

# Explosion Destroys Barry Home

By JACK GROVE

An explosion rocked Cape Colony Monday night and a resulting fire leveled the home of Trip Barry and damaged neighboring houses. The explosion occurred around 9:30 p.m. according to witnesses.

Barry, the only occupant at the time, received burns over 30 to 35 per cent of his body and is in serious condition at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital's burn trauma unit. He is married to the former Kathy Spruill of Edenton.

The three-story frame dwelling reportedly had a gas log in the downstairs living room, supplied by LP gas. Main heating for the house was a heat pump according to a neighbor.

Edenton Fire Chief Lynn Perry said that his depart-

ment received the call at 9:34 p.m. "The house was totally engulfed (in flames) and the two houses next door were burning," when fire equipment arrived, Perry said. A call was immediately sent for backup assistance from the Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department.

"Our job at that point was saving the neighboring houses," the fire chief related. Fire partially destroyed wood siding on the home of Shelton and Wanda Stryker and melted the vinyl siding of the home of George and Maggie Stokes.

The force of the blast which, according to Mrs. Stryker, blew out the side of the Barry home toward her home, drove a two by four board through the wall of their living room, knocked

all the pictures off the walls, dumped the contents of the kitchen cabinet, cracked a roof beam, and knocked over a lamp.

On the Stokes' side, windows were broken, glass and window frames from the Barry home littered their backyard and the side of their motor home in the driveway was wrinkled and burned from the blast and fire.

Stokes said that he and his wife were at American Legion bingo when they received a call from a neighbor who told him, "There's a fire next door and your house is getting mighty hot." "That's all I had to hear," Stokes said before rushing home.

The Strykers were home at

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**HOUSE EXPLODES**-The remains of a house at Cape Colony lie in blackened ruins after a Monday night explosion and fire. A classic MG and a pickup in front of the house were damaged. The George Stokes home at right is sheathed in plastic for protection against Tuesday's rains after the windows were shattered from the blast.

## The Public Parade

It's Your Turn Now

We are not about to try to tell the people of Edenton how to vote in the upcoming town election. After all, everybody along the Public Parade knows the candidates better than we do.

But we do hope that all qualified voters to the polls November 3 and cast their ballots for a bigger and better Edenton, understanding as they do the difference between the two. We want to see Edenton grow and prosper because, as the town prospers, so does the Chowan Herald. Just the same, we know that more neons do not necessarily add up to a better place to live.

Although our unemployment rate is relatively low, Edenton does need more and better paying jobs. Just as man should not live by bread alone, he also finds it difficult to survive on history. The challenge to our community is to increase the harvest of bread without destroying our heritage of history.

We want to see the historic integrity of the central district preserved and protected. We want to see the waterfront enlarged and beautified and kept for the enjoyment of all. And we want to see the whole place kept litter-free and clean.

Beyond that, we would like to see a little more flexibility in the perimeter areas and a little more imagination by community leaders in the recruiting of business and industry to increase our tax base enough to support those services needed and demanded by all.

So, we urge you to vote for those candidates you believe will best assure continued progress within the limits just outlined.

Of the two candidates for mayor, both are well known, both have served in that office, are well qualified and

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## It's Back!

Page 5-A of today's edition of The Chowan Herald features a Community Calendar for the first time in several months.

As the result of interest expressed by several local organizations, the calendar has been revived and will be coordinated by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce in the future.

Particular credit for this decision rests with "Snookie" Bond of the Historic Albemarle Tour and Donna Heldenreich of the Chowan Arts Council, who coordinated the effort with the chamber.

Local civic groups interested in having events included in the calendar should contact the Chamber of Commerce office for details.



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## Edenton Voters To Select Mayor, Council In Upcoming Election

Edenton voters will go to the polls next Tuesday to elect a mayor and three town council members. Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

The Old National Guard Armory on N. Broad Street is

the polling place for East Edenton and the new Rescue Squad Building is the site for

West Edenton voters to register their choices. Voters will select candidates for mayor,

the at-large council seat and the candidate for their own ward only in the first and second wards.

In the election, incumbent mayor John Dowd faces former mayor Roy Harrell. For the first ward, incumbent Herbert Hollowell is running against newcomer James Allgood. In the second ward, Jane Mabry, Steve Biggs and Livingstone Goodman are competing for the seat of retiring councilman Steve Hampton. The at-large race pits incumbent Marina Crumney against challengers Joe Lee and James

Taylor.

Poll workers for East Edenton are registrar Magdalene D. Dale; judges Iris H. Mills and Linda E. Keel; and assistants Darnell E. White, Phyllis F. Madrey, William Zarbock and Patricia Storie.

For West Edenton, workers are registrar Angelene Wright; judges Janet Armstrong and Rebecca McArthur; and assistants Marie Pierce, Lois Jordan, Deanna Chesson and Betty Halsey.

A sample ballot can be found on page 4-B of this newspaper.

## Hearings Are Planned

Imminent Federal Aviation Administration hearings at Manteo and Hertford have sparked an urgent memorandum from the Albemarle Commissioner's Executive Director, Don Flowers to area legislators, municipal officials and county commissioners.

The FAA hearings will receive public comment on the U.S. Navy's proposed expansion of military bombing ranges and military operating areas in Albemarle Sound and at Stumpy Point.

The subject surfaced several years ago when residents of Holiday Island and Snug Harbor learned of the Navy's expansion plans. A series of sometimes angry public hearings were presided over by the Navy in attempting to explain its position. The Navy continues to press for the expansion which must be approved by the FAA.

Flowers' memo says, in part, "At issue here is the very future of economic development as affects the Albemarle Sound and the Outer Banks for water usage and the fishing, commercial and recreational uses.

"This drastically affects Hertford, Edenton, Plymouth, and Columbia and most places in between. We could not have regattas, daily sailing, or any other water activities. This could also affect the attempts to lure boaters into our area via the Highway 17-Dismal Swamp Welcome Center and the proposed 'Showboat' that NNCT is trying to secure for this area."

Flowers explained that the military plans to reserve airspace "from surface level to 14,000 feet, thus eclipsing all traffic in the proposed area." He said that the proposal would adversely affect civilian air travel from the Outer Banks westward and raised the specter of the danger of the use by the military "of laser guided weaponry."

He concluded with, "If we don't act now, these ranges will become reality and we may never be able to change them."

Flowers asked the public officials to attend the hearings at Manteo's N.C. Aquarium on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. and at the Albemarle Commission building in Hertford on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. The hearings are open to all members of the public.



**FREE BAG**-Chowan Sheriff Fred Spruill handed out free trick or treat bags at area schools in emphasizing safety for Halloween activities Saturday night. The bags came with safety tips and are reflectorized for added safety.

## Safety Tips Emphasized

Chowan Sheriff Fred Spruill is calling upon the parents in the county to assist in assuring the safety of all children, especially on Halloween when the ghouls and goblins will be out trick or treating.

Spruill and Edenton Police Chief John Parrish ask that parents follow these guidelines to ensure that children have a safe Halloween:

- Stay in your own neighborhood;
- Children should be accompanied by an adult;
- Wear light colored clothing for easy visibility;
- Carry a flashlight after dark; and
- Watch out for traffic when crossing streets or roadways.

Authorities ask that trick or treaters go door-to-door between the hours of 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Ghouls and goblins should be no older than twelve years of age.

Spruill has also provided children at schools with special Super Safety Trick-or-Treat Bags provided by Sampling Corp. of America

in cooperation with the National Safety Council and a number of food corporations.

The plastic bag includes safety tips and is printed on both sides with a special fluorescent ink. A child carrying this bag will be highly visible to motorists due to the bright reflection of the color.

Dusk is an especially dangerous time when visibility is generally poor. Each child also received a large, self-adhesive safety patch with coloring similar to the bags. The patch can be worn on the

back of outer garments or costumes for additional visibility to motorists.

## Dept. Confiscates 46 Marijuana Plants

The Chowan Sheriff's Department made one of their biggest marijuana hauls this year when they confiscated 46 plants found in the Ballard's Bridge area Saturday.

The plants were collected from a wooded area near the water tower in the northern end of the county around 6 p.m. according to Sheriff Fred Spruill.

The plants, 12 to 14 feet tall, have a street value of \$1,200 each for a total of \$55,200. For the year, the sheriff's

department has confiscated 264 plants with a total street value of \$316,800.

Participating in the raid were Spruill and Deputies Harry Ward and James White. The sheriff said the plants were found as the result of a Crime Line tip. A Crime Line reward of \$50 has already been paid for information provided resulting in seizure of marijuana in a prior case.

Sunday morning Spruill requested the services of a

U.S. Coast Guard helicopter to overfly the Ballard's Bridge area to determine if any illegal weed had been missed. Spruill flew with the helo crew for about an hour but was unable to detect more plants. The helo landed near the former Teeny Boy's Store to drop Spruill off before proceeding to a new mission.

Spruill said that he currently has no suspects in this most recent case but that an investigation is continuing.

Staley said that no charges were expected to be filed as a result of the accident.

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**UP IN SMOKE**-Chowan Sheriff Fred Spruill and Deputies David Jethro and James White watch as 46 marijuana plants burn near the animal shelter at the airbase Monday morning. The plants were found in the Ballard's Bridge section of the county Saturday.