

Chowan County Courthouse And Detention Facility Dedication - Sunday

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Chowan County Roads Funds Total \$16,672

WILLIAMSTON — The North Carolina Board of Transportation allocated \$10-million from funds authorized by the State Highway Bond Act of 1977 for improvements to the state's large secondary road system here at its January 11th meeting.

Chowan County's share of the \$10-million allocation is \$16,672, based on a formula established by the state legislature. According to the formula, each county receives a percentage of the total funds available, determined by the unpaved miles of secondary roads in the county in relationship to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state.

Chowan County has 32.80 miles of unpaved roads, while the total mileage of unpaved state maintained secondary roads in North Carolina is 20,000.

Secretary of Transportation Tom Bradshaw commented, "Again, we are glad to be able to put the highway bond funds to work for the citizens of North Carolina. It was the citizens' Continued On Page 4



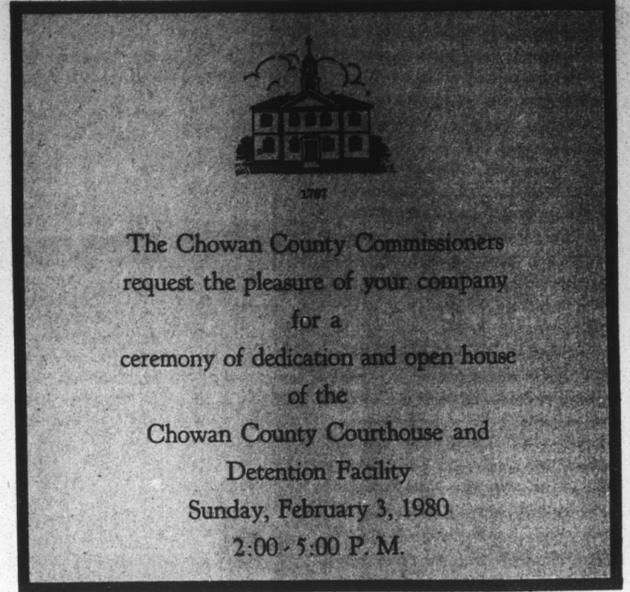
SURPRISE GREETING — L. F. Amburn, Jr., publisher of The Chowan Herald, had a surprise greeting Saturday night when he returned from a vacation in Florida following hospitalization. Those on hand were his wife, Emily, and Miss Terry Hoard, the companion of Luke Amburn who was on hand to record the event.

Cotton Gin Is Investigated By Local Farmers

A group of the cotton farmers in Chowan County are looking at the possibility of a cotton gin located within the county. Cotton acres have decreased in Chowan County until they got as low as 300 acres.

But with the cost of production increasing in corn, and the low yields of corn in certain areas of the county, cotton production has begun to look much better, because in a peanut rotation the land should be planted to either corn, cotton, or milo as soybeans carry the same disease and fertility problems that peanuts do. If soybeans are rotated with peanuts the disease problem could be tremendous.

For the past several years the cotton producer has had to carry his cotton to Murfreesboro or Bethel to have it ginned, which is both costly as far as wear and tear on trucks is concerned, and also



very time consuming. To make matters even worse, the possibility of a gin in Murfreesboro or Bethel in the next few years seems to be slight. For these reasons, the cotton farmers have

met once to discuss forming a cooperative to set up a gin and will have met again on Wednesday, January 30, with representatives from NCRFD and NCDA to Continued On Page 4

Named To Board

RALEIGH — The Bank of North Carolina, N.A. has named Ernest L. Hollowell to serve on the Edenton Local Board, it was announced today by Charles F. Merrill, president.

An active member of the community, Hollowell is Chairman of the Board of Chowan Veneer Company, Inc. He is past president of the Edenton Lions Club, is on the Board of Trustees of Chowan College, serves as Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee of Chowan College, is past Post Commander of the American Legion and is on the Board of Directors of Chowan Golf and Country Club.

President Merrill stated, "We are extremely pleased to have Mr. Hollowell join us, and I am sure that Edenton City Executive, Larry Robertson, and his staff will benefit from the guidance of such a strong and capable board."



E. L. Hollowell

NRHDA Exhausts Resources

Northeastern Rural Health Development Association, a non-profit health provider in Tyrrell, Perquimans and Bertie counties has all but exhausted means of obtaining \$200,000 for second year funding. It is headquartered in Hertford.

Walter White, chairman, has been quoted as saying that the disapproval of regional headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., will be argued at the Washington, D. C., level.

Officials in Atlanta did approve more than \$50,000 in funds to "phase out" the agency.

The agency has been given negative comments from Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency in Greenville and now in Atlanta. White continues to maintain that a need exists in the health underserved counties and NRHDA is the logical vehicle to be used in meeting the need.

The association had been asked by the Atlanta Office of HEW to comply with a series of concerns. Also, the agency asked ECHSA to completely review the application and a public hearing was held in Edenton—the second such hearing.

Opposition has been centered around duplication of services, lack of community support and government funding to compete with free enterprise.

The denial in Atlanta came Friday and White said immediately that an appeal would be taken to Washington.

"The project wasn't let go without some consideration to the needs of that area," Ed Rogge, HEW spokesman said Monday.

He stated further: "While NRHDA was being funded, the National Health Service Corps recruited two physicians to locate there. Hopefully this will help fill some of that void."

Public Parade

'The Boss Is Back!'

We had the misfortune of being hospitalized earlier in the month along the Public Parade. What started out as a "two or three days" for a battery recharge turned into a complete tune up which lasted 16 days.

On orders of Dr. Clement Lucas we then spent a week with a sister at Amelia Island Plantation, Florida. In another edition of The Chowan Herald we will dwell on that subject further.

After being on the receiving end of a new medical technique administered by Dr. Jim O'Leary and an exhaustive "work up" by Dr. George Knowles we were weak, but relaxed, when Dave Hanson sent us a "courtesy discharge" note.

The business office representative advised us as to what the hospital charges at the time, but with the caution that there would be other charges not yet posted. We almost told them to let me go back to bed.

Complete recovery from the finances didn't occur until Sunday afternoon when we received the itemized bill. It was then that we were thankful that Earl Britton of Blue Cross & Blue Shield had given us a package which amounted to a tremendous fringe benefit for all The Chowan Herald employees. The amount not covered by the insurance was little more than 1 per cent of the total charges.

"The boss is back", Luke kept saying at Norfolk International Airport as he played the photographer role during the surprise by our wife and Luke's companion. The same words filled our office on Cheap Side along the Public Parade during the early days of this week. We have tried to Continued On Page 4



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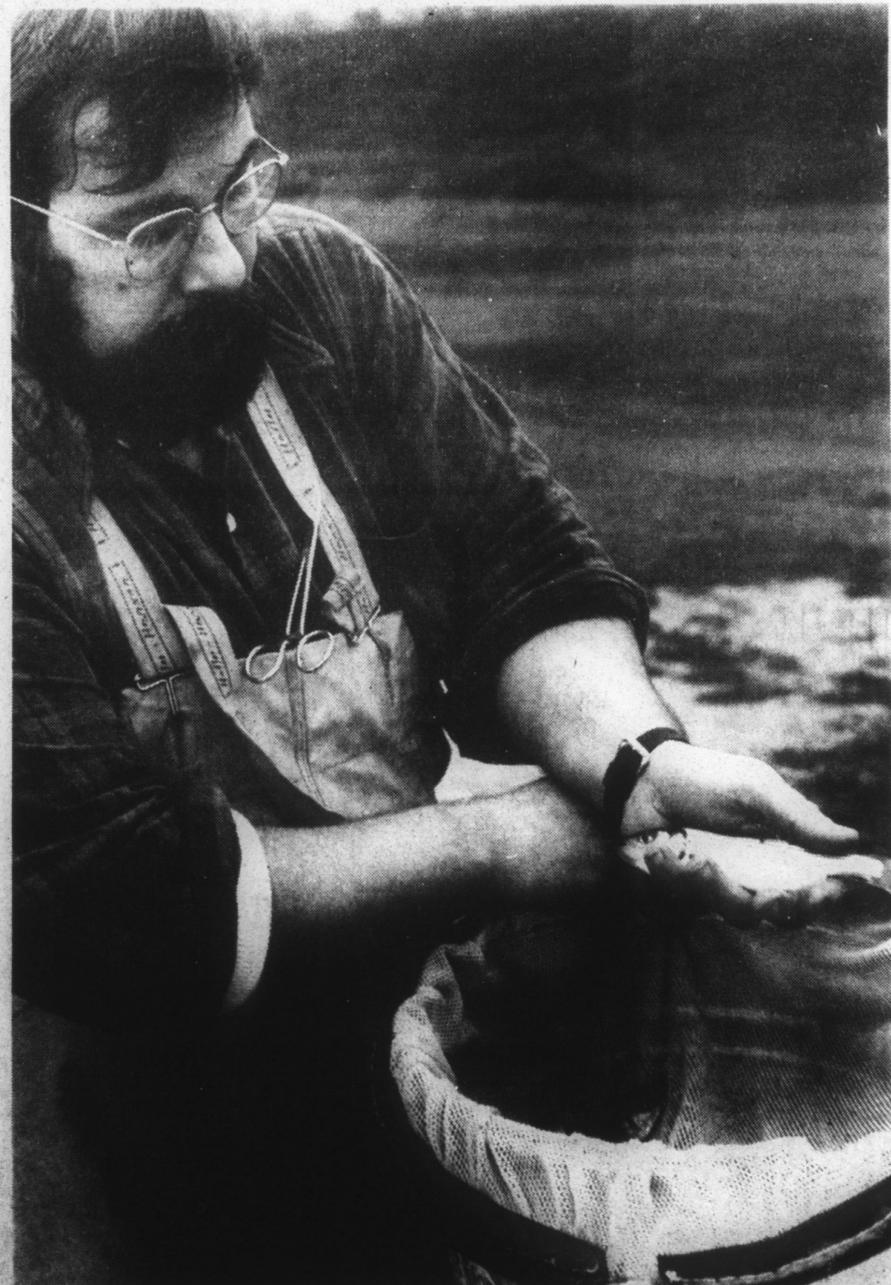
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Striped Bass For Cape Fear Hatched Here

The first N. C. coastal stocking of six-inch striped bass (rock fish) took place January 24 in the Cape Fear River near Wilmington.

Some 20,000 4 to 6 inch were raised in the Edenton National Fish Hatchery near Edenton, by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and transported 180 miles to Wilmington to begin an ex-

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RIVER STOCKED — Harrel Johnson, N. C. Division of Marine Fisheries biologist, is shown with striped bass (rock fish) from Edenton Fish Hatchery used to stock the Cape Fear River near Wilmington.

Wilder To Be Tried For Kidnapping

Arnell Wilder was bound over to Chowan County Superior Court Tuesday after Judge Richard Parker found probable cause on charges of first degree burglary and kidnapping. Wilder is being held in Tri-County Jail in lieu of a \$50,000 bond on the two counts.

Wilder's case is expected to go before the grand jury next week in the higher court. If true bills of indictment are found Dist. Atty. Tom Watts has indicated that the cases will be tried sometime during the week.

No probable cause was found in companion cases where William Michael Alexander and Jennece Marshall Carter are charged with aiding and abetting Wilder.

Wilder is charged with first degree burglary at the home of Mrs. Carolyn B. White, North Broad Street, and kidnapping her granddaughter, Nita Raines.

In other cases tried the following action was taken:

George Lawrence Bazemore, ordered to pay fine and costs in charges heard earlier.

Jessie Ray Holley, improper equipment, \$10 fine and costs. Vernon L. Snowden, speeding, costs.

Mitchell Arlen Gilliam, improper equipment, \$10 fine and costs.

Frankie Lynn Parrish, traffic violation, \$25 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Leon Skinner, traffic violation, \$25 fine and costs.

Kenny Eugene, indecent language, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$40 fine and costs; resisting arrest, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$40 fine and costs.

Henry V. Jackson, Jr., injury to personal property, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs and make restitution for damages.

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Conference Day

Twice each year special days in the school system's calendar are set aside as Parent-Teacher Conference days. On Friday all public school students in Chowan County will receive a holiday and parents are encouraged to discuss students academic progress with teachers.

Report cards, marking the end of the first semester's work, are being sent home by all students on Wednesday, January 30. Letters requesting that parents make an appointment with their child's teacher have also been sent home.

Regular school day hours will be observed by teachers and staff members in each school on Friday. However, at the discretion of each school principal, some schools will be observing an 8 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. schedule and others an 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. day for appointments, which has been indicated in letters sent to parents.

Race Develops

A race developed Wednesday for First Township representation on Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. John A. Mitchener, III, and Mrs. Patricia Downum have filed. Both are Democrats.

Earlier, Emily G. Amburn announced that she would not seek re-election. She has served on the board since voters approved consolidation of the municipal and county board of education.

The mid-morning activities at the Chowan County Board of Elections made it impossible for interviews with the candidates for this week's edition.