

Chowan Highway Projects Sparse Under Moore

HAMILTON—Activities of the State Highway Commission in Division One over the past three and a half years have produced new construction and improvements on all systems totaling 823.902 miles at a cost of \$25,725,197.12. These figures were released today by Commissioner Donald G. Matthews, Jr., of Hamilton.

Matthews, who was appointed to the Highway Commission by Gov. Dan Moore, effective July 1, 1965, was responsible for developing the multi-million dollar highway program for Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

There have been three contract projects in Chowan County, all of them dealing with Highway 32.

Contract was let July 26, 1966, for \$98,412 to resurface two sections of this highway, a total distance of 12.20 miles. Then in October, 1966, a contract for \$237,801.20 for work on Highway 32 and U. S. 158 in Chowan, Gates and



ONE OF THREE—Only three contract highway projects in Chowan County have been completed during the past three and one-half years and this is one of them. It is the "improvement" to an intersection of Highway 32 and U. S. 17 in North Edenton. A report issued by Highway Commissioner Don Matthews, Jr., of Hamilton shows all three contract jobs in this county involved Highway 32.

Pasquotank counties. The other was a contract on September 26, 1967, for placing curb and guttering and widening the intersection of Highway 32 and U. S. 17 in the Town of Edenton. All of the

projects have been completed. Chowan County had 12 projects allocated under the force account which totaled \$261,151.97. Five of the projects are now under construction with

the other seven having been completed. The projects include:
Green Road, SR 1330, grade, drain, stabilize, 0.9 miles; \$9,247.23.
Tyner Church Road, SR 1322, grade, drain, base and pave, 0.41 miles; \$19,711.87.
Greenfield Road, SR 1100, pave, 3.3 miles; \$37,500.
Nixon Road, SR 1225, base, 2.4 miles; \$42,000.
Perry Road, SR 1211, complete base, erosion control and pave, 1.6 miles; \$33,000.
Rider Lane, SR 1107, grade, drain and stabilize, 0.3 miles; \$9,862.42.
Wingfield Road, SR 1228, grade, drain, base and pave, 2.8 miles; \$67,430.45.
Small Lane, SR 1209, grade, drain and stabilize, 0.4 miles, \$3,600.
Paxton Road, SR 1106, grade, drain and stabilize 1.0 miles, \$7,200.
Blanchard's Road, SR 1324, grade, drain and stabilize, 0.5 miles, \$4,500.
Jeep Lane and Dolly White Road, SR 1116 and SR 1229, grade, drain and

stabilize, 1.4 miles; \$11,500.
Brayhall Road, grade, drain and spot stabilize, 1.4 miles; \$13,200.
During the period since July 1, 1965, when the current Highway Commission took office, 1,037 contracts have been awarded for the construction of 10,198.98 miles of road on the primary, interstate, secondary and urban highway systems. The total expenditure of the Highway Commission during the three and a half year period, including Appalachian Highway Funds, which come from a special source, and maintenance funds, amounts to \$410,838,649.83.
During the same period, secondary road improvements, including paving, have been programmed across the state totaling 7,312.51 miles, with a total value of \$119,590,202. It should be noted that some of the total mileage and total dollar value recorded in the secondary road program are also reflected in the total contract award figures since July 1, 1965, with a good deal more secondary road work awarded to contract during this period than in previous years.

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The Public Parade

Useless Steps

At the beginning of each year property owners must do two things. They must list their property for taxes and those who own automobiles must purchase new license plates. And if you live within the corporate limits of the Town of Edenton you must fork out an extra buck for another tag.

Tax Supervisor Sherlon Layton has gone to great pains to make the tax listing chore as painless on the citizens as possible. Special hours have been arranged to make it convenient for everyone to list.

Such is not the case with the Town of Edenton. Those who own vehicles have to make two stops in order to be relieved of \$11 or more for their new license plates. The state tags are sold at Edenton Office Supply and the town tags are sold at the Municipal Building across the street.

For a matter of a few cents both tags could be sold at the same location. Enough extra town tags would be sold when the motorist purchases his state plate to offset the cost of getting them sold.

The citizens didn't get the Christmas present of backyard garbage collection requested by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr. It was said to be too costly and cause useless steps by the employees. The license plate deal is something else. The useless steps are made by the citizens, who are often times not taken into consideration.

Know The Signals

Most of the "days," "weeks" and "months" declared by various groups are merely promotional platforms for their special viewpoint or product. Attaching some order of priority to a multitude of "causes" is no easy task.

One such cause has now claimed January as a different kind of "month". It has been designated Alcoholism Information Month and we believe it merits everybody's attention—and participation.

Alcoholism is now one of the "big Four" health problems in America—approaching cancer, heart disease and mental illness in national impact. There are 6.5 million alcoholics. The cost in dol-

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Property Listing Started

Chowan County property owners, more than 9,500 strong, begin their annual trek to the tax lister today (Thursday).

Tax Supervisor Sherlon Layton said all is in readiness at the various places of listing. Also, more than 2,500 tax abstracts have been mailed to property owners who live outside Chowan County.

Property owners have until February 3 to list their real estate or personal property for the purpose of taxing. Those who do not list by the deadline

Prizes Awarded For Decorations

Four homeowners in Edenton have been given cash prizes and many others commended for their decorations during the holidays.

The Christmas Decorations Contest, sponsored by the Fine Arts Department of the Edenton Woman's Club, was judged December 23. There were two categories—originality and doorway—for which cash prizes of \$10 and \$5 to each first and second place winner was offered. Winners were announced by Mrs. J. D. Elliott, chairman.

For originality, first place went to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks, 816 Johnston Street, and second place to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes, 111 Blount Street.

In the doorway category, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Byrum, 218 West Eden Street, won first place and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney T. Harrell, Jr., 300 North Broad Street, placed second.

Honorable mention for originality went to: Mr. and Mrs. T. John F. Becker, 108 North Granville Street, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Phillips, Jr., Moseley Street, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harmon, 45 Hawthorne Road, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Lane, South Oak Street, and Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, 103 Blount Street.

In the entrance and doorway division, honorable mention went to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollowell, Queen Anne Place, Miss Mary Elliott, 209 East Water Street, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones, 201 Blount Street, and Col. and Mrs. W. B. Rosevear, 121 West King Street.

will pay a 10 per cent penalty. It is estimated that fewer than one-half of 1 per cent of property owners fail to list during the authorized period.

Layton said the hours for listing have been arranged to make it as convenient on the citizens as possible. Night listing has again been arranged in the Second Township since it has proven helpful to citizens in the past.

Most of the non-resident property owners, and this list is growing each year, according to Layton, own lots at developments such as Arrowhead and Chowan Beaches and Cape Colony.

Because of these developments as well as increased industrial activity it is estimated that the number of taxpayers has increased by more than one third in the past four years.

Layton also pointed out that all male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years, regardless of their lack of ownership of personal or real property, must list for poll tax.

Listing in the First Township will be at the tax office in the county office building from 9 A. M., to 5 P. M., Monday through Friday and from 9 A. M., to 12 noon on Saturday. Listers here will be Mrs. Pattie S. Byrum, Mrs. Myrtle W. Hare, Mrs. Gray L. Goodwin, and Mrs. Sadie H. Hoskins.

Wayne Bunch will be lister in the Second Township. He will be at W. E. Smith's Store Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 9 o'clock and have the following schedule the remainder of the month: January 7, W. L. Miller's Store; January 9, Sloan's Grocery; January 14 and 28, M&R Service Center; and January 21, Archie Nixon's Store. He will be available from 8 A. M., to 5 P. M.,

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Drug Count Aired

Alfred P. Bateman, Jr., 16, 119 West Hicks Street, was given an active jail sentence Tuesday when he entered a plea of guilty to possession of barbiturate drugs.

It was one of the few such charges ever aired in Chowan County District Court.

Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City sentenced Bateman to 60 days in jail.

The defendant was arrested by Edenton Police Department last week. Confiscated were nine one and one-half capsules of seconal sodium 10 mg.

The youth also faces a charge of public drunkenness.

Judge Horner Serves Notice On Drivers Who Drink

Judge Fentress Horner, presiding in Chowan County District Court Tuesday, served warning that he is instituting a get tough policy for dealing with people who drink and drive.

The jurist gave one defendant an active road sentence for driving drunk. Earlier he placed a \$100 fine on a defendant charged with a minor traffic violation after the officer testified the driver had been drinking.

Judge Horner said judges should get away from giving the minimum fine in drunk driving cases. He said he had read recently where alcohol was involved in a majority of fatal accidents.

"They (defendants) can appeal to Superior Court and get off with a fine,"



TIME TO BUY TAGS—The auto license application card, shown at bottom, and \$11 will get most motorists their 1969 state license plate and the Town of Edenton tag. Both tags go on sale today (Thursday)—the state at Edenton Office Supply, and the town at the Municipal Building. They must be displayed by February 15.

Sale Of 1969 License Plates Begins

North Carolina and Town of Edenton auto license plates go on sale here today (Thursday) and vehicle owners have until February 15 to obtain new tags.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said Town Council agreed to absorb the increase in price in the metal tags rather than go to windshield decals. The town tags will still be \$1 and are similar to those used in 1968.

Town tags are sold at the Municipal Building between the hours of 8:30 A. M., and 5 P. M., Monday through Friday.

Surrounding area residents may obtain North Carolina plates at Edenton Office Supply, 501 South Broad Street. The license office is open from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M., Monday through Friday and 9 A. M., to 12 noon on Saturday.

The local license agent, Mrs. Goldie L. Niblett, points out that "to renew a license plate you must have a renewal card" and cautions against the misplacing of it when it is received. She also asks you to open the envelope, read the instructions and complete the application according to instructions before pre-

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Meeting Canceled

There will be no winter tobacco meeting in Chowan County.

Harry Venters, agricultural extension agent, urges tobacco growers to tune in Channel 9, Greenville, this Saturday, from 7 to 9 A. M. A tobacco workshop will be conducted at this time by extension tobacco specialists from N. C. State University.

This program will cover varieties, fertilization, disease and insect control, etc., similar to what is covered in winter meetings.

Judge Horner Serves Notice On Drivers Who Drink

he continued. "But I am going to do what I think is right."

He admitted, however, that he "can't change the world".

Louis Milton Williams, charged with second offense of driving drunk and driving after his license had been revoked, was sentenced to 18 months in prison. He also was charged with improper registration and no liability insurance and was given six months to run concurrently with the other sentence. Notice of appeal was entered and he was released under \$500 bond.

In other cases called by Solicitor Wilton Walker, Judge Horner took the following action:

Embry William Perry, drunk driving, second offense, 12 months, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and not drive for four years. Notice of appeal entered and bond set at \$250.

Forrest A. Anderson, speeding, \$7 fine and costs.

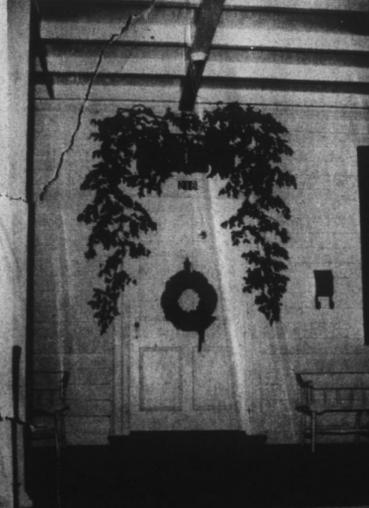
Ernest Clarence Freeman, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs and not drive for 12 months.

Alexander Martin, two charges of accessory to issuance of worthless checks, not guilty.

Clarence Elliott, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty.

Oscar William Fleming, traffic violation, not guilty.

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CONTEST WINNERS—The first place winners in the 1968 Christmas Decorations Contest are shown above. At left is the entrance to the Thomas Byrum home, West Eden Street, which took first place in the doorway division while old Santa Claus and his pack and decorative decorations at the Robert Brooks home, Johnston Street, won the first prize of originality.