

Correction

It is quite difficult at times to get to the source of mistakes which appear in a newspaper. However, the mistaken identity which showed up in a front page picture last week was easy to track down.

Week before last a Herald photographer went to the Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission office to get a picture of Mrs. Arlene Evans, administrative assistant, presenting a check to Pentress Morris, EIC executive director. The cutlines were written but when the film was processed there was nothing on it.

When the embarrassed photographer returned to make another picture, Mrs. Evans was out of the office and Bill Taylor substituted for her in the mock presentation. Added to the group was Mrs. Naomi Hester, coordinator for the aging program in the region.

Back at his typewriter, the reporter took the old cutlines, added Mr. Taylor's name but failed to substitute Mrs. Hester's for Mrs. Evans'. The error was not caught until the newspapers had been distributed.

For those who think newspaper editors are errorless, we hope this is not your first disappointment. We regret the error.

Policy In Question

North Carolina law allows judges to give first offenders of drunk driving restricted driving privileges if the defendant can show that such is needed in order to maintain his employment, etc. In the document, a substitute for the regular non-restrictive operator's license which is automatically suspended by the Department of Motor Vehicles, certain conditions are spelled out. The type motor vehicle to be driven, the hours and days of the week the vehicle can be operated etc., must be spelled out on a standard form available to the court.

What is happening along the Public Parade is that defendants who come into court without an attorney and pleads guilty to the offense of drunk driving are being required to secure the services of

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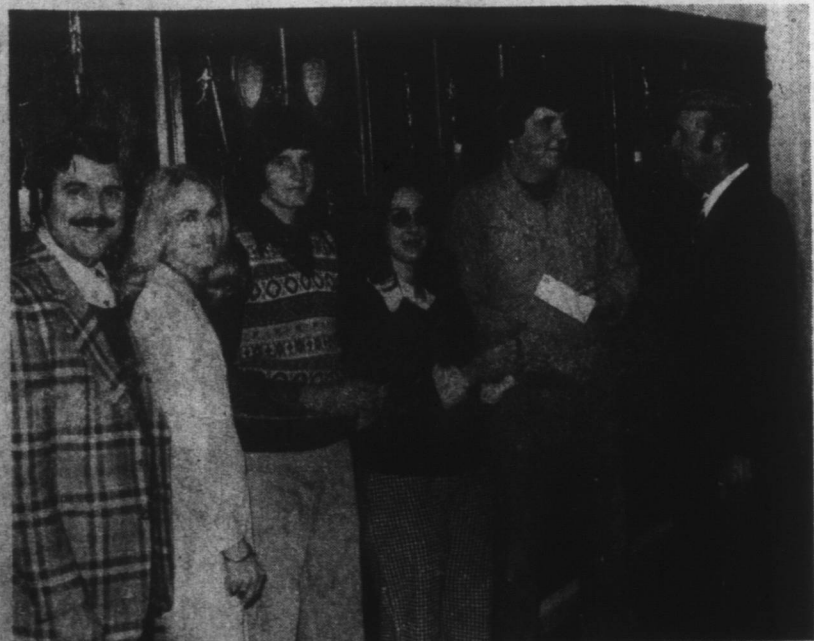
Peanut Production

Peanut production in Chowan County in 1974 is off some 500 pounds per acre, according to preliminary figures compiled by the ASCS office. With 97 per cent of the cards in the average yield is 2,793 pounds per acre.

H. O. West, county ASCS executive, said the highest yield recorded thus far has been 4,501 pounds per acre. Approximately a dozen peanut cards are still outstanding but their results are not expected to affect the average appreciably.

The 1973 average yield was 3,338 pounds per acre.

There are 479 farms in Chowan County on which peanuts are grown. The 5,948-acre allotment produced 16,615,022 pounds this year, according to the preliminary and incomplete figures.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS NAMED—Rusty J. Barath is shown receiving the first place award in the Voice of Democracy contest in Chowan County, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, William H. Coffield, Jr., Post 9280. Making the presentation is VOD chairman H. E. Bass. Others from left to right are: Bruce McGraw, principal at Holmes High School; Mrs. Sandra Boyce, drama teacher and contest advisor; Sylvia Kehayes, second place winner, and Chuck Smith, third place winner. The winning tape will be entered in district competition.

Wells Takes Judicial Post

Former Superior Court Judge Dewey W. Wells of Elizabeth City has been named First Judicial District chairman of a Committee on Judicial Selection of the N. C. Bar Association.

Co-chairman in the district is Norman W. Shearin, Jr., of Kitty Hawk.

Wells was appointed to the bench by Gov. Jim Holshouser, Jr., to fill the unexpired term of Judge Walter Cohoon, who retired.

He then did not seek re-election and recently Judge Herbert Small of Elizabeth City was sworn-in for a full term.

Organizations and individuals representing a wide cross section of North Carolina are seeking adoption of a merit selection plan for judges in North Carolina to replace the present system.

An effort will be made in the 1975 General Assembly to enact legislation providing for the necessary change in the state constitution.

Powell Bill Draws Opposition

A Powell Bill for secondary road construction was proposed here Monday by a member of the General Assembly but the plan quickly drew opposition from a Chowan County commissioner.

Rep. Vernon James of the First House District said although he didn't want to stir a controversy between urban and rural areas, an additional gasoline tax is needed which is specifically designed to be spent on secondary roads.

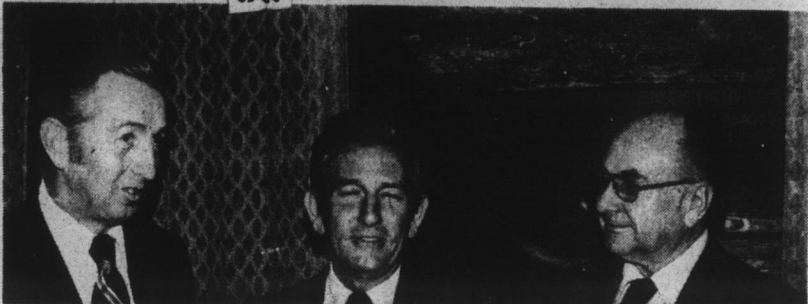
While agreeing that the secondary roads track record of the Holshouser Administration left a great deal to be desired, N. J. George said it is time that government, both state and federal, "get off the back of the automobile." George is the Chevrolet dealer in Chowan County.

He noted that legislation at the state and federal levels has caused the price of automobiles to increase. Also, any added gasoline tax would discourage driving as well as place an additional burden on auto owners.

Rep. James discussed the secondary roads proposal, which includes an additional one-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax which is earmarked for rural roads, such as the Powell Bill funds which go to municipalities, and several other matters during a visit with the commissioners at the morning session.

"We need a program that will get people out of the dust and mud," he said. "Under the present plan it will take 75 years to get the roads in Eastern North Carolina stabilized."

Rep. James said the Powell Bill is a diversion of highway funds and he doesn't consider this to be



LEGISLATORS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS—Mayor Roy L. Harrell of Edenton is shown above with State Sen. Melvin Daniels, left, and Rep. Vernon James during a meeting of the Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns last Friday at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Perquimans County. At right, C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, pauses at the head table to talk with Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington and Rep. Stanford White.

DOT Actions Called Unlawful

The State Department of Transportation was charged by a State Senator with "not following lawful procedures" and elected officials in the Albemarle adopted a resolution to support a State Representative's drive to postpone indefinitely mandatory certification for emergency service personnel during a somewhat stormy session of the Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns at a meeting Friday night.

Meeting at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Perquimans

County, the group heard Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston say: "I wouldn't do anything highway folks asked me to do" with regards to secondary road priorities, etc. And he encouraged the officials to act accordingly.

He said the last General Assembly established legal procedures for DOT to follow and charged this has not been the case. As a parting shot he said: "We've got one coming for them and we are going to show them something, I hope."

The resolution regarding training for rescue squad members was not unanimous but Rep. Vernon James said it would give him something to go on when he moves to have the date of certification postponed indefinitely.

In 1973, a law was passed requiring 81 hours of training for volunteer rescue squad workers. They must then pass a written examination and two years later take another 24 hours of training for recertification.

Bill Griswold, emergency service coordinator for Albemarle Human Resources Development System, told the group the law had been generally misunderstood. He said it involved only those people who ride in the back of the ambulance with a patient and not everyone in the squad, such as drivers and other squadmen.

There was also a call for action to lower utility bills, opposition to a repeal of the sales tax of food, keeping property taxation as it is and to tax mobile homes as real property.

C. A. Phillips of Chowan County commissioners said law enforcement officers had registered complaints about the number of CB radios available to monitor police networks. It was suggested that this be taken up with the Federal Communications Commission.

T. R. Spruill of Washington County was re-elected President; Mickey Thompson of Pasquotank County, secretary; and Mayor Bill Cox of Hertford, vice president.

"The program will be set up as a pre-school learning center," the coordinator said. "The educational side of the program is of prime importance."

Mrs. McGraw said the curriculum includes development of self concepts, socialization, personal hygiene, language and other related skills.

Jim Lewis, AHRDS executive director, said after the pilot project proves successful similar centers can be established in any or all of the other nine counties of Region "R".

Twelve of the children are being chosen by the Department of Social Services and there will be space for 12 private pay children at a cost a \$100 per month. Staff is now screening and reviewing applications.

Applicants must have a recent physical examination and will be furnished speech and hearing screening by the system.

Mrs. McGraw said transportation will be furnished for those who do not have means of getting to and from the center.

In addition to Mrs. McGraw, staff members include Mrs. Joyce Hussey, LPN-aide, and Mrs. Barbara Huffman, driver-aide. Three other aides will be furnished from other sources.



Board Faces Squad Problem

Chowan County commissioners will meet next week to discuss "goals and priorities" for the county and among them could be the thorny question of Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

Commissioner Chairman C. A. Phillips said efforts would be made in the General Assembly to postpone indefinitely the certification date for rescue squad members. He said the existing requirements are "over-bearing" as far as time is concerned.

Murray Ashley, head of civil preparedness in the county and head of the Regional Emergency Medical Service Council, said more training is needed "but we need to go about it in a different way."

He charged that the Emergency Medical Technician training is "causing people to lose interest in the rescue squad."

Board Pushes Bond Issue

Chowan County commissioners will be petitioned to include a \$4-million school bond issue with the town election this May. Edenton-Chowan Board of Education reached its decision after weighing the state of the economy against possible cost increase by postponement.

Money would also be saved by including the bond issue in an already scheduled election; it was noted Monday night.

By election time, the board expects to be able to present a site as well as an architect's drawing of the proposed new school.

Eugene N. Jordan and Dr. J. H. Horton were re-elected chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. Both were accepted by vote of acclamation.

A report submitted by Mrs. Mary Horton on the Systemwide Assessment program revealed that pupils in the Edenton-Chowan Schools, on almost every grade level, have achieved the six months growth per year sought in order to bring the grade level equivalent closer to the national norm.

The test results for the 1972-73 term revealed that greatest progress was noted on the third grade level, while results for 1974 showed the most progress in grades 4, 5, and 6.

Mrs. Horton stressed that test scores must be carefully interpreted in light of the various difference among groups and individuals within the system. The test scores also reflect an average only, not the full range of scores made.

Standardized testing provides the school system with base line data to be used in determining the needs of pupils and teachers for improved education.

The first Parent Education Seminar was termed a success by Mrs. Mary Rhea Gardner, who stated that no such seminars would be held this month. One will be held on January 29 at the County Office Building and on the

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Commissioner J. D. Peele asked if training is the real reason. Ashley replied that "we really don't have anything to offer volunteers."

Phillips added that some action should be taken to make membership in the units more attractive.

Commissioner David Bateman said volunteer service denotes an individual's desire to provide human services and feels some of their efforts are not being recognized. He said he believes it is a matter of lack of communication among squad members.

Peele said the Rocky Hock unit is prepared to pull out of the county unit. "Something different is going to have to be done or there isn't going to be a squad at Rocky Hock," he added.

Commissioners heard a presentation on the Community Development Act from Floyd Spellman of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission. It was agreed to ask the planning board to work with commission staff to develop a plan.

Earl Jones reported for the community action phase of Economic Improvement Council. He said Hudson Grove Community won first place in AADA judging and the county placed second. He said successful programs were underway in each section of the county with ambitious goals and objectives being established.

Commissioners again thanked him for the work the agency is doing in Chowan County.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore reported that work is winding up on the County Office Building and commissioners commended him on the work which has been done to improve the four-story facility.

Dallas Jethro, county coordinator, said work is progressing on the county-wide

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Services Held For Mr. Baker, 65

Murray Drew Baker of Tyner died December 31, 1974, in Chowan Hospital following an extended illness. He was 65.

Mr. Baker was a prominent Chowan County citizen. He was a retired dealer in livestock.

A native of Chowan County, Mr. Baker was born October 12, 1909, son of the late Drew Richard and Pearl Hobbs Baker. He was married to Mrs. Genevieve Piland Baker, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons: Dr. Bernie B. Baker of Edenton; and Walter Murray Baker of Tyner; and six grandchildren.

He was a Mason and a Shriner. Mr. Baker was a member of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church where funeral services were held last Thursday. Rev. George Cooke and Rev. Ralph W. Knight officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery with Masonic rites.

Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.