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Agencies Join To Fight Storm Damage

By MARGUERITE MCCALL
Multiple agencies joined forces last weekend to combat the effects of "the storm of the century."

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- Ms. Kelly

Town Manager Anne-Marie Kelly, County Manager Cliff Copeland and Emergency Services Management Co-ordinator Douglas Belch met at the Chowan Central (911) office in Edenton Saturday afternoon when calls began to come in of high winds and wires down. Ms. Kelly said seven or eight utility poles, owned by Carolina Telephone Co. but jointly shared by the Town of Edenton Utility Department, snapped around 1:45 p.m.

Located across from Pelikan on Highway 32 South, the poles have been replaced, she said.

Ms. Kelly said because Edenton belongs to the Power

Agency, the Town was able to get emergency help.

"Electri-Cities has an emergency coordinator in Greenville," she said. "We finally got through to him about 4 p.m., but he said Pitt County was being hit hard, too. About 8 p.m., Rocky Mount called and offered to help us. Two trucks and five crewmen arrived at 11 p.m. and worked alongside our guys until the new poles and lines were up at 6 a.m. Sunday."

Ms. Kelly said the Rocky Mount group stayed and worked in the Cape Colony area with the Town E&W Department until mid-afternoon, when Rocky Mount was called to go to Washington (NC) to help there.

"The help from Rocky Mount greatly facilitated our restoring power as soon as we did," she said.

"I'm so proud of our group. They worked so hard 24 hours straight. Also, the employees from the Street Department pitched in to clean up debris and trees. All emergency response teams worked together so well."

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Lorraine Simpson displays one of the posters to be judged April 17 in the NEHPO contest. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

Commissioner Charged In Murder Conspiracy

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Chowan County Commissioner Richard Wayne Goodwin, 45, of Tyner was indicted by the Chowan County grand jury Thursday on charges of soliciting and conspiring with Arthur William "Little Bud" Privott, 45, of Rt. 1, Edenton, to commit murder.

Two indictments on Goodwin state: "The defendant did solicit Arthur William Privott to commit murder of Andy Long," and "The defendant did conspire to commit murder with Arthur William Privott and persons unknown to commit murder of Andy Long."

District Attorney H.P. Williams said Thursday an intensive investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) resulted in the SBI's arrest Wednesday, March 10, of Goodwin and Privott.

Goodwin is out of jail on \$30,000 secured bond, \$15,000 on each count.

Privott was indicted in the case with one charge of "conspiracy with Richard Wayne Goodwin and persons unknown to commit murder of Andy Long."

Privott is out of jail on \$10,000 secured bond and \$5,000 unsecured bond.

The indictments list the date of the offense as being between February 1 and February 15, 1993. Each charge carries a maximum prison sentence of 10 years.

Superior Court Judge Mark S. Martin of Greenville signed the warrants for Goodwin and Privott's arrests.

Goodwin was elected to his third term as a county commissioner from District I in November, 1992. He is a farmer and the owner of a television sales and repair business in Tyner. Goodwin is also a volunteer with the Center Hill Crossroads Fire Department.

District Attorney Williams said he could not reveal more about the case at this time.

The indictments revealed no motive for the alleged charges.

Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland said Monday, "I've been told this does not involve the county. It is a personal life situation with Wayne. He is certainly a good commissioner."

"Wayne has not resigned as a commissioner, nor has he been asked to resign."

"I just hope the truth comes out," Copeland said.

Street's 35 MPH Speed Limit Reinstated

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

At its regular meeting Tuesday, March 9, the town council reversed its recent action of changing the Granville St. speed limit to 25 by reinstating the limit to 35 from W. Queen to Virginia Road.

The controversial issue produced at least eight petitions, several to retain the slower speed, but the majority to reinstate the original limit. A standing-room only turnout of citizens attested to concern regarding the matter.

Councilman Jerry Parks,

public works committeeman, introduced the topic and immediately made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jimmy Allgood, to reinstate the 35 mph limit.

Mayor Roy Harrell countered, "This is not a public hearing, but for tonight, I will allow four to speak for the change and four to speak against it."

"Will you show us where you have the authority to do that," Parks inquired.

Harrell said he wanted a "point of order."

Councilman Joe Lee said the motion on the floor must be acted on first. He said only if Parks rescinded his motion could Harrell's proposal to allow speakers progress.

"My motion stands," Parks said. "This idea (public input) should have been agendized. My question to you, mayor, do you have four opponents (for change) selected and prepared, while the proponents, though present, are unorganized."

"Something smells to me," Parks emphasized.

The councilman said he had never seen such an outpouring of public opinion on anything of his involvement as had been the Granville Street speed limit issue. He said all council members had been "called and called" by people expressing their opinions.

Parks, who voted in January to retain the 35 mph limit, pointed out there had been no documentation of safety problems and that without same, there had been no reason.

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Town Travel Policy Is Challenged

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

During the March 9 town council meeting, Councilman L.T. "Livy" Goodman angrily challenged Mayor Roy Harrell's authority regarding the Town's travel policy.

The exchange was provoked after Town Manager Anne-Marie Kelly asked the council for a clarification or amendment on using a credit card as opposed to paying out of pocket. She said using the credit card simplified paying expenses when traveling.

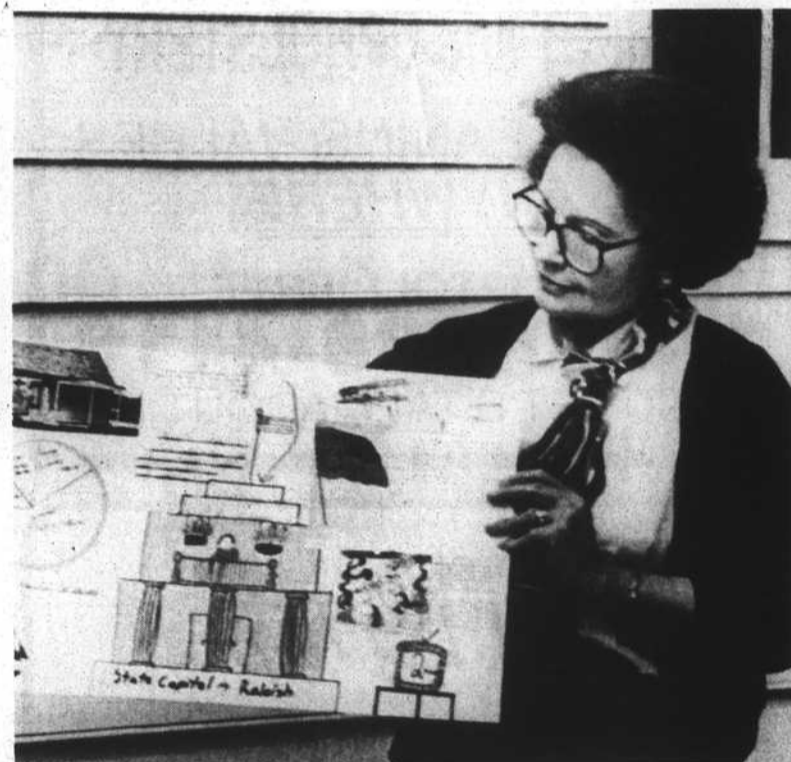
"That won't do," Harrell responded. "Miss Kelly chose to put this on the agenda tonight to get council to take action. We have a policy. The person can be reimbursed, or if they don't have the money, we'll give it up front."

Harrell said he had been studying the matter for some months and that he had run into trouble on signing checks when he couldn't find receipts.

"For the next two and one-half years," he said, "I'm going to be saving every penny I can."

"What this council needs to say to you (Harrell)," Goodman exploded, "the council is

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The sign says "No Trespassing," but the wind paid no mind Saturday when it destroyed the top of a chimney on the Barker House. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

Children To Exhibit NC History Posters

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Biennial Pilgrimage 1993 visitors will learn how 4th-graders view the state's history when they visit Bandon Schoolhouse located on the James Iredell Historic Site in Edenton.

Lorraine Simpson, office manager for the Northeastern Historic Places Office (NEHPO), said to encourage historical awareness of this area's importance, the NEHPO Office is sponsoring a poster contest during the 1992-93 school year for 4th-grade level students.

"The contest theme, 'Learn About North Carolina History,'" Mrs. Simpson said, "will serve as reinforcement for the introduction of North Carolina history by the state Department of Instruction, while focusing on the variety of history related programs available in the region and state."

She said some of the many ways students learn about history are: Through teachers and classroom study, visiting historic sites and buildings, attending dramas and plays reading books, viewing history programs on TV, visiting museums, listening to family members or friends talk about the past, and reading historical markers along highways.

During the month of February, Mrs. Simpson spent eleven days delivering poster board and giving presentations at 34 schools in the 17-county NEHPO service area.

She said teachers are selecting the best poster from each school for exhibition in Bandon Schoolhouse on Saturday, April 17, and Sunday, April 18, from 2:00-4:30 p.m. each day.

Judging of the 34 finalists will take place on April 17. The grand prize winner will

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W.P. "Spec" Jones (middle) is presented Chowan County's oldest fulltime worker award by Susan Reavis (left), looking on is a co-worker, Mary Wemple.

Jones Named 'Oldest' Worker

By REBECCA BUNCH

W.P. "Spec" Jones has been named Chowan County's oldest fulltime worker. Jones has affiliated with Nations-Bank in downtown Edenton since the early 1970's.

The Edenton office of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, sponsored the search in conjunction with Older Worker Week. Ironically, Mr. Jones

was the first person nominated for the honor, according to Susan Reavis, Older Worker Specialist with the Edenton ESC. "We had about 15 others that people called in to nominate," she said, "but he was the very first one we heard about." She said Jones was nominated by a co-worker, Mary Wemple.

Mr. Jones has been issued a certificate of achievement

by the state. He and his wife, Nellie, who have been married for the past 46 years, will also be treated to a free meal at the Golden Corral Family Steakhouse in Edenton.

NationsBank City Executive Al Nichols said he was delighted to hear that Jones had won the honor. "Spec has made many important contributions to this community,"

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