Rotary Foundation in his name and was presented a certificate, a gold medallion and a distinctive lapel pin. The money will be used to support

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## Heart Sunday A Big Success For Chapter

Saturday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, Feb. 24th were big days for the American Heart Association in Chowan Co.

On Saturday, Britthaven of Edenton held a very successful "Home With Heart" celebration which included a Break Dance for Heart competition for children K-3. This event was well attended and enjoyed by all. They also conducted a Blood Pressure Screening and passed out educational materials relating to cardiovascular disease.

On Sunday from 2-4 p.m. the residents of Wm. B. Gardner Senior Village were treated to an Open House for Heart with story telling and musical entertainment. Many family members and visitors at-

tended this "standing room only" celebration on Heart Sunday.

The residents at Unit B, Chowan Hospital were also celebrating on Sunday. They too had an Open House with a Love Tree, local entertainment, refreshments, helium balloons and another blood pressure screening, as well as many fine educational materials.

Heart Sunday was a huge success again this year. With heart disease being our number one killer we all need to fight. Thank you for being so generous, Chowan County. The many dedicated volunteers are what make all of the research and public and professional education possible. Keep up the good work. We're fighting for your life!

## County Court Session Held

Chowan County District Court was in session February 26, the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding over the criminal calendar.

Benjamin McPherson pleaded guilty to charges of abandonment and nonsupport of his wife and child. He was sentenced to 6 months suspended for 5 years on the condition he pay court costs and make monthly support payments.

Daniel Spencer Bowes was found guilty of exceeding a safe speed. He was ordered to pay cost of court.

Tasha Rena Clegg pleaded guilty to shoplifting. She was sentenced to 60 days suspended on the condition she pay a fine of \$50 and court costs.

She is not to go on the premises of Cato's for 1 year.

Johnny Edward Brooks pleaded guilty to shoplifting. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 1 year on the condition he pay a fine of \$50 and cost of court; he appealed.

Joseph Robert Ballance was found guilty of indecent exposure. He was sentenced to 6 months suspended for 3 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$250 and cost of court. He is to attend Albemarle Mental Health Center.

Joseph Robert Ballance was found guilty of reckless driving. He was ordered to pay cost of court.

## Financial Report Released

The North Carolina National Guard with an operating budget of nearly \$100 million a year is one of the larger employers in the state a recently released economic impact statement reveals.

About two-thirds of the operating budget goes to salaries for the more than 13,000 Guard members for weekend drill and annual training. These salaries provide additional income to the Guard members' full-time jobs and get spent in communities throughout the state the statement indicates.

In Edenton the National Guard with its 98 members has a total financial impact of \$331,394.00.

The total for Edenton includes military pay for Guard members, operating expense for the local armory, local purchases and pay for full-time personnel.

In releasing the financial information Maj. Gen. Hubert M. Leonard, North Carolina Adjutant General, points out "The North Carolina National Guard is indeed big business and the financial impact on our state is substantial. The National Guard is more than a group of citizen-soldiers ready to respond to state and federal emergencies. We are a viable asset to our state's economy."

The Guard operated on a state budget of \$5.5 million in 1984. This allocation generated \$93 million in federal funding during the fiscal year.

Local support for units across the

## Arbitration To Be Discussed

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, March 4 at White Oak School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

At the meeting, the board will hear reports on: Good Things from White Oak School; the arbitration hearing with Eastern Construction Co.; physical improvement activities; the parent-teacher conference held Friday, February 1; and result of the competency tests.

The board will consider: the library roof at John A. Holmes High School; the D.F. Walker drainage project; a systemwide insurance program; the safety policy for vocational programs; student-teacher policy; the auditor's contract; and the results of D.F. Walker renovation opening bids.



Nelle Manning Hyatt

## Hyatt New Employee

Mrs. Nelle Manning Hyatt, 205 West Eden Street, has been employed by the College of the Albemarle as a new Learning Lab instructor in Edenton.

Mrs. Hyatt earned a bachelor of science degree in history and political science and a master's degree in library science and Art from East Carolina University. During her period of graduate study, ECU awarded Mrs. Hyatt a teaching fellowship in library science.

After teaching social studies at the Chowan Academy for a year, she joined the Edenton-Chowan School system where she has taught social studies for the past four years. Currently, she's teaching a class of Advanced Placement U.S. History at Holmes High School.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9:45 p.m., Mrs. Hyatt can be found in the COA Learning Lab located at the high school.

These two programs of studies are available for adults who wish to

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## Investigation Is Continuing

A break-in occurred early Monday morning, February 25 at the residence of Mrs. Lois Overton, 800 Cabarrus Street, Edenton.

According to an Edenton Police Department report, Mrs. Overton saw an individual enter her house through the front bedroom window sometime around 2 a.m. She after the intruder entered, he Mrs. Overton and left through the same bedroom window.

Mrs. Overton said that, from what she could tell, the intruder was tall and slim and was wearing either a dark blue or black jacket.

Police are continuing to investigate the incident.



**SCOUTS**— David Bass (left), a representative for Woodmen of the World Insurance, presented Eric Linehardt an American flag for Edenton's Boy Scout Troop 164 at the troop's Court of Honor held in the Methodist Church Monday evening. Larry Johnson, scoutmaster, is pictured between Bass and Linehardt. Also that evening Scouts John Keeter and Edward "Scooter" Basnight received their Life badges.