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## Edenton plays host during state tourism meeting

BY NANCY NICHOLLS  
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The North Carolina Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus held their bi-monthly organizational meeting on August 15 & 16 in Edenton. This organization was founded in 1976 consisting of Destination Marketing Organizations from across the state that cooperatively market the state of North Carolina, its members' destinations and their constituencies for the benefit of the travel and tourism sector and the economy.

The two-day meeting covered the areas of Group Sales, Marketing & Communications, Membership and Education as well as going over upcoming projects that NCACVB will participate in



Participants in the state tourism meeting enjoy a trolley ride through Edenton guided by Kathy Busby, Historic Edenton Visitor Center.

cooperatively. Lynn Minges, Director of Tourism gave everyone the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development update and highlighted many of their upcoming projects for the group. The last session was a presentation given by DRI\*WEFA, A Global Insight Company, on a comprehensive understanding of the economic contribution of tourism to the state and our communities.

Edenton is the most northeastern member so many people traveled quite a distance and enjoyed what we had to offer in the way of overnight accommodations, restaurants, shopping, attractions, meeting facilities and visitor services with some even extending their stay a day or two. The working together of everyone in our Community helps us to showcase this beautiful town and all it has to offer.



Lynn Minges, director of the NC Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development speaks during the state tourism meeting held in Edenton.

## Job Fair brings sense of hope

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND  
Staff Writer

During the last year United Piece Dye Works, like many smaller companies across the country, had been experiencing their fair share of ups and downs. On Monday, August 12 the company that had provided employment for nearly 200 workers over the years. Some employees had been with the company over 30 years.

"My wife home schools our children," said Walt Warren who worked for UPDW for eleven years in the maintenance department. "I may be in a little better shape than some others tough," he says of future employment possibilities. "I have a number of skills from maintenance work that I can draw on to help me find a

new job." He and his wife feel their Christian faith will help sustain them.

But, for those who have known only textile dye work the story is very different.

When the doors closed for good on Monday for some it also meant the loss of two incomes as several husband and wife teams worked for the company. The loss of one income was scary enough, but losing two incomes simultaneously was devastating.

For Rhesa Spruill, who along with her husband Ronnie were long-time employees of UPDW, and are the parents of four children. The efforts of the community have played a big role in helping to ease her family's anxiety. "When we lost

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Tyrone Williams, Director of the NC Employment Security Commission District Office in Greenville, NC was on hand for last week's job fair. (Photo by Outland)

## Snyder seeks Helms seat

BY ROBERT SHILES  
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He knows he's still considered the underdog, but Republican U.S. Senate candidate Jim Snyder says his strong conservative beliefs will in the end win him his party's nomi-

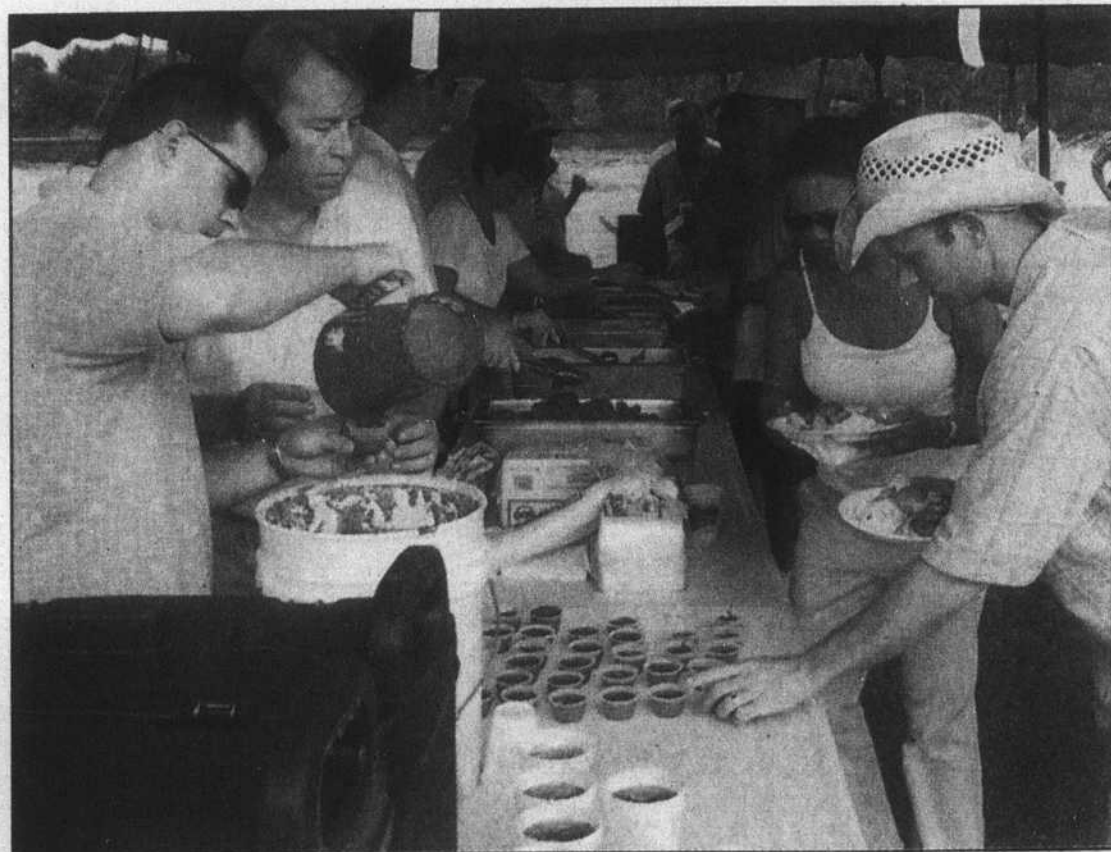
nation for the Senate seat now held by Sen. Jesse Helms.

"I'm a native North Carolinian with real North Carolina values," said Snyder. "I'm also a real conservative and follower of Jesse Helms."

Snyder is fighting an uphill battle to convince state Repub-

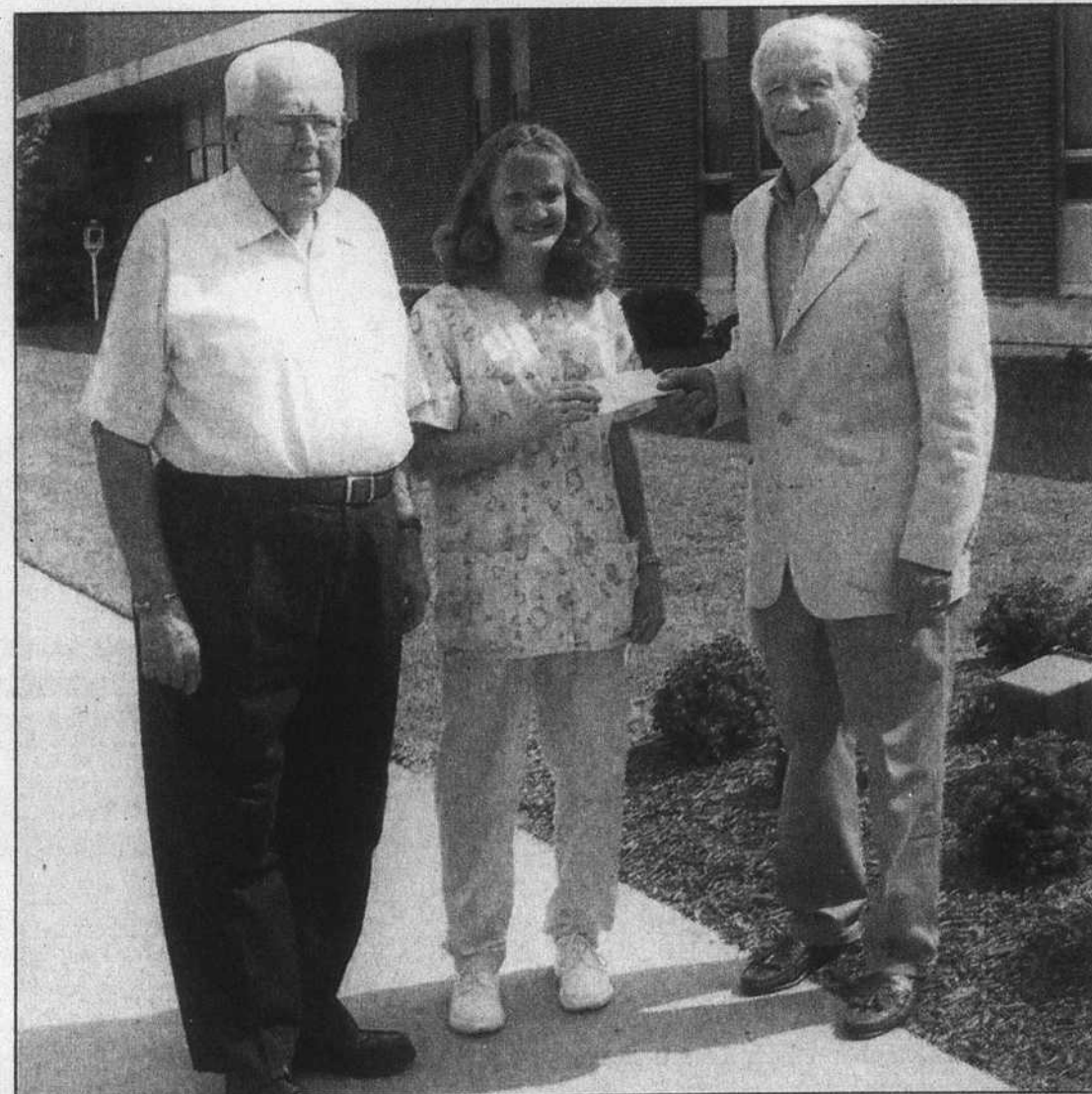
licans that the conservative agenda — so strongly promoted by Helms — can best be represented in the Senate under his leadership. He argues that his major opponent, Elizabeth Dole, is more of a moder-

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## Serving 'em up...

Over three hundred tickets were sold for the First Annual Shrimp by the Bay held on the waterfront in Edenton Saturday. Dr. Chris Ford and Chamber President Larry Spivey served up lots of delicious seafood sauce to hungry guests. (Photo by Helen Outland)



## Scholarship support offered

Scholarship support for nursing students has been renewed by the Edenton-Chowan Community Foundation, thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Hollowell of Edenton. For more than 10 years the Hollowells have been helping students in nursing schools through annual awards through the Dana Lea Darnell Memorial Nursing Scholarship. Recent recipients of \$500 scholarships are Janet L. Davenport (above), a junior at Barton College; and Bonnie Lynn White, a student in the associate degree nursing program at College of the Albemarle. Looking on are Mr. Hollowell, left, and Livy Goodman, acting foundation chairman. (Chowan Herald photo by Bud Weagly)

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