

Back To School

It's back to school time along the Public Parade. This year it means the departure of some familiar faces around The Chowan Herald.

For the first time in awhile, the newspaper crew enjoyed the luxury this summer of an intern. Richard Williams, a local product attending A&T State University in Greensboro, did a splendid job during his all too brief sojourn on Cheap Side.

It is hard to determine if Richard has any influence on Jeff Winslow, but Jeff has chosen to return to the classroom. He is enrolled in Elizabeth City State University and hopes to become a lawyer.

In our 30 years of experience in journalism, we don't recall any two young men who worked harder at their jobs than Jeff and Richard.

Jeff came along in June, 1981. He developed quickly into a valuable employee. Richard has gained a lot of book learning and we hope his practical experience this summer was as beneficial to him as it was to us.

There are two part-time gals who will be missed. Anna Kay Manning and Greer Amburn performed speciality duties at various times during the summer. It won't be too comfortable knowing that they aren't around to call on short notice.

So, you can see the school bells have played their toll along the Public Parade. But somehow, we'll manage to carry the burden.

Without A Doubt

"Judge Clears Extension Service of Race Bias Claims" was a front page headline Tuesday in our least favored morning daily of general circulation in North-eastern North Carolina. The story reported that U.S. Judge Franklin T. Dupree, Jr., had ruled that the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service hasn't practiced racial discrimination.

There is a great deal of relief now among thousands of AES professionals who have operated under the cloud of an 11-year-old lawsuit filed by more than 50 Negro extension agents. The service was integrated in 1965 and Judge Dupree found since that time "it has at no time engaged in purposeful discrimination."

Those who knew the leadership qualities of former directors George Hyatt and Carlton Blalock were never without a doubt as to the intent and implementation of Extension Service policies. These policies and actions thereon withstood the onslaught of not only those involved in the class action suit, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture as well.

The N.C. Agricultural Extension Service has continued to make tremendous progress throughout Tar Heelia during the pending lawsuit and 10-week trial. This is a tribute to the caliber of professionals who comprise the agency. With this cloud now removed, Dr. Chester Black, the current director, can move the programs ahead at a more rapid pace.

Exoneration was the right decision, without a doubt.

Leader Moves Out

Remember the saying, "You can't keep a good man down"? Also, there was one about not being able to keep'em down on the farm after they had seen Paris.

Well, we don't know if the Paris bit applies to Raleigh Carver, but the other statement does. Sir Raleigh of the Isle of Pasquotank is a regional leader who has expanded his area of influence.

We want to be among the first along the Public Parade to congratulate Sir Raleigh on his selection as a top officer of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners. His selection as second vice president is a first for Northeastern North Carolina.

Sir Raleigh has distinguished himself in the Albemarle Area in many capacities. In his profession, he spent 29 years with the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. In his role as administrator he mastered the political ropes and was a natural for elective office

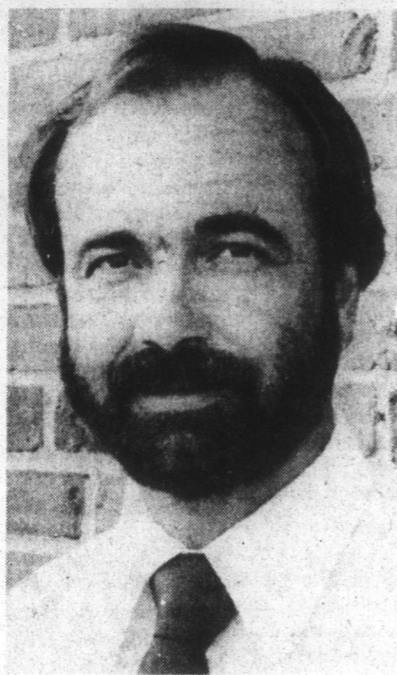
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Martin Resigns Utilities Post Following Cut In Salary

James Martin, the Director of Utilities for the Town of Edenton, has resigned his position with the city. The resignation was made on August 16 and will become effective on September 10.

Mr. Martin when asked why he was leaving indicated that "it was time that he rethink his position."

A source close to Mr. Martin reported that he was lead to "rethink" his position because of the Town Council's action to reduce his pay grade from a salary grade of 30 to a salary grade of 26 representing a \$5000



James Martin
Director of Utilities

differential. In this situation the source felt that Mr. Martin's pay would be frozen forever.

Sam Noble, the city manager, when asked if the reduced pay grade was one of the reasons for Mr. Martin's resignation refused to comment saying, "You'll have to ask Mr. Martin about that."

Mr. Martin when asked about the possibility that the reduced pay scale was his reason for resigning; did not feel that he was able to make any official comment at this time.

Mr. Martin shall be taking the position of Assistant Director of Utilities in the City of Rocky Mount, where his duties will consist primarily of directing the electric and gas utilities.

Sam Noble's response to Mr. Martin's resignation was, "I hate to see him leave but, I can't fault him for wanting to move up to a larger town and better himself."

Mr. Martin reported that, "After 10 years in Edenton, it's my home and I like it and the people here."

"It's just one of those things and its time to move on." Mr. Martin continued saying, "The public has said nothing but nice things since my resignation was announced."

Noble reported that William Crummey will be named acting Utilities Director until the Town Council can meet in executive session, advertise and fill position.

Dunn Announces Goals For School System

At the recent kick-off breakfast for the educators of the Edenton-Chowan School System, John Dunn commended the local educators and set the goals for the school systems coming year.

The Edenton-Chowan School Superintendent commended the teachers, Principals, and others involved with the school system on a job well done. He cited three areas of their achievement.

The first area of achievement dealt with the fact that test scores have been improving consistently over the past seven years. The students of the Edenton-Chowan Schools are now testing at or above the national averaged, in every grade level.

The second thing that Mr. Dunn commended the educators on was that the drop-out rate of the schools is one of the lowest in the state. The school placing fifth and only one half on one per cent behind the number one school.

The last thing he mentioned was that all of the over 100 graduates last year passed the state competency exam last year.

John Dunn next expounded on the goals that have been set for the coming school year. He did this by stating that it was time that we got "back to the basics of education." He outlined the basic education by using the ABC's.

A - he said was for the continued improvement of the academic standing of the school. He also mentioned that it would soon be time for accreditation.

B - he said was for buildings, Mr. Dunn announced that the school system will open bids for the building of a new cafeteria and four classrooms at John A. Holmes. The old cafeteria will be converted into science labs.

C - he said is for courtesy, and promptly pointed out the school system's slogan for the year -



SCHOOL SYSTEM'S NEW SLOGAN - Superintendent Dunn points to a banner bearing the school system's slogan: Courtesy is Contagious - Spread It.

AADA Compiling Real Estate List

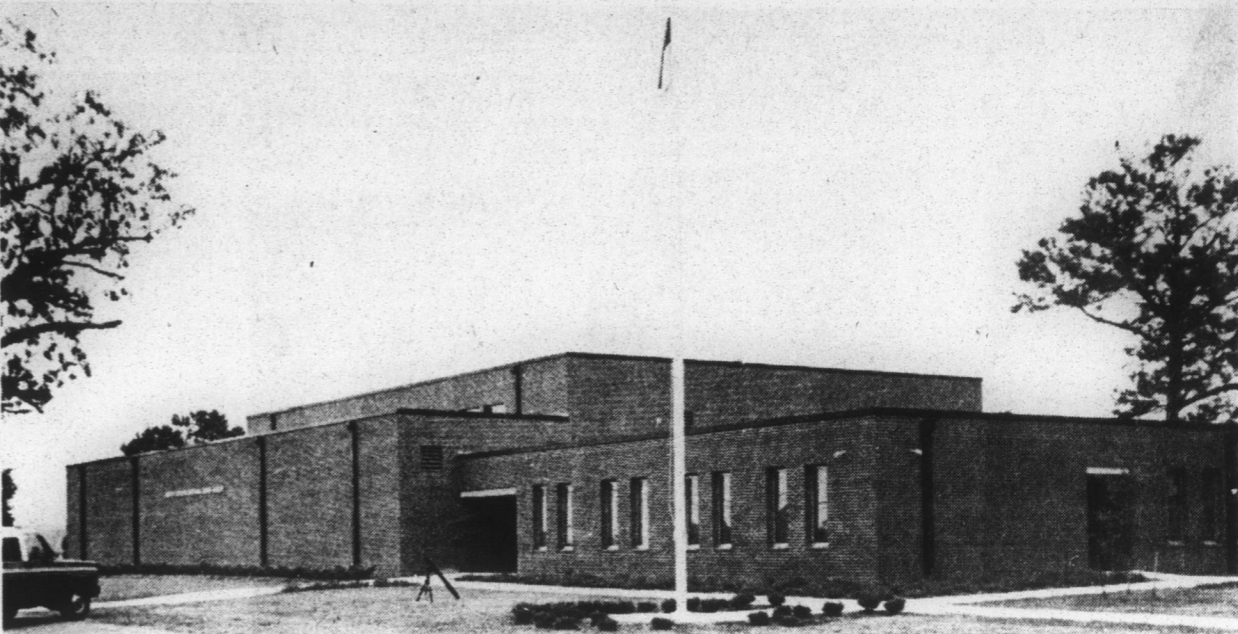
The Albemarle Area Development Association in the ten county area is compiling a list by county of available rental houses, rooms, cottages, camp grounds, tourist homes and so forth.

The primary intent of this project is to furnish information about available lodgings for tourists which might not be found in the yellow pages. The Dare County 400th Celebration (1984-1987) will soon be upon us, and we expect that some of our information might help the county to handle the expected overflow of tourists. This project should

promote a greater awareness of the various facilities and attractions available in our ten county area.

Thoughts of renting a room might not have crossed your mind, but after reading this article, you might begin thinking how you fit into this tourism project. If you are interested, or know of anyone who might consider this, opportunity, please call the Perquimans County Extension Service 426-7697.

The collected information will be turned in on September 9, and further edited. Information will be published and distributed by many sources.



ARMORY DEDICATED - The North Carolina National Guard is having the dedication for their new building Saturday, August 28. Plan to attend!

Decline In School Enrollment Means Fewer Jobs For Teachers

More than 2,000 public schools in North Carolina's 143 local school systems are preparing to open the end of August.

Declining enrollment will cause elementary and secondary schools across the state to operate with fewer students and teachers. This fall, student enrollment will decline 1.36 per cent from last

year. About 1,099,018 youngsters are expected to enroll in our public schools -- 15,134 less than last year. The schools will be operating with 686 fewer teachers this school year. The enrollment decline which the schools are now experiencing is expected to continue until the late 1980s.

About \$1.5 - billion in state money is earmarked for the public schools for the 1982-83 term. Last year, the schools functioned with a \$1.4 - billion budget. This year's expansion reflects continuing a 5 per cent increase in salaries budgeted for only half of last year and increased hospitalization benefits for school personnel. During the 1981 - 82 year, federal funds to public schools were cut by about 8 per cent. An additional 4 per cent reduction is expected this year. The educationally disadvantaged children will be affected the most -- receiving fewer services by fewer teachers.

The school food programs will provide about 27 per cent of our students with a nutritious breakfast and about 73 per cent of our youngsters with lunch this year. The average cost per plate last year for breakfast was 61 cents; the average cost per plate for lunch was \$1.09. These prices will remain the same in most school systems. A few systems plan to drop prices because of increased participation. Many schools will be offering a greater variety in their menus this year, including salad bars and sandwich bars and expanded a la carte sales.

More than 12,700 "big yellows" will take to the road this fall, transporting almost 65 per cent of our students. School bus safety will be emphasized again this year at the local level.

"We look forward to another school year -- a budget-tightening

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Courtesy is Contagious - Spread It. Mr. Dunn emphasized, "Our aim is to enable each child to develop and demonstrate respect for self, respect for school and respect for community, the nation and the world."

To carry out this theme Mr. Dunn said that "there will be certain basic emphasis which will be stressed system-wide."

He stated, "We will stress courtesy toward the flag and country, courtesy to adults, courtesy to students, development of a dress code, administrative, faculty and staff dress and courtesy codes."

In closing his remarks Mr. Dunn said, "It is a major goal of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education to achieve the distinction of becoming North Carolina's most courteous school system."

County Fair Coming Soon

The 1982 Chowan County Fair is expected to be bigger and better this year than anytime in its 35 year history. Exhibitors from the Albemarle Area have continually grown both numbers and in the quality of their exhibits.

The Chowan County Fair has been judged as one of the top three county fairs in North Carolina for the past three years. The credit for these accomplishments is due to the people who get involved in developing and promoting the fair and the many hundreds of talented individuals who either exhibit or perform during the fair. It is expected that in 1982 it will again be the "Biggest Little Fair in North Carolina."

The Edward G. Bond Post 40, The American Legion, has been the sponsor and co-ordinator for the fair since its beginning. However, they are quick to recognize that without the cooperation, support, advice and involvement of many people especially the Chowan County Agricultural Extension Service, without who the Chowan County Fair could have been just another carnival.

The 1982 Chowan County Fair has the same theme, "Community Involvement" but has many new features. The Chowan County Pork Producers Assoc. for the first time, will sponsor a Chowan County Pork Queen Contest. Free entertainment on the Midway will include Carla Wallenda, a high wire aerialist. The Albemarle Cattle Producers Assoc. will sponsor a cattle show. Another expansion of display facilities has been completed. The Chowan County Fair continues to grow.

National Guard Open House Set

The North Carolina National Guard announces the dedication and open house of Edenton's New National Guard Armory. The event will be held on August 28 and start at 1 P.M.

The Edenton detachment is the first detachment of C -- Company of the First Battalion of the 119 infantry. The Edenton detachment consists of two rifle platoons and one weapon platoon and consists of 104 enlisted persons and 2 officers.

The detachment moved to its new location on December 4 and has been waiting for this opportunity to share its new home with the public. The dedication speaker will be Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram. The dedication will be followed by a ribbon cutting and open house.

The open house will consist of a static weapons display, weapons demonstration, a revolutionary war detail and refreshments served by the National Guard Ladies Auxiliary.

Chaffin Hears Court Docket

District Court was held in Chowan County this week with the Honorable John T. Chaffin as the presiding judge. The criminal calendar was heard on August 24.

Calvin Julious Moore, the judge invoked a six months sentence for a Show Cause Order - Fail to comply support. Mr. Moore was committed.

Linburg Holley, the judge invoked a six months sentence for a Show Cause Order - Fail to comply support. Mr. Holley has appealed the verdict.

Leo Parker, was found not guilty of Show Cause - fail Appear Subpoena.

Erma Williams, was found guilty of passing a worthless

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Beeler Joins Herald Staff As Reporter - Photographer

Joseph A. Beeler, Route 2, Edenton, has become associated with the news department of The Chowan Herald. Beeler is a general assignment reporter - photographer.

L.F. Amburn, Jr., editor and publisher of The Herald, said he is pleased to have Beeler join the staff. "Being a local man, Joe is completely familiar with the

Chowan County scene and he will help us continue to improve the quality of our news coverage," Amburn said.

Beeler graduated from College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City and later received his BA degree in philosophy and human communication at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg.

For several months while at St. Andrews, Beeler was an audio visual assistant. In this capacity he was responsible for all graphic and graphic arts work requested of the department. He also taught himself basic computer programming.

He has been a clinical counselor with the S.C. Department of Mental Health. His latest employment was as a counselor - teacher with Campeonada Foundation, Inc., in Rome, Ga., where he was responsible for the therapy of 12 emotionally handicapped adolescent boys.

Beeler is single and resides with his parents.



Joseph A. Beeler