

Needed, Appropriate Words

When we listed an assortment of pet peeves on the highway a couple of weeks ago, we failed to mention a dangerous type which came within inches of causing a serious wreck on our way back from the beach.

We had reached Winston-Salem, where the speed limit on I-40 drops to 45 miles per hour although practically nobody observes it. On entering Winston-Salem, there is a large sign which directs truck drivers to stay in the right lane through the city.

We had noticed this large rig approaching from the rear at a speed far in excess of the limit because we were making the customary 50 miles per hour. Traffic was pretty heavy in both westbound lanes, but the truck driver managed to come alongside our car by threatening to run down everything in front of him.

By the time he got the tractor part of his rig slightly ahead of us, he began signalling he was going to make a left turn into the "fast" lane. Knowing he was not supposed to be in the left lane, we thought he had his turn signal on by mistake and did not slow down.

When we started down the hill leading to the notorious Hawthorne curve on I-40 in Winston-Salem, he literally poured on the coal and nosed into the left lane before his lowboy trailer had cleared our front bumper. There is no median strip at this point on I-40, the east and west lanes being separated by tapered concrete dividers. There was no room to dodge and, to save our necks, we had to brake almost to a stop. Even then, the rear wheels of the trailer cleared our front bumper by no more than six inches.

The truck was loaded with what appeared to be some sort of machinery, which slowed down as it reached Hawthorne Hill and we were able to get the name and number. It was a C & N Nationwide rig out of Dallas, Texas, with tag number R39-94. As we passed him going uphill, we again felt the need for that rear window sign, with some appropriate words.

Whose Special Interest?

A recent survey by the Associated Press revealed that the top 20 military contractors had doubled their political contributions since Ronald Reagan took office, bringing the 1984 total to \$3.6 million for presidential and congressional races.

Of the 20 house members who received \$15,000 or more each from defense contractor PACs, 17 voted for the additional MX missiles; of the 14 senators who received \$30,000 or more each from the same contributors, 13 backed the additional MXs.

Rockwell, which made contributions of \$59,625 in 1980, shelled out \$328,440 in 1984. During that same period, Rockwell's share of aerospace contracts rose from \$1 billion to \$8.4 billion. Lockheed's PAC contributions rose 325 per cent to \$420,191 in 1984; but, don't

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NEW BRIDGE— Gov. Jim Martin dug the first shovelfull of dirt Monday signifying the beginning of construction of the new Albemarle Sound Bridge. Standing behind the governor is State Transportation Secretary James Harrington. (photo by Ron Anderson)

Gov. Joins Groundbreaking

Governor Jim Martin on Monday joined State Transportation Secretary James E. Harrington and other federal, state and local officials at a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction of the new Albemarle Sound Bridge.

The ceremony, attended by close to 200 people, was held at Sandy Point Beach, the planned construction site for the new 3.5 mile, \$22.3 million "high rise bridge."

From a portable stage, Martin told the crowd that the bridge - the state's longest - needed to be replaced because of damage to its wooden pilings caused by years of shifting ice. The existing bridge was built in 1937 by the state Highway Commission.

He described the bridge as "a vital link between industry and commerce, patients and doctors, and families and friends" and praised the citizens of northeastern North Carolina for

fighting and pushing for the bridge's replacement. "If it were not for your persistence and dedication, we might not be here today," he said.

Martin said he saw a special

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John Graham Home Robbed; Silver Stolen

Over \$9,000 worth of sterling silver was reported missing Thursday, May 9 from the home of Mrs. John Graham, 120 West King Street, according to an Edenton Police Department report.

The robbery occurred during daylight hours while Mrs. Graham was out.

Officers David Jethro, Bland Terry, and Don Harris are investigating the incident.

Officials Participate In A Fair-On-The-Green

This Saturday more than 50 members of the North Carolina General Assembly and other state officials are scheduled to visit Edenton and participate in "A Fair-On-The-Green."

The fair, to be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on the Old Courthouse Green, is one stop on a two-day bus tour of northeastern North Carolina designed to acquaint state leaders of the heritage of the Northeast and the economic problems it faces. The public is encouraged to attend.

Streets surrounding the area will be closed to traffic and approximately 30 booths will be set up on the green. Manning the booths will be representatives from historic sites, national wildlife refuges, State parks regional schools and the Pettigrew Regional Library.

At the Historic Edenton booth, Shelia Hufton will demonstrate the fine art of cornshuck mop making and Don Jordan will be displaying his skill as an 18th century woodworker. Both Hufton and Jordan will be in 18th century costumes.

"The whole idea is to say - Look what a great place northeastern North Carolina is," said Linda Eure, site manager, James Iredell House. "We've got a lot to

offer in this area."

When members of the General Assembly arrive on the green at approximately 10:30 a.m., a program featuring Lt. Gov. Robert B. Jordan as the main speaker will begin. During the program, legislators will present a certificate to local officials acknowledging the importance of The Chowan County Courthouse as the oldest courthouse in continuous use in the United States.

Eure said the fair - a joint project of Historic Edenton and Northeastern Historic Places - will give legislators a chance to learn more about the Northeast, the section of the state containing the largest cluster of historic sites. She also said the public will have a unique chance to meet their legislators.

Continuous tours of St. Paul's Church, the Iredell House and the Old Courthouse will be given throughout the day. On the green, craftsmen will be giving demonstrations and musical entertainment will be provided by The Harmony Belles, Rocky Hock Rebels, Elizabeth City Madrigals and the Hertford Fifes and Drums.

In case of rain, the fair will be held at John A. Holmes High School.

Existing Zoning Ordinance Remains

Edenton Town Council voted Tuesday to keep a zoning ordinance restricting the establishment of Bed and Breakfast Homes to areas not more than 200 ft. from a numbered U.S. highway.

A proposal to change the existing ordinance to allow the establishment of Bed and Breakfast Homes in any residential district within the town was defeated by a 4 - 2 vote.

During a public hearing concerning the issue, Winnie Wood, chair, Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow, an organization working to develop Bed and Breakfast Homes statewide, expressed her approval of the proposed zoning amendments.

"We are very pleased with the changes; we have no problem with them and feel we can work well with the restrictions," she said.

Those restrictions would have allowed a Bed and Breakfast Home to be established if: 1) the home was a detached single family dwelling and owner occupied 2) the home offered four rooms or less to be occupied by not more than eight guests 3) one off-street parking space be available for each room offered 4) the home be approved the Edenton Fire Chief 5) there be no walk-in guests and 6) there be no signs.

But council members opposed

to Bed and Breakfasts said the ordinance restrictions would be hard to enforce. They also expressed concerns over the effects

the establishments would have on residential neighborhoods and fears that too many citizens would

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Co. District Court Session

Chowan County District Court was in session May 14, the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding over the criminal calendar.

Hubert Lee Privott was found guilty of DWI, operating left of the center line, and driving without a license. He was sentenced to 90 days suspended for one year on the condition he pay a fine of \$200 and pay court costs. He must attend ADET school, surrender his drivers license and perform 72 hours of community service.

Rudolph Henry LaPoint was found guilty of driving without a drivers license. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for a year on the condition he pay a fine of \$40 and cost of court.

Joseph Keith Byrum was found guilty on two counts of driving without a license. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 1 year on the condition he pay a fine of \$40 and cost of court.

Charles Allison Kemp Jr was found guilty of failing to report an accident and reckless driving. He was sentenced to 10 days suspended for 1 year on the condition he

pay a fine of \$35 and cost of court. Lisa Jo Raymond was called but failed to show on a charge of driving without a license.

Carson Keith Copeland was

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Citizens Meet Sen. Basnight

Approximately 40 local citizens and guests met Monday morning of this week at McDonald's for breakfast with State Senator Marc Basnight, D-Dare.

Following a time of fellowship, the senator answered questions concerning the proposed phosphate ban bill and how it affected Chowan County; the utilities situation - commenting on a letter he had received from Mayor Roy Harrell regarding same; as well as made observations dealing with education, lottery etc.

Basnight solicited opinions from those present and added that he always welcomed and valued suggestions at any time.

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The picture on the left shows the original members of the squad. They are: (Front row: from l. to r.) Willis Privott, Jimmy Ricks, Murray Ashley, Bob Weintraub, Bill Stallings. (Back row: l. to r.) Gil Johnson, Tommy Jackson and Bob Robertson. Not pictured are Elbridge Smith, Jake Hobowsky, Ray Briley and Ed Taylor. The right picture shows members of the current Rescue Squad at a banquet held Tuesday, May 7.



Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad

The Rescue Squad began in 1963 by a group of citizens who recognized the need for emergency services in Chowan County. They first met in the old Civil Defense office and managed to collect \$22.58. Soon local businessmen gave their support, and the squad began to develop and grow. The first ambulance was donated by Gates County and several charter members signed a \$2,000 note to purchase another ambulance. Today there are 3 units and 46 volunteers who make up the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

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