

Distilleries Manufacturing Poisonous Booze Blasted

Two illegal liquor stills were blown up in rural Chowan County last Wednesday. Authorities said the booze being manufactured could have been poisonous.

Sheriff Earl Goodwin reported the stills were located about 150 yards apart in the Yeopim Section of the county. A well traveled path connected the two and led officers to surmise they were being operated by the same crew.

Sheriff Goodwin said 55-gallon steel drums were being used as fermenting tanks. This could have caused

the finished product to be poisonous.

Deputy Troy Toppin and two federal ATTD agents, P. A. Lundell and Jack Caskill, located the outfits and found more than 3,200 gallons of fermenting mash. They estimated that the two stills could turn out a minimum of 300 gallons of illicit booze in a single run. Evidence indicated the stills had been in operation for some time.

No arrests have been made.

The two stills were fed from a total of 54 drums. On

one site was a 150-gallon still and a 75-gallon steam boiler. A hand pitcher pump was used to get water. There was 1,900 gallons of mash ready to run at this site.

Agents followed the path to the second site where the still and coil had been removed. This operation was in the process of being moved although there was 1,450 gallons of mash fermenting in the steel drums.

Too, on the scene were 30 pounds of meal and 200 pounds of charcoal.

Forty-five empty one-gallon jugs were at the two still sites.

In 1964, North Carolina was topped only by Alabama and Georgia in the total number of illicit distilleries destroyed. State, local and federal authorities destroyed 3,174 outfits during the year.

It has been estimated that a moonshiner makes \$3.74 per quart on illicit liquor selling for \$4. If the two stills destroyed in Chowan County produced 300 gallons of booze a week, profits from this would exceed \$4,400.



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Hollowell In District Limelight

Lions Installation Program Scheduled

W. Herbert Hollowell, Jr., of Edenton, will be installed tonight (Thursday) as District Governor 31-J, Lions International.

Edenton Lions Club will present the installation service of their favorite-son governor and the 1966-67 district cabinet at Chowan Golf and Country Club, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Wallace I. West of Wilmington, past Lions Interna-

tional Director, will keynote the program and install Hollowell and his cabinet.

West is principal of New Hanover High School, the largest single unit in North Carolina.

District 31-J is composed of 39 clubs with a combined membership of 1,400.

Hollowell, local businessman and civic leader, is the first member of the Edenton Lions Club to be elected to

the top district post. He was chosen last month during the Lions convention in Winston-Salem.

Daniel Reaves, president of the local club, will call the meeting to order and Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf will give the invocation. Bob Hollar of Wilson, past cabinet chairman, will lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Dr. William H. Wynns of Powellsville, immediate past district governor, will be master of ceremonies. Norman Trueblood, state secretary-treasurer, will recognize the guests and the speaker will be introduced by Hugh Jones of Ahsokie, past district governor.

Alphus T. Doughtie, president of the Powellsville club will present the district governor's banner to Reaves.

Miss Jo Ann Leary will be accompanist.

E. L. Hollowell of Edenton has been selected cabinet secretary-treasurer.

Other cabinet officers include:

W. Chadwick Pierce of Ahsokie, deputy district governor, Region One; D. Lee Reynolds of Williamston, deputy, Region Two; William D. Poindexter of Roanoke Rapids, deputy, Region Three; and Warren Tait of Wilson, deputy, Region Four.

The following zone chairmen have been named:

E. C. Knowles of Elizabeth City, One; Elbert Ray Bryant of Askewville, Two; Dallas G. Waters of Plymouth, Three; Otley Leary of Belhaven, Four; R. C. Overby of Roanoke Rapids, Five; W. C. Burt of Enfield, Six; R. Edward Williams of Spring Hope, Seven; and L. F. Barnes, Jr., of Lucama, Eight.

District chairmen include: C. Jack Luper of Rocky Mount, David L. Joyner of Tarboro, Jesse Spruill of Washington, Henry Miller of Murfreesboro, J. L. Jackson of Elizabeth City; Claude Bfinn of Hertford, Arthur Lowrance of Pine Tops, Dr. Wynns of Powellsville, Hollar of Wilson and Melvin Jackson of Manteo.

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L. C. SPAIN
Assistant Wildlife Supervisor

'Country Boy' Advances

Wildlife Is His Work

A "country boy" with a natural love for wildlife is second in command of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission's Division of Protection in this district.

L. C. Spain, 41, came back to his native eastern North Carolina from Catawba County three years ago to become assistant to Supervisor C. J. Overton.

Spain joined the wildlife protection service in 1952 after serving as a deputy under veteran Protector Joe Teal of Greenville. At the time, Spain was a Pitt County farmer.

"Being a country boy I was naturally interested in the wildlife which was always around," Spain said recently. He became a wildlife patrolman and served as protector in Beaufort County for eight years prior to being sent to Catawba County. In December, 1963, he was promoted and assigned to District One.

Spain's primary duties now involve keeping track of all the division's equipment in the 13 counties in this district and getting new equipment for the various protectors.

He feels that all protectors have a responsibility to educate the public to the wildlife program. Too, he believes in impartial, courteous enforcement of the laws concerning wildlife.

"More sport for more people will equal opportunity for more to enjoy wildlife," is his motto.

Spain says the wildlife service is dedicated to research, management and education. All of them are of equal importance in his book.

He finds his work most rewarding. "Having a group of young men, Boy Scouts, etc., show an active interest in our program which was established for them is a real joy," he states. "You won't have too much enforcement problem with this type individual," he adds.

The assistant supervisor expressed his appreciation to the public for support and cooperation of the wildlife program. "The attitude of the people in this area makes our work more enjoyable," Spain said.

This means something even special to Spain who avows that wildlife work is "my life." "If I get time to hunt or fish that's strictly personal," he adds.

Spain is married to the former Helen Copeland of Pitt County and they have one daughter.

Local Seedsman Elected To Post

Edgar L. Pierce of Chowan County has been named to the board of directors of the N. C. Seedsman's Association for the coming year.

The local seedsman was elected to the post at the same time Harry McLain of Statesville was named president of the organization.

Grading Work Begins At Carter's Ink Property

Heavy earth moving equipment moved onto the site of Carter's Ink Company's new Edenton plant Tuesday.

Groundbreaking for the new 90,000-square-foot building came less than two weeks after the firm announced plans to locate here. Philip Burgess of Pine Tops has the grading contract.

Romeo A. Guest Associates of Greensboro are building the big structure which is expected to be completed by early in 1967. The building is being designed by Lewis H. Meacham of the architectural firm of Biberstein, Bowles, Meacham and Reed of Charlotte.

At the same time Town

Administrator W. B. Gardner said J. N. Pease Associates, also of Charlotte, Edenton's engineers, has been instructed to complete final plans and specifications for the extension of water and sewer to the Carter's Ink plant site.

Gardner said as soon as this work is completed the Town Council will call for bids on the project.

Too, Gardner revealed that the town is working with Farmers Home Administration officials and Rep. Walter Jones to obtain a federal grant for participation in this extension of utilities.

This will be the first such work undertaken under an agreement between the Town of Edenton and Chowan County Board of Commissioners to extend utilities to industrial sites.

The commissioners recently agreed to such a plan at the request of the Industrial Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. The board will consider financing the extension of utilities to industrial sites outside the corporate limits of Edenton.

L. L. Taylor of Washington, a regional representative of the State Department of Conservation and Development, has hailed the agreement as a forward-thinking step. He predicted cooperation between the town council and county commissioners would be invaluable to the future development of this area.

On July 14 Nathan C. Hubley, Jr., president of Carter's Ink, announced that the century old manufacturer of stationery products would build a new plant here. He said the plant will provide employment for 100 people initially, with up to 200 employed when operations are fully under way.

The plant will be located on a 28-acre site on Highway 32, east of Edenton, purchased from J. Gilliam Wood.

Carter's will manufacture its growing line of carbon paper, typewriter and business machine ribbons and related copying products in the new plant here.

Defective Lights Being Corrected

RALEIGH — There has been a vast improvement in at least one of the safety items covered by the North Carolina motor vehicle inspection law since the statute took effect in February.

Analysts with the State Department of Motor Vehicles discovered a large reduction in citations and warning tickets issued by the Highway Patrol for defective auto lights since the inspection program began.

In May of 1965, Troopers issued 1369 charges against motorists for defective equipment—a large percentage of the charges dealing with automobile lights. During May of 1966, defective equipment arrests made by the Patrol were only 492—a drop of 65 per cent. Again, defective lighting made up a large part of the total.

There was a 36 per cent decrease in defective equipment charges issued by the Patrol during June of this year as compared with January, 1966—before the inspection program got underway.

Part of the decrease in warning tickets and charges for substandard lights between January and June can be accounted for by longer daylight hours in the latter month, when lights are not turned on.

Council Adopts 1966-67 Budget

Formal adoption of a \$365,107 budget for the Town of Edenton for fiscal 1966-67 came Tuesday.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., announced that the budget, approved June 28 by the Town Council, was adopted without change.

The tax rate will be \$1 per \$100 valuation, the same as last year.

The new budget, a record for the town, is based on an assessed valuation of \$10,500,000. Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said he anticipates collecting 97.5 per cent of ad valorem taxes.

This is the first time the utilities department budget has been combined with the remainder of the town departments. It is for that reason that this budget is almost double the figure for fiscal 1965-66.

The Board of Public Works will operate on a budget of \$498,771. The biggest single item in their budget is \$188,950.46 for the purchase of electricity.

The board anticipates a profit from the sale of utilities in excess of \$143,000. It is because of this profit that the tax rate can be maintained at \$1, Gardner said.

Gardner said \$60,000 was being transferred from utilities profit to maintain the existing tax rate.

Revenue from property tax is anticipated to be \$102,000, a \$4,000 increase over this year.

A breakdown of the budget by departments shows:

Administrative—\$28,410.
Fire—\$36,035.
Police—\$59,910.
Street—\$97,190.
Electric and Water—\$498,771.

Miscellaneous — \$144,791. (This includes expenditures for a new fire station and a billing department computer).



ARTHUR J. STOLL

Arthur J. Stoll In New Position

Arthur J. Stoll of Roanoke Rapids has assumed his duties as industrial engineer at Seabrook Blanching Corp.

This is a new position at the local peanut processing plant, according to James W. Gardner, owner.

At the same time it was announced that construction is already under way on a 5,200-square-foot addition to the plant, located on U. S. 17, north of Edenton. The new addition will be for storage.

Stoll was industrial engineer at Albemarle Paper Company in Roanoke Rapids for two years prior to resigning to accept the position with Seabrook.

A New York native, Stoll is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, where he majored in civil engineering.

He is married to the former Joan Frantz of Lexington, Ky., and they have three children: Deborah, 13; Stephen, 11; and Larry, nine.

They reside in Edenton on Queen Anne's Drive.

Death Claims

Mrs. Powell

Mrs. Nell Nelson Powell died Sunday morning at Chowan Hospital after an extended illness.

A native of Chesterfield County, Va., Mrs. Powell spent most of her life in Edenton. She was the widow of Dr. Jesse A. Powell, Sr., who was a prominent Edenton physician.

She was a daughter of the late Henry Clark and Ida Virginia Lee Nelson.

Mrs. Powell is survived by one son, Dr. J. A. Powell, Jr., of Athens, Tenn.; two daughters, Mrs. G. W. Capehart, Jr., of Windsor, and Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Jr., of Edenton; two brothers, Monterio Nelson of Portsmouth, Va., and Claire Nelson of Richmond, Va.; a sister, Mrs. J. L. Weller of Norfolk, Va., and nine grandchildren.

She was a member of Edenton Methodist Church, where funeral services were held Tuesday morning with Rev. E. Clifford Shoaf officiating. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

The Public Parade

HAILS PROGRESS—More and more publications are finding interesting copy along The Public Parade.

Recently Lloyd Griffin's "We The People" dealt at length with interesting aspects of Edenton and Chowan County.

According to L. S. Blades, Jr., president of The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, the Elizabeth City based firm has recently earned the distinction of becoming the cover subject for one of the nation's foremost telephone industry publications.

The July issue of "Telephone Engineer and Management," one of the country's oldest trade magazines, features as its cover, a composite of the 60 by 65 mile section of Northeast North Carolina served by the company, an illustration of some of the new equipment to soon be put into use, and a photograph of historic Edenton harbor in contrast with one of the company's modern microwave towers in the background.

The accompanying article, "Long Range Economic Studies, Community Support Justify EAS, Microwave Network," acclaims the planned December cutover to Extended Area Service (Albemarle Metro) to be the largest geographic area cutover yet accomplished by an independent telephone company. The toll-free service provided by EAS will be available to telephone subscribers in all or parts of seven counties comprising a total land area of 3,900 square miles.

The magazine devotes four pages to an outline of the planning required by the company, how it has installed and is currently using its microwave systems and ties in its service to an area abundant in historical lore. The article attributes the local company to be making a "progressive three-prong attack to stimulate its own as well as the area's business."

Through well-defined population density and area service maps prepared during the company's economic studies to determine the feasibility of EAS for this section, the article illustrates how N&CT&T, through its toll-free area service, will provide its present subscribers with "modern and updated service at economical

rates," as well as "provide maximum service to its rapidly growing summer tourist population."

N&CT&T is investing nearly \$2.5 million in plant and communications facilities this year in its effort to meet current and future expansion requirements.

But these folks who meander along The Public Parade occasionally are really missing something. If they went to press with us each week they would realize more fully the benefits of our area.

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