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what extent it is not exactly known.

Department of Transportation officials vow that the bridge is safe. But for how long? What would another severe storm do to the 40-year-old structure which is so vital to the economy of the Southern Albemarle?

And just when will the bridge deteriorate to the point where load limits will be imposed which would render its use only for passenger vehicles?

Marc Basnight of Manteo, ADOT board member, want to see the bridge included in the Highway Improvement Program which will be the political muscle that can be mustered not only to get the project included in the program but to get it a high priority.

The Chowan River's value to those who meander along the Public Parade was taken for granted until the river was ruined.

So was the Albemarle Sound Bridge until it was closed for an extended period of time for repairs in February, 1977.

One cannot wave a magic wand and restore the river to its former usefulness and value to our area. Neither are bridges raised through hocus pocus.

Edenton Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with counterparts in Washington, Tyrrell and surrounding counties, is an excellent vehicle to obtain something more than conversation regarding the Albemarle Sound Bridge. Marc Basnight has proven to be a friend of this area of Tar Heelia. If he is to continue to be effective he must have something more than lip service from his constituents.

Nonetheless, a little yelling right now would be music to his ears for if something happens in the near future to minimize the use of Albemarle Sound Bridge the silence of the cash registers would be deafening.

Paying Own Way

Chowan County is being considered for development of a model manual land record management system. From indications it is all but in the bag.

For the past two years county commissioners have budgeted funds for new tax mapping. Dallas Jethro, Jr., tax supervisor, says it is essential.

Now comes a state and federal program which would dovetail what has been planned here, establishing a full partnership and allowing Chowan to get the entire package for about what the maps alone would cost.

County Manager Eddie Dick is responsible for attracting state Department of Administration officials to Chowan. If he bags this one it will be a big windfall for this county, with state and federal funds equal to what it will take to operate Mr. Dick's office for two years.

In other words, the county manager would have paid his own way for two years in little more than 90 days.

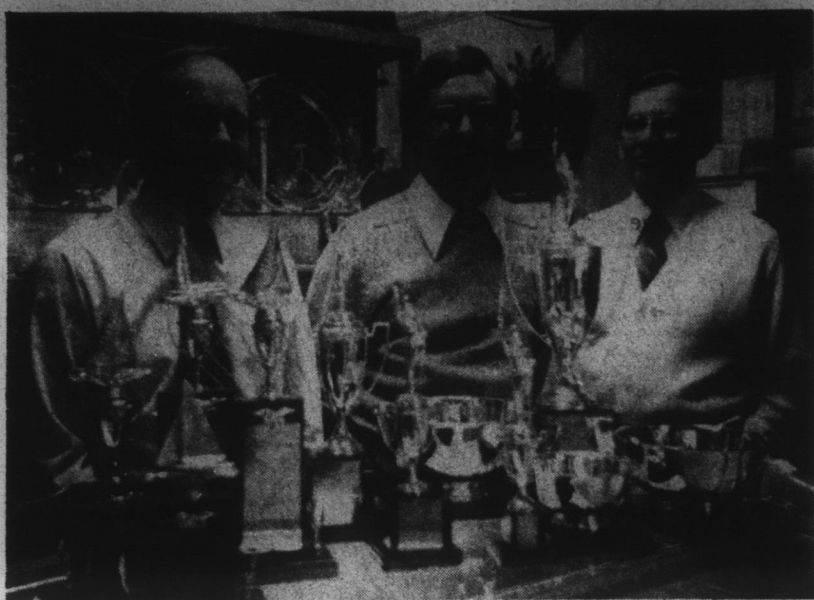
Speedy? No!

Courtroom buffs witnessed a new procedure last week in Chowan County Superior Court. The new arraignment and motion procedure crushes the hopes of those who advocate speedy trials while causing the cost of defense of a charge to increase.

The new procedure was enacted into law by the N.C. General Assembly, which is full of lawyers. If it was a "lawyers bill" then the voters should kick them out the next time around.

Legislators will probably blame it on the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. By now the lawmakers should know to look under all the rocks in "reform" measures advocated by that institute.

As is always the case, new procedures create more problems, and more paper work, which means more time and at more cost. It has gotten to the point where a person can't come into



TROPHIES AWAIT WINNERS—A host of trophies as well as cash prizes await winners in this weekend's Peanut Festival. Among the sponsors are, from left, Marvin Shaw of Fisher Nut; Jack Easley of Tanzer Yacht; and Ben Riddick of Ross-Riddick Jewelers.

Peanut Festival,

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fairgrounds beginning at 1 P.M. and continuing until 5 P.M. The show is sponsored by the Chowan 4-H Horse and Pony Club and will have Dr. Vernon Bryon as judge. Special events will take place from 2:30 P.M. until 3:30 P.M.

Swain Auditorium will be the scene at 8 o'clock for a Gong and Talent Show. The show will feature 25 entertaining acts with a special added attraction begin the

Training Funds

RALEIGH — Employment Security Commission serving the 10 counties in Region R in Northeastern North Carolina has been awarded \$657,081 for employment and training programs under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

Sec. Howard N. Lee of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development said it was part of more than \$30-million in CETA funds awarded across the state.

The funds in Region R break down as follows: \$146,300 class-size training; \$60,000 on-the-job training; and \$450,781 for adult and youth work experience.

The programs are designed to increase the employability of CETA participants and prepare them for the labor market.

court, say he is guilty and throw himself at the mercy of the presiding judge.

Our "rights" are being so well guarded by the liberals at all levels that we are becoming a nation of individuals who are rights poor.

Judges, prosecutors and trial lawyers don't like the latest wrinkle in Tar Heel courtroom procedures. Who does?

Heart Broken

Someone did a sorry thing out at the American Legion Fairgrounds last Saturday. They took a pet rabbit and have left its young owner's heart broken.

Kathy Oetker brought the big black doe rabbit with her from Ohio when the family moved out to Montpelier Acres. It was very, very valuable to Kathy. She was so proud of her pet she entered it in competition at the fair last week.

The rabbit was in its cage Saturday night, but when the Oetkers returned to pick it up Sunday morning it had disappeared.

No amount of money can replace the pet rabbit or heal Kathy's broken heart. Only a call from the one in possession of the rabbit — with no questions asked — can right this wrong. The number is: 482-7228 after 6 P.M.

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Edenton, North Carolina, Thursday, October 5, 1978.

Facilities Use Proving Costly To Schools

College of The Albemarle now uses facilities of Edenton-Chowan Schools for extension courses and the Learning Resource Center in Swain School without cost. Last year it cost the local system in the neighborhood of \$5,000 to provide utilities and janitorial services.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, reported Monday night that discussion of the problem had been taken up with Dr. Parker Chesson, COA president. Two alternatives were explored — increasing student fees and/or asking Chowan County commissioners to provide funds to cover the extra costs.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn inquired

of the county's participation in the COA program. Dr. Dunn said the only contribution has been a set figure for capital expenditures.

Eugene Jordan, chairman, suggested that the matter be left open to allow Dr. Dunn and Chesson to continue seeking a solution to the problem.

Jordan also said a meeting had been held by the Consolidation Steering Committee. He said the members did a lot of talking and are seeking additional information, but are in no position to make any concrete recommendations to the board.

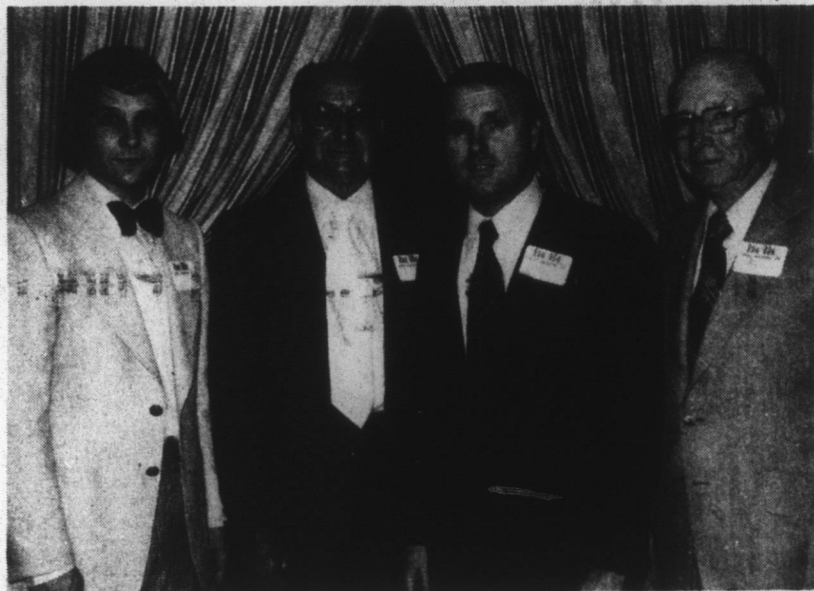
School Grant

The Governor's Crime Commission has approved a grant for continuation of Chowan County's alternative school program.

The \$75,000 grant will be used by the Edenton-Chowan Alternative School to give students who have not adjusted to the conventional classroom an alternative type of education.

This program will lead to a high school diploma for identified and potential juvenile delinquents, potential dropouts and those who have already dropped out of school. As a result of this program, students will remedy deficient academic skills, acquire job skills and make necessary personal and social adjustments.

As a part of its criminal justice planning responsibilities, the Governor's Crime Commission of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety supports innovative programs to improve the criminal justice system.



SPEAKER OF HOUSE — Rep. Carl Stewart of Gastonia, second from right, speaker of the State House of Representatives, met with a group of interested citizens from Northeastern North Carolina at Soundview Restaurant last Thursday night. With him are: Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr., who arranged the meeting; and Reps. Vernon James and W. Stanford White.

State, Federal Funds Sought

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considered for the computer system model and it would be to the advantage of the program to

Chamber

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regarding the motel and the signs are up and lighted.

The Business & Industry Committee assisted in over 200 new jobs being created.

The chamber has updated its by-laws and adopted a fair share dues structure. Committees also worked on the Chowan River algae problem and opposed VEPCO rate increases.

New directors are James E. Darnell, Wesley Chesson, Wallace Evans, Warren Hibbard, Terry Jones and Bud Perry.

develop a manual model close by, he said.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore expressed delight over the possibilities. He said it sounds like something that would be an extension of what the county already has moved into and could be completed at no additional cost, over what has been budgeted.

The model, according to Scott, could be used by some 3,000 counties across the nation in moving to make title transfer less costly.

Holloway said the county's only obligation would be to maintain the system after it is developed.

In other action, the commissioners voted to transfer the courthouse coordination activity to the County Manager's Office. The contract with Albemarle Associates has expired.

Also, no action was taken on a single bid received for the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Dick was given permission to conduct pre-bid conferences with local dealers in an attempt to allow the county to purchase the vehicles locally.

Commissioner Lester T. Copeland commented that Dick did an exceptionally fine job at the recent conference of the N.C. Association of Counties, meeting in Asheville. "I was impressed with the manner in which our county manager was received," Copeland stated.

AEMC Annual Meeting Set

The 31st Annual Meeting of the members of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will be held Saturday, at the Perquimans County High School Auditorium in Hertford, according to James A. Whitehurst of South Mills, president of the cooperative.

Items of business at the meeting will include the election of directors and report on the year's 1977 operations.

A Nominating Committee of member-consumers has nominated a slate of directors to be elected at the meeting. The committee was composed of J.C. Rountree and Roy Griffin of Camden County, Albert Everson and Walter Moore of Chowan County, Douglas Banks and Allen Rogerson of Pasquotank County and Joe Tunnell and Latham Felton of Perquimans County.

The Nominating Committee has made the following nominations: for District No. 2 (Chowan County) — Joseph A. Wiggins of Tyner and Lloyd T. Parrish, Route 3, Edenton; District No. 3 (Pasquotank County) — L.A. Harris, Jr., Route 4, Elizabeth City and Thomas M. Harris, Route 5, Elizabeth City; and District No. 4 (Perquimans County) — A.T.

Leary Gets Jail Term

Frank Leary was given a nine-month sentence in Chowan County District Court Tuesday morning after entering a plea of guilty to assault. Judge Grafton Beaman recommended work release and ordered Leary to pay hospital bills for the prosecuting witness.

Lillie Mae Beasley, who escaped from the Sheriff's Office last Thursday while awaiting transfer to Tri-County Jail to serve a 30-day sentence, was given an additional three months. She turned herself in to Deputy Glenn Perry at mid-morning Saturday.

Asst. Dist. Atty. H.B. Williams, prosecuted the docket with the following other action taken:

David Turner Gilliam, no liability insurance and failure to surrender license plates, \$50 fine and costs.

Joseph Elbridge Ambrose, assault, dismissed.

Ruth Emma Wright, speeding, \$15 fine and costs.

Horace Gene Bembry, improper equipment, \$25 fine and costs.

Howard Junior Holley, exceeding safe speed, dismissed.

Tony Raymond Hare, failure to surrender license plates and no liability insurance, \$50 fine and costs.

George Scott Moore, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$115 fine and costs.

Clifton Johnson, reckless driving and improper passing, \$150 fine and costs.

Esther Hunter, worthless check, five days, suspended upon payment of costs and make restitution.

David Edward Holley, allowing an unlicensed person to drive, warrant ordered.

Edward Chatman, assault on a female, malicious damage to personal property, and malicious damage to real property, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$75 fine and costs.

Joel Moore, trespass, prayer for judgement continued.

Robert Lee Barrow, larceny, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Melvin Ray Parks, reckless driving, \$15 fine and costs.

Thomas Paul Griffin inquired about reported thefts at John A. Holmes High School. Dr. Bruce McGraw, principal, acknowledged there was a problem and steps are being taken to correct it. He said although many attempts had been made, school staff has been unable to catch those involved.

James A. Kinion, assistant superintendent, reported efforts are being made to consolidate orders to maintenance materials in order to obtain a discount on purchase.

Lane, Sr., Route 1, Hertford and Paul Smith, Jr., Route 2, Hertford.

A demonstration energy mobile display will be at the high school for members and the public to visit both prior to the meeting and afterwards. The exhibit will open at 11 A.M., close for the meeting and remain open until 6 P.M.

In addition, the cooperative's manager and staff personnel will be available to members in the high school cafeteria from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Registration will begin at 1 P.M. and the annual meeting will begin at 2 P.M. Each member who registers will receive a silver dollar and over 30 attendance prizes will be awarded lucky winners.

President Whitehurst urges all members of the cooperative to attend the annual membership meeting. "Members can exercise their ownership and interest in their own business by attending," Whitehurst added.

Albemarle EMC serves some 5,700 member-consumer families in parts of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties.

Byrum To Chair ESC Committee

Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., of Byrum Implement and Truck Co. here has been named chairman of an Employer Committee formed to study and recommend ways the Edenton office of the state Employment Security Commission can improve its job placement and other services to business and industry.

Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager of the local office, announced the election of Byrum. She said other members of the advisory committee are:

Jimmie C. Keef of Hardee's; Mrs. Brenda VanHorn of George C. Moore Co.; E.L. Hollowell of Chowan Veneer Co.; Bruce F. Jones of Albemarle Motor Co.; Warren J. Twiddy of Twiddy Real Estate and Insurance; C.B. Smith, Jr., of Seabrook Blanching Corp.; Stuart M. Anderson of Don Juan Manufacturing Corp. in Hertford; J.G. Asbell of Carter's Ink Co.; Mrs. Christine Peele of Chowan Medical Center; Marvin R. Shaw of Beatrice Foods Co.; and S.W. Weatherford of Chowan Hospital.

Organization of the committee here is part of the ESC Employment Service Division's program for giving employers a larger voice in the agency's activities at the local and state levels and improving communications.

Similar committees are being formed by local ESC offices across the state. The committees meet regularly, hold seminars and make studies in their search for steps the ESC can take to improve and expand its Job Service programs.

Business Booms

Business boomed in Northeastern North Carolina during July with gross retail sales in the 10-county area reaching almost \$48-million. Gross sales tax collections exceeded \$1-million.

The N.C. Department of Revenue reports gross retail sales in Chowan County for July amounted to \$4,250,672 with gross collections of \$73,968.57.

Dare County big tourist industry brought in \$15,793,686 during the month and collections of \$412,818.30. Second for the area was Pasquotank County with sales of \$13,266,238 and collections of \$314,389.58.