



The Public Parade

Dollars For Dirty Air?

Would you know an ERC if you met one along the Public Parade? Not many people would. Except for an article in the current issue of Science magazine, we would not have recognized an ERC if we had met it coming from a chimney.

The initials stand for Emission Reduction Credits and they have become a commodity on the market which can be bought, sold, banked or optioned. And thereby hangs this tale.

ERCs remind us of that provision in President Reagan's "self-liquidating" tax reduction act of 1981, which made a corporation with a bucketful of red ink worth more to a profitable company than if it had been operating in the black. That was because, during those early days of Reaganomics, a profitable corporation could buy a bankrupt firm with heavy losses for practically nothing, then take a tax credit for those losses.

ERCs, an invention of the Environmental Protection Agency, operate in somewhat the same way. If your firm is polluting up the countryside to the point that the EPA has ordered you to do something about it, you can begin shopping around for Environmental Reduction Credits earned by another company which has spent a lot of money cleaning up its emissions.

In your search you might need the help of John Palmisano, a University of Maryland economist, who set up his own Emission Reduction Exchange for handling ERCs. His employees spend a good portion of their time locating ERCs, an asset which a great many companies don't realize they own.

Anyway, instead of making all the corrections the EPA has ordered, you can claim credit for 75 per cent of the credits you have bought and, thus, get by with doing only 25 per cent of what the EPA ordered.

The EPA justifies this arrangement by saying that, for the country as a whole, it is bringing about the gradual reduction of pollution. Maybe so, but it appears to us that the EPA is allowing itself to become a party to stretching out the elimination of pollution over an unacceptably long period.

That Goes For Us, Too

Edenton came in for some more nationwide publicity last week when Parade magazine, which appears in newspapers with several million circulation each Sunday, carried a picture and story about the Holmes High seniors holding their commencement at the White House.

The article shows a picture of President Reagan speaking to the seniors on the White House lawn. The story was headlined, "President Reagan's Greatest Enjoyment."

It was mutual, Mr. President.

Our Thanks To Bank

We can't think of any more appropriate use to which the now va-

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Two Businesses Go Hand In Hand

Edenton has two businesses that, while separately owned and operated, are intertwined. They are Edenton Snack Foods, Inc. and Royalty Distributors Inc.

Edenton Snack Foods, owned by Chuck Smith, manufactures snacks that include cheese popcorn, cheese balls, cheese curls, crunchy cheese curls and buttered popcorn. Smith said that in the next 30 days jalapeno crunchy cheese curls and flavored corn crisps will be added to the list of his products. The company, employing 20 people, was inaugurated in November of last year.



SCHOOL BOARD PRESENTATION—School Superintendent John Dunn (at left) made a presentation to the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday night concerning computer "networking" within and between the schools. Included was a video-taped discussion of the system. Dunn's image can be seen on the screen.

Local School Board Adopts New Theme

"Edenton-Chowan Schools Have Class" and in September they will start to "Reach For The Exceptional." The school board, at its Monday night meeting adopted the theme, Reach For The Exceptional, for the 1986-87 school year. Last year's motto was the "Class" theme.

In proposing the new theme, Superintendent John Dunn said in a prepared statement, "For the past several years, the Edenton-Chowan School System has been a lighthouse for educational excellence in the region, the state, and the nation. The System has been in the forefront of educational innovation and has established models of achievement for others to emulate."

Dunn said that the schools would focus on a continuation of

five elements that have led to excellence in the system: a positive school climate conducive to teaching and learning; teacher behaviors which convey high expectations; a clear instructional focus for the schools and for the system; program improvement based on student achievement and student need; and strong instructional leadership of the administrators.

In the learning environment, classroom interruptions from outside sources are controlled and the schools are quiet and well disciplined with expectations for student and teacher behaviors clearly outlined, the board was told. Parental interest in the school program was listed as an asset.

Dunn told the group that

physical cleanliness and upkeep of buildings has been enhanced with a skilled maintenance staff and augmented by a cooperative effort on the part of students and staff.

Citing the adage, "you get what you expect," he said that high expectations have been conveyed by teacher. High expectations and goals set for all students are said to have led to improved test scores and increased participation in academic awards.

Instructional focus is maintained through a program that ensures that teachers know what the mission is and what is to be accomplished. Effective teacher training has been a part of the plan.

Program improvement has been achieved through annual assessment of student progress, performance appraisal evaluations and school effectiveness reviews.

Instructional leadership is provided by principals who convey high expectations for students and faculty. Dunn said that their visibility and availability to students, staff and parents communicate the message that learning and achievement are important.

Not intending to rest on past laurels, Dunn said, "Even though the past years have been productive and gratifying, schools should not be satisfied. A dynamic school system cannot rest on past accomplishments and awards. It must continue to move forward."

Taxpayer Loses Appeal Monday

A Chowan County taxpayer lost an appeal of his real estate appraisal Monday evening. Tommy Wood appeared before the Board of Commissioners to ask that his land continue to be taxed as farm land even though it is leased to the Cianbro-Williams bridge building combine for use as a casting yard for bridge segments.

In refusing the request, the board cited its present use as an industrial site.

In another matter, the vacant position of now retired Murray Goodwin with the Extension Service may soon be filled. The board endorsed sharing the position with Gates and Perquimans Counties. In a related move, the swine specialist assigned to Perquimans and the financial specialist assigned to Gates will be assigned to Chowan.

In other matters the board: • Appointed Ruby Blanchard to replace Murray Ashley on the regional EMS Council;

• Approved School Board budget amendments that amounted to line item transfers on budgeted current expenses;

• Approved the annual settlement of taxes as proposed by the

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School Openings Delayed One Week

The opening of Edenton-Chowan schools will be delayed one week due to predicted higher temperatures this year for the last week in August. The Board of Education made the schedule adjustment at its meeting Monday night. School will begin the day after Labor Day on September 2 and the lost week will be made up at the end of the year with the last day of the session being on June 11, 1987.

The school year for teachers begins August 18 and lasts through June 17, 1987. Superintendent John Dunn said that the schedule change received the unanimous endorsement of the principals and would not affect holidays.

The board discussed a letter from Edenton Town Manager Sam Noble advising that the town had decided to discontinue providing school crossing guards through the Edenton Police Department.

Noble's letter further informed the board that the Town Council had decided to allocate all funds generated from parking violation fines to the school system to help defray the cost for crossing guards. A total of \$608 was collected in parking fines last year and a check in that amount was sent to the central office of the school system.

In commenting on the town's action, Dunn said, "What they really want to do is give us the liability of it." He said guards had been used for several years but knew of no requirement for the

schools to provide them. The board discussed the necessity of increasing its liability insurance if the system took over the training and administration of crossing guards. Although recognizing the necessity for finding a solution to the problem, the board agreed to postpone any decision until its next meeting.

Teacher aides at John A. Holmes and D.F. Walker schools will be asked to get school bus driver certification during the coming school year. In asking the board for approval, Associate Superintendent James Kinion pointed out that the U.S. Department of Labor has ruled that no one under the age of 18 may operate a school bus. Dunn offered that, "This may be the last year that the state of North Carolina can get an exemption."

Board member James Taylor asked if aides not obtaining driver certification would be terminated. Dunn replied that they would not, at least for the coming year.

Kinion said that using aides as drivers would cost an estimated \$9-10,000 more per year including federally mandated overtime pay.

The board also: • Heard Kinion report that boilers at Chowan Jr. High School have been "demolished" and delivery is awaited on the new boilers;

• Accepted the 1986-87 school system theme, "Reach for the Exceptional;"

• And heard a report from Dunn and viewed a video concerning the utilization of computers in the school system.



NEW CARPET INSTALLED—Jake Dunlow of Carpet and Appliance Plaza tightens new carpet that the company is installing in the remodeled Chamber of Commerce offices.

Edenton Chamber Offices Remodeled

The office spaces of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce are taking on a new look. Remodeling is almost complete and will give a "quality first impression to industrial and commercial prospects" who are considering moving their operation to this area said Kathy Miller, chamber executive director.

New carpeting and furnishings throughout were provided at or near cost by area businesses to enhance the decor. They include Edenton Furniture, Quinn Furniture, Carpet and Appliance Plaza, Colonial Painting, Beverly Hinson Interiors, and Parker-

Evans Hardware. The chamber has also received donations of money from other local businesses.

Revamping of office space included conversion of a storage area to be used as the executive director's office and the provision for a chamber board meeting room in what was the executive director's office.

Miller said that an open house has been planned for the public to view the renovated offices and to meet the recently appointed executive director. The open house is slated for Friday, August 22, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Architectural Survey Continuing

By JACK GROVE
A survey of the historic architecture in Chowan County and Edenton will continue thanks to recent legislation passed by the General Assembly. The legislation provides a grant of \$15,000 to continue the survey by architectural historian Brad Barker of Wilson, N.C.

Barker said that the ongoing survey has two goals. The first is to record the architecture through photography and to research the economic and cultural factors that produced architecture that is unique in many respects to the region.

The second goal is a book containing a compilation of local

structures that will deal with the historic architecture in its social and economic context, Barker said. The book is not intended to be a guide book, but rather an architectural history of the town and county. Barker said that exact locations of buildings will not appear in the text.

The historian said that separate funding will have to be made available in order to produce the book. The current survey is to provide the data base for the book. A number of counties around the state have had similar surveys and the results published, including Perquimans County. A survey of Pasquotank County is

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Terry Sanford

Royalty Distributors began operations last February as the sole distributor of the snack food products in this area. Dalton Furlough, owner, said that he has three trucks and employees that carry the products throughout an area that includes Northhampton County and east to the Outer Banks.

Major retail outlets for the products include S&R, Food Lion, Farm Fresh and Foodarama stores and many smaller outlets that sell food items.

Smith is upbeat about the

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