



The Public Parade

Water-Borne Garbage

May we congratulate everybody along The Public Parade who had anything to do with the anti-litter campaign last week in Chowan County?

Such activities not only serve to keep the community clean, but help to educate the public against littering. Unhappily, that continues to be an area in which there are many slow learners.

We thought of it Thursday as we drove from Edenton to Williamston during a midday downpour of rain. As the drainage ditches filled with water along US 17 from the Chowan River to Windsor, plastic containers by the thousand floated to the top and became plainly visible, looking like a miles-long landfill.

We do not realize this much trash litters our highways because most of it is usually hidden in the grass and shrubs along the road; but fill the ditches with water and it floats to the surface.

We still feel that more citations ought to be issued to litterthrowers by our law enforcement people. We realize convictions are sometimes hard to come by, but an occasional conviction and heavy fine would be a great help. We rarely ever travel from Statesville to Edenton that we do not witness some motorist throwing trash out on the highway. Surely our patrolmen, who spend much more time on the highways, have a better opportunity to witness the same offense.

For another thing, our courts could be a great help too. Since they have authority to modify judgments by assigning misdemeanants to public service rather than to jail, why not put more of them out picking up trash? Not only would this help to clean up public areas, but a few hours pick-

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COSTUME OF THE DAY—Don Fenner and Sharon Alligood were two of the guides leading tourists through the James Iredell House during last weekend's pilgrimage.

Hospital Receives Grant

Chowan Hospital has been awarded a \$225,000 grant from The Duke Endowment to assist with hospital construction programs. The grant will be used, along with hospital funds and revenue bonds, for construction and equipment to replace 40 skilled nursing beds and the hospital laundry and the installation of a fixed-base CT scanner.

Over the past 17 years, The Duke Endowment has granted more than \$800,000 to Chowan Hospital. These monies have aided in the construction of the present hospital, an earlier renovation of the long-term care facility, addition of an educational annex, introduction of full-time emergency room physicians, addition of 10 acute beds, renovation of most ancillary departments and reimbursement for charity care.

Johnny Bryan, Hospital Director, states that "The Trustees of The Duke Endowment have always responded most gener-

ously to Chowan Hospital's requests for assistance. They have made it possible for this hospital to provide vitally needed services and facilities".

North and South Carolina Hospitals may receive assistance from The Duke Endowment for construction and equipment, charity care, and expanding patient services.

The Duke Endowment also assists children's homes in the Carolinas; four educational institutions, Duke, Johnson C. Smith and Furman Universities, and Davidson College; rural United Methodist churches, retired United Methodist ministers and widows and dependent, orphaned children of United Methodist ministers in North Carolina.

The Duke Endowment was established by James B. Duke in 1924 and is today among the largest private foundations in the United States.

County Sheriff's Dept. had discovered that the stolen car was in the area and believed to be in either Chowan or Perquimans.

The two were charged with possession of a stolen vehicle and received a first appearance hearing Wednesday. Chowan Sheriff Fred Spruill said that Florida law enforcement officials had been notified and he was awaiting an extradition hearing at press time.

In an unrelated case, a local woman was arrested by Deputy David Jethro April 16 on a Georgia fugitive warrant. Crystal Hobbs, 23, was wanted by Georgia authorities for violating probation in connection with a conviction on a theft charge.

Mrs. Hobbs, who has lived in the area for about a year, was variously known as Crystal Starr and Mary Alice Collier. She was returned to Jonesboro in Clayton County, Ga. by that county's sheriff's deputies on April 22.

Downtown Theft Is Investigated

A break-in at the Exxon Station on Broad Street is being investigated by Edenton Police Department.

Chief J.D. Parrish said Steve Taylor, assistant manager at the station, discovered the entry when he arrived for work Friday morning at 6:52 a.m.

The chief said entry was made after the front door and its frame were pried apart and an undetermined amount of cash, checks and coins were stolen after locked desk drawers were forced open. Investigating officer is Sgt. G.C. Bonner.

Pilgrimage Called A Success

By JEANETTE WHITE

Historic Edenton put its best foot forward last weekend when doors to private homes and public buildings were swept open to visitors at the town's Biennial Pilgrimage.

Even though cool, damp weather and competition from a like celebration in nearby Murfreesboro diminished attendance, sponsors of the pilgrimage are judging the two-day event successful.

Mrs. Bonnie Bachman, co-chairman, said estimates of the number of people who visited ranged around 900.

"That's considerably less than previous years... We judge success by whether we make enough money to put back into the community... The last time we put it into the historic architectural survey," Mrs. Bachman said.

The result of the survey will be publication of a book on local architectural styles. The Woman's Club, sponsors of the pilgrimage, donated \$10,000 toward the survey.

Mrs. Bachman indicated that a vote will be taken at the club's May meeting to determine if money from the pilgrimage will go toward completion of the

survey or toward repairs of the Cupola House roof.

Visitors this past weekend said they were especially impressed with the diversity of architecture in the 10 houses and other building open to the tour.

The event got an advertising boost last week when television

weatherman Willard Scott showed close-up shots of the Edenton Tea Pot and a picture of the Barker House on NBC's "Today" program.

Because visitors were allowed to tour the town at their own leisure and plans, sightseers did

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Town Assessed Penalties

The Town of Edenton has been assessed civil penalties as a result of nine violations in 1986 of waste discharges by the municipal wastewater treatment plant.

Eight of the violations concerned exceeding state standards set for effluent discharges. One concerns land application of treatment plant sludge on land near the airport without a permit which was subsequently scraped up by the town's utilities department and taken to a landfill. The town now has a permit to dispose of the sludge on that site.

Notification of assessment of penalties in the amount of \$9,728 was made in an April 8 letter to the town by the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, Division of Environmental Management.

The letter gives the town three options in the matter, any of which must be exercised within thirty days of the notice. The first is to simply pay the penalty. The second allows a written request for remission or mitigation of the penalties. The third provides for a written request for an administrative hearing on the matter.

Town Manager Phillip Whitaker indicated that the town council has opted to request remission of the penalties. This action precludes contesting the accuracy of the stated violations but does provide the opportunity for detailed justification and inclusion of any additional facts to be considered in lowering or forgiving payment of the penalties.



RETIREE HONORED—Alton Elmore, chairman of Chowan Commissioners, presented Mrs. Elizabeth Bunch (center) a plaque Friday in appreciation of 30 years' service to the Dept. of Social Services as Mrs. Hazel Elliott, director of the department, watches.

Retiring Supervisor Is Honored For Service

Thirty years of service came to an end Friday when Mrs. Elizabeth Williford Bunch of Bertie County retired from Chowan Dept. of Social Services.

Mrs. Bunch began working with the department in 1947, but was out for 10 years to raise a family.

Mrs. Hazel Elliott, director of the department, said, "We really hate to see her go. We'll miss her very much but certainly wish her well in retirement."

Mrs. Bunch worked as supervisor of eligibility for the food stamp program, Aid to Families With Dependent Children and Medicaid.

She was honored Friday with a luncheon given by her department, when she received a bicycle and later with a reception hosted by the county. She received a plaque from the county commemorating her years of service.

The retirement came as Gov. Jim Martin proclaimed the week of April 27 through May 1 as "Social Service Employee Appreciation Week" in North Carolina.

In his proclamation, Governor Martin praised the state's social service employees for providing assistance to the poor, elderly, young and handicapped citizens of North Carolina. The Governor also praised the "tireless efforts" of social services workers which have resulted in a reduction of error rates in the AFDC program and an increase in permanent placements for foster children.

David T. Flaherty, Secretary of

the Dept. of Human Resources emphasized that social services play a vital role in helping our citizens become all they can be.

"The State of North Carolina is dedicated to helping those who need assistance help themselves and in turn become productive members of their community," Secretary Flaherty said.

Mary Deyampert, Director of DHR's Div. of Social Services, says North Carolina has a state-supervised/county administered social services system. The division supervises public assistance programs including AFDC, food

stamps, low-income energy assistance, state-county special assistance, foster care and adoption assistance payments. The county DSSs also administer in-home services, protective services for adults and children, and many other supportive services under state supervision.

"The goals of the state's social services system are to provide the financial assistance needed for people to maintain an adequate standard of living; to provide for the protection of children, older

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Legislators State Positions

Sen. Marc Basnight of Dare County and Rep. R. M. (Pete) Thompson of Chowan County voted this week for the ban on phosphates in detergents sold in North Carolina.

Rep. Thompson said he supported the ban so long as it was statewide and did not designate certain areas.

Sen. Basnight, who once opposed the bill, said he had feared that enforcing the ban would be the end of an environmental effort to promote clean water.

He said passage of the bill would not remove all phosphates and that as more people moved into the state, phosphates would continue to increase even with the ban.

Studies have shown that 75 percent of phosphates entering the public waterways from municipal

waste treatment plants are caused by human waste.

Basnight, who admitted he had much to learn about phosphates when he arrived in Raleigh, said, "We can't rest on our laurels. North Carolina must do a much better job of educating the populace."

Other nutrients entering public waterways are byproducts of manufacturing industries and farm runoff. Phosphorus and nitrogen produce the kind of algae blooms which have plagued local waters in past years, producing a negative affect on fish.

Previous attempts to pass the phosphate ban in the state failed because of numerous amendments attached to each bill. Similar exceptions were defeated in the passage of this bill even

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Car Thieves Caught Napping By Chowan Deputy

Two out-of-state car thieves were taken into custody Friday afternoon when they were literally caught napping in the car at Bayliner Boats off Country Club Drive. Chowan Deputy Sheriff Victor Lamb made the arrest.

The suspects were identified as Christopher Verhague, 28, of Winona, Minn. and Aria Laboef, 26, of Mongeot, La. The 1981 Oldsmobile was reported stolen from Lake City, Florida.

Lamb said that the Perquimans



STOLEN CAR—Sheriff Fred Spruill and Deputy Victor Lamb look over a 1981 Oldsmobile which was stolen in Lake City, Florida. Lamb made the arrest of the suspected thieves last Friday.