

# The Public Parade

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Mayor Andrew Young may have obstructed justice in a telephone conversation with the estranged wife of Julian Bond, another black, who gained prominence as a member of the Georgia state senate.

As we get the story, Mrs. Bond went to police in a fit of temper after a fight with Bond's new girl friend and told all. She said that Senator Bond, Mayor Young and other prominent Atlantans were regular users of cocaine. A couple of weeks later she retracted her story.

Now the grand jury is trying to find out whether a call from the mayor caused her to change her mind. Young admits making the call, but says he urged her to stick to facts, not repeat gossip. He blames the investigation on "pressure from Washington."

From where we stand, it would seem that Washington has its hands full, what with high federal officials carrying on contraband operations, running a covert war and shredding records carried out by secretaries in their underwear, just trying to determine whether justice was obstructed at home. Let Washington put its own house in order, then move on the rest of the country.



**OLYMPIC TORCH**—The Olympic Torch will pass through Edenton June 29 after a planning committee met with the state chairman Wednesday. Planning Edenton's part in the event were (from left, standing) Richard Bunch, director of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce; Brenda Toppin, Edenton Police Dept.; Billy Long, N.C. Highway Patrol; (seated) Beth Taylor, chamber president; Jack Hughes, state chairman; Pam Byrum, Chowan Sheriff's Dept.

## Assembly Considers Tax Violation Legislation

A bill is pending before the N.C. General Assembly which would increase the penalties for criminal tax violation.

The legislation, House Bill 1144, says that in addition to other

penalties provided by law, any person who willfully attempts to evade tax imposed by general statutes shall be punished as a Class I felon.

Exception is made for evasion

of less than \$400, which is a misdemeanor.

The same punishment is suggested for willful failure to collect, withhold or account for tax imposed.

The bill says that any person who willfully fails to file a tax return, supply information or pay tax shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Any person providing aid or assistance in filing of a return, affidavit, claim or any other document he knows as fraudulent would be punished as a Class J felon.

The bill would become effective October 1, 1987 if adopted by the legislature and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

## Judge Chaffin Presides Over Two Court Sessions

Judge John T. Chaffin presided over Chowan District Court May 12.

Leon Wade Hyman denied but was found responsible of driving 45 in a 35 mile per hour zone. He was penalized \$20 and court cost.

Karen Holley Bond admitted responsibility for driving 45 in a 35 mph zone and was penalized \$10 and cost of court.

Nancy Travis Albritton admitted responsibility for having no city tag and was penalized \$10 and court cost.

Connie Francis Leary Jernigan was found guilty of simple assault, two counts of assault on a law officer, communicating threats and resisting arrests. The cases were consolidated for judgement and she was sentenced to 18 months in Chowan County Jail. The judgement was appealed.

Three counts of uttering paper with forged endorsement against Robert Dwight Wilson were dismissed by the state.

Luther Williams was found guilty

ty of worthless check and sentenced to 90 days, suspended for two years, fined \$25 and cost of court and ordered to make restitution of \$122.40 to Pepsi Cola Co. He was ordered not to issue a worthless check for two years.

On a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury against Anthony Wendell Hayes, probable cause was found and he was bound over to superior court for trial.

Thomas Shelton Nixon III was found guilty of assault on a female and sentenced to 30 days, suspended for two years, fined cost of court and ordered not to assault Pamela Nixon for two years.

The state took a voluntary dismissal for James Lawrence Holley on a charge of possessing malt beverage on public property.

Voluntary dismissals were also taken for Antonio Satterfield, common law robbery; Christopher James Verhague, and Artie Labouef, possession of stolen property.

Landra Levette Jackson was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to 90 days, suspended for two years, fined \$100 cost of court and ordered not to go on McCrory's property for two years. An appeal was noted.

Probable cause was found on charges of breaking and entering (two counts), larceny and possession of a stolen vehicle against Rickie Holley and he was bound over to superior court for trial. An appeal was noted.

On a charge of possession of marijuana, Holley was found guilty of misdemeanor possession. He was sentenced to 30 days, suspended for two years on payment of a \$100 fine and cost of court. An appeal was noted.

Holley was found guilty of having no operator's license and sentenced to 90 days, suspended for two years on payment of \$75 fine and cost of court. He was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle until licensed. The verdict was appealed.

Pamela H. Nixon was found not guilty on a charge of assault.

Larry Bond was found guilty of assault on a female and sentenced to nine months, suspended for two years, fined \$50 and cost of court and ordered not to assault Gloria Bond for two years.

Johnny Daniel Dogger and Orlando Drye were in court for probable cause hearings on charges of felonious larceny. Probable cause was found and the men were bound to superior court for trial.

Off charges of failure to comply with fine and cost, a notice of hearing was filed for Carol Ferrell. The defendant complied with requirements and the hearing was dismissed.

Charges of failure to return hired property (two counts) against Jeannette Welch were dismissed when the defendant could not be located.

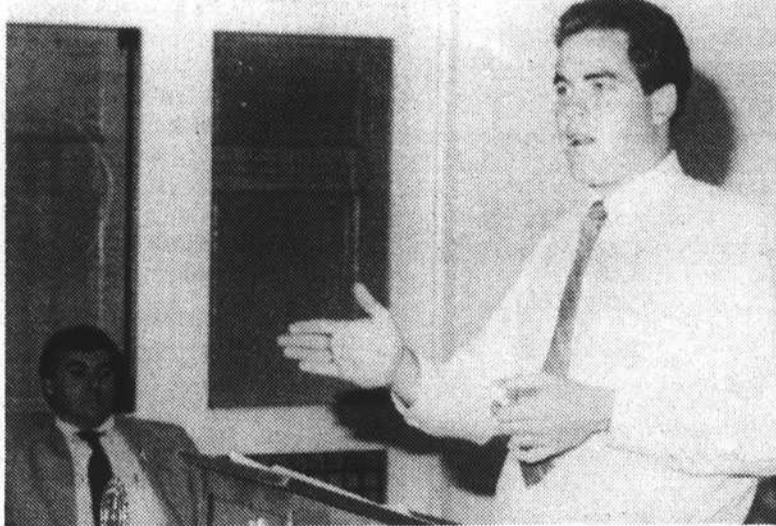
Judge John T. Chaffin presided over a light docket in Chowan District Court on May 19.

On a charge of driving while impaired, Johnnie Roosevelt Basnight was found not guilty.

A charge of disposing of secured property against Edith Mae Holley was dismissed by the state, as was a charge of assault on a female against Hazen Ovel Jones Jr.

Jo Allen Loftin was found guilty of shoplifting and sentenced to 60 days, suspended for two years upon payment of a \$50 fine and cost of court. She was ordered to complete 24 hours of community service and pay its fee and told to stay away from Maxway for two years.

On a trespassing charge, Percy Lee Leary was given an active sentence of 90 days, with 12 days credit for time spent awaiting trial.



**WEATHER FORECASTER**—Tim McGill, staff meteorologist for WCTI-TV, gestures in explaining how weather forecasts are arrived at. He was guest speaker at last Thursday's Rotary Club luncheon.

## Rotary Cup Award Presented

By JACK GROVE

The Edenton Rotary Club had a full program at its Thursday luncheon meeting last week as it hosted this year's Rotary Cup and scholarship award winner, last year's winner and Tim McGill, meteorologist for WCTI-TV, Channel 12 in New Bern.

This year's Rotary Cup winner is Liza Vaughan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Vaughan. She is also valedictorian of her graduating class at John A. Holmes High School and plans to attend the University of North Carolina.

Last year's winner, Brian Bunch, was also present to accept a plaque in recognition of his award. Bunch attends East Carolina University.

Murray Goodwin, retired agriculture extension agent, introduced McGill as the guest speaker.

The TV weatherman explained that he would provide an insight into what goes into forecasting. He told his audience that they could expect a thunderstorm on almost any summer day. He said that they tend to be more severe around New Bern. In this area, they are less severe due to the

## Local Business Diversity Provides Low Unemployment

One Employment Security Commission official says Chowan's business and industry diversity is what provides a low unemployment rate.

Gordon Allen, Edenton ESC office manager, said the county's rate for March was 3.9 percent, with the state recording a rate of 4.9 percent.

Allen called diversity "the greatest and single-most influential" factor in providing a low number of workers without jobs.

"Most businesses have been able to find their niche in the marketplace. The cotton mill is always trying to find their market and penetrate that market," Allen said.

In contrast, he pointed out the heavy concentration of textile industries in the Piedmont area. The concentration means that when one plant is depressed economically, most other businesses are in the same condition and no industry is available "to take up the slack".

Allen said he had been impressed with the favorable economic influence of tourism in Edenton and Chowan County.

During the fiscal year from July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1987, the Edenton office placed 712 workers in 910 jobs, with some employees placed in more than one job.

Of that number, 42 workers were placed in jobs with a salary range in excess of \$15,000 annually. Job openings received by ESC totaled 1,192 in the same period.

Statewide, 10,740 North Carolinians found jobs last month through 78 Job Service Centers and six branch offices operated by ESC. Employers across the state listed 21,790 jobs with ESC in April and agency staff filled 13,784 of those jobs.

Since its fiscal year began, the agency has placed 131,336 individuals in jobs across the state.

Figures released for individual Job Service Centers show the greatest number of placements were made in Charlotte with 418;

Fayetteville with 377, Winston-Salem with 360, Lumberton with 351, and Greensboro with 324.

Greensboro placed the greatest number of individuals, 75, in jobs paying more than \$15,000 per year, followed by Salisbury with 58, Raleigh with 49, Winston-Salem with 42 and Shelby with 39.

In April, the greatest number of jobs listed by employers with ESC local offices were Raleigh with 1,088, Greensboro with 1,068, Charlotte with 871, Winston-Salem with 832 and Fayetteville with 827.

## Development Action Grant Is Awarded

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced that the Town of Plymouth has received a preliminary notice of award of a \$440,000 Urban Development Action Grant. The Urban Development Action Grant Program provides funds to municipalities to promote new and expanded employment opportunities - targeting jobs to area unemployed and underemployed.

The Town of Plymouth's Urban Development Action Grant will initially be loaned to John O' D. Williams to assist in the construction of the 65,000 sq. ft. Plymouth Landing Shopping Center which will be constructed on U.S. 64 Business. The shopping center will contain a major grocery store (Food Lion), retail stores and a drugstore. These anchor tenants occupy 85% of the shopping center's space. The remainder of the shopping center will consist of small shops.

The \$2,100,000 shopping center will result in the Town receiving an additional \$16,796 in property taxes each year. The project will result in 51 construction jobs and 54 full-time equivalent permanent jobs. Sixty-percent of the permanent jobs will be filled by low-moderate income persons. Thirty-five percent of these jobs are to be filled by minorities. The Town of Plymouth, the Developer and shopping center tenants will work with the Employment Security Commission Office to ensure that local residents have the maximum opportunity to benefit from the project.

In addition to receiving repayment of its loan from the Developer, grant conditions include the provision that the Town of Plymouth participate in Developer profits resulting from the use of the UDAG loan. The Town will use program income to further economic development efforts. It is anticipated that the major use of repayments will be to stimulate downtown revitalization efforts.

All grant conditions should be met by the end of June 1987. The Plymouth Landing Shopping Center is scheduled to open by Spring 1988.

In celebration of the announcement of its Urban Development Action Grant and its resultant economic opportunities, the Town of Plymouth will hold a "ground breaking" ceremony at the Plymouth Landing Shopping Center site. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 4, at 1:00 PM. Representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; State, regional and local officials; the Developer; shopping center tenants; and the Town of Plymouth will be present.

## Lot Clearing

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site, "Ultimately it will be some type of athletic facility." He said that although now there are no specific plans, about 18 months ago he submitted plans to the town council for a ballfield. He said that at that time he told the board that the land needed to be cleared before definite plans could be made.

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