



Pride Campaign Begun

On Restoration Work

We want to compliment the town council for moving ahead with plans to renovate and occupy the old Peoples Bank building on Broad Street. To permit this imposing structure to continue vacant does serious injury to the integrity of the downtown area.

We hope renovation costs can be kept at a minimum. We would think that an outside ramp and adequate elevator service on the inside would be the two top priorities. Beyond that, as much or as little can be done as the town feels it can afford.

In most renovation or restoration jobs, the bringing of electrical and plumbing services up to code is usually the most expensive item. Fortunately, it appears both these essentials seem to be in relatively good condition.

What remains is the shifting around wall partitions to permit the appropriate location of the various functions to be served by the town employees. For our part, we have found that the fewer partitions there are, the better the public can be served.

Were we on the town council we would listen to, but go slow in adopting suggestions made by municipal employees. Our experience in the education field has been that any time we asked the education professionals for suggestions we came up with a project that cost about half as much again as it ought to. It is natural for employees to develop a wish list that is bigger than the budget.

So the wall paneling on the first floor is dark. So what? Some people like dark paneling. And, besides, the present panels are probably of a much better quality than anything lighter which could be substituted. Perhaps all that is needed is a few more appropriately located light fixtures.

At any rate, we will have to live with whatever the town council elects to do. And we encourage them to get on with it.

Honoring The Unsung

We hope many people along the Public Parade will take advantage of the opportunity during the next few weeks to nominate candidates for the Pride of Edenton contest being conducted by the Chowan Herald.

We here at the newspaper have simply decided that there are many unsung heroes in our community of whom we should be proud. They rarely get in the news. Their value is

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During the next several weeks The Chowan Herald will be running its "Pride of Edenton and Chowan County" promotion which will conclude with an election in which the entire community will have an opportunity to pick that person held in highest esteem by the people.

Beginning with the February 4 edition, space will be made available in The Chowan Herald for nominations to be announced during the month of February. A photo and news story will be run about each person nominated. Then, when all the nominations are in, a special section will be published containing the pictures and short biographical sketches of all the candidates and identifying numbers, along with a ballot on which subscribers can make their choices known. In addition, there will be blank ballots available at area businesses for people who are not subscribers of The Chowan Herald.

Voting will be by numbers and, to avoid duplication and cheating, all ballots will have to carry the signature of the person casting the vote. When all the ballots are in, they will be tabulated by members of The Chowan Herald staff and the name of the winner announced. An appropriate award will also be presented to the person receiving the most votes.

This is truly an of-the-people, by-the-people, and for-the-people event. It is designed to give the individual an opportunity to place in nomination the name of one person in whom he or she feels Edenton and Chowan County should take pride. The nominee does not have to be an officeholder, a business executive, or a busy professional, although he or

she may be any of these. There will be no charge or other obligation for placing a name in nomination. The only requirements are that the nominator bring to the office of The Chowan Herald a clear, good quality photograph of the person being nominated, together with a brief written explanation of why the community should hold him or her in high esteem, and that the nomination be made prior to February 29.

There are many deserving individuals in whom this community can take great pride. So, here at the beginning of the new year, let's show appreciation to the people, both those whose outstanding contributions are already known, and those behind the scenes, who keep the wheels turning locally.

Who will make the first nomination? The names of nominators will not be published, but the name of each nominee will, along with his or her photograph and "the story that goes with the horse".

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Concern Is Voiced

In a show of concern about the prevalence of drug use among today's young people, a number of area businesses and civic organizations have joined together to encourage everyone to say no to drugs.

Included with this week's edition of The Chowan Herald is a 12-page tabloid appropriately entitled, "Just Say No!"

Among the featured topics are drugs in the workplace, and how schools can deal with drug use.



Shirley E. Perry

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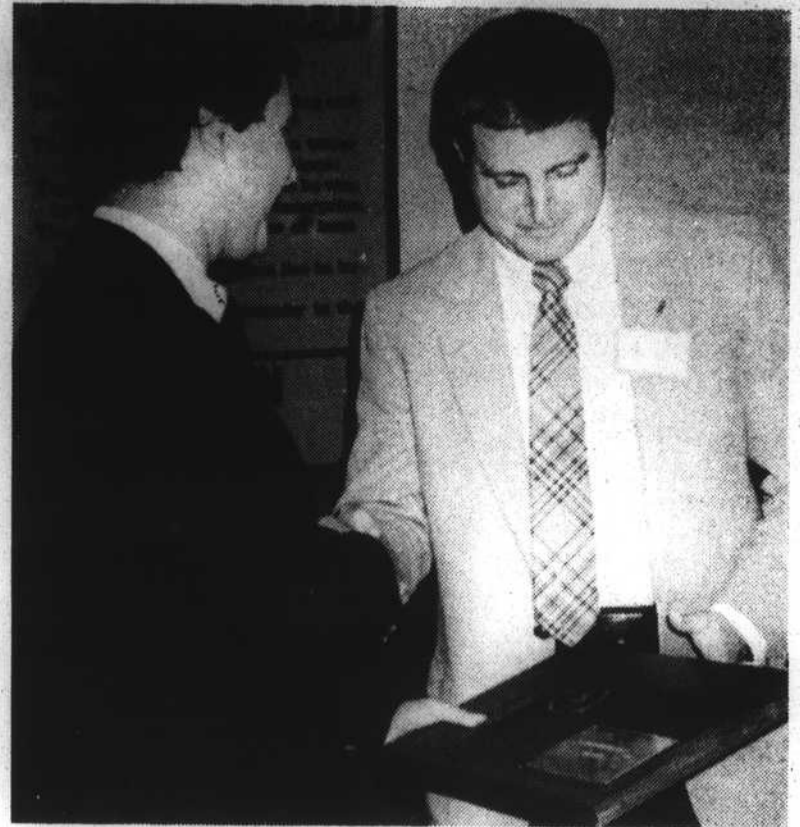
The First District campaign for two seats in the N.C. House of Representatives has become a two-party contest with the filing for that office of Shirley Perry, Republican from Perquimans County Tuesday.

Mrs. Perry, a native of Tyner and wife of Rudolph Perry, is no newcomer to the campaign trail. She sought the same office in 1986 when she ran against long-time incumbent Rep. Vernon James of Weeksville and R.M. (Pete) Thompson of Chowan. James and Thompson prevailed in that contest.

The Perrys live in the Belvidere area and own and operate a successful hog operation. They have four grown children and two grandchildren. Mrs. Perry is the daughter of Elizabeth Elliott of Tyner and the late Willie Elliott.

The Republican contender is vice-chairman of the First

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DSA WINNER -- Jerry Parks, last year's recipient of the Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award, made the presentation to the current honoree, Chuck Smith, at last Thursday night's banquet.

Smith Receives Service Award

Charles B. (Chuck) Smith, Jr. was named Thursday evening by the Edenton Jaycees as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

Presenting the award was Jerry Parks, last year's award winner. Smith is the 34th recipient of the annual award, begun in 1954. It honors the person named for his active involvement in his community.

Listed as some of Smith's accomplishments were: designation of Outstanding Young Men of America in

1982; active member of the Aces Booster Club; board member of the local American Cancer Society chapter for three years; active in his church; and past president of the Edenton-Chowan Optimist Club and of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

Speaker at the annual awards banquet was Joe Hollowell, recently named Chairman of the Chowan Board of County Commissioners. Hollowell is a past president of the North Carolina Jaycees.



LAUD FARMERS -- Farmers of the area heard praise for their efforts from J. Marshall Tetterton, president of Peoples Bank. The occasion was a banquet in their honor last Thursday night. Edenton bank officials shown with Tetterton are (l. to r.) Frank Cox, Judy Hughes, Betty Bunch, Tetterton and Steve Skinner, city executive.

Council Approves Swain As Center

By JACK GROVE
Edenton Town Council Tuesday night unanimously endorsed the shift of \$55,000 in funding for a senior citizens center to the Swain Auditorium project. The Community Development Block Grant money was originally targeted for a senior center at the recreation department in the old Armory.

Chowan County has plans to renovate the auditorium as a center for the performing arts. The basement will house offices and, with this funding, a senior citizens center.

David Holmes, the town's consultant for the CDBG, a federal program, said of the Swain site, "It's a much better location. It's more feasible." In answer to several of council's questions, he said that a ramp for access would be provided. Also, that the meals for elderly would be moved from the present nutrition site on Blades Street.

Holmes said that a teen

center, arts council offices, the 36 elderly housing units (to be built by a private contractor) in the school and, now, the senior center "would all work together" in the Swain plans.

Holmes also brought the council up to date on the progress of the CDBG program for rehabilitation of homes. He said that 39 homes and the historic Masonic Lodge on

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Board Seat Still Open

With a filing deadline of less than a week away, two local elective offices still have no takers. The books close at noon on Monday, February 1 for filings for state and local positions.

County commissioner Wayne Goodwin of the third township stated when filings began that he was undecided about running for reelection. Neither he nor anyone else has filed for that position.

The other open position Wednesday was the second township seat of Glorious Elliott on the school board. Mrs. Elliott was appointed to fill the unexpired term of

Billy Nixon who resigned from the board.

Those who have filed are Alice Jones and John Mitchener III for reelection to their school board positions and incumbents Alton Elmore, first township seat on the county commission board, and Anne Spruill, register of deeds.

All of these local offices are non-partisan in nature.

(At press time Wednesday, Election Board Supervisor Marie Akins reported that Emmett E. Winborne had filed for the second township school board seat.)



REVIEW PROGRAM -- Richard Bunch, executive director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, reviews the program for the annual banquet to be held at the American Legion on January 30 with (from left) John Cuthrell, incoming president, Beth Taylor, outgoing president and Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson. Thompson will be the featured speaker for the Saturday night banquet. (Related story on page 5-A)