

Public Parade

Year of The Owl

As we write this, the sun has passed its southernmost point and the first snow of the season has fallen. Thus the stage is set for the arrival of the new year and review of the old.

The year 1985 was a mixture of good and bad. In many respects, it saw the best of times and the worst of times. For some, it was a year of opportunity, of fame and fortune; for others, it was a year of loss and disappointment, with fiscal failures, falling planes, erupting volcanoes and disastrous quakes.

For the most part, it was a year of peace, with anarchy lurking just below the surface in many parts of the world. It was a time for great communicators, without much of substance to communicate. It was a year of hawks and doves, of fear and mistrust.

It was a year of another summit, with the strategic stability and evil empire theorists squared off in an arms control superbowl at Geneva and not even the game officials knowing what the score was.

So what of 1986?

For one thing, we all can hope for the better. We can hope for greater safety in air travel, for greater profit in the marketplace, for greater security in financial matters and for a less angry Mother Nature.

And, as the struggle for greater control of nuclear armaments continues, we can strive to see that there is a more liberal sprinkling of owls among the hawks and doves. Between the Strategic Stability advocates, with their distaste for brinkmanship in our international relationships, and the Evil Empire contingent, with their distrust of Soviet honor, between these

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Ernest P. Kehayes

Death Claims Former Mayor

Ernest Paschale Kehayes, 79, former Edenton Mayor and prominent local merchant, died December 22 at Chowan Hospital.

Kehayes, a native of Sarkoy, Turkey and of Greek parentage, immigrated to the United States with family members at the age of ten.

Having moved to Edenton in 1942, Kehayes operated the Albemarle Restaurant and then purchased and operated P & Q Supermarket until the early 1970's, when he retired.

Kehayes served two terms as Edenton's Mayor from 1955 to 1959.

He was a Senior Warden and Vesperman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Past Master of

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Fires Plague County

By Jack Grove

Fifteen fire calls in the last eight days has kept the Edenton Fire Department busy. Christmas Day and December 28 were the only two days during this period when there were no calls according to Fire Chief Lynn Perry.

The two most serious fires occurred at a residence and at a place of business.

The residential fire occurred at about 6:30 P.M. on Sunday at a one story wood frame home located on Airport Road across from the construction site for the new Albemarle Sound Bridge. The fire was confined to the attic of the home occupied by Eliza Ford. "We feel the chimney was the cause," said Lt. C.E. Westbrook. He said that there was some smoke and heat damage to the main part of the house. The home was heated by a wood stove.

On Monday evening, a report was received of a fire at the Albemarle Diesel Co. on NC 32 at 6:00 P.M. The building sustained "major interior damage and the structural damage was minor," according to building owner James Criddle.

Chief Perry said the fire damage was confined to one large work area. Perry said firemen were aware that very expensive diesel test stand equipment was located in one room and were able to save the room and its contents.

Albemarle Diesel is operated by Zeb West and Bill Kilpatrick. West and his wife Tonda were at the scene in the aftermath of the fire. Mrs. West said, "I'm very grateful it didn't get into the back room."

Perry said that the cause of the fire is still under investigation and that no loss estimates are as yet available.

No injuries were sustained in any of the fires during this eight day period.

The other fire calls included: *December 23—7:24 P.M.—The wheels of a log truck caught fire on Airport Road, just off of NC 37. The cause was overheated wheel bearings. There was no damage to the truck body or its load. It was driven by Lewis Ashe of Pea Ridge (Roper, NC).

*December 23—12:55 P.M.—An LP gas leak in a 100 pound cylinder outside Spivey's Beauty Nook at 201 E. Church Street. The area was cleared of gas and the cylinder's relief valve was secured. There was no damage.

*December 23—2:18 P.M.—The fire department was called by a fur-

nace serviceman to stand by due to a flooded burner pot at a home at 500 North Broad Street.

*December 24—1:24 A.M.—A dog house was on fire at the residence of Joe Hollowell, 202 Terry Avenue. Straw was ignited by a light bulb placed in the dog house to keep eight puppies warm. The puppies were lost.

*December 24—7:38 A.M.—Investigative call to the home of Mrs. Carla Bateman on Montpelier Drive, Cape Colony, due to a malfunctioning smoke detector.

*December 24—4:13 P.M.—Responded to a field and woods fire on S.R. 1116 off of NC 37.

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Schedule Announced

The Chowan County Board of Election has announced the filing period for the May 6, 1986 Primary.

January 6, 1986 - at 12:00 noon candidates may commence filing for office.

February 3, 1986 - at 12:00 noon filing period shall expire.

The filing period is for the following Chowan County offices: Clerk Superior Court

Sheriff

County Commissioner - First Township

County Commissioner - Second Township

County Commissioner - Fourth Township

School Board - First Township

School Board - First Township (unexpired term ending 1988)

School Board - Third Township

Bicycle Registration Urged

With Christmas just past, there are some new bicycles in town and the Edenton Police Department would like to remind citizens of the ordinances governing their use and ownership.

Capt. C.H. Williams pointed particularly to the town ordinance concerning registration of bicycles owned and operated within the town. He said that the ordinance requires new bikes to be registered at the police department.

For one dollar fee, the owner will be issued a permanent, numbered decal to be affixed on the bike. The bicycle's frame will also be stamped underneath with an identifying number to assist police in investigations of stolen



BIRTHDAY GIFT—O.C. Long, Jr., Chairman of the Rocky Hock Community Center, holds a gift of life. The pint of blood was donated by Betty Bunch, Assistant Vice President of Peoples Bank in Edenton. At left is Alice Buchanan of the Norfolk Red Cross. The blood drive at Rocky Hock coincided with Long's birthday.

First Bloodmobile Surpasses Set Goal

A goal of 50 pints of blood was set, and exceeded, for Rocky Hock's first-ever blood drive Monday night. A full parking lot at the Rocky Hock Community Center attested to the support shown by the community's residents. So did the final tally: 65 pints of blood donated to the Red Cross.

The blood drive was sparked by the chairman of the community center, O.C. Long, Jr., who has lived in Rocky Hock since 1945, he said, "this is our first time to sponsor the bloodmobile visit. My gift (this is my birthday) was a pint of blood (from the community.)"

The Red Cross had asked for 12 volunteers to help with

refreshments and assist donors. They not only donated their time. The volunteers numbered 25.

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Training Program Planned

Area men and women who are interested in a career as law enforcement officers will have an opportunity to begin their training through a new certificate program to be initiated in January by College of The Albemarle.

The college will begin its 17-week Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) on Monday, Jan. 27. Students who complete the program will earn 24 quarter hours of college credit.

Floyd P. Horton, COA associate dean of Continuing Education, said a number of pre-admission requirements will have to be met before BLET candidates are accepted. He said it will be necessary for each candidate to obtain the endorsement of either an area police or sheriff's department before applying.

Horton explained that each sponsoring agency will provide vehicles for driver education training and ammunition for firearms practice.

Candidates must not have been convicted of a crime or have a criminal record. Horton said the minimum age must be 20 years old for police candidates, and 21 years old for those who wish to become deputy sheriffs.

"Although completing the BLET program doesn't guarantee employment," the associate dean

said, "it will enable a person to meet the minimum requirements to become a law enforcement officer."

During the first three weeks of training, students will attend classes eight hours each day. A schedule of three nights each week and all day on Saturday will be adopted for the final 14 weeks.



Charles Bailey "C.B." Smith, Sr.

Businessman Dies, Age 58

Edenton residents were shocked by the untimely death of prominent local businessman Charles Bailey "C.B." Smith, Sr., on Friday evening, December 27, in Norfolk General Hospital. He was 58, and resided at 14 Queen Anne Circle.

A native of Altoona, Pa., he was the husband of Thelma Kepner Smith and the son of the late Charles Oliver and Nancy Bailey Smith. Smith was the president of CBS International, Inc. Brokers and Consultants, Edenton Snack Foods, Inc. and Tracey A's Marketing.

He was a very active member of the Edenton United Methodist Church, where he had served as past president of the Administrative Board. In addition, he was a past trustee and a layleader. He also served as a past chairman of the Council on Ministries, was Lay Member to the N.C. Annual Conference, was a District Layspeaker, past presi-

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ALBEMARLE SOUND PLANE CRASH—Area volunteers drag for the wreckage of a Cessna aircraft that crashed off Cape Colony in November. An Edenton woman was killed in the crash. The results of the National Transportation Safety Board investigation are not expected to be available before March, 1986. (The story and pictures depicting this and other events of 1985 are on pages 6A and 7A.)

At Chowan Hospital
on Tuesday, January 7th
From 3:00 until 7:00 P.M.

Emergency Bloodmobile
to make up for the shortage over the holidays

Co-Sponsored by
Chowan Hospital &
the Edenton Jaycees