

## Numerous Accidents Caused By Recent Snowfall

Last week's snow caused some slipping and sliding to area motorists unaccustomed to driving on the white stuff. Many fender benders were reported by police and the highway patrol but with relatively few major accidents and no injuries were reported.

Edenton Police reported two accidents Thursday evening. The first occurred at 5:13 p.m. at the bridge on West Queen St. The second accident was at 6:30 p.m. at the intersection of Albemarle St. and Twiddy Ave. Only minor damage resulted.

Trooper W.F. Whitley investigated four accidents Thursday evening, three in Chowan and one in Perquimans County just south

of the weigh station on U.S. 17.

Jo Ellen Lofton, 27, lost control of her 1978 Chrysler on Yeopim Rd. about one mile east of N.C. 32 at 5:20 p.m. With her were her seven-year-old daughter and two-year-old son. The car jumped the ditch and came to rest on its side in a field.

Mrs. Lofton reportedly hitchhiked home where she called in the accident and was then taken to Chowan Hospital, checked for injuries and released. Whitley said that the children were not injured. He said that seat restraints were not worn and that Mrs. Lofton was cited for

not using child seat restraints.

Whitley also investigated accidents on Mexico Rd. and Rocky Hock Rd. He said that there was no major damages from any of the accidents.

The accidents in the snow happened because "Everybody was just going a little too fast. When they applied their brakes, they lost control." He said that he also observed many motorists that were driving slowly and exercising due caution.

The snow closed Edenton-Chowan schools at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday and all day Friday and cancelled Friday night's basketball game.

## Renovation Plans Reviewed

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to the building for the handicapped, the plans were sent back to the town's finance committee for cost estimates.

The town is facing a deadline in the move of town offices, some of which, in their present location, will be needed for the new 911 emergency communications system scheduled to be in operation by April 1 of this year. The police department is also scheduled to be moved into the present municipal building.

Town Council Chamber will remain at its present location.

CPA J.P. Timberlake presented the board with a summary of an audit of the town's finances for the past year. The report was favorable with only a small percentage outstanding in tax and utilities

collections. The accountant attributed the improvement in collections to the county's role in collecting for the town.

Mayor John Dowd asked Timberlake, "We're in a better financial condition than last year?" "Yes," was the reply.

During the meeting, Jimmy Patterson of the Edenton Utilities Dept. was presented the Grade I Wilbur E Long Jr., Operator of the Year memorial award. The statewide honor for a wastewater treatment operator was presented by Ed Warren, Div. of Environmental Management, N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Mayor Dowd swore in members of the Historic District Commission, including just-appointed member Emily Irby of N.C.N.B.

Robert Halsey received council's approval to rezone a lot on Badham Road from Industrial Warehouse to R-5 Residential. Halsey commented, "I'm taking my homeplace and making it into a two-family dwelling for rental purposes."

After the more than two-hour meeting, the mayor announced that the council would go into executive session, but said that the public could wait in their seats until council emerged if they wished. Council considered property acquisition and legal matters.

If anyone waited, they saw council emerge from the closed session at 12:30 a.m.

## WWII Obit

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in starting the Bloodmobile in Edenton.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Chappell Potter and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. in Beaver Hill Cemetery with Dr. Kenneth Word officiating. Swindell Funeral Home, Hertford, is in charge of arrangements.

Donations may be made to the Renovation Fund of Edenton Baptist Church.

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**BEGINS CAMPAIGN**-Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan was in Hertford Tuesday night to begin his formal campaign for governor in the northeast. Jordan made the Hertford stop on the same day the he officially filed for office. He is shown talking to Lucille Winslow of Hertford, First Dist. Rep. Vernon James, Ken Stalls of Edenton (left) and Chowan County Commissioner, Clara Boswell.

## Older Generation Dominates Polling Places

If the last general election was any indication of things to come, gray heads will predominate at the polls in this year's elections.

Figures from the Colonial Computer Co., managed by Tom Palmer, indicate that 60 percent of the voters in Chowan County in 1986 were 50 years of age or older. The company expects to have more demographic information available in the near future that will show the voter mix between men and women, by race and by county voting

precincts.

The county is divided into six precincts. The first township, Edenton, contains the first precinct, West Edenton and the second, East Edenton.

The third precinct, Rocky Hock and the fourth, Center Hill are in the second township.

The third township, Wardville, holds the fifth precinct and the fourth township, Yeopim, hosts the sixth precinct.

The distinctions between townships, precincts and wards are confusing to some Townships, areas of land, were created for tax purposes. Precincts are voting units of the county and the Town of Edenton is divided into wards for municipal elections only.

The computer company said that the voting figures are unofficial and have an error rate of plus or minus three percent. Voting figures are a matter of public record. How a particular individual votes is, of course, a private matter.

## Community Calendar

If your civic organization is planning an event and would like to have it included in the Community Calendar, please call the Chamber of Commerce office, 482-3400.

**January 30** - Chamber of Commerce Dinner Dance, American Legion Bldg., 6:30 p.m., \$15 per person.

**February 7** - Women's Club Art Festival, John A. Holmes High School Commons, 2:30 p.m.

**February 14** - Arts Council "Dance Extravaganza," J.A. Holmes auditorium, 3 & 8 p.m. Admission \$3.50 adults, \$2.00 age 12 and under.



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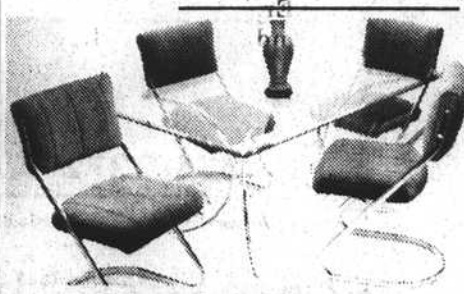
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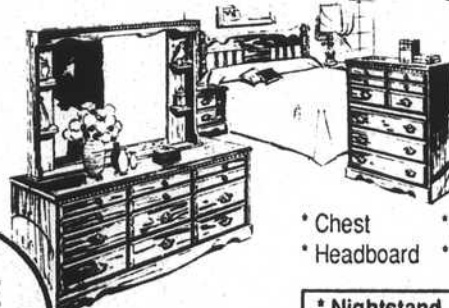
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