

Personal, Again

The silence at 104 West Gale Street is deafening. There are fewer Amburns in the same house at a particular time than in the past two decades.

And about the only thing we can blame it on is education.

Maru, who is plying a specialty in fun at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is brightening the corridors and committee rooms of the U. S. Congress this summer. Thanks to Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, she is on the staff of the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee.

Paul, who became our first Edentonian, is a member of the John A. Holmes High School Band which this week is the band in residence at the Mid-Atlantic Band Front Camp at Ferrum (Va.) College. He is doubling as photographer for The Chowan Herald and Peanut Gazette.

Greer, who became the last of the clan, is at the School of The Arts in Winston-Salem for a five-week stint at ballet. This is the 12-year-old's second summer experience. She studied gymnastics two years ago at the University of Richmond.

Sunday was a long day. Paul was up early so he wouldn't be late for the band trip. After unloading him on Otis Strother, we loaded up Greer and headed west.

We stopped off in Greensboro for free food and lodging with in-laws. This afforded us the opportunity to visit with Mr. and Mrs. William Head who Greer guided during the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton & Countryside.

Then Monday it was on to Winston-Salem where registration afforded us the opportunity to once again stand in lines for more than an hour. Our luck was still intact. Greer received a third floor room assignment and anyone who has ever taken a youngster away for five weeks knows how the old back and legs felt once the last item was removed from the car.

We got back along the Public Parade to find that everything didn't come to a complete standstill while we were away. And that didn't provide much relief for the empty feeling we had inside.

Back To Ricks

J. C. Jones is going back to Ricks Hall, the ivory tower of Agricultural Extension Service on the campus of the West Raleigh branch of the Greater University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Extension personnel are covered by the federal Hatch Act so Mr. Jones will have to forget everything he learned (?) about politics during his tenure with the State Department of Administration these past two years.

Also, those in Ricks Hall have

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Coop To Open

Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange will open July 2. Kevin Twine is manager.

The exchange at Valhalla will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 P.M.

Twine said Toby Willford will be auctioneer, and Charlene Evans will serve as secretary.



OFF TO CAMP — The Marching Aces of John A. Holmes High School are serving as the band in residence this week at the Mid-Atlantic Band Front Camp on the campus of Ferrum College in southwestern Virginia. Paul Amburn is shown here with Director Otis Strother and his wife, Shelby. Paul, a member of the band, will provide photo coverage of the week's activity for The Chowan Herald and Peanut Gazette. The other picture shows activity outside the Holmes band room early Sunday morning as preparations were being made to depart for camp.



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Organizational Plan To Be Discussed

In a report to be made at the July 2 regular Edenton-Chowan Board of Education meeting, members will be brought up to date on a planning process begun three months ago as the first steps toward total reorganization on the local school system. This report will culminate the results of a week-long workshop, June 25-29, set up to design a well defined structure for the 1980 school reorganization as mandated by the school board in early spring.

Holiday Schedule Revealed

Wednesday, July 4th, will be a general holiday in Edenton and Chowan County providing a mid-week break for most workers in business, industry as well as local, state and federal jobs.

The U. S. Post Office will be closed Wednesday as will the Municipal Building, Chowan

Meeting Slated

The Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at 7 P.M. tonight (Thursday) at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant, according to N. J. George, chairman.

Following a dutch dinner, committee members will discuss the Democratic Party organization, receive a report on finances, the appointment of precinct officials, and officers authorized to register voters.

Involving a steering committee of 25 teacher representatives, principals and central office personnel, the workshop comes in the wake of a series of meetings in the various schools. A total evaluation of all existing federal, state and local curriculum programs for students was conducted then in preparation for combining remediation and regular programs into a total comprehensive educational program to meet each child's

Production Up

County Courthouse and Office Building. All financial institutions will be closed and a vast majority of local business establishments.

The Chowan Herald will publish on regular schedule next week. The Herald office will close at 4 P.M. on Thursday and will remain closed Friday to compensate employees for working on the holiday.

Murray Nixon will have his annual fish fry Wednesday. This

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Production Up

RALEIGH — All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms June 1 totaled 2,360,000 head, an increase of 16 per cent from a year earlier and 6 per cent above March 1 of this year, according to the N. C. Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

This inventory consisted of 385,000 head kept for breeding purposes, 18 per cent above last year and 1,975,000 market hogs, up 16 per cent. North Carolina ranks seventh in the nation in the total number of hogs and pigs.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 140,000 sows during the next three months — June-August — 17 per cent above the same period a year ago. September-November farrowing are expected to total 140,000 up 20 per cent from September through November last year.

During the past three month period, March-May, N. C. producers farrowed 144,000 sows, an increase of 25 per cent from the comparable period a year earlier. Litters averaged 7.35 pigs — compared with 7.20 pigs per litter for the same period a year earlier. The pig crop totaled 1,058,000 head, 28 per cent more than the previous year.

Fearing Trial Is Underway

By L. F. AMBURN, JR.

An unusual exhibit was admitted into evidence in Chowan County Superior Court late

Wednesday morning. It was a 1972 Mercedes-Benz.

The vehicle was being driven by Charles Silsby Fearing of Manteo

the night of February 19. He told a state trooper the "windshield exploded" while prosecutors in his trial on charges of hit and run with personal injury and death by motor vehicle are out to prove the car was involved in the death of Cliose Creef the same night.

The Mercedes-Benz is owned by Malcolm Keith Fearing, III, the defendant's cousin, who along with C. C. Duvall, a former Dare County deputy sheriff, faces charges related to Creef's death. The date for their trials has not been set.

Charles Aycock of Manteo, one of three defense counsels, was successful in getting Charles Fearing's trial moved from Dare County. He claimed the businessman, who is a former chairman of the Dare County Democratic Party, could not get a fair trial in that county.

Mr. Creef was described in testimony Tuesday afternoon as spry for his age. J. C. Groce, Jr., his son-in-law, said the victim's health was remarkable for a man of his age. "He could dance a little jig if he wanted to," he said as his wife sobbed openly.

Groce also identified the clothing Mr. Creef was wearing when he last saw him alive, sometime between 6:30 P.M. and 7 P.M. on February 19.

State Trooper J. W. Bonner went to a location on US 64-264, west of Manteo, with Deputy Duvall at about 2:10 P.M. on February 20. There he found Mr. Creef's body in a shallow ditch along the side of the road.

The trooper said he discussed with Charles Fearing an accident the night of February 19 in which Malcolm Fearing's 1972 Mercedes-Benz was damaged. He said Charles Fearing said he was traveling on US 64-264 about 8 P.M. when a girl in the back seat became sick. He said he (Fearing) reached under the car seat, obtained a towel and turned around to hand it to the sick person. "About that time the windshield exploded," the trooper quoted the driver as saying.

Continuing his testimony, the trooper said Fearing told him he

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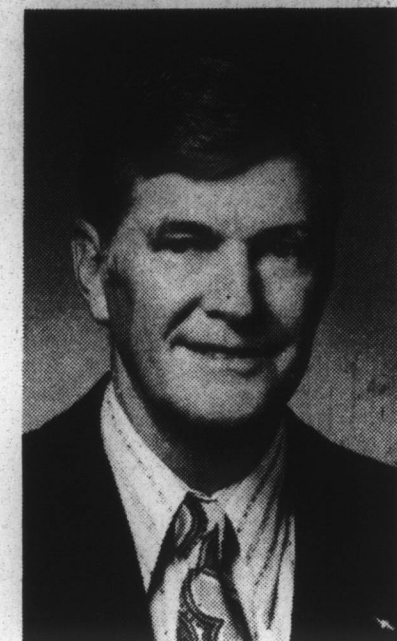
Hurt Farmers

While sympathizing with the plight of striking independent truckers, John Sledge, president of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation, said their action is seriously hurting many of the state's independent family farmers.

Sledge indicated that the work stoppage of independent truckers has created a problem of near "crisis proportions" for produce farmers. "The next several days," he said, "are critical to perishable agricultural commodities such as cucumbers, squash, potatoes and tomatoes that are ready for harvest. Farmers desperately need transportation in this critical harvest period to prevent losses in income of millions of dollars."

The farm leader emphasized that this loss will also mean escalating prices for consumers.

Sledge said independent truckers need to be aware that they are not hurting the Department of Energy or the Department of Agriculture. "Instead, they are creating hardships, not only on independent farmers, but on those independent truckers who desire to continue working but are afraid to do so because of threats of violence and vandalism."



J. C. Jones

Advisory Service Plan Developed

Three state agencies have developed a joint plan for providing advisory services to fishermen and other marine interests.

The plan involves the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, the Office of Marine Affairs in the Department of Administration and the Sea Grant College of the University of North Carolina.

Joe Grimsley, secretary of the Department of Administration, and Dr. B. J. Copeland, director of Sea Grant, said they have agreed to provide funds that the Extension Service will use to employ a director for a total marine advisory services program for North Carolina.

Dr. T. C. Blalock, state extension director, said the person selected for this responsibility is J. C. Jones. Jones is a veteran extension worker, who has been on leave for the past two years as director of the office of Marine Affairs.

His new assignment will be

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Pre-Holiday Sales Event Set

With July 4th coming in the middle of the week, Edenton businesses are participating in a three-day pre-holiday sales event which is expected to attract shoppers from throughout Northeastern North Carolina.

The sales event is sponsored by the Merchants Committee of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce. Twenty-three businesses and The Chowan Herald are involved.

A 10-page circular is being distributed to more than 13,000 residences to promote the pre-holiday event which begins today (Thursday). John Smith of The Herald staff was sales coordinator for the supplement which is being distributed through the newspaper, by direct mail and hand delivered to residences in Edenton, Hertford and Windsor.

Participants include: P&Q Supermarket, Belk-Tyler, Jay's Clothiers, Little Rascals Daycare, Goodyear Tire Center, Parker-Evans Hardware, Quinn Furniture Co., P. H. Rose, Mit-chener's Pharmacy, Griffin's Musicenter, and WCDJ.

Also, Elliott Company, Western Auto, Jackson's Radio & TV, Davis Jewelers, Hollowell & Blount Rexall, La Dall Distributors, Ross-Riddick Jewelers, Carpet and Appliance Plaza, Byrum Hardware, WBXB, BB Furniture Outlet and George Chevrolet.

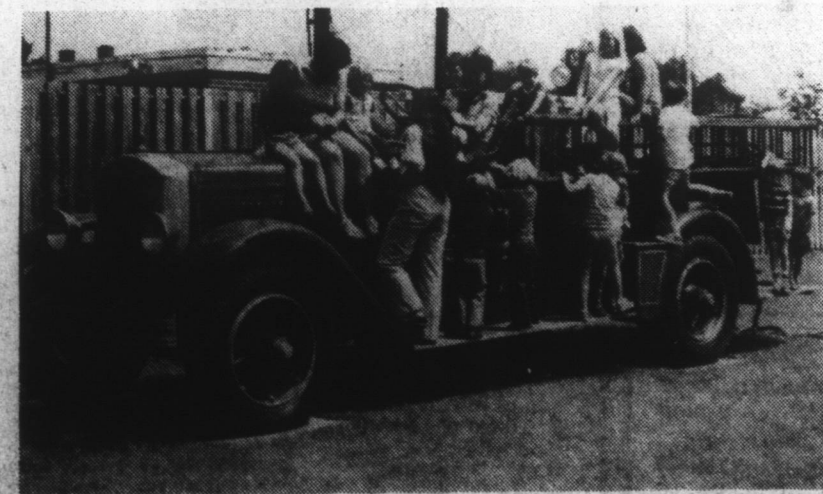
Upgrade Facility

Albemarle Electric Membership Corp., has upgraded its Edenton Substation to the point of doubling the capacity. This allows the cooperative to shift a heavy loan from the Winfall Substation to Edenton.

Some \$63,000 has been spent in the past two months on three new regulators, and four high capacity transformers.

The work at the Edenton Substation was authorized because the station was nearing the maximum levels which it could carry.

"These improvements are being made to fit into the overall work plan so that we can continue to provide you with the service which you need," it was stated in a recent newsletter to customers.



PLENTY OF ACTION — The newest action scene in Edenton is the old Reo fire truck which has been placed in Colonial Park, on Water Street, next to the Municipal Building. Among those enjoying the retired apparatus recently was Mrs. Faye Hampton, in driver's seat, and children from her Little Rascals Daycare. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)



ROASTER AND ROASTEE — J. Gilliam Wood, left, was one of about a dozen local citizens who delighted in "roasting" John A. Mitchener, Jr., during WCDJ's first annual businessman's roast. In the center is Terry Jones, a WCDJ official. Nearly 200 people attended the event June 21 at Edenton Jaycee Community Building.

Elected To Post

E. N. (Pete) Manning, 216 West Eden Street, has been elected chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections. Mrs. Opal Kehayes is secretary and Mrs. Novella P. Wilson is the third member.

The board has accepted the resignation of Mrs. Corrine Thorud as director of elections. A replacement has not been named and Mrs. Thorud has agreed to serve until such time as a replacement can be secured.

Manning and Mrs. Wilson recently replaced Robert Harrell and Mrs. Sadie Hoskins as Democratic Party members on the board. Harrell is immediate past board chairman.