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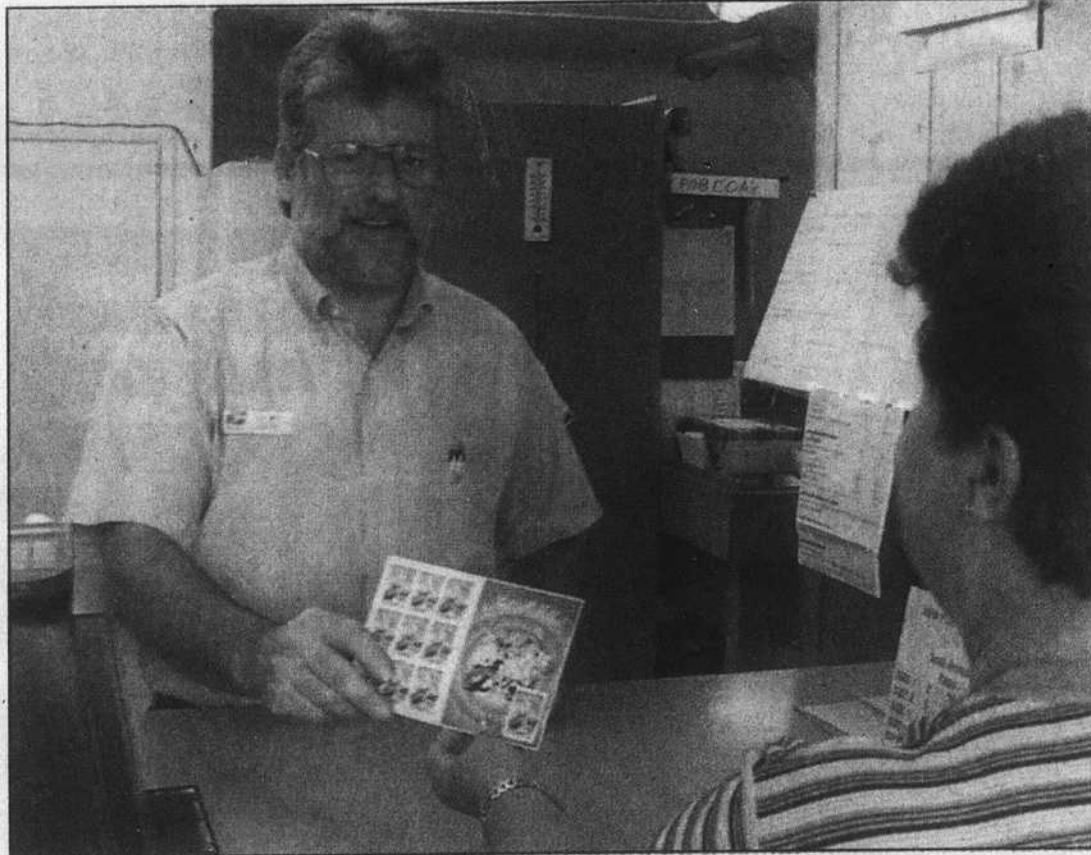
Bond is new Tyner Postmaster; carries on family service tradition

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

Three weeks ago, on May 18, 2002, Millard Bond put on the blue uniform of the United States Post Office, as he had done for the last 13 years. But time something was a little different about the uniform. This time Millard Bond took his position behind the counter as Postmaster for the post office in Tyner.

The crisp uniform with a bright red insignia and Postmaster emblem over the right shirt pocket is not unknown to Bond. Bond is a third generation Postmaster from the Bond family. His grandfather, Millard F. Bond was Edenton's Postmaster from 1915 through 1925. His father, James M. Bond, held the position Postmaster at Edenton's post office from 1965 through 1984. "You know it would mean a lot if Millard would eventually end up working in the Edenton Post Office where his grandfather and I worked," says James Bond. "That would be nice."

As with his father and grandfather before him,



Millard Bond assists a customer at the Tyner Post Office. He is a third generation postmaster. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

Millard Bond had no problem deciding the path his life would take. "Naturally, I have been

interested in the postal service all my life," says Millard Bond. "My dad used to bring home

the bulletin on all the new stamps and collector's stamps See BOND On Page 8-A

Alleged drug dealer charged by authorities

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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An intense investigation and interagency cooperation resulted in the arrest of a Chowan County man Monday morning, June 17, and put an end to his career as one of the largest cocaine dealers in the area, authorities said.

According to a report released by the Chowan County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 5:30 a.m. deputies and federal agents arrested Louis Norman Eason (nickname 'Bread'), age 56, near his home located at 456 Gliden Road, Hobbsville, NC.

Eason was arrested on federal warrants charging him with six counts of distribution of cocaine. Eason was transported to the federal court in Greenville, NC where he went before a federal magistrate. He is presently being held in the Pitt County Detention Facility.

This was Eason's third arrest for drug violations. In 1988,

Eason was arrested on federal charges at which time 10 ounces of cocaine, approximately 30 pounds of marijuana, and over \$900,000 in cash and property (vehicles and residence) were confiscated. He was subsequently convicted and received a 36-month active sentence.

After being released from federal custody, he was arrested again in 1995 in Gates County, NC on state charges and placed on probation.

Sheriff Fred Spruill praised the teamwork that led to Eason's arrest on Monday, saying, "This arrest was the result of a cooperative effort between the Chowan County Sheriff's Office, the District Attorneys' Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the State Bureau of Investigation. This was an intense investigation and is part of our continuing effort to curb the flow of drugs into our area. We are presently

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County trash fee increase, 5% cuts part of new budget

BY S. BRADY CALHOUN
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To deal with North Carolina's worst budget crisis in recent memory, Chowan County plans to increase the county residential garbage fee by \$2 and cut nearly every county department's budget by 5 percent.

Chowan's budget for next year will rise slightly from \$14.7 million to \$14.8 million. The Board of Commissioners passed the budget following a public hearing Monday evening.

The Chowan Department of Social Services will receive the largest chunk of the proposed budget - \$3.9 million.

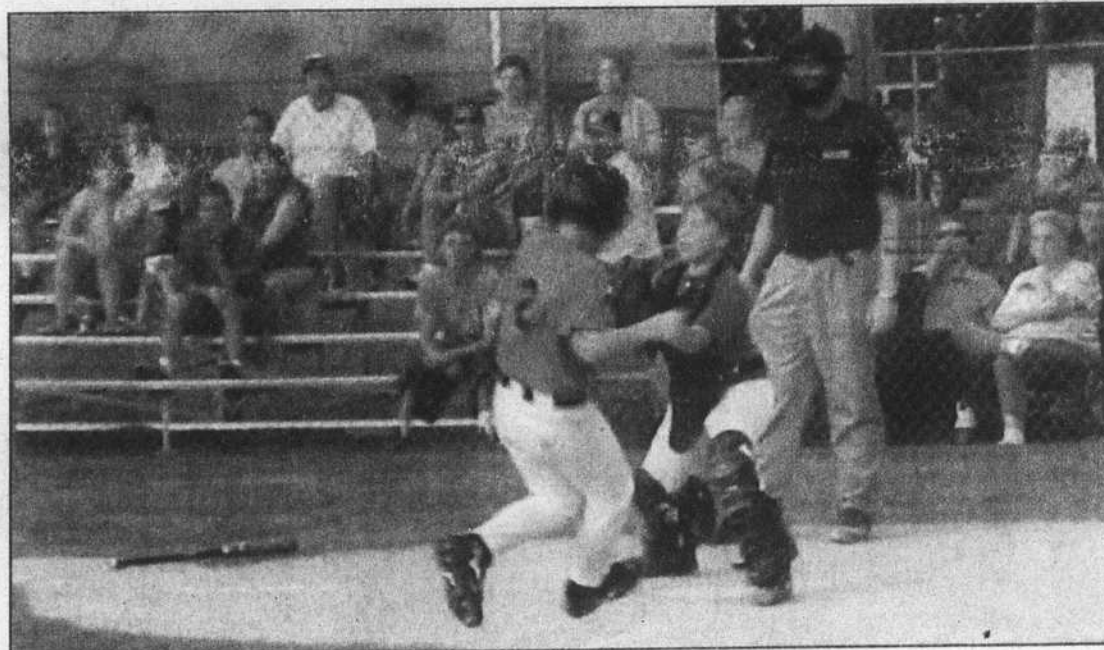
The Edenton - Chowan Schools has the second largest budget: \$2.9 million. The schools appropriation represents a 1 percent increase - approximately \$30,000 - over this year's allocation.

The sheriff's department will receive \$1.2 million and emergency medical services will get \$559,992.

County Manager Cliff Copeland believes department heads will be able to make the necessary 5 percent cuts without trimming services.

"We're not going to cut services. We will cut in purchase of materials or travel expense

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Little League tourney nears

Kevin McMullen (catcher) prepares to make a play on Daniel Brusko as Brusko prepares to slide into home plate during a Little League game between the Rocky Hock Ruritan and Carolina Classic. The Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department sponsors nine Little League teams from ages 9-12. The league's Post-Season Tournament begins this week and continues through June 25 at Fisher Field. Edenton will host the District Little League Tournament the week of July 15-19. (Photo by Robbie Laughton)

Budget hearing is scheduled

The Edenton Town Council has scheduled a second public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2002-2003.

The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers in downtown Edenton on June 25 at Fisher Field. Start time will be 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

CAC tops fundraising projection

The Chowan Arts Council, despite a difficult year of struggling with financial setbacks, has found the light at the end of the tunnel. The nonprofit cultural arts organization has exceeded its membership goal by \$1,000.

"As of May 31, which marked the official end of the campaign for this year, we are proud to report we have met our membership goal of \$40,000," said Dabney Narvaez, membership chair. "This total dollar figure exceeds our goal by one thousand dollars and goes \$4,148 beyond what we raised in memberships last year."

Narvaez said the Arts Council was very appreciative of the strong show of support, particularly in light of the economic troubles that continue to plague the state.

"Thank you, Edenton, for the part you have played in this special little miracle," she said. "We are so grateful for your generous support."

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Sgt. Linard Bonner honored as he ends his career

'Kindness and integrity' will be remembered

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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Friends, family, and fellow officers from the Edenton Police Department, the Chowan County Sheriff's Office, Chowan County Central Communications, and the Chowan County Court system honored Sergeant Linard Bonner for nearly 24 years of service to the town and county Thursday evening.

Bonner, who joined the Edenton Police Department in March of 1979, was praised by



Sgt. Linard Bonner (second from right) is congratulated by family, friends and fellow officers as he retired after almost 24 years with the police department. Well-wishers included: Chief Greg Bonner, AJ Heckstall, Monica Heckstall, Felicia Ford, Roger Ford and Artrice Heckstall. (Staff photo by Helen K. Outland)

those attending for the contributions he had made as a mentor, a leader, and a Christian in the service of the community.

"It comes in many shapes and sizes," began the quote from a plaque presented by Sheriff Fred Spruill to Sgt. Bonner.

"And over the bearers heart it stands, representing honesty, order, and dignity regardless of how small or how great the demand." The quote referred to the badge worn by officers. "Leonard, that's you," said Sheriff Spruill as he presented the plaque.

City Manager, Anne-Marie Knighton, praised Bonner for his service and thanked him for always being there when

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