

Proclamation Signed

A Lesser Enthusiasm

Much as we would like to fall in step with our new mayor and city council in their initial effort to bring a new business and industry to Edenton, we remain to be convinced that the proposed bed-and-breakfast inn for the waterfront at the foot of Broad Street would be a desirable development for the community.

To begin with, the delegation which went to Beaufort to study a similar project returned so enthusiastic that they may have been oversold. Even if it wanted to be, Edenton is not Beaufort and the Edenton proposal is not what actually was done at Beaufort.

The Beaufort inn is not strictly on the waterfront, but across the street from the waterfront. Beaufort did not have to relocate its city hall, but simply made available—for a reasonable consideration—a vacant lot for a project which did not deprive its citizens of a square foot of beach or boardwalk access.

Now can Edenton ever expect to attract the marine traffic that Beaufort does. Beaufort and Morehead City are adjacent to a deep water channel to the nearby Atlantic. Large freighters tie up regularly at Morehead and large yachts and pleasure craft tie up at Beaufort because both are near the ocean and the Intercoastal Waterway.

Edenton is a good 70 miles from Oregon Inlet, which is not a deep channel, and 40 miles from the Intercoastal Waterway at its nearest approach. To expect a bed-and-breakfast inn to pull a measurable amount of boat traffic that far is not realistic.

That leaves us, then, with a project the success of which rests largely on land-based travel. How suitable is a bed-and-breakfast inn to such a business climate? Would it be as much of an economic asset as a good motel, with self-contained eating and meeting facilities? We seriously doubt it.

Another aspect of the proposal needs to be looked at frankly. Does Edenton need the sort of project which employs only a small number of people, usually at minimum wages? Since they seek to avoid the high cost of kitchen

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Morris Small

Promoted

GATESVILLE—Robert E. Lee, Chief Executive Officer of Tarheel Bank & Trust Co. recently announced the E. Morris Small, Jr. has been promoted to Assistant Vice President and City Executive of the bank's Edenton Office.

Small, who has been with Tarheel Bank since January of 1980 is a native of Edenton and a graduate of the College of the Albemarle with an associate degree in Business Administration. He is also a graduate of the American Institute of Banking and the Mid-Management Program of the North Carolina School of Banking sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Small is a Deacon in the Edenton Baptist Church, and a member of both the Edenton Jaycees, where he presently serves as Treasurer, as well as having served as President, and a member of the Rotary Club.

Alton Elmore, Chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, and John Dowd, Mayor of the Town of Edenton, have jointly proclaimed January 19-25, 1986, as Jaycee week, commending the Edenton Jaycees for contributing to the well-being of the community through such projects as the Bloodmobile, Football Concessions, Hunter Safety Course and the Underprivileged Children's Christmas Party.

The Chairman and Mayor urge citizens of Edenton and Chowan County to take note of the chapter's contributions and to support its future efforts.

Going into its 66th year, the U.S. Jaycees, a leadership training organization based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, has some 268,000 members in 6500 American communities.

The Edenton Jaycees, chartered 38 years ago, will mark the special week with community activities, including its annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet, its annual "Radio Day" for selling jelly for the N.C. Jaycees Burn Center at Chapel Hill, and a prayer breakfast.

The North Carolina Jaycees are again conducting their annual Jaycee Jelly Sales to raise money for the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center in Chapel Hill. Lasting throughout the month of January, this year's campaign

will be the twelfth year of the jelly sales. Jaycee chapters all across the state will be selling the jars of jelly for \$1.00 each.

According to State Jaycee President, Jerry Wall of Asheboro, "The North Carolina Jaycees would like to thank the fine citizens of North Carolina for their continued support and assistance with our Jaycee jelly sales. It is through this support that we have been able to contribute over \$825,000.00 to the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center.

Since opening in February, 1981, approximately 1,000 North Carolinians have received treatment and therapy at the Jaycee Burn Center. The citizens of our state are extremely fortunate to have such a tremendous facility available, and the North Carolina Jaycees are very proud to play a small part in the excellent professional care provided there."

The North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center has been recognized as one of the most outstanding facilities in the nation for burn treatment and care. In addition to providing patient care, the center staff also conducts burn treatment research, maintains a skin bank and places emphasis on burn treatment and prevention education to rescue squads, fire departments, and emergency room personnel all across North Carolina.



FORTY YEARS SERVICE—Lloyd C. Bunch (right) receives a forty year length of service pin from David C. Holland, President of the N.C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The award was made at the statewide conservation organization's 43rd annual meeting held in High Point, January 5-8.

Bunch Honored For Service

Lloyd C. Bunch of Route 1, Edenton, was recently honored for forty years service as a Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor by the North Carolina Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Accepting the award, Bunch reminisced back to when he was first appointed a district supervisor by the Governor in 1944 to the local soil and water conservation district board. He attended the Third Annual State Meeting in 1945 and has missed only one state meeting in his forty years of service. He served as President of the N.C. Association of Conservation Districts in 1967.

On the local level, Bunch serves as Chairman of the Chowan Conservation Committee where there are three elected supervisors and one appointed. He also serves as Chairman of the Albemarle Conservation District (a five-county district comprised of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank, and Perquimans Counties), a position he has held since 1948.

Under his leadership the Albemarle Conservation District has come to be known as one of the most outstanding Districts in the state in developing and carrying out conservation education programs directed toward the youth. Some of these programs include the Conservation Poster Contest for 4th., 5th., and 6th. grade students; the FFA Woodland Clinic and Land Judging Contest; and Environmental Field Day tours for junior high students.

Other highlights of the state meeting were the re-election of

Robert Harrell, Chowan District Supervisor, to his third term as Chaplain for the State Association; and the recognition of Nancy Webb, Secretary for the Pasquotank Committee, as Outstanding District Secretary of the Year.

Court Docket Reported

Chowan District Court was in session January 21, the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding over the criminal calendar.

Margaret Pittman pleaded guilty two three worthless check charges which were consolidated for judgment. She was sentenced to 90 days, suspended for one year and is concurrently to have one year of supervised probation. She was ordered to pay cost of court in each case. She was ordered to make restitution to: T.G.&Y, \$19.09; Cuthrell's, \$110; and S&R, \$30. She was also ordered to reimburse the state for her court-appointed attorney.

Mrs. Tommy G. Marriner (aka Frances Marriner) pleaded guilty to a worthless check charge. She was sentenced to 30 days, suspended for one year and was given one year of unsupervised probation. She was ordered to pay cost of court and to make restitution of \$20 for the benefit of Winn Dixie. An appeal was noted.

William Lee Wilson pleaded guilty to intoxicated and disruptive behavior. He was sentenced to five days in the Chowan County Jail and was given credit for the five days already served.



SIGN PROCLAMATION—Bruce Wackelin (left) and Kel Elmore (right) look on as Edenton Mayor John Dowd and Chowan County Commission Chairman Alton Elmore sign a joint proclamation for Jaycee Week.

Council Reverses Personnel Policy

Edenton's Town Council reversed itself on a longstanding personnel policy at its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday evening. Up until then, employees of the town, could not campaign for political office without resigning or being suspended from their job while the campaign was in progress. This policy was amended to apply

to campaigns only for town political positions.

The Council heard a plea by David Etheridge for a ninety-day extension of a building permit to effect repairs to his property at 201 S. Oakum Street. The extension was approved.

The Council also ratified a resolution supporting the position of the Albemarle Commission opposing the proposed expansion of the Navy's practice bombing ranges in Albemarle Sound and in the Stumpy Point area.

The Navy's proposal surfaced early last year and was opposed at that time by resort communities in Perquimans County

and by Clarence Skinner, the manager of the Dare County Airport. The proposal would expand those ranges and impose a restricted area "from the surface to 14,000 during week days.

Fears of the Albemarle Sound being effectively closed to boating and to detrimental environmental impact led to a series of hearings in Raleigh, Hertford and the Outer Banks. A heavy volume of correspondence flowed from concerned citizens to state legislators and the office of Congressman Walter B. Jones.

State environmental management officials are involved in the

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Banquet Scheduled

The Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual General Membership Banquet at the American Legion Building on Thursday, January 30, 1986.

The evening will begin with a Social Hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Plans include an outstanding menu by Bo and Elizabeth Cleveland, as well as music by the Bob Thomas Trio.

Tickets are available at the five local financial institutions and Hollowell & Blount and Mitchener's Drug Stores at \$15.00 each or \$27.50 per couple.

The speaker for the evening will be Mr. Carl Sapp, Executive Director of the N.C. Telephone Association. Mr. Sapp's long history with National Service Organizations at the executive level, as well as top management positions within the communications field provides him with exceptional insight into modern day information exchange in both our business and personal lives. His address is expected to be both humorous and thought provoking.

May Primaries Shape Up

By Jack Grove

The Democratic Party Primary on May 6 and the General Election in November are beginning to look more like real races now as new challengers have filed for local offices.

As reported in last week's edition, the following had filed for office: E.C. Toppin for Sheriff (current Sheriff, Glen Perry, temporary appointee, has indicated that he definitely does not intend to file for the office); Marjorie H. Hollowell as Chowan County Clerk of Court; Joseph B. (Joe Hollowell) for the first township County Commissioner, challenged by W. Carroll Smith; Clara Boswell for the second township seat on the County Commission, challenged by W. David Ober; and three seats on the School Board,

Alice P. Jones and J.M. Parrish, Jr. (different seats).

Joining the race are Deputy Sheriff Wayne S. Rice who is challenging E.C. Toppin in the May 6 Primary and Edenton police officer Fred A. Spruill who has filed as a Republican.

Marjorie H. Hollowell has a challenger in Marguerite B. McCall for the post of Court Clerk. Incumbent County Commissioner C.A. (Al) Phillips filed for reelection to his fourth township seat on January 22.

And in the School Board race, James E. Taylor has filed for reelection to his first township seat. The School Board seat in the third township being vacated by Eugene Jordan has had no takers so far.



28 YEARS OF COACHING—Robbie Laughton, director of the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department, (right) is shown with some of the 96 coaches honored at a banquet. The men shown here represent 28 years of coaching for the recreation program. They are, (l. to r.) James Rouson, Louis Brothers, Carroll Jones, Hoke Roberson, and Thomas Simpson.

Appreciation Banquet Honors Volunteer Coaches

Ninety-six volunteer coaches were honored Tuesday night, January 14 in a Coaches' Appreciation Banquet held at the American Legion building. Sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department, the banquet honored the coaches who had worked with the fifty-four youth

teams in baseball, basketball, football and soccer for the 1985 seasons.

Approximately 750 area youth were involved in team sports sponsored by the Recreation Department this past year.

Recreation Director Robbie Laughton acknowledged the help

from many different people who were instrumental in the success of this first annual banquet. The Recreation Advisory Committee organized the program and acted as hosts.

Several area businesses donated door prizes including

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