



**PLAN ATTACK ON MEASLES**—Members of Chowan County Health Department are cooperating with physicians in the county in efforts to stamp out measles. Dr. David O. Wright holds a container of measles vaccine to be used Sunday in an End Measles Clinic for children between the ages of one and six. Left to right are: Mrs. Elliott Belch, Dr. Wright, Miss Hulda Wood, and Mrs. Ed Bass. Parents are asked to bring their children to the health department for the free vaccine between the hours of 12 noon and 2:30 P. M.

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### The Public Parade

**FIRST THINGS FIRST**—Counties and municipalities in North Carolina will be requesting the General Assembly to give them a new source of revenue—the sales tax. Permissive legislation in this area will probably be granted but the job of selling it to the voters will be a horse of a different color.

The N. C. Association of County Commissioners and N. C. League of Municipalities asked the Tax Study Commission to recommend a general 1 per cent increase in the sales tax. In effect, they were trying to shirk their political duty.

The study commission did not fall into this trap but came forth with a local option increase. This means counties and towns desirous of the additional tax must put it to the voters. And it is here that the hard sell must enter.

It is a fact that citizens are being deprived of many services because counties and towns just don't have sufficient money to pick up the tab. While these services are being demanded by the citizens the manner in which they are paid for comes up for considerable debate.

If taxpayers get maximum benefit out of the money already being collected by their governing body they will be more likely to vote an additional tax on themselves. But in Chowan County it is doubtful if a referendum on an increase of the sales tax could get much support.

One of the prime objections to the recent Hospital Bond question was not the building of a new hospital. Rather, it was over a maintenance tax for operating the hospital, should additional money be needed.

In many areas, the taxpayers of this county are getting a real bargain. There are others, such as the cost of maintaining Hotel Joseph Hewes, and county purchasing, where there is considerable to be desired.

The best figures available on the 1 per cent increase in the sales tax show this county would realize something over \$78,000 annually. This is not mere change when compared with the total levy from property taxes.

Nevertheless, if county commissioners are going to sell an additional tax to the people, they must first take steps toward getting things around the Court House Green in order.

**GETTING OUR SHARE**—State parks play a major role in development of travel as a leading North Carolina industry. While other sections of Tar Heelia are enjoying the full benefits of these facilities, we in the east are having to once again settle for second best.

Figures released by the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development show attendance at 13 state parks during 1966 climbed to 2,182,300. This figure exceeds by some 90,000 the number visiting the parks in 1965.

Attendance at Pettigrew State Park near Creswell accounted for only 21,311 of the state total. Only three other

state facilities were below the Pettigrew total in attendance.

Lack of traffic in the area surrounding Pettigrew cannot be blamed for the small attendance at this facility. During the peak months, U. S. 64 is crowded with vehicles heading eastward and returning in the opposite direction. Many of the 1,133,003 persons visiting Cape Hatteras National Seashore last year passed through Creswell.

There is but one reason why a goodly number of those passing through the area didn't drive out to Pettigrew. There is just nothing there. And from statements made by C&D hierarchy the state doesn't plan to do much about it.

J. W. York, C&D chairman has gone so far as to say he favored giving Pettigrew back to the Indians. Is this consistent with a state plan to expand travel and tourism?

With a lot of imagination and a considerable less amount of money, Pettigrew State Park could be a popular place for area folks as well as those passing through. During the past few years the state has dumped thousands of dollars into Duke Power State Park and as a result the Piedmont North Carolina facility drew 128,420 people last year, the fifth largest attendance of any park in the state.

We could never muster the political influence of the Lukes, but one way to keep the east pacified is through good deeds throughout the year and not just promises at election time.

**NEW FEATURE**—In an effort to further broaden the news content of The Chowan Herald, we are cooperating

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THOMAS C. BASS

### Thomas C. Bass Added To Staff

Thomas C. Bass, Route 2, Edenton, has been employed as a teacher of social studies and physical education at John A. Holmes High School for the 1967-68 school term.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo said Bass, who is currently doing his practice teaching at the school, will strengthen the existing program in Edenton. He will be associated with Football Coach Marion Kirby, Basketball Coach James King, and Baseball Coach David Bumgarner.

Principal Cecil Fry said the new coach will direct the junior varsity football program, be assistant basketball coach and be head golf coach.

Bass, a native of Chowan County, will receive his degree from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson at graduation exercises in June. He is a 1956 graduate of John A. Holmes High School and attended Chowan College prior to entering ACC.

He is married and the father of two children.

### Teacher Pay Increase Voted By Town Board

Trustees of Edenton City Schools last week voted an increase in the annual teacher supplement in an effort to compete with area schools for teachers. The increase would cost taxpayers \$12,000.

The current minimum teacher supplement in the city unit is \$150. The increase, if approved by Chowan County commissioners, will boost the minimum supplement to \$270 for the 100 faculty members in the system.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo told the trustees it is becoming more and more difficult to get and keep well trained and qualified faculty members. He said other school units are increasing the supplement in order to attract the caliber of teachers they desire and the Edenton unit had to do the same in order to be competitive.

The board agreed with the

### Young Farmer Will Be Honored

The Outstanding Young Farmer Awards banquet will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Jaycee Building on Base Road.

Van Small, chairman, said this year's banquet and OYF presentation will be held in conjunction with the regular Jaycee meeting.

Small said persons nominated for the 1966 award will be in attendance at the meeting.

Richard Bryant, agricultural engineer for VEPCO in Elizabeth City, will make a short talk prior to presenting Chowan County's OYF winner with his citation. VEPCO co-sponsors the OYF program with the Jaycees.

superintendent's recommendation and the request will be made to the commissioners when the annual school budget is submitted in the next three months.

At a monthly meeting last Thursday night, the board voted to continue the freedom of choice plan for compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The choice period for all students in the unit will begin March 1 and end March 31.

Two, the board gave final approval to a bill for merger of the city and county administrative units and sent it to Rep. Phil Godwin of Gates. In a cover letter, Dr. Edward Bond and O. C. Long, Jr., chairman of the city and county boards respectively, asked that the bill be introduced at the earliest possible time in the 1967 General Assembly.

The board approved a recommendation of Supt. Mayo that all students in the top three grades at John A. Holmes High School next year be required to take six subjects. This would eliminate study halls and give teachers a period for planning.

Supt. Mayo said at least half the students are taking six subjects this year. He added that the study halls do not serve any real purpose to the students and are not used to any advantage.

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### Shoplifting Charge Is Made

Area police are continuing an investigation into a theft ring from Norfolk, Va. which was apparently broken up Saturday when an alert state trooper made a routine vehicle inspection near Hertford.

Arthur E. Bunch, 27-year-old Negro, of Norfolk, Va., has been charged with the larceny of 61 cartons of cigarettes from three local stores and larceny of 13 records from one of the stores.

Bunch was arrested when State Trooper R. W. Rawls became suspicious after stopping Bunch's car Saturday night near Hertford. He called local police who found the cigarettes and records had been taken locally.

Police Chief James H. Griffin said Capt. J. D. Parrish investigated the tip supplied by Trooper Rawls and found cigarettes had been taken from A&P Store, P&Q Super Market and Belk-Tyler's. The records were allegedly taken from Belk-Tyler's.

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**DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S CONFERENCE**—W. E. Bond, seated right, chairman of Chowan County commissioners, Tuesday welcomes some 50 county officials from this area to a district meeting at Chowan County Court House. Seated at left is John Morrissey of Raleigh, general counsel for the state association. Fred Jones of Hertford County, standing left, is a past state president. Joe Thigpen of Martin County is the new district director.

### Officials Discuss Finances

If, as the old saying goes, "money is the root of all evil" there was a considerable amount of evil talk here Tuesday.

Money matters were principal topics for discussion when more than 50 county commissioners from the Northeastern area met in Chowan County Court House.

One speaker said the counties in North Carolina need an additional \$490-million to meet existing needs for capital improvements and current expenses.

Another official of the N. C. Association of County Commissioners, told his audi-

ence the 1 per cent local option sales tax increase is a must if local government is to change directions.

The speakers were Paul Guthrie, Jr., assistant executive secretary, and John Morrissey, association general counsel.

Guthrie said counties in this state have real limits on financial resources and other avenues must be developed to secure funds other than a constant increase in the property tax.

The speaker said property tax grows slow with economic development but this gradual, steady increase in reve-

nue cannot finance the existing needs of local government.

Guthrie said property tax in North Carolina brings in \$148-million annually to the 10 counties. He said twice this amount is needed to meet the capital improvement needs of our schools alone. He estimated these needs at \$235-million.

Students in the state are currently housed in temporary, inadequate facilities. In addition to this, other school needs are constantly forcing county commissioners to increase the property tax.

Additional needs of counties include: health, water and sewer, county office space, libraries, airports, recreation, fire protection, economic development, garbage collection, community colleges, training institutes and many others.

Too, Guthrie said counties must gird themselves for participation in the highly competitive market for qualified employees. He said if a county expects to get a good person and be able to keep him on the job it must compete with business and industry as well as other local governments who have a higher wage scale.

Morrissey, in discussing the

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### Aces In Four-Way Tie

One of the tightest races in the 2-A Albemarle cage history has developed with four teams currently tied for first place.

A loss by the Edenton Aces to Plymouth last Friday put the local basketballers in a tie with Williamson, Gates County and Northampton for the top spot.

No games were played Tuesday night as the conference teams were having mid-term exams. Edenton returns to the hardwood Friday night with a contest against Scotland Neck at

John A. Holmes High School gymnasium.

In the 65-62 loss to Plymouth, the Aces were led by Rusty Bootwright with 15 points. Wes Chesson accounted for 12 tallies and Billy Wallace had 11.

Jeffcoat was the big gun for Plymouth as he garnered 34 points.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Acelets were defeated by Plymouth, 43-24. Sanfra Ange led the locals with 11 points and Beth Moore had nine. Moore grabbed 11 rebounds.

### Deadline Nears For Tax Listing; Penalty Steep

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Mrs. Pattie S. Byrum and Mrs. Annie M. Hare are available in the tax office in downtown Edenton from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. Monday through Friday, and 9 A. M. to 12 noon on Saturday.

This is for First Township property owners.

Sherlon Layton, lister in the Second Township, is at Earl Smith's Store from 6 P. M. to 9 P. M. on Monday and Thursday and will be at

E. R. Bunch's Store from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M. today (Thursday).

Tommy Berryman will be at the L. C. Briggs Store Saturday for the convenience of property owners in Third Township.

In the Fourth Township, property owners can list with Ward Hoskins at H. A. Perry's Store Saturday, Tuesday or February 4.

Jones said all persons owning property either personal or real estate, are required by law to list it for taxation during the month of January. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 are to list their polls during the same time.

He encouraged those who have not yet listed their property to do so within the week to avoid 10 per cent penalty.



**HILARIOUS WEDDING IS SATURDAY**—Mrs. Martha Britton had some strange guests earlier this week and her neighbors weren't quite sure what was happening. Three hilarious characters showed up at the Britton home in Pembroke Circle for "tea" and what made it unusual was their costumes. They were practicing for the Womanless Wedding which is slated for 3 P. M. Saturday at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School to benefit the Heart Fund. Mrs. Britton is directing the benefit show and reports that costumes are properly fitted and surprises are in store for those who appear on the scene. In the picture above, Mrs. Britton says goodbye to her good natured friends, who won't be likely to capture any Best Dressed awards Saturday.