

# New Officers Are Introduced

The Edenton Police Department's newest officers were introduced to Town Council at its December meeting.

They are Rhonda A. Copeland and Stephen P. Koch. Both have just completed the 14-week Basic Law Enforcement Training Course at the North Carolina Justice Academy at Salemburg.

Mrs. Copeland joined the force on July 19. Prior to that time, she was manager of Crossroads Cafe.

She is a native of Virginia Beach, Va., and is married to Durwood Copeland. They have three children. She has lived in Chowan County for 19 years and attended Chowan

High School.

The Copelands live in Ryland where he grows peanuts, cotton, soybeans and corn. She helps out in the farming operation and is comfortable behind the wheel of a tractor.

Mrs. Copeland is the second policewoman in the department, joining veteran officer Brenda Toppin.

Mrs. Toppin is assigned to special investigations. Mrs. Copeland will be on the street as a patrol officer.

Asked why she chose police work, Mrs. Copeland replied, "It's something I've always wanted to do. I just never had the opportunity to do it until

now because of the children."

Koch, (pronounced Cook) an Elizabeth City native, graduated from that city's Northeastern High School. He is about to complete work on an Associate Degree in Fish and Wildlife Management from Wayne Community College.

Koch joined the police force on August 12. Asked why he joined, he said, "It's a challenging career. It's different from most jobs."

Now that he has begun patrol duty, he was asked his feelings about the work. "I like it and it's everything I expected it to be."



NEWEST PATROL OFFICERS--Edenton Police Chief C.H. Williams (left) introduced his department's newest officers, Rhonda A. Copeland and Stephen P. Koch, to Town Council this month.



## Around And About

### Citizens Express Hopes For '91

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Asked "What are your expectations for the coming year?" the following residents, interviewed at random, gave these replies.

• Sharon Keeter Alligood-- "To see my children, Leslie and Mark, grow. To see them happy and involved in meaningful activities. I hope we can all stay healthy."

• James C. (Pete) Dail-- "I expect the economy to be sluggish for the first six months of 1991, and beyond six months depends on what action is taken in the Middle East."

• Elmira Fleming-- "I hope to have good health. Also, I want to get out of the debt I owe."

• Mike McArthur-- "I acknowledge that there are problems worldwide, but I want to make my contribution on a local level. Edenton is undergoing its own healing process, and I hope to help."

• Donna Keel-- "I'd like to see something done about the U.S. deficit. I want my parents, Tilmon and Linda Keel, to come to Europe to visit me. Also, I hope all of the decisions I make this year are the right ones."

• Gwen Matchell-- "I hope Chub and I can maintain good health, and that we can keep going with our business for another few years. I wish a good year for our customers, the best in the world."

### Bramblet, Bass Club Join Forces To Create Habitat

By REBECCA BUNCH

Faced with the prospect of being unable to take used Christmas trees to the local landfill this year, Town of Edenton Landscaping Supervisor Bob Bramblet has developed a plan to make use of them.

Bramblet explained, "I contacted the Pembroke Bass Club, and their members have agreed to pick up discarded trees for us in the Cape Colony area. People living in town are being asked to bring theirs to the Street Department headquarters on Hicks Street."

"When people drop off their trees, we will take them on a flatbed out to Pembroke Marina. From there, the Bass Club will be loading them up, a few at a time, and will sink them in spots that they feel would create a good fish habitat."

Bramblet said he wanted to thank the Pembroke Bass Club for their assistance, and indicated that he wanted to accompany them as they completed the project.

He remarked, "I had hoped to expand on the effort somewhat, and to be able to give people seedlings to plant when they turned in their Christmas trees, but being so new to the job, I did not have time to work out all the details. Hopefully, that idea is something we can look at for another time...perhaps around Arbor Day."

### Farmville To Be Trial Site

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Bond was reduced last week for defendants Robin Boles Byrum and Kathryn Dawn Wilson. Mrs. Byrum's bond was reduced from \$350,000 to \$200,000. Mrs. Wilson's bond was lowered to \$200,000 from \$880,000.

Mrs. Byrum was released on bond late Thursday afternoon.

It was learned Friday that her attorney, Jeffrey L. Miller, in coordination with a Greenville bondsman, brought together 21 bondsmen in eastern North Carolina to meet the bond.

The bondsmen met at the Chowan County Jail and executed bonding agreements ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000. (Individual bonding agents are limited as to the size of bonds they may write which is regulated by the State Department of Insurance. The larger the amount of collateral they have deposited with the department, the

larger the bonds they can write.)

Mrs. Byrum joins defendants Darlene McDonald Harris and Shelley Alyce Stone who are also free on bond. As a condition of bond release, Mrs. Byrum must remain outside of Chowan County.

Defendants still held in custody under high bond include Mrs. Wilson, the Kellys and Willard Scott Privott.

### Headquarters

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works with very low-income families, and that it is always on the lookout for additional programs available to such families.

Including part-time teachers who work with headstart, 80 people are currently employed by EIC.

Executive Director Fentress Morris, with EIC since its inception, originally served as a volunteer.

# Numerous Gifts Donated For Kids

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and families and told their congregations about the program. Many of these cards were "snapped up" after the services she said.

Mrs. Jordan said that 460 names had been submitted, some arriving as late as Thursday, with 410 requests filled.

She noted that the local economy had changed from last year when less than half of this year's number received aid. Many parents were without jobs or working on reduced hours.

"This year it snowballed," Mrs. Travers noted.

Gifts began pouring in from individuals and businesses in the community. Mrs. Jordan said one businessman, who wished to remain anonymous, furnished gifts for 30 children.

Also, "A well-to-do lady told us how much more she had enjoyed buying gifts for children that had nothing than even buying for her own grandchildren because they have so much."

One couple, who are planning to marry and move to Chowan County, (he is from Rocky Hock) called DSS from Winston-Salem to find out if they could help the needy. They said they wanted to help the community where they would live.

When told of the program, they adopted a family for Christmas.

Gifts for the needy filled almost every room at Social Services Thursday - clothing, train sets, basketballs, foot-

balls, a digital AM-FM clock-radio, dolls, teddy bears, musical stuffed animals and wrapped gifts for specific children which remained "mysteries" to the staff.

In addition, "We probably had five or six bicycles brought in." One bike, a ten-

speed, was to fill a special wish of a child. "That mother cried when she saw that bike."

"This organizational bit as the toys came in has been hectic," Mrs. Jordan said. "Gifts were all over the second floor of the County Office Building." She said that the whole

## Low Bid Accepted

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called for "weathering in" the buildings by the end of January so that interior work can proceed without regard to the elements.

The gym, designated "C," will have a locker room added and renovations that will include a new vinyl floor, replacing the present wooden flooring.

The newer wing, attached to the two-story main building, built in 1936, will be retained during renovations. The two-story portion will be demolished. The wing will remain in use for classrooms.

The present cafeteria will be renovated for cultural arts use. The old bus garage will be transformed into an industrial arts shop.

Construction on buildings A and B is scheduled to be completed in May. Renovations on the remainder will be done during summer vacation.

When completed, the four buildings containing classrooms will be connected by a circular drive and covered walkways.

Mrs. Range noted that local contractors are at work in every area of the job. She said that the major contractors have brought in supervisory personnel while utilizing the local labor pool.

When the project is complete, there will be 67,500 square feet of usable space, an addition of 23,000 square feet over existing space.

That additional room will be put to good use observed

Dunn after the meeting. He said that about 180 children in grades six to eight would be moved to Chowan from D.F. Walker School next year to join their counterparts from the northern end of the county, presently enrolled at the middle school.

staff pitched in at times to bag and label the gifts.

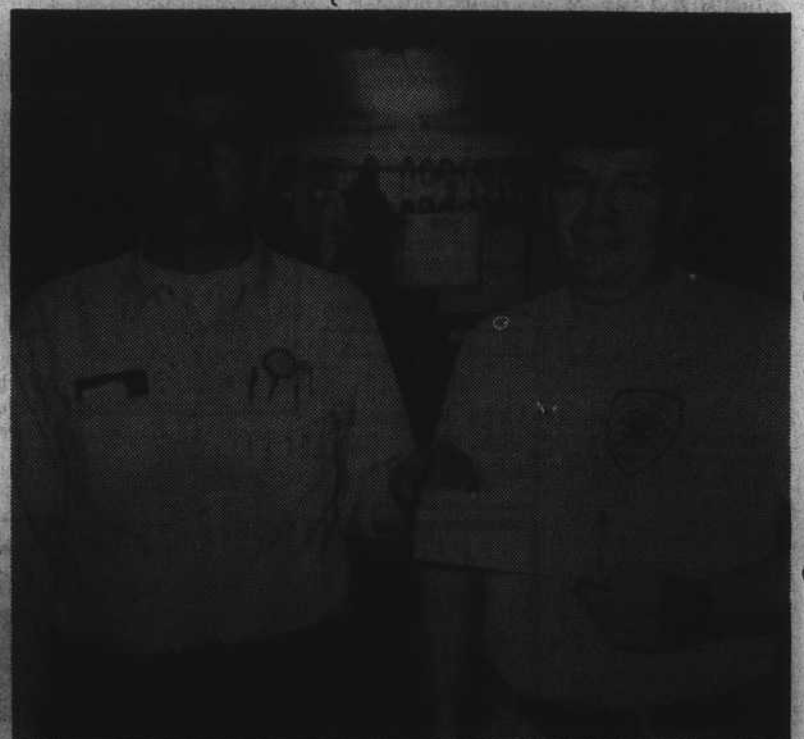
A sampling of donors includes the John A. Holmes High School Student Council, youth groups from local churches, civic organizations and local businesses who have sponsored families.

Mrs. Jordan specifically singled out Chowan Hospital for praise. She said hospital departments sponsored families and staff members sponsored individual children as well.

Mrs. Travers said that many of the mothers were moved to tears when they picked up their children's gifts. "If I have one more mother cry, I'll be a basket case," she said.



FIRST PRIZE--Lorene Bunch, (left) manager of Fame Men's Shop, handed a check for \$250 to Amby Parrish Friday.



SECOND PRIZE--Buddy Bunch (right) received a check for \$100 from Allen Swanner, owner of Edenton Shell, on Friday.

# Parrish, Bunch Win Cash Giveaway

Two Chowan County residents found themselves with more money in their pockets just prior to Christmas. They were winners in a Christmas Cash Giveaway sponsored by local merchants.

During the promotion this month, shoppers were invited to fill out entry slips and drop

them in brightly decorated boxes at sponsoring stores. The drawing was held Friday.

When Amby Parrish was told, during a telephone call, that she was the first prize winner of \$250, she was disbelieving. She had to be con-

vinced that the call wasn't a prank. She had filled out the valuable entry at Fame Men's Shop.

She is married to Frankie Parrish and is the daughter of Stanton and Faye Harrell. The Parrish's have two daughters. When asked what

she would do with the money, Mrs. Parrish quickly replied, "Go shopping."

A second place award of \$100 went to Buddy Bunch, with a wife, Kaye and a son and a daughter, said that he would have no trouble in spending it. He filled out a slip at Edenton Shell.

## Clarification

In a story on "Hometown Heroes" in last week's edition, erroneous information was provided for the article.

Mrs. Corinne Thorud was never on the School Board or the Board of Elections. She was Executive Secretary of the Chowan County Board of Elections.

We regret the error.