



Edenton Featured In Magazine

Little Room At Top

We suspect there was more than meets the eye in Rep. Martin Lancaster's decision not to offer for re-election to the North Carolina General Assembly in 1986.

But, whatever the whole story is, Lancaster's absence will prove a great loss to the legislature for he was one of its most members. He was the sort of legislator who helped to set the tone and direction of deliberations on the floor of the house and, indeed, to uphold the integrity of the assembly as a whole.

In announcing his retirement after four terms, Lancaster said that service in the General Assembly required "so much time at so little remuneration that my family and my profession both have suffered significantly."

"I have had to work all day on Saturdays in my law practice to make up for the missed work during the week," he said in suggesting that the legislature ought to meet three-days a week instead of five. "If I had two full work days, I might be able to take some time on Saturdays to be with my family."

He had some further suggestions designed to preserve "the concept of a part-time, citizen legislature." Among them were reducing the number of committees on which a member is expected to serve, abolishing legislative study committees and having standing committees meet between sessions. He also suggested extending legislators' terms to four years and increasing their pay.

We can sympathize with the points Rep. Lancaster makes. We were on a nine-day week during the years we were trying to run a daily newspaper and serve in the General Assembly at the time. We spent Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays trying to get enough stuff written in advance to carry us through the first three or four days of the publishing week. Then we had to fill out the rest by working at night in Raleigh while other legislators were partying.

It's not fun. But it does have its rewards as long as the individual legislator feels he is moving up the ladder of success in the General Assembly. And, although he didn't say so, we suspect that was a part of Rep. Lancaster's problem.

We blame it all on the succession amendment making it possible for governors and lieutenant governors to serve for eight years. When it became apparent that the senate's presiding officer was going to be there for eight years, the house moved to re-elect its speaker, giving him a four-year term. It was felt this was necessary to prevent the senate president from dominating the General Assembly.

But pretty soon the speaker's four-year tenure was extended to

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Scout Pack Selected Tops

Edenton Cub Scout Pack 164 was selected as the top Cub Scout pack in North Carolina and Boy Scout Troop 164 was named the second best troop in the state during the annual convention of the North Carolina American Legion held June 20-23 in Greensboro.

The criteria used in making these selections are: advancement in and within rank; the offering of the complete scouting program; regularly scheduled meetings; campouts; growth in membership; community spirit and service; and trained adult leadership.

Sponsored by Edward G. Bond Post 40 of the American Legion and supported by other community service organizations, the local cub scout pack and boy scout troop have grown into strong scouting units. The units are led by Cubmaster Thelma Evans and Scoutmaster Larry Johnson.

Edenton is the subject of an article appearing in the July issue of Country Magazine.

"Every century or so Edenton, North Carolina, kind of sneaks up on people and is rediscovered," the article begins. It then goes on to trace the history of the town from the early 1700s to the present - describing the time when the town was the first colonial capital of North Carolina and a bustling port city - contrasted with period of being "a forgotten rural hamlet with an economy based on agriculture that yielded to most little more than a subsistence."

Color photographs of Wessington, the Cupola House and a view of Edenton Bay illustrate the article which describes the town's diverse architectural treasures and portrays modern Edenton as "a pleasant mix of old families and new residents." Also included are a map of the historic district and a list of available accommodations.

Walter Nicklin, publisher and president of Country Magazine, said in a telephone interview that his publication celebrates the history and beauty of the Mid-Atlantic region. "Basically what our magazine has become is a journal of appreciation for the region," he said.

According to Nicklin, Edenton was an excellent choice of subject matter for the publication because, "The heritage and beauty of Edenton has quite clearly been preserved."

"In many ways our magazine it what some people call a dream book - I think Edenton represents that dream," he added.

Nicklin, who grew up in Warrenton, Va., has had a lifelong fascination with the Mid-Atlantic countryside and its historic towns and cities. He began the magazine five years ago to fill the gap in the

market between Yankee Magazine in the north and Southern Living in the south.

The magazine has 100,000 paid subscribers and a distribution of 140,000 copies each month. Nicklin said most of the magazines are distributed in the Mid-Atlantic region - North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Copies of the magazine may be obtained at local retail outlets or by writing the publishers at P.O. Box 246, Alexandria, Va. 22313.

Workshop Sponsored

The Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department and the Chowan Arts Council will co-sponsor workshops and a dance performance by the Chuck Davis African-American Dance Ensemble on Wednesday, July 17.

This talented and dedicated group of dancers and musicians, led by the charismatic Chuck Davis, thrills every audience with its dynamic performances. Dressed in exotic, colorful costumes, they offer music and movements inspired by the rich and varied cultures of West Africa. Noted for their distinctive combinations of innovative moves and traditional

ethnic forms, the African-American Dance Ensemble takes the stage, and fills the air with complex rhythms and spirited singing.

Chuck Davis, Artistic Director of the Dance Ensemble, has strong commitment to preserving and sharing the dance and music of the Black African tradition. His annual trips to Africa provide him with the inspiration and the material to renew the ensemble's repertoire. Davis' involvement

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Death Claims Chairman

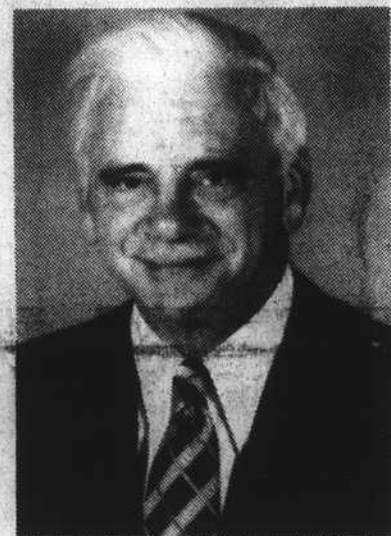
Walter Abbe III, Rt. 4, Hornblow Point, died suddenly Wednesday, July 3 in Chowan Hospital. He was 68.

Mr. Abbe was Chairman of the Edenton Historical Commission.

A native of Pittsburg, Pa., he had retired from Western Electric where he was an electrical engineer. He was a veteran of World War II having served in the Naval Air Corps. He attended St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was treasurer of the James Iredell Association.

He is survived by his wife, Caroline Bell Abbe; two daughters, Margaret Caroline Abbe, Greensboro, and Harriet Barstow Abbe, Edenton; and a brother, Robert B. Abbe, Groton Long Point, Conn.

Funeral services were held 2 p.m. Friday, July 5 in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Rev. John Gib-



Walter Abbe III

son officiating. A graveside service was held 3 p.m. Saturday, July 6 in Forsyth Memorial Park, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Funeral arrangements by Williford-Barham Funeral Home.

Rev. Mallinson's Family Headed For China

It isn't unusual for a minister and his wife to move from one location to another. But when Rev. Howatt Mallinson and his

wife, Sandy, leave Edenton's First Presbyterian Church this September, their destination won't be to another town in North

Carolina or Virginia. They are headed for China.

When they reach their destination, the Mallinsons will be teaching English to university students in Nanjing, a city located several hundred miles south of Peking. There they will begin their work with the Amity Foundation, an ecumenical organization initiated by the Christians in China.

"It's not the church here who is sending people, but the church there who is requesting 15 teachers," said Rev. Mallinson. "This is the first time since 1949 the churches in China have been able to request outside help to assist in the modernization of China."

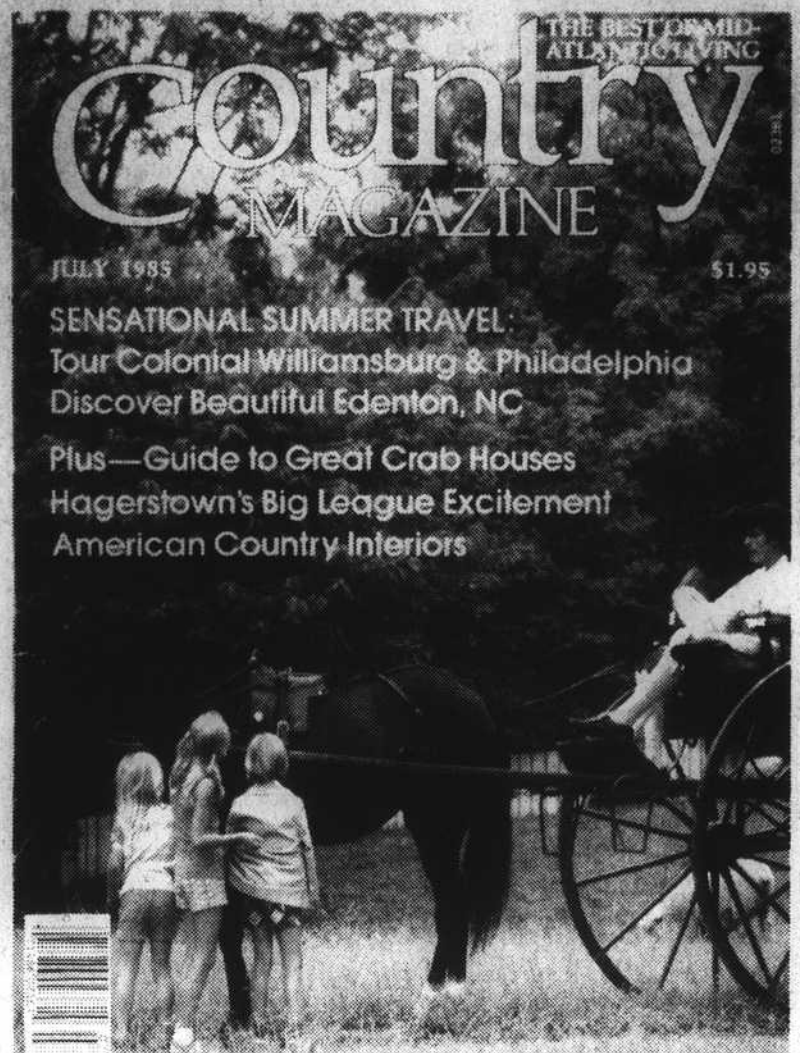
This week the couple is attending an orientation workshop in Stoney Point, New York, with the other 13 people who are headed overseas to work with the Amity Foundation.

The Mallinsons are no strangers to China. During 1981 they spent a month there. But it is Sandy Mallinson whose ties to the country are strongest.

Born to Missionary parents, she lived in Jiangsu Province for fourteen years until her family was forced to evacuate to the United States at the onset of World War II.

Because Nanjing is located in the province where Mrs. Mallinson lived as a child, the trip to China will be a homecoming. "We're thrilled to pieces about going," said an exuberant Mrs. Mallinson.

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The cover of the July issue of Country Magazine.

Life Taken In Accident

The long 4th of July weekend got off to a bad start when an Edenton man was killed in an auto accident Wednesday evening, July 3.

Norman Denver Nelson died Wednesday night in Chowan Hospital from injuries received when his car ran off the road and hit a utility pole on a rural road 13 miles north of Edenton.

A native of Riverton, W. Virginia, Nelson, 49, Rt. 1, 135 Creek Trail, was a dispatcher for Marine Transport Inc. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict having served in the Air Force. He was a member of Bandon Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julia Skinner Nelson; his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Newell, Richmond, Va.; his father, Mr. Cliff

Nelson, Dunnloring, Va.; two daughters, Vickie and Sheryl Nelson, both of the home; two sisters, Charlotte Cahoon, Virginia Beach, Va. and Naomi Afhton, Silver Spring, Md.; a step-sister, Delores Newell, Richmond, Va.; two brothers, Bernard Nelson, Chesapeake, Va., and Ricky Nelson of South Carolina; and three step-brothers, Robert Newell, Richmond, Va.; Raymond Newell, Chesapeake, Va.; and Jerry Newell, California.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Friday, July 5 in Bandon Chapel, Rev. Thomas A. Clark officiating. Burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Funeral conducted by Williford-Barham Funeral Home.

Appointed

Several people were appointed or reappointed to serve on various town boards during a regular meeting of the Edenton Town Council held Tuesday, July 9.

Ben Rhinehart and Bill Myers were reappointed to the Airport Advisory Board; Dee Fannery Phillips and Mary Peele were reappointed to the Tree Committee; Harold Babb was reappointed to the Board of Adjustments; E.N. "Pete" Manning was appointed to the Board of Adjustments; and Bill Vogedes was appointed to the Planning Board.

The appointments and reappointments are for three year terms.

Chowan County District Court Session

Chowan County District Court was in session July 9; the Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding over the criminal calendar.

Ronald Keith Campbell had a suspended sentence revoked; he

appealed.

William Lee Wilson was found guilty of DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 2 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$125 and cost of court. He is to attend ADET school, surrender his drivers license and perform 48 hours of community service. Wilson was also found guilty of failing to dim his headlights; he received a \$5 fine. He appealed.

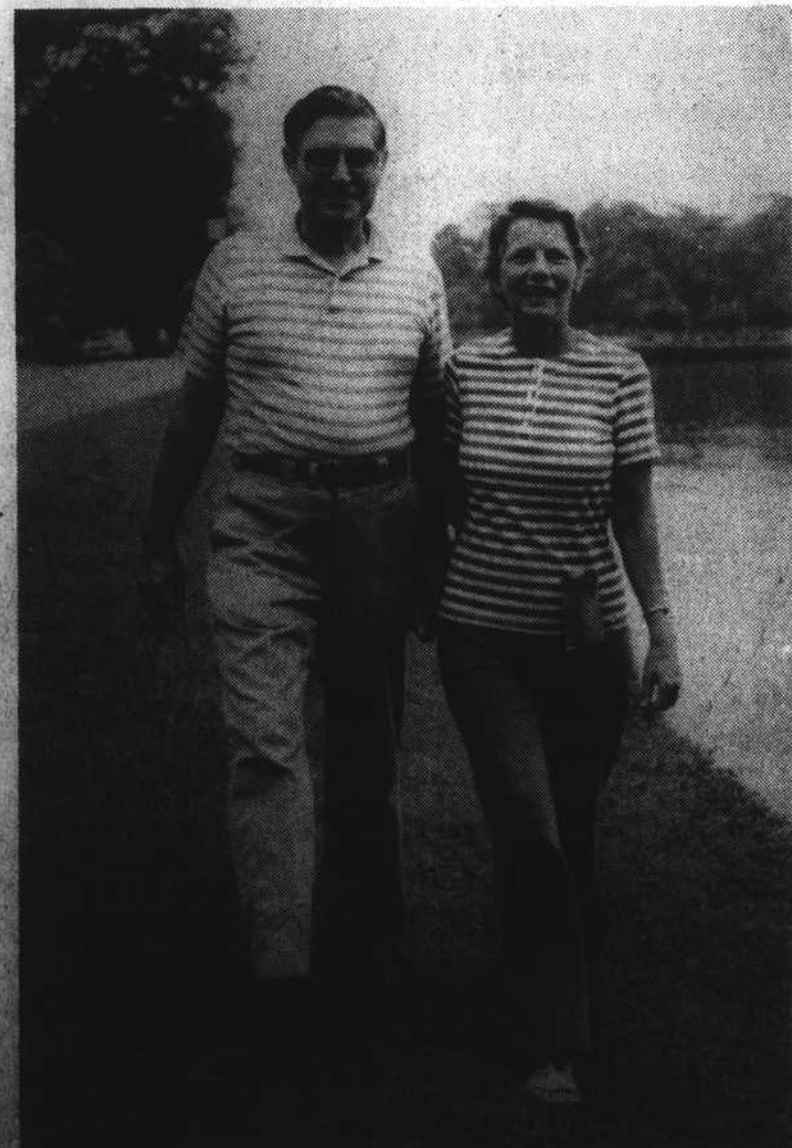
Linda Ann Ainsley Saafi was found guilty of exceeding a safe speed. She was fined \$35 and cost of court.

William Abel Caudle Jr. was found guilty of displaying an expired license plate. He was fined \$35 and cost of court.

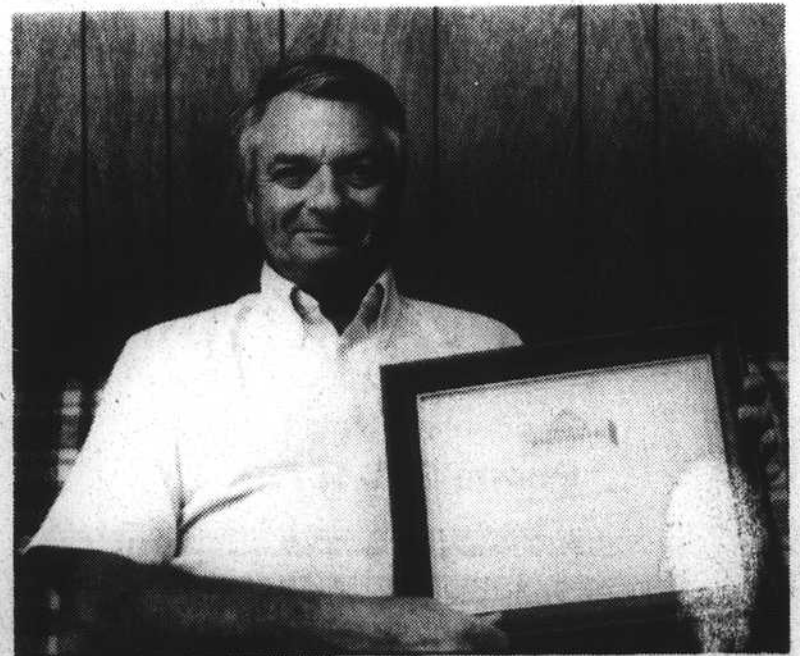
Janis Rollins Lawton was found guilty of littering and fined \$25 and cost of court.

Donny Ray Lewis was found not guilty of DWI.

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Rev. and Mrs. Mallinson can be seen frequently walking through the streets of Edenton. But come this fall, the Mallinsons will be doing their walking in China.



School-Community Relations Director Walter Noneman is shown with a certificate signifying an honorable mention award earned by Edenton-Chowan Schools for the video tape, "Higher Standards...The Tradition Continues."

School Video Receives Award

Walter Noneman, School-Community Relations Director, received notice recently that Edenton-Chowan Schools has won an award in the 1985 Annual School and College Publications Contest sponsored by the National School Public Relations Association. The Honorable Mention Award was earned for the video tape production, "Higher Standards...The Tradition Continues."

The video tape entry will be on display at the Golden Jubilee

Seminar of NSPRA in Vail, Colorado on July 8-11, and will be listed in a special fall publication of contest winners. In the school division (K through 12) there were 27 awards of Excellence, 41 awards of Merit and 56 Honorable Mention awards from 1337 entries.

Edenton-Chowan Schools previously received notice that they had also won a NSPRA 1985 Golden Achievement Award for their outstanding entry describing the Higher Standards Program.