



Display Skeleton — Sheriff Troy Toppin and SBI Agent Bill Godley are shown above with portions of a skeleton unearthed at Chowan Beach Monday evening. The bones have been sent to Raleigh for examination.

Skeleton Is Found At Chowan Beach

A skeleton was uncovered Monday evening from a shallow grave at Chowan Beach by a Virginia man.

Forrest Jordan of Holland, Va., was digging a hole for the housing of his water pump when he began unearthing the bones of a skeleton, reported Sheriff Troy Toppin. According to authorities, Jordan paid little attention to the bones, thinking they were animal remains, until he finally came up with the skull.

The grave, about two feet deep and a yard long, was located approximately 30 yards from the shoreline. Sheriff Toppin stated that no remnants of clothing or any type of casket were found in the hole or surrounding earth.

At the present time investigation continues by the Sheriff's Department and SBI. The skeleton has been transferred to Raleigh for examination and analysis with hopes of establishing some kind of identification.

The sheriff declined to speculate the reason for the unusual burial. He did comment that the remains could be those of an Indian, and he noted that trenches were located along the shoreline of the river during the Civil War.

He added the person may not, necessarily, have been a victim of foul play.

Farm Price List

ATLANTA, Ga. — Flue-cured tobacco prices continued to increase and hit new record high levels during the week ended August 10, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) reports.

Prices for broilers and heavy-type hens also trended higher, while egg prices trended lower. Prices for light-type hens held steady.

Hog, cattle and fruit and vegetable prices trended unevenly during the week.

Spot cotton prices trended steady to slightly lower.

The third tobacco belt opened for sale of the 1972 crop when seven of the 17 Eastern North Carolina markets held first auctions. The price patterns of the two belts, which opened July 25, also was evidenced in Eastern North Carolina.

Government loan receipts in all belts were extremely small and the volume of sales was heavy.



Funds Drive Begins — Mrs. Clarence Britton, Chowan County chairman, Cerebral Palsy of N. C., is shown receiving a check from Wayne Ashley of Bank of North Carolina, N. A., as the first business contribution to the local funds campaign. The drive is officially underway with Mrs. Faye Hampton as treasurer and Miss Mary Helen Dail in charge of coin containers throughout the area.

Public Parade

Let's Help COA

We want to be among the first to agree that recent news articles and editorials about broadening the base of financial support for the College of the Albemarle are "unfortunate." Discussions along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina have been informative, but the finger-pointing has put the entire topic out of focus.

As "unfortunate" as previous articles is the fact that they prompted N. J. George, a Chowan County commissioner, to make some very forceful statements in an "attempt to set the record straight." Mr. George, in our opinion, acted in good faith and on good authority but this is already being questioned in many quarters.

It is true that nearly 12 years ago Pasquotank voters held a referendum on support for a community college and approved a maximum tax levy for this purpose.

While Pasquotank's tax base has been broadened in the past decade, we are quite confident the demands on that county for financial support of an institution of higher learning such as COA have increased at a more rapid pace. For this reason, if no other, we have supported the Community College District Plan approved by the 1971 General Assembly to provide monies from counties being served by COA.

Chowan County citizens cannot place a dollar value on what COA means to us. From past performance, however, we feel the voters, if given the facts and the opportunity, would agree to a reasonable special tax for the college.

Mr. George himself, who is a former school teacher and school board member, said he would vote for and support such a referendum. And he knows, first hand, the squeeze being placed on the county budget, not only as a commissioner but also as chairman of the finance committee.

The call for help coming from COA is not one which originated in the wilderness. It has a considerable amount of merit. And while it is true Chowan County has no legal obligation to render aid, there exists an adequate moral obligation to create something more substantial than finger-pointing.

Victory Easy To Smell

It's a long way from the Town of Columbia, in little Tyrrell County, to the White House. And a man of lesser ability than First Congressional District Rep. Walter B. Jones could not have made the connection.

After nearly 10 months of waiting, Columbia finally received approval of a \$260,000 Economic Development Administration grant for water and sewer system improvements.

To those who have worked closely with the request, it is funny to note the impact the EDA grant release received. And, of course, since Rep. Jones' district has but 21 counties, including Tyrrell—more than one-fifth the number in the entire state—the role he played in the successful funding was almost lost in the shuffle by the liberals and the press that listens to them.

One newspaper even had the announcement coming from Rep. Nick Galifianakis, Democrat nominee for the U. S. Senate.

During all the wait-and-see over the months since Hurricane Ginger paralyzed the town, the closest the Republicans got to the scene was recognition that Mayor Clarence Cahoon is a card-carrying member of the GOP. But from the White House came the word, and Bill Dansey, Jr., of Greenville, First District

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Projects Total \$300-Million

ELIZABETH CITY—Local governmental units in the 10-county Albemarle Area of Northeastern North Carolina have nearly \$300-million in project requests on file and while Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission is one of the youngest such bodies in the state it has the largest budget.

This information was released here last Thursday night as Miss June Myers, ARPDC projects director, summarized the commission's first year of operation. Miss Myers was addressing the monthly meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association at Holiday Inn.

Also, AADA unanimously approved a resolution asking that all of Gates County be served by Norfolk-Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's Albe-

marle Metro System. The resolution stated that the county is now served by two telephone systems, with only a portion being within the Metro System, with its county seat excluded.

The resolution said a hardship is imposed upon the county's economy and its citizens as a result of the two systems and "constant confusion is created as a result of the dual system."

L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton, AADA president, said ARPDC would be asked to assist Gates County in its endeavor to be joined in its entirety with the Albemarle Metro.

Miss Myers, using visual aids created by Barbara Sutton of the commission staff, presented the goals and accomplishments of programs being directed from the Edenton office.

In her remarks she noted that ARPDC is an outgrowth of AADA and the commission "feels a keen responsibility to AADA." "Actually we would be somewhat useless without the back-up of AADA to reach into areas which staff members cannot touch," she stated.

Miss Myers placed emphasis on the need for a regional housing authority, and an area-wide transportation system "to get the people to the services while we are getting the service to the people."

Of a total budget of \$283,751, local monies involved amount to \$24,421.50.

Programs in excess of \$1-million were funded during the first year and she said the \$300-million in projects are "well on their way."

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Columbia Given Water, Sewer \$'s

Engineers and town officials of Columbia huddled early this week getting necessary documents in order to advertise for bids on water and sewer system improvements.

Their action followed announcement from the White House Friday, through the office of Rep. Walter B. Jones, that the Town of Columbia's application for a \$260,000 Economic Development Administration grant had been approved.

The town will hold a bond referendum to pay the local share of the \$325,000 anticipated project costs.

Mayor Clarence Cahoon and Town Clerk Julian Poston expressed extreme relief after the funding. They said it would take a lot of the burden off the town which experienced disaster from the flood water caused by Hurricane Ginger in October, 1971.

Since then fire hose has been used to bypass broken sewer lines and the town's almost new treatment plant was closed down because of the sand and other foreign debris flowing in the lines.

The situation became so critical there was danger that the schools could not reopen and the only medical facility in the town would be forced to close.

Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission has been spokesman for the town and pushed the application through the Atlanta Regional Office and through channels in Washington.

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Director Named

The College of The Albemarle announces that W. Clayton Morrisette has been named Director of Continuing Education. For the past three years, Morrisette has worked for the college as Director of Project COA, a Rockefeller Foundation project to train the unemployed and disadvantaged with marketable skills.

Shepard Buys Home Feed Stock

J. Gilliam Wood announced today that he had sold his interest in Home Feed & Fertilizer Co., Inc., to Thomas H. Shepard, who has been corporate



Thomas H. Shepard

J. Gilliam Wood



Symposium Planned — Al Honeycutt, Jr., of Raleigh, representing the Office of Archives and History, is shown with local leaders who are planning an Edenton Symposium in October. Representing Edenton Historical Commission are, from left, Mrs. Lena M. Leary, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., vice chairman; and Mrs. Edward G. Bond, symposium chairman.

Edenton Symposium Is Scheduled

The Edenton Symposium on history, architecture, archaeology and furnishings, will be held here October 23-25 with an estimated 65 participants and a program of outstanding speakers.

Edenton Historical Commission, meeting in special session Friday afternoon, agreed to sponsor the symposium in cooperation with Historic Edenton, Inc., The Cupola, Iredell and Barker house associations and N. C. Department of Art, Culture and History's Office of Archives and History.

The commission is sponsor of Historic Edenton which includes the three volunteer association. The commission recently donated all existing funds to aid Historic Edenton in securing sufficient local funds to obtain a \$15,000 state

matching grant. Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., vice chairman who presided, said it had been suggested that the symposium be planned to coincide with the commission's October meeting. The commission meets semi-annually.

Al Honeycutt, Jr., of Raleigh, a restoration specialist with the state, said of some 20 historical commissions in North Carolina only a very few have an operating arm such as Historic Edenton, Inc. "What you have done has been outstanding," he added.

He said the Office of Archives and History had been discussing a symposium of this nature for some time and it is felt that Edenton is the ideal place for such an educational program.

Honeycutt said the program is designed to provide maximum exposure of Edenton's charm and beauty, including a candlelight tour of the Cupola House and other walking tours, in addition to lectures.

He said his department is hopeful that the Edenton Symposium will become an annual affair.

Mrs. Earnhardt said Mrs. Edward G. Bond will be chairman of the event.

Office Will Close

The office of the Selective Service System Local Board No. 21, of Chowan County, now located on the second floor of the bus station, 147 North Church Street, Hertford, will be closed next week, August 21-25.

Mrs. Margaret S. Scaff, executive secretary, will be in Raleigh attending a statewide convention.

The office in Hertford is open from 8:15 A. M., until 5:15 P. M., Monday through Friday.

School Date Set

Mrs. Frances Hollowell, headmistress at Chowan Academy, announces that school will open on September 5 for all students in grades kindergarten through 10.

The faculty and staff will be preparing for school opening the week of August 28. Other dates will be announced in the school calendar which will be mailed to parents.

A science laboratory is being equipped for this year, she stated.

The maximum number of students in each grade is 25. Vacancies still exist. Parents interested in considering the Chowan Academy for their children should contact the headmistress immediately.