

Noted And Passed

It was a few years ago that this column consisted of a heading which simply said: "Gone Fishing". Our family was on the Outer Banks and we cut everything short in order to enjoy a certain amount of "late week" time with them.

It was one of our more popular columns.

We wish we could try it again. However, our creditors won't allow it.

If, over the years we have been guilty of fishing for anything, it could not be those marine things that swim in the rivers, sounds and oceans. But maybe we should try.

The desire to assemble a "fan club" is not our bag. But maybe everyone needs to sit on the bank of the Chowan River and consider what he is missing, rather than what is being caught.

Uninvited Guest

Sheriff Troy Toppin had a birthday Friday. It was sorta a closely guarded secret. Some festivities had been cooked up between his deputies and the courthouse gang and a reporter with a nose for news happened by, uninvited.

Office Deputy Pam Byrum brought out a box wrapped in newspaper. Before accepting the "gift", Sheriff Toppin searched his office for his side arm, so he could "shoot that thing." After a few embarrassing moments, he agreed to open the package unarmed.

To add to his embarrassment was the fact that his revolver, holster and all, had been "confiscated" earlier in the day by his deputies and carefully wrapped. The genial sheriff had difficulty talking himself out of that one.

But he didn't have as much trouble as Deputy Byrum as she opened a box containing the "slanted" cake. There had been enough difficulty so the reporter didn't follow him to the courthouse for additional roasting.

His age? The only clue in evidence was a heart drawn on the envelope for a card which had "58" written inside. We just know that couldn't be true because we don't know how he learned so many jokes and pranks in such a short span of time.

Emphasis On Test

The trial run of the state's new Competency Test Program is getting a pretty good play in today's newspaper as Edenton-Chowan Schools gear up for next week's activity along the Public Parade.

Since this is a trial run, some will ask, why so much emphasis? We could say it was because we needed something to fill up space. That would be wrong.

Or, we could say it was because the area has been fortunate to have a strong voice on the 15-member state Competency Test Commission in the person of Mrs. Mary Horton. That would be wrong.

Furthermore, we could say anything that takes Mary Rhea Gardner two weeks to get ready for her "Chalk Dust" column

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DPI Official Guest Speaker For PTA Meet

Gene Causby, assistant superintendent for personnel relations and public affairs, State Department of Public Instruction, will be the guest speaker at Chowan High School's PTA meeting at 7:30 P.M. March 2 in the school's cafeteria.

In making this announcement, Jim Hare, PTA president, stated, "Parents should find this meeting particularly interesting, valuable, and informative."

Causby has been invited to address the state-wide testing programs, which are being trial tested in the school system this year.

Jake Boyce, Chowan guidance counselor, will also be available to answer questions parents have regarding the testing program.



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SNOWFALL, ROUND TWO—The area's second and heavier, snow began to fall in the early hours of Wednesday mixed with rain. By 7:30 A.M., several inches had accumulated locally with reports of up to eight inches in other parts of the state. Meteorologists were predicting more precipitation at press time. Reports of hazardous road conditions may have led at least one driver, shown above, to leave the regular beaten path for more exciting action, made possible by four wheel drive and a measure of bravado.

Permit Effective March 1

North Carolina's Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Permit will become operational on March 1. On this date, the CAMA permit will be required for most development activities in designated Areas of Environmental Concern.

The CAMA permit for major development activities will be let by the Coastal Resources Commission, while local governments will handle minor development permits.

A major development permit will be needed if the development requires another state permit, contains a land or water area in excess of 20 acres, contains a structure in excess of 60,000 square feet, or involves drilling or excavating for natural resources.

Minor development permits will be issued by local governments for all other development activities in Areas of Environmental Concern.

Designated Areas of Environmental Concern consist primarily of the estuarine system, ocean hazard areas, public water supplies, and fragile coastal natural resource areas.

The estuarine system includes estuarine waters, coastal wetlands, public trust areas, and estuarine shorelines.

Ocean hazard areas include ocean beaches, frontal dune, inlet lands, and other areas in which geologic, vegetative, and soil conditions indicate a substantial possibility of erosion or flood damage.

Public water supplies include small surface supply watersheds and public water supply well

fields.

Fragile coastal natural resource areas include coastal complex natural areas, unique geologic formations, and coastal areas that sustain remnant species. Designation of these fragile areas will be done in the future on a case-by-case basis.

After March 1, persons planning development in Areas of Environmental Concern can obtain a CAMA permit application at Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (DNRCD) offices in Raleigh, Wilmington, or Washington, at the Division of Marine Fisheries in Morehead City, or from most local planning, zoning, or inspections departments in the coastal area.

Trained permit officers will be available at these locations to assist persons with identifying projects which require the CAMA permit and/or other permits. Persons who proceed with a development in an area of environmental concern without a permit will violate the CAMA if subsequent determination is made that a CAMA permit is required.

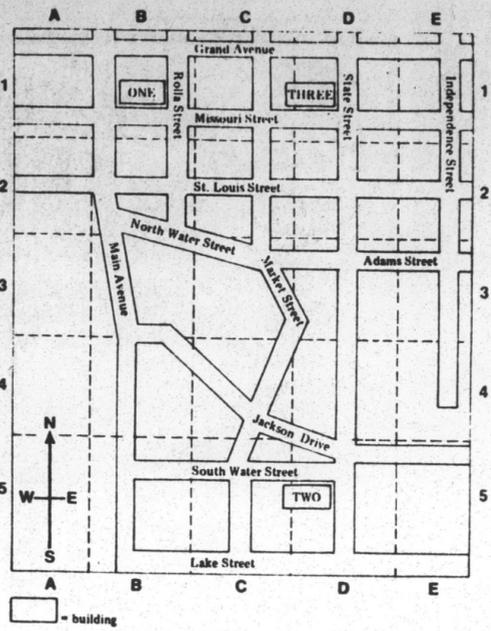
Penalties may be up to \$1,000 or 60 days or both.

Most Convicted

Sixty-seven arrests for hunting deer at night were made in North-eastern North Carolina during the past season and convictions were realized in all but two cases.

Ray Elks, supervisor in 13 counties for the N.C. Wildlife Commission, reported 14 cases

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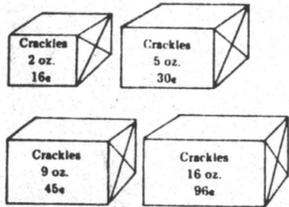
Jackson Drive runs from

- A. C 1 to E 4
- B. B 3 to E 5
- C. C 1 to C 5
- D. B 3 to D 5

If you walked on Adams Street from Independence to State, then turned right and walked two blocks, you would be at the corner of

- A. State and South Water
- B. Market and St. Louis
- C. Independence and Missouri
- D. State and Missouri

Which box of Crackles is the cheapest per ounce?



- A. 2-oz. box
- B. 5-oz. box
- C. 9-oz. box
- D. 16-oz. box

Which one of these can Sam afford to buy with money from his savings account?

- A roller skates for \$23.99
- B track shoes for \$9.95
- C a tennis racket for \$15.00
- D a football for \$16.50

SAVINGS ACCOUNT			
Date	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
8-16	\$ 8.50		\$ 8.50
9-5		12.00	20.50
9-18			16.50
10-15	9.00		25.50
11-4		13.25	12.25

If Cathy arrives at the Star Theater at 6:45 p.m., how long must she wait for the show to start?

- F 45 minutes
- G 1 hour 15 min.
- H 2 hours 15 min.
- J 2 hours 45 min.



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STUMPS HERE—State Sen. Lawrence Davis, Winston-Salem attorney and Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, stumped briefly in Edenton, Tuesday. Shown center above, he chats with George Alma Byrum, former chairman of the Chowan County Democratic Party, prior to his departure. At left is Ken Hutchens, a Davis campaign coordinator.

Davis Campaigns In Edenton

By Flynn Surratt
State Sen. Lawrence Davis, a Winston-Salem attorney and Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate nomination, shook hands and made introductions from the steps of the Chowan County Courthouse Tuesday morning during a whirlwind tour of Eastern North Carolina.

In an interview, the four-term member of the General Assembly commented on deficit spending, balanced budget, welfare reform, employment and fair distribution of resources.

Deficit spending is what Davis termed the root cause of inflation. He said the fault lies with a government that "forces us to tighten our belts without tightening its own." The federal deficit, he commented, has eroded the purchasing power of the average working American to below that of 1973.

On reduced federal spending and a balanced budget, Davis

called for trimming the "fat" in all federal agencies first through agency self-evaluation and secondly through action of Congress. He cited the actions of the N.C. Senate Base Budget Committee, of which he is chairman, as an example of where excessive spending can be reduced or eliminated.

Increased employment, Davis said, should be a top priority of government. He advocated increased federal incentive to build

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Peanut Growers Association Sets Poundage Quota

The factor by which the poundage quota will be figured has been computed to be 79.36 per cent, according to Joe S. Sugg, executive secretary of the N.C. Peanut Growers Association.

The poundage quota for each individual farm will be 79.36 per cent of the individual farm's poundage base. According to the present schedule announced by Secretary Bergland, the individual farm quotas will be computed by the County ASCS Offices and mailed to the farmers on March 3. As soon as the notices for the farm poundage quota has been received, peanut farmers may visit the County Office and finalize lease, sale and transfers of allotments for the 1978 crop year.

Sugg said that in accordance with the law the secretary did announce the price support levels on February 15, which are \$420 net per ton for quota peanuts and \$250 per ton for all additional peanuts. According to Sugg, the \$420 per ton net for quota peanuts was the price as set by the law and will be acceptable by most growers for this crop.

Meeting Set

The annual membership meeting of Albemarle Cooperative Association, Inc., will be held March 11 at the American Legion Building. It begins at 6 P.M. with a grilled pork chop dinner.

Local Students Dodge Flu

Students attending Edenton-Chowan Schools thus far have avoided the flu in large numbers, according to a spokesman in the office of Dr. John Dunn, superintendent.

Many area counties have been hard hit by the illness, some even to the point where there were not a sufficient number of bus drivers.

In cases classes were curtailed in order that buses could make two trips.

When questioned Monday morning about the situation here, it was reported that while there had been some absenteeism during the winter illness, it had not reached the point where it was a cause for concern.



Gene Causby