

Detention Facility Opens July 1

Housing of male prisoners at the Chowan County Detention Facility will begin July 1 and applications for three jailers and a jail supervisor will be accepted beginning in about two weeks. Chowan County Commissioners, at their meeting on Monday, agreed with Cliff Copeland, county manager, and Sheriff Troy Toppin that it is economically feasible to use the new facility.

In a report, Copeland told the board, "A comparison of the operating costs of the new Chowan County Detention Facility versus the Tri-County Jail leads to the

conclusion that it is economically feasible to operate the facility and that the community will benefit from its operation in terms of increased provision of deputy patrolling, investigation and such."

The commissioners approved a \$78,919 first year budget for the jail. The projected expenditures were based on an average daily prisoner population of 11 persons, or 85 per cent occupancy rate. The two greatest cost factors will be salaries totaling \$35,389, and food service, totaling \$24,090.

Copeland said original

estimates of the operating costs were placed at \$138,000, but through careful analysis, cuts of almost \$59,000 were made possible.

Revenues generated from jailer fees and state reimbursements will total \$14,040. In addition, possible acquisition of a Law Enforcement Assistance Administration grant could cut county costs by \$9500.

By comparison, over the year it would cost the county \$45,200 to continue to use Tri-County Jail. Copeland pointed, too, that since the daily prisoner population from

Chowan County has increased from two to eleven persons and because the county did not participate in funding of Tri-County Jail, problems could arise in continuing to use the Pasquotank facility.

Continued use of Tri-County Jail for housing female prisoners was included in the projected expenditures. Because the county seldom has a single female prisoner, much less two, it was deemed undesirable to hire a matron and sacrifice two cells.

The additional space for male prisoners may mean the county is able to accept prisoners from other counties, thereby producing more revenue for operation of the jail.



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County Aid Sought For Program

Final approval to lease a 10-acre tract for a softball field was given by the Town Council, Tuesday night, at the same time it directed its representative on the Recreation Board to discuss possible formation of a countywide recreation commission as an initial step in getting Chowan County financially involved.

Discussion of the lease, involving use of a site on U. S. 17 Business formerly a drive-in movie theater, hit a sore spot when councilman Gil Burroughs cited his opposition to the town taxpayers bearing the full cost of the recreation program when county residents are enjoying it for free.

Terming it a "gross imbalance", Burroughs said he objected to further expenditures "without exhausting every possible means of getting county funds."

"As it presently stands, every county resident living in town contributes \$6.50 to every resident outside of town" for participation in the recreation program. Citing the popularity of local softball, he said it would be a good opportunity to get the county involved.

Councilman J. P. Ricks commented, "Either the town produces the program or it isn't produced at all seems to be the situation."

Councilman Allen Hornthal, the representative on the Recreation Board, suggested turning recreation administration over to a commission rather than have it continue solely as a department of the Town of Edenton.

"We need the facilities," he said, "but the funds are just not there." He went on to say it has been proven that at least half of the participants are from outside of the city limits.

Burroughs pointed out, "We are looking at significant, future expenditures in which town taxpayers will be bearing the burden of the entire county."

Mayor Roy L. Harrell said the town's alternatives are to continue in the present form, approach the

county commissioners, cut services or restrict participation to Edenton residents only. The latter alternative was viewed as unacceptable.

"Until the county commissioners get some feeling for our young people," the mayor said, "we will have to continue to bear the burden."

Hornthal said the situation was discussed by the Recreation Board about two months ago and the general feeling was that whatever actions are taken must be taken from a positive, productive standpoint rather than a negative one. He said formation of a commission would give the county its share of control over the program.

Tar River Communications, a Tarboro-based cable television firm, has verbally approved several changes in a proposed agreement with the Town of Edenton. Council agreed to hold an additional meeting to do a line-

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Jury Determines Ervin Innocent

A Washington County jury cleared Michael L. Ervin of all remaining charges in his CETA funds embezzlement trial, last Friday. The jury deliberated about two hours before returning the verdicts to Judge John Russell Jolly, Jr.

Ervin was originally charged with 11 counts including forgery and uttering, embezzlement and obtaining property by false pretense. The charges grew out of a state investigation into mishandling of Comprehensive Education and Training Act funds by the Eastern N. C. Opportunities Industrialization Center.

Four charges of forgery and uttering were dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence and not guilty verdicts were returned in the remaining charges including four counts of embezzlement, two counts of false pretense and one county of forgery.

Fishermen Rescued By Family

A Catawba County family rescued two local men from the frigid waters of the Chowan River last Sunday.

Clyde Marshall Cline of Newton is credited with saving Norman Nixon, 60, and his cousin, Archie Nixon from drowning on Easter Sunday. Earlier the Cline family had been fishing near Murfreesboro but because of the lack



WINNERS IN LIVESTOCK EVENT — Randy Lowe, third from the right in bottom photo, exhibited the champion individual hog in Tuesday's Junior Livestock Show and Sale at the American Legion Fairgrounds. Other place winners in individual hog competition from the left are: Donna Pippins, sixth place; Crystal Stallings, seventh place; William Nixon, fourth place; Walter Byrum, third place; Richard Cox, second place; Lowe; Andy Hare, eighth place; and Darryl Stallings, fifth place. Krista Hare, in top photo, exhibited the champion steer while David Hare, not pictured, exhibited the reserve champion.

Ward, Lowe And Hare Take Top Awards

Ivey Ward won both the Fitting and Showmanship contest for hogs and the Fitting and Showmanship contest for steers in the 1980 Chowan County Junior Livestock Show held Tuesday.

The total sale price of the seven steers and 45 hogs came to \$14,570. Last year the total sale value was \$14,835. The hogs this year sold for an average of \$86.33 above market price. In 1979 the average above market price per head for hogs was \$83.38. The steers sold for \$3348 above market price, while the same number of steers sold for \$3234 above market price in 1979.

"Our business men paid more above market price for both steers and hogs than in 1979. We think that this is mighty fine and surprising support," commented Murray Goodwin, Agricultural Extension Agent and Mike Hare, Teacher of Vocational Agriculture, directors of the show

and sale.

Randy Lowe exhibited the Champion individual hog which sold for \$1.45 per pound and was purchased by S & R Super Market. S & R also purchased the Champion Steer for \$1.40 per pound. This champion was exhibited by Krista Hare.

The Champion pen of three hogs was proudly owned by Walter Byrum and was bought by C. A. Perry and Son and Central Fertilizer for 65 cents per pound.

The Reserve Champion Individual hog was shown by 10 year old Richard Cox and this Hampshire market pig was bought by Hobbs Implement at \$1.10. The Reserve Champion Pen of Three was exhibited by William Nixon and was bid off by Valhalla Produce at 80 cents.

David Hare, brother of Krista, had the Reserve Champion Steer and this fine animal sold for \$1.20 and was bought by C. A. Perry and Son and Central Fertilizer.

Other winners in Fitting and Showmanship Contest for hogs were Walter Byrum, 2nd place; Darrell Stallings, 3rd place and Anna Goodwin, 4th place.

In the Fitting and Showmanship Contest for steers, 2nd place was

won by Krista Hare; 3rd place, David Jordan; 4th place, Debbie Ward and 5th place, Harriett Winslow.

The third Individual Hog was shown by Walter Byrum and was bought by Baker Hog Market. The third place steer was paraded by Harriett Winslow and was bought by Central Fertilizer and C. A. Perry and Son. The third place pen of three was shown by 11 year old David Hare and this lot was bought by Chowan Storage.

There will be more about the show and sale in next week's paper.

Registration Set For Kindergarten

Children who will be five years old on or before October 16 are eligible to enroll in a kindergarten program for the 1980-81 school year. Kindergarten registration for Edenton-Chowan Schools will be held next week in two locations.

White Oak School registration will be held from 8:30 to 1:00 on April 15. D. F. Walker School will hold its registration on April 16th from 8:30 to 1:00 in the school's

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Two Escape Serious Injury

Two motorists were treated at Chowan Hospital and released Friday following an accident at the intersection of US 17-Business and bypass. They were identified as Mrs. Elaine Jones of Virginia Beach, Va., and James Ed Overton, Route 3, Edenton.

State Trooper Pat Mitchell issued a citation to Mrs. Jones for driving on the wrong side of the road.

The trooper said the 4:45 accident occurred when Mrs. Jones' 1979 Buick slowed behind vehicles which had decreased speed in front of her to allow a car to make a turn. The Jones vehicle slid into the path of the oncoming Overton car.

Mrs. Jones, according to Trooper Mitchell, escaped serious injury when the door of her car flew open at impact causing her to be dragged a distance of 80 feet.

The motorists were transported to Chowan Hospital by Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

Public Parade

Dear Governor

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., was scheduled to meander along the Public Parade for a short time Wednesday afternoon while on a whistle stop tour of Northeastern North Carolina. The advance notices said the Chowan River would be the focal point. In fact, he scheduled a brief cruise to inspect the river which has been about rendered useless.

Due to this newspaper's printing schedule it was not possible to cover the events in this week's edition. We are, however, writing this open letter.

Dear Governor:

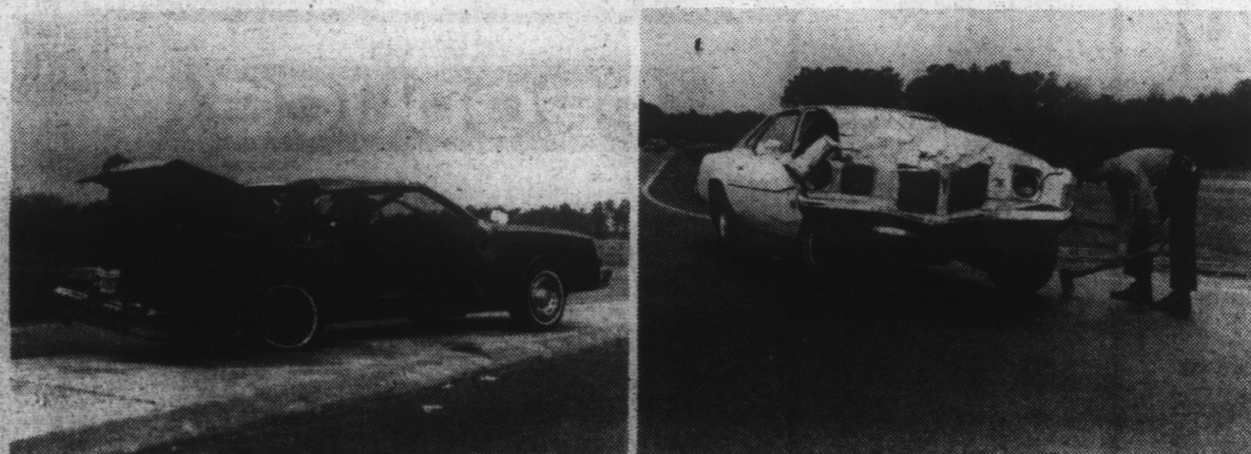
Welcome back to the Cradle of the Colony, home of the Chowan River and populated by some of the finest people on the face of this earth. Their rallying point is preservation not restoration.

The natives have become restless. Their river has not been preserved; neglect by those who had the charge to protect it fell asleep at the switch. The great, great damage done has brought about an urgent need for restoration.

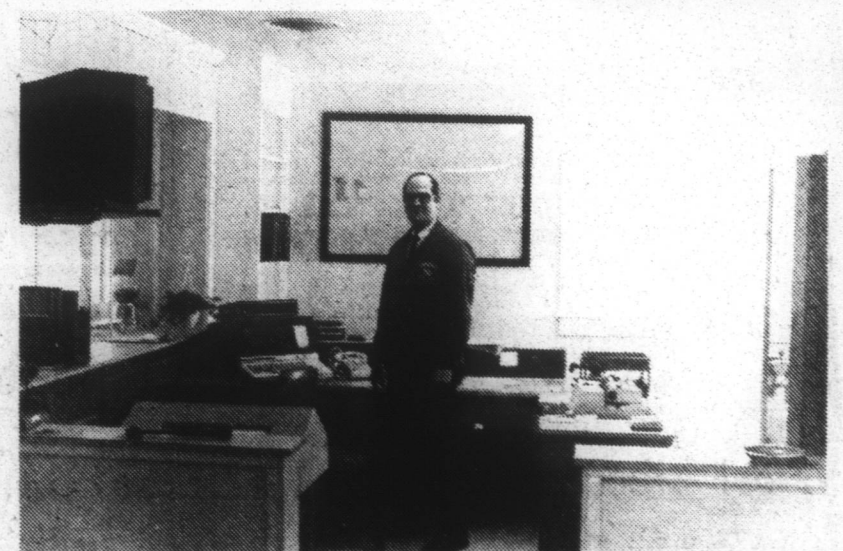
Those in the Tar Heel portion of the Chowan River Basin — even into the reaches of Albemarle Sound — are confident today that your administration has a sincere commitment to restore water quality in the Chowan. It has resulted, many believe, via a painful civics lesson. Some have even hinted that politics are involved.

Governor, those close to the heartbeat are breathing much easier than 18 months ago when

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ESCAPE SERIOUS INJURIES — A Virginia Beach resident and an Edenton man escaped serious injury in an accident at the intersection of U. S. 17 Bypass and business. Mrs. Elaine Jones of Virginia Beach, Va., was charged with a violation after colliding with a vehicle driven by James Ed Overton of Route 3. The Jones vehicle is shown at left and State Trooper P. J. Mitchell is shown with the Overton vehicle at right.



NEW POLICE STATION — Chief J. D. Parrish is shown in the new headquarters of the Edenton Police Department on West Water Street. The building, which was owned by J. H. Conger and Son before purchase by the Town of Edenton, underwent extensive renovation before the move was made. The former police headquarters at the Municipal Building will become the billing payment office for the town.