



Volunteer, Business Leaders Honored

Whose Idea Was It?

Congressional leaders were quick to jump on President George Bush's back when he suggested that savings and loan depositors be assessed a small percentage to help rebuild the Federal Savings and Loan Deposit Insurance fund. Spokesmen for the President explained that, since the depositors would be the prime beneficiaries, they ought to be willing to help the taxpayers bear the cost of bailing out the S&L industry, primarily in Texas, California and Oklahoma.

But Congress would have none of that. They said, right off, that what the President was proposing was a new tax, something he said over and over he would have no part of.

We do not intend to go into the merits of the President's proposal, but this idea of letting the beneficiaries pay is not exactly new, whether you call it a tax or not. Wasn't it Congress -- the same Congress that is now throwing up its hands in horror -- that just last fall decided it was right for elderly beneficiaries of the catastrophic health plan to help pay for it by adding a surtax to their income tax?

These congressmen are now protesting that they do not think it right to require savings and loan depositors to kick in 10 cents on the \$100 to rebuild the insurance guarantee. They say this amounts to a tax on savings. But where do they think the income of the elderly which is now being surtaxed comes from? It comes also exclusively from invested savings on which they have already paid income tax amounting to as much as 50 per cent.

We do not expect Congress to support every proposal the new president comes up with. But until some of them can come up with a better idea about how to raise the \$50 to \$100 billion needed to bail out the S&Ls, they will do well to think about something else. Whether they are earning the pay they are already getting, for example.

Action Commended

May we commend the Chowan County School Board
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Man Sent To Hospital

Edenton Police spent an anxious four hours on the morning of Jan. 22, a Sunday, as they faced a disturbed man with a rifle in the Albania neighborhood.

Acting Police Chief C.H. Williams said that a call was received at 1:49 a.m. that a man on Queen Anne Drive had a gun and was threatening suicide.

When the first three of a total of eight officers arrived, they found Charles H. Hollowell, Jr., 21, of Rt. 2, Edenton, sitting inside his pickup truck in the street. Officers backed off and secured the area after he told them he was going to kill himself. He was armed with a .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle.

Police learned that he had parked in the neighborhood of his former girlfriend and that he was upset about the breakup which "set him off."

During the tense situation, Hollowell left his truck and walked up and down Queen Anne Dr. and Dickinson St. in an agitated manner. At various times, he pointed the rifle at individual officers.

Williams said that most residents in the neighborhood
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Two local residents were singled out for special awards at the annual banquet of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Friday night.

Corrine Forehand Thorud was presented with the William P. (Spec) Jones Volunteer of the Year Award. Mrs. Thorud was the first lady to receive the award, presented by past president, Beth Taylor.

She was honored for her participation with the Women's Club, Democratic Women's organization and canvassing for Heart and Cancer drives.

Mrs. Thorud, it was noted, has been very active in many areas of the Edenton Baptist Church and as a member of the Choral Society and the Harmony Belles.

She was also honored for many volunteer hours taking people to the hospital or doctor's visits, bringing food to the sick and bereaved and visiting nursing homes and shut-ins.

Herbert Hollowell, Jr. was honored as the recipient of the John A. Mitchener Business Person of the Year Award.

Hollowell, a pharmacist, entered business in Edenton in 1946. Ten years later, he bought the business and has been president of Hollowell-Blount Drugs for 22 years.

Active in his church, he was named Layman of the Year in 1984. He served on Edenton Town Council for 20 years and has served in various posts with the N.C. League of Municipalities.

Hollowell is active in Lions International, having served in many leadership positions; is chairman of the Chowan Morehead Award Committee; past chairman of the Chowan Board of Social Services and is a member of the board of directors of the Albemarle Development Authority.

The award was presented

by 1989 Chamber president Jim Elliott.

Guest speaker for the evening was Tim Dannelly. He observed, "There's a lot going on in Edenton, N.C. He cited

new and upgraded businesses as well as an influx of new residents. "It is impressive to move to an area where new people are moving."

Dannelly also made some

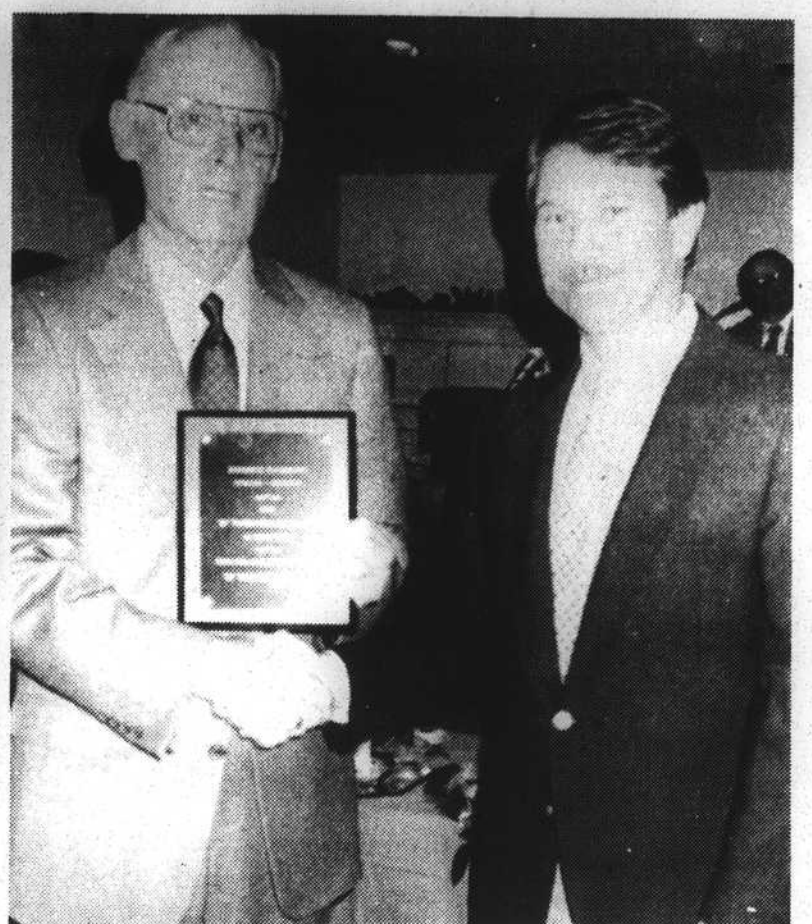
predictions for the future. He foresees a commuter airline coming to the Edenton Airport, an airport that could become important to the region. He said that the four-laning of

U.S. 17 to Edenton "could be the most important" thing to happen to the local area.

He summed up his remarks with, "Let's plan on where we're going."



VOLUNTEER AWARD--Corrine Thorud was chosen for the Chamber of Commerce's William P. (Spec) Jones Volunteer of the Year Award. Making the presentation is Beth Taylor, past president of the chamber.



BUSINESS AWARD--Herbert Hollowell, Jr. was selected by the Chamber of Commerce to receive the annual John A. Mitchener, Jr. Business Person of the Year Award. Presenting the award is Jim Elliott, chamber president.

Swain School Apartments Opening

A former Edenton school has been transformed into 38 attractive apartments for the elderly and disabled. Residents began occupying the units this week.

E.A. Swain School was declared surplus by the Edenton-Chowan School Board in 1985 and turned over to the county. County Commissioners were, at first, at a loss what to do with the school and auditorium.

Commissioner Alton El-

more, however, aware of the conversion of the high school that he attended in Rocky Mount into apartments, set up a tour of that facility for the county board. Subsequent contact with state officials helped locate a contractor for such a project.

Dwayne Anderson of Anderson-Benton, a development company located in Charlotte, became interested in the project. After locating low-cost financing and legal

work was completed, a contract was signed with the county.

The county retained ownership of the auditorium and sold the school building to the developer for \$100,000. Work then began on the apartments with Anderson-Benton also overseeing renovation work on the auditorium.

Construction costs of the auditorium are expected to total \$500,000. Costs are being defrayed by the \$100,000 from the sale of the school, a \$125,000 grant from the general assembly, a \$55,000 CDBG grant awarded to Town of Edenton for the arts and transferred to the county, \$10,000 from the Albemarle Commission and \$9,000 from the Chowan Arts Council.

The county helped the developer obtain low-cost financing through the Farmers Home Administration for the apartment project. In turn, low-cost housing is being provided to tenants.

The Swain project has been

called unique by state officials, especially in the area of cooperation between local government and private enterprise. It is expected to be used as a model around the state and may attract national attention officials have said.

Many schools around the state, while structurally sound but architecturally outdated and not suitable for modern instruction, are expected to be abandoned within the next decade.

County Manager Cliff Copeland has spoken to several government conferences concerning the Swain project.

The apartments are one and two bedroom units with contemporary kitchens. Special features include safety rails in bathrooms and easy to reach pull cords that signal, with a bell and a light over the apartment door, in the case of emergencies.

The basic exterior and interior structure of the 1917 Georgian style building has
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DSA WINNER--Betz Ricks was this year's winner of the Edenton Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. She is shown here (l. to r.) with Danny Blowe, board chairman of Murfreesboro Jaycees, her father, James P. Ricks, Jr. (first Edenton DSA recipient) and local Jaycee president, John Mitzke.

Ricks Receives Award

Edenton Jaycees Hold DSA Banquet

Service was the theme for the Edenton Jaycees annual Distinguished Award Banquet last Thursday evening.

Featured speaker Chuck Moore, past state vice-president and legal counsel for the N.C. Jaycees, told the gathering, "If you ask why they joined the Jaycees, they say it's for the service."

And that service is what led to the current selection of Elizabeth Burke Ricks as the Distinguished Service Award recipient.

The list of her achievements in serving the community is a long one. Highlights

include: past Jaycee director and vice-president; several times chairman of the Jaycees' underprivileged children's Christmas party; Muscular Dystrophy Drive; Jaycee Jelly Drive; past member of the Town of Edenton Planning Board; past vice-president and president of the Northeastern District of the N.C. Social Service Assoc.; and hospital volunteer and Sunday school teacher.

Past awards include: Jaycee Officer of the Year; Jaycee of the Year; and two-time winner of the state Jaycees' John Stackhouse Award.

She is currently the Indi-

vidual Development Vice-President of the Edenton Jaycees.

Her reaction when presented the award was "Wow. This is probably the most outstanding award that the community offers. I can't believe it." She mentioned that her father, James P. Ricks, Jr., was the first local DSA recipient in 1954.

She also said that a highlight of her service was during a jelly drive. "I got the greatest kick out of dressing as a jelly jar."

Miss Ricks told the Edenton Jaycees, "Just thanks."

Edenton Chosen Bicentennial Site

By JACK GROVE

Edenton has been selected as one of four or five state sites for the U.S. Post Office's bicentennial celebration of statehood for North Carolina.

Planning has been conducted quietly by state postal officials in site selection of historic eastern towns for issue of a second-day cover which will be issued here and possibly several other towns. A first-day cover will be issued in a ceremony in Raleigh on August 22, 1989, the day before eastern ceremonies.

A first (or second) day cover is a specially designed envelope bearing a commemorative stamp which is cancelled with a special postmark relative to the stamp's significance in a locale. These covers are very popular with stamp collectors and can gain substantial value.

Planning for a major cele-

bration here is being conducted by local Postmaster Steve Bennett, the Chamber of Commerce, the Chowan Arts Council, Historic Edenton and town and county officials.

A meeting of the group was held Tuesday in the chamber's conference room to formulate tentative plans for the summer celebration.

Events could include a parade, outdoor concert, historic displays, arts and crafts sales, speeches and residents turning out in costumes of the post-Revolutionary War period.

Edenton's Post Office was the first in the state. The first postmaster was Joseph Hewes, from 1774 to 1777. He was originally appointed by the king and was postmaster under the Second Continental Congress. Hewes was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.