

Water System Dedication Set Sept. 8

Chowan County's \$3.8-million water system which now has some 1,900 users, will be dedicated in ceremonies September 8. The event, to feature local, regional, state and federal officials, will begin at 10 A.M. at the treatment facility on Highway 32 near Valhalla.

C.A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, announced this week that Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District will head the list of officials at the ceremony.

The John A. Holmes High School Band, directed by Otis Strother, will provide music for the event. The public is invited to the

dedication which hails years of work on the county-wide system which has been in planning and construction stages for several years. Afterwards, invited guests will dine at the Masonic Temple on Water Street.

As a special feature of the dedication door prizes will be awarded. The prizes consist of \$5 credit on water bills for users.

At the outset, a survey by Farmers Home Administration, who provided the bulk of the financing, indicated that 1,250 users would be feasible. Sign-ups far exceeded number and this week there are 1,875 users on line out of 2,050

requested service.

Graham Farless, director of the Water Department, said work on the third treatment plant is nearing completion. The system contains four tanks with a capacity of 900,000 gallons. The wells can pump 1,200 gallons of water per minute.

Some 220 miles of pipe has been installed by Bryant Utilities, general contractor. Arrangements are now being made for the county to install additional pipe without the use of a contractor which will lower the costs, according to Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator.

Dr. William L. Turner, vice chancellor of N.C. State

University, will be among the platform guests. He was head of the State Department of Administration at the time the project was launched.

Also, Marion Holland, acting state director of FmHA, and Paul Parks, head of the community services section, will come from Raleigh. W.J. Stevenson, also of Raleigh, will represent the State.

Local officials attending will include county commissioners, Mayor Roy L. Harrell of the Town of Edenton, Rep. Vernon James and Sen. Melvin Daniels.

On the local planning committee were J.D. Peele, Pete Thompson, George W. Lewis, Melvin Howell and Jethro.



DESTROY EVIDENCE, RECORDS—They had a fire out at the Sanitary Landfill last Friday morning but it was well under control. Mrs. Lena M. Leary, Sheriff Troy Toppin and two SBI agents burned evidence that had been ordered destroyed along with old court records. Included was some 80 pounds of marijuana and other drugs, valued at nearly \$40,000, as well as movie films confiscated in an incest case.

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Public Parade

Support The Aces

The Edenton Aces begin the 1977 grid campaign at Hicks Field Friday night, playing host to rivals from the Isle of Pasquotank. Difficult as it may seem, the summer is considered gone when people start knocking heads on the football field.

Local fans will welcome back Coach Jimmy Addison who has reportedly put together a brand new offensive attack. The Aces are always tough on defense and the coach feels that if the new techniques are mastered early in the season local supporters will really have something to yell about as the campaign wears on. Coach Addison has 14 lettermen on the squad this year who, coupled with new faces in the starting lineup, are capable of producing many thrills.

The sale of reserved seat tickets was good which is an indication that all the heat of the summer hasn't dried up any of the enthusiasm of fans of the Aces.

Kickoff is 8 P.M. at Hicks Field. We'll see you there.

Touching Base

There is a break in activities in Washington, D.C., and Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District is doing the thing he likes to do best, mingle with his constituents.

He meandered along the Public Parade most of the day Tuesday. He had invited those who had problems and concerns about national affairs to drop by the Municipal Building to chat. Some came, many with concerns he shares but admittedly can't do a lot about.

However, most of the people came by to thank him for the excellent representation he provides the people of the First District. His responsiveness to the people in the 21-county district makes him probably the most respected man in the Congress.

Over lunch at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant, Rep. Jones made no bones about his intent to seek another two-year term. "Are you running?" someone asked in jest. "Everyday, everywhere I go," was the quick reply.

And we don't know anyone in the district who can beat him.

'Play Ball'

A campaign has recently been launched by Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, to establish an American Legion baseball team for the Albemarle Area. Those who seek such a status along the Public Parade deserve more than lip service from the community.

To say it is an ambitious undertaking is an understatement. Not only the initial leg work required, but to establish such a team would require continuous support from many quarters. If only the American Legion coordinated activities then its contribution would be many times over that of any individual or

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Gross Retail Sales Increase

Gross retail sales in Chowan County for the past fiscal year, ending June 30, have been placed at \$45,173,953, up from \$38,679,298 the previous year. The percentage of increase in gross collections was greater than the state's 9.89 per cent.

The analysis by the State Department of Revenue put the gross retail sales throughout North Carolina at more than \$24-billion.

In Chowan County food accounted for nearly 25 per cent of retail sales. The figure was \$11.2-million with general merchandise accounting for \$9.4-million.

Automotive sales were at \$6.4-million with an unclassified group totaling \$5.3-million.

Furniture accounted for \$1.6-million, building materials for nearly \$3-million and apparel \$634,961.

Sec. Mark G. Lynch said the data on the state was compiled from sales and use tax reports filed monthly by more than 117,000 merchants and it does not contain any county sales and use taxes.

Retail sales figures established for other Albemarle Area counties included:

Camden, \$8,711,185; Currituck, \$39,362,049; Dare, \$68,376,390; Gates, \$15,748,949; Hyde, \$12,521,008; Pasquotank, \$128,470,619; Perquimans, \$26,732,715; Tyrrell, \$9,615,670; and Washington, \$54,554,301.

| CHOWAN COUNTY | Gross Collections | Gross Retail Sales |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 per cent Retail Sales | \$ 48,694.58 | \$ 5,019,104 |
| 2 per cent Auto, Planes & Boats | 52,205.74 | 2,685,979 |
| Apparel | 18,447.45 | 634,961 |
| Automotive | 64,193.37 | 6,383,494 |
| Food | 315,670.35 | 11,233,037 |
| Furniture | 42,194.16 | 1,582,767 |
| General Merchandise | 180,591.04 | 9,396,042 |
| Building Materials | 34,858.08 | 2,962,528 |
| Unclassified Group | 95,434.57 | 5,276,041 |
| Use Tax — 1 per cent & 3 per cent | 21,917.16 | |
| Licenses — Wholesale & Reg. | 480.00 | |
| TOTALS | \$ 874,686.50 | \$ 45,173,953 |



STUDIES COTTON — Dr. Milton Ganyard, an entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is directing research in Chowan County about boll weevils and worms. He is shown inspecting young cotton in a local field.

Boll Worms Cotton Problem

Boll weevils are being conquered but boll worms are playing havoc with cotton through the Southeast.

This is the second year of a program being experimented with Chowan County to halt boll weevils

Net Collections

Net collections from the local 1 per cent sales and use tax in North Carolina exceeded \$13-million in July, according to a report released by Sec. Mark G. Lynch of the State Department of Revenue. In Chowan County collections were \$25,365.58.

The collections in other Albemarle Area counties included:

Camden, \$5,718.11; Currituck, \$14,877.57; Dare, \$85,542.39; Gates, \$5,787.42; Pasquotank, \$86,660.11; Perquimans, \$12,510.72; Tyrrell, \$5,152.64; and Washington, \$27,715.23.

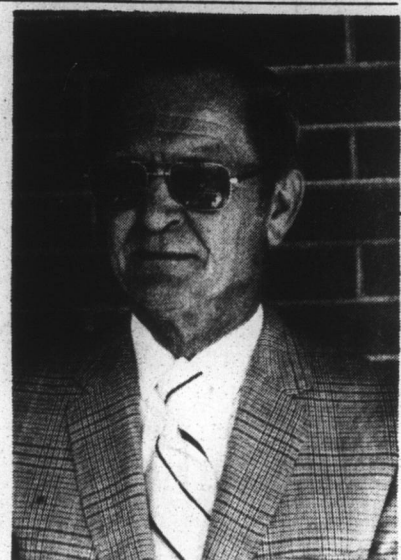
which entomologists have discovered also retarded worms on cotton. Unfortunately, according to Dr. Milton Ganyard, coordinator of the program for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the cotton is not good this year because of the boll worm invasion.

Dr. W. W. Cooper of New Orleans, La., deputy administrator, Southern Region, Agricultural Research Service of the USDA, was here Tuesday inspecting fields and reviewing the progress made by Dr. Ganyard and his assistants.

Dr. G. R. Burns and D. W. Winter, both with the USDA in Raleigh, along with Dr. Kenneth R. Keller and Dr. Pat Hassler of N. C. State University, reviewed the program.

Following an extensive survey, Chowan County was chosen last year as the site of a program to test material which was found to

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James P. Ricks, Jr.

Ricks Seeks Council Seat

James P. Ricks, Jr., announced Monday that he will seek a seat on the Edenton Town Council as representative from the Third Ward. He will be running against incumbent Errol Flynn in the November municipal election.

Ricks formerly served on the E&W Board for a 14-year period and after four years out of local politics decided he wants "to return to the official family".

The owner of Ricks Laundry and Dry Cleaners, he is currently an active member of the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, a volunteer fireman of 20 years, and was the first recipient of the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award in Edenton.

Ricks is married to the former Marth Younce White and they reside at 4 Hawthorne Road.

Williams Family Is Selected

The Paul C. Williams family has been selected as the Albemarle District's Conservation Farm Family of the Year according to district chairman, Lloyd C. Bunch.

Paul, his wife Kathy, and their young son, Paul, Jr., will represent Chowan County and the five-county district in an area-wide farm family contest scheduled for mid-September.

Williams, an ambitious and dedicated young farmer, manages part of the Deerfield vineyards as well as operating over 100 acres of

corn and soybean land in the eastern section of the county.

He became a cooperater with the Albemarle Conservation District in 1973. The Soil Conservation Service provided Paul with technical assistance in developing a conservation plan shortly thereafter. "He has really done a good job in carrying out his plan including the recommendations regarding land use and the application of the conservation measures recorded in his plan," Bunch stated.

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FAMILY CHOSEN — Lloyd Bunch, Albemarle Conservation District Chairman, talks with Paul and Kathy Williams about their general farming activities and their conservation operations.

Grid Season Opens Friday

The Edenton Aces will do full battle gear this Friday night and meet the traditional rival, Elizabeth City, in the first game of this season scheduled to begin at 8 P.M. on Hicks Field. A smaller Edenton Aces squad, employing a new offense, will meet the Northeastern Eagles, who are said to be much improved over last year.

Head coach Jimmy Addison recently reported that the Aces

will rely on a speedy offense utilizing a strategy that emphasizes finesse rather than brawn.

Senior quarterback John Felton, one of 14 returning lettermen, will lead the Aces. Addison stated that Felton is both a strong runner and passer and can read a defense well.

He will be calling signals from a Houston Veer offense, similar to that employed by N.C. State. It is a triple option offense utilizing a split end and wide flanker in a twin set. Those spots will be filled by Richard Jackson and Kelly White, respectively. Both are senior players.

Filling the tight end post will be Earthan Ward, a 180-lb. junior. Running backs will include seniors Henry Drew and Michael White.

The interior linemen will include tackles Robert Brown, the team heavyweight at 200 lbs., and Donald Rankins. Guards starting on offense will be Tim Copeland, one of four sophomores dressing varsity, and Anthony Moore. David Dail, a returning letterman, will lead off at center.

Despite a strong backfield, Addison noted, "Our success in the early part of the season will depend on how well our offense moves and how quickly they learn the techniques."

Addison also added that the Aces will have a strong, quick and aggressive defense which he termed "more than adequate".

For the Aces conference play will not commence until the fourth game against the Plymouth Vikings to be played in Plymouth. Prior to that, Edenton will see action against Perquimans County on their territory and will return home to battle Bertie County in the third contest of the season. East Carteret will be the only other non-conference game, scheduled on October 28.

Tarboro, Roanoke Rapids, Washington, Williamston, and finally Ahoskie will comprise the remainder of conference games. Only two of the six conference contests will be played in Edenton. The Edenton Aces Athletic Association will be particularly visible this year at the home games.

Resignation

Ronald L. Huffman, director of Chowan County Department of Social Services, resigned last week. The announcement was made by J. Clarence Leary, Jr., board chairman.

Leary said Huffman's resignation effective last Friday was for "personal reasons".

Huffman had headed the local department for the past four years. He came here from Iredell County.

Leary said Mrs. Hazel Elliott has been named acting director and will fill that slot until a permanent director can be selected.

The process of interviewing candidates for the director's post will begin immediately, according to Leary.

The State Department of Human Resources will supply the local board a list of prospective people for the post and the interviews will be conducted locally.

In addition to Leary, members of the board are Mrs. Mary Horton and Mrs. Gahl Stearns.