



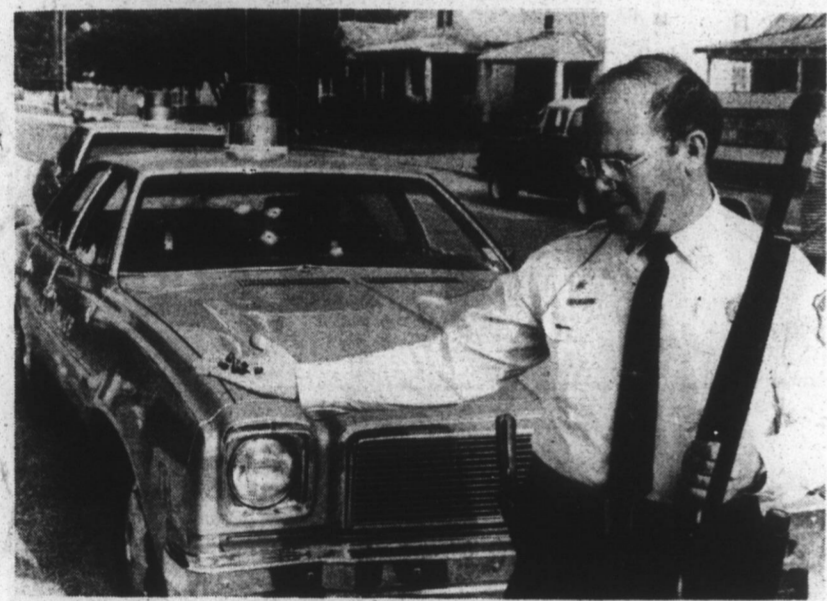
**ROBBERY SCENE AND SITE OF SHOOTING**—The drive-in branch of Peoples Bank & Trust Company at Mitchener Village on North Broad Street was a different scene Wednesday morning than the afternoon and evening before. The bank was robbed and two bandits fled down Freemason



**OFFICERS PREPARE FOR SHOW DOWN**—Agent Godley seeks protection behind the police cruiser being driven by Cpl. William Spruill, Jr., when he surprised the two robbery suspects.



**MONEY AND BULLETS**—These two pictures pretty well tell the story of Tuesday afternoon's incident. A suspect who apparently took his own life as officers closed in on him left the loot from the bank behind, as evidenced in the picture above. Capt. C. H. Williams holds 10 spent 9mm shells picked up near the riddled police cruiser, background, in which Cpl. William Spruill, Jr., was wounded. (All Staff Photos by Amburn.)



## Two Join Extension Program

Chowan County Extension Office has two trainees for 12 weeks this summer.

Cinda Tart, an upcoming senior at Meredith College, will work with the Home Economics Program and Danny Cook, an upcoming senior at Gardner-Webb College, will work with 4-H.

Cinda is from Clinton, the county seat of Sampson County. She is double majoring in home economics and business. Her fields of special interest are clothing, human relations, and money management. Antiques and old homes, as well as water skiing are favorite hobbies of Cinda's, so she feels that she will really enjoy being located in Edenton.

Cinda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Tart, Jr. Her mother is employed with the N. C. Highway Patrol and her father is a sales manager for Wickes Building and Lumber Supplies of Clinton.

Danny, majoring in psychology is a native of the mountains (Ashe County) and now lives in Boone. He has been involved in 4-H Club work since he was nine years old and served as Northwestern District President in 1972-73; out-of-state delegate to Tennessee in '73 and also Returnee Delegate to

Regional Resource Conference at Fontana Village.

He worked the past two summers at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp in Reidsville - taught nature, ecology, canoeing and acclamation. He was tapped into Honor Club in '75 and a member of the N. C. Collegiate Council 4-H for '76-'77.



**TRAINEES IN CHOWAN**—Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, is pictured here with Cinda Tart of Clinton and Danny Cook of Boone, who will be working in Chowan County during the next few weeks. Miss Tart is a student at Meredith College in Raleigh while Cook attends Gardner-Webb.



Street where they were confronted by Edenton policemen. The center picture shows a curious bystander looking around the corner of a building as officers search the area. SBI Agent Bill Godley and Capt. C. H. Williams are pictured at right as they seriously discuss the next move.



At right, State Trooper Wiley Waters arrives at the scene and prepares his shotgun for action.



# Bank Robbed; Suspect Dies

By L. F. Amburn, Jr.

The search continued Wednesday afternoon for the second of two bandits who robbed a branch of Peoples Bank & Trust Company here the day before, resulting in the wounding of a local policeman and the apparent suicide of a suspect.

An undisclosed amount of currency was taken from the branch at Mitchener Village after two armed Negroes entered the bank at about 4:45 P.M. The alarm sounded at Edenton Police Department and officers responded before a telephone call from the bank confirmed the robbery.

Cpl. William Spruill, Jr., was among those responding and an unidentified suspect started shooting at his police cruiser as he approached two subjects on Freemason Street, about midway between North Broad and Granville streets. The first shot struck the officer in the leg as he was trying to get out of the car. He was reportedly struck a second time as he sought protection behind the cruiser.

The officer was rushed to Chowan Hospital where he is

### BULLETIN

Stanley D. Holden, 22, of Newburgh, N. Y., was charged with bank robbery by the FBI late Wednesday afternoon after he surrendered at Edenton Police Department.

Holden had been staying with his grandfather, Rev. George Rountree, 132 West Peterson Street, for about three weeks.

Also, Holden identified the dead bandit as Larry Hamilton who lived in Florida.

Hamilton's body was found about halfway between West Freemason and West Peterson streets shortly after the Tuesday afternoon robbery. Holden eluded officers and has been the object of a manhunt since he became a prime suspect during investigation during the night.

reported to be making satisfactory progress.

Capt. C. H. Williams approached the scene from Granville Street and fired one shot from his service revolver at the suspect who fled into some high weeds back of a house. Then the suspect fired at Capt. Williams.

When additional support arrived officers moved in near the site where the suspect was last seen. Two cans of tear gas were thrown and shortly thereafter three pistol shots were heard.

A short time later officers closed in and found the suspect dead; an apparent suicide. There was money found in a shed where he had sought protection. There was

Continued On Page 4

## THE CHOWAN HERALD

Volume XLII.—No. 23. Edenton, North Carolina, Thursday, June 3, 1976. Single Copies 15 Cents.

### Public Parade

#### View From Caboose

Approval of land-use plans for 20 Coastal Tar Heel counties draws near. We want to laud the re-thinking of Camden County regarding passage of a plan to submit to the Coastal Resources Commission.

On June 10, from 9 A.M. until 11 P.M. the CRC will "afford interested persons an opportunity to present objections and comments" regarding local plans. But if we can draw on past experience, as much time as is needed will be spent allowing people-input into the plans.

This is somewhat, a second mile. These plans have been in the making for many, many months and at a cost of nearly \$2-million. Comments from "interested persons" are long past due, but we are confident they will not, at the 11th hour, fall on deaf ears.

It is, however, unfortunate that the meeting is being held at Pine Knoll Shores. The majority of the interest in the Coastal Area Management Act has thus far been initiated in the Northern Region, or the Albemarle Area plus Bertie and Hertford counties. It is a greater distance to drive than from home to the courthouse but those who still have a desire to comment on local land-use plans should not let distance deter them at this juncture.

Those who question the dedication of member of the CRC or its Advisory Council only had to be in Camden County last Thursday night to be assured their interests were well represented. Camden is one of the few counties in the state which is totally zoned, yet some strong objections arose

Continued On Page 4

## Boards Grapple With Budgets

### Chowan County Town Of Edenton

By Patricia A. McCleney

When the Chowan County Commissioners received their copy of the proposed 1976-77 budget at a special meeting last Wednesday evening, money was not included to fund Historic Edenton, a county day care center, the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department, and other projects requesting financing.

The finance committee, consisting of Commissioners David Bateman and N. J. George, submitted a budget of \$1,847,341.44 to the board, all members being present.

The alternative to raising the 70 cents tax rate is to delete expenditures that are less important in priority, according to the comments of the committee members.

The largest amount deleted from the proposed budget was the county's share in the funding of the Edenton-Chowan recreation program, being \$15,958.95.

Continued On Page 4

### Office Moves

The N. C. Driver's License examiner will be located in a new office on West Water Street, effective June 14. The office is located in the former Rescue Squad Building, adjacent to Colonial Park.

The examiner will be available at the office on Monday and Tuesday of each week from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M.

In the past the examiner has been headquartered in the County Office Building. County commissioners have taken steps for the relocation in order to provide better facilities for the examiner and those who frequent the office as well as to allow for expansion of a county department.

### Shots For Dogs

A county-wide program to vaccinate dogs will be launched in Fourth Township beginning Monday. Melvin Evans, animal control officer for Chowan County, said every house in the county will be visited in an effort to vaccinate every dog possible.

Evans said dog owners would be given the choice of having him give the injection or take the dog to Dr. L. A. Dees, local veterinarian.

If a resident is not at home when Evans calls a note will be left. It is important that contact be made with the proper authorities. The animal control officer said this program is a big undertaking and asks for the cooperation of residents in the county.

Edenton Town Council approved a \$3-million budget for fiscal 1976-77 Monday night. The tax rate remains at 64 cents per \$100 valuation and the budget includes all requests made to Chowan County commissioners.

The budget is based on \$43-million valuation. The principal item discussed at the meeting was the county's apparent lack of interest in continuing to participate in a joint recreation program. Mayor Roy L. Harrell cautioned council members against taking a hard line of the item until definite action is taken by the commissioners.

Councilman Herbert Hollowell and Jesse Harrell noted that

Continued On Page 4

### Concert Set

The Edenton Choral Society will present its Bicentennial concert Monday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. It will take place on the Courthouse Green.

"For an evening of patriotic, early American, folk, and spiritual music, join us in this bicentennial celebration," a spokesman said. Bring along your chair or blanket for a comfortable evening.

A special feature of the program will be the men's chorus which will sing several barbershop numbers. Among them will be "America the Beautiful."

The Edenton Choral Society is made up of local citizens and is under the direction of Mrs. Shelby Strother. Mrs. Mary Smith is the accompanist.

In case of rain, the performance will be at John A. Holmes High School Auditorium.

## Union Camp Dedicates Land

Union Camp Corp. will officially dedicate 3,810 acres of land in Gates County to the Land Trust Division of The Nature Conservancy on June 14. The property will ultimately be conveyed to the university system of North Carolina for development by the Alliance For Progress.

Working with numerous other educational and state groups, the Alliance plans to develop the area into an outdoor environmental education center.

Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr., Alex Calder, president of Union Camp, and Pat Noonan, president of The Nature Conservancy, will be among those in attendance. Plans include a tugboat ride to the site and a luncheon dedication at Chowan River Inn near Winton. During the Alliance board

meeting held in Ahoskie on May 19, W. T. Modlin, chairman of Hertford County commissioners, was elected chairman. Riley S. Monds, a commissioner from Perquimans County, will serve as vice chairman.

New directions in the Access to Mainstream program were discussed by Mrs. Gaynor Jordan, director. Funding of the program is in question and Jim Barden of Raleigh is being invited to attend a meeting to discuss a possible new funding source.

Richard Baker, executive director, reported on several aspects of the work being done by the consortium and Dr. J. H. Horton of Edenton lead the discussion of items presented by the Elected Boards Institute Committee.