

**HERRING SEASON**—This is the herring season in Albemarle Sound and Chowan River, and creeks thereabouts. Weather conditions have hampered the "run" but this week more fish were being caught. This photo by Allan Asbell was compiled Sunday in rural Chowan County as people spent a leisurely afternoon along a creek bank or over a bridge railing. Walter Lane is shown at



extreme left as he rows out to his net. The center picture shows fishermen waiting for their catch as at right a young fisherman brings up his wire basket. Two successful fishermen are shown below left cleaning their herring. K. L. Lewis of Arrowhead Beach is pictured at right displaying a fine catch in his basket.



## Action Taken To Dissolve Agency Suit

### Salute To Secretaries

This is National Secretary Week, designed for bosses to pay special attention to their "right arms". (Wives are to take this in the most favorable light to the husband.)

Since we have never had the good fortune of having a secretary, most anything we say would be comparable to a childless couple trying to tell us how to raise a family. Nevertheless, we have seen good secretaries at work and know from observation, if not experience, that they play an important role in the scheme of things along the Public Parade and throughout the country.

A secretary must be more than a good typist or fast at dictation. She must be one step ahead of anyone else in the front office if she is to earn her keep. In many cases she unfolds the image of the office just by the way she answers the phone.

A secretary must also be crafty. She has to know when to break certain news to her boss, she has to know when to interrupt a conference, she has to be all things to all people.

The secretarial profession is an important one and if we ever manage to get into a position of affording a secretary she had better be all the things we think one should be.

### Broad "Thank You"

The Bicentennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside is now history. It was the most successful biennial event ever staged by Edenton Woman's Club in terms of gross receipts. And in the minds of many, it was the most successful, period!

We have been asked by the sponsors to say "thank you" on their behalf to everyone who made this a true "Community effort". This is one of the easiest things we have ever been asked to do.

The spirit of cooperation displayed during this event is not an accident. It is by design. It is a design that becomes natural event when something comes along that really benefits the community.

Edenton Woman's Club enjoys the respect and cooperation of the community because they are women of action, not of talk. Over the years they have plowed more than \$100,000 back into the community in profits from the home and garden tours.

While they are primarily interested in paying homage to those who made the pilgrimage a community effort, they are the vehicle by which it happened. In this respect it is truly demonstrated which came first, the chicken or the egg.

### Premature Legislation

Legislation to regulate development of North Carolina's mountain area is now making its way through the General Assembly. The bill, patterned after the 1974 Coastal Area Management Act, would apply to

Steps were initiated last week to dissolve a suit between two regional organizations—Albemarle Human Resources Development System and Albemarle Regional Planning & Development System.

The system brought the suit in February after the commission sought to take over programs being operated by the system. Since that time the two boards have worked out a settlement and a 36-member Human Resources Advisory Committee has been appointed by the commission.

The commission recently adopted changes in the bylaws to provide for other agreements made with the system.

Mrs. Mary Riddick, system board chairman, reported April 16, that the commission had either fulfilled its obligation to the system or had taken positive steps toward doing so. L. F. Amburn, Jr., said in view of the fact such action had been taken the suit should be dissolved. His motion carried without opposition.

The new 36-member advisory committee will revise the existing system bylaws so that they are not inconsistent with the commission bylaws. "We will certainly remain active," Mrs. Riddick said.

Harold McKinney, acting executive director, reported on the status of the transportation and EMS grants, child development center, family planning, RMP projects and child abuse.

He noted that the transit system proposal is in the amount of \$800,000 and the EMC amounts of \$390,000.

Donald Young, health planner, presented the Comprehensive Health Planning report which was accepted by the board.

## Jordan Bike-A-Thon Winner

For the second consecutive year Bill Jordan has won first place for money raised in the Easter Seals Bike-a-thon in Chowan County. As last year, Jordan will receive a bicycle donated by Belk Tyler.

Jordan collected over \$300 in his 24-mile ride through Edenton and the Chowan countryside.

Gail Hare Singh won second prize with Susan Spruill being named third prize winner.



**GRAND CHAMPION STEER**—Jill Copeland showed the Grand Champion steer at the junior livestock show. The Charolais cross was purchased by First Colony Farms



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## Livestock Sale Is Success

Participants in the 21st annual Chowan County Junior Livestock Show and Sale here Monday realized \$12,331.08 in which has been described as one of the most successful such events ever held.

Held at the American Legion Fairgrounds, the event is sponsored by the Chowan and Ryland Ruritan clubs.

The hogs brought \$5,189.18 for an average of 59 cents per pound. The 12 steers averaged 68.5 cents per pound for a total of \$7,141.90.

Jill Copeland of Ryland 4-H Club exhibited the Grand Champion steer and won the project record contest. Her steer, a Charolais,

### Schools Close Early

All public schools in the Edenton-School System will close one hour early on Tuesday.

John A. Holmes High School will host a regional meeting of teachers and administrators from 19 school systems at this time. Educational consultants from Lakewood, Ohio, will be training the personnel involved in the "New Model Me" curriculum. "New Model Me" is a nationally validated, innovative educational practice, which was begun at John A. Holmes High this spring.

Teachers and administrators at D. F. Walker, E. A. Swain, White Oak, and Chowan High will be involved in 1975-76 school plans and staff development activities at the respective schools for the remainder of the afternoon.

was bought by First Colony Farms of Creswell at 80 cents per pound and totaled \$896.

The Reserve Champion steer, a Black Angus. Hereford Cross was exhibited by Jane Parrish. Hobbs Implement Company paid \$717.10 for the animal, or 71 cents per pound.

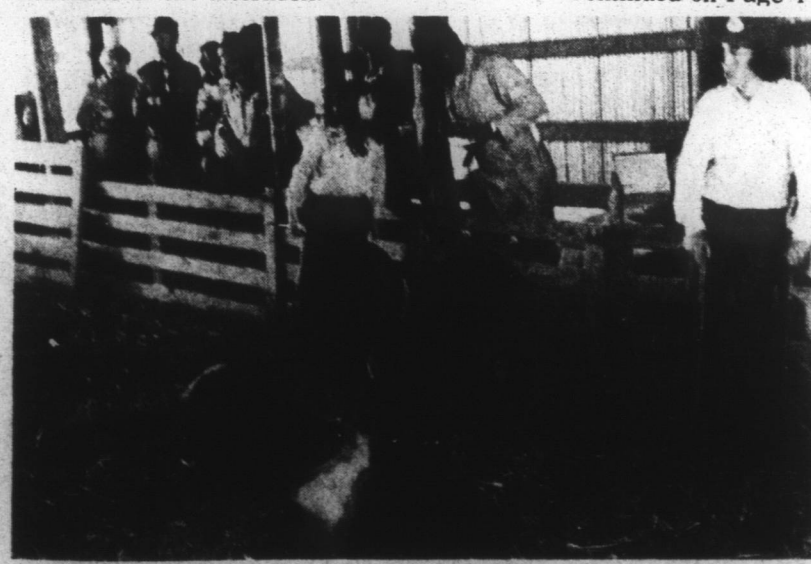
Alvin Ray Winslow showed the third place steer which was bought by Central Fertilizer and C. A. Perry for 62 cents per pound or a total of \$564.20.

The Grand Champion individual hog was exhibited by Karen Ward of Ryland 4-H Club. Valhalla Produce Company said a record high of \$1.33 per pound of the hog. The total price was \$299.25.

The Grand Champion Pen of Three was shown by Anna Goodwin and purchased by Byrum Implement for \$1.07 per pound. The three hogs weighed 630 and brought a total of \$674.10.

Randy Lowe displayed the Reserve Champion Individual

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**PRIZE WINNING HOGS**—Anna Goodwin is shown here with the Grand Champion Pen of Three hogs she showed at the Chowan County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Byrum Implement purchased the hogs for more than \$1 per pound.

## Salaries Force Rate Increase At Hospital

Chowan Hospital has been forced into a mid-year room rate increase in order to raise funds to stay competitive with other hospitals for professional and other personnel salaries.

The difficult decision was reached Tuesday morning by the Executive Committee, according to Thomas M. Surratt, president.

The increased rate, to be effective May 25, is \$3 per day for each bed. This is considerably lower than the \$10 per day increase announced recently by Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

The Pasquotank County hospital's rates were increased to fund salary boosts and a retirement program as well as help with a \$250,000-per-year emergency room program.

At Chowan, the new rates will be \$46 for semi-private beds and \$49 and \$50 for private beds.

"Both the Finance and Executive committees could see no other alternative in order to generate money to meet salary requirements," Surratt said. "To the man they were concerned about increasing rates but their backs were to the wall."

Surratt said no rate increase had been anticipated when the hospital board approved the budget for this fiscal year. "We had believed we could continue to be competitive in the area without it," he said. Recent developments made the increase necessary, he concluded.

At the same meeting the Executive Committee decided to use Trustee Funds to match donations from Chowan Hospital Auxiliary to purchase a ventilator for Vaughan Respiratory Center. The auxiliary in March donated \$2,000 towards the machine and other donations have been received.

Surratt said the committee's action provides for the machine to be ordered immediately.