



Cost Of Campaigning

Withdrawal of Jim Crawford from the campaign for lieutenant governor raises anew questions about the high cost of running in a statewide contest and the ultimate effect it will have on the democratic process.

Here was an excellent young candidate, a three-term representative in the legislature from his home district, a Morehead scholar, a successful young businessman married into the Cannon textile family, who dropped out of the race because he could not justify the half million dollars a successful campaign would cost.

Jim Crawford elected, instead, to file for re-election to the house of representatives. But even that is no longer cheap. In 1986, the average winning house candidate spent \$11,671, up from \$6,396 the previous election. By all indications it should reach \$15,000 this time around.

Multiply that by a thousand and you will approximate the estimated cost of running a successful statewide campaign for such offices as governor or United States senator in 1988. Needless to say, that reduces the chances of a modestly well-off candidate ever winning high office in our state again.

What brought all of this on? And what can be done about it?

To our way of thinking, it is due in large part to the breakdown of party loyalty and party discipline. It has been only a few years since it became popular to say, "Vote for the man and not the party." That was supposed to be the cure for everything that

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Siding Is Salvaged

A flatbed tractor-trailer truck loaded with white cedar siding overturned on Base Road Monday at 1 p.m. The driver, David M. Katzenberg, 39, of Baltimore, Md. was wearing a lap belt and was not injured in the one vehicle accident.

Trooper W.F. Whitley of the N.C. Highway Patrol, investigating officer, said that the truck, traveling south, entered a curve at too great a speed causing it to overturn on its right side. The location was about two miles south of the Edenton Airport.

Katzenberg told Whitley that he swerved to avoid a northbound car that was over the center line. He was coming from Atlantic Forest and was bound for Baltimore. The load belonged to MacMillan



CERTIFIED - Edenton Mayor John Dowd (right) presented a certificate to Edenton Housing Authority's director Byron Kehayes Monday night in recognition of his being named as a certified Public Housing Manager by a national organization of professional housing managers.

Council Postpones Boundary Decision

Edenton Town Council members put in a long night Monday evening as their meeting began at 8 p.m. with a series of public hearings and ended around midnight after an executive session to consider personnel matters.

The council chamber was

crowded as most seemed to have attended for the public hearing concerning the change of boundaries of the Edenton Historic under the current town zoning ordinance to include all the area now encompassed by the historic district on the National Register of Historic Places.

The expanded area is from Granville to Oakum Streets from the waterfront to Gale Street and with an extension along Broad Street.

One resident wanted to know what restrictions would be put on a homeowner in the area. Mayor John Dowd replied that any changes to a structure would be referred by the building inspector to the Historic District Commission. "They would encourage you to stick with the appropriate architectural style."

The process would include the requirement of a request for a "Certificate of Appropriateness" issued by the commission.

Jane Underkofler asked, "What about siding?" Commission chairman Bill Turpin replied, "The commission has not yet produced guidelines." He said that if the house was of historic in-

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Clara Boswell Honored

State honors were brought home from a meeting of the Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs of North Carolina by Clara Boswell last weekend. She was named as the Career Woman of the Year for the state and was sponsored by the Edenton BPW Club.

The award was presented at a Saturday luncheon at the 33rd Annual Spotlight on Women conference held at the Pinehurst Hotel and Country Club, Pinehurst, N.C.

Mrs. Boswell's career began in 1954 as a Home Extension Agent in Chowan County. In that position she encouraged all women, especially homemakers, to use their talents and potential, both as homemakers and career women. Two years later, she married, began a family, and made a career change, opening and operating a florist shop for two years.

In 1967, already armed with a college degree and a teacher's certificate, she accepted a teaching position at Perquimans High School as a science teacher. She subsequently earned a M.A. degree in secondary science and a M.A. Ed. Administration degree.

Through her teaching career, she conducted many workshops and seminars to benefit other teachers. She was instrumental in the opening of the Edenton-Chowan Alternative School in 1977 and was its principal until it closed in 1986. She then was named principal of Chowan Jr. High School and remains principal there.

Mrs. Boswell served as

consultant/presenter of the N.C. Leadership workshops for Student Council Advisors, and as coordinator for county, state and national Close-up. She has served on the state and district committees for Delinquent Prevention Conferences and was active in the planning and preparation for consolidation of the school system.

In 1984, she was one of three school principals throughout the state to be chosen as Executive Assistant of the N.C. Leadership Institute for Principal State Dept. of Public Instruction in Raleigh. She is currently chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Chowan Social Services and is a member of Albemarle Mental Health.

A two-term county commissioner, she was named

Chowan County Woman of the Year in 1985.

A bumper sticker on Mrs. Boswell's car perhaps summarizes her philosophy: "Women Make Good Leaders - You Are Following One."



Clara Boswell

New Hours Set

One effect of federal budget deficit cutbacks will soon be seen by local patrons of the U.S. Postal Service. Those who go regularly to the post office in Edenton and Hertford will see a change in hours when window service will be provided according to Roy Ferrell officer in charge of the Edenton post office.

Ferrell said that seven hours per week has been shaved from retail window service hours. Effective Saturday, February 13, window hours at the Edenton facility will be 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are from 9 to

11 a.m. "Some schedules for our employees will be amended to meet this 10 per cent reduction in hours," Ferrell commented. He said that he felt that the new hours would affect "only the inconvenience" of the public.

Ferrell stressed that only window hours were being changed and "mail delivery will not be affected at all."

New hours for Hertford are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. week days and closed on Saturday. The Durants Neck Contract Station will have window hours from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., week days and

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Fishermen To Voice Concerns

Have our rock fish gone? How about the perch and the herring? Why would they disappear and what will it take to bring them back? These are some of the questions that will be addressed at a public meeting at John A. Holmes High School auditorium at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18.

The meeting was arranged by Rod Cross and other local commercial fishermen who are gravely concerned about water quality in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound where they make their living.

Harrell Johnson, district manager of the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries will chair the meeting. Also on hand will be a representative from the N.C. Division of Environmental Management. Cross said that Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson, Rep. Vernon James and Sen. Marc Basnight have been invited to attend as well as town and county governmental representatives.

Emphasizing that this is not a regulatory meeting and not just for fishermen, Cross said that the purpose was to concentrate on recognizing the problem. He said that with fish catches down, commercial and recreational fishing was in jeopardy as well as the spin-off economic impact to local businesses that the lost revenue represents.

"The whole key to solving the problem is water quality," the commercial fisherman pointed out. He cited red sore disease in fish, blue-green algae in the river and resulting lack of oxygen in the water as symptomatic of the problem.

"We're talking about a major portion of the economy of this area as well as the quality of life," he commented.

Al Howard of Arrowhead Beach is a member of the Albemarle and Pamlico Estuarine Study Commission, appointed by the governor to look into water quality problems. Howard has monitored river conditions along with other volunteers for several

years and will participate in the meeting.

Cross said that officials will make opening presentations which will be followed by a question and answer session. He expressed the hope that the public would attend in large numbers

Dish To Be Installed

By JACK GROVE

The Edenton-Chowan school system has been chosen as one of the 52 school systems in the state to receive a satellite dish. The general Assembly last summer appropriated \$3 million to provide the dishes to the smallest and most rural high schools in the state.

The Distance Learning by Satellite project will use the dishes to receive school courses at schools throughout the state that otherwise might not be able to offer them due to teacher availability or low student enrollments.

Maxine Britt, director of instruction for the school system, said that the project will also afford staff development or teacher training. Local plans call for utilization of this aspect next year with possible application in the future for adding to the curriculum at John A. Holmes.

The State board of Education said that high school courses most needed are Spanish, physics, calculus, French, advanced literature and trigonometry.

Holmes' principal, Rob Boyce, said Wednesday that these courses are already available at the school. German and astronomy were two examples of possible future courses via satellite that could broaden the curriculum, he said.

The State Board of Education recently approved a con-

tract with the TI-IN Network of Texas for the hardware, installation and some programming, including both high school credit and staff development courses.

While the state is funding the staff development courses, Mrs. Britt said, the student courses will cost an average of \$250 per course per semester. No policy has been formulated as yet within the school system concerning funding for these courses.

The TI-IN Network will use a GTE Spacenet satellite to relay through the receivers a video picture and sound to classrooms in North Carolina. The system is interactive which allows the students to talk back with their teachers in the studio in Texas over toll-free telephone lines.

To utilize the network for staff development, Mrs. Britt said, "Our only expense will be the installation of a phone for use with the system." Teachers will then be able to talk with their instructors. Installation of the dishes began last month in Regions 1 and 2 in the eastern part of the state. Installation will work its way west through the other six educational regions and be completed by June 30 with broadcasts beginning in the fall.

In addition to Chowan, installations in surrounding counties will include Bertie, Gates, Perquimans and Washington.



DELIVERED - A large dump truck delivers the last of 30 loads of good topsoil to the new park site behind the Edenton Police Station. A contracting company donated about 100 truckloads to the town at an estimated value of \$8,000. The remaining loads went to a fill area at the cemetery. The contractor, McDevitt and Street of Charlotte, excavated the dirt during construction of the new Food Lion store at the Edenton Village Shopping Center. The company said that it was not cost effective to try to sell the soil.