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Nancy Lamb To Assume New Post

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

With two convictions in the Little Rascals Day Care Center case as an assistant district attorney, Nancy Beasley Lamb, 38, will continue prosecuting the remaining five defendants as an associate attorney general.

Lamb said she has been working under the auspices of the North Carolina Department of Justice since being assigned full-time to the case in April 1992, when District Attorney H.P. Williams Jr., First Judicial District, resigned from the case.

"I'm real excited about this change," Lamb said Monday.

"I think it will be easier being under the same roof as the Attorney General's Office. It will be good we will all be together."

Lamb's immediate supervisor, Senior Deputy Attorney General William N. Farrell, said in a telephone interview Monday, "We're glad to have Nancy on this case. She is a highly competent and capable lady. She will be with us for the duration of the trials."

Farrell said Lamb's annual salary of \$56,000 will remain the same. Also, that henceforth her office above the Edenton Police Department will be her official office.

Lamb has been teamed with Special Deputy Attorney General William P. Hart, lead prosecutor in the Little Rascals case, since 1991. Farrell said Hart will remain the lead prosecutor.

Together, Hart and Lamb won convictions on Little Rascals co-owner Robert F. Kelly Jr. in April 1992 in the costliest criminal trial in the state's history and on the center's cook, Kathryn Dawn Wilson, earlier this year.

Kelly was convicted of 99 of 100 charges and sentenced to 12 life terms. Wilson is serving one life term.

Although they have been

appealing to higher courts in recent months for a change of venue, which was denied, from Chowan County for the trial of Kelly's wife, Elizabeth T. Kelly, Hart and Lamb have not made public which defendant will go to trial next.

A graduate of Appalachian State University in 1977 and Wake Forest School of Law in 1984, Lamb is married to Zee Lamb, who is an Elizabeth City attorney, Pasquotank County Commissioner and Democratic Party leader in the Albemarle area. The couple have two children.

Chamber Seeks New Sponsor For Parade

By REBECCA BUNCH

Richard Bunch, executive director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, confirmed this week that the chamber has "regretfully decided" not to sponsor the town's Christmas Parade this year.

Bunch said the decision was made by the chamber's board of directors during a planning session. Chamber members were notified recently by letter of the board's decision.

"We're very much in favor of trying to get another group to do it. And, we'll be glad to provide any help we can..."

Richard Bunch
Executive Director
Chamber of Commerce

The board's concern about the costs involved in securing liability insurance that would cover any injuries that might occur in conjunction with the parade was one factor that prompted the decision, Bunch said. He noted that the large fees charged by most bands to

appear in the parade had strained the chamber's already limited budget in years past.

But Bunch said the main reason for the decision was a feeling among his board that the chamber had strayed too far from its original mission of industrial recruitment and should refocus its objectives along more traditional lines. He said that while the board believed community projects were important, they did not feel it was the purpose of the chamber to organize and carry out those projects.

"Too, after last year's parade we did a survey asking our business community what benefit the parade was to them," Bunch added. "Seventy percent said it had no impact whatsoever on their business that day."

"After considering all these things, the board felt a new group needed to take over the parade and come up with some new ideas and ways to improve participation in the

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Retirement Dinner Set

A retirement dinner will be held Wednesday, August 25, at 7 p.m. at Emily's Restaurant for Anne McMullan Jones, head librarian at the Shepard - Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton.

Mrs. Jones will be retiring August 31.

Anyone wishing to attend may do so by calling 482-8266 for reservations. Cost will be \$10 per person and reservations must be made no later than Sunday, August 22.

New Hours Are Set For Recipients

The Chowan County Department of Social Services is changing the time clients are allowed to receive their food stamps on pick up day. Clients can now pick up their stamps beginning at 8 a.m., one hour earlier than the normal start-up time.

According to DSS Manager Ben Rose, the change "is being tried in order to quickly process clients and reduce the crowd. The department be-

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Trimmed excessively on the back, this tree on West Eden Street grew heavy on the front Friday, enough so to lose limbs, which fell across wires and cause two power outages during the day. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

Tree Limbs Cause Two Power Outages

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Portions of Edenton experienced two power outages Friday, one that morning and the other in the afternoon.

Limbs from a tall pecan tree on West Eden Street, across from Edenton Baptist Church, were the culprits both times.

Town of Edenton Utilities Director William "Hawk" Crummey said Monday a home owner had the tree trimmed on the back side, which caused it to get heavy on the front. High winds brought down a big limb across two power lines, Crummey said.

He explained that the wires became of different orientation, causing the green limb to spark and smoke.

Crummey said limbs were cut back, but that afternoon, another limb fell from the same tree.

"It put the breakers in operation," he said. "That's why the power came on and off, on and off. The third time it shut-off."

He expressed regret for any inconvenience to citizens.

"It was certainly something we didn't want to happen," Crummey said.

Joint Effort Results In Two Arrests

Joint efforts of the Albemarle Narcotics Task Force, North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), Washington County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office resulted in the arrests of two men Tuesday, August 3.

Commander Greg Hassell of the Albemarle Narcotics Task Force stated information was received from the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office in Raleigh that a shipment of marijuana was being mailed to a Plymouth businessman, Willie Ray "Tater" Davis.

Further investigation implicated Antonio Espinoza Luvianos of Edenton.

Several pounds of marijuana and several thousand dollars were confiscated. Both Davis and Luvianos were arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana.

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Believe It Or Not

Although taken to Chowan Hospital for a check, Christopher Lamont Felton of Tyner, Chanzo Tambuzi, 9, and Halisi Tambuzi, 7, were not injured in this accident that occurred on Highway 33 North Friday afternoon during a rainstorm. The 1992 Ford wasn't as lucky. It sustained \$7,500 damage. Felton, the driver, ran into the rear of an empty log truck driven by James Robert Lane of Route 3, Edenton. Lane was not injured nor was his truck damaged. N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper T.M. Lassiter was the investigating officer. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)



Stephanie Fleming and her husband, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Fleming, didn't hesitate to risk their lives to pull two women from a burning car in a recent accident on U.S. 17 North. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

Couple Helps Victims

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Clarification and additional information was reported Friday regarding an article in last week's Chowan Herald concerning a four-vehicle accident July 29.

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Benjamin Fleming, his wife, Stephanie, and soldiers with the U.S. Army 549th Transportation Co., Ft. Story, Virginia, emerged as heroes.

The soldiers' Commanding Officer intends to recommend them, Benjamin and Stephanie Fleming, and Harry Cozart of the N.C. National Guard for a "Soldier's Medal," the highest award given during peacetime.

Fleming, who noted the military members involved were Army and not Marines as stated in the article, gave the following account of the incident.

The Flemings were traveling north on U.S. 17 from Roper, Stephanie's hometown, to Ft. Story where Sergeant Fleming, home on leave from Germany, planned to see the sergeant major about his wife and child being able to join him in Germany in a few months.

Fleming said an Army vehicle, one of a convoy of four, was directly ahead of him and that Isadora Askew of Charlotte was in front of the latter. When the collision occurred, Askew's vehicle hit the rear of a car driven by Felicia Brown of Elizabeth City.

Brown, traveling south and stopped waiting for traffic to permit her to make a left turn on Shannonhouse Rd., had been struck and knocked sideways into the northbound lane by another southbound car driven by Anna Cracker of Edenton.

"Ms. Askew's car kept us from being hit," Fleming related. "I took to the shoulder. Cozart (also traveling south), driving the National Guard Hemmit, fought to gain control after going over the front end of Ms. Brown's car. He skidded to a stop right behind us."

"My wife and I jumped out of our car; we heard the women (Brown and passenger Wanda Coffield) screaming. Their car was burning and Stephanie was yelling 'we have to get them out.'"

Fleming said he tried the passenger-side door but could not get it open. He said two of the convoy trucks stopped and their occupants ran to the driver's side and assisted Ms. Brown out of the vehicle.

Meanwhile, he and Stephanie, who served ten years in the Army, attempted to extricate Ms. Coffield from the car. Fleming said the woman was wedged by the dash, which had collapsed on her upon impact. He said he crawled into the burning vehicle and unfastened her seat belt.

After getting both women

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