

Forty-one weeks of criminal court were held in the seven-county First District last year, six of them along the Public Parade. At the rate of \$140 per week the counties paid \$5,740 toward the operation of Dist. Atty. Tom Watts' office.

His annual report showed 11 weeks of court in Pasquotank and only two weeks in Camden. There were six weeks of criminal trials in Currituck, seven in Dare, four in Gates, and five in Perquimans.

More than three fourths of what is paid by the counties goes towards office rent for the DA and his staff.

While courts are not established to make money, fines and forfeitures in Chowan last year amounted to \$43,795. Another \$7,011 goes to the county in the form of facilities fees.

So, it was a good report the DA made recently to the county commissioners. And the fact that the criminal docket here is kept pretty current is a tribute to the DA and his efficient staff. It proves that if you are going to run afoul of the law it best be done outside the First District if you have foot dragging on your mind.

#### Supplement Missing

The Carolina Financial Times, the weekly business supplement to The Chowan Herald, is missing this week. Officials said mechanical production caused the tabloid not to be published this week.

They report that current plans are for CFT to resume publication and distribution next week.

#### CRC On Target

Well, we went down to New Bern Monday evening on a Coastal Resources Commission mission which left us encouraged about land-use planning in the 20-county Coastal Area of Tar Heelia.

David Stick, the new chairman of CRC, said this week: "We are at a transitional point." If what we witnessed in Craven County is any indication the future is going to be brighter than anticipated.

We, as a member of the CRC Advisory Council had been asked to back up Dr. Gene Huntsman as he personally delivered and reviewed the land-use plans submitted by Craven County and the municipalities of New Bern, Havelock and Trent Wood. It proved what we have often said about transporting school children. No matter how far the body travels if the right stuff is put in the head it is all worthwhile.

A four-hour round trip and a three-hour meeting after a full day at the office tends to make Bud a dull boy. Nevertheless, the interest demonstrated by some 15 elected officials was rewarding. They asked questions which not only showed their knowledge of their land-use plans, but questions which showed their interest in a sensible future.

One of the Advisory Council's primary goals has been to keep before the CRC and staff the importance of local government control of its own destiny. More success has been realized than

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# Drug Cases Heard

Four Negroes, arrested recently as the result of an undercover drug investigation in Chowan County, had a day in court Tuesday. Probable cause was found in felony cases by Judge John T. Chaffin in Chowan County District Court against the defendants and one was given a

suspended sentence on a lesser offense.

William Holloman waived a probable cause hearing on a charge of selling or delivering a controlled substance. A second felony count was reduced by Asst. Dist. Atty. Chris Bean of Elizabeth City when the defense attorney,

Phil Godwin of Gates, challenged the language of the warrant.

On the charge of possessing a controlled substance, Holloman was given six months, suspended upon payment of \$300 fine and costs. He gave notice of appeal.

The prosecutor corrected the error in the warrant against Enoch James, 17, and probable cause was found on two felony counts.

Fred Sykes, also charged on two felony counts, was bound over to Superior Court.

The fourth, Howard Lee Alexander, went through first appearance proceeding and a probable cause hearing will be held next week.

In the Jones case, SBI agent R. W. Leggett, who is a Negro, testified that he went to Florence's Grill on Oakum Street on December 19, 1975, and inquired about buying drugs. He said Jones approached him. Later the agent purchased "three nickel" bags of marijuana for \$5 each.

He said Jones attempted to make a second sale at the same location on January 5, 1976. He said he again saw Jones on June 21, just prior to his arrest, and inquired about the purchase of drugs. The agent said the defendant said "everything is locked up tight because the heat is on."

At the time Chowan County Sheriff's Department and Edenton Police Department, in cooperation with the SBI, had made a big "hit" in the area which turned up seven pounds of marijuana.

## Area Called 'Sleeping Giant'

By Flynn Surratt  
Eastern North Carolina was termed an economic "sleeping giant" by Waverly Akins, a Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, who campaigned in Edenton, Tuesday afternoon.

Before a small group of spectators gathered in front of the courthouse, he predicted that just as Eastern North Carolinians have begun to assess their status in terms of the state's future growth, so have state leaders begun to see that this region will be a frontier for North Carolina's economic and industrial expansion over the next 25 years.

With this realization, Akins remarked, will come the necessary financial support for improving roads, and acquiring and building industry. He said that geographically, Eastern North

Carolina is centered in the Sun Belt which will make it attractive to many types of industry that will prefer a warmer climate over that of the northern areas.

Akins added that as interest in locating industry here increases the state will be able to exercise selectivity in deciding what industries are needed.

He cited the fact that North Carolina's industrial wages are lower than most other states, and that per capita income in this state is ranked 44th, down from 37th last year.

On the subject of roads, Akins said that the problem doesn't end at the state level. Out of all the money the state puts in the highway trust fund in Washington, D. C. only 56 cents on the dollars is coming back in. He pledged that as lieutenant governor he would do everything in his power to see that North Carolina received its fair share.

Secondary education he called inconsistent, both in quality and in per pupil expenditure; but he added that institutions of higher learning have been rated rather highly.

Akins spoke out in favor of capital punishment, saying he believes the state will re-enact a statute that is compatible with the U. S. Supreme Court decision.

A native of Fuquay-Varina, Akins is an attorney, farmer.

## Good Shape

Economic Improvement Council, Inc., ended its fiscal year May 31 in "good financial shape," reports Robert W. Moore, board chairman.

In a report to Chowan County commissioners, Moore said the anti-poverty agency operated on a \$350,000 grant from Community Services Administration, had \$83,875 for a community foods and nutrition program, received \$32,803 in state grants, had \$353,266 for Head Start; and \$10,635 to operate a dental trailer.

The dental program operates in Hyde, Washington, Tyrrell and Dare counties.

The report showed that 5 per cent of EIC's total budget of \$830,579 does go for administration.

## Mill Closes

The Albemarle Mill of Fisher Nut Company has been closed. Company officials said the mill was shut down because of economic conditions.

The closing of the Badham Road facility will mean there will be about 100 fewer jobs in Edenton during the six-month milling season, according to Thurston Stallings, who was in charge of operations at Albemarle Mill.

Stallings said there were 10 permanent employees who will remain at the plant until October 1.

He added that "there is no interest at this time" being shown by prospective buyers.

## Prices Good For Produce

This is a big week in Chowan County for growers of cantaloupes and watermelons, according to Pete Thompson, county extension chairman. "Right now the price is good," he reported Monday.

Like other truck crops, cantaloupes and watermelons have been hurt by wet weather, he continued. "We have a lot of disease right now."

Thompson said the price of sweet corn has improved and approximately 300 acres remains to be harvested. "Field corn looks great," he added.

He thinks peanuts look pretty good but some have a lot of grass in them. "With the wet weather we have had we have not been able to get in there and control it as we normally would," he noted.



**COMPLEX EXPANDING**—Work has begun on a 60-unit expansion to Edenton Manor Apartments on Old Hertford Road. Virginia interests have received approval of a \$1-million loan from Farmers Home Administration for the rent subsidized project, the first of its kind by FmHA in this area. In the background is a portion of the first 50 units of Edenton Manor.

## Water Expected This Week

The first 500 users of the Chowan County Water System are expected to begin receiving water this week.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, reports that samples of the water have been taken and are now being tested by proper authorities. Once the green light is given, Jethro said the system's 500 customers east of Edenton will be turned on. The area includes Cape

Colony where some difficulty has been experienced with water.

Bryant Utilities continues to test lines which have been put down and are working on putting in pipe on U. S. 17.

Jethro would not speculate on which the remainder of the county users would begin receiving water. He did say he doesn't feel the contractor would have any difficulty in meeting the deadline imposed by the contract.



**CAMPAIGNING**—The campaign trail of Waverly Akins, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, brought him to Edenton Tuesday afternoon. Akins, shown above second from right, chatted informally with a number of people including Gary Anderson of Atlantic Credit, Darryl Ambrose of Time Finance, and Dottie Lilliebridge of WBXB. At right stands Bill Culpepper, a local attorney and Akins supporter who introduced the candidate. In the right photo, Akins addresses spectators gathered in front of the courthouse.

## Drug Violations Pembroke Hall Nominated

### Result In Arrests

Two Negroes were arrested by Edenton Police Department Saturday afternoon and charged with drug violations. They were: Johnny Mac Westbrook and Robert Lee Wilson, both 25.

Westbrook was charged with two counts -- selling and distributing controlled substance and possession. Wilson was charged with possession.

RALEIGH—Pembroke Hall in Edenton has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by Larry E. Tise, state historic preservation officer. The register is described as a national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical or other cultural value.

Pembroke Hall is among the chief landmarks of the Greek Revival style in North Carolina.

The simplicity and clarity of the overall form, and the spaciousness of the interior are enriched by the restrained use of academic Greek Revival detail of a sophistication and quality seldom matched in the state's domestic architecture.

Many of the elements, including the columns of the portico and the hall screen, appear to be based on plates from THE BEAUTIES OF MODERN ARCHITECTURE, by Minard Lafever, an architectural pattern book popular in the mid-19th Century.

The nomination was submitted in connection with the Division of Archives and History's long-range program to identify and document the authenticity of historic properties in North Carolina. Approval of the nomination by the Department of the Interior usually takes about six months and will be announced through the state's congressional delegation.

## Benefit Supper

A benefit supper for Richard Copeland will be held July 31 at the Ryland Community Building. Sponsoring the event is the Ryland Ruritan Club.

Barbecued chicken plates will be served from 4:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. and tickets are \$2.50.

Tickets may be purchased from any club member or by calling 221-4039 or 221-4329.

Tickets will also be available at L. C. Briggs Store, Byrum's Service Center, O. A. Chappell Store and M & R Service Center.



J. Clarence Leary, Jr.

## Leary Chosen

RALEIGH—George Wood, candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, has chosen J. Clarence Leary, Jr., of Edenton, to head his Chowan County campaign.

Leary, of Leary Brothers Storage Company in Edenton, is very active in civic affairs. He is chairman of the Chowan County Bicentennial Commission, chairman of the County Social Services Commission, and chairman of the Advisory Commission on Exceptional Children for Edenton-Chowan Schools.

He has also been a county chairman in another political campaign and a former precinct chairman for the Fourth Township.

Leary said he supports Wood because "he is a businessman; he has experience in government, and being from the area he will certainly know and understand local problems and needs."

Leary is married and has two children.



Pembroke Hall