

Fair Time

The Chowan County Fair will be held next week and we recommend it to all who meander along the Public Parade.

There are those who brand it a "rip off" and other things, but we feel a real agricultural fair has a place in the scheme of things in a community. It is admitted that a lot of money is taken out of the community by the carnival aspect of such a project, nevertheless, the fair exposes another type of atmosphere to the area.

Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, over the years has put on about the best fair we have ever witnessed. The emphasis is on something other than the amusements.

Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, summed it up this week when he told Chowan County commissioners that the event next week is a "fair and not a carnival."

The Chowan County Fair Association is to be commended for bringing a good, wholesome week of activities to the area. The contribution the sponsoring organization makes to this community far out-weighs the "rip offs" which naturally occur when you get folks involved.

Water, Water Everywhere

Each time a story is written about the county-wide water system along the Public Parade it is different, and better, if good wine improves with age then the local project is in a vintage all to itself.

When the voters approved a \$1.9-million referendum it was for a system to serve 1,250 rural residents. The best figures available indicated that there would be no gamble in that the users would foot the bill.

Later the system was "beefed up" and 1,500 users were anticipated. Farmers Home Administration provided additional grant funds on the basis of an application which many thought was too ambitious.

The latest figures show there are more than 2,000 users signed up and local approval has been given to further enlarge the system to take care of future growth, and at no additional local cost.

The grantors—FmHA, Coastal Plains Regional Commission and the State of North Carolina through Clear Water Bond money—require that local funds be spent on the front end. Therefore, when it was discovered recently that some \$250,000 remains in grant funds the system could be further "beefed up" as a bonus to the county.

What is even sweeter is that if the system could be self-sustaining with 1,250 users, the cushion with 2,000 users is fantastic. And with additional wells and another treatment plant, the county is the envy of almost everyone with regards to adequate decent water for future development.

Also, it is impressive that the system has been designed and is being constructed in such a manner that only about 1 per cent of those in the county who desire water cannot, at this point, be served because it is not economically feasible.

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Mrs. Spruill Is Elected



Mrs. Anne K. Spruill

Grant Funds Aid System

While the county-wide water system in Chowan moves forward with grant funds available for additional facilities, the county may have to plan for its own jail rather than join in the existing tri-county complex.

County commissioners Monday gave engineers the green light to plan a third treatment plant and additional wells in order to provide for growth of the system north of Edenton. Also, installation of three additional lines was authorized to serve 63 users.

The system now has 2,059 users signed up and indication are that only about 20 will not be served because it is not economically feasible to run the lines at the present time.

Sheriff Troy Toppin discussed with the board unofficial reports of conditions placed on Chowan joining the Tri-County Jail. News reports from Elizabeth City were that the Jail Commission

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Error Noted

A special meeting of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock, rather than last week as reported in error. The meeting will be held in the conference room on the Third Floor of the County Office Building.

The board will review the recent school survey conducted by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Superior Court Session Set

Twenty-four drug and alcohol relates cases are calendared for trial in Chowan County Superior Court during the criminal term which begins September 27. There are 64 cases on the docket released by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk.

Another 22 of the cases on the calendar center around violation of a suspended sentence or probation.

Judge Herbert Small of Elizabeth City will preside and Dist. Atty. Thomas S. Watts, also of Elizabeth City, will prosecute the docket.

Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, 1025 North Broad Street, has been elected Chowan County Register of Deeds. She won a second primary victory over Mrs. Jean A. Bunch 966 to 633.

Mrs. Spruill is now serving as deputy register of deeds. Mrs.

Bertha B. Bunch will retire later this year.

While it was a Democratic primary the nomination is tantamount to election since there is no Republican opposition in November.

House Speaker Jimmy Green

Fair Opens Tuesday

The Chowan County Fair formally opens at 3 P.M. Tuesday but there will be a lot of activity Monday as exhibitors fill their booths and individuals vie for some \$2,500 in premiums.

W. A. Perry, president of the fair association of Edward G. Bond Post 40, American Legion, said he anticipates one of the best fairs ever this year. "We have a variety of activities planned which should interest everyone," he said on the eve of the annual event.

E. C. Toppin, post commander, is manager of the fair and F. E. White is secretary-treasurer.

A market hog show will be held at 2:30 P.M. Thursday. The sale will follow at 8 P.M. This event is sponsored jointly by the legion post and Chowan County Pork Producers Association.

The 4-H poultry sale is scheduled for 5 P.M. Thursday.

School days will be Tuesday and Wednesday.

The fair will feature a 4-H talent show again this year.

The Rainedrops will provide family entertainment free nightly, Tuesday through Saturday.

Amusements of America will have entertainment on the midway. There will be 15 to 18 thrill rides, concessions and shows.

Perry urges people to form car pools where it is possible when visiting the fair because of the ever present parking problem.

Spur Line Draws Fire

A spur line from Cape Colony to Fiberform is being reactivated and the work is drawing fire from residents in a section of Montpelier.

Southern Railroad is doing the work and the Town of Edenton is involved through a right-of-way agreement. The manner in which the matter has been handled was criticized at Tuesday night's meeting of the Town Council.

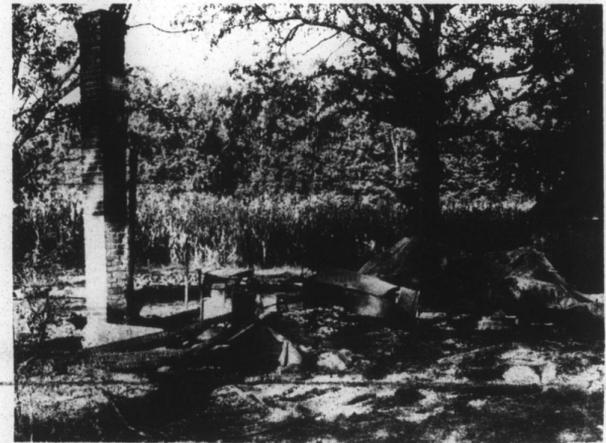
Mrs. Frank Sellers said workmen have not conformed to the boundaries of the lease. "They have cut down trees that are on private property," she said.

Also, she claims that workmen have used a private road for access.

In general, Mrs. Sellers expressed "disappointment in how the city does business."

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, defended the town's position by saying documents had been given the railroad concerning the boundaries. He added that the town has a permanent

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SCENE OF FATAL FIRE—William E. Forehand, Jr., died early Sunday morning when fire destroyed his farm house at Tyner. The roof was falling in when firemen arrived less than 10 minutes after the alarm was sounded. Nothing but the chimney was left of the house. (Photo by Allan Asbell).

Tyner Man Dies In Fire

A Tyner man died early Sunday morning when fire destroyed the single story farm house in which he lived alone.

The victim was identified as William Eleven Forehand, Jr., 51.

Mr. Forehand's brother, Joe, who lived next door, reported seeing the blaze at 5 A. M. Less than 10 minutes later firefighters from the Center Hill-Crossroads Department arrived on the scene but the roof was already falling in.

Graveside services for Mr. Forehand were held in Beaver Hill Cemetery at 3 P. M. Monday. Rev. George Cooke officiated.

A native of Chowan County, he was employed at Byrum's Service Center at Tyner. He was the son of the late William E. and Deanie Twine Forehand.

Surviving are three brothers: Joseph W. Forehand of Tyner; Thomas Major Forehand of Norfolk, Va.; and Ephriam

won the nomination for lieutenant governor over Howard Lee and carried Chowan County. Green received 936 votes to 592 for Lee. He carried five of the six precincts, losing only East Edenton to Lee, 226 to 231.

State Auditor Henry Bridges, who won the nomination for another term, carried this county over Mrs. Lillian Woo, 758 to 531.

John Brooks won the nomination for Commissioner of Labor over Mrs. Jessie Rae Scott. However, Mrs. Scott carried this county, 848 to 477.

On the Republican ballot, David Flaherty edged out Rev. Coy Privette, 29-28 in this county but went on to an easy victory in the state.

Mrs. Spruill carried every precinct in the register of deeds race. In East Edenton she received 248 to 223 for Mrs. Bunch. The margin was greater in West Edenton, where the winner had 365 and Mrs. Bunch had 230.

In Center Hill the vote was 85-38 in favor of Mrs. Spruill and 104-62 in Rocky Hock. At Wardville she won, 55-18, and 89-59 in Yeopim. Mrs. Spruill received 20 absentee votes to three for Mrs. Bunch.



Robert Whitley

Whitley Takes ARPDC Post

Robert C. Whitley, a Martin County native, has been named director of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission (ARPDC) succeeding Wesley Cullipher and Ray Beckler at that post.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina he was associated with the Occidental Life Insurance Co. in Raleigh for 15 years before joining the staff of UNC-CH as personnel director in 1970. Following that, Whitley transferred to the N. C. Department of Administration where he was involved with Manpower Planning for 86 counties in the state.

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FmHA Loans Top \$4-Million

Farmers Home Administration made more than \$4-million in loans in Chowan County during fiscal 1975-76 and now has \$5.2-million in loans outstanding in the county.

The agency made a \$1.9-million loan during the year to Chowan County for a county-wide water system, and \$1-million loan for the expansion of Edenton Manor Apartments on Old Hertford Road.

Also, a business loan of \$400,000 was made and 23 housing loans amounted to \$430,040.

In neighboring Perquimans County, the agency made nearly \$3-million in loans during the same period. FmHA has a \$1,870,000 loan approved for a county-wide water system in that county.

In Chowan, the agency made 33 operating loans which total \$288,750; six farm ownership loans, \$97,040; and two soil and water district loans, \$4,160.

Melvin Howell, FmHA area executive, said the agency has a caseload of 472 applications in the Chowan-Perquimans area. Also, in a report to Chowan County commissioners Monday he said the outstanding indebtedness in the two counties is \$10,526,358.



BANQUET SPEAKER—Laurence M. (Larry) Willard of Madison will be the speaker September 30 at the annual membership banquet of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. The banquet will be held at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

Chamber Banquet Sept. 30

The annual membership banquet of Edenton Chamber of Commerce has been set for September 30, according to Jack Evans, president. The banquet will be held at the Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

New officers of the chamber, chosen by the board of directors, will assume their duties at the annual meeting. The membership campaign will begin at the same time.

Laurence M. (Larry) Willard of

Madison will be the banquet speaker. Willard is billed as "North Carolina's own down-home humorist" and is widely sought out for banquet appearances.

Willard has proven ability and a record of "leaving 'em laughing" at functions all over the Southeast. The audience will find his humor unique, real and rooted in the life and people everyone loves.

Robert W. Moore, chamber executive, said tickets are now available and can be secured from the office on East Queen Street.

Small Churches Will Benefit

The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina has opened a new office in Edenton to oversee the work of 16 mission congregations in the northeast area. Designed to create a team ministry of clergy and lay persons, this project is known as Coalition 16.

The plan was enthusiastically endorsed by the diocese earlier this year as a means of bringing a full worship, education, and pastoral ministry to small churches separated by considerable distances.

The Venerable Webster L. Simons, Jr., has been appointed Archdeacon of Diocese to supervise this work. He will be joined by two other full-time priests. Currently he is being assisted by a team of retired clergy: Rev. Frederick B. Drane of Edenton; Rev. Arthur Mackie

of Windsor, Rev. Stanleigh Jenkins of Aulander; and Rev. Kenneth Witney of Manteo. Among

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Ven. Webster L. Simons, Jr.



COOKBOOK PUBLISHED—"Queen Anne's Table", a cookbook filled with recipes from some of the best cooks in Edenton and surrounding area, has just come off the press. Proceeds will go to Historic Edenton, Inc. Presenting the first copy to Richard D. Dixon, Jr., president of the local organization, are Mrs. Annette Lucas, left and Mrs. Ann Ellis. The Barker House Visitor Center-Museum is in the background.