

Public Parade

Good Reading

Another edition of the "Chowanoc" has been printed. For those who haven't been exposed to the publication, it is a magazine written by the students of the Cultural Journalism Class of Chowan Junior High School.

The latest edition was delivered to our house Sunday night by Stacie Self. Stacie must do most of her extra curricular activities on Sunday since it was the same time of the week that she solicited our purchase.

There are not a lot of credits in the handsomely bound publication. We would assume, though, that Stacie is one of the chiefs. She approached us in church several weeks ago and asked if we would like to purchase a magazine. Before we could tell her we got more unsolicited magazines than we can read, she added that what she was selling wasn't an ordinary magazine.

Since we had not been a regular reader of local copy, except The Chowan Herald, we really didn't know what a treat we had in store. The stories in the "Chowanoc" are interesting. The writers chose a wide range of subjects which adds a great deal. And in doing their research, whether it was in a personal interview or through the dusty records in Chowan County Courthouse, the students broadened their knowledge.

The "Chowanoc" is not only good reading, it is a good value. Unlike most things during these times of inflation, the price came down between the time of the sale and the delivery. But it would have been worth the higher price.

Good job, Stacie and colleagues!

ERA Or Bust

In case you haven't heard or read (and slim the chances) the N.C. General Assembly is in session this week. It is not important that the budget is in bad shape or that something needs to be done to curb the rip-off of utility companies. The BIG noise is ERA.

The Equal Rights Amendment has been before the General Assembly several times. In fact, it had a chance of becoming a permanent fixture, so 13 lawmakers signed a pact last year that the subject wouldn't be discussed during the mini-session in 1982.

All that has changed. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., armed with the support of Paul Harvey and the Lois Harris Poll, not to mentioned newly wifeized Monk Harrington, has rolled out the big guns to get the amendment passed within the next couple of weeks. It's ERA or bust!

This notwithstanding, we still think it is much to do about nothing. And we have in our corner none other than Sen. Sam

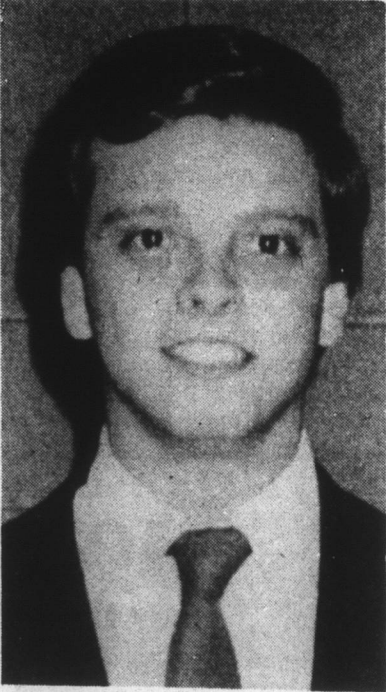
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Bunch Elected Vice-President In Roanoke Valley Chamber

The six-months' search for an executive vice-president for the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce has ended with the selection of Howard Benjamin Bunch.

Bunch, 24, has served for two years with the Roanoke-Chowan Regional Housing Authority and Redevelopment Commission, beginning as an acquisition-relocation officer and advancing to a community development project administrator.

The new Chamber administrator assumed the position June 1 and will attend the U.S.



Howard Benjamin Bunch

Chamber of Commerce management meeting at the University of Georgia in Athens as one of his first duties.

In accepting the position, Bunch said: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce for selecting me for this position. I am looking forward with great anticipation to the challenges ahead - and I plan to dedicate myself to the Chamber as well as the Roanoke Valley area.

"I plan to get the business and professional people very active in the Chamber organization, to promote business opportunities and additional economic development. I hope to increase the membership of the Chamber because it's the members who make the Chamber what it is.

"We need to develop creative methods and ideas to promote the area and bring new business in. This area has a great deal to offer the people and I believe, working together with one goal in mind we can show what the Roanoke Valley has to offer.

"My background in dealing with government agencies will be an asset to me and I want to make members as well as non-members welcome and hope they will feel free to contact me and the Chamber if we can be of service to them."

Prior to coming to this area with the housing authority, Bunch

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Tragic Fire Destroys Winslow Home Sunday

Fate took an ugly turn Sunday when an early morning fire completely destroyed the home of Ricky and Hazelene Winslow, at Tyner. The cause of the fire, as of yet undetermined, is thought to be lightning.

Though tragic, the fire was not fatal. Hazelene Winslow had undergone major surgery Thursday morning and returned home late Saturday with her husband. They stopped by her parents house, Mr. and Mrs. King G. Byrum, who had been babysitting their two daughters, Julie and Holly. While there, Winslow's wife fell asleep. Seeing that his two daughters were also asleep, he elected to spend the night there, rather than wake them and go home.

A passing motorist spotted the fire at approximately 3:30 A.M. By the time the Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Dept. arrived only minutes later, the fire was raging out of control. Ricky Winslow noted that "it took two hours to destroy what took two years to build."

Construction on the house, which was valued at over \$100,000 had begun May 29, 1980. The home was not yet completed at the time of the fire.

According to Winslow, "We had put several hard days in there trying to make a nice place for our children to grow up, and it's really unfortunate because they are left without anything. We feel they are the ones that are really suffering. It's also rough on Hazelene, who was just returning home from major surgery."

Winslow, along with several friends and family members, had worked hard to get into the house by last winter. They moved into the house Nov. 14, 1981, but not before overcoming other obstacles. The house was broken into 30 days prior to their moving in. Among the things taken were kitchen appliances, tools, and their three-year old daughter's bicycle. These things were gradually replaced, only to succumb to the fire.

The insurance company termed the house a total loss. Absolutely nothing is salvageable, down to the concrete slab in the garage. One of the family vehicles, which was in the garage at the time of the fire, was also destroyed.

According to Winslow, they'll have to get a bulldozer and push everything over in the low spots and start all over again from



FIRE DESTROYS HOME — Above is what's left of Ricky and Hazelene Winslow's home in Tyner. The house, worth over \$100,000, was completely burned down, along with its furnishings. The Winslow's, along with their two daughters, had spent the night with relatives.



SANCTUARY PROJECT UNDERWAY — Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sunday morning for the sanctuary addition to Edenton United Methodist Church on Virginia Road. It is expected to take 13 months to complete the \$800,000 project. Pictured left to right at the ceremony are: L.F. Amburn, Jr., Building Committee chairman; Rev. Kermit Braswell of Elizabeth City, district superintendent; Rev. Richard Blankenhorn, pastor; Will Parker, trustee chairman; and D. Ross Inglis, president, Edenton Construction Company, Inc., general contractor. The Fellowship-Education Building was started in July 23, 1978, and occupied in mid-1979. When the sanctuary is finished the church will have a \$1,250,000 investment adjacent to Chowan Hospital. (Staff Photo by Paul Amburn.)

New Environmental Research Facility

RALEIGH — The Tidewater Research Station in Plymouth, operated by the N.C. Department of Agriculture, will soon be the site of a beef cattle feeding and environmental research facility.

The facility was funded through bills introduced by Sen. Melvin Daniels and J.J. (Monk) Harrington, Rep. Vernon James and other interested legislators during the 1981 session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly financed the project at \$150,000 for general construction and fixed equipment. No ap-

propriation was made for operation of the facility.

Bids for lagoon construction and grading work have been solicited, and work will be completed in 45 days. This will be followed by actual facility construction.

"I am grateful for the support of Sen. Daniels' and Harrington, Rep. James, and others for this vital project," states Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham. "The research conducted at this facility will hopefully give Northeastern North Carolina farmers avenues by which they can diversify their operations and income through beef cattle finishing and other beef cattle operations."

The close proximity of the Northeastern North Carolina area to East Coast beef-deficient population centers; the need to reduce escalating energy costs in transporting cattle to and from calf producing, finishing and beef consumption areas; and the huge quantities of by-product feeds available in this area of the state for combined stocker-finishing beef cattle operations were primary considerations for development of this beef cattle

research facility.

The beef cattle research facility will be located on approximately 70 acres at the Tidewater Research Station, and will include a confinement, corral, and grain and grass pasture system.

The confinement system - measuring 36 feet by 120 feet - will be comprised of eight pens: four of slatted concrete with waste going into a pit below, and four of solid concrete with flush gutters and flush water tanks to remove waste. When waste falls into the pit from the slatted system or is flushed by gutter into the pit, solids will be separated out with a screening and settling system. Then, the waste material will go by gravity flow into a lagoon measuring 105 feet by 196 feet.

The corral system will measure 80 feet by 100 feet, and will have four sort pens and one holding pen with a crowd gate. The holding pen area will also have a loading chute, squeeze chute and scales for loading and unloading, treatment of animals and weighing prior to movement into

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Home Sunday

scratch.

"We didn't realize how many close friends we had in the area until a tragedy like this occurred. Since this has happened, several area churches and friends have gathered and sent clothes, sheets, towels, money, and several other things."

"Though deeply saddened by this," said Winslow, "we're both real strong. One day we will be back on our feet again and moving in a positive direction."

Local Man Drowns While Swimming

A 19-year-old Edenton man drowned Monday evening after he and a close friend went swimming in Francis Pond, located near the Mexico Road - Albemarle Street extended overpass.

Victim Mike Jones, 105 West Gale Street, and witness James Lother were attempting to swim from the shore to a small island estimated at 200 to 300 feet, according to Police Captain C.H. Williams.

Lother was just about to reach the island when the victim yelled out that he could not make it -- his last words. Lother, on approaching the island, looked back to see Jones in trouble. He then returned to the water where he swam circling the area where his best friend had gone under. After an unsuccessful attempt, Lother swam back to the shore and ran nearly a mile before reaching authorities via telephone.

Captain Williams and Officer Bland Terry were dispatched to the scene after the station received a call at 6 P.M. The body

was recovered at approximately 6:55 about 150 feet from shore and in about 15 feet of water according to Williams' report.

The victim was taken to the Chowan Hospital and was pronounced dead on arrival. The victim had lived in Chowan County all his life and was attending Edenton-Chowan Alternative School.

He is survived by his mother, Annie Marie Jones; three brothers: Enoch Lorenza Jones, Fred Lee Jones and Charles Phillippe Bond; two sisters: Sarah Jones Brooks and Barbara Ann Bond.

A memorial service will be held at 3 P.M. Sunday in Providence Baptist Church where he was a member. Reverend J.L. Fenner will officiate. Burial services will be conducted by Blair Funeral Service.



Hood Ellis

Ellis Is Elected To Board Of Directors

Hood Ellis of Edenton has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc. The agency held its annual meeting May 19, at the Greensboro Country Club in Greensboro.

The Children's Home Society, a United Way Agency, was founded in 1902 and has placed over 15,000 children in permanent adoptive homes since its inception. The Society is North Carolina's only statewide, private, non-sectarian adoption agency.

The program for the annual meeting was a panel discussion by four staff members entitled "On Behalf Of Children." Each speaker explained her work in the adoption process in her particular area of expertise. Mrs. Jean Johnson, director of professional services, served as moderator.

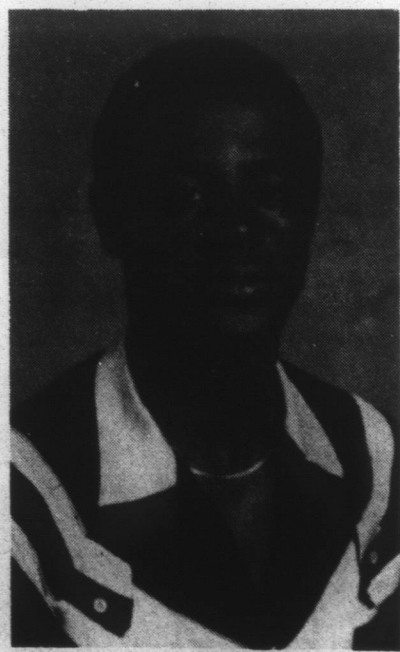
Chaffin Presides Over District Court

The following cases were heard in the Chowan County District Court on June 1, with Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding judge.

Martha R. Nixon was found guilty on one count of a worthless check. She was given 30 days suspended for 2 years, \$50 fine and cost of court. She is to pay a restitution fee of \$38.75 to TG&Y.

Joseph Moore was found guilty of exceeding a safe speed. He was

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Mike Jones