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are missing but George Stephen Underkofler is dead. The victim of a man and a machine.

This is the first fatal motor vehicle death along the Public Parade in 1983. Hopefully, it will be the last. But not likely.

There is an ever increasing need for greater respect for motor vehicles. As in the case so fresh on the minds of those who meander along the Public Parade, it doesn't take speed, alcohol, drugs or a mixture thereof.

A motor vehicle is a deadly weapon. It can kill just as deadly and just as quickly as a loaded gun. It appears from recent statistics that there is a bit of growing respect for the deadly aspect of motor vehicles in Tar Heelia.

Holiday death predictions were wrong - in the right direction - during major traffic peaks throughout 1982. The total, there were 1,292 highway deaths vs. 1,497 in 1981. It is believed to be the lowest annual highway slaughter in 20 years.

There are a number of contributing factors to the lower death rate in Tar Heelia. One, people are simply driving less. Also, it is a matter of economics. Furthermore, law enforcement officers are putting the bite on those who mix controlled substance - alcohol as well as drugs - and are being supported by the courts.

Officials also give some of the credit to the media, electronic as well as print, where greater public awareness of possible problems is highlighted.

The solution to the problem, though, lies with the people. There is more evidence than ever before of citizen involvement in highway safety. It must be realized that safety is not measured by the decrease in fatalities in a single year. It must be a continued and sustained effort on the part of all North Carolinians to further improve this year's record.

Like morals, good driving practice cannot be legislated. Stiffer penalties can deter, but only increased respect for the lethality of the motor vehicle will sustain an awareness which will make our highways safe for all the users.

The latest example of a useless death should burn into our minds the fact that a motor vehicle is a deadly weapon. And it must be treated as such.

### Leadership Shines

Taxes are on the way and user fees are coming on like gang busters. Taxes have a way of letting those most able to pay out of the net, but a fee placed on users is more apt to hit somewhere in the fair section of the arena.

It is difficult, at the very best, to tax those who use our natural resources as a source making a living. And it is certainly not fair to have a blanket tax which penalizes the sportsman who wants to fish for fun in the same waters.

It is not right, also, that there be general taxation to police the natural resources. It is only right that those who feed at the trough must put in a little extra. The problem then comes in arriving at what is equitable.

North Carolina commercial fishermen, including those along the Public Parade, have not been paying their share of the tariff. There has been a shotgun approach taken at how to come up with what is equitable and it has become a nightmare.

The General Assembly set out to



**DONATION RECEIVED**—The Ladies of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary recently donated \$3000 to the hospital, to purchase new draperies. Pictured from left to right are: Mrs. C.B. Smith, auxiliary President; Marvin A. Bryan, hospital director and Mrs. Byron Kehayes. (Photo by Joe Beeler)

## Rare Historical Map Found In Local Mansion's Attic

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published in 1733, was one of the most important colonial maps of North Carolina, providing the first detailed and accurate cartographical survey of the North Carolina coastal area.

"All later 18th Century maps of the colony were strongly influenced by the Moseley which was printed only in a very limited edition," Lennon said.

Only two other original copies are known to exist, one in the British Public Records Office in London and the other at Eton College, also in Britain. Neither is in good condition.

Noted cartographer William P. Cumming of Davidson College, who examined the Edenton map with Lennon, said a fourth original copy which belonged to J.P. Kendall of New York and South Carolina apparently was destroyed some years ago.

"A tracing of one of the originals was done in 1822 and is preserved in the National Archives in Washington, but no further mention of the originals has been found in the cartographic literature.

Wessington mansion, where the map was found, was built around 1850 by Dr. Thomas Warren of Edenton and served as Union headquarters between 1862 and 1865 during the occupation of Edenton.

Cumming said the details of land formation, of rivers and

fix it. The Marine Fisheries Study Commission was charged with studying the question of licenses, fees, etc. The first cut at it was a disaster. This resulted from the fact that there was more staff input than getting out to the fishermen. But out of this disaster has come a second take, which shows obvious leadership from fishing interests and the results, although not perfect, is something everyone can live with.

There are a host of fishermen-farmers along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina. This has been a bad combination in recent years, take the condition of the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound, coupled with farm prices when weighed against the cost factor.

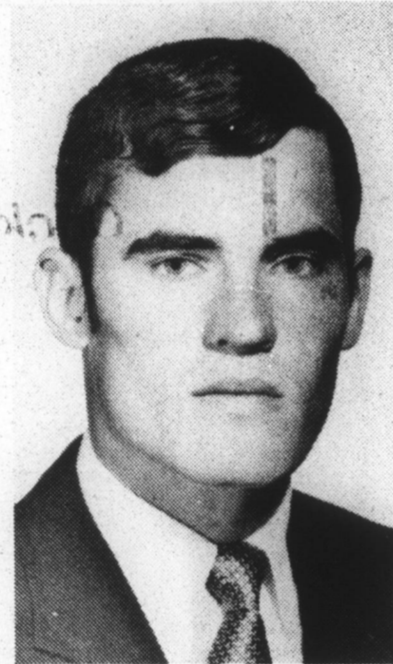
Fishermen, like farmers, are reasonable people. If they can be shown that there is a reasonable chance of improvement then they are willing to continue to take chances. If the fishermen can see that money generated from increased licenses and fees will benefit them, they want to pay their fair share.

As we noted earlier, the first draft of the Marine Fisheries Study Commission was all bureaucrat. The new draft, which will go forth soon to the General Assembly, has been tempered with reason and common sense. While not perfect, the recommendations indicate the ship is pointed in the right direction and is being steered by leadership among the fishermen themselves.

And if there is one thing a bureaucrat has difficulty with it is knowledgeable leadership from the grass roots.

creeks and waterways back of the sounds are numerous. "There is a wealth of names of the chief settlers and larger plantations. The delineations of the coast and nomenclature along it provide the first detailed and accurate cartographical survey of the North Carolina coastal area."

Between the coastal region and the "Cherokee mountains", Moseley gives only rivers, their branches, the location of Indian villages and a few scattered legends. The Indian trading road is shown from the crossing of the Yadkin River near present day Salisbury, to the crossing of the



Wesley Chesson, III

## Wesley Chesson Banquet Speaker

Wesley Chesson III, former football hero from John A. Holmes High School's Aces will be the scheduled speaker for the Edenton Aces Booster Club's Semi-Annual Sports Award Banquet.

Chesson after graduating from Holmes, attended Duke University where he distinguished himself as an outstanding college football player. After he graduated from Duke—Chesson was drafted into the pro ranks by the Atlanta Falcons. He was later traded to the Philadelphia Eagles.

Wes Chesson is presently working in the Raleigh area for his own insurance company "Wes Chesson and Associates." He is married to the former Janet Lemen and has two children, Meredith and Mark.

The Sports Awards Banquet at which he will speak will take place on Thursday, January 13 at 7 P.M. The menu for the Banquet will include Fire House Bar-B-Que Chicken, boiled potatoes, slaw, rolls and tea.

Awards will be given to those who have distinguished themselves in sports from John A. Holmes High School during the first half of the school year.

Tickets for the Banquet will cost five dollars per person and anyone wishing to receive advance tickets should contact either Terry Williams at 482-4796, Joe Hollowell at 482-4578 or John A. Holmes High School at 482-8426.

Roanoke River near the Virginia line.

A legend between Deep River and Haw River begins "this country abounds with Elk and Buffaloes at a distance of about 150 miles from the sea" and describes the abundance of game and the fertility of the soil, Cumming said.

H.G. Jones of Chapel Hill, curator of the N.C. Collection at the University of North Carolina and former director of the N.C. Division of Archives and History, said the map is "a tremendous asset to the historians of North Carolina.

"The availability of the Moseley will permit much clearer photographic copies than has been possible previously. This is particularly important due to the early details in the Moseley that identify the locations of prominent people, religious meeting places, and the Indian tribes that existed at that time."

Moseley, who died in 1794, was survey general as early as 1710. He was reappointed and remained in office until about 1730. By 1705, Moseley was a member of the Council and landowner. In 1714 he was licensed to practice law and became the foremost lawyer in the province, becoming commissioner for the North Carolina - Virginia, North Carolina - South Carolina and Granville - North Carolina boundary lines.

He was also public treasurer, chief baron of the Exchequer and Associate Justice of North Carolina.

## Farming Costs

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\$11.1-billion, up 1 per cent; and fuels and energy at \$10.9-billion, up 10 per cent.

During February and March, enumerators from the N.C. Crop and Livestock Reporting Service will interview a cross-section of North Carolina farmers as part of a nationwide program to determine 1982 production costs.

James L. Olson, N.C. Statistician-In-Charge, points out that information about the farm production outlays is important in comparing the farmer's well-being with that of other groups in the nation's economy. He adds that all responses will be confidential and only regional and national summaries will be published.

The publicity itch gets a lot of people, sooner or later, but it usually gets them.

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## Chowan Hospital Auxiliary Makes Donation For Drapes To Hospital

The Chowan Hospital Auxiliary began the new year by donating \$3000.00 to the hospital and electing new officers at their meeting on Monday, January 10.

Mrs. C.B. Smith, president, presented the check to Marvin A. Bryan, Hospital Director, who expressed his appreciation to the ladies for their gift which will be used to purchase new draperies for the hospital.

Mrs. Will Parker, the newly elected president, will succeed Mrs. Smith when officers are installed at the April 13 meeting of the Auxiliary. Other newly elected officers are Mrs. J.A. Wright, Vice-President, Mrs. J.M. Parrish, Secretary, and Mrs. Robert Halsey, Treasurer. Mrs. Smith will assume the chairmanship of the Executive Board.

Mrs. Wright, membership chair-

man, reported that the fall membership campaign was successful with \$560.22 collected in Chowan county and \$276.89 in Perquimans County.

The date for the Chowan Hospital Ball, an annual fund raising event, has been set for February 26 at the new National Guard Armory.

Mrs. Smith reported that members of the Auxiliary have been conducting the registration for the local visits of the Bloodmobile.

Mrs. Jacqueline Ricks, Director of Volunteer Services, informed the members that activities for residents at the Skilled Nursing Facility have been expanded to include more night and week-end programs. She noted that with the increased activities volunteers are needed to assist the patients. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact Mrs. Ricks at Unit B or by telephoning 482-8451.

## Chowan County Court Report

The Chowan County District Court met this week with the Honorable Grafton G. Beamon presiding.

Arlington Clayton Jans was found guilty of driving 65 in a 55 zone. He

was fined \$30 and cost of court. York Hayes appealed to an order of Commitment.

Linford Loy Harrell pleaded not guilty but was found guilty of driving 68 in a 55 zone. He must pay cost of court. He has appealed.

Charlie Lee Downing, Jr. was found guilty of driving under the influence. He was given 90 days, suspended of two years, fined \$175 and cost of court. He must also surrender his drivers license. He has appealed.

James Robert Boone was found guilty of assault on a female. He was given 90 days suspended for two years, pay \$50 and cost of court. He appealed. He was granted prayer for judgement continued on payment of cost of court to the charges of abandoning wife and nonsupport of wife. He must also reimburse the state for a court appointed attorney. He appealed.

Charles James Gibbs was found guilty of shoplifting. He was given 90 day suspended for two years, a fine of \$75 and cost of court. He must remain off the premises of

## Town Council

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cil accepted the application of Loranzo Carmon and appointed him to the newly-made position of Community Development Specialist.

The Council meeting concluded with an informal discussion on when the vacant seat on the Council might be filled. Mayor Harrell released the following schedule for filling the position. He suggested that the Council meet on January 24 at 8 P.M. to interview interested applicants from the Third Ward. He also suggested that Council meet on January 31 to elect its new member, with the swearing-in ceremony to follow on February 8 during Council's regular meeting.

Following this discussion, the Council voted to pay the Town's bills, and the meeting was



**NEW BUSINESS TO OPEN**—The above storefront, located on Broad Street, has been undergoing extensive renovation in preparation for its scheduled opening on March 3. The business, Jeans & Things, Inc., will specialize in the selling of women's apparel, particularly sports and casual wear, according to the store's proprietor, Nancy Cooley. (Photo by Joe Beeler)

## Littlejohn Is First Baby Born In 1983

Marvin and Susie Littlejohn are the proud parents of the first baby born in Chowan County in 1983.

Ebony LaToya Littlejohn was born at 3:13 P.M., Saturday, she weighed seven pounds, three

ounces, and is 18 and one half inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Littlejohn and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George T. Ward. All are residents in Chowan County.



**FIRST LOCAL BABY OF 1983**—Susie Littlejohn is pictured here holding her new baby, Ebony LaToya. By their side is the proud father, Marvin. (Photo by Clay Roberts)

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