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Old Fishery Facility

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Old Freight Building

Public Parade

For The Record

Sometimes errors come easy. At other times one really has to work to make a glaring mistake. To make a \$10,000 mistake these days really hurts and we want to set the record straight.

A figure was omitted from the story about net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County for June. That "1" made the difference in \$1,620.07 in sales tax and \$11,620.07, which was accurate.

Now if this get correctly into type then the record will for sure have been set straight.

Holding An Ace

The district jail concept is new to North Carolina. Finding of a Tri-County unit (Perquimans, Pasquotank and Camden) has drawn considerable attention and praise from state jail officials.

However, threats are being made to call off the project if a great deal of progress isn't made pronto. It is all aimed at Elizabeth City where councilmen refused to rezone a prospective site for the facility.

Reports are that Clifton M. Craig, director of the Department of Social Services has entered the picture and plans to meet Tri-County Jail Commission officials Tuesday.

Considerable pressure has been applied in the past to include Chowan in the district arrangement. Until now county commissioners along the Public Parade have held pat. They can't see the benefit.

Nevertheless, jail officials are now applying additional pressure with threats of closing the Chowan facility. In the opinion of this writer all this is being done to force Chowan into a four-county unit.

While the Chowan jail is old, it is adequate. It is no palace, but it serves the purpose. Once the late Sheriff Earl Goodwin speculated that 97 per cent of the people jailed here have better lodging and better food than they have at home.

Chowan commissioners meet face-to-face Monday with jail officials. If they cannot escape their grasp, then the only logical approach is toward the district concept. Chowan County can ill afford any new building program now; the least desirable of which would be a jail.

The burden a district jail would place on law enforcement officers and the citizenry in general here could be lessened some if the facility is located west of Pasquotank. The best place would be Hertford.

While we contend there is no just-

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County Is Aiding In Census

A concentrated effort is being made in Chowan County now, as well as Edenton, to secure information on people who were not counted in the 1970 census of population and housing.

C. A. Phillips, vice chairman of Chowan County commissioners, met Friday with representatives of several agencies

in the county to seek assistance in getting a more accurate count. He said after talking with officials in the Bureau of Census office in Charlotte, he was convinced that agency would not assist in any new efforts.

"We have not been promised any help from the Charlotte office in getting the work done," Phillips told the group. "They want to keep us in the dark as to what is happening."

Later he said officials "in the end will rely on a stock answer of 'trends' and we don't feel we can let this drop at this point without knowing that everyone has been counted."

He pointed out that Town Admini-

strator W. B. Gardner had compiled a list of 116 names of people—61 in the Eden Heights area—who claim they were not counted. He said last week enumerators were in the area taking census without town or county officials being notified.

Phillips, who is on a committee from the county commission with Chairman J. Clarence Leary, said he did not believe local people working for the Census Bureau are at fault. "I believe the local people will cooperate if they know what to do."

The commissioner said there are many intangible as well as tangible benefits from an accurate count. Therefore, he called on everyone in the county to cooperate. "We are going to do the best we can to get satisfactory results," he added.

The preliminary count showed Chowan lost 940 people in comparison with the 1960 census. The town's loss was placed at 90 although the land area had almost been doubled through annexation in May, 1969.

In a story Wednesday, the Raleigh News & Observer quoted a census official in Charlotte as saying "a little bit of work is being done" in the "annex area" of Edenton, previously excluded from census maps. Frank Bateman, regional technician, said it was being carried out under partial re-count procedures.

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Two Deaths Investigated Last Week

Chowan County recorded two tragic deaths this week, one a motor vehicle fatality, the other by drowning.

Charles B. Ward, 32, Route 3, Edenton, died late Thursday when his 1964 Ford overturned on a rural paved road. State Trooper C. T. Thomas said the car was traveling at an excessive rate of speed when it went out of control on a straight stretch of road.

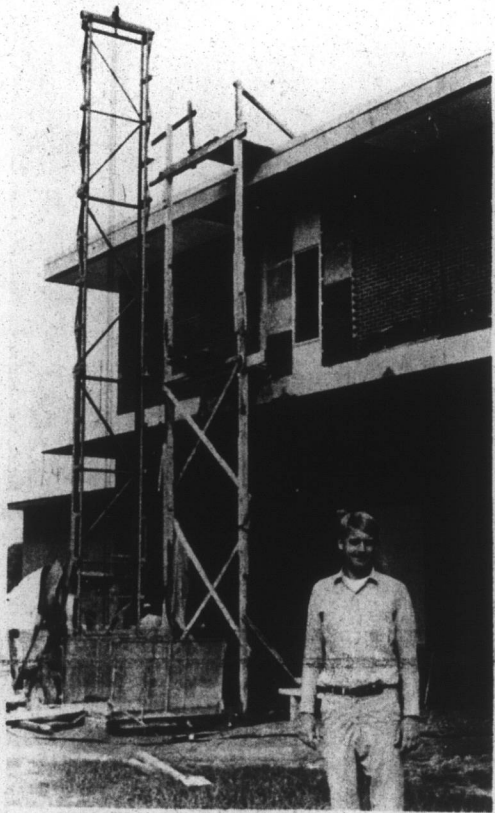
Thomas R. Lane, 48, Route 2, Hertford, drowned in the Chowan River late Saturday afternoon. His body was located some three miles from the scene in mid-afternoon Monday.

Mr. Ward's death brought to two the number of highway fatalities here this year—the first in the rural section of the county. The other was a mishap when a passenger drowned in Pembroke Creek in April.

Trooper Thomas said eight died on streets and highways in Chowan in 1969. The highway death occurred at approximately 11:48 P. M., Thursday. The victim was pronounced dead on arrival to Chowan Hospital.

Mr. Lane, his wife, and three other couples were on a pontoon raft in the Chowan River Saturday. Deputy Sheriff Glenn Perry said his investigation showed that George Nixon was owner-operator of the raft and that it left Rocky Hock Creek at about 4 P. M. Less than three hours later Mr. Lane drowned.

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Finishing Contract—Joe Campen, local masonry contractor, is shown on the east side of the new Chowan Hospital as workmen prepare to complete work on the second floor wall. Campen was the only local sub-contractor for the nearly \$2-million project. T. A. Loving Company is general contractor.

Contract Given

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District has announced a federal contract for The Carter's Ink Company here to supply typewriter ribbons to various agencies. The contract is estimated to be worth \$234,824.

The General Services Administration awarded the contract for an indefinite number of ribbons for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971.

Rep. Jones said the contract could amount to \$234,824 if federal agencies buy according to estimated requirements.

Housing Authority Buys Baer Tract

Edenton Housing Authority has purchased 7.75 acres of property on North Oakum Street on which will be built low-rent public housing units. Cost of the property is \$20,300.

Jack Habit, chairman of the local authority, announced signing of an order by Thomas M. Moore of Wilson, referee in bankruptcy for the Richard P. Baer

Company, authorizing the private sale of the site to the authority.

This is the second of four sites the authority is obtaining for the 100-unit project. Mrs. Wood Privott sold property on East Freemason Street recently. Two other sites, one on East Gale and East Albemarle streets, the other on West Gale Extended and Twiddy Avenue, are now being condemned.

The North Oakum Street portion of the project will be the prime site. Plans call for 56 units and a community center on this site. The units here will be for the elderly as well as others who qualify.

Habit said the authority would advertise for construction bids as soon as possession of all sites is realized.

Storms Hit Area

"It all fell right quick".

This is the way J. H. Conger, Sr., local weather observer, described Monday afternoon's storm which dumped 1.62 inches of rain on Edenton in a matter of minutes.

Conger estimated that the area experienced wind gusts up to 35 miles per hour.

The storm came from the southwest at about 5:15 o'clock. Although it continued to rain after the heavy down-pour, Conger said the majority of the rain came in a matter of 20 to 25 minutes.

Another thunderstorm struck the area about 5:30 P. M., Tuesday and Conger measured .82 of an inch. Forecasts were for more of the same through Thursday.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, reported little damage. He said the wind and rain pruned many trees and street department personnel was busy Tuesday picking up limbs.

There were no serious incidents reported by the Electric & Water Department.

One fire was reported by Chief Luther C. Parks. A tobacco barn owned by Worth Hare on Mexico Road burned. It was not known if it was struck by lightning.

Crisanti Loses Fish In Ranch Lake

Eight years of work and the most sound of fish pond management practices was erased without warning, overnight at Joe Crisanti's. The entire fish population of Crisanti's 25 acre lake was killed due to an oxygen depletion in the water, according to Wildlife Biologist and Hatchery personnel.

It was described as one of nature's phenomenon.

What happened?

Several successive days of hot, still, cloudy weather increased the decaying and decomposing of dying aquatic vegetation and other organic substances using more oxygen than normal. This, follow-

ed by moderate rains omitting cooler run-off water into the lake caused what is referred to as a pond or water turnover.

The cooler water on top reversing with the warmer water near the bottom. The cooler water causing more vegetation die-off. Further decomposing and oxygen depletion took place.

Crisanti's loss was great. Fish large and small, some four to six tons, including bass, bream, crappie and even trash fish. The bass were more obvious, 600 plus, weighing over 2 pounds, some as high as 5 pounds.

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Tragedy At J. C. Ranch—Joe Crisanti, owner of J. C. Ranch near Edenton Municipal Airport, experienced a real tragedy when the entire fish population in his lake was killed.



Leonard Mitzke

VFW Picks Slate

Leonard Mitzke, Route 2, Edenton, is the new commander of William H. Coffield, Jr., Post 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mitzke served as senior vice commander last year.

Officers elected to serve with him include: H. E. Bass, quartermaster; Kermit Mizelle, senior vice commander; George Nixon, junior vice commander; Marcus McClanahan, adjutant; and Joe Swanner, service officer.

The VFW meets at 8 P. M., each Tuesday in the post home on Old Hertford Road.

The new commander is a retired Marine who earned five battle stars and two presidential unit citations in his more than 20 years in the Armed Forces. He retired in 1960 and joined the local post at that time.

Mitzke is now employed at the Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City.