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Colleagues express sorrow at passing of Charles Shaw

Selflessness, desire to help others will serve as legacy



Charles Shaw

Former Northeast Partnership Chairman Charles H. "Charlie" Shaw, Jr., 80, of the 1500 block of W. Queen St., Extd., died Monday, June 10, in Chowan Hospital, Edenton. Colleagues and friends from across the region expressed sorrow at his passing but noted that his love of community, and his fellow man, would stand as a lasting tribute across the northeast region, and the state. "I really feel we lost a tremendous asset when we lost Charlie Monday night," said Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland. "He was someone who, when he moved to Edenton, could have taken life

easy. He could have spent his time playing golf, but he chose instead to devote his efforts to making a real difference in the quality of life for our people here in the northeast." Copeland noted that he considered Shaw not only a professional colleague, but a friend as well, a theme echoed by others with whom Shaw worked closely.

"Charles Shaw was an outstanding economic development leader for northeastern North Carolina, working hard to bring our residents the hope and opportunity they need and deserve," said Sen. Marc Basnight, D-Dare. "He was a close friend to many of us, and we will miss him tremendously." Rep. Bill Culpepper, D-Chowan, said he was "shocked and saddened by the news of Charlie's death. He was a good personal friend and one of the smartest men we have had in the Edenton-Chowan area in a long time. I personally believe that the economic development success of North Carolina's Northeast Partnership has been a direct result of Charlie's efforts. This is the first time that regionalism has worked in North Carolina, when the Northeast Partnership came along. A great part of the reason it worked was the leadership of Charles Shaw and his

willingness to put aside county lines and encourage everyone to work together." Those affiliated with the Northeast Partnership expressed a profound sense of loss, on both a personal and professional level. "Charlie has been a personal friend as well as a long-time professional associate," said Bob Spivey of Windsor, NC, who succeeded Shaw as chairman of the Northeast Partnership. "His selfless goal has always been to improve the lives of the people of northeastern North Carolina." Rick Watson, president and CEO of the Northeast Partnership, added, "He and I enjoyed an excellent professional relationship, but I especially enjoyed the warm, personal friendship I shared with both he and Mrs. Shaw. Mr. Shaw instituted a model of accountability for our economic development efforts in the northeast region. I will miss him im-

mensely." Mr. Shaw was born in Providence, RI and was the son of the late Charles H., Sr. and Mary Brown Shaw. He had retired as Vice-President of APAC of Carolinas, Inc., a subsidiary of Ashland, Inc. and later retired as the President of C.H. Shaw, Jr. and Associates, a management consultant firm. A graduate of Duke University, he served in the Navy during World War II. Active in local community affairs, he was a member and past Master of Unanimity Masonic Lodge #7, past president of the Chowan County Shrine Club, a past director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Edward G. Bond Post 40 of the American Legion, a past member of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Adjustments, was a member of the Edenton Regional Airport Commission. Active in alumni activities of Duke University, he was also a

past vice-chairman of the Board of Visitors of Peace College in Raleigh, and was a past chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Party. An active member of the Edenton United Methodist Church, he had served as President of the Methodist Men and as the chairman of the Board of Trustees. Surviving are his wife, Willie Love Morgan Shaw; a sister, Loretta Know of Dunedin, FL; two nieces and two nephews. A funeral service will be held Thursday morning at 11 a.m. in the Edenton United Methodist Church by the Rev. Jim Huskins and the Rev. Ralph Epps. Burial will follow in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Friends may join the family Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Miller Funeral Home, Edenton, and all other times at the residence. Memorial contributions may be made to the Edenton United Methodist Church, 225 Virginia Road, Edenton, NC 27932.



John and Loretta Guard show they don't mind having fun poked at them as they laugh during one of the skits performed during their retirement roast. (Photo courtesy of Glenda Jakubowski)

Guard retirement roast provides mix of laughter, tears

BY GLENDA JAKUBOWSKI
Special Correspondent

More than 120 well-wishers attended a retirement dinner/roast last week for long-time Edenton-Chowan Schools employees John and Loretta Guard. The Guards each have given more than 30 years of service to public schools. Loretta spent 28 years teaching with Edenton-Chowan Schools, beginning her career here in 1969 at D.F. Walker as an English teacher. She has served in several schools in the system, retiring at John A. Holmes as media coordinator. John has spent 33 years with Edenton-Chowan Schools, beginning with the system as a driver's education teacher in 1969. He served as a principal at White Oak School and as

director of personnel in the Central Office for more than 15 years. After a meal furnished by Nixon's Catering, the audience enjoyed a version of The Tonight Show, with Rob Boyce standing in as Johnny Carson and Allan Smith as Ed McMahon. Photos from the Guards' lives in and outside the school system illustrated each portion of the show. Brad Bass as Doc Severinsen composed two songs for the occasion, featuring Loretta and John individually. Michelle Alexander, returning to the Edenton-Chowan Schools to fill the personnel director position Mr. Guard will leave vacant, sported a fashionable wig in her role as Barbara Walters, interviewer extraordinaire. "Walters" in-

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Town may delay adopting its budget

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Residents of the Town of Edenton would see no tax increase if the current proposed budget for fiscal year 2002-03 is adopted by the Town Council. However, a retail electric rate increase of 4.8 percent is being proposed. According to Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton, the budget is based on a tax rate of 39.5 cents. In her budget message to the council, Knighton described the process of preparing the proposed budget as far from easy. "I cannot recall any other year where accurately estimating revenues has been so difficult," she said. "While the budget is balanced, it is based on the assumption that our reimbursements in some form will be included in the State of North Carolina's FY 2002/2003 budget. "As you well know the Governor declared a fiscal emergency in February and es-

crowed certain long-standing municipal revenues, specifically \$153,000 of the Town of Edenton's funds for 2001/02 to help balance the State's budget," she added. "To date none of these funds have been released. To compensate for this we adopted a series of budget amendments effectively delaying and deferring purchases and hirings until the new fiscal year." Knighton noted that "how the State balances its budget will dramatically affect our budget." She pointed out that Gov. Mike Easley's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year "does not include the reimbursements for the appealed ad valorem property taxes on retail and manufacturers' inventory; the reimbursements of the repealed intangible taxes; the reimbursements of the lost repealed local sales tax on purchases made with food stamps; and the partial reimbursement for the homestead exemption."

She went on to explain Edenton's situation with regard to the reimbursements issue. "You will recall," she told the council, "that during the 2001 session the General Assembly passed legislation to end these reimbursements effective June 30, 2003. This upcoming fiscal year was to be the final year for the reimbursements for these previously repealed local taxes. The General Assembly provided authority for county boards of commissioners to convert the most recent one half cent sales tax to a local option sales tax, effective July 1, 2003. If the board of commissioners does so the statute provides that municipalities and counties will get at least as much from the one half cent sales tax as it did from the reimbursements. Over time, revenues from the one half cent sales tax will exceed the amount of reimbursements for most cities and towns. "Edenton was one of the

municipalities that the sales tax is projected not to equal our reimbursement. That one half cent sales tax locally is expected to generate \$85,000, our reimbursements total approximately \$120,000, therefore we will be short approximately \$40,000. The 2001 legislation would hold us harmless. It would be approximately FY 2008 when we would be expected to generate enough sales tax to cover our reimbursements. But, Knighton said, recent developments have caused concern that this scenario may not hold true. "My concern," she said, "is that while there is discussion in the General Assembly about possibly moving up the local option to this July, I am not sure that we can guarantee the hold harmless provision. At best, local option sales tax provision will be authorized with a 'hold harmless' agreement and we will be okay. See BUDGET On Page 8-A



Receiving the prestigious Stedman Grant on behalf of Kadesh A.M.E. Zion Church in Edenton are L-R Ben Rose, Chairman, Edenton Historical Commission; Norman Edney, Trustee Chairman, Kadesh A.M.E., Pastor Edna Hathaway, Kadesh A.M.E., and Carl Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Preservation North Carolina (Photo courtesy of Al Narvaez)

Kadesh receives Stedman grant

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

On May 4, a group of representatives from A.M.E. Zion Church traveled to Raleigh for a momentous occasion in the

church's notable history. The group was there to participate in the Annual Preservation North Carolina Awards Ceremony. The church, and the community that it serves, in 2001 be-

gan a process of restoration and preservation. "We discovered that we just could not do it by ourselves," says Pastor Edna Hathaway. See KADESH On Page 6-A

Important notice to voters

To the Town of Edenton Registered Voters:

The registered voters of the Town of Edenton that were affected by the Ward line changes will be getting notice from the Board of Elections office. A letter of explanation and a new voter card will be issued to these voters.

There are maps at the Elections office showing the exact Ward lines for individuals that have any questions. These changes were made as a result of the reports from the 2000 Census Bureau statistics.

The Ward Councilmen are: First Ward, Jimmy E. Stallings; Second Ward, Samuel B. Dixon; Third Ward, Jerald Perry; Fourth Ward, Willis Privott.

Questions? Call the Chowan County Board of Elections office, 482-4010.

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June 15th • 7:00 AM