



Superior Court Session To Open Here On Monday

Judge William J. Bundy of Greenville will preside over a mixed term of Chowan County Superior Court which convenes here at 10 A. M., Monday.

The calendar, released by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, shows Monday and Tuesday set aside exclusively for the trial of criminal cases.

Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City is expected to exhaust the criminal calendar by noon Wednesday. The trial of civil cases will follow.

Specific civil matters have been docketed for trial Wednesday and Thursday.

There are but three divorce actions on the calendar.

Solicitor Small has placed 35 cases on the criminal calendar for the term.



THE TOPIC: A NEW HOSPITAL FOR CHOWAN — Mrs. R. C. Boyce, president of Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, is flanked by hospital and county officials at a meeting Friday during which the proposed \$1½-million hospital bond referendum was discussed. At left is Jesse L. Harrell, president of the hospital trustees, who explained the need for a new hospital here. J. Clarence Leary, right, is a member of the trustees as well as vice chairman of Chowan County commissioners, who have called the referendum for November 8.

The Public Parade

P. H. B. — The Methodist Men, along The Public Parade are trying to get back into the P. H. B. business this week and we don't seem to be offering much help.

Each year it has become customary for the men to put on Pickled Herring Breakfasts at the church. These come once a month during the fall and winter and now and then they offer roe.

George Lewis, who among other things, has been put in charge of dogging us about telling our subscribers about P. H. B. The first time he mentioned it we just plain forgot to put a note in the paper.

Then came this week, with the first event scheduled for Saturday morning. We picked up the P. H. B. ad, changed the date, etc. But we didn't go far enough.

You will notice we advertise roe. Now even a mountaineer would know there's no fresh herring roe this time of the year.

In spite of our forgetfulness, and mistakes, they will be dishing out some type fish for breakfast Saturday between the hours of 7 A. M. and 9 P. M. And those who like the stuff that time of day will swear by herring fixed by the Methodist Men.

SAVE THOSE PAPERS — As if the 100 Edenton Jaycees haven't enough projects, they are taking on another one this month. This one is designed to relieve area residents of their old papers and magazines while giving a hand to the garbage man.

They are planning a paper drive for later this month, the exact date has not been set.

In the meantime, Jaycees are asking that you save

your papers, magazines, etc., in order that a big, successful drive can be realized.

RETRACTION — In this column on July 21 we discussed the difficulty being encountered by the Town of Edenton in obtaining a certain lot on West Eden Street for the completion of an off-street parking lot.

We have since found that the true owner of that lot is a lady who no longer resides along The Public Parade.

We want to take this opportunity to publicly inform her that by our statements we did not intend to imply any illegal conduct on her part; that our information was unfounded; and that we regret having published any statements that may have embarrassed her.

VOTE FRIDAY — Well, Friday is the day.

This coming Friday is the day to vote in the soybean referendum.

This referendum is for the purpose of seeing if you as a present soybean grower wish to assess yourself at the maximum rate of ½ cent per bushel or an average of 12 cents per acre for the purpose of promoting soybeans in North Carolina, the United States and in National markets. There is an information leaflet available at many of the supply centers in our country as well as at the county agents' office.

Pick up one of these today, read it, and pass it on to your neighbor growing soybeans. This is a producer organization, managed by producers, paid for by producers and is designed to aid the producer. It will be your money that is collected and spent for this program.

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Hospital Needs Outlined To Group

Those supporting a local referendum for a \$1½-million hospital here do not contend it is not going to cost the taxpayers of Chowan County some money. Their argument is that modern, efficient and adequate

medical care can more economically be realized through construction of a new 60-bed hospital here.

For more than an hour Friday afternoon at a meeting of Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, those in a posi-

tion to give the answers to questions concerning the November 8 bond election conducted a frank discussion of the situation.

J. Gilliam Wood, a member of the trustees of Chowan Hospital, Inc., and chairman of the industrial committee, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, summarized the issue thusly:

A new hospital is very much tied to the future and growth of Edenton and Chowan County. And no matter where one goes for hospital care he is going to have to pay for it. "It can be done here at a lower cost," he argued.

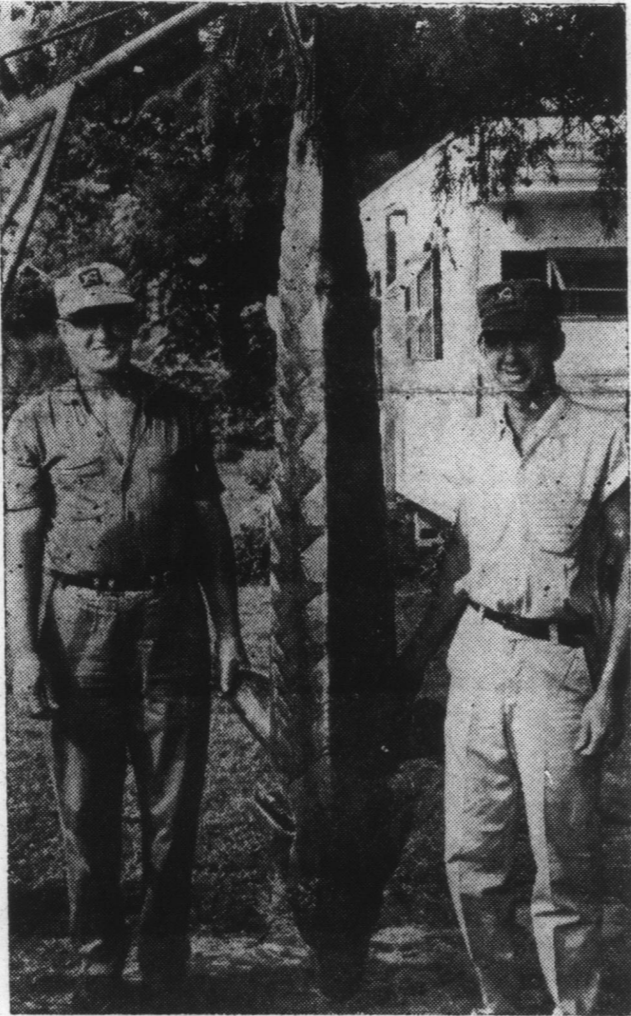
In answer to a question, W. P. (Spec) Jones, hospital administrator, said the trustees had not considered the question of daily rates, should a new hospital be constructed. However, he speculated that while rates would probably be increased, they would still be in line with what is charged by hospitals in the area offering similar services.

When the question of what effect the bond issue would have on the county tax rate, Jones, who acted as moderator of the program, turned to his statistician, Graham White, executive vice president of Peoples Bank & Trust Company and a hospital trustee.

White estimated that while the voters would be asked to approve \$1½-million in bonds, only about \$800,000 would be needed to complete the project once federal and foundation grants were realized. If 20-year bonds are sold for this amount, it would add 15 cents per \$100 valuation to the existing tax rate. This is figured on a projected tax valuation for the county.

As an example, White said if a person had \$20,000

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BIG CATCH — Herbert Ray Byrum, right, pulled up a gill net in the Chowan River last week and a 195-pound sturgeon floated alongside his boat. Pictured with the big sturgeon after successfully landing it is Byrum and his father, Jimmy Byrum of Cannon's Ferry. The fish measured seven feet, eight inches and had to be shot twice before finally giving up the fight. It was one of the biggest sturgeons ever pulled from the Chowan River.

Negro Students Are Assigned To Chowan High Board Approves Utility Extension To Carter's Plant

Twenty-six Negro students enrolled in the ninth grade at Chowan High School Tuesday, marking the first massive desegregation of the classroom in this county. There were no incidents.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo said the students were assigned to the county high school by the Chowan Board of Education Friday afternoon. They all were graduated in June from White Oak Elementary School and had signed "freedom of choice" forms to attend D. F. Walker High School in Edenton.

Their reassignment to the county school came after the U. S. Office of Education held fast to its request that in order for the local administrative unit to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 they could not accept the students.

Representatives of the city and county boards were in Washington last Wednesday for a conference with federal officials. An attempt was made to get approval for these students to remain in the local school while a merger of the administrative units were being perfected.

The government contended that in order for the county unit to comply with the Civil Rights Act, it would have to provide schooling for those students graduating at White Oak last spring. Also, they requested more integration of Negro and white students at Chowan High School this year.

A further request was made for some integration of faculty at the schools for this year. No action has been taken on this point by the county board.

The city board met Friday at noon to hear Dr. Edward G. Bond and James M. Bond report on the Washington conference. Later the board agreed to continue in continued on Page 8

Chowan County commissioners Wednesday took action to have utilities extended to Carter's Ink Company's plant on Old Hertford Road.

A resolution was passed authorizing the advertising for bids on extension of sewer and water to the plant, which is now under construction.

Preliminary cost estimates for the project have hinged around \$129,000.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner told the commissioners a plan to seek a federal grant for this work was being abandoned. He said the reason for this action is that sufficient time is not available to process such a grant.

However, he said the Town of Edenton had earmarked funds for this project. The town will pay the cost of the project with the county reimbursing them over a period of years.

The project includes extending a 12-inch water line from the northern portion of the city to the site as well as a 10-inch sewer line from the pumping station on Highway 32.

When completed, this will open up other areas for development at no additional cost to the county, Gardner said.

Several months ago the commissioners agreed to finance the extension of sewer and water to industrial sites as a means of making Chowan County more attractive to new industry.

At the same time the town agreed to take over the lines, once completed, and maintain them. The town will receive all revenues from the sewer and water charges.

But, at such time as the town annexes the area covered by these lines, then they will pay the county a portion of the installation costs.

Carter's Ink Company is expected to begin a pilot training operation in a building at the Municipal Airport next week. Machinery is arriving and being placed.

It is anticipated that the new 90,000-square-foot plant will be completed and ready for occupancy by December 31. The plant will have an employment of 200 with plans for future growth.



NEW GOLF PRO — James Reel, right, last week assumed his duties as golf professional at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Reel, 24, is pictured with J. Gilliam Wood, country club president, as they prepare for a round over the Labor Day holiday. Reel was an assistant pro at Wilson prior to accepting his duties here. He is a native of Elizabeth City.

Triangle Intersection Work Slated

Re-designing the intersection of U. S. 17 and Highway 32 has been given top priority by the Town of Edenton. Cost of the \$100,000 project will come from Edenton's share of the \$300-million state bond funds.

Town Councilmen met Thursday afternoon with State Highway Commission officials and after considerable discussion of road needs in the municipality, settled on the Triangle project.

D. W. Patrick, district highway engineer, said it would be necessary to purchase the Triangle Restaurant and the house behind it

in order to design an intersection to handle the traffic. While a bypass of U. S. 17 might be realized in a few years, Patrick said the downtown traffic would be increased accordingly.

"We consider this project a must," he told councilmen. At the same time, Patrick said, Highway 32 will be improved from the Triangle intersection to the town limits at Filbert's Creek.

This is included in the estimated \$100,000 cost. Since the town has \$174,800 in urban bond funds, it was decided to hold up on other projects until the Tri-

angle intersection can be designed and work underway before other programs are approved.

Councilmen did discuss improvements on Highway 32 from the U. S. Post Office to the Norfolk Southern Railroad crossing on East Church Street.

The widening of West Queen Street from Broad to Mosley was also discussed. Councilmen also asked the state to sketch thoroughfare plan for the town before any further work is done.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., presided at the meeting.

Edenton Aces Meet Gates Here Friday Following 6-0 Win

The Edenton Aces play host to Gates County Friday night in the opening home game of the young football season in the 2-A Albemarle Conference.

With a 6-0 win under their belt and star Quarterback

Wes Chesson back in harness, the Aces will be looking for their 27th consecutive victory over a three-season spread.

Chesson sat out the opener last week at Pasquotank Central with a bum knee.

He has undergone extensive examinations and it is anticipated that while the right knee is sore, he will be in good form for Friday's home game.

Coach Marion Kirby expressed delight over Ches-

son's prospects for the remainder of the season. "He will be the spark our team needs," was the way the genial young mentor put it.

Coach Kirby and his assistant, David Bumgarner, stepped up drills this week

in preparation for the game Friday. They were both noticeably disappointed in the showing their team made in the opening tilt. Although winning by a single TD, the Aces were not as sharp as in the past.

The Aces lost seven fumbles, while a bobbie by the Green Wave made it possible for the local to score.

It was in the second period when tailback Chris Lee swung around to the right and was hit hard as he made his cut. The ball jarred loose and Quinton Goodwin picked it up and raced nearly 40 yards before being nailed from behind on the one-yard line.

Reserve Quarterback Ronnie Harrell handed off to Mike Spruill who bulled over for the only score of the contest.

Harrell was never really able to get the Aces' offense moving and when he appeared to be clicking, a fumble was costly. Harrell, who showed real promise as a sophomore last year, did not connect on a single pass. The offensive blocking was not sufficient to allow Harrell time to set.

Co-captain Mike Overton

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DURING 26th GRID WIN — Head Coach Marion Kirby is shown in the picture at right as he gives instructions to reserve quarterback Ronnie Harrell during the Aces-Pasquotank Central football game in Elizabeth City last Friday. Harrell was called into duty due to an injury sustained by Wes Chesson, pictured at left in dark shirt. Chesson is expected to be back in action this week when the Aces meet Gates Central at Hicks Field. The Aces won their 26th consecutive game, 6-0.