



## The Public Parade

### New System At Herald

This past week has been a busy time at the Chowan Herald, but we hope it will all add up to easier times ahead for everybody on the staff and a more pleasant product for everybody along the Public Parade.

In addition to putting out the paper and doing the dozens of job shop print jobs, we have been kept on the move with the installation of an entirely new, somewhat expanded computerized typesetting system, with the staff giving every minute of their spare time trying to learn how to use it.

That is not to say they are unfamiliar with the use of computers for typesetting. We have been running one type or another for about a decade. More recently, we have been using a system manufactured by Compugraphics of Wilmington, Mass. But when the time came to replace it with newer equipment, we decided to shift to a system consisting of three MacIntosh units, a laser printer, and enough support equipment to enable us to do just about anything the printing industry demands.

One of the new system's capabilities permits us to construct various types of graphics and engage in page makeup right on the readout screen. Thus, all the components of an ad can be developed right on the screen, complete with borders, type blocs from a dozen different type faces, light or bold, roman or italic.

We can do black and white or screened reverses; but because of

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## Hardees Given Okay To Re-Open

By JACK GROVE

Edenton Town Council met in a specially called session at noon Monday to pave the way for the reopening of Hardees on N. Broad Street. "Hardees was requesting a certificate of occupancy to start selling food," according to Town Manager Phillip Whitaker. He said that request "generated the meeting."

The town's governing body has under consideration an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would allow a sign of a maximum of 75 square feet in size for businesses located over 1,000 feet from the U.S. 17 Bypass.

While considering that ordinance change (the present ordinance allows no more than 18 square feet for principal use signs) during the regular meeting last week, council learned that Hardees had erected a 128 square foot sign that day.

In order to issue a certificate of occupancy, the building inspector is required to verify that the zoning ordinance has been complied with. Hardees' sign did not meet that test.

By withholding the certificate, "There was a strong possibility that Hardees could have gotten an injunction to operate temporarily," Whitaker said.

Due to the possibility of litigation, Mayor John Dowd called the meeting for the council to decide to go to court or to issue the certification. Complicating the matter was the fact that over 10 other businesses in the town have signs violating the ordinance.

Whitaker said that during the council's deliberations, it was discussed that, possibly, upon adoption of a revised ordinance, it would contain a provision that those businesses not in compliance would have an as yet

unspecified period of time to amortize the cost of their signs. At the end of that period, businesses would be required to replace them with signs that complied with size restrictions.

The council passed a resolution instructing the building inspector to issue Hardees the certificate of occupancy, Whitaker said. Asked if this was a waiver of the ordinance, he said, "The words 'variance' and 'waiver' were not considered as a part of the motion."

Another part of the present ordinance states that a principal use sign may be no more than 45 feet in height. The town manager said that all local businesses are in compliance with this provision.

The town has received an \$8,000 grant from the state which, coupled with \$2,000 from the town will be used to hire consultants to formulate a new zoning ordinance. Whitaker indicated that the revised ordinance could be completed within six months and "a year at the outside," depending on cutting red tape and an accelerated effort of the Planning Board and the consultants hired.

Only one citizen, Bob Thomas, attended Monday's meeting. He is a partner in the firm building a Travel Host Inn on N.C. 32, just north of the U.S. 17 Bypass. He reportedly discussed briefly with the council his sign plans that might include a scaled-down version of the 250 square foot sign he had previously requested.

The proposed ordinance amendment calls for no more than 200 square feet per sign for businesses within 1,000 feet of the bypass.

North Carolina's open meeting law requires that town council give a 48-hour notification to the public prior to called meetings. Whitaker said that this was done through posting of the notification

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## Law Enforcement Officers Banquet Is Scheduled

Law enforcement officers will gather at the Edenton American Legion building tonight to honor one of their own. The seventh annual appreciation banquet for Chowan County law enforcement officers will be the setting for the announcement of the award of Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Officers from Bertie, Gates, Perquimans, Washington and Chowan Counties will attend along with officers of state and federal agencies, judges and magistrates.

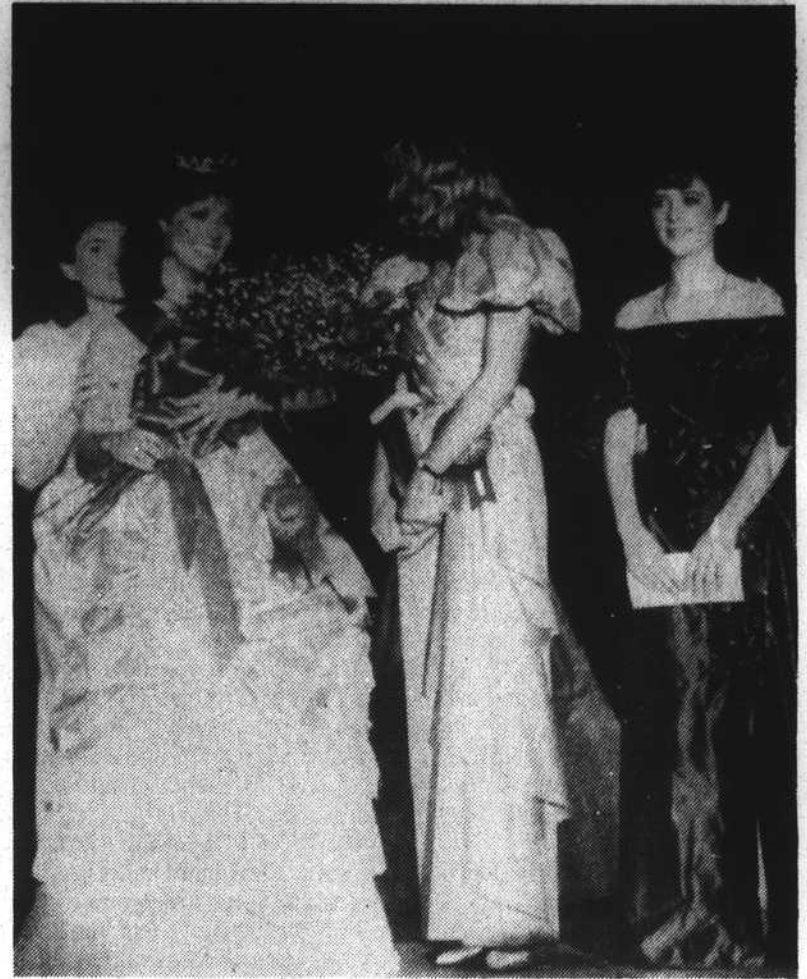
Featured speaker for the event is Justice Louis B. Meyer of the N.C. Supreme Court. A native of Marion, N.C., he is a graduate of Wake Forest University and its School of Law.

Justice Meyer was a law clerk to the late Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker of the N.C. Supreme Court. He later served as an FBI agent and then practiced law in Wilson for 18 years.

He is a past president of the Wilson County and Seventh Judicial District Bar Associations and served as vice-president of the N.C. Bar Association. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in January, 1981 and has served on the Court for six years.

The banquet will start with a hospitality hour at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at the Edenton Police Department, the Chowan Sheriff's Office and at the door.



CROWNED—Candy Taylor, of Gates County, was crowned as Miss Chowan County Fair Saturday night before a large crowd. She is shown with an armload of roses and a bright smile moments after the announcements.

## Fair Queen Is Crowned

The show barn was jammed with interested spectators Saturday night as 10 contestants vied for the title of Miss Chowan County Fair. They participated in talent, swimsuit and evening gown competitions.

The contestants were Natalie Phelps, 15, John A. Holmes High School; Jennifer Spain, 18, East Carolina University; Gwen Howard, 16, Northeastern High School; Rachel Sawyer, 16, Creswell High School; Cindy Bass, 16, John A. Holmes High School; Robin Tynch, 18, East Carolina University; Jodie Baker, 18, employed at Britthaven;

Rhonda White, 16, Gates County High School; Candy Taylor, 15, Gates County High School; and Sarah Winfield, 15, John A. Holmes High School.

Candy Taylor of Gates County walked away with the crown, a \$300 cash award and the opportunity to compete for the title of Miss State County Fair.

Last year's winner and first runner-up for the state title, Beth Norvell of Edenton, presided at the coronation of Miss Taylor.

First runner-up was Robin Tynch, awarded \$200 and a trophy. Second runner-up was Cindy Bass, awarded \$100.



SERPENTINE COURSE—A student driver wends through the serpentine course during EVOC training at the Edenton Airport Saturday afternoon. The vehicle in the background is on another of the four obstacle courses laid out on an unused runway.

## Driver Training Is Held

It is well-known that rescue squad personnel receive extensive emergency medical training. What may not be as well-known is that they also receive driver education.

Squadmen along with two firemen and six drivers for the Inter-County Transit System received 16 hours training Saturday and Sunday in the state's Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC).

The course is taught through the community college system with College of the Albemarle being the sponsoring school locally. Continuing education units are earned upon completion of the course.

Students are taught "How to drive an EMS vehicle in a manner safe to squadmen and patients," according to EMS Coordinator Doug Belch. They received classroom work and a written test for judgement and proper procedures.

Field training was conducted on an unused runway at the Edenton Airport. Basic maneuvering was taught on obstacle courses marked off with the cones. The four courses tested serpentine driving, evasive maneuvers, controlled breaking and double lane changing. Belch pointed out that the training is safety oriented.

Emergency medical service personnel are required to complete 36 hours of training a year. Hours in training by the EVOC team count toward that requirement.

Instructors for the training were Grif Bond, son of Dr. Ed Bond of Edenton, from Rocky Mount; Stanley Griggs of Currituck; Terry Payne of Pitt; and Nick Shook of Bertie.

Three training vehicles, resembling ambulances, were provided by the state for the training.

## Reminder Is Offered

Litter mars an otherwise beautiful town and county. Local officials have spearheaded town and county cleanup drives recently to correct this problem.

One type of litter, however, is harder to clean up than most. That is abandoned vehicles in the county.

County Commissioner Chairman Alton Elmore reminded residents this week that junk vehicles can be picked up simply by calling 482-7477. There is no cost to individuals for this service.

## Stats Show Older Voters More Interested In Elections

Edenton voters will go to the polls on November 3 to select three members for town council and a mayor. Statistics show that older citizens take more interest in selecting their municipal representatives than their younger counterparts.

Figures were compiled by the

Colonial Computer Co. from the 1986 general election. There were 2,737 eligible to vote.

Four age categories were tabulated with the following results: age group 18-25 - 322 were eligible with 80 voting for a percentage of 24.8; 26-44 - 927 eligible, 427 voted or 46 per cent; 45-64

- 801 eligible, 544 voted or 68 per cent; and 65 and older - 687 eligible with 436 voting or 63.4 per cent.

Results showed the percentage of the total vote for the age groups was 18-25, 5.3 per cent; 26-44, 28.7 per cent; 45-64, 36.6 per cent and 65 and above, 29.3 per cent.

Edenton is divided into four

wards for the purpose of voting.

The first ward is bounded on the north by the south side of West Albemarle Street, on the east by the west side of Moseley Street, the south side of West Eden Street and the west side of Granville Street (from West Eden Street to the water); on the south by the shore of Edenton Bay; and on the west by a line west of Terry Ave., Boswell Street and Gramby Street.

The second ward is bounded by Edenton Bay and Queen Ann Creek on the south; by a line east of Mill Street and connecting with N.C. 32 and East Freemason Street on the east, along the railroad tracks to East Hicks Street; on the north on a line on the south side of East Hicks

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## Curtain Rises Tonight On Simon Comedy

By REBECCA BUNCH

A sense of anticipation is building in the community as the Edenton Little Theatre prepares for its first opening night in several years. A talented group of local actors will present the Neil Simon comedy "Plaza Suite" tonight at 8 p.m. in the Holmes High School auditorium. An additional performance is slated for Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Harvey Binns and Ginny

Harbert are co-directors of the three act play, with Little Theatre President Joe Conger Jr. serving as producer. Conger has spearheaded the drive to re-establish the Little Theatre, and has served as a catalyst for rebuilding the fine reputation and community support the group has enjoyed in years past.

Performing in the play will be a mixture of veteran actors and newcomers, including Lisa Gib-

son, Flynn Surratt, Alex Perry, Rob MacSwain, Terry Wackelin, Jim Chesson, Lanita Rawley, Jean Norvell, Stephen Guttu, Eric Pfundt and Beth Norvell.

A gifted crew has worked long and hard on designing and constructing the set which will represent Room 719 of the Plaza Hotel in New York, while others have volunteered their time to handle costumes, make-up, lighting and

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DRESS REHEARSAL—Lanita Rawley and Jim Chesson run through their lines during the dress rehearsal for the Edenton Little Theatre's production of "Plaza Suite". Opening night is tonight, with the curtain scheduled to rise at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Holmes High School. An additional performance will take place Saturday night at 8 p.m.

## James Named Co-Chairman

RALEIGH—Representative Vernon G. James of Pasquotank County has been appointed by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey as co-chairman of a special commission to promote the seafood industry in North Carolina.

The 11-member Seafood Study Commission was established by the 1987 General Assembly to study "the feasibility of increasing the State's production, processing and marketing of seafood and of increasing the role of aquaculture in North Carolina."

The commission will report its findings to the 1989 General Assembly.

James, an Elizabeth City agribusinessman, is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. He represents the First House District made up of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell counties and parts of Gates and Washington counties.