

## Town Delegation Visits Beaufort

**by Jack Grove**  
Industrial development is a continuing concern for towns and counties in this area. New businesses bring new jobs for local citizens and increase the tax base.

With this in mind, a delegation representing the town, county, chamber of commerce, and historic Edenton, Inc. visited Beaufort, N.C. last Monday. They went to see what that town has done to awaken and revitalize its downtown and waterfront areas.

The spotlight was placed on a new bed and breakfast inn which opened its doors to the public last August. Members of the delegation expressed keen interest in seeing a similar inn on Edenton's waterfront.

Beaufort's inn, called the "Inlet Inn" offers a "luxurious 36-room bed and breakfast hostelry" according to an information packet provided to the group. The inn provides overnight accommodations to support the town's tourism industry.

The facility cost \$65,000 per room to build and was placed on town property with a long-term lease. The town assisted in securing finances for the project but does not have a participatory share in it.

Beaufort receives \$9,000 a year in property tax and the inn generates \$26,000 annually in sales taxes.

The \$2.3 million facility was financed through a low interest second mortgage from the Small Business Administration amounting to \$500,000; a low interest third mortgage from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development of \$262,000; with the remainder coming from private sources.

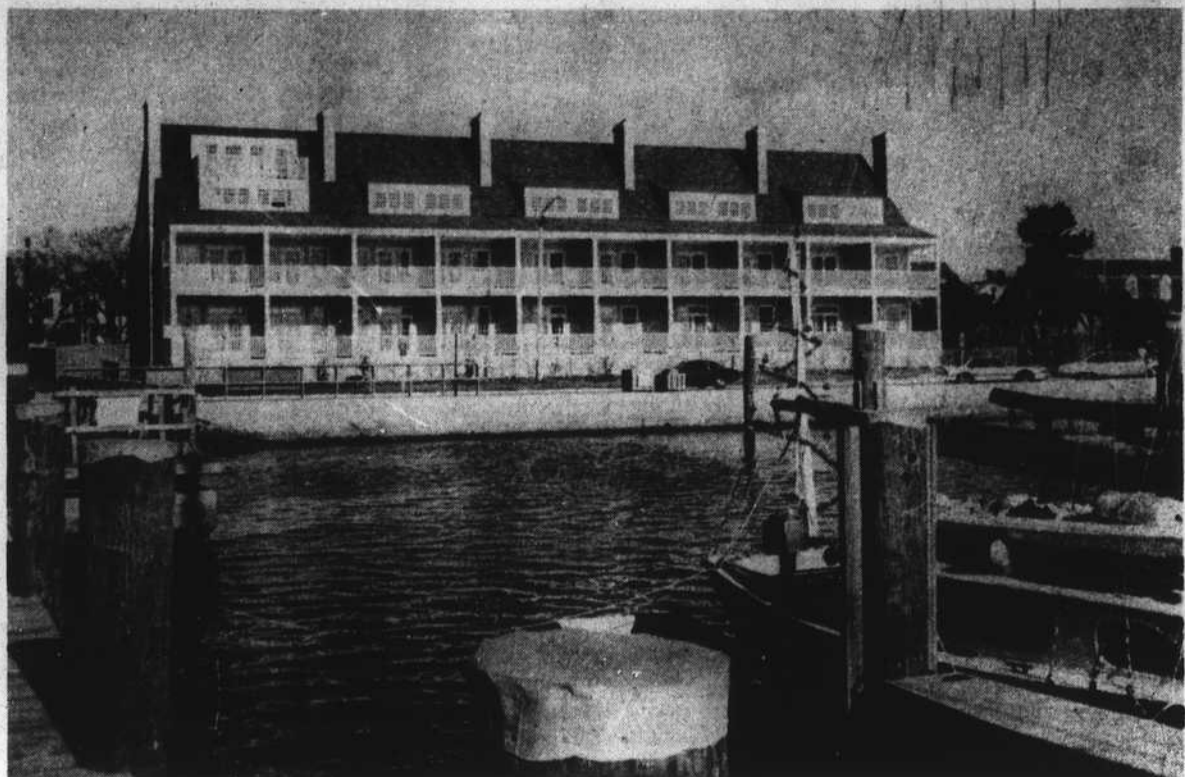
Town Administrator Sam Noble said that a similar project in Edenton would most likely be primarily funded by a federal Urban Development Action Grant

(UDAG). He said that the town had been looking for such a project for the last four years in order to benefit from this program.

He said that the UDAG is made available to municipalities for specific projects in the form of an outright grant. The funds are then loaned to a developer at very low interest rates by the town. As the loan is repaid, the town can roll it over into another loan for a new development or sink it into public works projects.

The developers of the Inlet Inn, Winston-Salem based Anderson, Benton and Holmes, Inc. have expressed an interest in building an inn on Edenton's waterfront. A proposed site is the present location of Edenton's Police Department. The developers wish to buy the property rather than lease as in the case of Beaufort.

According to Noble, interest in the project is high enough that preliminary investigation is under way to find a new location for the police department headquarters. He said the town had one possible site in mind but could not reveal any details at this time.



**BEAUFORT'S BED AND BREAKFAST**—This inn on the waterfront may serve as the model for a similar inn in Edenton. The Edenton design would be coordinated with Historic Edenton, Inc. (staff photo by Pete Manning)

## Public Parade

### Where Jobs Are Going To Be Found

North Carolina during the next four years will have more skilled jobs than people trained to fill them, according to a study by a team from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Commissioned by the State Community College Board, the survey was designed to provide data concerning the demand and supply of workers into the 1990s.

In 40 of the 58 occupational areas looked into, job opportunities are now open and will continue to be open through 1990. The study predicts that more than 168,300 jobs will be open for trained people in 11 occupational areas during the next five years.

Job areas where worker shortages are expected to continue include healthcare, para-legal, electronic servicing, carpentry, law enforcement technology, industrial and manufacturing technology and the food preparation and service industry.

Not surprisingly, it is in the food preparation and service industry that the greatest shortage is expected to develop, with 10,474 job openings per year during the remainder of the decade. Travel in North Carolina is a \$4.2 billion-a-year business, helping to boost the need for trained cooks, bakers, dieticians and other food-related operators.

"What this study seems to show is that our state is beginning to feel the backlash for our emphasis on high technology," said Robert W. Scott, president of the state community college system. "In most of our institutions, enrollments are up in high technology programs, but declining in traditional occupational areas. We can't all be computer programmers. Good jobs for good pay are out there, but people don't know about them."

Students are still choosing career training in some occupational categories where few jobs are available. Cosmetology, welding, automotive body repair, telephone occupations, plumbing, heating and air conditioning and appliance repair are among those fields where worker surpluses are forecast for the balance of the decade.

Done by Drs. John Connaughton, Ron Madsen, and John Gandar of UNC-Charlotte, the study established levels of demand created by economic growth, the movement of people

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## Bloodmobile Plans Visit

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is coming to Rocky Hook for the very first time on Monday, December 30 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Blood will be donated at the Rocky Hook Community Center. Babysitting will be available.

Due to the carnage on our highways at this time of the year, blood is urgently needed for the blood bank.

Area residents are urged to come and "give a gift of life" during this first visit of the Bloodmobile at Rocky Hook.



Steven Randall Owens



Rev. Alan J. Cochet

## Two Local Men Recognized

The Board of Advisors for the Outstanding Young Men of America awards program has announced that two local men have been selected for inclusion in the 1985 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. They are the Rev. Alan J. Cochet, now residing in Oxford, Mississippi; and Steven Randall Owens who resides in Raleigh.

## Santa's Letters

One of the most enjoyable things about Christmas is the excitement of little children as they get ready for another visit from Santa Claus.

This week, The Chowan Herald is pleased to be able to share with its readers the anticipation of second and third grade students from D.F. Walker School and White Oak Elementary as they write to Santa to tell him what gifts they hope to receive.

The children's letters, which begin on page 7-B, range in emotion from hilarious to poignant, and reflect the innocently inquisitive minds that only the very young possess.

The Chowan Herald staff would like to thank all the school children who took the time to write and their teachers who organized the letters. A big "thank-you" goes to the office staffs of the two schools who responded so warmly when approached about the project.

And finally, a special word of thanks goes out to the local businesses and organizations whose wholehearted support made it possible for so many of the "Letters to Santa" to be printed.

Cochet is a graduate of First Baptist High School in Charleston, S.C. and the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. He has also earned masters degrees in Theology, Christian Education and Marriage, and Family Counseling. He is a candidate for a Doctor of Ministry degree at the Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Miss.

He is married to the former Anne Hamrich of Charleston, S.C. They have three children, Elizabeth, nine; A.J., seven; and Collins, five.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emile Cochet of Edenton.

Owens is the owner and president of Better Business Forms of Raleigh. He is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College. He and his wife, Susan, live in Cary.

Owens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Owens of Edenton.

Those chosen for this honor were selected on the basis of nominations received from congressmen, governors, mayors, state legislators, university and college presidents and deans as well as various civic groups.

In every community there are young men working diligently to make their cities, as well as their country, better places in which to live. These men, having distinguished themselves in one or more fields of endeavor, are outstanding and deserve to be recognized for their service to community, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments and civic and political participation.

The purpose of the Outstanding Young Men of America program is to give special recognition to the achievements and abilities of men between the ages of 21 and 36.

## Five Found Guilty Of Speeding

Chowan District Court was in session December 17, the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding over the criminal calendar.

Walter Raleigh Hawkins, Jr. was charged with DWI; Inspection Violation; Disobeying a Stop Sign (two counts); Speeding to Elude Arrest; Driving While License Revoked (two counts); Reckless Driving; and Injury to Land. Dismissals were taken on: Disobeying a Stop Sign (two counts); Speeding to Elude Arrest; Driving While License Revoked (one count); Reckless Driving; and Injury to Land. Hawkins pleaded guilty to DWI; and Driving While License Revoked and Inspection Violation which were consolidated for judgment.

He was sentenced to 90 days on the DWI charge, suspended for one year and supervised probation for one year and fined \$100 and cost of court; was given 48 hours community service; was told to attend ADET school and to obtain substance abuse assessment. He is to surrender his license. The Driving While License Revoked and Inspection Violation charges

were consolidated for judgment. He received 90 days, suspended for one year and supervised probation; a fine of \$225 and cost of court; and he is to reimburse the state for his court appointed attorney.

John Curtis Jenkins was charged with speeding 69 in a 55 mph zone. He was found guilty of ex-

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## Members Announced

The election of five new members to the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors was announced at the regular meeting this past week. Frank Cox of Peoples Bank, John Cuthrell of The Betty Shoppe and Cuthrell's Stores, Pete Dail with Edenton Savings & Loan, Cy Ric. of Resource Development Co. and Paul Whiteman of Whiteman's Service Center will each begin their two year terms in January.

President-Elect Chuck Smith of Edenton Snack Foods will begin this one year term of leadership at the same time. The appointment of two additional directors at large will be announced by Smith in the near future. Outgoing President John Dowd expressed his appreciation for the dedication and service displayed by retiring members Jim Blount, Richard Dixon, Jack Habit, John Mit-chener, Jr., Charlie Shaw and Bob Thomas.

## Candlelight Tour Planned

Historic Edenton is once again sponsoring a Christmas Candlelight Tour of private homes. The tour will take place Friday, December 20, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Seven private homes will be open to the public representing a variety of architectural styles and time periods.

Some of the homes included on the tour are: Hayes, a National Historic Landmark; The Leary House, a charming Queen Anne style home; The James Iredell, Jr. House; an Italian Villa; and Wessington's Ice House, which was recently remodeled. Also the

homes of Lisa and Jim Baker on Blount Street and Marion Thrower on Mosely Street.

The Baker House Visitor Center will serve as headquarters for the Candlelight Tour, and refreshments will be available there on the evening of the 20th. Tickets can be purchased in advance or on the night of the tour at \$10 each from the Barker House only. No tickets will be sold at the private homes. For more information call the Barker House Visitor Center (919)482-2637 or (919)482-3663.



**WAITING FOR ST. NICK**—Edna McLean, Britthaven staff member, seems to be waiting by the fireplace for the arrival of Santa Claus. This scene was part of the winning decorations of C Wing. This wing won top honors at the facility for Christmas decorations done by the staff to brighten up the season for patients there.



**SANTA'S CHOO CHOO**—Britthaven staff members gather in front of part of their winning decorations in C Wing of the facility. The corridor was also decorated with toys hung from the ceiling.