

Purchase Cuts System Costs

Buff And Stuff

Buff is in vogue along the Public Parade. Or at least it appears so from arrest records this week at Chowan County Sheriff's Department.

Two young men were arrested for indecent exposure Monday afternoon after they floated on a raft off Sandy Point Beach in the a la natural. Then Tuesday afternoon a warrant was issued for a man who neighbors claim soaked up sun in his birthday suit.

Certainly, each one will have his day in court. What one does in the privacy of his home or property is his own business. It is when he imposes his impulses on the public that he finds himself in trouble.

Edenton and Chowan County have been hailed as both historic and progressive. This, however, borders on the ridiculous—a handle we certainly don't want to lay claim.

Congratulations 4-H'ers

A few years ago 4-H was all but dead along the Public Parade. Last week Chowan 4-H'ers won five state championships at the N. C. 4-H Congress in Raleigh, more than any of the other 99 counties.

"We've come a long way, baby!" would be an adequate slogan for the young people and their leaders. And we want to be among the first to commend them for their staying power and the high degree of success they are enjoying in Tar Heel 4-H circles.

Al Ward, Carroll Perry, Bill Jordan, Sarah Chappell, Marta Rogerson and Pat Perry are to be congratulated for their talent in their respective field which resulted in winning a state title.

By the same token, their parents are to be congratulated for the encouragement they no doubt have given to cause the 4-H'ers to excel.

And by no small measure, the staff of the county extension office deserves a pat on the back for this feather in the cap of 4-H along the Public Parade.

The six young men and women who brought home the five titles have set a pace that will be most difficult for those coming up in the ranks to meet. Knowing the youngsters in these parts we are confident they will accept it as a challenge and are probably already at work polishing their particular talent with an eye on a state title of their own.

Chowan County has reason to be proud of 4-H and the demonstrated accomplishments being enjoyed.

Courtesy Abused

Law enforcement officers are being encouraged to issue only citations when they have people who run afoul of the law rather than have warrants issued and bond posted. And when a warrant is issued magistrates are being urged to allow a person to sign his own bond, except in extreme cases.

It isn't working too well in Chowan County District Court. For example, five persons who are issued didn't answer the call of Dist. Atty. Thomas Watts and two others who had had warrants served didn't appear for trial.

In each case, witnesses were on hand to testify. The apparent disregard for a summons to court to answer charges places an undue hardship on witnesses and officers.

Things were so bad Tuesday at one point it appeared that there were to be no cases to try. To operation of the courts is an expensive process even with the utmost cooperation of everyone involved. The wheels of justice most often turn slow but they aren't aided much by law violators who disregard a lawful summons.

Judges along the Public Parade have a policy of adding a \$10 fine for those who fail to show up. But in a time of fast buck this is hardly adequate punishment.

Recently a young defendant was placed on probation. Among the

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Chowan County will get a taste of what the water business is like long before water begins to flow through pipes of a county-wide system. In fact, the county is already in the water business.

Negotiations were successfully concluded last week for the purchase by the county of the Cape Colony system from Aqua Company of Wilmington. The county had earlier purchased the old base system which included an elevated tank, wells and distribution lines.

Allie Moore, owner of Aqua, received \$30,000 for the Cape Colony network which now serves approximately 225 users. Dallas Jethro, county coordinator, said he already has requests from three people who want water taps at new residences.

Earlier, the county paid \$37,000 for the base system, which serves industry, residents and Chowan Golf & Country Club.

Engineers have estimated that the county could save more than

\$100,000 through these acquisitions. "The purchase (of the Cape Colony distribution system) means the county will not have to parallel existing lines," Jethro stated. However, meters will have to be installed since Aqua was selling water on a flat monthly rate.

It was estimated that about 90 of the users in Cape Colony had previously signed up for county water. This acquisition will give the county more than 1,500 users.

The county-wide system, to cost nearly \$4-million with \$1.9-million being approved in a special bond referendum last year, has been estimated to need 1,250 users in order to liquidate the bonds without county assistance.

"We could end up with 1,800 or 2,000 users," Jethro said. This could reduce the minimum charge for water which has been set at \$7 per month.

Bryant Utilities Company of High Point is ready to begin installation of the distribution system. Universal Tank & Iron Works of Indianapolis, Ind., has the contract to erect the elevated tanks. The wells are being drilled by Magette Well & Pump Company of Ahsokie.

The firms have 12 months to complete the project but it is estimated that it might not take more than nine months.

Rivers & Associates of Greenville are engineers on the project.

Armed Theft

A warrant has been issued for Paul Johnson of Minneola, Fla., charging him with armed robbery. The warrant charges Johnson with taking \$1,447.34 from Charles Vann at Virginia Fork Produce Company Monday night.

An all-points bulletin was issued by Chowan County Sheriff's Department shortly after the 9 A.M. incident. Johnson had not been arrested Tuesday evening.

Deputy Sheriff Melvin Evans, who headed the investigation, said Vann told him he had just received payment from Leonard Small for work he had done for Virginia Fork Produce. He was placing the money, along with some other money he had in a bank deposit bag, in the glove compartment of his car when Johnson allegedly stuck a sawed off rifle into the car and took the bag.

Center Now Open

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County amounted to \$21,380.51 in June, according to a report released this week by Sec. J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue.

State-wide the collections totaled \$10.5-million.

Net Collections

College of The Albemarle's Edenton Individualized Instruction Center is open during the summer. Hours are from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday and from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday.

The center is located in the basement of Swain Elementary School on Court Street.

Students can complete their high school education, prepare to enter specialized programs or study subjects of individual interest. There is no charge for attending the center.

For more information, contact Mrs. Mary Partin, supervisor, at 482-4745.

Citizens Critical Of Shopping

Nearly 57 per cent of the people responding to a questionnaire from Edenton-Chowan Citizens Advisory Committee reside in the Town of Edenton.

The committee distributed more than 4,000 of the questionnaires and it was reported last week that less than 14 per cent were completed and returned. The information gathered from the questionnaires and public meetings will aid in developing a land-use plan in compliance with the Coastal Land Management Act.

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COMMUNITY MEETINGS
The Edenton-Chowan Citizens Advisory Committee has scheduled two public meetings to discuss preparation of a land-use plan.

Jud Little, community planner for Chowan County, said residents of the First and Fourth townships are encouraged to attend a meeting at 8 P.M. on August 6 at Holmes High School Library.

At 8 P.M. on August 7 residents of the Second and Third townships are asked to attend a meeting at Chowan High School, Room 14.

The questionnaire recently distributed will be discussed along with any other problems which might develop in the land-use plan. Areas of environmental concern will also be reviewed.

Little said it is hopeful, also, that a county-wide drainage plan can be developed to assist farmers.



STATE WINNERS—Chowan 4-H'ers won five state championships in N. C. 4-H Congress held last week in Raleigh. This was more than any other county in the state. In the above picture, from left to right are: Al Ward, and Carroll Perry and Bill Jordan. Back row, Sarah Chappell, Jane Wall, extension trainee; Marta Rogerson, Fran Ward, home economics extension agent; Pat Perry, and Murray L. Goodwin, 4-H coordinator.

County 4-H'ers Dominate State Championships

By Marta Rogerson
4-H County Council Reporter

Chowan County 4-H'ers won five state championships in demonstration contests held in Raleigh last week. This was the largest number of winners of any of the 100 counties in North Carolina.

Placing second was Davidson County with four state demonstration winners. Tyrrell County of the Northeastern

District had two state winners and two seconds.

Pat Perry, newly elected district reporter, won first place in artistic arrangement. Pat is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Perry, and is president of the Advance 4-H Club. Pat worked three weeks at Pate Florist with no pay to learn the art of making a corsage. She demonstrated how to make a corsage out of live flowers. As state winner, she was awarded \$100 toward her expenses to the National Junior Horticultural Association meeting at Biloxie, Miss. in the fall.

Bill Jordan and Carroll Perry were state champions in forestry demonstration. Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jordan, and Carroll is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Perry. Both Bill and Carroll are members of the Ryland Club. In their demonstration they told how to construct and maintain a windbreak.

They also told how

advantageous windbreaks are to farmers. To exemplify their point, they showed pictures of wind erosion damage on Preston Monds farm in Cisco community and of a natural windbreak on Fahye and Carroll Byrum's farm. Their demonstration has been presented at the Ryland Ruritan Club.

Area farmers have shown much interest in the boys' work. For their winning they received a gold Elgin watch on which the 4-H emblem was inscribed.

Al Ward won in the small engines division. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ward are his parents. Al, of the 4-H Leaf Clover Club, stressed the proper selection and care of the spark plug in his demonstration. He receives an all-expense paid trip of the Regional Contest in Richmond, Va.

Sarah Chappell took the top honors in the Individual American Business System Contest. Sarah is a member of the Ryland Club and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

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CREW LOCATES ON BASE ROAD—Brian Hyder, district crew leader for the Game Lands Division of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, is shown here outside the crew's new headquarters on Base Road, near Edenton Municipal Airport. The crew headquarters had recently been moved here from Creswell.

Wildlife Crew Locates Here

Edenton has become headquarters for the District 1 Game Lands Crew of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission. The crew has moved from Creswell into a building on Base Road near Edenton Municipal Airport.

Brian Hyder is district crew

leader. There are presently five staff members attached to the local unit. Hyder said while two of the crew members are temporary he hopes that in the near future there will be five permanent men assigned to the district.

In addition to Hyder, Jim Bowman, Mike Scuggs, Dan Lovelace and Richard Bond are working out of the Edenton headquarters. Grady Barnes of New Bern is game management supervisor.

Hyder said the facilities at Creswell were no longer adequate and Edenton is in the center of the service area.

The crew maintains and employ game management practices on 12 areas of public game lands and nine bear sanctuaries. There are more than 2-million acres in the game land program in North Carolina and more than 400,000

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NEW PLANTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION—Two new manufacturing plants are currently under construction in Chowan County. At left is a part of the \$3-million fence plant being constructed at Edenton Municipal Airport by MacMillan Bloedel Enterprises, Inc. The picture at right shows the new Fisher Nut Company plant being built on Peanut Drive. The new plants are expected to aid employment and boost the economy in the area.