

## Needle Point In The Galleries

Last week we called to the attention of those meandering along the Public Parade that the 1975 General Assembly was in session up in the sinful city of Wake. It is quite often doubtful as to what will emerge from the lawmakers, but one thing is sure, they make good copy.

In this respect we are especially pleased for we know of no one who can turn out more interesting observations from the distaff side than Mildred Huskins.

Her "Raleigh Roundup" returns this week as she accompanies her legislator, publisher husband to the session. In the bag with her needle point yarn is a scratch pad that when coupled with an attentive ear produces a side of the General Assembly we could not afford to buy on the open market but which we like to share with our readers.

It comes to this newspaper as a bonus. Maybe it is some sort of payola for all the trash cans we emptied for her or all the dishes we dried over the years. Or maybe it is just because she is our sister. But even newspaper editors are entitled to a certain amount of prejudices.

## Thompson's Fletcher

Over in Ahoskie they are writing editorials saying "Don't Come Back Again" as the result of some of the publicity the area received during negotiations for the services of Catfish Hunter.

There was a lot of typewriter interviewing by anxious correspondents and reporters during the pre-Christmas saga. There was video tape which was equally as distasteful to some of the natives.

Edenton experienced some of this back in October when a scribe from Winston-Salem meandered along the Public Parade and filed a piece which caused some eyebrows to be raised.

Roy Thompson, however, got back in good graces by following it with a Sunday "front" about Mrs. Inglis Fletcher. Mr. Thompson, being the character that he is didn't let the ire of some in the community discourage him and has returned again and again to gather additional information on Mrs. Fletcher.

In this respect he has turned over to us a manuscript about the life and times of Mrs. Fletcher which will interest everyone from the reading clinic to the college library cubicle. It is now being put together in booklet form and will be available by the time the biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside rolls around in April.

Mr. Thompson is a master of words, although when he puts them together they don't often please, let alone appease. We are certain you will wait with anxious anticipation the publication of his investigation and impressions.

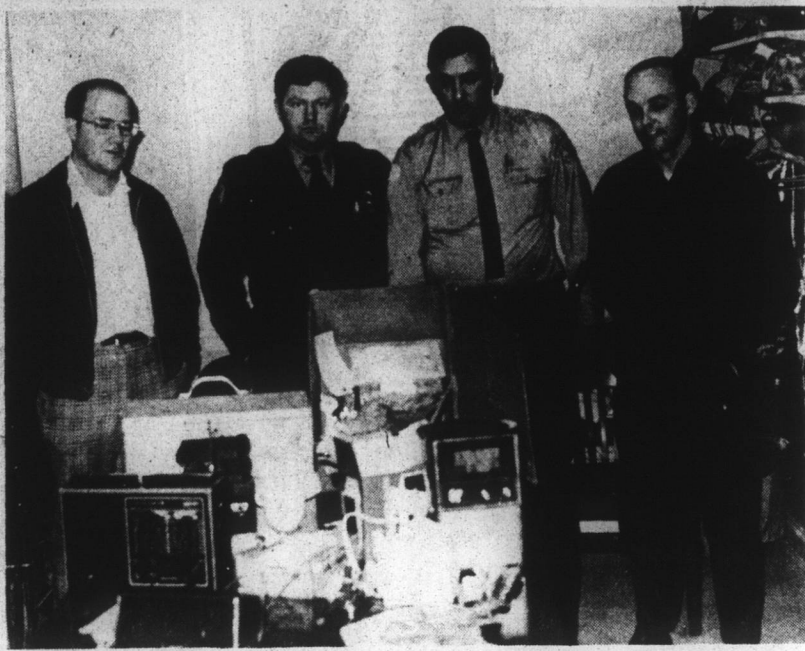
We want to confess that the manuscript was completed prior to his taking our youngest daughter to dinner. Although that has little to do with Mrs. Fletcher, we want to commend him for

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**OFFICERS INSTALLED**—Incoming officers for the Chowan Shrine Club were installed last Wednesday night at their Ladies Night and Installation Banquet held at Chowan Golf and Country Club. About 50 Shriners attended the event. Shown above left to right are: Tom Byrum, vice president; Gurney Pritchett, secretary; Robert L. Pugh, Potentate and Installing Officer, Sudan Temple, New Bern; Carlton Jackson, outgoing president; Nelson Banks, Recorder, Sudan Temple New Bern; and Stan Stroud, treasurer. Not present for the picture was C. B. Smith who is the new president.

# Break-Ins Are Solved



**POLICE WITH STOLEN MERCHANDISE**—Police early Wednesday morning arrested two teen-agers and solved a number of cases of breaking and entering and larceny dating back to August, 1974. Shown with some of the recovered merchandise are, from left, Capt. Harvey Williams, Patrolmen Ronnie Stallings and W. W. Jones, and Cpl. William Spruill.

## Aid Provided By New Program

Jobless workers not entitled to unemployment insurance benefits in North Carolina may now qualify, for special payments under a bill signed December 31 by President Ford.

Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager of the Employment Security Commission here, announced January 13, that her office is now

## Producing Again

**TUNIS**—Moving swiftly after being informed that natural gas was being restored, CF Industries moved into full production Wednesday.

The giant fertilizer complex had been shut down since December 30 after Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp., announced a cut in natural gas. John Heckert, plant manager, said all employees had been retained and attention had been directed to a maintenance program.

Herkert said Monday he was quite happy about the turn of events and "at the present time we are going to operate a full capacity. I don't know how long this will continue because we are not absolutely sure how much gas we do have."

The announcement of the increase came from Goc. James Holshouser's office Sunday that Transco had agreed to restore 900-million cubic feet of gas to North Carolina.

At a Federal Power Commission hearing in Washington, D.C., last week, an attorney for the U. S. Department of Agriculture said the closing of the Tunis plant and two other fertilizer plants in the southeast were compounding a critical shortage of nitrogen fertilizer and posed serious threats to agriculture production.

Attorneys of Farmers Chemical Association at the same time said the plant shutdown in Tunis would result in a loss of 61,525 tons of ammonia or 51,065 tons of nitrogen by April.

taking claims for unemployment payments under the Special Unemployment Assistance Act of 1974, part of emergency legislation enacted by Congress in late December to provide aid for the nation's unemployed.

Said Mrs. Bond: "A significant portion of our labor force is not covered by unemployment insurance and the new bill will provide funds for unemployed persons who do not qualify for state payments."

"In November there were approximately 166,800 jobless workers in North Carolina and over 105,000 of this number were not entitled to unemployment insurance," she said.

Not covered by state law are domestics in private households, farm workers, and state and municipal government workers, but they may now qualify for federal payments.

Persons applying for unemployment benefits under the new bill should file their claims at the Employment Security Commission office and should bring with them:

their social security number; information on the amount of

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## Under Fire

In May, 1968, Edenton Planning Board and Zoning Commission adopted a land development plan called "Inventory and Prospects". The plan was later approved by the Town Council.

This document includes a section on "Highway Business Areas" which has come under fire due to a request to rezone 10-acres of the Ward property on the west side of highway 32 at U. S. 17 by-pass for development of a shopping center.

It is stated that: "Two additional highway commercial areas are proposed in the plan, both oriented to Route U. S. 17 by-pass." The map shows them on the east side of the new route.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said at the time the plan was adopted planners were unable to finalize the location of the by-pass. "It ran out near Mexico Road or about where Colonial Funeral Home is located," he stated.

This has caused those in opposition to the rezoning to say that since the by-pass actually is closer in to Edenton, then there is the danger of limiting growth of the residential area.

John A. Mitchener, III, called this to the attention of The Chowan Herald last week. He pointed out that the proposed area to be rezoned actually has some of the greatest potential for residential use with a park being developed in a grove of trees. He proposes that the park be maintained by the town.

Town Council took no action on the request to rezone. Action was taken to table the request for 30 days to allow further study.

Two teen-agers were arrested early Wednesday morning by Edenton Police Department and are being charged with a series of breaking and enterings and larcenies which date back to August, 1974.

Held on multiple charges are Frank Miller, III, Route 2, Edenton, and Tony Lynn Bunch, 701 McMullan Street. Both are 16.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said approximately 15 different break-ins cases as well as gasoline thefts would be cleared by these arrests. He said his officers have done a tremendous job in solving the cases.

Capt. Harvey Williams, who participated in the investigation along with Cpl. William Spruill and Patrolmen W. W. Jones and Ronnie Stallings, said approximately \$295 in cash has been recovered along with various items valued at more than \$800.

The latest break-ins was at Edenton Office Supply, across from the Municipal Building, early Wednesday morning. Earlier in the night the pair had allegedly been seen stealing gasoline at Hobbs Implement Company.

Capt. Williams said they had been into Bride-Turn Exxon three times, the Barker House on two occasions, Montgomery-Ward, Pik Wik Pool Room, Elliott Cleaners, and Hobbs Implement. They have been connected with thefts from Home Feed & Fertilizer, Byrum Implement, Coastal Concrete and a firm in Perquimans County.

## Money Used

Chowan County and the Town of Edenton have spent or budgeted nearly \$1-million in revenue sharing funds and interest accumulated in the past three fiscal years. Nearly \$500,000 more is anticipated by the two prior to December, 1976.

Through December, 1974, the county and town ad realized some \$41,000 in interest on investments.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, reports some \$207,000 being spent and an additional \$257,000 budgeted "None of it has been for payroll," Gardner points out. "The council decided to spend it all on hardware since the money might not continue to be available and wanted to spend it wisely."

The county, according to figures made available by Mrs. Pansy A. Elliott, finance director, has spent \$239,000 on capital items and \$98,850 on operating costs. Some \$203,000 has been budgeted with \$77,500 of this being for capital items and \$126,064 for operating.

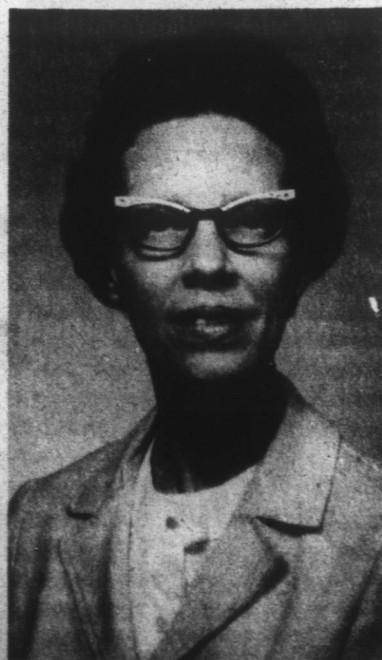
Gardner noted that the town has bought a street sweeper, two garbage trucks, reconstructed sidewalks, acquired a new water well and installed additional recreational facilities.

A new billing machine has been purchased and funds are budgeted to pay the town's share of a new

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## Mrs. Moore Receives Award

The Edenton Woman's Club has named Mrs. Robert W. Moore as the 1974 "Club-woman of The Year." She was honored and presented a silver bowl at the club's January meeting.



Mrs. Robert W. Moore



**FUNDS SOUGHT FOR FOUNDATION**—Mrs. Bruce F. Jones, who is heading the Chowan County Unit, American Hepatic Foundation, is shown with W. Griffin Ross of Williamston, left, foundation president, and Dr. Martel J. Dailey, also of Williamston, who is founder of the program. The Chowan Unit has set a goal of \$2,500 to replace foundation funds spent on research in the name of the late Douglas Noneman of Edenton.

## Foundation Opens Local Unit

The American Hepatic Foundation, Inc., has formed a unit in Chowan County and volunteers are preparing to raise \$2,500.

Mrs. Bruce F. Jones, who is leading the local unit, said the money will be used to replace

funds the foundation had spent on a grant in memory of Douglas Noneman of Edenton. The grant was to Dr. Richard Grand of The Children's Hospital of Boston, Mass., for his neonatal hepatitis study.

Dr. Martel J. Dailey of Williamston, secretary of the foundation, said it is anticipated that future fellowships will be made in memory of the late son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Noneman, Jr.

Mrs. Jones said Mrs. C. T. Dixon, Jr., and Mrs. Noneman are active on a funds committee but other volunteers will be sought to help in business and residential solicitations.

Dr. Dailey said liver disease research has been neglected and the foundation is interested in focusing on the problem. He said it is commendable that a county unit is being formed in Chowan.

Research in the past has centered at the University of Oslo, Norway, and Dr. Grand has done an enormous amount of work on the subject in Boston, according to Dr. Dailey.

The foundation has established summer fellowships for medical students and physicians interested in liver and gall bladder disease. During the summer of 1974 10 American medical students and two Canadian medical students were awarded fellowships. They are for study around the world.

## Suit Settled

A Chowan County Superior Court jury Wednesday afternoon returned a verdict of \$136,820 in favor of Eric Jones for property taken by the State Department of Transportation for a portion of the US 17 by-pass of Edenton.

The jury got the case shortly before noon and following a recess reached the verdict at 3:30 o'clock.

The Jones property is near the western end of the new highway along existing US 17 near the Chowan River.

Judge Jerry Alvis of Raleigh is presiding over a two-week term of civil court where the condemnation cases are being heard.

At the time the jury returned the verdict in the Jones case, attorneys were in the process of selecting a jury to hear the case involving Thomas Francis.

## Deadline Expected To Be Met

The Coastal Resources Commission will definitely meet the January 27 deadline to adopt guidelines for land-use planning in 20 counties covered in the 1973 Coastal Area Management Act.

T. Erie Haste, Jr., of Hertford, a commission member, said this week there is no question but that the commission will complete a rewrite of the draft and adopt the guidelines on schedule. "We definitely will meet the deadline," Haste said.

The 15-member commission met for two days earlier this month in Wrightsville Beach but did not conclude work on the guidelines. A special meeting has been called for January 27 in Belhaven to complete the work.

Haste said the first two sections of the guidelines have been pretty well established. However,

members did not have sufficient time to put the finishing touches on the section dealing with Area's of Environmental Concern.

The commission did edit a handbook for elected officials on public participation in the planning process. This separate handbook is to be distributed in the coastal area within the next 20 days, according to Haste.

It has been decided, at the suggestion of the Coastal Resources Advisory Council, that the guidelines be divided into two sections. A summary will be of a general nature and is designed for wide distribution. The second section, or the "mechanics" is for the use of professional planners and others engaged in the collection and analysis of data, supervision of the planning process, and the detailed work of putting the plan in final form.

Dates for certain actions which are written into the law have been described by some as "very tight" and offer "quite a challenge" to those interested in orderly development of the coastal area.

The planning process for the 10 Albemarle Area counties is being coordinated by Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission under contract with the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

## Seminars

Dr. E. L. West, superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, has scheduled two Parent-Education Seminars to be held on January 29 and January 30. The first of these seminars will be held at 8 P.M. in the third floor conference room of the County Office Building. The second seminar will be held at 8 P.M. at Chowan High School.

Dr. West will conduct both seminars. His topic will be "Parent Child Communications". Parents and interested citizens are cordially invited to attend these seminars.