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## Tentative Date Is Set For Trial

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

The trial of Elizabeth T. "Betsy" Kelly is scheduled to begin on February 28, 1994, contingent upon approval of Judge D. Marsh McLelland, presiding judge in the Little Rascals Day Care Case.

Kelly was the co-owner of the day care with her husband, Robert F. Kelly Jr., who is serving 12 life sentences in Central Prison for child sexual abuse.

With two trials and two convictions behind them, prosecutors in the Little Rascals Day Care Case have been anxious to set a trial date.

Special Deputy Attorney General William P. Hart wrote Kelly's attorney, Joseph Cheshire V, on September 10 asking Cheshire for input on fall court dates proposed for late October or early November.

Cheshire replied on September 14 saying that he had

problems with that scheduling because of other litigation with which he was involved, including a first degree child sex case -- set two weeks prior in Durham County -- for January 24, 1994.

Hart said Tuesday he contacted Cheshire's office again on September 24. Unable to speak with Cheshire because of the latter's unavailability, Hart spoke with Cheshire's partner, Tommy Manning.

In a letter dated September 27, Hart told Cheshire that Manning called back saying that he (Cheshire) suggested commencing Kelly's trial on February 21, 1994.

"As you know," Hart said in the letter, "the setting (Chowan County) of the Kelly trial will require a Special Session of Chowan County Criminal Superior Court and the summoning of many hundreds of potential jurors."

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## 46th Fair To Open

MARGUERITE MCCALL

Thrilling rides, cotton candy, animals, entertainment, all that and more awaits those persons attending the 46th Annual Chowan County Fair next week.

W.A. "Bill" Perry said Monday that preparations are already underway for the fair, which opens at 5 p.m. Tuesday, October 26, and closes Saturday, October 30, at midnight.

Rochester Midway will provide 25 rides, Perry said, plus concessions.

On hand every night will be the barnyard petting farm, Jingles the Clown, pig racing, pony rides, stage entertainment, and the Country Grocery Truck.

Highlights during the week are: the "Little Miss Pageant", Tuesday; the "Feeder Pig Show," Wednesday; the "Youth Talent Show," Thursday; and the "Miss Chowan County Fair Beauty Pageant," Saturday.

Thursday is also "Senior Citizen Recognition" day. Persons 65 and over and babes two and under get in free all week. Regular admission is \$7 per person. All day Tuesday and Saturday from 1-6 p.m., youths through high school



This mural in one of The American Legion exhibit buildings conveys the excitement of a County Fair with its rides, concessions, lots of people and a bright moon overhead indicating good Fair weather. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

pay only \$5.

Perry said the gates open each day at 5 p.m., except Thursday when they open at 3:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1 p.m. Exhibit entries can be brought in from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, October 23, and Sunday, October 24, from 1-5 p.m.

This includes all entries except cut flowers, baked products and animals, which are to be brought in on Monday, October 25 from 8 to 11 a.m.

Perry said no fee is charged for entries or exhibit booths. However, a fee is levied for commercial booths.

Only two booths remained open as of Monday afternoon, he said.

The 1993 Fair Theme is "Chowan County Healthy Carolinians 2000 -- Working together to Promote a Healthy Future." The combined community effort is to help people feel better and live longer, to help all people know how to use health ser-

vices, and to promote healthy lifestyles.

In connection with the theme, health screenings as follow all scheduled all week and for free: Tuesday, 6-9 p.m., cholesterol and diabetes; Wednesday, 6-9 p.m., cholesterol; Thursday, 5-9 p.m., blood pressure; Friday, 5-9 p.m., blood pressure; and Saturday, 5-9 p.m., blood pressure

"The Fair is shaping up good," Perry said. "I think we'll have a good year if the weather holds."

## Hollowell Takes Post

By REBECCA BUNCH

Herbert Hollowell of Edenton has been named chairman of the North Carolina Commission for the Blind. He was sworn in Thursday morning at the Chowan County Courthouse after being appointed by Governor Jim Hunt.

Hollowell, who has served on the commission for the past 14 years, most recently as vice-chairman, will serve as chairman at the pleasure of the governor. His term on the board itself is for six years.

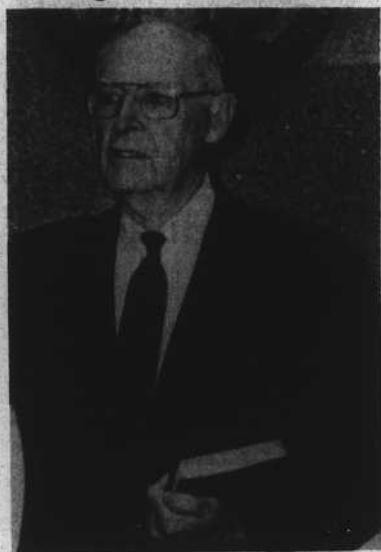
In an interview after the swearing-in ceremony, Hollowell said he was "pleased and proud" to head the 11-member state commission which has a budget of \$30 million dollars.

"I've experienced many blessings in my life," the retired Edenton businessman said. "Now this is my chance to help others...a sort of pay

back time, if you will."

Hollowell has been quite active over the years in the Edenton Lions Club and it was as district governor of that organization that he first

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Herbert Hollowell

helped carry out projects in conjunction with the commission. Much of his work

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## Legion Booster Club To Sponsor Parade

By REBECCA BUNCH

The Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce agreed at its board meeting Thursday morning to hand over responsibility for the annual Christmas Parade to the American Legion Baseball Booster Club.

The chamber has agreed to assist with this year's parade in an advisory capacity and to have its standing parade committee come together one last time to help get the parade up and running.

Chamber Executive Director Richard Bunch said his group was delighted to learn from Booster Club treasurer Jerry Holmes of the organization's interest in undertaking the project. "Jerry has always helped us (chamber) with the parade anyway, so he's a seasoned veteran," Bunch said. "We couldn't be happier about the way this has turned out."

Holmes said he was excited about the turn of events as

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Chamber President John Wood and Chamber Executive Director Richard Bunch talk turn over Christmas Parade files to Jerry Holmes. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

## County Borrows \$3 Million For Water Treatment

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Chowan County officials closed on a \$3 million loan

transaction with Branch Banking & Trust Company (BB&T) Friday morning.

The borrowed funds will double the size of the County's water treatment plant.

Currently pumping 800 gallons a minute, the plant will pump 1,600 gallons a minute when the expansion is completed.

"The system has grown so much," said County Manager Cliff Copeland, "we felt expansion was necessary to adequately supply our customer needs. Originally, the projections were that we would serve 2,000 customers by the year 2000.

"At the present time we have 3,450 customers, which is right at 91 percent of the County's households."

Copeland said bids were put out for the loan, with BB&T offering the most satisfactory arrangement. He said the variable interest rate on the 15-year pay-back will be 4.929 percent for the first five years.

Chowan County Public Works Director Graham Farless explained that the water treatment plant expansion will allow a change from high pressure to low pressure.

"Low pressure produces a better quality water," he said.

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## Richard 'Dick' Dixon, Jr. Dies After Lengthy Illness

Richard Dillard "Dick" Dixon, Jr., 66, of 119 West Eden Street, Edenton, died Saturday afternoon, October 16.

A native of Edenton, he was the son of the late Judge Richard Dillard Dixon and Louise Badham Dixon. He was a local businessman and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church where he was a former Vestryman and Junior Warden. He attended Augusta Military Academy and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Mr. Dixon served in the Navy during World War II after which he worked as a Records Clerk in the Palace of Justice during the Nuremberg War Trials where his father was a Judge with the American Tribunal.

He was a past president of the Edenton Jaycees, a charter

member of the Edenton Historical Society, a lifetime member of the Edenton Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He formerly served on the Edenton Town Council, was instrumental in saving the Battleship USS North Carolina and was a jazz drummer.

Mr. Dixon is survived by

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Richard D. Dixon



County officials and BB&T officers meet in W.T. Cuipepper III's office Friday to close on a \$3 million loan to the County for doubling the capacity of the Water Treatment Plant. They are: (seated left to right) Nancy Morgan, county manager's secretary; Chowan County Board of Commissioners Chairman George Jones; (standing left to right) Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland; Ben Ivey, BB&T, Elizabeth City; Charles Evans, BB&T, Elizabeth City; Mark Blizard, BB&T, Edenton; W.T. Cuipepper III, County attorney; Graham Farless, Chowan Public Works Director; and David R. Fricke of Raleigh, bond attorney for Chowan County. Jones said he wore his BB&T cap because of the transaction with the banking firm plus the fact he is on the BB&T board of directors. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)