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As The Parade Passes By

Spectators (right) watch for more floats and bands to come into view during last year's Peanut Festival, scheduled this year for Saturday, October 1. The annual event, which begins in the morning with a parade, also hosts food and craft booths on the JAH campus and an afternoon band competition. A sailboat regatta takes place on Edenton Bay throughout the day. The festival is sponsored by the Band Parents association. (File photo by Marguerite McCall.)

Fair To Open On Tuesday

By BONNIE DAVIS

It's time to wet your appetite for all that comes with the annual Chowan County Fair - cotton candy, popcorn, barbecue, boiled peanuts and funnel cakes -- not to mention the rides, games, contests and more.

Set to begin Tuesday, Sept. 27 and run through Saturday, Oct. 1, the 47th annual event is almost upon us.

John Chilcoat, fair association advertising and promotions chairman, is hoping this year's fair will be one of the best.

"Hopefully by doing it a month earlier, the weather will be better. The last two years we've had bad weather and even had to close several

nights."

Fair organizers are also anticipating an even larger crowd due to this year's association with the Peanut Festival, which begins the day the fair ends, Saturday, Oct. 1 at John A. Holmes High School from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fair to offer rides, food, games, exhibits, shows, contests and promises lots of fun

"Hopefully we can draw a bigger crowd from out of town," Chilcoat said.

This year's theme is "International Year of the Family." The fair will feature live entertainment like Paradise Country on Tuesday; Dakota on

Wednesday; Sammy Easton and Cedar Creek, and August on Thursday; the Bertie-Martin Band on Friday; and Country Jam on Saturday.

Exhibits include everything from Miss and Little Miss Chowan County

Fair contests to the regional youth talent show and more.

The aim this year was to make the exhibits more educational, Chilcoat said, "not stuffy, but in a fun way."

Also among the exhibits will be contests for crafts, artwork, clothing, food,

livestock and more.

A new feature this year is the "Goodness Grows Kids Club" which is being formed in cooperation with the N.C. Department of Agriculture and the state Agricultural Fair Association. A kid's clubhouse and booth will be set up where youths can obtain a membership or contest forms for collecting secret words. Special banners containing secret words will be located at many of the agricultural exhibits.

"The Kid's Club is trying to introduce kids to agriculture. Growing up in this area, agriculture is so important," Chilcoat said.

"This is a statewide club and
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Exhibit Is Now Open To Public

By REBECCA BUNCH

A ribbon-cutting ceremony held Saturday morning marked the opening of the Chowan Arts Council's "A Century of Chowan in Photographs" museum opening to the public.

Earlier, the CAC had held preview nights for contributors and its members.

Seeing the photographs brought surprises for some and memories for others.

"I just saw a picture of my father (the late Clyde Cobb) on that wall," said Joan Cobb Boswell, brushing away some tears. "Just look at me...I've about rubbed all my makeup off."

Another popular feature was the appearance of live models wearing period costumes. One of them, Shelby

Strother, said that she almost scared a woman to death while wear hers.

"My costume looks very similar to one that one of the mannequins is dressed in," she said. "I was standing near the mannequin, being very still evidently, and then I moved suddenly."

"A woman who was looking at me jumped back and flew up the stairs," she added, laughing. "I guess she must have thought I was a mannequin, too, and when I moved like that it really shook her up. She looked like she had seen a ghost!"

(Details and additional photographs relating to the opening of the museum will appear in the October issue of the Herald Advantage.)

Help Is Needed

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

It is at this writing that persons wanting to attend a Christmas parade this year will have to go to another city.

The American Legion Baseball Boosters Club, which stepped in at the "11th hour" last year to sponsor the parade after the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce said it could no longer handle the responsibility, says it cannot continue the sponsorship.

Booster Club President Jerry Holmes said Monday that other commitments preclude the club's involvement with the parade.

Come December, unless some other club or organization steps forward to coordinate the parade, children will have to seek Santa Claus elsewhere.

Job Fair Set For Thursday

Area employers are invited to participate in a Job Fair at Pelikan in Edenton on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

The event is being organized by the Edenton office of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, according to Kathy Keefe, manager. It is being held in an effort to help find jobs for Pelikan workers who will lose theirs in the near future when the plant closes.

Advance registration of employers planning to participate in the Job Fair is required. To register, contact Mrs. Keefe immediately at the local ESC office.

Police Capture 1st Place

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

The Edenton Police Department took first place in the "Second Annual Pistol Shooting Competition" held Saturday at the Elizabeth City Police range.

Furthermore, a member of Edenton's four-member team came in second place individual winner, losing the top spot by only one point.

Eight teams from northeastern North Carolina participated in the event sponsored by the Elizabeth City Police Department.

Edenton's team consisted of Sgt. Bill Phillips Jr., Ptl. Thomas Palmer, Ptl. Wayne Forehand, and Ptl. Kenny White. The team scored 1,978 points out of a possible 2,000 points. Elizabeth City placed second with 1,976 points. The Dare County Sheriff's Office came in third.

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Program Promotes Good Communication

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Since the implementation of "Community Oriented Policing (COP)", officers with the Edenton Police Department say they are no longer greeted by "what have I done" when they knock on local residents' doors.

"Community Oriented Policing, which we began in earnest over a year ago," Ptl. Stacy Boyce said Friday, "is getting back to old-time policing when an officer walked a neighborhood. It's when a police officer gets to know everyone in a neighborhood, when you get on a first name basis with people."

Boyce said that knowing the residents of a neighborhood promotes better communication resulting, for example, in getting witnesses to speak more freely.

"When a stranger comes into a neighborhood," he said, "you know it."

He said the department is

divided into squads with each squad assigned to a different area of the town. Within the area, individual officers cover particular sections that they patrol on foot.

"... I know it has certainly made a difference in the neighborhoods I've been in."

Ptl. Stacy Boyce

Boyce said the entire department is involved in the program coordinated by Police Chief C.H. Williams and Capt. G.K. Bonner.

"It (COP) has been real successful in other police departments," he said, "especially in Lumberton (NC). I know it has certainly made a difference in the neighborhoods I've been in."

"An officer becomes aware of neighborhood needs such as another street light needed," Boyce said. "Also, there are several elderly and several

handicapped people living on the side of town I cover (the east side of Oakum Street to the railroad tracks). I check on them, talk with them, and ask if they have any problems I can help them with."

He told of a lady confined to a wheelchair who said that although fearful, she left her door unlocked in the event she required assistance.

"She asked if we could keep a key to her house at the Police Department, and we said we could do that," Boyce said. "Now the lady can keep her door locked all the time and feel more secure."

"Being a history buff, what I've really enjoyed is, I've learned a lot from the older people about how the town used to be. In all the areas I've been in, everyone has been real positive. They've been real tickled we're doing this, and this gives us a positive outlook, too, with the children in
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Ptl. Stacy Boyce holds a map of Edenton showing how the town is divided into sections for Community Oriented Policing foot patrol. The Edenton Police Department has four squads led by its four sergeants. Squads are rotated in order for officers to work with each sergeant. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)