



## The Public Parade

### Look Who's Talking

When Jim Holshouser took James G. Exum, Jr., to task the other day for having voted as associate justice on the state supreme court to overturn a large number of death sentences, the most apt response we could think of was, "Look who's talking."

Speaking as a member of a group calling themselves Citizens for a Conservative Court, Holshouser cited the number of times Exum, now a candidate for chief justice, had dissented in capital punishment cases.

"There is clear evidence," he said, "that he is only willing to impose the death penalty when he can find absolutely no reason in the world to oppose it."

Look who's talking.

Back when he was a member of the legislature during the early 1970's, Jim Holshouser voted to repeal North Carolina's capital punishment law. Then when he became governor in 1973, he made it plain that no one would be executed by the State of North Carolina as long as he was in office, as, indeed, no one was.

That raises an obvious question. Is it worse, for a judge to dissent in a capital punishment case than it is for a legislator to seek to destroy the law itself? Is it worse for a judge to dissent in applying the law than it is for a governor to brag he will not enforce it?

Perhaps, rather than reminding the emperor that he has no clothes on, it would be more appropriate to point out that the former governor has on the wrong clothes. He is wrapping himself in the robes of the GOP in an effort to exploit an issue for the benefit of his party's candidate for chief justice. If her felt capital punishment was no longer popular in North Carolina, he would be the last person to raise the issue in the context of the judicial campaign.

Citizens for a Conservative Court is nothing but an adaptation of the old Richard Nixon dirty tricks technique. Since candidates for seats on the bench are prohibited from taking part in the rough and tumble of politics, the Republicans have set up a committee to do the dirty work for their candidates. Thus, when they take off after Jim Exum, they do

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## Home Game Against Williamston Opens Bulldogs' Season

The Chowan Bulldogs will open their season against Williamston Junior High on Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. at Chowan Junior High School.

Head coach Waymann Humphrey and Assistant coaches Douglas Ashton and Willie Koonce are optimistic about the season

ahead. They feel that the team has good size and speed. The coaches hope to capitalize on these qualities to establish a strong running game.

Games this fall include:

- Oct. 1 - Williamston at Chowan
- Oct. 8 - Chowan at Ahoskie
- Oct. 15 - Elizabeth City at

- Chowan
- Oct. 22 - Roper at Chowan
- Oct. 29 - Ahoskie at Chowan
- Nov. 5 - Chowan at Elizabeth City

The public is invited to come out and support the Bulldogs this season. General admission at the gate will be \$1 per person.



**BULLDOGS PREPARE**—The Chowan Jr. High School Bulldogs have been engaged in a heavy regimen of practice in preparation for their season-opening game with Williamston on Oct. 1. Tuesday afternoon, head coach Waymann Humphrey was going over offensive tactics with his players.



**DEMOS GATHER**—Asst. District Attorney Frank Parrish (l.) was one of the guests at East Edenton Precinct meeting Monday night. Others with Parrish (l. to r.) are Edenton Councilman Willis Privott, R.M. (Pete) Thompson, candidate for the state legislature, and Wayne Rice, candidate for sheriff.

## Parrish Addresses Democratic Party

The Democratic Party, East Edenton Precinct, met Monday night with Edenton Town Councilman Willis Privott presiding.

Charles H. Shaw, Jr., Chairman of the Chowan County Democratic

Party, presented R.M. (Pete) Thompson, candidate for a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives and Wayne Rice, candidate for Chowan County Sheriff.

A special guest was Asst.

District Attorney Frank Parrish who gave a brief resume of each of the Democratic judicial candidates for the fall elections. Representatives for other candidates also spoke at the meeting.

Privott told the group, "If all of us come together, push the load at the same time, the load will be lighter."

## Five Plead Guilty To Speeding

Chowan District Court was in session Sept. 23, the Honorable Grafton G. Beaman presiding over the criminal calendar.

Jerry Wayne Privott pleaded guilty to larceny and was sentenced to 90 days, suspended for three years upon payment of a \$50 fine and cost of court. He was ordered to perform 35 hours of community service.

James T. Gregory's suspended sentence was revoked and he was ordered to serve a 60 day commitment.

James Olie Jordan was found guilty of speeding 69 in a 55mph zone and he received a \$35 fine and cost of court.

Joseph A. Berlando pleaded guilty to speeding 85 in a 55mph zone and he received a \$35 fine and cost of court. A charge of possession of marijuana was dismissed.

Steven Scott Outlaw pleaded guilty to DWI and improper passing. On the first charge, he was sentenced to a minimum and maximum of 30 days, suspended for two years upon payment of a \$75 fine and cost of court. He was ordered to perform 24 hours of community service, to attend ADET School, and to surrender

his operator's license. On the second charge, he received a \$20 fine and cost of court.

At a probable cause hearing, the case of Robert Lee Wilder, charged with possession of stolen property, was dismissed.

Brian Keith Sawyer pleaded guilty to allowing an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle. He received a \$25 fine and cost of court.

Ida Beatrice Brown pleaded guilty to speeding 45 in a 35mph zone and she was assessed court costs. An appeal was noted.

Michael Steven Mooney pleaded guilty to speeding 64 in a 55mph zone and he received a \$10 fine and cost of court.

John N. Daley pleaded guilty to speeding 74 in a 55mph zone and he received a \$35 fine and cost of court.

Kimberly Diane Maddred pleaded guilty to shoplifting and was sentenced to 30 days, suspended for two years upon payment of a \$20 fine and cost of court. She was ordered to remain off the premises of Winn Dixie for two years and to perform 20 hours of community service within 90

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## Area Break-Ins Investigation Wrapped Up

The Edenton Police Dept. has wrapped up the investigations of a string of recent break-ins of local businesses with the arrest of an Edenton man. Jesse James Twine, 19, of 97 Davis Place, was taken into custody Sunday night following the attempted break-in of the M.G. Brown Building Materials store.

Officers, responding to a burglar alarm, observed Twine walking away from the scene where a window had been broken in the back of the store. Twine later confessed to a total of six break-ins.

Police Chief John Parrish said that Twine admitted to break-ins at the Ashley Machine Shop on Sept. 6, Albemarle Motor Co. and Boswell's Restaurant on Sept. 12, and Edenton Auto Supply, Boswell's and M.G. Brown on Sept. 21.

Twine is being held in the Chowan County Jail with bond set at \$5,000. A first appearance hearing was held for the suspect on Tuesday with Oct. 7 set for a probable cause hearing.

Parrish said that Patrolman T.E. Palmer and Sgt. G.K. Bonner were handling the case.

## Legion Fair Another Success

Fair crowds broke all attendance records at last week's 38th Chowan County Fair. Fair official Bill Perry said there was "A very nice increase" over previous years.

At the close of the fair, attendance totaled 19,229. Last year's attendance was over 15,000 and 1985 was a record-breaking year also. Perry said that this year's mark topped that of last year by "about 3,000 more."

On Saturday night, the midway seemed to be bulging at the seams with people. There were long lines for the ferris wheel and other popular rides and long waits were in store for those in line for cotton candy.

Saturday's attendance was 6,848, compared with 4,796 for Saturday a year ago.

About 100 members of American Legion Post 40 worked to keep things running smoothly during fair week. Highway Patrol, Chowan Sheriff's Dept. and Rescue personnel were on hand to

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## Chowan's Teacher Of The Year Selected

By JACK GROVE

A panel of eight judges picked a winner among winners Monday afternoon as they chose the Teacher of the Year for 1986 for the Edenton-Chowan school system. Finalists, representing each of Chowan's four schools were Patricia A. Timberlake from D.F. Walker, Geraldine Hill from White Oak, Willie L. Koonce from Chowan Jr. High, and Rodney Lee Bass, Jr. from John A. Holmes H.S.

The closeness of the results attested to the judges' difficulty in choosing the teacher for the honor. However, after the chalk dust had settled, Geraldine Hill was picked as the top teacher for 1986.

The four teachers were scored on their written applications and on interviews, with each being asked the same set of questions. Poise, manner in handling difficult questions and appearance were some of the determinants in the final selection.

Hill, a fifth-grade teacher at White Oak for five years has had 12 years experience in her chosen field. She earned her degree from the State University of New York and after two years teaching in elementary schools, taught adult education courses to senior citizens.

Coming to Edenton in 1979 with her family, she "resumed the profession I had grown to love."

She shared some of her education philosophy with the panel. "I believe that each child is a unique and unrepeatable human being. It is my belief that each child brings his own intellectual and physical ability to the classroom. Each child also brings his life experiences, however limited, his family's aspirations, and his own most intimate hopes and fears. It is my duty to find ways to encourage and help each child reach his potential."

Hill also feels that "Teaching is an exciting and rewarding profession. Every child is entitled to my best efforts, as I am but a spoke in the child's wheel of life."

Chowan's top teacher is involved in a wide range of activities in her profession and in the



Geraldine Hill

community. She takes an active part in twelve school-related committees and organizations and has an impressive portfolio of workshops, conferences and post-graduate courses in keeping abreast of the teaching profession.

Panelists were: Clara M. Boswell, Principal at Chowan Jr. High; James E. Taylor, School Board Member; David Spruill, President of the White Oak PTA; Rosemary L. Lewis, Program Administrator for Exceptional Children; Florence Thatch, Fourth Grade Teacher at D.F. Walker and a past Teacher of the

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## District Committee Members Named

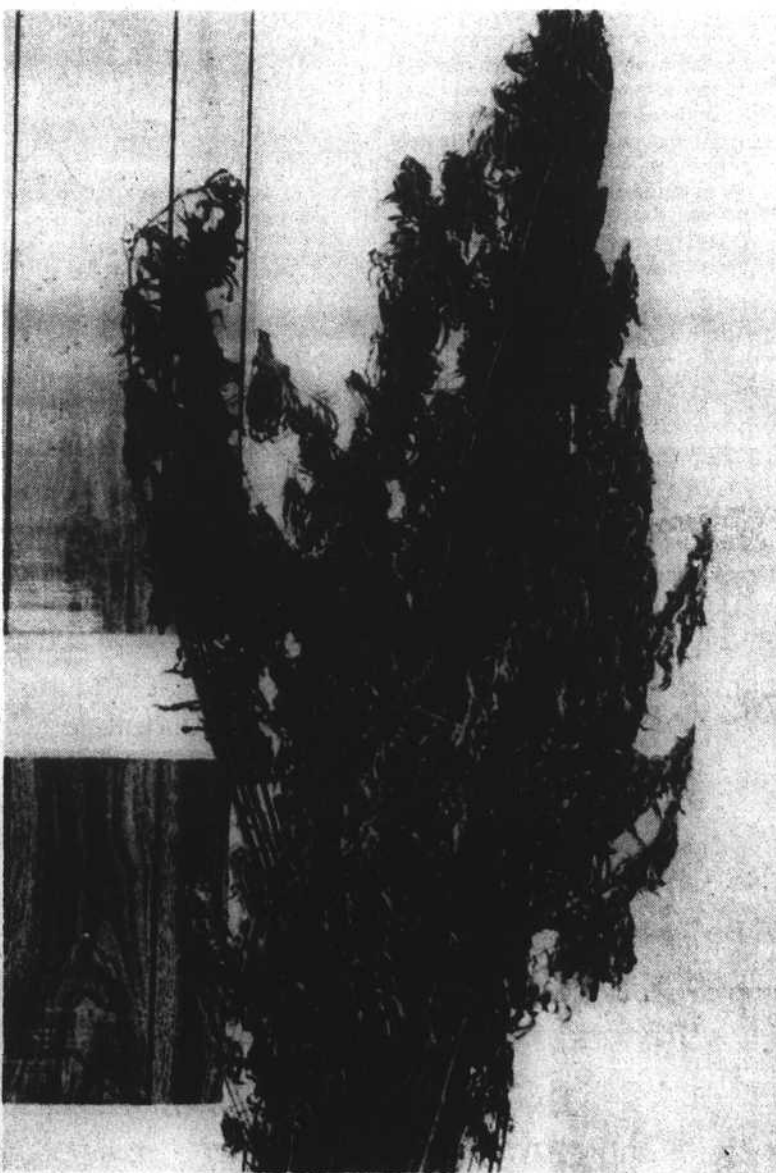
WASHINGTON, N.C.—Formation of a First Judicial District Democratic campaign committee has been announced by Bill Hodges, 1st Congressional District Democratic chairman.

Hodges said that those from Chowan County serving on the Judicial District Committee are: Alice Twiddy, Marjorie H. Hollowell, Lena M. Leary, Glenn H. Perry, Carlton Perry, W. T. Culpepper, III, Mrs. Mary Ann Thomas, Christopher C. Bean, and Charles M. Shaw, Jr.

The District committee was named with the assistance and concurrence of Judges of the First Judicial District.

The committee was formed to

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**CONFISCATED POT**—These wilting marijuana plants stand in a corner of the Alcohol Law Enforcement division's office in Edenton Tuesday. They were found growing in Perquimans County at the rear of a field of corn. The illegal plants are being allowed to dry prior to being burned by the agents. There are estimated to be 250 plants in this bunch with the tallest some six feet tall. The ALE's Dist. Supervisor, Ken Dover, said that his office has no suspects in the illegal growing of the plants.