

Time To Feed Up

It is Harvest Supper time at Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department. We got it on no less authority than Sheriff Troy Toppin, who next to Mrs. E. N. Elliott is the most staunch supporter of the regular feeds.

Barbecued chicken plates will be served from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M. Saturday, with tickets available from volunteer firemen or by calling 221-4956.

There are those who will wonder why this item got such prominent play. Well, Sheriff Toppin's memory has gotten so bad he didn't give us the word until it was too late to put it anywhere else.

But the quality of his memory and the quality of the chicken they plate up at the fire department have nothing in common.

Noted And Passed

The paper shortage is a real as the energy crisis. It hasn't held up our regular publications but it did cause us to turn down a handsome weekly printing contract because we could not guarantee the availability of newsprint for the job.

Our regular shipment of newsprint didn't arrive as scheduled and last week we borrowed a couple of tons from The Daily Advance in order to publish. Then the truck arrived Friday afternoon when most of the help was gone. But we managed to get it unloaded and housed.

It was a comfortable feeling to close the door with a storage room full of newsprint.

Up in Raleigh, though, it seems to be more difficult to get a printed certificate than pass the bar examination. W. T. Culpepper, III, decided to open an office in Edenton, contingent upon successfully passing the bar exam.

He, along with Bill Goodwin of Edenton and Washington, D. C., and many others, did in fact pass the exam last month. Now the young Elizabeth City native has moved into the Gate House at Hayes with his wife, but couldn't be introduced in Chowan County Superior Court Tuesday morning because his credentials had not arrived.

That, however, didn't deter Judge J. William Copeland of Murfreesboro. He assigned the attorney-to-be a case with trial date set for September 24. And before the day was over Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk, had assigned him another case in District Court.

While there may be a shortage of paper, there certainly doesn't appear to any shortages of defendants in our courts.

Brick And Mortar

Dr. Leo Jenkins, chancellor, East Carolina University has announced that construction is underway on the new ECU Regional Development Institute building in Greenville.

Tom Willis, institute director and popular figure in Eastern North Carolina, says that construction on the facility "culminates a nine-year effort to secure funds for the project."

This proves that Tom isn't easily defeated. The cost of the project is \$556,000 and is funded in part by the state, the U. S. Economic Development Administration, and Coastal Plain Regional Commission.

The combination of grantors is indubitable of the Willis theory for regional action. He used the same approach with "The New East" magazine now published by EdenPress, Inc., of Edenton. It took him seven years to get three volunteer area development associations to buy his idea for a publication to promote, in a positive vein, what is able and available in the 42-county region.

From cramped quarters of a transformed dwelling across from the ECU campus, Willis & Company last year completed in excess of 120 projects. The projects are designed to aid the proper economic development of Eastern North Carolina. They include seminars on timely subjects, job fairs, land development, environmental advice and consultation, management and loan assistance

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CAMP EXPANDS FLEET

Tug Added To Chowan Run

Gerald R., a sixty-five foot diesel tug just purchased by Union Camp Corporation, takes on fuel at Wint after her 10-day trip from New Orleans.

Under the command of Capt.



Harry Bartlett Ward, foreground, Gerald R. was under way all but 26 hours of the time. She will join Cotton J. in towing barges of pulpwood to Franklin from yards at South Mills, Williamston, Edenton, and Winton. Corinthia, know as the dowager queen of the Chowan, will return to service in several months after extensive rebuilding of her superstructure. She was badly damaged by fire in the Blackwater.

Facility Open

ELIZABETH CITY — Open house will be observed Friday at the new Albemarle Regional Speech and Hearing Center, located adjacent to the Pasquotank County Health Department here. The hours are 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

The center will provide all speech, language and audiological diagnostic and therapeutic services for the speech and hearing impaired, according to David D. McGray, speech pathologist who is center director. Mrs. Becky Hite is audiologist at the center.

This center, the first of its type in North Carolina, is being operated by Albemarle Human Resources Development System. It is planned that a second base unit will be located at Chowan Hospital in Edenton.

James Lewis, AHRDS director, said speech and hearing services will be delivered in each of the 10 Albemarle Area countries, originally from the center here and later from both centers once the Edenton unit is completed.

Pasquotank County commissioners provided funds to erect the new building and the equipment was purchased through a grant from the State Department of Mental Health.

In addition to Captain Ward, crew for the trip were Richard Harrell of Winton and Thomas Jones of Merry Hill. Captain Ward reports Gerald R. will soon have a new and more appropriate name.

Three men were convicted Tuesday in Chowan County District Court for drinking in a public place. They were: Louis Austin, William Barnette and James Harding.

Judge Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck, sentenced them to 20 days in jail, suspended upon payment of \$25 fines and costs. A fourth defendant, Albert Austin, was called and failed to appear.

Three Fined

Max Busby was substitute solicitor for the session held at the Municipal Building. Other cases disposed off included: Larry Whaley, assault and battery, prosecuting witness refused to testify was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and court costs.

Michael Wayne Miller, traffic violation, costs. Willie Percy Perry, drunk driving, second offense, six months, suspended upon payment of \$250 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered and bond fixed at \$500.

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Retail Sales Increase

Gross retail sales in Chowan County for the past fiscal year increased \$1.4-million but the 5.5 per cent boost was considerably below the percentage of increase in the 10-county Albemarle Area. According to figures released by the State Department of Revenue, gross retail sales here amounted to \$26,184,847.

The increase in fiscal 1971-72 was \$1.8-million over fiscal 1970-71, which amounted to a 7.6 per cent increase.

In the Albemarle Area, gross retail sales were \$236,947,963, up \$29.5-million over the previous year. The increase amounted to 12.5 per cent. This was just slightly more than the increase statewide, where sales exceeded \$16.4-billion.

Currituck County showed the greatest percentage of increase (27.6) with sales reaching

\$17,205,298. Only Tyrrell and Washington counties showed a lesser increase than Chowan. Neighboring Perquimans County showed a 9 per cent increase.

Figures show that gross retail sales in the Albemarle have nearly doubled since fiscal 1964-65 when sales reached \$119,849,765.

Following are the sales figures and percentage of increase for the 10 counties:

Camden, \$4,486,786, 17.4 per

cent; Chowan, \$26,184,847, 5.5 per cent; Currituck, \$17,205,298, 27.6 per cent; Dare, \$37,881,600, 15 per cent; Gates, \$11,057,549, 9.4 per cent; Hyde, \$6,867,714, 11.4 per cent; Pasquotank, \$80,868,950, 14.4 per cent; Perquimans, \$16,051,769, 9 per cent; Tyrrell, \$5,934,276, 4.6 per cent; and Washington, \$30,409,174, 5.3 per cent.

Accompanying this article is a breakdown of where the money went in Chowan County:

CHOWAN COUNTY	Gross Collections	Gross Retail Sales
1% Retail Sales	\$ 20,765.84	\$ 2,140,079
2% Auto, Planes & Boats	45,243.30	2,328,597
Apparel	13,814.62	476,419
Automotive	52,174.23	4,903,208
Food	200,315.89	7,131,902
Furniture	29,136.83	1,095,971
General Merchandise	102,785.16	4,246,072
Building Materials	11,513.49	1,014,519
Unclassified Group	53,933.93	2,848,080
Use Tax - 1% & 3%	16,291.33	
Licenses - Wholesale & Reg.	341.00	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 546,315.62</b>	<b>\$ 26,184,847</b>

Inquiry Set By Grand Jury

The Chowan County Grand Jury will investigate "certain allegations presented by Emmet Wiggins, concerning court action in which he participated" at the December Term of Superior Court.

Wiggins appeared before the panel Tuesday afternoon and made what Foreman W. B. Gardner described as some "very serious allegations" relative to a land dispute in the Rocky Hock section. Gardner would say only that the grand jury felt it needed the additional time before the Wiggins matter could be "reconsidered".

The foreman conferred with Judge J. William Copeland of Murfreesboro and Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City prior to the completion of the panel's report which included the statement about the allegations made by Wiggins.

The grand jury found the jail to be "clean and in good condition"; the register of deeds office "in excellent condition"; and the clerk of court's office in "good condition" but to lack adequate space.

It was noted that previous recommendations for the health department and magistrate's office has been ignored and also recommended that plaster needs repairing and leaks need to be fixed in the tax office.

Gardner was named forman of the panel by Judge Copeland when court opened Tuesday morning. The other eight members chosen to serve a 12-month term on the

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IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OPENS—The doors to Immanuel Christian School's new building opened for registration Tuesday with the first full day scheduled for Wednesday. Planning for the addition began in the latter part of March with construction handled by a Murfreesboro firm and interior work by Harrell Brothers of Rocky Hock. A large portion of the church congregation was also involved in the completion of the facility. The structure will house Kindergarten through third grade and will have the capability to handle through the sixth grade. Future plans include expansion of the school for junior and senior high levels. The facility is fully carpeted and air conditioned.

Judge Sets New Date For Trials

Judge J. William Copeland announced in Chowan County Superior Court shortly after noon Wednesday that the trial of defendants charged in racial demonstrations here during the summer would not begin until next week. Solicitor Herbert Small had calendared a number of the cases for Wednesday.

Judge Copeland said the trials would begin at 10 A.M. Tuesday. Court will not be in session Monday.

Judge Copeland made his announcement to a number of State Troopers, police officers and

members of the Sheriff's department who are witnesses in the case.

Just prior to the announcement, a jury returned a guilty verdict against Melvin Stanley Moore, charged with drunk driving. He was sentenced to six months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

After a plea of guilty, Isaac Hill, also charged with drunk driving, was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and court costs.

Two other cases were disposed of late Wednesday morning. They were:

Willie Privott, driving while license were revoked, 12 months, suspended and placed on probation for four years upon payment of \$200 fine and costs and not drive for 18 months.

Joseph Earl Revels, speeding, remanded to District Court.

Following is an earlier court report.

Routine matters were being heard during the opening days of Chowan County Superior Court here with trials for defendants charged in racial demonstrations this summer set to be called

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1973 ACES SQUAD—The Edenton Aces, left to right, first row, are: Elmer Overton (66), Thomas Slade (37), Willie Holley (5), Chuck Smith (7), Gerald Hall (9), Arnold Brothers (12), Gordon West (21), Darrell Boyce (23), and David Shackelford (64). Second row: Zack Valentine (89), Ernest Brothers (25), Bruce Jones (33), David Norris (35), James Perry (42), Anthony Riddick (43), Jimmy Fleetwood (44), Wayne Evans (50), Alex Bond (53), and Tim Dowd (88). Third row: Mike Fry (79), William Hassell (75), Willie Bunch (61), Grif Bond (63), Donald Boyce (78), Bruce Morgan (65), Jimmy Skinner (68), Percy Twine (71), Ralph Garrett (73), and Rod Cross (81). Also pictured above is the coaching staff consisting of, left to right: Tom Bass, Jimmy Addison, head coach; Greg Clark and Don Booth.



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