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The Public Parade

Christopher S. Barker, Jr.

A close friend and legislative colleague answered the final roll call Saturday, November 14, when he died in his sleep at his home in New Bern.

Chris Barker was a retired admiral but, except for his erect bearing and commanding presence, you would never have guessed he had been anything more than a good sailor. In fact, when he listed his accomplishments for the North Carolina Manual back in 1971, he seemed to attach more importance to having taught naval science at Princeton University and the University of South Carolina than to the fact that he had achieved the rank of rear admiral and was awarded the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star during World War II.

We served together in the General Assembly for 14 years and, during most of that time, our seat was just behind his and we came to know his thinking processes and political philosophy pretty well. He early became involved in the drug abuse problem and sponsored much of the legislation dealing with controlled substances and the treatment of addicts.

He represented his district well. It was almost through his single-handed efforts that the public radio program at Craven Community college was able to survive and provide such enjoyable listening for much of northeastern North Carolina.

But, above all, he represented North Carolina well. He was one of the few in the 120-member North Carolina house willing to stand up and be counted when controversial issues were under discussion and his voice could often be heard on the unpopular side of the question.

He rarely ever took his job lightly and once when he did it got him in trouble. I rked because a colleague had introduced yet another bill to tax tobacco products, Rep. Barker sent up a bill to tax tea. We

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Holiday Parade Plans Underway

Edenton's annual Christmas Parade will include something for everyone when it rolls and marches down Broad Street next Wednesday at 4 p.m.

This year's parade will feature nine bands, a dozen floats, eight vehicle entries, an equestrian unit and five marching units.

Bands expected to participate include John A. Holmes, ECSU, Mattamaskeet Jr. High and high school bands from Columbia, Perquimans, Currituck, Washington, Bertie and Camden.

Churches, the WDLX radio van, N.C. Highway Patrol, Smokey the Bear, the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, the NJROTC and Blackbeard the Pirate will participate.

Also included will be the Junior Majorettes, M&M Day-care, the DECA Club, Edenton Woman's Club and Little Friends.

A special feature of this year's parade will be the participation of the Moss Point Riding School from Elizabeth City. The unit features coordinated costumes and precision riding.

The parade, sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, will have as its theme, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas." The Chamber is awarding cash prizes to the winning float entries. First prize is \$100, second, \$75 and third, \$50.

The parade will begin at Edenton Village Shopping Center and will end at Water Street.

Chargers Defeat Aces

By JACK GROVE

AYDEN - After a perfect season and a conference title, the Edenton Aces met their downfall at the hands of Ayden-Grifton Friday night in the second game of the play-offs for the state championship. The Chargers shocked a thousand Edenton fans and the Aces to the tune of a 30-13 victory.

Edenton's aerial game was thrown for a loss in the opening moments of the game when the Aces' leading receiver, Deronn Felton suffered a dislocated thumb on the initial kickoff that sidelined him.

Frigid weather, with a 20-30 mph wind blowing, questionable officiating and the Chargers' Eric Blount were additional factors in the game.

Blount, a senior back, lived up to his advance notices of a gridiron sensation as he intercepted passes, ran for 143 yards and scored three touchdowns.

The Aces took an early game lead at 5:15 in the first quarter after Lamont Phelps stole an AG fumble and ran it 50 yards to the AG 28. A pass from Eric Downing to Aaron Little set up the TD on the one. Eric Hayes took it in and Edenton led 7-0. AG came right back with a

series of nine plays and Blount took it over from the four. A failed two-point conversion try left the score 7-6.

An Edenton fumble was picked up by David Dixon and moved 50 yards to the Aces' 13 but the Chargers had to settle for a barely completed field goal. The ball hit the right corner of the upright and cross bar and wobbled over.

In the third quarter, Edenton elected to go for it on a fourth down and short yardage but failed. The Chargers with possession converted that mistake into another touchdown, 16-7.

The Aces only scored once more in the fourth quarter but missed a two-point conversion. A frustrated Edenton team began collecting penalties and the Chargers more points. The icing on Ayden-Grifton's cake came when Eric Blount drifted under a Downing pass, collected it and another Charger score on a 30 yard run with less than three minutes to play.

The final moments of the game were marred when both benches emptied for a mid-field battle with just over a minute in the game. Coaches and officials broke it up but the clock was allowed to run

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PARADE PLANNERS-Members of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce gather around a city street map as they discuss this year's Christmas Parade. The parade committee includes (from left) Mary Ann Thomas, Ann Ellis, Frank Cox, Carol Twiddy (chairman), Ronnie Sawyer and Richard Bunch, Executive Director of the Chamber.

Group Fights Drug Abuse

Local entertainers, concerned about drug and alcohol abuse among young people in the county, have decided to do something about it.

Faye Barnes and Annie Bell Byrum, members of the country and western band, the Rocky Hock Rebels approached other band members with their idea. The band then

endorsed setting aside part of the revenue received from a dance Saturday night at the American Legion for publicizing the abuse problem and advertising where abusers could turn for help. One of those ads is in today's Chowan Herald.

Mrs. Barnes spoke of "the frustration of parents and

loved ones, not knowing what to do about it," (abuse). The purpose of the funds raised "is to establish a public awareness program for our community. If everybody would take an interest in their county, it would spread and spread so that possibly we could do something about the problem," she said.

The Rocky Hock Rebels is composed of Frank Barnes, Sammy Byrum and Melvin Harrell, all playing rhythm guitar, Marvin Evans, bass, Pete Belch, lead guitar, Sammy Morris, drums, Faye Barnes, vocal and Annie Bell Byrum, electric piano and vocal.

All from Rocky Hock, "the Rebels have been together for many, many years," Mrs. Barnes said. The band plays basic country music, "The kind you can dance to."

Frank and Faye Barnes played professionally in Los Angeles County in the 1970's. Frank Barnes began association with the Rebels when he sat in with the group at Gabby's Restaurant several years ago.

Committee Is Formed

RALEIGH-North Carolina's ferry service and the need for improved navigation through Oregon Inlet will be studied by a legislative committee that includes Representatives Paul Tyndall of Onslow County, Brewster Brown of Hertford, Howard Chapin of Beaufort, Eugene Rogers of Martin and R.M. Thompson, Sr. of Chowan.

They have been appointed by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey to the study to be conducted by the Legislative Research Commission. The group will study "the issue of ferries and their utilization in North Carolina," as well as the need for navigational improvement at Oregon Inlet.

Representative Tyndall, retired school administrator in Jacksonville, was selected as co-chairman of the study. He is chairman of the House Wildlife Resources Committee.

Brown, a college administrator in Winton, represents the Fifth House District.

Chapin is a retired teacher and coach in Washington. He chairs the House Marine Fisheries Committee.

Rogers, a Williamston insurance man, represents the Sixth House District.

Search Begun

A historical search is on to document the former U.S. Marine Corps Air Base and subsequent U.S. Naval Air Station in Edenton. A committee headed by Ben Rinehart is spearheading the effort with the ultimate goal of hosting a grand reunion of those formerly stationed at the base.

The committee is asking anyone with information on the base since its founding to call Rinehart at 482-8913 or Hank Ezyk at 482-4923. They are seeking squadron information, pictures and any other information relative to the subject.

The old base is now the Edenton airport.

Thompson, an Edenton businessman, represents the First House District.

COA Honors Rep. James

A charter member of College of The Albemarle's Board of Trustees was recently honored for his years of service to the college and to northeastern North Carolina.

Rep. Vernon James (D-Pasquotank) has served COA since December 1960 when he was first named by the governor of North Carolina to serve on the college's Board of Trustees. Since that time, he has been reappointed to the Board by six governors from both political parties.

"If you get through a couple of governors, you're doing well," James told the group of COA faculty, staff, administrators and fellow Board members gathered for the occasion. "I've zigzagged and dodged the shots a long time."

This year, however, James was not reappointed by Gov. James Martin for another term on COA's Board.

James, who served as chairman of the Board during 1986-87, said he believes serving the college has helped him better serve the Albemarle area during his years as a legislative representative.

"Don't write me off. I intend to keep doing the most I can to help serve this college and others in the area," said James.

COA President Parker Chesson presented James with a plaque and commented on James' efforts for the college. "He has always been there when the college needed him," said Chesson.

Ray Jones Jr., COA's new chairman of the Board, presented James with a gavel for all he has done for the college, the community and the state of North Carolina.



Jackie Suis

Suis Joins Herald Staff

Jackie Suis has joined the Chowan Herald staff as Advertising Manager. She is a native of Newport News, Va. and has held positions with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of St. Louis, Missouri, the Mariner Beacon of Grove, Oklahoma and the Daily Press Inc. of Newport News.

She is a graduate of Bertie High School.

Jackie, 23, is the daughter of Olie and Alma Suis of Windsor. She has one daughter, Tiffany, who is two years old.



THIRTY YEARS-Clara Boswell, Chairman of the Chowan County Social Services Board, presented Social Services Director Hazel Elliott with a framed certificate for her 30 years of service with the office. Looking on are county commissioners Al Phillips, Dr. Richard Hardin (board member), county commissioner Alton Elmore and John Morehead (board member).