

Chowan Residents Get More For \$\$ In Government

Is the cost of local government higher or lower, for residents of Chowan County, than it is for people in other areas? How much is spent locally, per capita, for all municipal and county operations and for all special services? How does the local government debt compare with the average elsewhere? A new report, just released by the Census Bureau, sheds light on these matters. It is based upon a detailed study of financial data gathered from every county in the United States.

ments, is the first made since fiscal 1962. They are conducted every five years. For people living in Chowan County, the figures show, the total cost of local government operations came to \$156 per capita in the year. In the rest of the nation, the average was \$299 per capita and, in the State of North Carolina, \$207. It took a total of \$59.5 billion to operate the various county, township, municipal and district governments in the country and provide the public with services in the fields of education, health,

welfare, roads, sanitation, parks, housing, libraries, police and fire protection and the like. That represented an increase of \$19.7 billion in the period of five years. In some communities, the amount spent for local government operations was adequately covered by revenues. In many others, however, more was spent than was taken in. The figures for Chowan County show that the direct expenditures, \$156 per capita, were offset by general revenue receipts equivalent to \$196 per local

resident. Some \$96 of this revenue came from local taxes and the remainder from Federal and state payments. In order to finance their expenditures for capital improvements and other needs, many communities have been forced to go deeper into debt. Chowan County's outstanding debt is listed in the report as \$31 per capita. Nationally, the debt of local government averaged \$410 per capita. Those in North Carolina averaged \$167.

Taking your wife to a convention is like going hunting with the game warden. Fishing is a delusion entirely surrounded by liars in old clothes. Always remember that your tongue is in a wet place and is liable to slip. If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average. Behind every successful man there's a woman who keeps telling him he's wrong.

Survey Shows Number Of Women 'Moonlighting' Is On Increase In County

For a growing number of married women in Chowan County, running a home and raising a family are only part of their activities. With each passing year, more and more of them are finding that they can take care of their household responsibilities and still have enough spare time to permit them to take outside jobs. As a result, locally and elsewhere, the proportion of wives at work—in offices, stores, factories and in professional occupations—is at an all-time high. In Chowan County, an estimated 47.6

per cent of the married women are now employed, according to the latest statistics. This compares with 36.1 per cent in 1960. On the average, throughout the United States, in more than one out of every three husband-wife families, the wife is employed, either part-time or full-time. It represents a considerable change over earlier years. In 1952, for example only one out of five wives was in the labor force. No less than 15.8 million wives in the 43.3 million husband-wife families in the

United States were in paid jobs in the past year. Their contributions to the family exchequer have made it easier to cope with the family budget, to save for junior's education and to live on a better scale generally. The increase in the number of working wives reflects only part of the changing pattern of women's attitude toward economic self-sufficiency. The proportion of single women in jobs has also been going up. Between 1950 and 1968, it is shown,

the number of working women rose 60 per cent, although the number of men employed went up only 16 per cent. In Chowan County, similarly, there have been marked changes. The proportion of working women has been edging up steadily. In 1960, when the last census was taken, there were 1,393 local women in the labor force, or about 34.5 per cent of the female population over 14. There are now approximately 40.4 per cent. The ratio, high as it is, is below the national figure of 40.7 per cent.

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History Of Alcohol Can Be Traced To Early Times

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of articles on alcoholism.)
By JEFF RAY WHITE
Alcohol was not invented by man; man merely discovered it. Quite likely the earliest caveman tasted alcohol and experienced its peculiar effects on his appetite and attitudes. He probably tasted the juice of over-ripe grapes which had fallen into a stone hollow and had been fermented by the action of an airborne microscopic plant known as yeast. Early known records describe drinking and drunkenness as immoral conduct. These records date back to the Stone Ages and are well recorded in Roman and Biblical history. In the United States, distilled beverages are popular. Whisky, gin, brandy, etc., and even the crudest forms of alcohol, are consumed by an alcoholic in his moments of desperation. Alcoholic beverages may be divided into three main groups: wines, brewed beverages and distilled spirits. Wine is the easiest to make and the least expensive. Fortified wines are often called "Sneaky Pete" or even a "Little Man," the latter name coming from a pint of wine costing about 50 cents. Before the method of determining the alcoholic content of a beverage by chemical means, a common method of testing the proof of "corn whisky" was to saturate gun powder with the whisky, then strike a match to it. If it burned, it was considered "100 proof," that is, it contained 50 per cent alcohol. However, good "corn whisky" can be well over 100 proof or over 50 per cent alcohol. If we were to drop an egg

into a glass of alcohol, the egg would coagulate and shrivel. Imagine what happens to our stomachs and our brains when one partakes of alcoholic beverages excessively. The previous paragraph may be somewhat hypothetical; one fallacy of the alcohol-egg test is that the egg was dropped into pure 100 per cent alcohol. The alcohol known to the drinking man as pure grain alcohol is 180 proof. Once alcoholic beverages have been consumed, though straight, it is, in fact, impossible for it to reach our organs stronger than a fraction of one per cent concentration. It is a fallacy that alcohol eats away our stomach and brains but it does cause some tissues to become inflamed and may cause them to become inflamed and become permanently damaged. Excessive or alcoholic consumption of straight whisky often produces inflammation of the stomach lining, known as "alcoholic gastritis." Alcohol is a depressant, just as ether is a depressant. Alcoholic or excessive drinks or drinking (less than .05 per cent concentration of alcohol in the blood, our brain is not greatly affected) has an anesthetic effect on the brain. Consequently, excessive drinking causes one to:
1. Lose inhibitions.
2. Lose muscular coordination.
3. Lose other basic body functions. It takes a concentration of .80 to .70 per cent alcohol in the blood to anesthetize the respiration and heart and functions of the brain to cause death. Normally, a person becomes unconscious

at a lower per cent and, obviously, can drink no more; it is unlikely for a person to kill himself in this manner and only rarely does this happen. Alcohol is oxidized mainly in the liver at the rate of eight to nine ounces of pure alcohol in a 24-hour period for a man of normal size. This would amount to approximately one pint of whisky. Although the amount of alcohol one can drink during a day or a week or a month cannot destroy tissues in the body, these people frequently develop actual physical diseases as an indirect result of drinking. Most diseases are brought about by malnutrition and vitamin deficiencies which result from inadequate nutrition and rest. The alcoholic may develop one of several diseases, pellagra or beer heart, each caused by poor diet. The role of alcohol in relation to cirrhosis of the liver is not fully understood, but successful treatment depends on total abstinence from alcohol. Alcohol in moderation does not cause stomach ulcers, although alcohol can greatly aggravate existing physical conditions. When an alcoholic gets neither food nor rest, his body demands, he may go in for a temporary alcoholic psychosis known as DTS. When a person is in this condition, he is in desperate need of hospitalization, for death can easily occur from which result from inadequate

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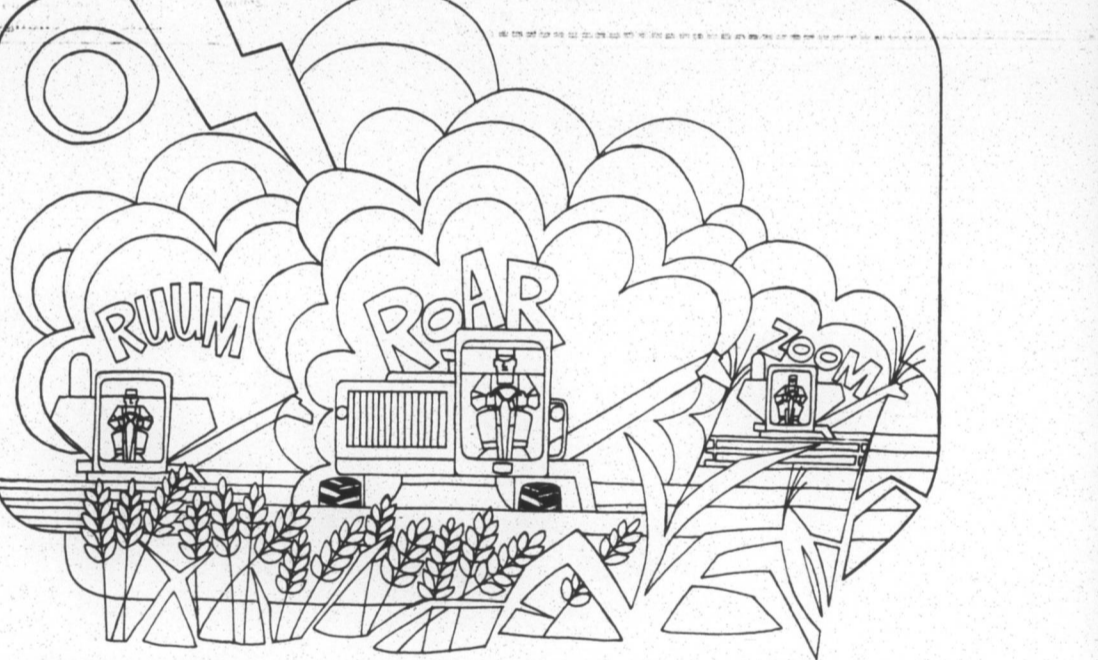
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