

Fish Kill Is Studied



HERE TODAY—Joseph E. Johnson of Greensboro, a Democratic candidate for N. C. Commissioner of Insurance, will make a campaign stop in Edenton today (Thursday). A. B. Harless said the college professor, who is seeking to unseat the incumbent, will be in downtown Edenton at mid-morning. This will be his first visit to this area during the current campaign.

The recent fish kill in the Chowan River, south of Tunis, has been termed "natural" by state officials. The kill did not extend below Wiccacon Creek, it was stated.

The kill was confined to a salt water species called menhaden, according to Harry Kaufmann, engineer with the State Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

An investigation was conducted Friday afternoon and again Monday. The initial report was of a small kill, but Monday it was labeled "major".

"The fish just apparently swam up into fresh water and then died,"

Kaufmann said.

Kaufmann also stated the kill was from present indications, "a natural thing" which sometimes happened to the menhaden.

"The fish enter river mouths which are salty and continue to swim into fresh water for some reason which is unknown to us," Kaufmann said.

Kaufmann stated a water check of the river Friday revealed there was no above normal salt content in the river at the point where the fish were discovered. Still a number of crabs, another salt water species were sighted in the same area where the dead menhaden were reported.

"These fish turn up dead in the Pamlico and Neuse River regularly and the Chowan River is not that much different from those two rivers," Kaufmann stated.

Kaufmann said he observed approximately 60 dead fish along the two or three mile section Friday. Sunday afternoon several hundred dead fish had washed ashore near the J. D. Flowers farm.

Kaufmann said Monday that he would investigate the kill further since more fish have been discovered dead. Kaufmann said he would talk with his superiors and probably come back to the river this week for more testing.



GROUP DISCUSSION—Officials from Chowan and Perquimans counties held a joint meeting at Chowan County Planning Board's regular session Tuesday night to discuss a two-county soils survey. Left to right are: Lester Simpson, chairman, Perquimans County commissioners; C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; Floyd Matthews, SCS district supervisor in Perquimans; George W. Lewis, board chairman; Sam Cox, area conservationist; Lloyd C. Bunch, SCS district supervisor in Chowan; and Albert Moore, district conservationist.

Agreement Is Expected On Six-Year Soil Survey

Chowan and Perquimans counties are expected to execute an agreement Monday with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service to do a joint detailed soils survey. Sam Cox, area conservationist, told a group Tuesday night SCS is in a

position to move ahead by October 1.

The agreement will cover a six-year program. Each county has budgeted \$6,000 for the current fiscal year, but will be billed for actual work done.

Cox, speaking at a meeting of SCS, county officials and planning board members, said the SCS state office has assured him that a soil scientist will be available to conduct the survey.

In answer to a question, the conservationist said a soils inventory such as the one proposed in Chowan and Perquimans is "good forever." He said such an inventory meets FDA requirements, aids in land-use planning, helps in re-evaluation, is a basis for soil conditioning, and shows the potential of woodlands.

Floyd Matthews, a Perquimans County farmer who serves on the planning board and is a SCS district supervisor, said such a study is not a farm program. "It will help most people as much or more than the farmer," he noted.

Jud Little, county planner, hailed the decision to conduct the study. He said it will provide some of the best information a county might have.

George Lewis, Chowan County Planning Board Chairman, led the discussion where Chairman C. A. Phillips of Chowan County commissioners said the joint study is a natural since "the two counties get along very well."

After the joint meeting the planning board went into session to discuss formal opening of the county-wide water system. It has tentatively been set for September 29.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, said the project continues to be ahead of schedule.

Club Sets Meeting

The first meeting of the 1976-77 year for the Booster Club of the Aces Athletic Association will be held on Tuesday, at 8 P. M. in the library of John A. Holmes High School. All past members, parents and interested citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting as plans are now being made for another full year of athletics at the school.

Some items of business to be discussed at this meeting include new programs for football games, a "Meet the Aces Day" on August 28 and membership.

New officers for the year are Dr. Robert Gray, President; Greg Clark, vice president; Carolyn A. Bunch, secretary; and Frances Boyce, treasurer.



WALKAWAY EXTENSION—Workmen this week were busy extending a covered walkway at D. F. Walker Junior High School. The walkway extension will go to the paved parking area on School Street, in the background. This is one of many summer maintenance projects being carried out by Edenton-Chowan Schools.

RC&D Adopts Measures

At a meeting Tuesday night of last week, the RC&D Council approved the reports and adopted a number of specific RC&D measures. The RC&D measures were proposed by the eight working committees and will be incorporated in the Project Plan.

The committees were charged to keep in mind the overall purpose of the RC&D Program in Region "R" which is "to plan for and to promote the orderly development and prudent use of the Region's resources". These resources include but are not limited to: people, land, water, plants, animals and man-made improvements.

One man from each of the 10 Albemarle counties was named to each of the eight Resource Committees. They chose their own chairman. A team of technical advisors was assigned to and assisted each Resource Committee, said Frank J. Veach, project coordinator.

An interesting fact is that the Albemarle Region RC&D Project has no expiration date. Any citizen

may propose an RC&D measure to the council by appropriate Resource Committee.

The hard core of an RC&D Project is its natural resources. Albemarle Region is unique in that it contains 61 per cent of the water resource of the State of North Carolina. The Outer Banks, marshes, large and small swamps further distinguish the region. More than half of the land area is woodland. The varied soil series are managed by land users to produce row crops. The water, marshes, swamps, woods and fields provide habitat for fish and wildlife that are at home here.

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More Voters

Chowan County has 5,282 people eligible to vote in the August 17 primary election. This is up 280 from the registration of February 23, 1976.

Of the total number registered, there are 4,842 Democrats, 393 Republicans, 20 Independents, 20 with no party affiliation, and seven American Party. The no party affiliation, Independents and American Party registrants will be allowed to vote on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education only. Those registered with no party affiliation may on the day of the election declare a party and vote on that party ticket.

Seventeen year olds who are allowed to register and vote in the primary, but whose 18th birthday comes after August 17 will be allowed to vote for their party but will not be allowed to vote for the school board because it is an election.

Democrats will be voting on the state ticket, county ticket and the school board, which is non-partisan. Republicans will vote on the state ticket and board of education. There will be no write-up. Continued On Page 4



ALL-STAR—Win Dale, left, and Bruce Morgan, graduates of John A. Holmes High School and former members of the Aces football team, played in the Boys Home All-Star Game at Ficklen Stadium in Greenville, last Saturday. In the N. C. Jaycee sponsored contest, Dale played linebacker and Morgan, played center for the winning North team. In addition, Morgan was recipient of the Bryant Powell Memorial Award for sportsmanship, given in memory of the first young man from Boys Home to play in the all-star game. The North squad was coached by Jimmy Addison, former Aces head coach.

Two 4-H's Tapped Into Honor Club

One of the highest honors in 4-H work was bestowed Monday night on two Chowan County youths.

Marta Rogerson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glenn Rogerson, and Pat Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Perry, were tapped into the State 4-H Honor Club in a colorful candlelight ceremony marking one of the highlights of N. C. 4-H Congress in Raleigh.

The Congress is conducted by N. C. State University but assemblies are held at the Scott Pavilion at

the State Fairgrounds.

Membership in the some 1,000-member organization is a reward for outstanding 4-H work in leadership, activities and projects. Selection is made after careful study by the Honor Club members. The tapping is a distinction that is reserved for less than one-half of 1 per cent of the state's 4-H members.

Pat has been a 4-H member for nine years. During this time she has won State Championship twice in demonstration - artistic

arrangement and pork cookery. She has exhibited hog champions in Chowan Junior Livestock and has been president of local club and county council.

Marta has also been a club member nine years. She has achieved national recognition in horticulture marketing demonstration and automotive skill driving contest. She has been local club president and County Council reporter.

Marta is currently president of Northeastern District

Grid Team Lists Foes

Coach David Holton has released the 1976 football schedule for the Edenton Aces.

As in prior years, the Aces open with a non-conference contest with Northeastern on September 3 at Elizabeth City. The following week, September 10, the Aces host Perquimans on Parents' Night.

The Aces travel to Gates County on September 17 for another non-conference tilt and on September 24 host Plymouth on Civic Appreciation Night. Walker Junior High Night has been designated for October 1 when the Aces meet Tarboro at Hicks Field.

On October 8 the locals journey to Roanoke Rapids and meet Washington here on October 15, which is homecoming. The Aces go to Williamston on October 22 and Camden on October 29.

Edenton closes out the grid campaign on November 5 with Ahoskie on Senior Night at Hicks Field.

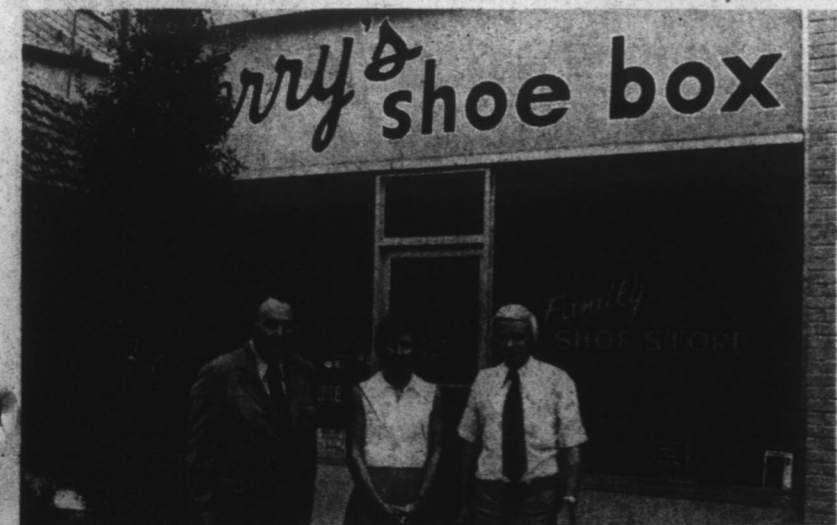
New Business Sets Grand Opening

Edenton's first exclusive shoe store will begin operating Friday morning as Terry and Carolyn Jones start the grand opening of Terry's Shoe Box, located at 318 South Broad Street.

The grand opening will extend through August 7, and in conjunction with it, \$175 in shoes will be given away.

Jones, a native of Edenton and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Jones, stated that they will feature over a dozen top brand names such as Jarman and Cedar Crest for men, Cover Girl and Easy Street for women, and Striderite and Mother Goose for children. Many styles ranging from dress and casual footwear to boots will be available for all members of the family.

Managing the new downtown business will be C. E. Styron, a former owner and operator of a shoe business in Morehead City. Jones stated that he specializes in fitting footwear for special orthopedic needs.



BUSINESS OPENS—Terry's Shoe Box, a new downtown business, will begin its grand opening Friday. Shown in front of the store are C. E. Styron, left, manager, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Jones, owners. The store is located at 318 South Broad Street.

Public Parade

Good Stuff

The Chowan County Water System went into formal operation Saturday. And the users east of Edenton who began getting water from the central system were quick to praise the results.

There were those several months ago who doubted if water would ever flow through the pipe being put into the ground. Now the dreams of many are becoming a reality.

A formal dedication of the system is being planned for September 29. This should be a red-letter day along the Public Parade, a day to recognize many volunteers who signed-up users, a day to salute the best example we know of local, state and federal cooperation on a program to improve the life of a rural citizenry.

Stanton Harrell, a Soil Conservation Service official here, put it this way the other night: "It is the best thing since electric lights." And there were those who back then didn't think REA would work.

Both electricity and pure water are good stuff. Rural people in Chowan are beginning to appreciate this fact.

A Chance To Cry

This is an election year and highway improvement speeches are in vogue. A politician without such a popular subject in his portfolio really isn't worth much at all.

But the lame duck Holshouser Administration isn't letting all the glitter go to those on the outside wanting in. This is evidenced by the call of a public hearing to discuss the design for the improvement of U. S. 17 from Elizabeth City to the Virginia line.

This has been discussed for decades and you won't find anyone who is not in agreement that a better route to the north would make things more attractive along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina. Yet, when transportation officials in this state and Virginia finally agree to talk about a solution to the problem, the price tag is something less than palatable.

The cost of fancy interstates through the mountains is equally as high but when they connect into a metropolitan area like Charlotte

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