

Public Parade

A Wing And A Prayer

The Chowan Herald editorial staff is flying on one wing this week with dim prospects for full recovery for a couple more weeks. We are speaking about the unfortunate accident of Patricia Arnold.

Last Friday afternoon, Pat was at home when the fire alarm was sounded. She, like every good reporter, called Carole Pickler at Edenton Police Department to determine the location of the blaze.

Our Brenda Starr dashed from her mobile home, fell out the door and received a nasty break to her ankle. The next call to the police department was for Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad to take Pat to Chowan Hospital.

She underwent surgery to her ankle Wednesday morning, and although the reports are favorable she will still be out of commission for about two weeks.

There is a bright spot along the Public Parade this week, however. Buff is back at his machine after three weeks in Europe. We are sure he "Heard and Seen" enough to make interesting reading for weeks to come.

And as we struggle to get out a paper with a valuable member of the editorial staff laid up, we are thankful for Buff's safe return. We now know how Pete Manning has felt for the past three weeks while doing double duty.

Cotton Blooms

Ole king cotton is off to a good start along the Public Parade.

On July 2, Thomas Corprew of Tyner brought into The Herald office the first cotton bloom reported this season.

Favorable weather conditions could make this one of the best cotton years in many moons in Chowan County.

Time To Do Some Roping

July is the peak month of boating accidents. Accordingly, President Nixon has designated this week as National Safe Boating Week.

During National Safe Boating Week is a good time to launch a project along the Public Parade to rid Edenton Bay, Albemarle Sound and Chowan River of troublesome herring net stakes.

That long-harrassing problem is being met head-on in the upper Chowan as three PACE students are working near Winton "roping in" the old stakes as fast as they can attach a boat to them and pile them on the bank.

The PACE students are working in cooperation with the N. C. Department of Conservation & Development. Director Roy Sowers is personally interested in the project.

The boat being used was sent by the Department of Sports Fishing and Commercial Fishing and C&D. Operations will be all summer from the Virginia border to the Edenhaus Bridge, according to Dr. Archie Eagles, who is among those who have worked for several years to get the stakes removed.

The stakes long have been a real hazard in the area where they have been placed to stake out the herring nets during herring season and then have been abandoned to rot off.

To rid area waters of the hazard caused by these stakes is but one act to insure safer boating. Many boating fatalities could be prevented by using common sense.

If you can't swim, a lifejacket should be worn at all times while on the water. If you can swim, then the lifejacket should at least be kept in an easily accessible area.

Do not overload a boat. Simply because a boat has 10 seats does not necessarily mean that the boat is capable of safely carrying 10 people. Extra seats are sometimes installed to allow a fisherman to position himself about the boat.

There were 33 water fatalities recorded in North Carolina during 1970, placing it 16th highest in the nation along with Pennsylvania. Property damage was \$174,500, or 11th highest in the nation.

Although North Carolina contained 2 per cent of the nation's numbered boats, 3 per cent of the nation's boating accidents were recorded in this state.

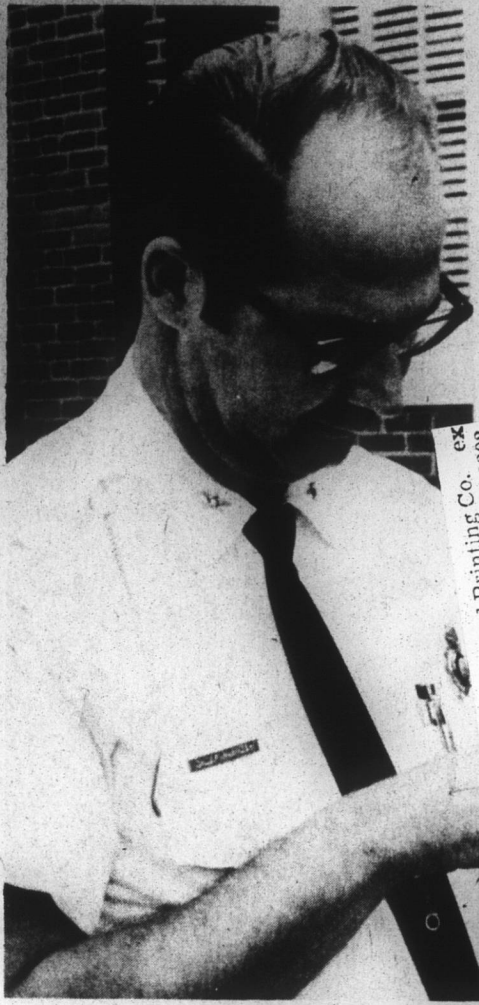
Some of the mishaps and damages could be avoided if some real effort were made to clear the stakes from area waters. They may not cost you your life, but if you do much boating they are sure to affect your pocketbook.

Chaos In Public Education

Public education is not yet out of the woods. However, those meandering along the Public Parade who have school-age children are fortunate the impact of total desegregation was not as chaotic as was predicted.

There is some danger, though, that recent cuts in the Edenton-Chowan Schools' budget could adversely affect the curriculum. This community has

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Chief Parrish Holds Plastic Cups Containing Marijuana

Marijuana Found Growing

An extensive police investigation into traffic in dangerous drugs in Edenton was climaxed Sunday afternoon with charges being lodged against a local man for growing marijuana and possession of marijuana seed.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish reported that Jerry William Jay Barringer, 20, 16 Hawthorne Road, was arrested at 7 P. M. The weed was found growing in two small plastic cups on the front porch of the Barringer home.

Barringer has posted \$2,000 bond

for his appearance in Chowan County District Court on Tuesday.

Chief Parrish, Capt. C. H. Williams, Sgt. H. J. Lupton and Patrolman W. W. Jones, along with Sheriff Troy Toppin, conducted the raid.

The chief said Barringer admitted planting the marijuana and the plant which was growing was "four or five days" old. A second plant was just breaking through the soil.

Barringer reportedly told investigating officers that he planted the mari-

juana and had planned to transplant it into "a field" but did not know where.

In addition to the two plants, officers located a plastic tube which contained several marijuana seeds.

Chief Parrish warned those dealing in the dangerous drug traffic they would find the going rough.

"We still have under investigation some other reports of individuals dealing in dangerous drugs," the chief stated. "We intend to push the investigations."

Proposals Sought To Rebuild Church

Proposals for constructing a new sanctuary at Welch's Chapel Baptist Church at Tyner are now being accepted, according to Rev. W. H. Davis, pastor.

The church building, in its 97th year, was completely destroyed by fire the night of May 9. Since that time services have been held in an abandoned school house, adjoining the church property.

Mr. Davis said by having the old Hudson Grove Schoolhouse available the

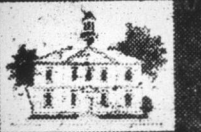
congregation had not missed a single service since lightning struck the church.

He stated that people from throughout the area had been extremely cooperative and generous with their contributions. "We are now to the point where we want some proposals from constructing firms so we can start rebuilding," he stated.

Proposals should be sent to Mr. Davis at 209 East Albemarle Street, or he can be contacted by calling 482-2646.



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County Budget Slashed

Chowan County commissioners have approved a \$1,629,206.45 budget for fiscal 1971-72 and set the tax rate at \$1.60 per \$100 valuation. The special levy for rural fire protection is, eight cents.

The new budget is \$15,180.58 less than for the past fiscal year but a five-cent tax increase was needed to balance the budget since revenue from sources other than taxes is expected to be less.

The budget is based on a valuation

of \$33.5-million, \$1-million more than last year.

A tax rate of \$1.60 on the assessed valuation will bring in \$536,000 or nearly \$33,000 more than the amount realized last year from a \$1.55 rate based on \$32.5-million valuation.

Revenue from sources other than property tax accounts for more than two-thirds of the county budget. The county anticipates \$110,000 from the local option sales tax, one of the big figures other than funds from the state and federal governments for social services.

While the Department of Social Services has a budget of \$585,757, revenue from sources other than taxes accounts for all but \$51,255 of the total.

The budget includes a 5 per cent raise for county employees.

While there has been no meeting of the minds with regards to the budget submitted, re-submitted and re-submitted by Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, commissioners held firm to their decision to not increase the levy for schools. The 86-cent levy will bring in \$288,100 and other local, state and federal funds will account for another \$325,420.02 which gives the schools a total budget of \$613,520.02.

The school budget in the overall county budget is some \$60,000 less than the proposal the board of education first sent to commissioners.

Supt. Bill Britt said Tuesday morning he had not been notified of the commissioners' action. He said the school board will meet Monday night and some further action on the budget is expected to be made at that time.

County commissioners will meet at 9 A. M., Monday in the court house.



Show Favorites—Fran Hollowell and Candy Yancey were two of Chowan County's entries in the Fourth of July Horse Show in Perquimans County Sunday. Fran, who took first place in the Costume Class, is shown here on "Missy" from WoodHall Barns. Candy, third place winner in open English Pleasure Class, is shown on "Lucy," owned by Dr. L. A. Dees. (Photos Courtesy Nellie Manning)

Show Is Success

HERTFORD — It was a Western Fourth of July for over 400 people at the Perquimans County Horse and Pony Club show Sunday.

Held at Preston Nixon's farm, the event attracted owners of more than 90 horses from all over the Albemarle.

Events of the day included "Go as you please" judging events, barrel races, musical chairs, pole bending, a costume class, ring spearing, and fastest pony and horse around the ring.

The second annual July 4 event was judged by Wade Hockaday of Roanoke Rapids. Master of ceremonies was Charlie Fowler, president of the six-year-old club.

Big attraction for the day was Dallas Weeks of Elizabeth City who strolled through the crowd in baggy overalls and a huge straw hat.

And when not heckling the judge, Weeks rode his mule and attempted to enter the events.

There were prizes for almost everyone in the 25-event show that lasted five hours.

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Checks Mailed

Chowan County ASCS is still distributing to farmers who enrolled in the 1971 set-aside programs on cotton, feed grain, and wheat. A total of \$189,618.74 has now been paid through 414 checks.

H. O. West, ASCS county office manager, said additional checks will be distributed as they are received at the local office.



Vehicle In Which Negro Became Third Fatality Of 1971

Wreck Injuries Fatal To Motorist

Herman Drew, 48-year-old Negro, 203 East Carteret Street, died at Chowan Hospital early Sunday morning as result of injuries received five hours earlier in a one vehicle accident on Base Road.

State Trooper R. H. Allen, investigating officer, said Drew's death brought to three the number of fatalities in Chowan County this year.

The victim was driving a Ford van owned by Blair Funeral Home and towing a disabled vehicle when the van went out of control and overturned near Chowan Golf & Country Club about 7:30 P. M. The vehicle being towed sprung loose and rolled to a stop undamaged. The fatality victim was thrown from the van. He died at 12:30 A. M., Sunday.

James Drew, a brother of the victim, was a passenger in the vehicle at the time of the accident. He was not seriously injured.

Damage to the van was placed at \$500.

Trooper Allen investigated another mishap at 4 P. M., Sunday on a rural paved road between Earl Smith's store and Highway 32. A 1960 Chevrolet and a 1965 Chevrolet were damaged beyond repair when they collided head-on, the investigating officer reported.

Artist Lendell Boyce, 35-year-old Negro, Route 1, Edenton, was driver of the older vehicle. His son, 19-year-old Junior Augustus Leary, also of Route 1, Edenton, was driving the 1965 model car.

The trooper said Boyce approached a

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Midshipmen Take Training In Chowan At Sand Bank

(Editor's Note: Last Friday a strange looking vessel docked in Edenton Bay at the foot of Broad Street. A number of military personnel was also in the area. What it was all about is explained in this article in the Gates County Index by Marie Wood, an editor with Parker Brothers, Inc., in Aheskle, publishers of area newspapers).

SAND BANK, Gates County—Hopefully some 900 young midshipmen will never get any closer to war than the Sand Bank Navy-Marine simulated jungle maneuvers in Gates County this week and next.

But war will have been real enough, what with the foxholes and barbed wire,

mosquitoes and yellow flies and the mortar shell explosions between the machine guns and the rifle fire.

And the sand! That gets in the mouth, the eyes and the shoes. And the red bugs that burrow into the flesh and itch like mad, not to forget the fleas. And the ticks that carry the dreaded Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

War is hell all right, even when it's only simulated jungle warfare with blank cartridges — minus the lead, but carrying the explosive powder that produces the power.

The 900 Midshipmen will arrive in contingents of 150, with the first group in Tuesday morning and out again 24 hours later, their destination Little Creek Naval Base, where buses which transport them will pick up a second 150 who will undergo the Marine-Navy training the succeeding 24 hours.

Three days this week and three days next will see the program completed.

Following that all barbed wire will be rolled up, mortar shells and debris collected, the big Naval landing craft will be routed downstream through the Albemarle Sound and back to their Atlantic base. And the Sand Bank area will be returned to the yellow flies and the mosquitoes. But the 900 midshipmen will never be the same again. Their taste of jungle warfare will have

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Navy Training Vessel At Foot Of Broad Street