

**Christ Is Born**

Hard as one may try it is impossible to improve on the Bethlehem scene as described in the Gospel according to St. Luke:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it, was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there in the same country shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear Not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is to come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us."

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

**Xmas Closing Set**

Larry Robertson, the new chairman of Historic Edenton, Inc. announced that Historic Edenton will be closed December 23, 24, 25 and 26 for the Christmas Holidays. He has also announced that the site will be closed December 31 for New Years.

**Merry Christmas**

Special musical programs and the recent crispness in the weather have shocked many into the realization that after Monday (gads) the familiar salutation — "Merry Christmas!" — will have gone its way for 1978 and "Happy New Year" cannot be far behind.

There are two things computers and the government haven't been successful in fouting up. One is the weather, the other is the calendar. Christmas is on December 25 every year and a new year is ushered in the following week.

Christmas affords people a special opportunity to give gifts, send cards, have folks over for a visit, or many other ways of expressing their love and general remembrance.

Many merchants and industries have chosen The Chowan Herald as the vehicle to express holiday greetings to the citizens of this community. They appear in today's newspaper.

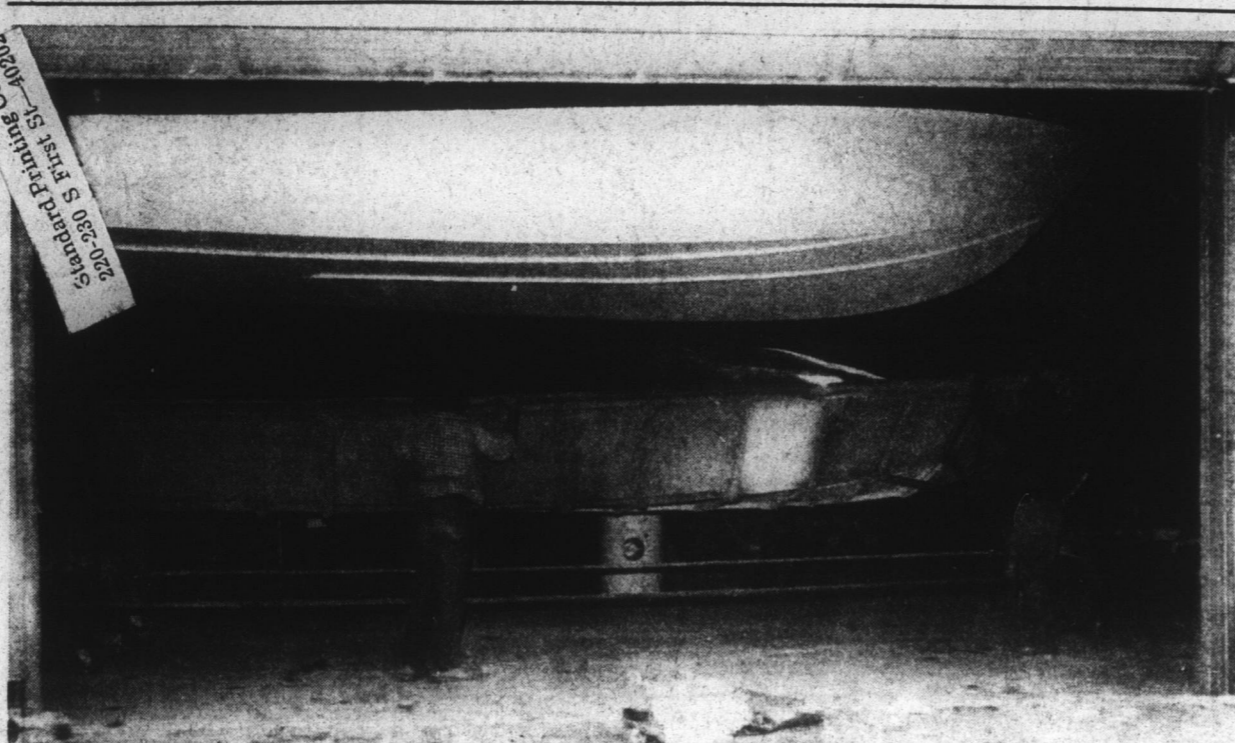
Merchants also have a "last chance" this week to toot their horn concerning merchandise available at home. You won't want to miss any of the 30 pages in today's edition.

This is The Chowan Herald's 44th year — and our 14th — to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. The greetings get better with age, maybe we don't!

"Bud" Amburn for The Chowan Herald crew

*We Wish You a Merry Christmas*

**County Denies Funds For Consolidation**



**BOAT MANUFACTURING PROCESS**—The hull of the fiberglass boat now in production at the new Scott Boat Works here is lifted from the mold under the supervision of Mack Privott, right, general manager.



**HEADS NEW FIRM**—J. Scott Harrell has organized Scott Boat Works here that is now manufacturing motor boats. "Albemarle 24" is the model which will be turned out at the rate of one per week early next year.

**New Boat For Fishermen**

The Albemarle 24 is the latest name in fishing boats. Beginning early next year the sleek craft will be turned out at the tune of one per week. The manufacturer is Scott Boat Works, located on West Queen Street.

J. Scott Harrell's firm is the second motor boat manufacturer in Chowan County. Fiberform, owned by U.S. Industries of Seattle, Wash., makes several lines of boats at its facility on Albemarle Sound.

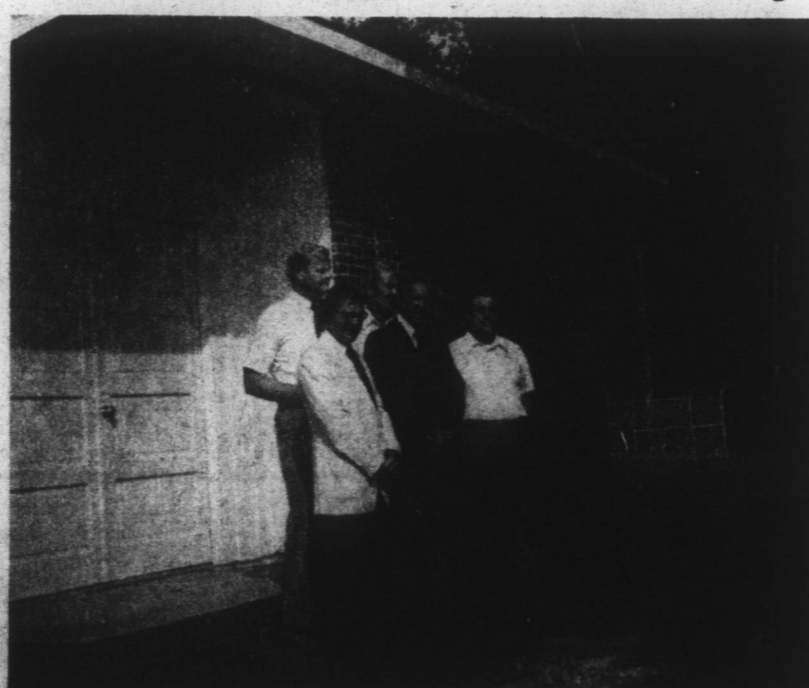
Harrell said his aim is to specialize on a single model — the 24-footer — and keep overhead at a minimum so a high quality product can be marketed at a popular price. "Although it is almost too early to tell, we feel we

have set a reasonable goal — one which can be obtained," he said Monday afternoon as the third hull was popped out.

Scott Boat Works and its exclusive agent, Edenton Marina, will be represented by the Albemarle 24 at their first boat show in mid-January. While Harrell was hesitant at this time to put a price tag on the product, he said it could market at some \$4,000 less than existing competition.

Harrell claims that the Albemarle 24 has been tested at

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**INSPECTION TOUR** — James Johnson, front row left, state director of the Farmers Home Administration, personally conducted a tour of Chowan County's water system a few months after it went into operation in 1977. He is shown in a file photo at a treatment plant site with Melvin Howell, area representative; Don Norman, a regional field man; C.A. Phillips, Chowan County commissioners; and L.F. Amburn, Jr., publisher of The Chowan Herald and a strong supporter of FmHA activities in Northeastern North Carolina.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has been denied \$150,000 to fund a consolidation plan which was to be implemented next year. Chowan County commissioners denied the request for funds, as well as an alternate financing plan, by identical 3-2 votes.

Commissioner Alton Elmore's proposal to give the board \$25,000 this year and put the remaining \$125,000 in next year's budget gained only the support of Commissioner Lester Copeland. Chairman C.A. Phillips and Commissioners J.D. Peele and George Jones voted against the plan.

The majority of the board members — Phillips, Peele and Jones — voted for Peele's motion to outright deny the request. Commissioners Elmore and Copeland voted against it.

Last week the school board met jointly with commissioners to

detail what they considered the best alternative to a new high school. The plan included the purchase of 10 temporary classrooms, two additional buses and renovations to existing facilities. It also called for the closing of Swain Elementary School.

Chairman Phillips assured the board of an answer by January 1.

Instead of appointing a committee to study the request, as it was suggested, the chairman asked all board members to look at the availability of funds.

Commissioner Jones said he could not see how the county can come up with the necessary \$50,000 \$50,000 this year. Commissioner Elmore pled with his colleagues to be more optimistic, calling the plan "a worthy project...worth going out on the limb for."

Following the vote on Elmore's

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**Outlook Favorable For Water System**

Chowan County, the first county in Northeastern North Carolina to move toward a regional water system, appears to be assured of adequate financing for its Phase II. The cost is \$630,000.

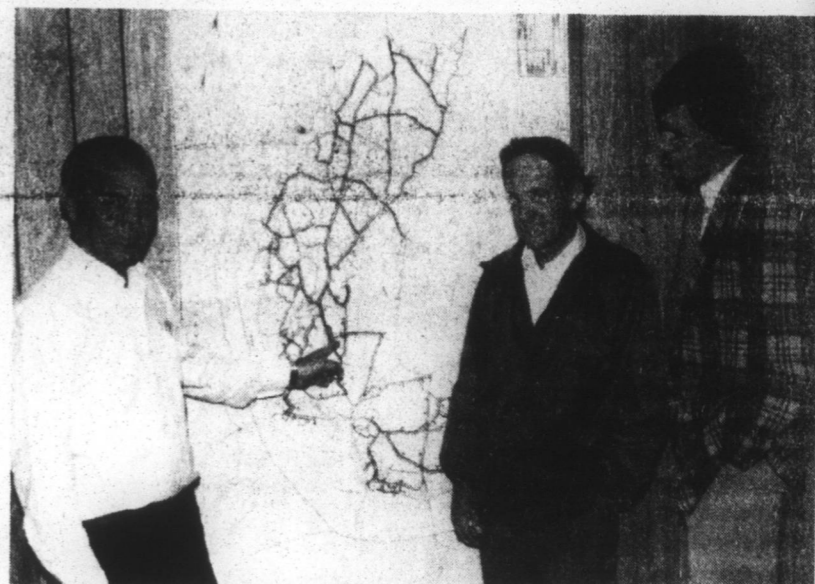
County commissioners Wednesday morning signed a letter of intent with its prime benefactor — Farmers Home Administration — as a guarantee that the local government will comply with federal grant and loan guidelines.

FmHA proposes a \$46,000 loan to be repaid from profits over a 40-year period, and a \$312,000 grant. This will be coupled with \$157,500 from state Clean Water Bond funds and an additional \$114,500 from county water fund reserves to complete the project.

Melvin Howell, area representative for FmHA, said Phase II is designed to extend lines to certain areas not served so far. Local spokesmen said upon completion of the project some 200 new users would be added to the 1,948 served in November.

Howell said the expansion would not add to charges to users but

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**PREPARE TO ADD TO WATER SYSTEM** — Graham Farless, superintendent in charge of Chowan County's Water Department, points to a location where lines will be extended as part of Phase II of the countywide project. With him are Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator who spearheaded Phase I, and Eddie Dick, right, county manager.

**Robbery Suspects Arrested**

Two Edenton teenagers were arrested Friday in connection with an armed robbery and alleged assault three days earlier. A quantity of currency has been recovered by law enforcement officers.

Linwood Paul Britton, 17, 922 North Broad Street, is charged with armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. John Allen Brooks, also 17, 816 Johnston Street, is charged with accessory

before the fact of armed robbery.

They were picked up for questioning Friday afternoon and formally charged with the respective offenses at 8:50 P.M. Police Chief J.D. Parrish said confessions were obtained from each defendant.

Britton, a former employee at S&R Super Market on West Queen Street where the robbery occurred about 10:30 P.M. Tuesday, has been in custody since his arrest. Brooks is free on \$5,000 bond.

First appearance procedures were conducted in Gates County District Court Monday morning. Judge Grafton Beaman set the probable cause hearing for January 2 in Chowan County District Court.

Britton, a popular senior at John A. Holmes High School, has been identified as the masked gunman who allegedly hid in the store prior to closing. Paul Blake Stokly, 22, Route 3, Hertford, assistant manager, was injured during the incident.

Wayne Chappell, a teen-age bag boy, was in the store at the time of the robbery but was not injured.

The teenagers are said to have been traveling in a truck which Brooks parked at Edenton Marina during the incident.

**CFI Seeks Permit**

The state's decision on an application for renewal of a discharge permit by C.F. Industries is expected by December 31 but the record of a public hearing held in Winton last Thursday was held open until next Wednesday.

CFI's permit to discharge nitrogen waste into the Chowan River at its Tunis plant expires December 31. If approval is granted for renewal, it will be extended until 1983.

The Chowan River is now in its 26th week of an extensive algae bloom.

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