

Officials To Discuss River Pollution

Chowan County is expected to be well represented at Friday's conference in Raleigh called by Gov. Jim Hunt to develop a comprehensive approach to solving pollution problems in the algae-plagued Chowan River.

Some 40 top governmental officials from North Carolina and Virginia have responded to the governor's invitation to attend, according to Miss Betsy Warren, special assistant to Sec. Howard N. Lee of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Miss Warren told The Chowan Herald that Virginia Gov. John Dalton will be unable to attend but is sending six people from his administration.

When asked what is anticipated to come out of this meeting, Miss Warren responded that every effort will be made to make working together a focal point.

"We have been too much at odds," she continued. "We must get together and solve this thing."

C.A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, will attend. Chowan County was successful in forming a 10-county task force which made a presentation to Gov. Hunt recently.

Others going from this county are: Edenton Mayor Roy L. Harrell and Town Administrator W.B. Gardner; Charles Creighton, president of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce; Alfred Howard, president of Arrowhead Beach Property Owners Association and a chamber leader; Ernie Knighton of United Piece & Dye Works, and L.F. Amburn, Jr., of The Chowan Herald.

Gov. Hunt has said the algae blooms have reached "proportions which require immediate, positive

action to save this river system" which he recognizes as being "a valuable resource for both North Carolina and Virginia."

"Since a large portion of the Chowan basin lies within the Commonwealth of Virginia, North Carolina's efforts to control algae blooms will succeed only through cooperation and coordination with similar efforts in the Virginia water quality program," the governor states.

Vic Snyder, a state employee assigned to monitor the river, told county commissioners Tuesday that automatic samplers had been installed near CF Industries at Tunis and at the Winton bridge. Also, he said the program calls for looking at all tributaries to get base line data to determine the input from agriculture.

Phillips told Snyder: "We hear that this and that are not contributing factors, but we know

there are so many things that have a bearing on the problem." He said "hot spots" of point sources should be attacked immediately with long range plans to attack other factors contributing to the problem.

The chairman also stated that "some theories put forth by those in high places cause us concern. They cause us to wonder if we are being successful in getting our point across at the level where this problem must be focused."

The day before, Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank County told the commissioners he felt that local officials had been successful in getting the attention of top state officials. "I think they have felt the two by four," the legislator stated.

Rep. James said he is meeting with Gov. Hunt this week and the Chowan River will be the No. 1 priority item for discussion.



ADVISORY COUNCIL LEADERS — Dr. T.C. Blalock, director, Agricultural Extension Service, is shown here with officers of the newly organized N.C. Extension Advisory Council. Seated are: L.F. Amburn, Jr., of Chowan County, chairman; and Mrs. Sue Murdock of Gaston County, vice chairman. The council is composed of 21 members representing the seven extension districts across the state.

Advisory Group Is Formed

RALEIGH — The first N.C. Extension Advisory Council was formed here last Thursday and the state director hailed the move as "a significant step forward with the Agricultural Extension Service programs in North Carolina."

All seven of extension's districts were represented by the 10 people from across Tar Heelia who gathered at the McKimmon Center here for the day-long meeting. Two representatives from each district had been chosen by Dr. Carlton Blalock, on the recommendation of district chairman.

Formation of the statewide council was recommended by those people representing 95 of the state's 100 counties at a conference in January where the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service

Advisory Leadership System was unveiled.

L.F. Amburn, Jr., publisher of The Chowan Herald in Edenton, was elected chairman of the new advisory group. Mrs. Sue Murdock of Cherryville, director of the Economic Development Commission there, was elected vice chairman.

The council will meet at least quarterly but will have a functioning executive committee that will meet more frequently. Plans are to continue the annual statewide conference.

Two council members will be elected at the district level and the extension director will appoint a third representative from each of the districts.

Dr. Blalock told a group

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Public Parade

From The Mail

It appears that the editor of the best newspaper published along the Public Parade is getting a lot of letters these days. Those with a signature find their way into the columns of the newspaper. Those without find their way into the round file.

Last week's mail brought one which was thrown away, then retrieved. We remembered that after a considerable amount of garbage the anonymous author finally said something. Here it is: "Isn't it about time for the bickering to stop and the people who are responsible for governing the Town of Edenton get back to basics and settle their differences as gentlemen? Get to work to try to make Edenton a better place in which to live!"

By the way, the letter was dated February 22 and postmarked in Norfolk, Va., on February 26. The U.S. Postal Service needs offices a little closer to the patrons in Tidewater.

New Blood

We want to be among the first to welcome Chris Bean to Cheap Side. While he is no stranger to many along the Public Parade, it is the first time the young attorney has hung out his shingle.

On March 1 he began the general practice of law in offices formerly occupied by the late Merrill J. Evans, Jr. Mrs. Jeanne O'Neal will continue as secretary in the office.

Fresh from successfully passing the bar examination in September, 1975, Chris joined the staff of Dist. Atty. Tom Watts. From then until February, 1977, he was frequently in District and Superior court in Chowan County. But he felt the urge to try something different and for the next year was with the N.C. State Bar.

Chris returns to the Cradle of The Colony to try his wings in general practice. We wish him well.

Hail To COA!

Group therapy is in vogue. Some feel this has brought about a new emphasis on regionalism, which is merely a collation of counties and towns in a designated area with common problems, concerns and

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Winning Essayist

Mary Kay Lane, sixth grade student at Chowan Academy, received state recognition March 2, 1979 at the DAR Conference in Pinehurst. A silver engraved History Medal and \$20 cash award were presented to Miss Lane as first place winner at her grade level in the DAR-sponsored essay contest on "Travel In The Thirteen Colonies".

The essay contest is an annual statewide DAR activity, initiated to encourage patriotism, appreciation for America's heritage and better knowledge of the nation's progress among school students in grades five through eight.

Culminating activities of the contest are scheduled each February, which is American History Month.

As a state winner, Miss Lane's essay will be entered into divisional competition for judging. Winning divisional essays are then to be submitted in national competition.

Miss Lane's is the third essay submitted by the Edenton Chapter of the DAR since 1975 to win a first place state award. Scott Canterbury, a fifth grade student from Ernest A. Swain Elementary School won in 1975 and Sambo Dixon, a Chowan Academy student, won in 1976.

Mary Kay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill T. Lane of Tyner. Her sixth grade teacher at Chowan Academy is Miss Nelle Manning.



STATE WINNER — An Edenton Tea Party Chapter representative in an essay contest has won state honors. Mary Kay Lane of Chowan Academy won first place at the Sixth Grade level. Shown with her are Mrs. Peggy Leeper, left, DAR regent here; and Mrs. Marguerite Burch, American History Month chairman.



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C. Christopher Bean

Attorney Bean Opens Practice

C. Christopher Bean is now engaged in the general practice of law at 431 South Broad Street. Bean occupies the office of the late Merrill J. Evans, Jr.

Admitted to the North Carolina Bar in September, 1975, Bean was an assistant District Attorney on the staff of Tom Watts in Elizabeth City until February, 1977, at which time he became a staff attorney with the N.C. State Bar. In this position he participated in the trials of attorneys who had engaged in dishonest, negligent or unethical conduct.

Bean, 30, is a native of Burlington. He received his AB degree in political science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his LLB from Wake Forest University.

At Chapel Hill he was vice president of the Junior and Senior classes; a member of the Student Legislature, Order of The Old Well and Sigma Nu Fraternity.

While in law school he was vice president of Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity and a member of the Moot Court Board.

DOT Presents Proposals On Roads

More than 80 per cent of the secondary roads in Chowan County are paved and this will not increase in the next year as county commissioners will concentrate on the stabilization of unpaved roads on the state system.

Marc Basnight of Manteo, a member of the Board of Transportation led a delegation of Department of Transportation personnel at a joint meeting with commissioners Tuesday morning.

The county accepted staff recommendations to program \$83,000 for work on four roads. They include: Mavaton Road, SR 1315; Chambers Ferry Road, SR 1205; Blanchard Lane, SR 1324; and Skinnars Road, SR 1309.

The retainage is \$12,031. Basnight pointed out that Chowan's \$95,031 in secondary improvement money comes from bond allocation, state allocation

and unallocated funds.

Commissioner Lester Copeland suggested that the county try to improve unpaved roads with the money available until they are all stabilized.

Chairman C.A. Phillips said he thought this is a good approach, adding that this is in line with what DOT is attempting.

Commissioner J.D. Peele asked for some work on SR 1206, near the intersection at Grover Cale's Store. He said he realized that right-of-way had been a problem but some work is needed. Basnight said he felt the state could improve a section of the road at minimum cost.

Flag Is Stolen

The flag thief has struck for the third time at Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, on U.S. 17-business. This time, though, his desire was for the North Carolina flag, not Old Glory.

Sheriff Troy Toppin reported that the flag was stolen sometime Sunday. He said the Sheriff's Department is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who stole the flag.

The sheriff said the thief either in the commission of the crime. On in the commission of the crime. On two earlier occasions the American Flag has been stolen. No arrests have been made.

ROTC Program

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education will make application for establishment of a Naval Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Unit in the system.

The unit would be at John A. Holmes High School and provide a four-year course of naval science curriculum.

Board members for several years have been attempting to get such a program included in the curriculum. Their vote on the application, as presented Monday night, was unanimous.

There was no discussion on the application as presented by Eugene Jordan, superintendent, but the tone of the vote was an expression of their strong support.

In another move involving students, the board approved an overnight field trip for Alternative School students. The trip would be made to Raleigh and Mrs. Clara Boswell, director, said it would include some 40 students and six staff members.

For nearly an hour, board members listened to a recitation from John A. Mitchener, III, regarding "general public awareness that a major personnel change is forthcoming."

W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., board attorney, spoke to the specific requirements and procedures of the Teacher Tenure Act of 1971.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, told the audience that he has no authority to dismiss anyone. And he said, he certainly wouldn't recommend anyone for a position which does not exist.

Chairman Eugene Jordan, a member of the N.C. School Boards Association, said the group has

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STUDY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS — Representatives of the State Department of Transportation met Tuesday with Chowan County commissioners to present a Secondary Roads Improvement Program. Shown looking over a map which details location of roads being programmed are, from left, Marc Basnight of Manteo, a member of the Board of Transportation; F. Wayne Adkins, Jr., of Ahoskie, division engineer; and C.A. Phillips, chairman of the local board.

Miss Jordan Morehead Scholar

CHAPEL HILL — Debbie Lynne Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Jordan, Route 2, Edenton, has received a Morehead Award to study at the University of North Carolina here.

The announcement is made today by Hugh G. Chatham of Elkin, chairman of the board of

trustees of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Miss Jordan, a senior at John A. Holmes High School, is a National Merit semi-finalist, a member of the varsity track team and president of the Biology Club.

She is one of the 66 high school seniors who have received a 1979 Morehead Award, which is presented to students of superior achievement and potential. Academic standing, character, evidence of leadership and service, physical vigor and ambition are the qualities looked for in a Morehead scholar.

The scholars currently are worth \$12,000 for North Carolina students for four years of study at UNC-CH. Out-of-state scholars receive the same stipend but the foundation also pays the out-of-state tuition differential.

Morehead Award selection followed a yearlong screening process which culminated in final interviews in Chapel Hill

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Debbie Jordan