



# Best Wishes for A Happy New Year



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### Through A Glass Darkly

Stand here at the gateway -- the end of one era and the beginning of another -- we are hard put to know what the new year will bring or even what the old year left behind. There is this queasy feeling that we are about to experience a sea change, but how it will affect us is still written in the stars.

Looking back, 1988 was something of an enigma, a mix of the good, the bad and, quite often, the ugly. There was, for example, the rebirth of the space shuttle, with the successful launching of Discovery on September 29.

At the other extreme, a 30-year-old Greek Olympic cyclist, Kanellos Kanellopoulos, took off in April from Crete in Daedalus and pedaled his way over the Aegean 72 miles to the island of Santorini in three hours and 54 minutes. He missed his target by 30 feet, but when his little plane crashed down, he had set new distance and duration records for manpowered flight.

And between these two extremes, a flight of another sort took place. Molloko, the only condor ever conceived in captivity, was removed from her isolation chamber on October 10 into one of San Diego Wild Animal park's six flight cages with three other young condors. She flexed her wings and, within hours, began to fly.

(Speaking of birds, Dr. D.L. Cuddy, who quoted the curator of the British Museum of Natural History in our paper of

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## Mail Indicators Are Given To Elderly And Disabled

By JACK GROVE

The Kiwanis Club has teamed up with the U.S. Postal Service in Edenton to provide a service to elderly or disabled residents.

Kiwanian Gordon Kay has invented a "mail delivery indicator flag" to be affixed to rural mail boxes. After mail is delivered, the flag lets the homeowner know that a trip to the mail box is warranted.

The metal flag is about 14 inches in height and plainly shows above the box. With the invention, elderly or physically impaired county residents can eliminate unnecessary walks to retrieve their mail.

The flags, which have been approved for use by the Postal Service, are the first in North Carolina and may be only the second in use in the nation. Edenton Postmaster Steve Bennett said that the only other such mail indicators that he knows of have been placed in Genoa, Ohio.

Kay's invention (which he plans to patent) is unique, however. The flag pops up automatically when the mail box door is opened.

Bennett said that Kay mentioned his idea to Ann Parrish who in turn brought the idea to his attention. Kay provided a working model which Bennett took to state postal officials.

Upon receiving approval, Bennett met with the Kiwanis Club which adopted the project. Rural carriers were asked to submit names of prospects for the service.

The first flag was installed on the route of Rodney Harrell, Route 2 deliveryman. The postmaster said that four have now been installed and he expects a total of 25 to be in use by the end of January.

The club is making the installations at no charge to those needing the service.

The effort will be publicized through the state's postal newsletter. The local Kiwanis Club plans to forward the idea to its international headquarters. Bennett said the

Edenton initiative could spread statewide and throughout the nation.

"For the part of the Postal Service, we truly are interested in community activities and helping people in the community," the postmaster commented.

## Fire Department Has A Busy Week

The Edenton fire department had another busy week answering calls to woodland fires, vehicle collisions and a structure fire.

A call was received at 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21 reporting a woods fire at 104 Oakdale Dr. There was no property damage and the fire was put out in 26 minutes.

Firemen responded to the scene of a collision on Sound-side (Base) Rd. at 3:36 p.m. the same day. A pickup truck had collided with a Federal Express van and the van overturned. There was no fuel spill.

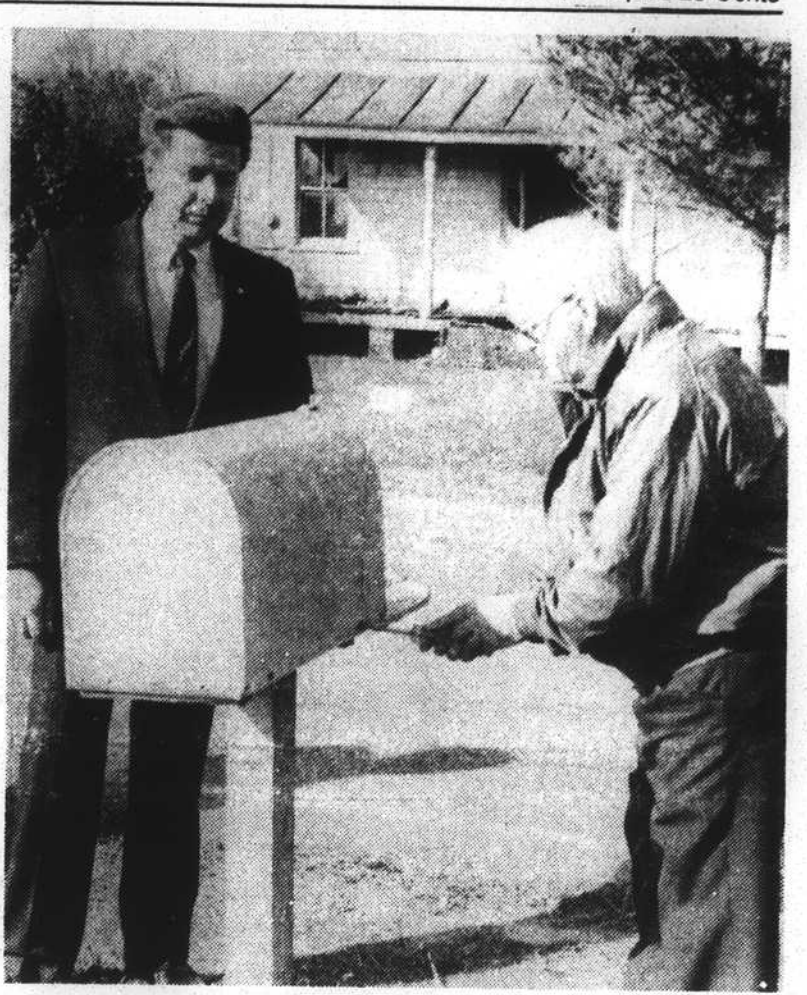
Units went to the scene of another two-vehicle accident in front of McDonald's shortly after 7 p.m., Friday. The accident caused a gasoline spill that was cleaned up by firemen.

The department was called to a woods fire on Base Road at 2:34 a.m. on Christmas morning. No property damage resulted and firemen wrapped up the blaze in 41 minutes.

Another woods fire was reported at 5:38 p.m. on the same day on Oak Ridge Rd. in the Riverton section. There was no property damage and firemen returned to the station after 35 minutes.

On Monday, at 8:56 p.m., a fire was reported at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coleson on Colony Drive in Cape Colony. Flooring and a wall had ignited as the result of a chimney fire. A crack in the chimney allowed the fire to spread.

Edenton Fire Chief Lynn Perry said that damage to the one story dwelling was light. Firemen were on the scene for two hours checking under the floor and surrounding walls to ensure there were no remaining smoldering embers.



FLAGGING THE MAIL--Kiwanians Gary Anderson and Gordon Kay installed the first mailbox flag for a local mail patron recently on Route 2. Anderson watches as Kay makes final adjustments. The flags will save steps to the mailbox for elderly or physically impaired residents who have had to make several trips to see if they had any mail.

## Robbery Effort Is Thwarted

Attempted robbery was reported via the 911 emergency phone number to the Chowan Sheriff's Dept. on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 9:45 p.m.

Sheriff Fred Spruill said that two young black males attempted to rob the Creswell Oil Co. Convenient Mart No. 3 on N.C. 32 North (the site of the former Virginia Fork Service Center).

One of the would-be thieves was already in the store when the other dashed in and tried to grab money from an open cash register drawer. They

both ran out of the store empty-handed and left the scene in a car headed in the direction of Edenton.

Store clerk Marie Midgette of Rt. 2, Creswell, called authorities as the two ran out. Lt. James White of the sheriff's dept., Spruill and Edenton Police responded to the call. Authorities searched the town for the vehicle without suc-

cess. The sheriff said that no suspects have as yet been identified and asked that anyone having information on the crime contact his department or the Edenton-Chowan Crime Line at 482-5100.

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## Accident Reported

Edenton police and fire units responded to the scene of an auto accident on Virginia Road at 7:13 p.m. Friday.

A police report indicates that a 1974 Dodge truck driven by Reginald Davenport, Jr., 32, of Creswell pulled from the parking lot of Golden Corral into the path of a northbound car. That vehicle, a 1975 Chevrolet, was driven by Steven Currin, 30, of Rt. 2, Edenton.

Damage estimates to the truck were \$1,000 and to the Chevrolet, \$2,000. There were no injuries. The use of seat

belts was not determined. Davenport was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid colliding with a vehicle in the roadway.

## Collection Days Set

Trash collections for the Town of Edenton through the New Year's weekend are:

- Dec. 29 - East
- Dec. 30 - West
- Jan. 2 - No pick up
- Jan. 3 - East and West



REPAIRS--Maintenance supervisor Clarence Wigginton hands a plumbing wrench to Jesse Moring as they prep an apartment for new tenants at the Edenton Housing Authority's Oakum Street site. Their maintenance shop is spotless with every tool in its designated place.

## Excellent Staff Services Apartment Units

"We're running a little town here," commented Byron Kehayes in a recent interview. He was talking about the Edenton Housing Authority of which he is executive director.

He said that the public has many misconceptions concerning the projects which provide rental housing for low income citizens. There are four sites that comprise 100 units of one, two, three and

four bedroom apartments.

The largest site is located at Oakum and Blade Streets where the office and an activity room are located. It has 56 units. The E. Freemason site has ten units, one on W. Gale Street has 20 and a site between E. Gale and E. Albenmarle Streets has 14 units.

One of the most common misconceptions is that Edenton Manor, Chowan Court and Davis Place apartments are

part of the authority.

Kehayes pointed out that the housing is not a giveaway program. Families, or singles if elderly or disabled, qualify on entry income. For example, a family of four cannot have an income greater than \$19,450.

Tenants pay rent based on 30 per cent of their income, adjusted to allow for child care or medical expenses.

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## Area Man Arrested

An Edenton man has been arrested and charged with a first degree sex offense involving a 10 year-old girl.

Police on Friday arrested Frederick Brinner Holley, 22, who lives on Mexico Road. The alleged offense took place the previous day at 11:30 p.m.

Holley has been released from custody on a \$30,000 secured bond.

Investigating officers are Brenda Toppin, W.D. Harris, L.C. Brothers, Leonard Bonner and W.L. Forehand.

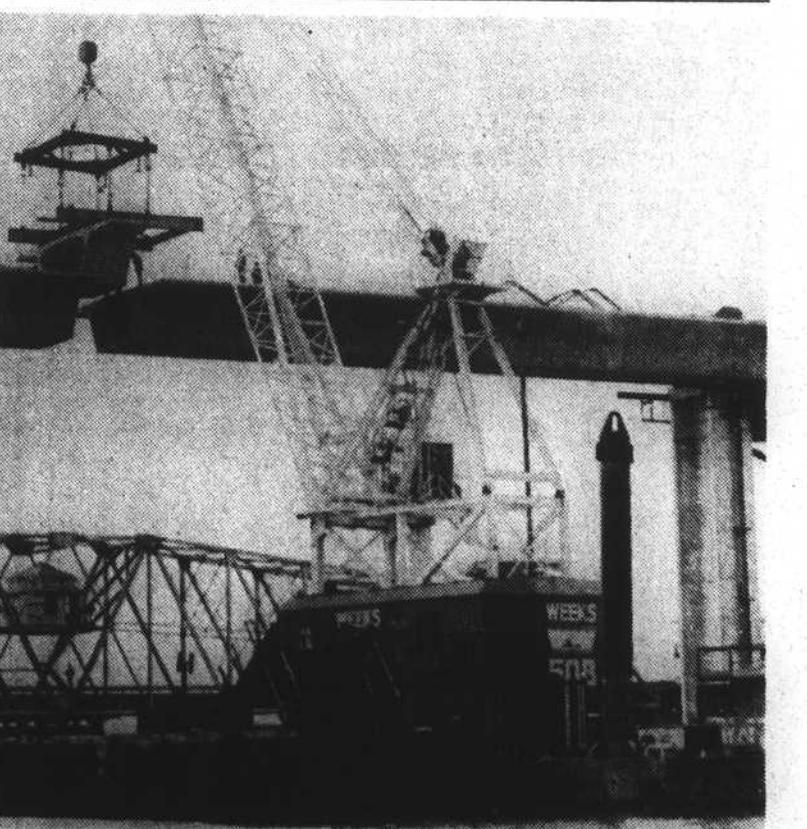
## Deadlines Announced

The Chowan Herald will be closed on Monday, Jan. 2.

Advertisements (including classifieds and legals) for the Jan. 5 edition will be accepted until noon on Tuesday, Jan. 3. News items and photos will be accepted until 2 p.m. Ads or news items received later will be printed as space remains available.

Anyone who can submit news, photos or ads on Friday, Dec. 30 is encouraged to do so.

The Herald staff would like to take this opportunity to wish our readers a Happy New Year!



LAST SEGMENT--The last box structure segment was lifted into place on the new Albenmarle Sound bridge on Wednesday, Dec. 14, completing the span. The \$22 million, three and one half mile bridge is expected to be open for traffic next June.