

### Public Parade

#### Where The Buck Stops

So Gramm-Rudman has flunked its first constitutional test. A three-judge circuit court has just held that Congress cannot delegate its power to cut the budget.

Now, where does that leave us now? Well, barring a reversal by the U.S. Supreme Court, it leaves us right where we ought to be, with Congress having to face the music, instead of trying to pass the buck, when it comes to making unpopular decisions in shaping the federal budget.

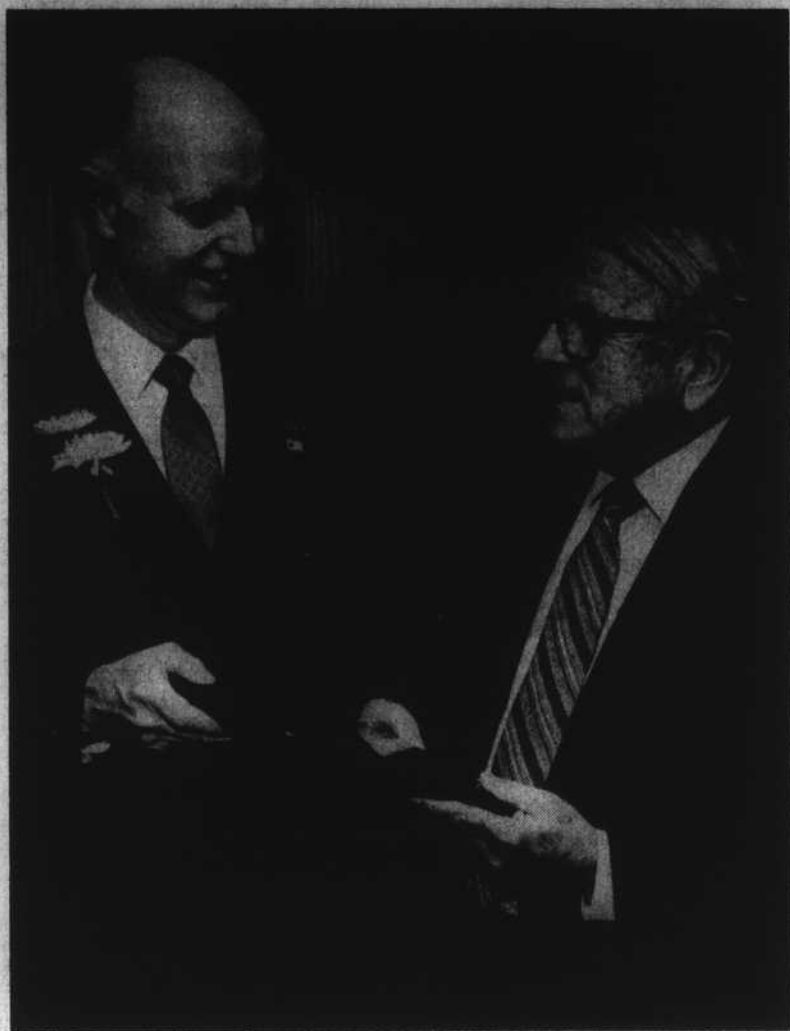
The same week the circuit court was demolishing the cornerstone of Gramm-Rudman, Time magazine was describing it as "a bad idea whose time has come."

Well, Time was half right. It was a bad idea, hatched in the closing days of the last Congress, which could not adjourn until it raised the debt limit and could not raise the debt limit until it passed Gramm-Rudman. So, with the credit of the federal treasury held hostage, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act became law.

But Gramm-Rudman was pure gimmickry, setting up by law a series of steps by which the \$200 billion annual deficits could be reduced to zero by 1991. The constitutional flaw, as seen by the circuit court, lay in the provision which said the U.S. Comptroller General would make the cuts if Congress and the President could not agree on what to cut.

That left Congress and the President with the best of both worlds. The President could, as he has already demonstrated, continue to send bigger and bigger, more and more unbalanced budgets to Congress, which could then decline to make unpopular cuts and let the Comptroller General do the dirty work.

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**OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD**—John Barnes Dunn, left, was presented an Outstanding Educator Award by Dr. John M. Howell, chancellor of East Carolina University during the fourth annual Batten-Brimley Distinguished Educator Lecture series held on the ECU campus last week.

### Dunn Presented Award

**GREENVILLE**—Four former East Carolina University graduates were honored and presented the 1986 Outstanding Educator Awards at ECU last week.

The awards were presented in conjunction with the fourth annual Batten-Brimley Distinguished Educator Lecture, an event co-sponsored by the ECU School of Education, ECU Phi Delta Kappa and the Eta Chi Chapter, Kappa Delta Pi.

Dr. C. Peter McGrath, president of the University of Missouri,

was the guest speaker. McGrath's spoke on "A Call for Change in Teacher Education."

Dr. Charles Coble, Dean of the ECU School of Education, said "The purpose of the awards are to recognize outstanding teacher educators in North Carolina who were graduates of East Carolina University."

Those receiving the award were: Robert Alton Gray of Lillington, Patricia Millikin McClure of Franklin, John Barnes Dunn of Edenton and Anne Farley Barefoot of Whiteville.

A 1966 graduate of ECU, Dunn is the present Superintendent of the Edenton-Chowan County Schools. His previous professional experience includes: Assistant Superintendent for Special Programs and Vocational Education in Harnett County Schools, Principal of Boone Trail High School, Testing and Evaluation Coordinator for Martin County Schools, and business education teacher at Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin, Maryland.

Gray, a graduate of East Carolina College and ECU, is the Superintendent of Harnett County Schools.

McClure, a 1964 graduate of East Carolina University, is a kindergarten teacher at East Franklin School in Franklin.

Barefoot, a 1956 ECU graduate, has been a science instructor at Whiteville High School since 1964. Almost 40 nominations were submitted to the East Carolina University Council for Teacher Education (CTE) Awards Committee.

In order to qualify for the award, a nominee must be a graduate of East Carolina University, must have at least three years of experience in their educational field and must have made significant contributions or provided outstanding services to their profession.

### Easier Access Expected

Easier access between Edenton and the US-17 bypass is expected following action by the state Board of Transportation in Raleigh last week.

At its regular monthly meeting, the board awarded a \$675,585 contract to Outer Banks Contractors of Kitty Hawk for converting two intersections located on the bypass into interchanges.

The conversion involves adding an access ramp between the bypass and Paradise Road (Secondary Road 1319) and between the bypass and Albemarle

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## Area Leaders Request Rountree

State Transportation Department representatives met at the Gaslight Square Monday night with city and county officials to discuss local highway needs.

About 20 were in attendance, including Jerry Hardesty, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Transportation; Earl Rountree, DOT board member at large; John Wood and Gilliam Wood of Edenton; members of the Board of County Commissioners and the Edenton Town Council.

Hardesty, who is from Carteret County, serves as liaison between DOT and towns and counties in a 33-county area. He told the group he was in Edenton to listen, complimenting the town council and county commissioners for their apparent togetherness on highway needs.

He explained how the department's Transportation Improvement Program is developed and told the local officials they had chosen the proper route toward getting their local needs incorporated in the state's long-range program.

There was much discussion regarding Chowan's position of being placed under the jurisdiction of Kenneth Roberson of Martin County or Earl Rountree of Gates County. Town Council went on record favoring Rountree as their official representative on the DOT board. County Commissioners had passed a resolution earlier endorsing Rountree as representative for Chowan County.

Hardesty promised to carry this message to Secretary James Har-

ington and get word back to the local group within a few days.

Prior to the meeting, the town council had sent the department a letter, signed by Mayor John Dowd, requesting that the widening, curbing and guttering of U.S. 17 from the intersection of Douglas Avenue south to the city limits be included in the DOT's Small Urban program. Hardesty promised that this matter would be brought to the attention of the appropriate officials.

Rountree expressed appreciation for having been invited to meet with the group and showed concern over the way territory had been apportioned among DOT members. He said he felt Chowan was in his territory and that he certainly would like to represent it on the state board. He pointed out, however, that the secretary's job of dividing the state among the 23 board members is not easy.

He said that highway needs statewide are outrunning available cash and that, as a

result, "our secondary roads are wearing out faster than they are being repaired."

Several other highway matters came up for discussion. County Board Chairman Alton Elmore expressed the community's appreciation for the new Albemarle Sound bridge, now under construction. However, he said that during construction of the bridge, traffic will inevitably increase on the Base Road and the county may need help from the state in keeping that road in a good state of repair.

Present at the meeting, in addition to the state officials, were County Commissioners Alton Elmore, C.A. Phillips, Joe Hollowell, Clara Boswell, and Wayne Goodwin, as well as County Manager Cliff Copeland; and Mayor Dowd and Town Councilmen Willis Privott, Steve Hampton, E.N. Manning, A.B. Harless, Herbert Hollowell and Marina Crummey as well as Town Administrator Sam Noble.

## Bruce Gillikin Named

**ROCKY MOUNT, N.C.**—S. Bruce Gillikin, Senior Vice President of Peoples Bank and Trust Company, has been named Regional Executive of the organization's Northern region. In making the announcement, Peoples Bank President J. Marshall Tetterton said that Gillikin will continue his City Executive duties in Edenton as he has done since 1981.

In addition, Gillikin will now be responsible for growth in deposits; market share; and sales and loans in a region which includes the Peoples Bank branches of Edenton, Roanoke Rapids, Jackson, Scotland Neck, Hobgood, Tarboro, Hertford, Elizabeth City, Harrellsville, Greenville, and Pinetops.

"The new regional concept for Peoples Bank will speed up the decision-making process and result in more efficient service to our customers," Tetterton commented.

Central and Southern regions have also been established.

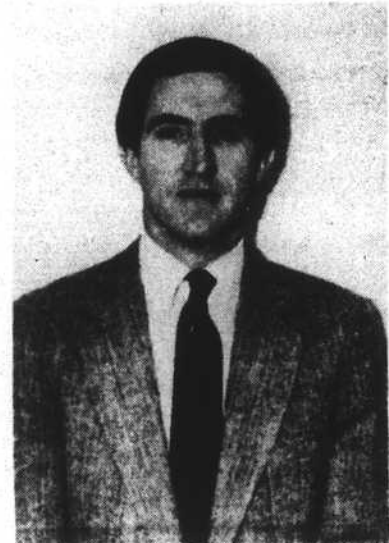
### Fundraising Meet Held

The Chowan County Fundraising Committee for the Ronald McDonald House held a meeting on Wednesday, February 18 at Chowan Hospital.

Committee Chairperson Stephanie Nugen updated the members on the progress of fundraising. Currently, the Ronald McDonald Escrow Account, has a balance of approximately \$3,600.

The Committee's goal is to raise \$5,000 to furnish a family bedroom at Greenville's Ronald McDonald House, which is scheduled to be

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Bruce Gillikin

Gillikin has been associated with Peoples Bank since 1979. Before moving to Edenton, he was Assistant City Executive in the Raleigh branch. Gillikin has been in the banking profession since graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1972.

Gillikin is a member of Bank Administration Institute. He has successfully completed studies from the N.C. School of Banking Mid-Management and Advanced Management Programs as well as the National Commercial Lending School.

Active in community service, Gillikin is immediate past president of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and has served on that board since 1982. He has been President of the Chowan County Heart Association since 1982. In addition, he is a member of the Edenton Rotary Club.

Gillikin is a native of Beaufort and is married to the former Rose Marie Pittman of Davis. They have two daughters.



Marjorie H. Hollowell



Marguerite McCall

## Clerk Candidates Interviewed

(Editor's Note: This is a continuing series on the candidates for the May 6 Primary. This week we feature the race for Clerk of Court.)

### Marjorie H. Hollowell

Marjorie H. Hollowell, the incumbent Clerk of Superior Court, is the wife of Joseph Bertrum Hollowell, Sr. Route 1, Small's Cross Roads, Edenton. They have one son, Joe Hollowell, Jr.

Hollowell is a native of Gates County, but has resided in Chowan County for 46 years. She graduated from Jefferson Senior High School in Roanoke, Virginia and in addition had a course in Business Law at the College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City.

She has been a member of Ballards Bridge Baptist Church for 46 years and has been active in youth activities, WMU and other Church functions. She served as Vice Chair of the Center Hill Precinct for several years; currently is a member of the Democratic Women's Club; and is on the Executive Committee of the Chowan County Democratic Party.

Hollowell was sworn in as a Deputy Clerk of Court on October 2, 1961 by Lena M. Leary, Clerk, and remained in that position for 7 years until she became Assistant Clerk of Court on January 7, 1968.

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Hollowell held that position for 15 years and when Leary retired in August, 1983, Hollowell was appointed by the Resident Superior Court Judge to fill the vacancy.

In 1984 Hollowell ran unopposed for the office of Clerk of Superior Court.

Hollowell said "the position of Clerk of Superior Court is unique because of the diversified judicial responsibilities of the job. Experience in handling the various aspects of the office is the best teacher. Hard work, dedication, on the job experience, and the laws of North Carolina have been my teacher over the past 25 years."

The major areas of responsibility in the Clerk of Court's office are Ex Officio Judge of Probate, Judge in both Special Proceedings and Civil matters, as well as performing the chief function of filing and maintaining the Court Records in such matters as: Juvenile, Small Claims, Criminal, Estates, Adoptions, Foreclosures, Incompetency Hearings and many others according to Hollowell.

My goals for the next four years are the same ones I currently have. That is, to keep first and foremost in mind the interest and



**MOST PEANUTS**—Carroll Bass & Sons received the Chowan County Production Award for the highest peanut yield for 1985 at a ceremony at the Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Station Tuesday afternoon. Making the presentation (for a yield of 4,867 lbs. per acre on 72.2 acres) was David Bateman, Board and Executive Committee member, of the N.C. Peanut Growers Assoc. (left). Carroll Bass and his son Neal were the recipients.