

Budget Receives Tentative Approval

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners received and tentatively approved the budget presented on Monday, June 6, during its regularly stated meeting at 8 P.M.

Cliff Copeland, County Manager, in presenting the budget said, "Once again, the County addressed the perennial dilemma in obtaining additional monies to meet the expanding and often mandated funding needs of the county. I do believe this budget is realistic and provides a very adequate financial base for the county."

Among the needs mandated is fraud investigation for Social Services and another increase in Medicaid funding of \$25,000. In his budget address, Mr. Copeland said, "As in previous years, the County continues to absorb tremendous increases in this particular item."

The budget also included an increase in funding for the School System of \$92,790. This increase is 2.2% less than the increase requested by the School Board.

Other items of the budget included a five per cent cost of living adjustment for county employees, a five per cent increase in the library appropriation and an increase in Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department's budget.

Chowan County took a more conservative approach to Revenue Sharing than did the Town, other counties, and communities. The Revenue Sharing Act ends in October and the County chose to only budget Revenue Sharing until October; then it budgeted \$180,000 from the General Fund to cover expenses that Revenue Sharing may have been used for. The Commissioners felt that it would be better to budget the needed funds locally rather than budget and spend monies that may not be coming, should Revenue Sharing not be re-enacted.

On the income side of the budget, the county expects a tax base of \$276,633,000 which is a reduction of \$2,000,000 from last year. The County Commissioners, to balance the

budget, found it necessary to increase the tax rate by 2.5 cents. The budget, even with the tax increase, is less than the 1983 budget and only \$40,000 more than 1982's budget.

The County Commissioners at its June 6 meeting also made the following board appointments: ABC Board — John Fayton; Edenton Board of Adjustments — Roy Forehand, Haywood Jones and Dr. James Slade; Edenton Zoning Board — Al Everson, Julia Small and one member to be named later; Medical Development Authority — Alan Sikes and Morris Small, Jr.; Industrial Revenue and Pollution Control Financing Authority — Bill Culpepper and Weldon Hollowell.

The Commissioners also acted on a request for tax relief; set date for a public hearing on June 13th at 10 A.M. concerning the application for a Community Development Block Grant and heard two reports, one on the purchase of an Animal Control Vehicle and one by Dr. George Knowles on Civil Preparedness

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Safe Road Act

The Safe Roads Act introduced in the General Assembly in January at the suggestion of Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has been ratified, signed and will become effective at 12:01 A.M. on October 1.

Gov. Hunt cites the measure as the toughest piece of legislation in the United States to combat the drinking driver. Provisions of the act are capsuled elsewhere in today's issue of The Herald.

It is interesting to note that on the same day North Carolina got tough on the driving and drinking issue, a California court threw out the .10 blood-alcohol level used by authorities to determine whether a driver is legally drunk. This is still a major provision of the Safe Roads Act, but the emphasis in the Hunt bill is focused on driving-while-impaired.

The problem is, as the California Court of Appeals "reluctantly" ruled, whether most people are "legally" drunk with a blood-alcohol level about .10. It is again a reliance on a machine rather than how much it takes for a person to register a certain amount, as compared to the other fellow, and which is actually impaired.

Another problem area of the new Safe Roads Act is the provision which authorizes the use of roadblocks to screen for drunken drivers. This is going to consume a lot of law enforcement time, if it is enforced, not to mention the time of breathalyzer operators and magistrates. One magistrate along the Public Parade has noted privately that he has had to not pros a lot of low breathalyzer readings in recent months, just because an officer detected the odor of alcohol on a driver he may have stopped for a routine check.

One of the strong points in the act deals with those under age buying alcoholic beverages. Recently in this column we pointed out the results of police undercover work in Raleigh. In the past couple of weeks a similar move was undertaken in Greensboro with equally alarming results. And we are sure it is happening along the Public Parade.

There has been a marked decrease in alcohol related highway fatalities in Tar Heelia since the conversation increased about stiffer penalties on violators. This is a welcomed statistic.

However, law enforcement officers must be careful not to become over zealous with regards to public opinion and the new law to what has been permissive murder or potential murder on our streets and highways.

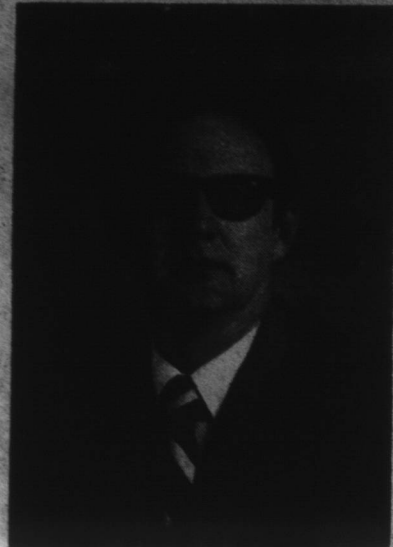
There is still a place for good judgement, logic and common sense in law enforcement. Like morals, this cannot be legislated.

Artist-In-Schools Grant Received

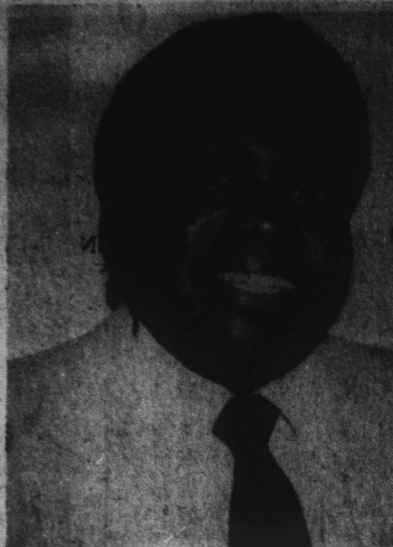
Edenton-Chowan Schools have received an Artist-in-Schools grant from the N.C. Arts Council. It provides \$6,750 for one-semester drama residency.

The grant is one of nine awarded public schools at a cost of \$32,930. Jointly sponsored by the Council and the National Endowment for the Arts, the program will be supporting residencies in drama, poetry, dance and architecture-visual environment next year.

The grant was among \$256,492 awarded by the council and the announcement came from Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and Mrs. Sarah W. Hodgkins, secretary of the State Department of Cultural Resources.



Dr. James S. Pressley



Elder Jerald I. Perry Sr.

Perry And Pressley To Speak At Alternative School Commencement

Elder Jerald I. Perry, member of Edenton-Chowan School Board and Dr. James S. Pressley will be the speakers at the Commencement Exercises for the Edenton-Chowan Alternative School on June 10 at 8 P.M.

Elder Perry, in addition to being a member of the School Board, is a member of the Management Information Task Force System in Washington, D.C., the North Carolina Humanities Committee in Raleigh, N.C., the Edenton-Chowan Civic League and the First Congressional District Black Caucus.

He has been appointed to several Boards and is the Pastor of Community Temple Church of God in

Christ in Winsor, N.C. All of which attest to his civic mindedness and concern for the people in North-eastern North Carolina.

Dr. James S. Pressley will be the second speaker at the Alternative School's Commencement Exercises. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and is at present the superintendent of Woodville School District located in Bridgeville, Delaware. He is affiliated with several professional organizations and is certified as a superintendent in both North Carolina and Delaware.

Both speakers will be trying to inspire the students as they go forth into life.

Safe Roads Acts Enacted Thursday

The major provisions of the Safe Roads Act enacted Thursday by the General Assembly will:

- Abolish the driving-under-the-influence statute and all related lesser offenses, replacing them with a driving-while-impaired statute that would not be subject to plea bargaining.
- Raise the minimum legal age for buying and consuming beer and wine to 19 from 18.
- Impose civil liability on establishments that sell alcoholic beverages to underage customers

Court News

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guilty of reckless driving. He was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, fined \$50, cost of court, is not to operate a motor vehicle unless mother is in the car and is not to go on the premises of Chowan Junior High School for one year.

Honore L. Blount was found guilty of disobeying a stop signal. He was fined \$10 and cost of court.

Herbert Ray Evans was found guilty of non support of child. He was sentenced to six months with five years suspended on payment of cost of court and is to give \$150 per month for support of child.

Tony (NMN) Cofield was found guilty of assault and battery. He was sentenced to 30 days with one year of supervised probation, fined \$50, cost of court, is not to assault, harass or intimidate Eddie Morris and is not to pay to the court \$143.27 for medical expenses.

Herbert Thomas Barnes was found guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to three days with three days credit for time spent in Chowan County Jail.

Richard Lee Barnes was found guilty of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to three days with three days credit for time spent in Chowan County Jail.

Class Of 1983

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Principal J. Robert Boyce and Assistant Principal Charles Everett Jr. The awarding of diplomas will be made by Superintendent John Dunn and Mr. Cecil Fry, Chairman of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

Turning of the Tassels will be led by Co-Presidents of the Class of 1983, Pam Spruill and Kenneth Valentine. The program will feature a soprano solo by Kim Baker, a soprano solo by Denise Leigh, and music by the Concert Choir, directed by Mrs. Shelby Strother. The benediction will be made by Mr. C. Louis Belfield, Assistant Principal.

who later become involved in motor vehicle accidents.

• Authorize police to use roadblocks to screen for drunken drivers. Officers would not be required to test each driver stopped and would have to end the roadblock if a traffic congestion developed.

• Make it a criminal offense for a driver, but not for passengers, to consume beer or wine and possess open beer or wine containers.

• Create a second, or penalty, phase of a trial for defendants convicted of DWI. In this phase, the judge will determine whether grossly aggravating factors are present. A finding of two such factors will require a minimum 14-day jail term; a finding of one factor will mandate a minimum seven-day term. If no grossly aggravating factors are found, a judge will weigh aggravating and mitigating factors in determining a sentence that could range from 24 hours of community service to 24 months in

Airport Commission Abolished

In a joint meeting with the Airport Commission on June 7, the Edenton Town Council abolished Airport Commission and made the airport a department of the Town.

The action was taken to streamline the services provided by the airport and to delete the duplication of audits and other governmental red tape that existed under the Commission system. Under the Commission system both the Town and the County were both responsible financially for the airport requiring a duplication of services.

Capt. Al Howard, chairman of the Airport Commission, stated that when the Airport Commission started it felt that the airport would be a regional service. He also stated that since the County received the benefit of taxes from the airport, the Commission felt it should also support the airport.

Sam Noble addressed Capt. Howard's concerns by stating that the only income from taxes that the County has received from the airport has only come from the airplanes themselves.

The Town in abolishing the Airport Commission has asked the ex-commissioners to stay on as part of the Town's Airport Advisory Board.

Bill Myers, member of the Airport Commission, said, "I would hope that the Council would see the airport as a valuable asset and would look at the advice given by the Board (Airport Advisory) on the airport."

The general consensus of the Commission was that the Town by making the airport a department of the Town would increase the quality of the airport.

The Town Council then moved

Ten Chowan County Residents Graduate From COA

Robert W. Scott, president of the state community college system, told 10 Chowan County residents who were among the 116 candidates for graduation at College of The Albemarle last Thursday night that adaptability to change is tantamount to success.

They included: Crystal Lynn

Smith, general education; Brenda Sue Layton, general office technology; Sylvia Kay Harrell, drafting and design technology; Rudolph Leon Foxwell and Barry Lamont Twine, electronics technology; Nada Ann Noble and Arthur Lee Stephens, Jr., associate degree nursing; Randolph Holley, light construction; and Frank Randall Chappell and Robert Preston Dail Jr., machinist trade.

"If we can be sure of anything," the former North Carolina Governor said, "we can be sure of change." The truth of the speaker's message was plainly evident to those who had assembled in the gymnasium at Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City.

The graduation ceremony originally was to have taken place on the front lawn of the COA cam-

pus. A torrential downpour forced a change to the indoor location.

Scott emphasized the impact that the present technological revolution is having on daily living. "High technology industries, at this very moment, are changing the way we do business, learn, play, and live," he said. "That's the kind of world you are graduating into — the world in which you will work."

He said that almost overnight, new technology changes industry's criteria for skilled workers. "The job you are training for today, may not be there in 10 years," he said.

Using his personal experience as an example, the speaker, who has been a successful dairy farmer, held the gubernatorial office from 1969 through 1973, and is now the state community colleges president, emphasized the point that the average person changes careers three times during his or her working life.

He said he is proud of the fact that COA and other community colleges in the state look into the future in order to anticipate change. "The programs you need for upgrading your skills . . . to meet the changes brought about by technology, will be offered at this college," Scott said.

In his remarks, COA president Dr. J. Parker Chesson Jr. told those present that the college has enjoyed a successful academic year. He cited the school's record enrollment and financial contributions from the community as major factors.

Prior to conferring degrees, Chesson presented Carol Denise Sawyer with COA's highest honor, the President's Service Cup for outstanding achievement as a student. Sawyer received her associate in applied science degree in general office technology.

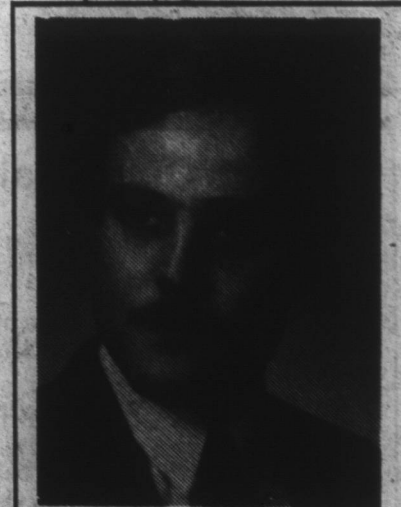
Apply Early

Mr. Don Alred, Revenue Officer, urges taxpayers who are liable for State privilege license to apply before July 1, 1983. Mr. Alred advises that the 1980 census is to be used where the applicable rate of tax is based upon population. Applications for licenses, together with the correct remittance, should be mailed to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Post Office Box 25000, Raleigh, North Carolina 27640 or submitted to the local North Carolina Department of Revenue office. He also advises that the penalty for failure to comply will be 5% for each delinquent month, or fraction thereof, after July 1, 1983.

North Carolina's Close-Up Met

On May 26-28 approximately 350 students and teachers gathered in Raleigh for the 2nd session of North Carolina Close-Up. Area representatives who were among the participants included Lillie Sellers, Jewel Langley, William Beasley, Percy Rountree, Vincent Bond, Dwight Bonner, and their teacher coordinators, Mrs. Shirley Perry (Alternative School) and Mr. George Johnkins (Holmes School).

North Carolina Close-Up began in 1978. It is an educational program which was designed to allow students and their teachers to interact with state officials, legislators, representatives from the news media, lobbyist organizations, etc. through panel discussions, seminars, question and answer sessions, etc. The program is modeled after the highly successful National Close-Up program which provides opportunities for teachers and students to use Washington as a classroom in the same manner that Raleigh is used for the North Carolina program. North Carolina Close-Up is now in its sixth year of operation. It is governed and operated by a working advisory committee of teachers and administrators from North Carolina school systems and other governmental agencies and by the Social Studies Division of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.



Tony M. Copeland
Receives Degree

Tony M. Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Copeland, of Hertford, N.C. and grandson of Mrs. Cora N. Harrell, 127 Morris Circle, Edenton, was recently graduated from the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law of East Lansing, Michigan, with a Juris Doctor degree.

Copeland attended the University of Oxford Institute of International and Comparative Law in Oxford, England in 1978. He obtained his undergraduate degree, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, from Duke University at Durham, N.C. in 1979.

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