

EMPTY TODAY — The bandstand like the rest of the Fair Grounds is empty today, but soon the bark of the carnie caller will fill the air.

County Fair Starts Sept. 20

The Fair grounds are empty today and there are no teaming masses of people to be entertained. You can hear none of the usual grunts, moos or bays from the livestock exhibit. There are no crafts or canned goods on display in the exhibition hall. No games, rides or any of the usual things associated with the fair. But, as fall approaches an thrill of anticipation is beginning to fill the air.

The Chowan County Fair may not be here yet but the plans have been made and preparations for fair week, Sept. 20-25, are already well underway.

Among the acts that will be appearing at the fair this year will be the high wire artist, Carla Wallenda, the country band, The Good Old Boys, and a soul group Lock, Stock and Barrel. There will also be the exhibits of livestock, field crops, canned goods, crafts and fine arts.

The fair will be the scene of the Northeastern Pork Queen Contest. As young women, between the ages of 17 and 22, compete to be crowned Northeastern Pork Queen. The contest will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at 8:30 P.M.

As the fair booklet says, "The Chowan County Fair is a picture of the people, businesses and agriculture of the Albemarle Area."

The Fair grounds may be empty today but on the 20th of September, excitement will be word of the day as the fair opens its doors to the public.

Heart Association

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continue their medication; to help expand public knowledge of how to react to a cardiac emergency; and other Heart Association programs designed to reduce premature death and disability from heart disease.

"It's frightening," said Gillikin, "for one thing, to know that people are walking around today with high blood pressure, which can cause a stroke, heart attack, or kidney damage, when we know that proper treatment by a physician can reduce the risk of these dangerous conditions."

Trends Are Compared

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leaving the county before they reach the age 29. This out-migration by the young people has implications for economic growth as well as population growth. It is a well known fact that most children are born to parents who are in their 20s and 30s. Since many Chowan residents migrate out of the county before or soon after reaching the age in which most people begin their families, this loss is likely to reduce the natural population growth during the coming years.

Using past trends to project the future population, Professor Horace Hamilton of State College and Joe Perry of DCP have forecasted the population in Chowan County to continue to decrease during the next two decades. If past trends continue, it is likely that the county population will number no more than 10,700 by 1970, a loss of almost a thousand people during this decade, and will number less than 10,000 by 1980.

Since the county will be short on young adults during the coming years -- and as a result will have only limited need for additional housing units -- this lack of young married couples may tend to stymie employment opportunities in the construction industry and reduce commercial activity considerably under what it could be if all young adults would remain in the county because it has been shown by surveys that a large proportion of total purchases for goods and services are made by people between age 30 - 39.

This is not to say that out-migration or the decreasing population is responsible for the lack of sufficient employment opportunities in the county. On the contrary, out-migration is the result of and not the cause of relatively poor employment opportunities.

While the population was decreasing by 6.5 per cent during the past decade, total employment in the county dropped by 1 per cent. The substantial gain in employment in all nonagricultural industries combined was not sufficient to offset the rapid decline in agricultural employment. As a result of the exodus out of agriculture, the population is about equally divided three ways between the urban, rural nonfarm, and rural farm classification.

It has been estimated that less than 10 per cent of North Carolina's labor force will be required for agricultural production by 1975. If this estimate holds true for Chowan County, then the movement off the farm will continue for many more years because 24 per cent of the employed county workers in 1960 were engaged in agriculture. Based on past national agricultural employment trends, the county is expected to lose over 350 jobs to farm mechanization during this decade.

Should the nonagricultural industries presently located in Chowan expand at the national growth rate, total employment will be slightly greater in 1970 than was the case in 1960. However, it should be pointed out that manufacturing, the county's second major source of employment next to agriculture, grew at only 5 per cent during the past decade while the national rate was much higher at 19 per cent. Since the manufacture of food, textiles, and apparels are increasing faster in this state than throughout the nation, it is possible that these industries may grow faster than the national rates. That is doubtful though since employment opportunities in the local food and textile plants declined during the past decade. Lumber - furniture, the county's largest source of employment is manufacturing, is expected to experience slow growth according to the national growth rate for this industry.

Over the 10 year period 1950 - 60, Chowan County had a gain in the number of people employed in commerce, professional services, and transportation - communication - utilities. According to the national growth rates, each of these industries is projected to show substantial growth in employment opportunities during this decade. However, the expansion in these nonbasic industries depend very heavily on what happens in agriculture and manufacturing. Should the slow growth trends in manufacturing continue in Chowan County, along with the movement off the farm, employment in the local nonbasic industries probable will not expand at anything like the national rates. If this happens, total employment opportunities in the county probable will decrease rather than increase slightly as the national growth rates indicate.

Even though many people are leaving the county in search of relatively better employment opportunities, there is an adequate supply of production workers available for employment in any likely industrial expansion. Estimates by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina show that there are over 2,300 production type workers available for employment within a 20-mile radius of Edenton. While only 500 of these available workers have skills or semiskills -- with experience in textiles, apparel, logging, construction, machinery, pulp, and paper, wood working, and ship building -- all of them are considered to be trainable for production jobs demanding skill development.

CRC To Develop Fund Guidelines

Friday action by the Coastal Resources Commission means that coastal towns and counties will get state support as they begin planning for rebuilding after a major storm. At its August 26-27 Wilmington meeting, the commission concluded 18 months of study and two public hearings by voting unanimously to develop guidelines for coastal communities to use in post-disaster reconstruction planning.

"The necessity of planning for disasters and the rebuilding effort which follows has been underscored by everyone who addressed the Commission," said Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr., chairman. "Now these guidelines will help our coastal communities make important decisions for the future. The Commission will also be developing state policies to guide reconstruction when issues affect the entire coastal area. We will bring these policies back to the people and local governments for a thorough public discussion of these choices."

The commission voted that plans developed by communities and counties must establish policies on the most important post-disaster issues including utility and rights-of-way relocations, sound engineering practice for construction, local plans for public works projects and subdivision of lots into adequately sized lots. These issues must be addressed in the local plans although specific decisions about how best to accomplish the goals are left to the local governments. Once the local policies are set, state and federal agencies and public utilities are bound by law to comply with them.

In other action, the commission agreed to take several important issues to public hearing at its next meeting. Among the hearing topics will be a proposal to no longer require permits for certain kinds of minor development involving public trust or estuarine waters. Another proposed rule change would allow estuarine bulkheads to reclaim more than one year's erosion when smaller bulkheads are impractical. Procedural rules on hearings, civil assessments and rule-making will also be covered in the October 7-8 meeting. The meeting site has not yet been set.

In committee action, the Commission directed that studies be completed on ways to improve and create public beach areas along the shorelines of the coastal sounds. The Commission also directed staff to draft policies which would forbid the mooring of floating homes in the waters of coastal North Carolina for consideration at the next meeting. The ban was proposed because the structures pose navigation and pollution threats and interfere with the use and enjoyment of public waters.

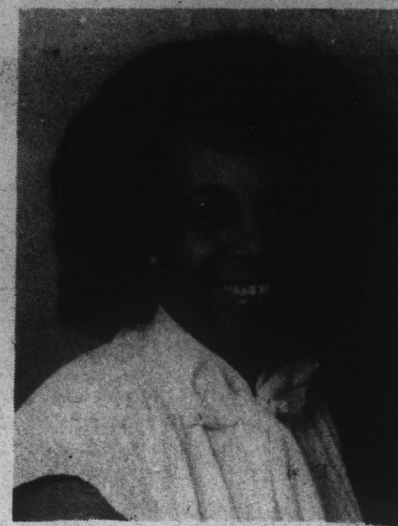
In a major address Natural Resources and Community Development Secretary Joseph W. Grimsley told the Commission that the continued funding of the Coastal Area Management Act was essential to the future well-being of the coast. "You don't have to look far to see the value of coastal management in North Carolina," Grimsley said. "Other states have left their coast and its resources to chance and now are overcrowded, polluted and at the mercy of the next big storm."

Grimsley noted that there are special problems and issues on the coast. "These issues arise from the area's popularity and its delicate and productive system of land and water. With CAMA, North Carolina has a tool for finding answers to these and other important decisions for our future." Grimsley added.

Youth Oriented

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mittee.

The program is scheduled to begin the week of October 18, 1982. A solicitation of funds will begin in a few days. Advisers are being selected and participants will be recruited by visitation to the school system. "We are looking forward to another successful year with Junior Achievement and are happy that Perquimans County has adopted the program," concluded Sheets.



Mrs. Alice Ward

Ward Becomes New Part-Owner

Wind - Lee Restaurants, Inc. announced last week that Mrs. Alice Ward had been named part owner of the Chicken Kitchen. During the week that followed Mrs. Ward has had to come to grips with her new status.

The Herald interviewed her this week to get her first impressions of becoming part owner in the Chicken Kitchen.

She started the interview by saying, "You know I can't even say what I feel, it's such a wonderful feeling."

"I'm just filled with so much joy knowing that God blessed me with so much, that I never thought would happen to me."

"When Mr. Joseph Bowles made the announcement I was taken by surprise... what a thrilling and exciting moment the announcement was for me. I was reminded of the hard work and many hours I had contributed to the business' success."

Mr. Joseph Bowles when asked about the announcement said, "Alice has worked for us for the past 11 years and we thought that she deserved to be rewarded for her hard work."

Mrs. Ward would like to thank her many customers, the employees of the Chicken Kitchen and Mr. Bowles.

Aces Defeat

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The Aces offence had a disappointing second half as they could not score a touchdown or effectively move the ball, but by the same token neither could the Eagles. Until Northeastern scored finally with 4:30 left in the game as they executed a flea-flicker from the junior quarter back, Hawkins to Doug Shannon to Larry Brooks who caught the ball in the end zone.

The game came to a close with Edenton victorious over the Eagles.

Media Study Set

A new and innovative seminar - type Adult Education program on News Reporting and News Media Study will be sponsored by College of The Albemarle.

The program will include guest lecturers from all sources of media: newspaper, radio, television, and magazine publishers. Lectures already scheduled include - Lee Kanipe with WITN-TV channel 7, Washington, N.C.; Jan Gardner with WVEC-TV channel 13, Norfolk; Harry Styles Manager of Public Relations and Community Affairs, with WYAH-TV channel 27, Portsmouth, Va.; Mike Goodman, Executive Editor, "The Daily Advance", Elizabeth City; Flynn Surratt with WCDJ, Edenton; Doug Gardner with "The Virginian Pilot," Norfolk; L.F. Amburn, Jr., Editor and Publisher, and E.N. Manning, Manager "The Chowan Herald", Edenton. Field trips to news media sites will be a component of the Seminar.

The seminar is designed to assist club presidents, publicity chairmen, civic club members and individuals wishing to gain a better understanding of news reporting. Providing helpful hints and insights in news reporting from the initial steps of writing a news item to the finished published article is the objective of the seminar.

You may sign up at John A. Holmes High School at 7 P.M. on September 14. The fee for the seminar will be \$15. For further information please notify Mrs. Pauline Travis at 482 - 3257.

Perquimans Hosts Sept. Food Fair

One big event in Perquimans County during September is the Annual Food Show and Tasting Tour. This year's Food Show will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 1982 at the ARPDC building on Church St. Extended in Hertford. The theme of the Food Show is Indian Summer Food Show and the hours are from 7 P.M.-9 P.M.

A special guest is Miss Patricia Russell, Home Economics Extension Agent in Halifax County who will be sharing her expertise in Breadmaking. She will share tips for successful breadmaking and have samples for tasting.

Other exhibitors will include Her's, Extension Homemaker Clubs - Burgess, Pooles Grove, Bay Branch; local Business and Professional Women's Club, E.L. Hurdle and Earline White with their famous French Fried Sweet Potatoes, Douglas Umphlett with Microwave Cooking plus other food exhibits. Food Show recipe books will be available and on sale for fifty cents per copy. For more information call 426-7697.

Soil Erosion Action Urged

The N.C. Sedimentation Control Commission this week urged local governments to enact local soil erosion and sediment control programs.

"Soil erosion is the number one polluter of North Carolina's lakes, rivers and smaller streams," Chairman Dr. Joseph A. Phillips told the 11 member commission during its September 1 session held in Raleigh.

"We have a state law on soil erosion," Phillips stated, "but more local governments need to include erosion control in their land use and construction regulations." Phillips added that only 36 of the state's cities and counties now have local ordinances to help control soil erosion.

"Local governments can tailor an ordinance to their specific needs and respond more effectively to citizen concerns, than can the statewide law," Phillips said. "We find that most of the large earth moving contractors in our state are aware of the state's sedimentation law, but it's the smaller operator with only a few pieces of equipment who needs to be made aware of the law," the chairman said, adding, "and that's where local governments come in."

North Carolina's 1972 Sedimentation Pollution Control Act requires anyone grading one or more acres of land to file an erosion control plan with the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. Agriculture, mining and forestry activities are not covered under the law. Erosion control at mining sites is covered by North Carolina's Mining Act.

"Thirty-six local governments in North Carolina already have their own sedimentation and erosion control ordinances, according to Harland Britt, chief engineer with the NRCD, Land Quality Section. "State officials charged with enforcing erosion control statewide would like to see more and are willing to work with the localities toward developing them." (Edenton and Chowan County are not among them.)

Communities interested in developing their own program should contact their NRCD regional office or the North Carolina Division of Land Resources, Land Quality Section, P. O. Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611 or call (919) 733-4574. "Sedimentation engineers will visit the locality, explain how to develop the ordinance, help write it, and train the personnel," Britt added.

Net Collections

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for the month of June.

The 10 Northeastern North Carolina counties are as follows: Camden, \$908,141; Chowan \$5,387,877; Currituck, \$5,076,143; Dare, \$18,119,276; Gates \$2,513,749; Hyde, \$1,906,335; Pasquotank, \$16,280,509; Perquimans, \$2,439,109; Tyrrell \$1,461,758; and Washington \$5,471,502.

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