

# Damages Costly In Trucking Mishaps

Two truck drivers escaped serious injury in separate accidents in Chowan County early this week while property damage mounted. Leroy Nelson, 41-year-old Winston-Salem Negro, was driver of a 1973 Ford truck which allegedly was forced off SR 1114 about 9:45 A.M. Monday near Chowan Golf & Country Club. The van-type truck, owned by

Douglas Battery Manufacturing Company, slid across the road and overturned in the ditch on the left hand shoulder. Nelson was pinned in the wreckage for nearly two hours before members of Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad could free him. Squad members were aided by wreckers from Albemarle Motor Company and Gregory Poole

Equipment Company. Sheriff Troy Toppin and his deputies responded to the call as did Edenton Fire Department. State Trooper Ray Potts said Nelson was taken to Chowan Hospital where he was treated for cuts and bruises. He was admitted to the hospital for observation. The trooper estimated the

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**WORK TO FREE DRIVER** — Members of Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad are pictured as they worked to free the driver of this overturned truck Monday morning. Leroy Nelson of Winston-Salem was pinned in the wreckage for nearly two hours but escaped serious injury. The mishap occurred on Base Road, east of Chowan Golf & County Club.



**LIQUOR TRANSPORT OVERTURNS** — This tractor-trailer rig, carrying an estimated \$100,000 liquor cargo, overturned early Tuesday morning shortly after crossing the Chowan River. Terry Curtis Thompson, Route 2, Four Oaks, second from left, was the driver and Jerry M. Barbour, Route 1, Benson, left, was his passenger. Both escaped serious injury. State Trooper Pat Mitchell, the investigating officer, is shown at the scene directing traffic while preparations were being made to unload the trailer and clear the highway.

## Welcome Teachers

We want to be among the first along the Public Parade to welcome the teacher corps of Edenton-Chowan Schools and Chowan Academy. This goes for the veterans who hang around during the off season as well as those who join the ranks for the first time this year.

This is a community which attracts people of all walks of life, not just as tourists and visitors, but people who find it a comfortable and profitable place to retire and-or make a living.

One of the primary reasons this community has such an attraction has to be credited to our schools and the professionals who make them click. We are experiencing additional emphasis on volunteers in the classrooms and community-based support for education. This is a long overdue switch, but without the expertise of the professionals it could never work effectively.

As the teachers work for the next couple of weeks getting ready for the students, we hope parents will take advantage of the opportunity to discuss with them the test scores recently released. Every effort is being made to make it as convenient as possible for the working parent to visit the schools, and likewise, every parent has a responsibility to help in the attempt to strengthen the education of their children by keeping the appointment.

Next week the homeroom assignments will be published in The Chowan Herald. Then on August 28 the students will arrive and everyone will begin getting it all together. Have a good year!

## Pete's Goof

H.W. (Pete) Whitley of Hertford County is chairman of the Environmental Management Commission. He also owns Tuscarora Beach, a public bathing area on the Chowan River.

He admits to being a "middle-of-the-roader" so far as being an environmentalist. But he doesn't want the Town of Winton to continue to be allowed to discharge treated sewage 1,500 feet from his property.

Anyone knowledgeable of the value of good water quality in public bathing areas can understand Pete's concern. It is also the concern of thousands of people in the entire Albemarle Sound Basin which is now threatened by the recent algae bloom.

This, then, leads us to Pete's goof. In a recent interview he got sorta carried away in describing his love for the Chowan, saying he is now pleased with the river's condition, calling it "one of the cleanest on the East Coast."

Either he made the statement prior to July 4th or he hasn't visited Tuscarora Beach lately.

## Projects

The weather may be hot and humid, the river, bay and sound green, but it doesn't hinder activity along the Public Parade. As you meander through the community you may get a glimpse of a project here and there, or hear about others.

When one puts them down on paper the degree of activity is

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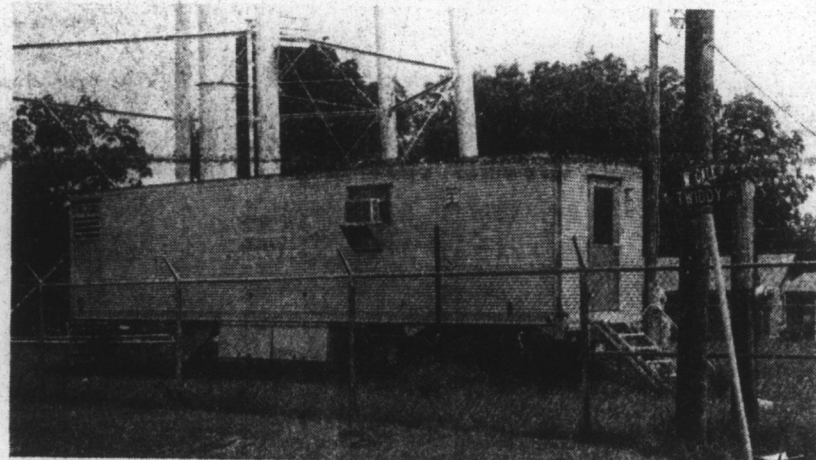
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## New Study Of Algae Problem Slated



**WANT LAB MANNED** — The Coastal Resources Commission, meeting in Raleigh last Friday, took action to encourage the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development to provide funds to man this now unused mobile lab at the corner of West Gale Street Ext., and Twiddy Avenue. The personnel would continuously monitor the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound Basin.

## Teen Births High Here

Twenty-eight per cent of the total births in Chowan County during 1977 was to a teen-ager, the second highest in the 10-county Albemarle Area.

During the past year there were 207 births in the county with 58 of them to a teen-ager. Tyrrell County's 29 per cent was the highest in the region. There were 1,626 total births in the area, 394 or one out of every four, to a teen-ager.

Of the 394, it was estimated by the Family Planning Program of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission that

over half were unplanned births.

Firstborns went to 294 of these mothers, the youngest mother being aged 12. Quite a few vied for the youngest mother with the most children. At age 14 one mother gave birth to her second child and a 15-year-old did the same. Some 16-year-olds were giving birth to their second child, while 17, 18 and 19-year-olds were birthing their third child. And three birthed their fourth child at age 19.

The statistics were compiled from a report released by the N.C. Division of Health Services, which showed an increase in births

A team of 10 people from the State Division of Environmental Management began a new study Wednesday designed to document present conditions in the Chowan River and its tributaries. This is a new effort to determine the cause of a severe algae bloom which is

## Head 'Misleading'

Claiming that a headline in The Chowan Herald last week was misleading, Jimmie M. Parrish, president, Chowan County Farm Bureau, states that the directors of the organization oppose the \$3.5-million school bond referendum but are not opposed to consolidation of the schools.

"We have not voted or mentioned being opposed to consolidation but we are against the bond issue," he said Monday.

Parrish said as far as the Farm Bureau is concerned consolidation and the bond referendum are two different issues. "The bond issue is controlled by the taxpayers and consolidation is controlled by the school board," he added.

Last week a spokesman for the organization appeared before Chowan County commissioners and presented a statement in opposition to the bond referendum. The headline on the story pointed up the bureau's opposition to consolidation, which Parrish claims is misleading since his group considers the issues separately and distinct in their own right.

choking not only the river but Edenton Bay and portions of Albemarle Sound.

Mike McCarthy, an environmental engineer, heads the team. The current study will also include the taking of air samples around CF Industries.

The study is in response to requests from Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Coastal Resources Commission and others to Gov. Jim Hunt and Sec. Howard N. Lee of the Department of Natural Resources & Community Development.

CRC's latest move came Friday at a meeting in Raleigh where Sec. Lee was asked to man a mobile lab on Twiddy Avenue with personnel to do continuous monitoring of the river. Frank Furlough of Columbia introduced the motion which had the unanimous support of the CRC.

Dr. Arthur Cooper of Raleigh, a N.C. State University scientist who was with the state at the time of the 1972 algae bloom, said only through the collection of data on a systematic basis and over a long period of time can accurate steps be taken to correct the problems in the Chowan River. He is now a CRC member.

Dr. Parker Chesson of Elizabeth City, CRC chairman, said the intent of this motion, along with earlier CRC resolutions centering around water quality in the Albemarle Sound Basin, is designed to "get the attention of those in a position to take action".

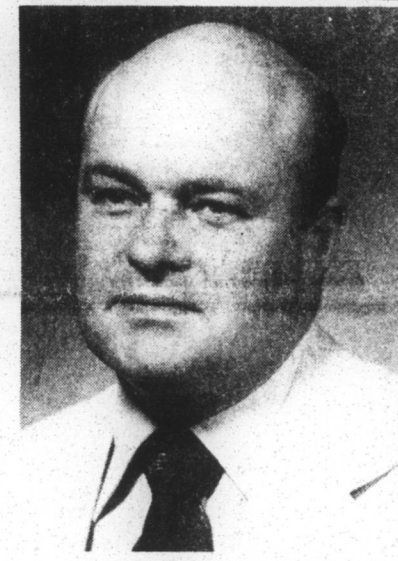
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## Workshop Set

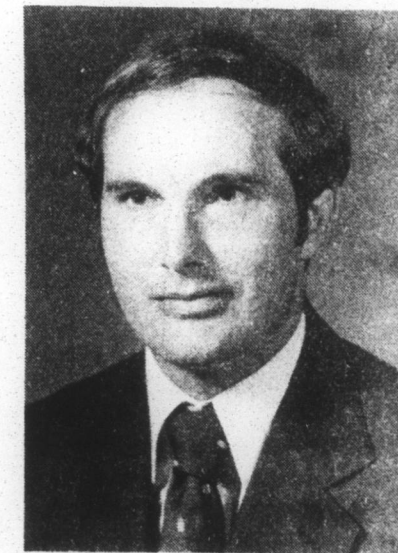
Edenton-Chowan Schools announce a workshop for anyone interested in having their name placed on the approved list of substitute teachers for the 1978-79 school year. This workshop will be held August 23 at D.F. Walker Cafeteria from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Persons who are already on the approved list should attend from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. the same day.

Substitute teachers must hold a high school diploma or the equivalent and must attend this full-day workshop before they can be employed.

Additional information about substitute work may be obtained by calling the Edenton-Chowan Schools Administrative Office, 482-4436.



Dr. Henry W. Webster



Dr. John R. Anderson

## Program Aid Local Farmers

The N.C. Agricultural Extension Service has stationed two specialists in Edenton to help intensify educational programs for farmers in the Albemarle Area.

They are Dr. Henry W. Webster, an animal science specialist; and Dr. John R. Anderson, a crop science specialist.

Dr. T.C. Blalock, state extension director, said the specialists were being placed in Edenton to "provide technical backstopping for our county extension agents."

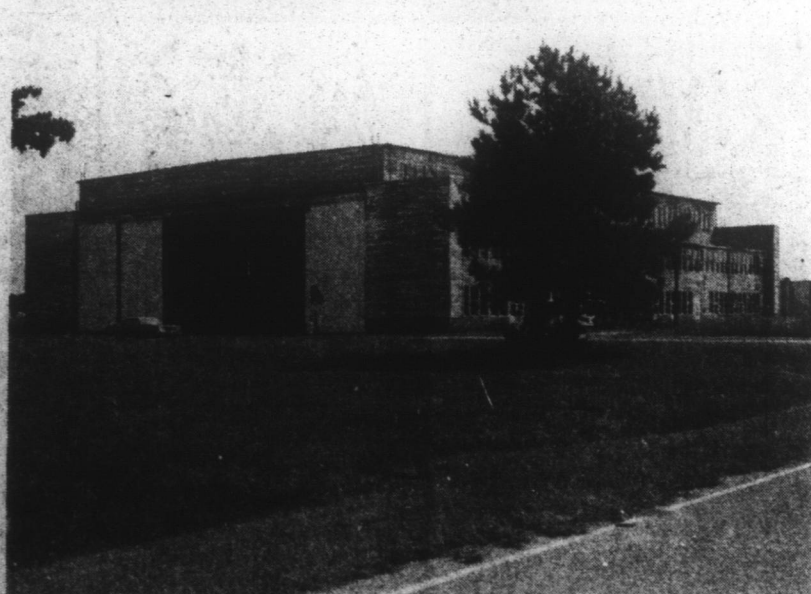
"We feel that this additional expertise can help farmers and agribusinessmen take advantage of some of the agricultural opportunities that exist in the Albemarle Area," Dr. Blalock added.

Dr. Anderson will work with agents on educational programs pertaining to corn, soybeans and

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**TICKETED FOR DEMOLITION** — The tower building, left photo, and hanger at Edenton Municipal Airport have been marked by the Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission for replacement. Both buildings are said to be in such a state of ill repair that it is not economically feasible to launch an im-



provement program. The tower building, which also houses the administrative offices of the 10-county Economic Improvement Council, Inc., would be replaced with a small, functional brick structure. "T" hangers would replace the huge existing building and would be easy to maintain.