

WHY A NEW FACILITY



CROWDED — Since last week's announcement of a \$1.8-million federal grant for the Chowan Courthouse-Jail project many well meaning people have questioned why the facilities are needed. Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, is shown in picture at left working out of files which have been placed in the courtroom because there was no room in her office. The other photo shows Mrs. Leary in a crowded back room while files have been placed in such numbers that only one person at a time can work in the area. An architect's sketch of the proposed courtroom section of the new facility is found on Page 7 of today's newspaper.

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Rezoning Sought

Owners of property adjacent to U.S. 17 by-pass of Edenton served notice on the Town Council here February 8, that they are preparing a new petition to have the tract south of Virginia Road rezoned for a shopping center.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., a local

attorney who is one of the principals, said the N.C. Court of Appeals reversed a lower court decision on a "technicality" regarding a three-day deficiency in advertising for the zoning change. He said his group did not object to the request of Edenton United Methodist Church to have property adjacent to the questioned property rezoned from Medical Arts to R-20 (residential).

(Although the council, acting on a recommendation from the Planning Board, unanimously approved the request of the church, a variance would be necessary to have the church build on the property next to Chowan Hospital.)

Mayor Roy L. Harrell said he is having difficulty in getting people to accept appointment to a Historic Zoning District Committee and suggested that further consideration be given to this section of the Zoning Ordinance.

W. H. Hollowell, Jr., chairman of the Finance Committee, sup-

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Road To Close

RALEIGH — Department of Transportation (DOT) officials will close to through traffic Base Road (SR 1114) in Chowan County, February 21.

Closing of the road, located east of the Edenton Municipal Airport, is necessary to allow DOT bridge maintenance crews to rebuild a bridge.

Work is expected to be completed in approximately four weeks. Traffic will be detoured over Highway 32.



William A. Burns

Burns Named

William A. Burns of Newport News, Va., has been named president of Chowan Hospital, Inc., according to J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of the Board of Trustees. He succeeds Thomas M. Surratt who is now administrator of Carteret General Hospital in Morehead City.

Burns will work with Chowan Hospital on an interim basis until beginning fulltime on April 18.

Burns holds a masters degree in hospital administration from the Medical College of Virginia as well as a BS in biology and chemistry from Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

He became associated with Riverside Hospital in Newport News, Va., in 1970 and for past year has been under management contract as hospital administrator from Riverside to Patrick Henry Hospital, Inc., a 383 bed facility.

He and his wife, Flo, and two children will move to Edenton

Public Parade

Logo Game

Well, the Hunt Administration is now playing the logo game. And about the only thing which appears to be hanging on is the Great Seal of Tar Heelia.

The proclamation designating February as Human Rights Month in North Carolina is on a letterhead which bears the same outline of the state which Gov. Jim Hunt use in his impressive and successful campaign last year.

It is neat, except that it divides the state into the Mountain, Piedmont and Coastal regions. Somewhere along the line we thought "togetherness" was Gov. Hunt's creed. This apparently hasn't filtered down to those who are playing the logo game.

Money Finder

The on and off vet school for North Carolina seems to have been returned to the front burner.

While a study commission in recent years found the establishment of such a school to be feasible, there suddenly developed a controversy over its location.

Of course, those supporters of the West Raleigh branch of the Greater University of North Carolina felt it could best serve the purpose of the state by being located somewhere in the vicinity of Hillsborough Street.

The chancellor and supporters of A&T University up in Greensboro favored the Piedmont location. A "friendly battle" has ensued.

Some pretty influential people have now formed an "informal lobby" (whatever that is) and favorable discussions are making the rounds of the State House. "I feel we can find that much money," Rep. Jay Huskins of Iredell said when a \$6 to \$7-million figure surfaced.

If that isn't encouragement, there wasn't a peanut in Chowan this fall. Rep. Huskins, who now heads the House Education Appropriations Committee, kept finding money for the East Carolina University Medical School and even more, kept the greedy from the mother university from tampering with it.

With Rep. Huskins on a money finding mission the "informal lobby" certainly has a strong advocate for their cause.

Peaceful Visit

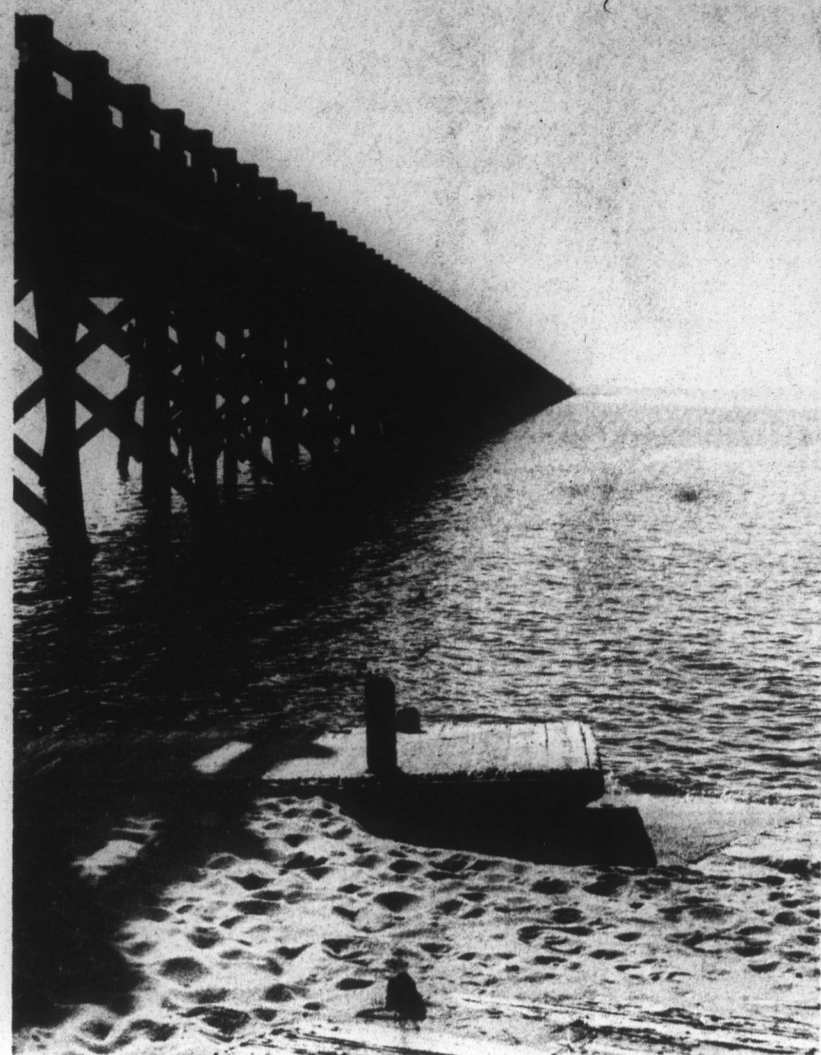
The big city press and the boob tube keeps those who meander along the Public Parade well informed about happenings in the General Assembly. The media would lead one to believe that there is always debate and disagreement.

If, on the other hand, you want to witness the peace and tranquility of the scene, appear at the Legislative Building at 12:05 P.M. on Fridays. The efficient security force was running behind schedule upon our arrival about 1:15 P.M. so we managed to gain entrance through an unlocked door.

A few "dedicated" legislators were taking care of last minute details and the press corps was filing last minute "objective" stories of the happenings of the morning.

We were fortunate to catch Rep. W. Casper Holroyd, Jr., of Wake, in the office Rep. Jay Huskins of

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UNDER REPAIR—Pile driving on the ice damaged Albemarle Sound Bridge was scheduled for completion Wednesday as four 10-man crews continued repairs on the 3.5-mile span. Concrete encasements and steel girders will make the bridge safe for traffic by March 28 at the latest, an official reported.

Bridge Repairs Progressing

Four ten-man work crews continue repair operations on the Albemarle Sound Bridge which was damaged when ice floes from a recent freeze sawed through wooden pilings supporting the 40-

year-old, 3.5 mile span.

George Phillips, assistant chief of the DOT Bridge Maintenance Division, stated in a telephone interview that the pile driving phase of repairs to some 46 severed supports was scheduled for completion Wednesday. The new piles will be capped and then encased in concrete three feet above and below the water line. Phillips said that some of the wooden pilings were encased in 1961, and suffered no damage during the recent cold spell.

Plan Boosted

The Perquimans County got a boost this week toward development of a county-wide water system when Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District announced in Washington, D. C., the Farmers Home Administration had approved an additional \$300,000 grant for the project.

The project, designed by Rivers and Associates of Greenville, is to have a tie-in with the system in Chowan County for emergency purposes. Chowan has already run some lines to residents in Perquimans County along the county-line road which will be purchased when the project is completed.

Rep. Jones said the new FmHA money would replace grant funds anticipated from another source but which did not materialize. FmHA had already approved a \$1,200,000 grant and \$1,870,000 loan for the project.

AADA To Meet

The Albemarle Area Development Association will meet tonight (Thursday) at the Perquimans County Agriculture Extension Office Building (located on U.S. 17 business - South of Perquimans County High School) Hertford, at 7 P.M.

The committee meeting will be held prior to the regular AADA meeting at 6:15 P.M. at the same location as mentioned above.

The meeting will consist of business and reports. A Dutch-style meal is being planned by the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club. Price of the meal will be \$5.

Phillips stated that if all proceeds well in next few weeks, some traffic may be permitted on the span by mid-March. He added that March 28 would be the outside date for completion of repairs.

Divers are still examining bridge supports below the water to determine if there are any found damages.

State highway employees began two weeks ago sinking steel support piles and welding steel cross beams, working on scaffolds beneath the bridge. They are situated about 1/4 miles from the Chowan County shore.

A few piles of ice remain on the shore, evidence of the massive floes which also damaged the rail trestle not far upstream from the sound bridge.

Arrests Made

Sheriff Troy Toppin reports that several arrests for numerous break and entering and larceny cases have been made during the last three weeks following extensive investigations by Chowan County Sheriff's Department.

On Sunday, January 23, Sheriff Toppin investigated a larceny complaint made by Preston Monds of Tyner. Arrested and charged with larceny of gasoline was Alvin Leander Twine, Route 1, Tyner. Twine was arrested on the Monds' farm by Sheriff Toppin after being observed committing the theft.

Two subjects have been arrested and charged in the larceny of a boat motor belonging to Roland Harrell, Route 3, Edenton. Arrested were Richard Lee Hawkins of Ahoskie and Melvin Alton Lee of Merry Hill.

Three subjects have been arrested and charged with the January 24 theft of a large amount of raw furs belonging to E. F. Parks, Route 1, Hobbsville. Due to an extensive investigation, several of the stolen furs have been recovered according to Deputy Joseph Byrum.

Arrested and charged with break and entering and larceny were John Pierce of South Mills, and Ricky David Byrum and Martin W. Stokely, both of Elizabeth City.

Five men have been arrested and charged in connection with the

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Early Dismissal

All public schools in Chowan County will dismiss at 2 P. M. on February 22.

The early release time was granted to NCAE (North Carolina Association of Educators) members, a professional teachers organization, for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the State convention March 31-April 2 in Asheville, N. C.

Other business will include discussing plans for an NCAE banquet honoring retiring school personnel on May 3.

Teachers not attending the meeting will remain at their respective schools and observe regular school hours.

Committees Set

February is Heart Month and W.T. Culpepper, III, a local attorney, has been named president of the Chowan County Heart Fund. He will also function as fund raising chairman.

Culpepper this week announced heads of various committees which will work with the program during the next 30 days.

Larry Robertson of Bank of North Carolina, N.A., is business chairman and Byron Kehayes is industrial chairman. Mrs. Fran Ward will be rural Heart Fund director while Jimmy Patterson will function as poster chairman.

Mrs. Corrine Thorud and Mrs. Lane Kinion are among those who will direct the residential solicitation committee.

Mrs. Evelyn Keeter at Peoples Bank & Trust Company is treasurer.

Culpepper said a number of special events are being planned to raise money for the Heart Fund and these events will be announced in later releases.



HEART FUND LEADERS — W. T. Culpepper, III, left, is president of the Chowan County Heart Fund and will double as funds campaign manager. Among those who will be assisting him and other volunteers will be Larry Robertson, right. Robertson will direct industrial activities.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Subscription rates on The Chowan Herald will be increased April 1. The price for a single copy will remain at 15 cents.

This is the first mail subscription price increase in a good while and is necessary due to the continuing increase in postage, newsprint and production.

The rate for Chowan County residents and those throughout North Carolina will be \$8.32 for one year.

Outside the state the rate for a year will be 9.00. The student rate (for nine months) will be \$6.24.

All of the above prices include N. C. sales tax and must be paid in advance. However, telephone subscriptions will be taken and billed immediately. Anyone who renews a subscription prior to April 1 will be allowed to do so at the existing rate.

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