



Breathing Spell Needed

Almost before they get the Inner Beltline completed around Raleigh, Wake County officials are talking about a new Outer Loop which would cost some \$400 million.

That's Raleigh for you. It is not enough that the Inner Beltline has cost the taxpayers of the state over \$200 million; it is not enough that a lot of lesser beltlines around smaller cities have gone unfunded in the meantime. These gougers would now grab another \$400 million for a bigger loop the need for which has not yet been established.

The size of this proposal is eye-opening. Four hundred million dollars just about equals the total amount, state and federal, now being spent in a whole year on all the road and bridge construction in the state. It is four times the estimated cost of extending I-40 from Raleigh to Wilmington. It is many times the cost of four-laning US 64 from Rocky Mount to Williamston or US 17 from Winton to Elizabeth City. It would replace the Albemarle Sound bridge 12 times.

Yet these Wake politicians are going after it for the early 1990s as blandly as if it could be funded through a series of barbecues. One of them did propose an alternative — letting the motoring public pay at toll gates. But Billy Rose, deputy transportation secretary, expressed doubt that tolls would be adequate to pay the cost. "I wonder whether the traffic would be sufficient to pay for the road," he said.

If there is any questions about the volume of traffic, there ought to be no rush to build it. That would allow a short breathing spell between capital loops during which a little money might be used in a lot of other places. Edenton's bypass, for one.

Tales Of Two Rivers

We must compliment the Raleigh News and Observer on its massive 400th anniversary edition — 400th anniversary, that is, of the Roanoke voyages and early English attempts to colonize the new land.

By and large, its editors and writers have done a commendable job in preparing and presenting the literally hundreds of articles and works of art making up the edition. The editor in us, however, notice a couple of factual errors, both about rivers.

In the section dealing with the land, Steve Adams, a free lance writer of Raleigh, has a long, well-done story on the New River, said to be the state's oldest, which winds northward through our mountains and empties into the Ohio.

But in trying to make the river too unique, he says this about it: "No other river in North America flows so persistently northward. No other in North Carolina flows westward to the Gulf of Mexico."

Well, that just isn't so. The Toe River, which drains the north slopes of Mt. Mitchell, and the French Broad, which drains the south slopes of Mt. Mitchell and much of the Pisgah range, both flow westward through gorges into the Tennessee which reaches the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi. There are others, but two are enough to make the point.

Then in the section dealing with the cities, Tom Parramore has a story about Edenton, its struggles and its successes. But, somehow, he managed to put the Chowan on the wrong side of town when he wrote, "No bridge of the era could span the Albemarle sound to the south or the Chowan River to the east."

We are sure Mr. Parramore, author and historian that he is, knows better. But we all make mistakes or somebody else makes them for us.

Special Board Meeting

There will be a special meeting of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at D.F. Walker School.

The purpose of the meeting is to view the construction progress at the school and meet with architect George Smart.

Volunteers Join Scientists

Water Experiments

Local volunteers joined state environmental scientists Monday in conducting some "Star Wars" type experiments — all in the name of water quality.

At 10 a.m., while the satellite, Landsat 4, was taking pictures of the Chowan River and recording other data from 500 miles in space, local boat owners were helping researchers collect water samples by ferrying them to eight stations in the river from Winton to the west end of the Albemarle Sound.

The teams of researchers were from the divisions of Environmental Management, Marine Fisheries and Inland Fisheries and NC State University; local volunteers were brought together by Captain Al Howard of Arrowhead Beach.

One researcher, Jay H. Sauber, Head, Physical and Chemical Monitoring, Division of Environmental Management, Water Quality Section, said he was grateful for the local volunteers. "We couldn't do what we're doing without them," he said.

Bob Avery, a local volunteer, said he participated in the experiment because he was concerned about the quality of the water. He described the experiment as "a comprehensive examination of the Chowan River."

Data from the satellite will be correlated with water samples taken from the river by research

leader Dr. Siamak Khorran of N.C. State University and his staff.

"The satellite information is not as precise as the data from the actual water samples," said R. Paul Wilms, director of the N.C. Division of Environmental Management, "but we hope to establish a method of determining water quality on a general, broad scale basis."

Wilms said the satellite information could be helpful in spotting long term changes in water quality, providing a quick assessment of water quality after a hurricane or other catastrophic event and providing water quality data in areas that prohibit frequent on-site sampling.

NRCD and N.C. State conducted similar experiments in the southern coastal region of the state in 1982 on the lower Neuse River, and the scientists were able to establish correlations between the satellite data and ground data.

The Landsat satellite orbit the earth 14 times a day at an altitude of about 500 miles. The coverage for a specific geographical area is repeated every 16 days. The satellite orbit is polar and sun-synchronous, meaning that each satellite crosses the equator at about the same local time each trip. The repetitive, global coverage makes Landsat data useful for water quality evaluations.



EXPERIMENT— (from left to right) Bob Cunningham, staff member, NC Division of Environmental Management; local volunteer John Wells; Jay Sauber, Head, Physical and Chemical Monitoring, Division of Environmental Management, Water Quality Section, and local volunteers Bob Avery and Trus Bunting all participated in a water quality "Star Wars" type experiment on Monday, July 22.

New Firefighter Agility Resolution

Edenton Town Council passed a resolution Monday making it mandatory that new firefighters employed by the town pass a physical agility test; the requirement also applies to volunteer firemen.

Even though firefighters (both hired and volunteers) currently working with the department are not required to pass the test, they will be encouraged to take it annually and remain physically fit.

The test, prescribed by the National Fire Protection Association, includes: running a mile within ten minutes; lifting a weight of 125 lbs. and carrying it 100 ft without stopping; doing 15 pushups; and four other requirements.

"We feel the test is in the best interest of our department," said Edenton Fire Chief Lynn Perry.

Because firefighting is so stressful, Perry explained, a high percentage of firemen have heart attacks and strokes even when they are not fighting fires. Perry hopes that by keeping physically fit, local firemen will be less susceptible to stress-related health problems.

Another change in the local fire department includes a new work schedule. Firefighters will begin working shifts of 24 hours on - 48 hours off. This change from the old shifts of 24 hours on - 24 hours off is being made to comply with new Federal wage and hour requirements.

Those requirements state that firefighters may work no more than 212 hours in 28 days without receiving overtime pay; compensatory time-off may no longer be given a fireman in exchange for working overtime.

The department has ordered a time clock and because the new regulations reduce the amount of

time an individual fireman may work, additional firefighters will be hired.

Other business: Council passed a resolution stating that any town supervisor allowing an employee to work unauthorized overtime may face a minimum suspension of 2 days or permanent termination.

• Dr. Leibert DeVine was appointed to give physicals to town employees.

• Council gave Mayor Harrell permission to write a letter to Carolina Power and Light Company requesting that the town's electric bill show how much electricity is costing the town per kilowatt hour.

Courthouse Restoration

The old Chowan County Courthouse and the John R. Page Masonic Lodge on Oakum Street received funding last week from the General Assembly.

One of the most historic buildings in the state and the oldest courthouse still in use in the U.S., the Chowan County Courthouse will get \$62,000 for restoration.

Rep. Charles Evans, who co-sponsored the bill to provide money for restoration of the building with Rep. Vernon James, said that \$50,000 was a general appropriation and the other \$12,000 was pork barrel money. He said the bill had the full support of Sen. Marc Basnight.

"We were extremely fortunate to secure the \$62,000 for the courthouse," said Evans.

The money, plus \$5,000 from the county, will be used for emergency stabilization of the building and an architectural review. The estimated cost for complete restoration of the building is \$382,000.

The John R. Page Masonic Lodge will be receiving \$10,000 to begin renovations.

Even though the money fell short of the original \$25,000 requested for the building, Evans said, "I'm glad we were able to get some funds for the Masonic

Lodge."

"In my opinion there is no more important area in our state to invest monies for historic preservation than in Edenton," Evans said. "I commend the county, the town and the Historic Commission for the work they have done over the years to make Edenton an historic community."

Superior Court Held

Chowan County Superior Court was in session the week of July 15. The Honorable Napoleon B. Barefoot presided over the criminal calendar; Kenneth W. Patterson was the prosecutor.

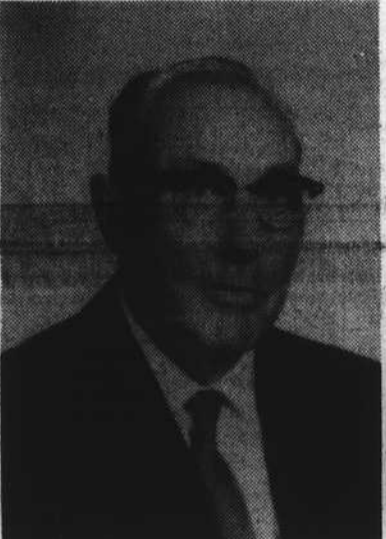
Timothy Mark Glasgow pleaded guilty to two counts of indecent liberties. He received a three year commitment.

Everett Bonner Small received a prayer for judgement on a charge of allowing a dog to run at large.

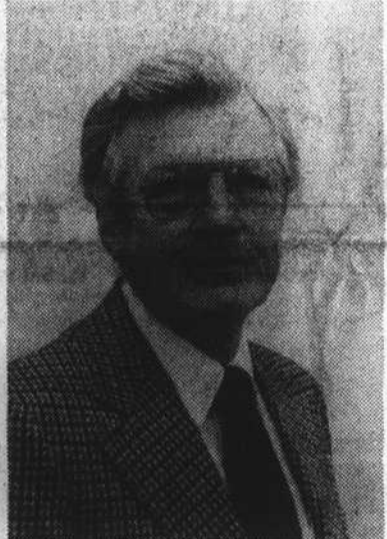
Edward Lee Daniels pleaded guilty to a reckless driving charge. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 1 year on condition he pay a fine of \$25 and cost of court.

William Downing pleaded guilty

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R. West Leary



West W. Byrum

Two Original Founding Board Members Retiring

Two original founding Board members, Mr. R. West Leary and Mr. West W. Byrum, are retiring from the City Board of Directors for NCNB National Bank in Edenton, according to NCNB City Executive Steve Robertson.

"Both men helped found the predecessor bank, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina", Robertson said, "and they have been major contributors to the Bank's success for over 20 years."

West Leary was the founder and co-owner in 1932 of Leary Bros. Storage Company, Inc. He is a member of the Edenton Baptist Church, where he has served as deacon, and a charter member of the Edenton Lions Club. He also has been a member of the Edenton School Board and Chamber of Commerce, and has participated

in many fund raisers in the community.

West Byrum organized as owner, the West W. Byrum Insurance Agency 26 years ago. He is a past president of the Edenton ROTARY and Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Edenton School Board and is a former deacon of the Edenton Baptist Church. Active in fund raisers in the community, he is also a current Director of the Albemarle Mental Health Association.

"Customers, Bank management, and employees all appreciate the tremendous job West Leary and West Byrum have done over the years", Robertson said, "and their roll will serve as a model for those who follow them."

M. A. Bryan Elected Trustee

RALEIGH—Marvin A. Bryan, administrator of Chowan Hospital, was elected to the board of trustees of the North Carolina Hospital Association at the group's recent summer meeting. His three-year term begins January 1.

Bryan has been administrator of Chowan Hospital since 1981. Previously, he was assistant administrator of Alamance County Hospital in Burlington. He is a past president of the North Carolina Hospital Association's District 6 and the state chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association. His other board appointments include the Eastern North Carolina Health Services Agency, the Region R Emergency Medical

Services Council and the area Hospice. Bryan received his AB degree from Elon College and his master's degree in hospital administration from Washington University in St. Louis.

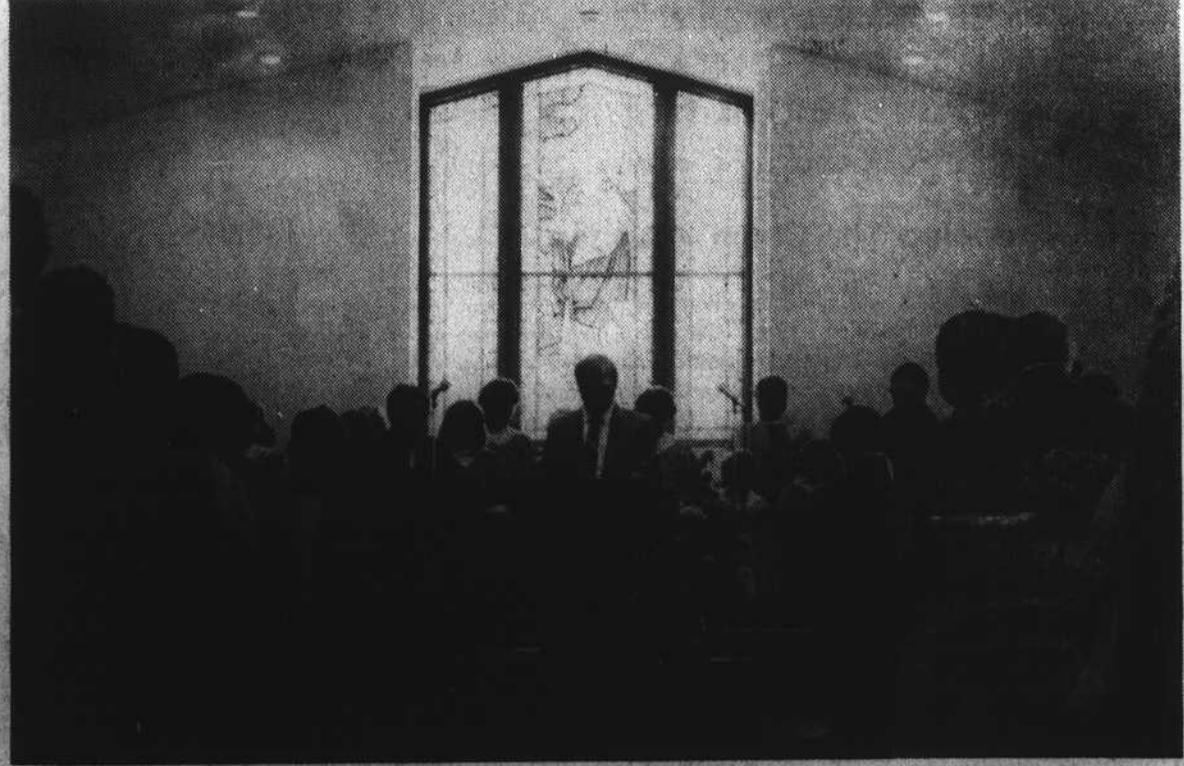
Area District Court Session

The Chowan County District Court was in session July 23; the Honorable Grafton G. Beaman presiding over the criminal calendar.

Kenneth Steven Coleman was called but failed to show on a charge of driving 67 mph in a 55 zone.

Scott Alan Hudson was found guilty of hit and run with proper

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DEDICATION— Albemarle Baptist Mission's new building on Airport Road was dedicated during a service held Sunday, July 21; the date marks the Mission's Third Anniversary. The Mission was born in 1982 during a special commitment service attended by 15 members of the Edenton Baptist Church and eleven other Christians from the area. In 1984 Revered Garry Mickey Sr. was called to be the Mission's pastor and on April 14 of this year, the first service was held in the new sanctuary.