



Ooops!

It has been said that two wrongs don't make a right. We made two miscues (at least) in last week's edition and we want to confess that they probably were our second and third mistake since beginning our meandering along the Public Parade. We want to make them right.

First, the most glaring error was the dateline on the front page. It showed June 19 when it should have been changed to July 17. This was an oversight which wasn't noticed until the press run had been completed.

But, probably the most significant error was having the Edenton Aces travel to Elizabeth City of September 5 for the Gridiron opener when the game will actually be played at Hicks Field.

If we keep on writing we will, somewhere down the road, make our fourth mistake. When it happens we will correct it just as gingerly.

### Crime On Upswing

U. S. Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi announced this week that crime rose in this nation 18 per cent during the first three months of 1975, compared with the same period a year ago. Even more alarming is the fact that the rate of increase in Southern states was 20 per cent.

To some this can easily be explained away as being due to the economic condition within the country. Mr. Levi doesn't agree. He calls for a strengthening of the criminal justice system. We agree with his disagreement.

"Currently law enforcement is solving only about one of five known serious crimes," he states. "But of even greater concern is the downgrading of charges from felonies to misdemeanors at the prosecution stage, regardless of the defendant's past criminal record."

We are fortunate along the Public Parade to have good law enforcement officers who are backed up at the prosecution level. Felonies are not a common occurrence but our District Court is disposing of 25 or more misdemeanors each week.

Crime has become one of the terrifying facts of life, which we have come to accept as normal, and which we must not accept as normal. It points to the need for major new innovative programs at all levels of government and every section of the country.

Crime is certainly on the upswing. It must be taken seriously, the criminals dealt with sternly and the citizenry more involved in the problem solving or the threat which hangs over us will never disappear.

### Gunning For Guns

The Department of Treasury has launched a national Firearms Security Program. Through the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms it is hoped that the public will become aware of the importance of keeping guns out of the hands of criminals.

The program is none too early in coming. The fact that the federal

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FOR ARBOR—Two workmen with the Downtown Beautification Program display one of four monoliths that will be the corners of an arbor in front of Mitchener's Pharmacy. The arbor is designed as a place in the shade for shoppers passing along Broad Street.

## Reserve Tickets Going On Sale

A campaign began this week to sell at least 200 reserve seat season tickets to the Edenton Aces football games. N. J. George is again spearheading season ticket

sales.

Reserve seat tickets for five home games is \$12.50, just \$2.50 more than the general admission of \$2 per game.

## Play Popular

Nearly everyone in North Carolina knows where "The Lost Colony" can be found.

"The Lost Colony", an outdoor dramatic presentation that began its 35th season in June, is the story of Sir Walter Raleigh's legendary Roanoke Island colony. Over 1,600,000 persons have witnessed the colorful spectacle of the adventure and intrigue behind the mysterious disappearance of England's first American foothold.

This country's oldest outdoor drama, the show is presented in the Town of Manteo on Roanoke Island located between North Carolina's Outer Banks and the mainland. Each year thousands of vacationers are drawn to the area's many attractions, including Kitty Hawk, Cape Hatteras and the picturesque Outer Banks sand dunes.

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## Grants Insufficient Despite Increased Funding

Grants to support planning and management programs in over 170 communities and counties were announced by James E. Harrington, secretary of the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

While the \$785,000 in federal-state grants are good news for 172 communities, they still are not enough to meet the upsurge of interest in planning by local

governments, according to Harrington.

"We have increased by 84 percent over last year the number of communities and counties receiving assistance, but still have failed to meet the unprecedented demand that has been generated for local planning activities," he added. Over 200 communities requested planning assistance. Chowan County received a grant for \$3,120 while the Town of Edenton's grant amounted to \$4,500.

Natural and Economic Resources took four steps to stretch this year's state and federal money. Some \$180,000 in overhead costs in the Raleigh central office was eliminated and made available for additional grants to local government. A

# ARPDC Meeting Heated

ELIZABETH CITY—Roy L. Harrell of Edenton was officially named acting director of the Human Resources Division of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission during a board meeting here Tuesday night. His salary was set at \$13,500, retroactive to July 1.

The board received, and turned over to the Personnel Committee, a list of grievances aired Monday

night at a meeting in Edenton which was called by petition of 10 board members after T. R. Spruill, chairman, declined requests to call a meeting.

Mayor John Bell of Elizabeth City, ARPDC vice chairman, asked that the Personnel Committee give a full report regarding matters presented. "Let's go ahead and clear the air with an accurate report," he said.

There was considerable discussion Monday night over the legality of the meeting although several of the 14 board members from seven of the 10 Albemarle Area counties expressed the opinion that there should be a free and open discussion of problems in the regional organization.

### Resolution Approved

In the meeting Tuesday night, the resolution regarding Harrell called for abolishing the position of acting director once a "qualified" director is employed. Spruill said there were not sufficient funds to have both a director and assistant director in the division.

Harrell, mayor of Edenton, has been the center of a growing controversy at ARPDC since the Human Resources Division was formed from the Albemarle Human Resources Development Commission.

He has served as assistant director since April 1 at the same salary as provided in the resolution. However, his pay was cut 55 per cent (or \$7,000) because a portion of his salary came from Emergency Medical Service funds which ended July 1. He claims he was not notified of the salary cut until two days before the end of the first pay period in July.

Harrell was at Tuesday's meeting but was asked by Spruill to leave since the meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the "personnel problem of Roy Harrell."

Spruill thanked the board members for attending the meeting but adjournment was halted when Dick Lupton of Hyde County asked for the floor to present the report of Monday night's meeting in Edenton. He said board members attended trying to find out "what all the hassle is about." Lupton said he was disturbed by what he heard although he still has an open mind.

### Grievances Presented

N. J. George, who chaired the "wildcat" meeting in the absence of Spruill, said he was obligated to read 10 grievances documented and pass out copies of the minutes and related matters. They were:

1-The by-laws, Chap. IV, h, and V, I called for minority representation on the Board and

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## Committee Seeking Citizens' Opinions Concerning Land Use

What do Chowan County residents think of their county? Where do they want it to go? Where do they want it to grow? And what kind of growth do they want?

These are some of the many, many questions answered recently for the Edenton-Chowan Advisory Committee that is assisting in getting citizen participation in a land-use plan.

There were 4,010 questionnaires mailed to residents in the county. While the response rate was only 13.5 per cent, planners considered this better than average. "Probably no other method could have obtained the detailed

## Meeting Set

The regular scheduled meeting of Region "R" Emergency Medical Service Council will be held at 8 P.M. on July 31 in the Perquimans County Rescue Building, Murray D. Ashley, chairman, said new officers will be elected and committees will be appointed.

"This election is a very important event for EMS providers since the formation of such a council is a prerequisite for obtaining federal and state support," Ashley said.

## Field Day Slated

Lee Riddick & Son, with cooperation of the Agricultural Extension Service and N. C. Department of Agriculture, are sponsoring a Youth Swine Field Day on August 2.

The event will be held at the Riddick farm in Gates County near Corapeake. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. and the program starts at 10 A.M.

opinions of a great many people in the county," a spokesman said.

"Many were filled out jointly by husband and wife. At elections people have to choose candidates or vote yes or no, so that their opinions are only expressed indirectly. At public meetings usually only a few dominate the discussion.

"The questionnaire gave us much information about many issues. Many people signed the questionnaire and even expressed interest on working on problems they were concerned about."

Recreation facilities, especially for the youth, are an issue of concern to many, as are the schools in the town and county. People saw a need for better utilization of the waterfront areas in the town and county.

"It is interesting to note that although the citizens most like the size, environment, and friendliness of the area, they want the increased job opportunities and shopping facilities that growth would bring," the spokesman said. "As many people pointed out, this requires careful planning."

The results of the questionnaire and discussion at future public meetings will determine the objectives for the town and county land-use plan, a requirement of the Coastal Management Act of 1974. "Once the objectives are set, the plan will consider methods of meeting these objectives," it was stated.

Details of results of the questionnaire will be the subject of future articles in The Chowan Herald and are available in the County Tax Office.



PREPARING FOR SALE—Members of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce look over the front page of a sidewalk sale circular that will be published and distributed by The Chowan Herald in conjunction with the Sidewalk Sale planned for July 31 through August 2. Shown in the photo from left to right are Byron Kehayes, George Moore, George A. Byrum, chairman, and Wallace Evans.



CLEANING UP—A U. S. Coast Guard barge equipped with cranes was involved in cleaning up hazardous snags loosened by the recent dredging of Pembroke Creek. The dredging and subsequent clean-up has deepened the channel in the creek leading to Edenton Marina.

## Battle Against Aquatic Weed Continued Through ECU Grant

GREENVILLE—A grant of \$3,588 has been awarded the East Carolina University Department of Biology to continue aquatic research begun last summer in Dare and Currituck counties.

The research involves last summer's herbicide treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil, a noxious aquatic weed which infests the Currituck-Albemarle Sound area.

The weed spreads thickly and rapidly over thousands of acres in North Carolina's northeastern waterways, and clogs the water surface, adversely affecting

fishing, boating, swimming and other water-related activities.

Last summer's herbicide treatment was carried out by the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources and the U. S. Corps of Engineers, who applied the herbicide 2,4-D by helicopter in Kitty Hawk Bay and other selected areas. Excellent localized control of the weed resulted, said ECU faculty biologist Graham Davis.

ECU biology graduate students Kurt Getsinger of Chapel Hill and Tony Hall of Elizabethtown are

working with Dr. Davis and Dr. Mark Brinson on the watermilfoil project.

The ECU team is primarily concerned with observing environmental changes in the treatment areas. Immediately after application last year, they discovered that the herbicide treatment caused decreased growth in desirable duck food plants, contrary to reports from other regions after similar experiments.

Although not a specific aspect of their study, the ECU researchers

reported that no harmful effects on fish in the treated areas were apparent. Presumably, 2,4-D rapidly disappears from the water after application.

"No matter what the continuing research reveals, we feel that treatment with herbicides cannot be considered the final answer to the Eurasian watermilfoil problem in North Carolina," said Dr. Davis.

"One reason is that the weed usually takes over treated areas again within two or three years."