

**NEW CAR DEALERSHIP IN TOWN**

With scissors in hand, Mark Blizzard, co-owner of EZ Car 'N' Credit, cut the ribbon for his new business, located on NC 32 North, at a grand opening last week. Dalton Furlough shares ownership of the used-car dealership. (Staff photo by Sean Jackson)

**Xmas toy drive underway**

Albemarle Motors of Edenton has joined in on the local Toys for Tots drive. The business is accepting donations of toys and clothing, with donors asked to bring items to Albemarle Motors' showroom. The deadline for donations is Dec. 23.

Wrapped and unwrapped toys and clothes — if used, they must be in good condition or have been restored (i.e. bicycles) — will both be accepted. Wrapped items should be labeled so that the gift can be identified for proper distribution. Such items as stuffed ani-

mals, dolls, and winter clothing are needed to make the Toys for Tots drive a success. For more information, call Bruce Jones, Jr. at Albemarle Motors at 482-2144.

**Edenton's Colony Tire ranks 29th among the state's indie tire dealers**

Colony Tire Corp. in Edenton is North America's 29th largest independent tire dealer, based on an annual ranking of tire dealerships in the United States and Canada by Tire Business, a bi-weekly newspaper covering the tire distribution business throughout North America.

The ranking is based on the number of dealer-owned and -operated outlets. The 1998 list is the 15th annual ranking the newspaper has published, and at 75 dealerships, the largest list ever compiled. The 75 companies listed operate more than 5,300 outlets, and account for more than \$4.5 billion in sales of tires, wheels and automotive service. The average dealership operates 72 stores and reports more than \$80 million in annual retail sales.

The size of the dealers singled out in this study reflects the changing face of the

tire dealer. Long viewed as primarily local, hometown businesses, independently owned tire dealerships are growing into major enterprises with hundreds of outlets, thousands of employees and hundreds of millions of dollars in sales.

All told, it's estimated there are more than 39,000 retail outlets across the U.S. selling tires. Independent tire dealerships — as opposed to tire company-owned stores, mass merchandisers or wholesale clubs — account for approximately 55-60 percent of all retail passenger car and light truck tire sales and therefore represent the single largest channel of distribution.

Published 25 times a year by Crain Communications, Inc., Tire Business is dedicated to covering the tire distribution and related automotive service industries.

**Company honors employees**

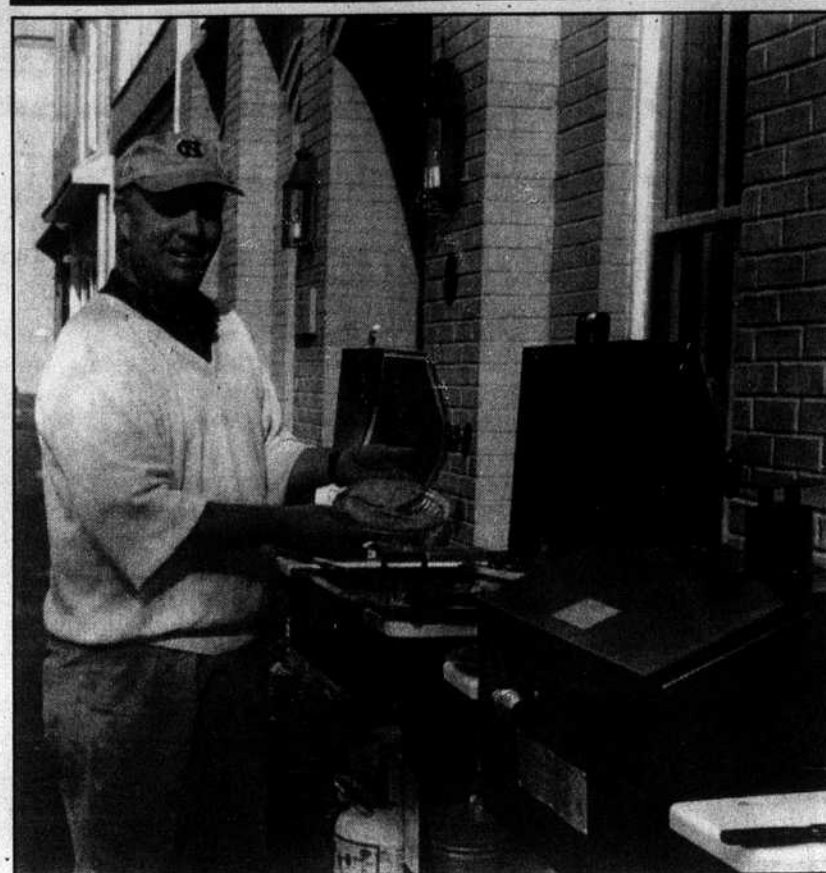
The George C. Moore Company in Edenton recently held its annual banquet to honor employees with 25 or more years of continuous service.

Those attending the banquet were Raleigh Baker, Michael Barber, Murdeen Brickhouse, J.H. Chappell, Cheryl DeBartolo, Frances Eason, Annie Hardy, Norman Harris, Edna Hassell, Carroll Hoggard, Joseph Hollowell, Ruby

Horton, Mandy Jones, Carolyn Lawrence, Thannie Lawrence, Ann Leary, Joyce Leary, Shirley Leary, Steve Leigh, Helen Lewis, Sarah McCleave, Kay Nixon, Gloria Rouson, Lillian Spellman, Mary Stepany, Carolyn Tynch, Catherine White, Rosa White and Linda Winslow.

Those unable to attend were Brenda Bembry, Vertie Blanchard, Merina Brabble, Dixie Clifton, Evelyn Coulter, Winona Heiniger, Charlie Hoggard, Fannie Norfleet, Shirley Owens, Vanilla Parks, Faye Proctor, and Faye Twiddy.

The banquet was held at Nixon's Family Restaurant, with entertainment provided by the RJ Gospel Singers. Two George C. Moore Company employees being honored at the banquet — Annie Hardy and Thannie Lawrence — also sang solos.



**A TASTY DEMONSTRATION**

Kel Elmore holds a delicious creation served up by a gas grill during a sidewalk demonstration in front of his business, Ferrellgas, located on South Broad Street in downtown Edenton. Ferrellgas stocks a number of gas grills and grill accessories that will make summer cookouts a success. Simply stop by Ferrellgas to inspect their line of gas-powered, outdoor grills. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

**ARC honored by Winn-Dixie**

Albemarle Recreation and Leadership Training Center has been recognized by Winn-Dixie Stores for dedication to the Edenton community with the 1998 Winn-Dixie Good Citizenship Award.

Karen Boston accepted the award for the ARC and Leadership Training Center at a luncheon in Raleigh, on Dec. 1.

The awards were presented by John Critchlow, Division President for Winn-Dixie.

Each year, Winn-Dixie recognizes outstanding organizations and individuals with the award and by providing them with grants. This year, Winn-Dixie gave grants and awards to 42 organizations from around the region.

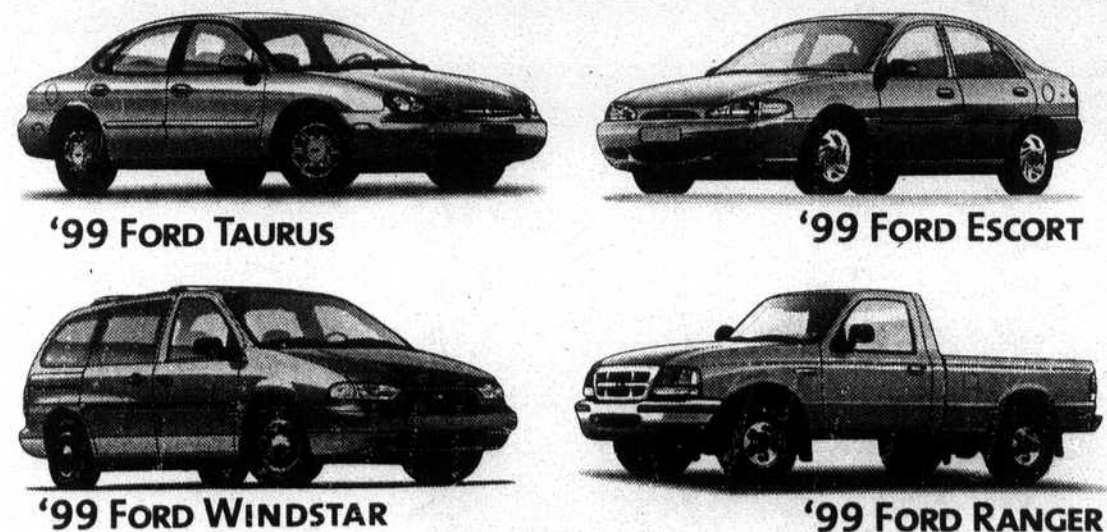
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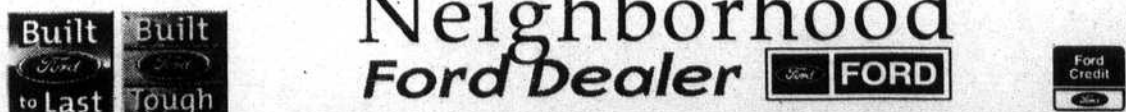
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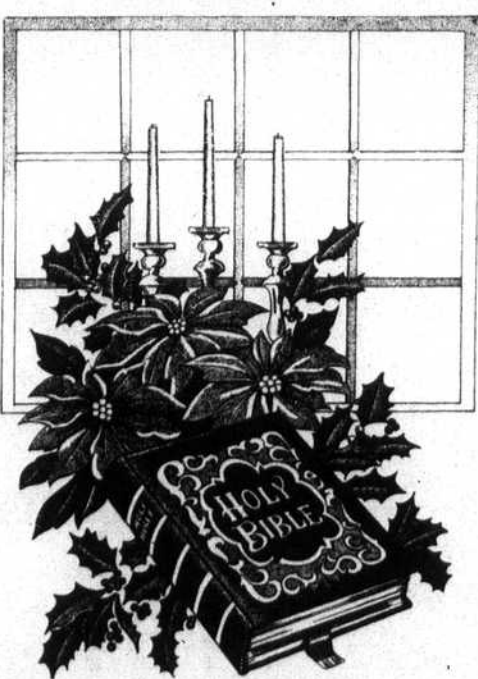


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**Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service**



**Evans Funeral Home**  
516 Virginia Road, Edenton

**December 14, 1998**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Guest Speaker  
**Rev. Bob Young**  
Macedonia Baptist Church

For Information Call 482-7474