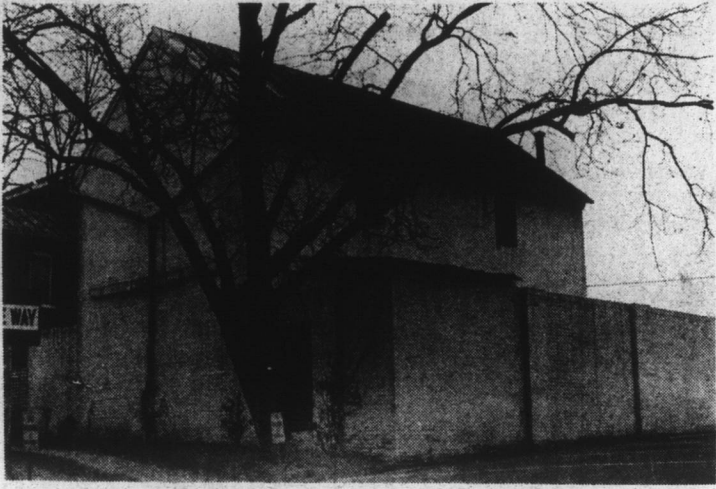


## WHY A NEW FACILITY?



In 1773 John Hawks, the architect of Tryon's Palace, drew the plans for a "Prison for the District of Edenton," an area including eleven modern counties. These plans were the basis of new plans drawn in 1786 by Charles Sheeter, by which the present jail was built two years later. Two strong cells outside the jail were never built, and the surrounding walls suggested by the Hawks drawings were not built until the 1820's.

THE facility was not in accordance with state standards. First the facility was built without a kitchen. They could not keep juveniles.

They could not feed inmates from the jailer's kitchen. Because of all the "could nots" the Tri-County Jail in Elizabeth City has been used on a temporary basis. This has involved travel time as well as additional expense.

# Work To Begin On New Shopping Center

A brief ground breaking ceremony Friday morning, punctuated the announcement of a 22.8-acre shopping center to be developed in North Edenton. Local officials and executives of two new businesses were on hand for the ceremony.

Warren Twiddy, local developer and president of Edenton Village Shopping Center, reported construction will begin in the next 30 to 45 days on 75,000 square feet of shopping space and 598 parking spaces under the first phase of development. That phase will

involve approximately 10 acres. Two Greenville-based businesses, Harris Supermarket and Big Value Discount Drug Center, will be the first to open, and will be joined there by five other new stores.

The supermarket is scheduled to be in operation by August 1, and the drug store will open in early fall.

Other businesses to be located in the Colonial-style mall will include a men's clothing store, a shoe store, a ladies ready-to-wear store, a jewelry store, and a variety store. In addition there will be three fast food outlets, Twiddy stated.

Bill Hull of Commercial Builders, a Rocky Mount-based construction firm is vice-president of Edenton Village Shopping Center. Douglas Twiddy is secretary-treasurer.

Property for the shopping center was purchased from L.A. Dees in 1972, and subsequently rezoned by the Edenton Town Council. The tract is bordered by North Broad Street (U.S. 17 North), and Coke Avenue.

C. E. Harris, executive vice president of Harris Supermarket, said that their new store will occupy 20,000 square feet and will be a full service market. It will employ approximately 35 people.

"We are delighted to have the privilege of coming here, and making a contribution to this community as we have others. We feel very strongly that this area has great potential. It is in a growth pattern and is ready for expansion," Harris commented.

Harris Supermarkets, are also located in Bethel, Tarboro, and Ayden. The Edenton store will be their seventh.

Les Garner, president, and Ronald L. Tripp, general manager, of Big Value Discount Drug Center, Inc., stated their new store will contain 6,000 square feet.

Tripp pointed out the store will have a large prescription department operated by registered pharmacists, a complete cosmetics department, a fully stocked photography section, card and gift centers, and a variety of general merchandise.

The company operates two stores in Greenville and one in Ayden. It is a subsidiary of Garner-Wynne-Manning, Inc., service merchandisers throughout Eastern North Carolina.

## Layton Sixth

Sherlon C. Layton of the Rocky Hock Community placed sixth in the North Carolina Peanut Production Contest. He was 4.05 points below the state winner, Rodney Barrett of Northampton County.

Layton had an average yield of 4,629 pounds per acre over 23.25 acres.



**GROUND BROKEN**—Ground was broken for Edenton Village Shopping Center, a 22.8-acre development in North Edenton, last Friday morning. On hand for the brief ceremony was, from the left are; C. E. Harris, executive vice president of Harris Supermarket in Greenville; Douglas Twiddy, secretary-treasurer of Edenton Village Shopping Center; Warren Twiddy, president; Bill Hull, vice president; and Les Garner, president of Big Value Discount Drug Center, also of Greenville. Those two firms will be the first to locate in the new shopping center.

## Sound Bridge Re-Opens

N.C. Department of Transportation officials opened to traffic the Albemarle Sound Bridge (Highway 32) just southeast of Edenton at 8 A.M. Monday. The reopening of the connector of Chowan and Washington counties was some 30 days ahead of DOT projections.

The hasty repair work was hailed by officials of Edenton Chamber of Commerce since

portions of Washington and Tyrrell counties are in the local retrail trade area. Also, a number of people from east of the sound are employed in Edenton.

The 3.5-mile long bridge has been closed to all vehicular traffic since January 26 as a result of damage caused by ice pressure to the 40-year old structure.

Ice in the sound severed or seriously damaged dozens of wooden pilings supporting the concrete, steel and timber bridge. DOT bridge maintenance crews have been working to replace the 48 wooden pilings with 12-inch steel piles.

Total cost to repair the ice damage to the bridge is estimated at \$300,000.

## Arrests Made

Stricter enforcement of a dog ordinance by the Humane Division of Edenton Police Department resulted in 12 arrests last week, reports Chief J.D. Parrish.

Capt. C. H. Williams and W.W. Adams are humane officers within the department.

They said warning citations had been given each owner who was later arrested because of their failure to comply with the mandatory 10 days to come into compliance with the ordinance.

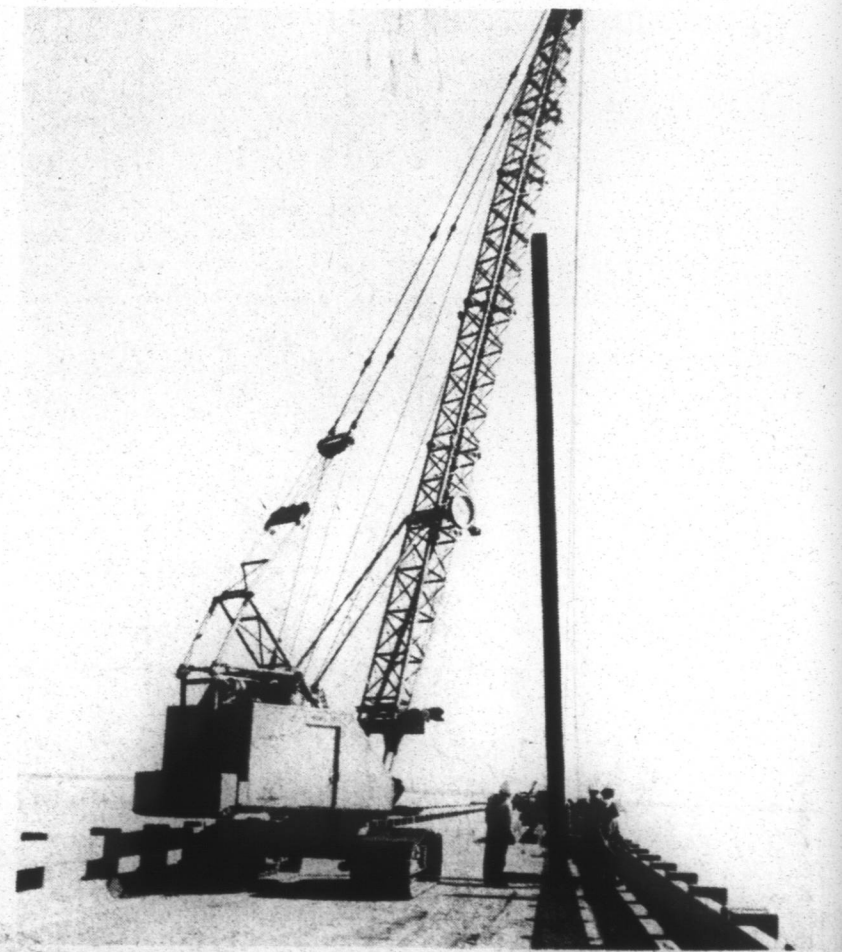
Four persons were charged with allowing a dog to run free and the other eight with having no city or rabies tags on their dogs. All are scheduled to appear in Chowan County District Court on March 8.

Capt. Williams said although dogs have been properly vaccinated and have tags are not permitted off the premises of the owner unless under control.

## SBA Office

George Grant has opened an office on the Fourth Floor of the Chowan County Office Building to assist applicants for Small Business Administration disaster loans. If interest in the program doesn't increase his stay here will be short lived.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District reported last week that the SBA had declared counties along the Albemarle Sound and Chowan River, as well as some others, as eligible for low interest loans due



**BRIDGE WORK COMPLETED** — A huge crane aided the Department of Transportation bridge maintenance workers to install a new piling on Albemarle Sound bridge, east of Edenton. Ice in the sound severed or severely damaged dozens of wooden pilings, causing DOT officials to close the bridge to traffic in late January.

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## Thompson Reports On Farm Year

Declining prices on soybeans and hogs kept Chowan County farmers from exceeding the \$17-million volume income in 1976, reports R.M. (Pete) Thompson, county extension chairman.

Thompson told The Chowan Herald Wednesday morning, however, that "we had an excellent year with farming." He went on to say that generally both yields and prices were good.

"We had less beans, didn't have as much income on vegetables because of the weather and hog prices were down," he added.

The extension chairman pointed out that chickens were beginning to play a role in the Chowan farm income picture. He said Perdue Farms paid local growers \$48,000 during the year. There were five chicken houses in the county but all of them were not in full operation for 12 months.

The income from peanuts went from \$3.1-million to \$3.8-million while the income from hogs declined — \$4.7-million in 1975 compared to \$3.9-million in 1976.

Corn income last year was \$1.6-million, compared to \$1-million the year before. Thompson accredited this to a greater yield.

Soybeans brought in \$2.3-million in 1976 although the yield was down. Prices were higher and the total income was some \$700,000 more than the previous year.

Thompson explained that the estimated farm income from the county is arrived at from figures gathered from producers, buyers, census, ASCS records and extension experience.

## Scales Trial Drama Slated

The Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, through Chowan Arts Council will present "The Limits Of Dissent", a dramatization of excerpts of the 1958 Greensboro trial of Junius Scales, on March 10 at 7:30 P.M. as a part of the experimental humanities program.

The performance will be held in the Chowan County Courthouse.

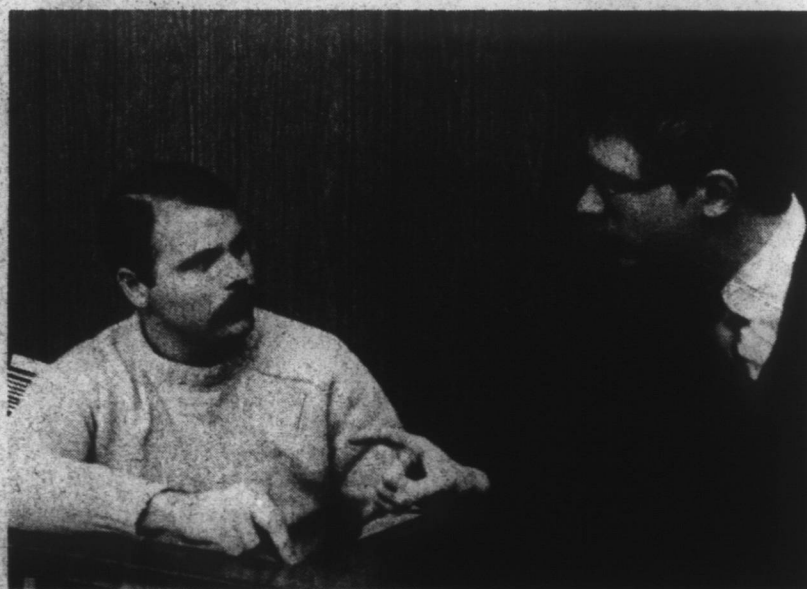
The program, which will include a brief talk by Dr. Lewis Lipsitz, professor of political science, and an open discussion, is made possible by a grant from the N.C. Humanities Committee. The play is free and open to the public.

The trial of Scales, who was for many years the head of the Communist Party in the Carolinas, raised moral and legal questions which will form the basis for a discussion period. Scales was tried under the membership provision of the Smith Act which made it a crime to be a member of any

organization with the knowledge that the organization advocates overthrow of the government by force and violence.

For the presentation on March 10, a jury of local citizens will once again test to what extent the First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly can be limited for reasons of internal security. The trial of Scales raises the question "Can a man be convicted for what he believes as opposed to what he does?"

"The Limits of Dissent" was produced by the Carolina Theatre Co., a professional touring company, under the direction of William Dreyer. The script was prepared from actual trial transcripts by Professor Lipsitz of the UNC at Chapel Hill.



**TO APPEAR HERE** — Frank Wolff, as attorney for the defense, cross-examines prosecution witness Charles Childs, played by Lucius Houghton in the play, "The Limits of Dissent", scheduled for March 10 at Chowan County Courthouse. The production is sponsored by Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in conjunction with Chowan Arts Council.

## Public Parade

### Quick Work

We want to be among the first to publicly commend the N.C. Department of Transportation for the quick repair work done to Albemarle Sound Bridge. Those in business along the Public Parade enjoy having portions of Washington and Tyrrell counties included in our retail trade area and it was just good business to get the 3.5-mile span re-opened as quickly as possible.

D. W. Patrick of Raieigh, chief DOT engineer, had a special interest in the repair work. He formerly called the shots for highway work along the Public Parade. He got the maintenance crews on the job in a hurry and the bridge re-opened to vehicular traffic Monday morning, some 30 days ahead of an earlier projection.

Bridges, like water and heat, tend to be taken for granted. However, once they are cut off we immediately feel the pinch. Retail sales dip and workers are inconvenienced, to mention but two of the problems experienced.

Anyway, Friend Pat and his Bridge Maintenance Division are due a pat on the back for their efficiency on the bridge project. They may not rename Broad Street to Patrick Freeway after all.

### Falling Behind

We have found no better gauge for business activity in a county than the sales and use tax figures. In January, the report showed that business along the Public Parade was falling behind counterparts within the Albemarle Area.

Net collections in Chowan County amounted to \$14,473.32.

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## Gets Morehead

CHAPEL HILL — Joel W. Hylton of Edenton has been named a Morehead Scholar to the University of North Carolina here. The announcement was made Wednesday afternoon.

Hylton is a senior at John A. Holmes High School and was among six district nominees chosen as a finalist. He is the son of Mrs. Frances B. Hylton of Edenton and Joel W. Hylton, Sr., of Annapolis, Md.

The value of the Morehead Scholar award for Tar Heel residents is currently \$11,000 for four years of study.