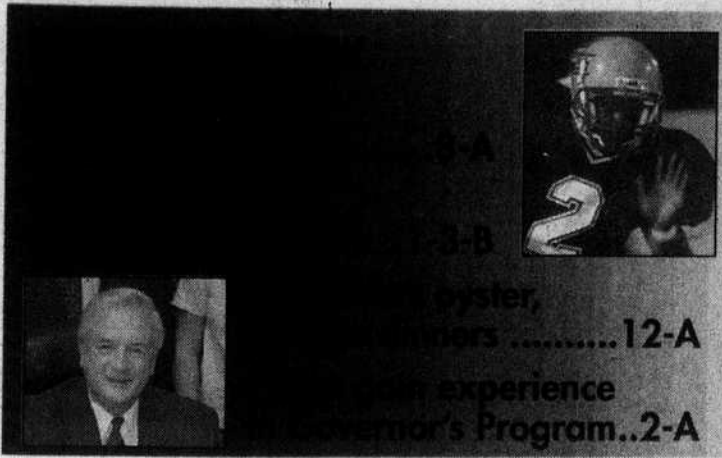


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Veterans' sacrifices are remembered

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Tim Dannelly of Edenton spoke movingly during the ninth annual Veterans Day ceremony here about the sacrifices of those who have served this country during wartime. He also expressed the hope that those sacrifices would not be forgotten by those who have come after them.

Dannelly, a Vietnam veteran, said that he could recall as a young child that Veterans Day was "a special time when we recognized those who were still with us and remembered those who were not."

"What has happened to remembering those people?" Dannelly asked. "We look around (at Veterans Day ceremonies) and we wonder, where are the young people who will carry on when we are gone?"

He also said that America today has been richly blessed, far beyond what could have been accomplished by a country relying on the flawed leadership of mere humans. And, he said, some of the strongest leadership this country does enjoy comes from those who have answered duty's call and served in the military.

"I think one thing that has helped more than anything else is the character those veterans brought back," Dannelly said. "They had learned that every job was important...from the

first day you were taught that your job was important. You also learned to respect (those in positions of authority), whether they deserved it or not.

"Americans have succeeded with leadership provided by playboys, cowards and drunks," he said. "But America can press on because people like you who keep the dream alive."

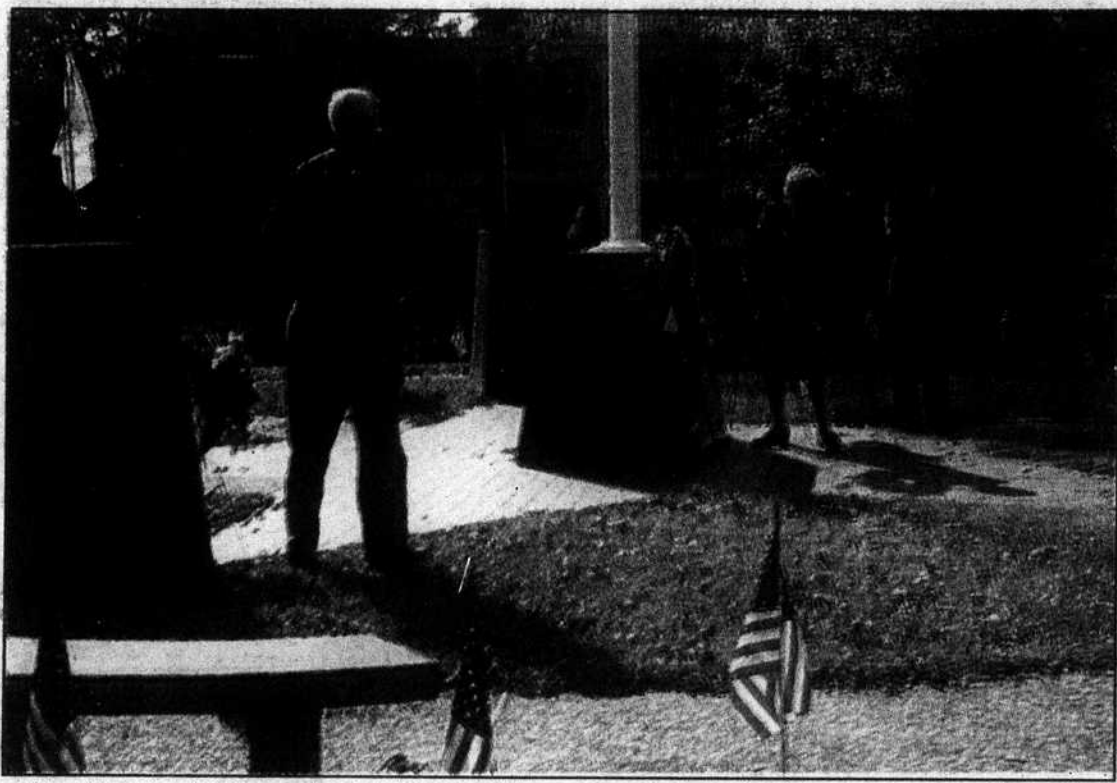
He listed a number of other qualities that veterans bring to their daily lives and careers as civilians as well. These include self-discipline and organizational skills they have learned in the service of their country.

"Veterans also respect the wisdom of their elders and have learned firsthand the real value that can be found in serving others. Most important, they have learned during wartime to honor and believe in the awesome power of Almighty God. You learn that a personal relationship with God will carry you through everything."

Dannelly added that prayer is also very important to those who serve, and wondered aloud what would happen if those who worked together in the private sector also began the workday by praying together.

"I can't help but wonder how businesses would respond," he said.

Tim Dannelly is sales manager for Edenton Motors. He is also a well-known motivational speaker who travels the country teaching others how to developing a positive attitude.



Virginia Wood of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter DAR was among those placing wreaths during this year's Veterans Day ceremony. (Photo by Rebecca Bunch)

Town Council hears about citizens' issues

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

"A horror show just waiting to happen" is how Pembroke Circle resident Jim Green described what his neighborhood is turning into when he spoke at the Edenton Town Council meeting last Tuesday evening. Green appealed to the Council for assistance in remedying the problem.

Already, he said, his neighbors are angry and frustrated because of problems that are causing raw sewage to wash up at homes there.

"One guy has already called the EPA," Green said. "I've heard some people say, 'we're going to get attorneys, and we're going to sue the town.' We talk (at Council meetings) about solving problems and keeping everything nice, but you've got a bunch of people down there who are really ticked off."

He told Council a positive first step would be for them to come and see the problem firsthand.

"I'd really appreciate it if you'd come down to Pembroke Circle and just get out of your car and look," Green said.

"The water doesn't come up through the pipes," he added. "Water is just right there in those catch basins."

"A sink hole could develop at any time," Green said. "Then what have you got? A horror

show just waiting to happen." Green added that prior attempts by the town to deal with drainage problems have not been successful.

"That thing you built down there by the Masonic Lodge is a disaster," he told them. "The pump runs all day because you have a storm sewer that pushes water into the sound," he said. Green added that cracks in the street and curbing are also allowing sewage that comes up through the pipes to push its way into the streets. Sometimes you just have to say, something has to be done."

Green emphasized that he was not there "as a major gripe," but instead with the intention of providing a helpful solution. He distributed to council drawings of a pump designed by a Washington, DC specialist that he believes solve the problem.

Mayor Roland Vaughan said he and the Council were very concerned about the problems residents of Pembroke Circle were experiencing, and welcomed suggestion for resolving the problem.

"We're very much aware of the problem, and the reaction of the people who live there," he said. "If there's an answer to the problem, we'd certainly like to know about it."

Vaughan acknowledged that the town has suffered some collapses in its sewage system as a result of recent hurricanes.

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Study shows Chowan among safest places to drive in N. Carolina

Nineteen ninety-eight was a good year on Chowan County roads, according to the North Carolina Insurance News Service. For the year, the county ranked as the fourth safest in the state for driving safety.

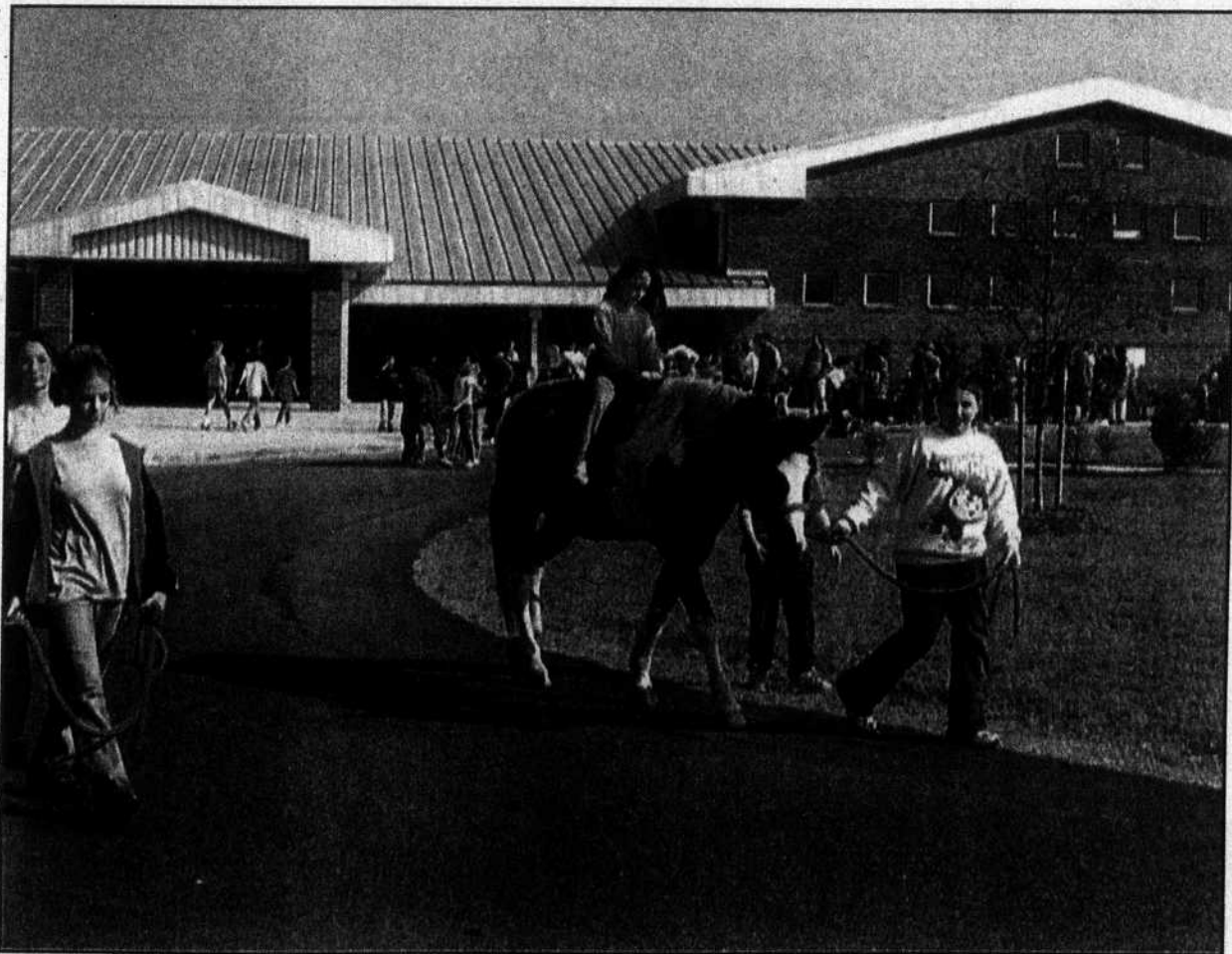
Statistics show that a vehicle crash occurs every 38.6 hours, an injury every 53.7 hours, and someone in Chowan dies in a crash every 3,754.3 hours. For the entire state, a traffic crash occurs every 2.5 minutes, an injury occurs every 3.5 min-

utes, and a fatal injury occurs every 5.5 hours.

"Drivers in Chowan County should be proud of the county's ranking," said Barrett Brewer of the NC Insurance News Service. "But at the same time, all can do better to make driving a safer experience for everyone on the road."

Factors used to determine rankings included number of crashes, crash severity, crash

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Pony rides were just part of the fun at the annual Oak Fest celebration held at White Oak Elementary School. Children attending enjoyed various games, face painting, even pie throwing at some of the school's teachers. Tours of emergency vehicles were conducted by the Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, and even some ultralight aircrafts showed up for the event. For both the young and old numerous crafts were available, as well as delicious food items. An auction was held later in the morning. The annual event is sponsored by White Oak PTA. (Photo by Deborah Collins)

Edenton woman killed in accident

An Edenton woman was killed last Wednesday when her car was hit by a tractor-trailer about five miles north of Edenton.

Beverly H. Clarke, 74, of the 400 block of Phillips St., Edenton, died instantly when the truck slammed directly

into the driver's side of the 1992 Dodge passenger car she was driving, according to a report by NC Highway Patrol Trooper J.F. Bray.

The accident happened shortly after 1:40 p.m. near the intersection of NC Hwy. 32 and Rocky Hock Road.

According to witness statements, Clarke was pulling out of the Valhalla Produce parking lot when she drove directly into the path of a tractor-trailer being driven by Horace Kent Bailey, 45, of Columbia, NC.

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Lawsuit reinstated by courts

A homeowners' lawsuit against the town of Edenton that was dismissed in superior court a year ago has been reinstated by the North Carolina Court of Appeals. The case will now be reheard in superior court.

The case involves a lawsuit filed in 1997 by The Village Creek Homeowners Association, a group of residents protesting the Edenton Town Council's decision to cut the lot sizes of the nearby Colonial Village subdivision from 20,000 square-feet to 5,000 square-feet.

The developer, Colonial Village Group Inc., claimed smaller lot sizes would keep costs between \$50,000 and \$70,000, but Village Creek residents felt smaller lot sizes would lead to water drainage problems and traffic congestion and jeopardize community safety.

The Village Creek homeowners' lawsuit was dismissed in June 1998 by Superior Court District Chief Judge Richard Parker. At the time, Parker said the lawsuit lacked merit because none of the plaintiffs lived next to the proposed Coke Avenue subdivision. Parker awarded attorneys' fees to the town.

However, on Nov. 2, a three-

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Farm-City Banquet set

This year's Farm City Banquet will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 40 in Edenton. Hosted by the Extension Advisory Council, this annual event recognizes the close ties between the agricultural and business community that is so important to the economic well-being of communities across the nation and particularly here in northeastern North Carolina.

Veteran legislator Vernon James, who served many years in the North Carolina General Assembly, where he

headed the Agriculture Committee, will be this year's guest speaker. His close association with agriculture, both on the farm in Pasquotank County and in the state legislature, will serve to put today's agricultural situation in perspective.

The Farm City Banquet is also a time to recognize the achievement in the community. This year the following will be recognized: the 1998 Champion Peanut Producer for Chowan County, the 1999 Woman in Agriculture, the

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