

Trash — Things and People

We can sympathize with the mayor and town council in their effort to cut down in littering in Edenton.

We have in our neighborhood a concentration of fast food places, so many, in fact, that it is known as Hamburger Hill. We live about midway between a newly-developed residential area and Hamburger Hill; and we have calculated that the entrance to our driveway is about one hamburger away from Hamburger Hill — just about the distance it takes to eat a burger after pulling out of the drive-in.

At any rate, our driveway seems to be a special target for the wrappers and soft drink cans and cups. Almost every day we have to pick up their trash and add it to our trash.

Oh, some of them are very considerate. They wrap the left-over french fries in the little plastic coffins that contained the hamburgers and tuck the napkins into the paper cups to keep things from scattering and make them easy to pick up.

But they throw them out just the same. Sometimes at night they even pull into our driveway, the entrance to which is some distance from our house, and have a hamburger picnic, dropping the whole mess out the car windows and often even emptying the car ashtrays. When they drive away, there is no trash in their car — no trash, that is, except the people.

This goes on week after week. And when the city decides to mow the shoulders of the highway by our place, it just serves to expose the trash that had been hidden by the tall grass.

So you can see that we do not come to the problem of trash as a stranger. Trapped as we are, one hamburger away from fast food heaven, we are inured to it. But Edenton is such a beautiful town that we would hate to see it fall prey to the litterbugs. We know they are hard to catch and difficult to convict, but we hope Chief Parrish and his men can bring these heels to heel.

If things continue as they are in most places, it may be necessary for legislative bodies, including city councils and boards of commissioners, to start putting restrictions on the licensing of fast food take-out places. One step would be to require the drive-ins to use nothing but biodegradable materials in their cups and wrappers, stuff that would breakdown rapidly when exposed to the elements. We know a place that would support a whole new industry if city council passed such an ordinance.

State Law Requires Child Safety Belts

On July 1, a new state law takes effect requiring that all children riding in a motor vehicle are younger than age 3 be secured in approved safety seats. Three, and 5-year-olds at least must be wearing seatbelts. Drivers who break the law are subject to pay a \$25 fine or bear the guilt for having contributed to the death or injury of a child. Don't risk it! Keep North Carolina's most precious cargo safe. Caswell Center's First Step Project urges you to obey the Child Passenger Restraint Law.

Car safety seats for children do work, according to state Highway Patrol statistics. From 1982 to 1984, 33 children aged 3 and younger who were not riding in safety seats died from injuries received in motor vehicle crashes. During the same period, two children riding in safety seats died in accidents. One child was placed in the seat improperly. The other was involved in an accident judged unsurvivable. Give your young passengers a fighting chance. Don't start the engine until everyone under age 6 is strapped in. Startling statistics from the law.



Principal Rob Boyce

1985-86 General Fund Budget Final Approval Given

Chowan County commissioners gave final approval to the county's \$3.9 million general fund budget for Fiscal Year 1985-86 during a special meeting on Friday, June 21.

The budget calls for a property tax increase of 6½ cents. That increase is 1½-cent above the 5-cent increase originally proposed by the finance committee. The additional 1½ cents will be used solely to help fund the county's school system.

During a public hearing held before the budget was passed, two

Area Flood Insurance Converted

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced recently that effective July 3, Chowan County, has been converted to the Regular phase of the National Flood Insurance Program. The full limits of flood insurance coverage are now available to any property owner located within Chowan County.

Coverage available on a single-family residential structure, for example, has now been increased from a maximum of \$35,000 under the Emergency Program to a maximum of \$185,000 under Regular Program status. Similar increases for other types of structures are also available. Tenants may also obtain additional coverage for their personal property against flood loss.

According to Glenn C. Woodard, Jr., Chief, Natural and Technological Hazards Division of FEMA's Atlanta Regional Office, flood coverage may be written by any licensed property and casualty insurance agent in the State of North Carolina. The National Flood Insurance Program, created by Congress in 1969, provides owners of residential and small business properties with the only means of obtaining insurance against flood risk. Flood damages are not included in a general homeowners policy, Woodard advises. The premiums are based upon the location and/or elevation of a particular property in accordance with Flood Insurance Rate Map, a copy of which is available for public inspection from your local community officials.

The acceptance of Chowan County into the Regular phase of the National Flood Insurance Program is a result of a recently completed Flood Insurance Study by the Federal Emergency Manage-

ment - Durwood Copeland and Al Howard - expressed their opinions on budget-related issues.

Copeland, a farmer who says he must work at Weyerhaeuser to continue farming, asked the commissioners, "Do you really think we can handle this tax increase?"

A lot of county farmers are in financial trouble, Copeland said. "I just got my taxes paid last year. As far as I'm concerned, I can't hardly see how we can make it," he said.

Al Phillips, chairman of the commissioners, told Copeland that, while he was aware of the farmers' problems, "I believe we cut the budget as sharply as it could be cut. This is the bare bones we can operate the county on."

Arrowhead Beach resident Al Howard told the commissioners that recent problems with school facilities have shown him that, "there's no planned maintenance program for the school system." He suggested the commissioners instruct the school system to have a planned maintenance system by next year.

"This is the way businesses operate and the school system should be operated like a business," Howard said.

Edenton-Chowan School superintendent John Dunn assured Howard and the commissioners that there is a planned maintenance system operating in the schools, but said that in past years funding for maintenance was inadequate.

Dunn also said that Chowan County has the lowest appropriation for capital improvements than any of the school systems in the state.

Publishing Deadline

Due to the July 4th holiday falling on Thursday, the Chowan Herald will be published early next week.

Accordingly, all ads (classifieds and display) must be in our office no later than 12 noon on Monday to run in our July 4th issue. News items will be taken until 4 p.m. Monday afternoon.

The Herald will be published on Tuesday, and delivered to the post office on Tuesday afternoon.

The Chowan Herald business office will be closed all day on Thursday, July 4th. We will reopen on Friday at 8:30 a.m.

J.A. Holmes Selected

John A. Holmes High School was one of 108 high schools nationwide selected for recognition in the 1984-85 Secondary School Recognition Program.

Notification of the high honor came on Friday, June 21, in a letter to Principal Rob Boyce from Secretary of the United States Department of Education William J. Bennett. In that letter, Bennett wrote that schools selected for recognition show "steadfast dedication to achieving excellence and surmounting obstacles."

Bennett further commented on the 108 high schools in a news release. "Each of these schools has worked to sustain a high level of achievement and each deserves credit for a job well done," he said. "We hope that other secondary principals and teachers will note these examples and realize that the promise of excellence is within reach."

Rob Boyce, speaking of Holmes' recognition, said, "I'm very proud of this honor for our faculty, students, staff and community. This recognition represents the dedicated work and caring of many individuals."

"We have not arrived," Boyce continued. "There is still much to be accomplished. However, an achievement such as the National Secondary Schools Award is a significant indicator that there

are many good things going on in our school and school system. This kind of encouragement functions as a catalyst as we continue our efforts to improve the educational opportunities for our young people."

In the recognition program, the first step is nomination by the chief school official of the State. Schools nominated in 1985 completed forms that were reviewed by two 18-member panels of education leaders, including parents and representatives from education associations and the private sector.

In March, reviewers recommended schools for site visits, which were conducted in the spring by other education experts from outside the Federal government. They spent two days on-site, obtaining first-hand information about the schools by observing instruction, paying attention to school climate in both formal and informal settings, and talking to staff, students and parents.

Early in June, site visitors met in Washington to discuss their findings with the review panelists, who made the final selection.

This is the third year of national recognition for public schools. A national recognition ceremony for the schools will be held in Washington, D.C.



Jessie Rattley

Civic League's Banquet

Councilwoman Jessie Rattley of Newport News, Virginia, will be the keynote speaker at Edenton-Chowan Civic League's fifth annual banquet to be held this Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m. in the John A. Holmes High School cafeteria.

This year's banquet will be a special one because it will honor the memory of the late A.C. Hudson, one of the league's founders, past president, and president emeritus.

Tickets are presently on sale for \$8.00 per person and may be secured from Mrs. Darnell White or any member of Edenton-Chowan Civic League.

County District Court Session Held

Chowan County District Court was in session on June 25, the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding over the criminal calendar.

James Edward Lamb Jr. was found guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. The two charges were consolidated for judgement and Lamb was sentenced to 90 days suspended for 1 year on the condition he pay a fine of \$100 and court costs in each case. He is not to possess any drug paraphernalia or controlled substance for 1 year.

Willie Percy Perry Jr was called but failed to show on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a license.

John Horace Sharpe was found

guilty of assaulting a female. He was sentenced to 90 days suspended for 1 year on condition he pay a fine of \$50 and cost of court. He is not to assault, harass or intimidate Carroll Dillard for 1 year.

Paul Michael Lane pleaded guilty to a charge of making an unsafe movement. He was fined \$25 and cost of court.

Peggy Ann Sanders was found guilty of larceny. She was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 2 years on the condition she pay a \$50 and cost of court. She is not to go on the premises of Revco for 1 year.

Patricia Webb was found guilty of larceny. She was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 2 years on

the condition she pay a \$50 fine and cost of court. She is not to go on the premises of Revco for 1 year.

James Edward Boyce was found not guilty of reckless driving.

William George Lassiter Sr. was found guilty on a charge of nonsupport of a child. He was sentenced to 90 days suspended for 2 years on the condition he pay court costs and begin making support payments.

Frank I. Kurczek was found guilty of passing worthless checks. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 1 year on the condition he pay cost of court and make restitution to S&R; he appealed.

6th Annual Fabulous Fourth Of July Festival

Members of the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club are really getting excited about the "Sixth Annual Fabulous Fourth of July Festival" to be held in downtown Edenton on Independence Day.

Part of their excitement is over this year's fireworks display. "This year will be the biggest and best ever fireworks display," said co-chairman of the fireworks committee Jerry Parks.

Optimist member Chuck Smith said that the display this year will have more finale shells than last and a few more special effects shells (the ones that glitter and scream). The fireworks will be launched from the bulkhead

behind the police station as nightfall approaches.

The local Optimists have been gaining quite a reputation for their fireworks expertise. This year they were asked to shoot shows in Colonial Williamsburg and New Bern on the 4th, but turned the offers down so they could put on the show locally.

"We chose not to leave Edenton because the community has been so good to us," said Chuck Smith.

Each year the Optimists have included a new event on their festival lineup and this year they have added a tug of war competition.

Tug of war teams will be made

up of eight people whose total weight is not to exceed 1,600 lbs. Entry fee for the event is \$40 per team and anyone interested in signing up may contact tug of war chairman Dalton Furlough at 482-8437.

"The Optimist Club is very excited to have a tug of war in Edenton and we hope it becomes a yearly event," said Dalton Furlough.

Other events to be held on the 4th of July are listed on the "Sixth Annual Fabulous Fourth of July Festival" schedule which appears on page 4-A.



FABULOUS 4th OF JULY— (from left to right) Chuck Smith, Joe Lee, Frank White, Ferrell Pavlich, Dalton Furlough and Frank Cox are just some of the members of the Chowan-Edenton Optimist who will be shooting fireworks on the 4th of July.