

Public Parade

Out Of Position

The publisher of The Chowan Herald and author of this column is temporarily confined to Chowan Hospital.

The column will resume next week.

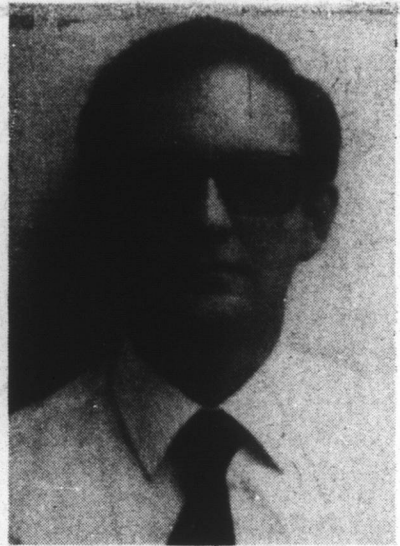
Guest Editorial

Everytime we hear anything about the 17-year old boy who was sent by the judge to spend a few hours in the Durham County jail and while there allegedly was sexually assaulted by three inmates, we get angry all over again. There is little consolation that the inmates have been indicted and charged with the crime. The incident should never have happened in the first place.

We refuse to accept this kind of behavior as an inevitable part of prison culture. It does not suffice to dismiss the incident as just another situation created by inadequate personnel, facilities and money.

Preventing this sort of thing is within our means. Jails are supposed to protect us from criminals: and if criminals are to be rehabilitated and returned to society, then jails should be able to protect inmates from each other.

Rape and sexual assault are among the most appalling, atrocious, revolting and despicable of crimes and to be victimized while in the protective custody of a jail and its law enforcement officials is intolerable and should cause every Durham County citizen and North Carolinian to voice protest and indignation.



Dr. James S. Pressley

Dr. Pressley Assumes Post

Dr. James S. Pressley, Director of Instruction in the Edenton-Chowan School System for the past four years, has resigned. He has accepted the position as Superintendent of Woodbridge School District in Bridgeville, Delaware. Pressley will begin his duties September 1.

Pressley's resignation brings to two the number of top administrators to resign within the past month. Greg Todd, John A. Holmes High School principal, recently resigned to accept the superintendent's position in Bertie County.

In making the announcement, Superintendent John Dunn said, "Dr. Pressley has been a valuable staff member and we're sorry to see him leave the system and the community." "I'm pleased, however," Dunn continued, "that he has this opportunity for career advancement." "We wish the very best for him and his family."

In his letter of resignation to Dr. Dunn, Pressley expressed his appreciation for the opportunities, guidance and encouragement given him towards his professional growth. He also expressed appreciation to the Board of Education for having had the opportunity to have been a part of a dynamic and progressive school system.

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Mrs. Betty P. Dail

Mrs. Betty Dail New Coordinator Of COA Courses

Betty P. Dail has been named coordinator of continuing education and extension courses for College of The Albemarle in Chowan County. Norman L. Norfleet, dean of instruction, said she will fill the position vacated last week by the resignation of Judy Earnhardt.

Norfleet said one of Mrs. Dail's first duties will be to serve as course manager for the television extension credit course for county residents which begins at the end of the month. Registration for the credit-hour General Psychology course is now in progress through August 28.

It will be televised each Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock over WUND-TV, Channel 2, for 15 weeks. Chowan residents who wish to enroll may contact Mrs. Dail by calling 482-2662 after 5 P.M.

She will conduct a one-hour orientation session at 7 P. M. on August 19, and again on August 20, at John A. Holmes High School. She will also give the mid-term and final course examinations at the same location.

Mrs. Dail attended COA until 1977, when she transferred to East Carolina University. She received her bachelor of science degree in Child Development and Family Relations from ECU in 1979. At the present time, she is employed by the local office of the Employment Security Commission as a ceta specialist interviewer.

Coastal Grants Are Approved

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Walter B. Jones, Chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, has announced the award of two grants dealing with coastal issues to the State of North Carolina.

The first is a \$1.505-million Coastal Zone Management grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to the State of North Carolina. The grant from the U. S. Department of Commerce agency will be supplemented by almost \$335,000 from the State. North Carolina became the first southern state to receive federal approval of its coastal program in September, 1978.

The second is a \$109,500 Coastal Energy Impact Grant to help the state participate in decisions affecting oil and gas exploration and leasing off the Carolina coast. The larger award will be used, in part, to provide financial support for the Coastal Resources Commission in implementing the State's Coastal Area Management Act.

The N. C. General Assembly has just passed legislation that calls for the development of a program

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Commissioners Vote To Request Relief Funds

The Board of Chowan County Commissioners met August 10 in a special session to hear the report of Joe McClees, of the Department of Natural Resources, regarding disaster relief funds for fishing on the Chowan River.

The report consisted of two parts, the first of which gave biological and historical information on the North Carolina River Herring American Fishery. This portion of the report covered the river herring fishery of the Chowan River and gave two possible explanations for the low abundance of river herring. One reason was that foreign fishing, or the catches of foreign vessels on the high seas, severely reduced the basic spawning stock of herring. The other reason blamed the poor water quality of the Chowan River for the reduced herring catches. Combined, the two simply mean that the stocks of herring were reduced by foreign fishing, but the poor water quality has inhibited their recovery.

Landings in 1977 showed promise that the river herring population might rebound, but an unusual event occurred in 1978 and has continued through the present year. Fishermen in the lower river received very low catches while the fishermen in the upper river maintained good catch levels. This phenomenon has been correlated by area fishermen with the annual discharge of Union Camp effluent during the time river herring were ascending the lower river. Data which has been collected by the

Division of Marine Fisheries suggest that this could be a significant factor in the problem.

The other part of the report dealt with the economics of the situation. For example, based on long-term data (1965-1981), average landings should be about 10.2-million pounds. This year the total landings were 4,753,720

pounds, which is a reduction from the long-term average of about 53 per cent. All things taken into consideration, the estimated loss to dealers this year would be \$452,000. This estimation is based on an estimated dealer price of 6.7 cents per pound and represents only the value of reduced dealer sales. According to this part of the

report, the Chowan County economy could be significantly affected, especially that segment of the economy related to commercial fishing.

Following the presentation of the report and the question and answer session that ensued, the Board of Commissioners voted on the report. The Board voted unanimously to receive the report and send it to the Emergency Management Department and Governor Jim Hunt to request disaster relief funds.

Cajuns Select Flanagan

LAFAYETTE — Dwight Flanagan, a seven-year veteran of the USL football coaching staff, has been named as the Ragin' Cajuns' offensive coordinator for the 1981 football season.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Flanagan of Edenton.

In addition, fellow assistant coaches Lee Rodgers and Don Lockwood have been elevated to the position of administrative assistants on offense and defense respectively by head coach Sam Robertson.

The appointments were announced this week by Robertson and fill the void left by the retirement of Don Smith, who had served as offensive coordinator for two years.

"We feel we have made a major step forward in our program with these appointments," Robertson said. "Dwight will do an excellent job with our offensive unit, and the addition of Lee and Don as administrative assistants will be a big benefit to our squad as a whole."

This will be the first time that an administrative assistant spot has been in effect on the Ragin' Cajun football staff.

"Lee and Don will be taking over a lot of the administrative details and the paperwork that's necessary in our football program," Robertson added, "and that will help balance the load among all our staff and leave more time for the rest of us with the players. I think it will be a great thing for our program."

Flanagan will also be shifting to the offensive backfield after being in charge of the receivers for six years. New staff member Lewis Cooke will be in charge of the receiving corps.

The new assignments mean that every member of the USL staff will either be coaching a different group or will have additional duties and areas of responsibility

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REPORT FOR DISASTER STATUS — Chowan County Chairman of the Commissioners, C. A. Phillips, right, is shown receiving a report from the Dept. Of Natural Resources, Joe McClees, left, which the Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of, as Earl Smith looks on. The report is on the herring in the Chowan River and will be sent to the office of Emergency Management and to Gov. Jim Hunt to request Emergency Disaster Funds for the fishermen on the Chowan River.

Hollowell Found Guilty On DUI Charge In Court

On August 4, the Chowan County District Court heard the following cases.

Robert Ray Hollowell was found guilty of driving under the influence of alcohol and was given a 60 day suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court.

C. H. Small, Jr. was found guilty of passing two worthless checks. He was given a 20 day sentence suspended for one year, \$25 fine and cost of court, and ordered to pay a restitution of \$120 to A&P.

Terry Glenn Casper was found guilty of reckless driving after drinking and given a 30 day suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court.

Lloyd E. Rome was found guilty of borrowing money and not paying it back and was given a 90 day sentence suspended for two years, \$50 fine and cost of court, and ordered to pay a restitution of \$190 to Ed Ward.

Robert L. Holley was found guilty of assault and was given a 30 day sentence suspended for one year, \$25 fine and cost of court.

Four Recipients Of Scholarships

Four area students have been awarded scholarships at North Carolina State University for the 1981-82 academic year.

They are Janet Riddick, daughter of Archie C. Riddick and the late Myra L. Riddick of Route 1, Belvidere; Susan Spruill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell L. Spruill of Route 2, Edenton; Richard Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arlee Griffin, Sr., of Route 5, Elizabeth City; and Travis Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Burke, Jr. of Route 3, Hertford.

Miss Riddick, a senior majoring in biology, received a Lloyd T. Weeks Scholarship. Miss Spruill, a senior majoring in pre-veterinary medicine, received a Winslow Foundation Scholarship. Griffin, a sophomore majoring in soil science, received a G. L. and Sadie S. Winchester Scholarship. Burke is a junior majoring in agricultural education.

Riddick, Spruill and Griffin are enrolled in the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Burke is in the School of Education.

Driver's Failure To Yield Causes Accident Fatality

A 40-year-old Virginia man was killed Monday in an automobile accident in Chowan County.

George Allen Reinhart of Salem, Va. collided with Michael Nixon, 24, of Edenton at the intersection of RR 1222 and RR 1218, in front of Whiteman's Service Center. Reinhart was driving a 1981 Mercury Zephyr, while Nixon was driving a 2-axle grain truck.

According to Highway Patrol officer J. A. Siles, the victim apparently failed to yield the right-of-way. There were no skid marks before the collision. Siles said the Nixon truck, which

sustained extensive damage, was apparently traveling at 55 MPH while he could not tell how fast the Reinhart vehicle was traveling.

Nixon was not injured, while a seven-year-old boy in the truck received minor injuries. There were no charges filed against Nixon.

Reinhart was announced dead on arrival at the Chowan Hospital. His body was transported from the Williford-Barham Funeral Home in Edenton to the John M. Oakey and Sons Funeral Home in Salem.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Reinhart.



ACCIDENT RESULTS IN FATALITY - George Reinhart of Salem, Va. was driving this 1981 Mercury Zephyr when he collided with Mike Nixon of Edenton. The collision occurred in Chowan County at the intersection in front of Whiteman's Service Center.