

Wes Chesson

Chesson To Talk At Varsity Club

The Varsity Club honors John A. Holmes High School athletes tonight (Thursday) at the annual awards banquet scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock at the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

One of Edenton's finest former athletes, now a star in the Atlantic Coast Conference, will be the guest speaker. He is super-star Wes Chesson who brought much fame to the Edenton Aces during his high school years and is now on the Duke University varsity.

Clarence Shackelford, Varsity Club president, said having Chesson as guest speaker makes this banquet unique in the club annals. He said the hometown has excelled in so many ways he was the logical choice when it was decided to break with the tradition of having a college coach speak.

At the same time Pat Flanagan of WCDJ will present the station's sportsmanship awards.

Officers Elected

ATLANTIC BEACH—L. F. Amburn, Jr., president and general manager of The Chowan Herald, Inc., has been named first vice president of the Eastern North Carolina Press Association.

The election of officers was held during a business meeting here Saturday morning.

Eugene Price, editor of the Goldsboro News-Argus, was elected president. He succeeds Jim Robinson, editor of the Jacksonville Daily News.

In addition to Amburn and Price, officers are: Carl Worsley, general manager, Rocky Mount Evening Telegram, second vice president; and Mrs. Ruth Grady, of Chapel Hill, secretary-treasurer.

Levy Expected To Hold Big School Budget

A record budget of \$735,811 Monday night was approved by Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Revenue from sources other than county taxes is expected to be sufficient to hold the levy for schools at the current 86 cents per \$100 valuation.

The increased cost for instructional

service accounts for one of the major changes in the budget. Supt. Bill Britt reported the loss of six elementary teachers from the state which must be paid locally if the schools are to function on the desired basis.

Dr. J. H. Horton, who was on the board's budget committee, said: "The things in here which cause the biggest increases are things over which we have no control." In addition to the six teachers, he pointed out the state 10 per cent increase for teachers.

West Leary agreed. "We have got to make these schools better. Now is not the time to start cutting corners (in instructional service)."

The new budget, which calls for \$421,875.63 in local revenue and \$313,935.37 from other sources, includes one new position—that of physical education supervisor.

Dr. A. F. Downum, Sr., questioned the wisdom of creating this position. He said it seems like an unnecessary position if physical education instructors are doing their job. Later he "wondered if we are not getting too many chiefs."

Dr. Edward G. Bond defended the budget committee's recommendation. He said he feels the physical education program on the intermural level "has been terrible" and "really needs attention."

Supt. Britt agreed. He said in his opinion it could only be done by a supervisor and one not oriented toward team sports. He cited instances where

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Public Parade

Noted and Passed

Our favorite Northeastern North Carolina afternoon daily reports that "Pasquotank commissioners are considering property on Pritchard Street for a county complex which would include the Tri-County jail."

Had Chowan County commissioners been foolish enough to go along, making it a "Four-County" jail the Pasquotank commissioners would still be considering property on Pritchard Street.

For those who meander along the Public Parade who don't know, Pritchard Street is in Elizabeth City—some 35 miles to the northeast of Chowan County.

Not To Be Used

The newspaper industry in general, and Edenton in particular, has been good to us. In return we have always tried to do the best job possible for our advertisers as well as our subscribers.

There are certain policies of this newspaper which are tested from time to time. In some cases we are confident it is by well meaning people. At other times, we are just as confident it is by those who seek to use the newspaper for their own personal reasons.

Upon returning from Atlantic Beach Saturday afternoon we found in our unattended typewriter a piece addressed "To All People". We assume it was intended to be a Letter to the Editor. But we just don't run eight page letters.

The author of this epistle was attempting to justify, from the best we could learn, why he dropped out of school. This, in our opinion, he does not have to do to the general public. He did it in the first paragraph yet he rambled on for many more, bringing in many other things as he went along.

It reminded us of the first assignment we had as a cub reporter. We had taken a ream of notes while covering a visit of the circus to town. We put everything but blood into the story and were

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SIGN ATHLETIC GRANTS—Two star athletes at John A. Holmes High School this week signed grants-in-aid to attend college next year. Above, Fred Keeter is flanked by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keeter, in their home at Cape Colony, as he signs to play baseball at College of the Albemarle. Behind them are Lynn Jordan, baseball coach here, left, and Shelby Mansfield, COA coach. Below Coach Marion Kirby is shown with Sidward Boyce, who signed with Livingstone College in Salisbury. Boyce is a football tackle of considerable talent.



Athletes Signed

Two athletes at John A. Holmes High School this week received grants-in-aid to North Carolina colleges—for one institution it was the first such grant ever given.

Sidward Boyce will be attending Livingstone College in Salisbury on a football grant.

Fred Keeter Monday night signed the first athletic grant-in-aid given by the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. He will play baseball.

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College Given Federal Grant To Aid In Health Field

ELIZABETH CITY — Dr. S. Bruce Petteway, president of College of the Albemarle, announces that a federal grant in the amount of \$12,244.8 has been approved which offers financial support to a proposed seven-county program which would help alleviate a shortage of health personnel and improve usage of area health facilities.

Dr. Petteway said that "the proposed program which could affect about 77,000 people living in the predominantly rural Albemarle Area has been approved by the N. C. State Board of Higher Education."

Ed Cox, director of Adult Education at COA, will head the program which will begin July 1, and be completed on June 30, 1971, under the present plans.

Cox identified the community program as one of health education, proper use of health facilities and services, and lack of training for health professionals.

He also said that "people in the area have been extremely reluctant to take advantage of existing health services. There is also a shortage of professional health and medical personnel in the

Sales Tax Report

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County during April amounted to \$10,467.34. Collections in 26 counties in the state affected by the extra tax was \$1,642,490.62.

Mecklenburg County, which has collected the tax for more than two years, realized \$573,032.29.

It was not immediately known how much income the first month's collection would mean to Chowan County and the Town of Edenton.

Livestock More Than Squeal To Farmers In Area

Diversification in farming is a popular movement in Northeastern North Carolina. The movement away from a single major crop is well underway with the addition of a hog operation being the most popular.

Jack Parker, area livestock specialist, said in Chowan County alone the income from the hog industry, from the baby pig to the slaughter house, has increased tremendously in the past three years. In 1967 the income was \$967,000 here and moved up to \$1,064,000 in 1968. Nearly another million dollars was added in 1969 when the figure reached \$2,016,000.

Parker says with the addition of a single sow the income to that farm increases at the rate of \$800 per year.

Looking at the Albemarle Area where he works, Parker points to a nearly \$4-million increase in the same three years. In his area hog production is second only to soybeans in farm income. In Chowan County it is third behind peanuts and soybeans.

And Parker predicts the best is yet to come. "We are in a natural location here in Northeastern North Carolina," he says. "Grain is one of the primary needs in raising hogs and there is an abundance of it here."

North Carolina is ninth in the nation in the hog industry and the only state in the Southeast in the top 10.

Parker and Harry Venters, county extension agent, have worked tirelessly with farmers who wish to solve the labor

problem as well as the unpredictable truck farming prices, with a more stable product—livestock. In the past three years they have seen 15 farmers go to the new farrowing house technique alone.

Parker said instead of everyone having a few sows, farmers are getting big enough to have to pay attention to their livestock operation. "And only through good management, like in any other business, can they succeed," he added.

One of the newest in Chowan County is Claude Small, Jr. Small has been known for years as one of the county's most successful truck crop farmers. The uncertainty of that industry, coupled with the harvesting problems, caused Small to turn to livestock.

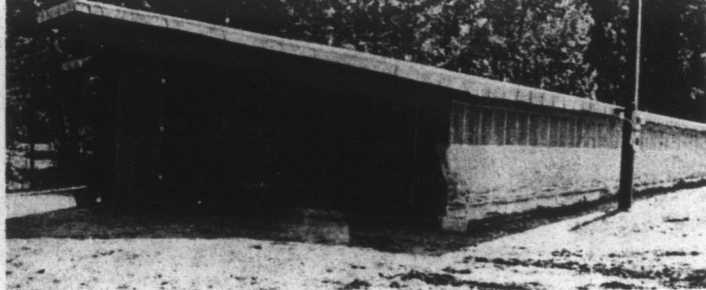
Any day now his first group of gilts

will find pigs. He has a new farrowing house with all the features of home. It is not only comfortable but sanitary.

Like most farmers in the livestock business, Small grinds his own feed and it is piped into the farrowing house automatically. He also has a bunk room since the sows need constant attention while they are finding pigs.

Small will run 80 sows with four boars at present. He plans to keep them to feeder pig size, between 10 and 12 weeks, and sell them to someone else to feed out.

One of the largest, and oldest successful operations is George Jones. He is adding to his livestock industry to have 210 sows and feed most of his pigs out to slaughtering size, about 200 pounds.



A "BEAN PICKER" SWITCHES—Claude Small, Jr., last year had 200 acres in truck crops. This year he cut it to 50 acres and added livestock to his farming operation. Small, in hat, is shown in his farrowing house with Jack Parker, area livestock specialist. The center pictures show the house from the outside as well as the area where the gilts are kept on in farrowing time. Harry Venters

Small, discusses the automatic grinder-blender used in the feed end of the operation. Above, Mrs. Small is shown beside the sink in the bunk room of the modern facility. The livestock industry in Northeastern North Carolina has great potential as farmers like Small further diversify their operation, according to Parker.