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Controversy Continues

By MARGUERITE MCCALL
Public reverberation continues to challenge town council because of its action recently in changing the speed limit on Granville Street to 25 mph.

Public Continues To Challenge Speed Limit Change

The issue occupied a considerable portion of Monday night's three-hour committees' meeting. A petition presented at council's regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, was supplemented by an addendum.

instated to extend from West Queen to Virginia Road.

Third Ward Councilman Jerald Perry, bearer of both the petition and addendum, said he would "vote for the people when it comes before the council."

He said, "If you're talking about the flow of children on Granville, you have to look at

Oakum, too."

Persons in favor of retaining the 25 mph limit certainly had the right to petition as well as those who opposed keeping it, Perry said.

Dan Porzio, a member of the audience, asked for and was granted permission to speak. He said he was a newcomer of less than two years to Edenton and that he lived on the corner of West Albemarle and Granville.

"Let's keep the limit 25," he said. "We're talking about the safety of children and adults. I can't understand why Granville should have the same speed limit as a street in front of Burger King."

Porzio also noted he sees thousands of tourists walking along the street by his home.

"Highway 17 comes into town," Alligood said, "and people walk along side it all the time."

Porzio said he was hit by a car going 15 mph on April 10, 1977.

Mayor Roy Harrell said many of the names on the petitions were people living in many sections of Edenton and some from the county.

Councilman Jerry Parks recommended putting the issue of the speed limit on the agenda for council's regular

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Concert Choir To Perform At The Kennedy Center

By REBECCA BUNCH

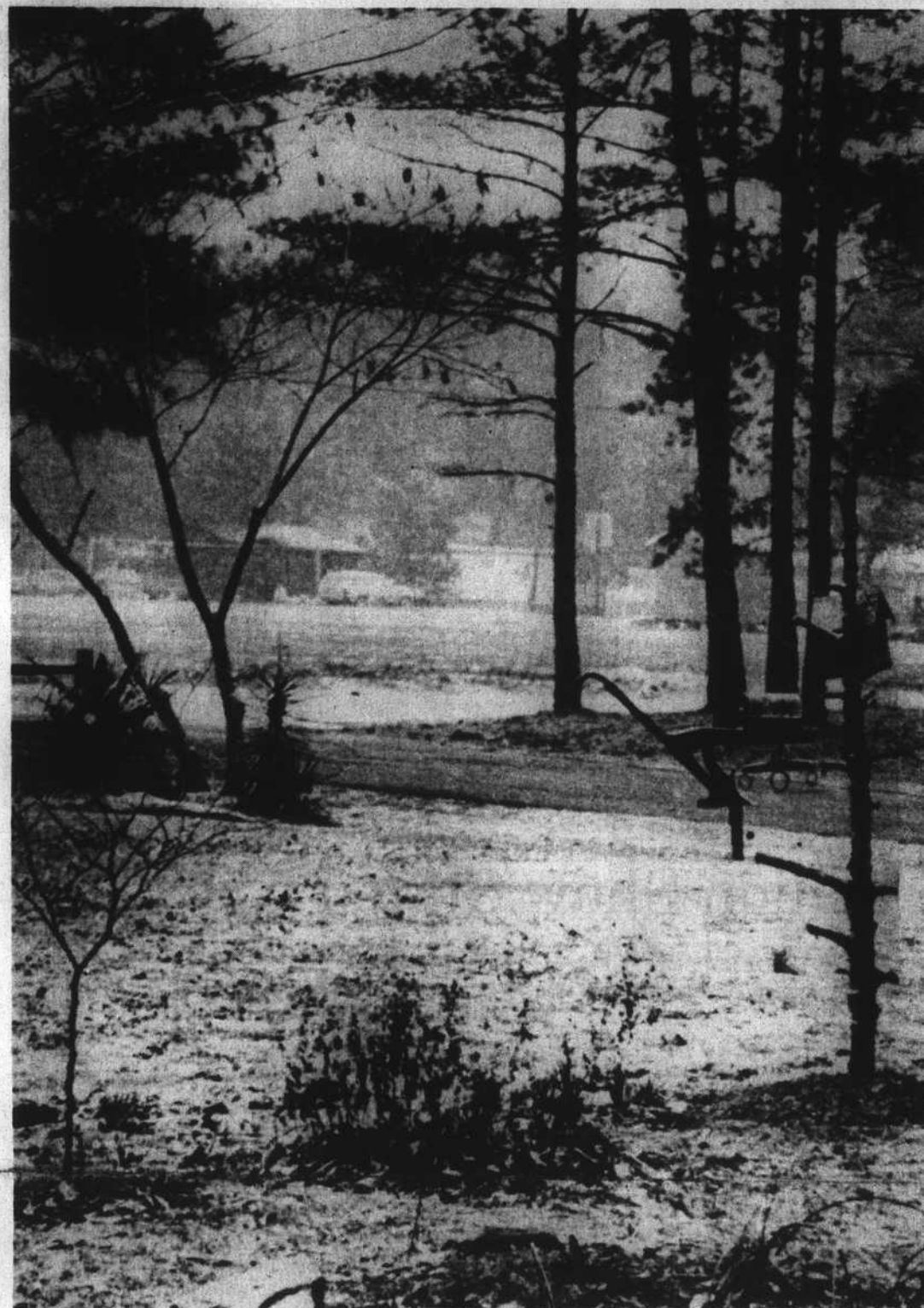
The John A. Holmes High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Shelby Strother, will perform as the honor choir this Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m. during the third annual North Carolina Youth Chorale at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The Holmes choir will open the performance with a half-hour program of music separately from the four other choirs participating. Linda Torres, Carolina Youth Chorale coordinator, said the excellent reputation of the Holmes choir and Mrs. Stro-

ther herself resulted in the honor designation.

Mrs. Strother said the Holmes program would include performances of "Praise Ye The Lord" by Telemann, "Agnus Dei" by Leavitt, "I Believe - Ave Maria," by Beard and Tucker, "Blow the Candles Out," by Smith, "Heart, We Will Forget Him," by Mulholland, and conclude with Lokeski's "An American Salute."

Mrs. Strother's husband, Otis, director of the Holmes Marching Aces Band, and an accomplished musician in



OH HAPPY DAY! -- Snow falls softly, beautifully Saturday morning, turning barren branches and browned winter yards into a Christmas card scene. The first snowfall of the season thrilled youngsters, some of whom had never seen the powdery precipitation except on television. It also excited elders, both when it fell and when it rapidly melted. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)



ENFORCING THE LAW -- These young men, all graduates of John A. Holmes High School, proudly wear the uniforms of law enforcement. The Edenton Police Department and Chowan County Sheriff's Office recently hired (l. to r.) Sheriff's Deputy Dwayne Goodwin, Police Officer Allen Wayne Tynch and Sheriff's Deputy Andy Bunch. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

New Officers Join The Force

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Three new officers, all graduates of John A. Holmes High School, have been hired recently by the Edenton Police Department and the Chowan County Sheriff's Office.

Allen Wayne Tynch, 27, began work as a full-time police officer on January 28. The son of Charles Spurgeon Tynch Jr. and Ruby Tynch of Rocky Hock, Tynch served approximately two years as an auxiliary officer.

A graduate of the 14-week, daily Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program at College of the Albemarle, Tynch said he entered law enforcement "because I enjoy helping the public."

He said the hours will enable him to continue, as he has done for many years, helping his father with commercial fishing.

"I really enjoy that, too," he said. "We fish for herring in the spring and catfish in the

fall." Tynch praised the assistance given him by his training officers, Ptl. Ronnie Stallings and Ptl. Rhonda

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Auxiliary Officer Use Helps Save The Taxpayers' Money

Utilizing auxiliary officers to supplement the Chowan Sheriff's Office and Edenton Police Department increases manpower and saves taxpayers money.

In fact, many of the hours provided by auxiliary personnel are volunteer.

Sheriff's Office active auxiliary members are paid \$50 a month for a required ten hours a month. Sheriff Fred Spruill said many officers work far more than the required hours, all of which are volunteer.

"In 1992," he said, "there were over 4,000 totally volunteer hours given by the sheriff's auxiliary."

Spruill said all auxiliary officers must complete Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET), a 14-week program requiring an every day attendance, and be certified prior to working as an auxiliary officer. Once they join the auxiliary, the required ten hours keep their status up to retain certification.

He said auxiliary deputies are certified to perform all functions of full-time officers. These include patrol, making arrests and transferring prisoners and mental health patients.

Spruill, who sponsored the three new officers (related

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Precinct Meetings Planned

By REBECCA BUNCH

Two local precinct meetings are planned for March 4 at 8 p.m.

Chowan County Democrats have scheduled their precinct meeting at the regular polling

place. A precinct meeting will also be held for the Rocky Hock Precinct at Rocky Hock Grocery.

County Democratic Chairman Bill Phillips said he wanted to encourage all re-

gistered Democrats to be present for these meetings. "We want all Party activists as well as new campaign volunteers to get involved," he said. "These precinct meet-

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Fire Destroys Home On Brayhall

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

A fire at 1:30 a.m. Friday totally destroyed a house near the north end of Brayhall Road in Chowan County.

Edenton Fire Chief Lynn Perry said there were no injuries to the occupants, Bertha Perry, Mary Bond and Ro-

land Jackson, who lost everything except the night clothing they were wearing.

Jackson awakened to the odor of smoke, which was coming from fire burning in the walls next to a chimney, Perry said. He said Jackson alerted the women then, not having a

telephone in the house, went in search of a phone to call the fire department.

"Jackson went to three houses before he could rouse anyone so he could call us," Perry said. "When we arrived, the house was fully in-

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OCCUPANT DISPLACED -- This lonely appearing mailbox signifies a family dwelled here, until early Friday morning when a defective chimney caught fire and destroyed the Brayhall Road home of Daisy Morris. Fortunately, there were no deaths or injuries. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)