



## Public Parade

### Harmony Needed

The death July 14 of Lester T. Copeland shocked those who meander along the Public Parade. It also left a vacancy on Chowan County Board of Commissioners, and a blank on the November ballot.

Responsibility for filling both gaps lies with two groups - the county commissioners and the Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. Copeland's current four-year term runs until December 1 and his colleagues must fill the vacancy. A replacement for him on the November ballot is to be named by the Executive Committee.

The same person should be both appointed and nominated. Harmony is needed.

It is an open secret that C.A. Phillips, commission chairman, and N.J. George, committee chairman, have been politically crossed up for years. It was, however, Mr. Phillips who suggested that Mr. George be appointed to the county board to fill the unexpired term of W.E. Bond in 1970. Mr. George had just won a primary election for the First Township seat.

Chowan County needs a lot of things; but not a four-month county commissioner. The inability of the commissioners and Democratic Party leaders could cause an unnecessary rift in November via a write-in campaign.

After December 1 there will be no female representation on any publicly elected board or commission along the Public Parade. Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, the "token woman" on Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, chose not to seek re-election.

It would be wise, in our opinion, for the appointee-nominee from the Third Township on Chowan County Board of Commissioners to be a woman. It would be a first, but one which can be easily justified. This can, however, come about only through open communication and shared counsel between commissioners and officers in the Democratic Party.

Mr. Phillips controls the county board; Mr. George enjoys like standing in the Democratic Party. The awesome responsibility both face at this time could be the vehicle which could result in restoration of mutual confidence, respect and understanding among these two community stalwarts.

A "we'll show 'em" attitude is certainly unnecessary. Not only is it unnecessary, it just wouldn't be a display of proper respect for Mr. Copeland. He'd want harmony. The two groups can give it to the community, in his memory.

### Splendid Work

Another chapter has been closed in the remarkable history of the Tri-County Career Education Center along the Public Parade. A major part of the credit for development of this unique educational program must surely go to Kenneth L. Stalls.

Mr. Stalls returns to his job of vocational education in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties after a two-year stint as director of the TCCEC Feasibility Study. The results of his leadership in the temporary assignment is borne out by the fact that a three-year study was completed a full 12 months ahead of schedule.

This newspaper has supported the TCCEC concept from its inception. However, we did not support Mr. Stalls' appointment to the study directorship. We have the utmost respect for his ability, but felt he would be "too close to the fire" to develop a completely objective, let alone saleable report. He proved us wrong.

Mr. Stalls wasted little time in mastering the bureaucratic lingo and as his encore he left a \$25,000 Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation

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J. Gilliam Wood

## Environmentalists Consider Lawsuit

The former chairman of the State Board of Natural Resources and Community Development has crossed up with the Hunt Administration over attempts to improve water quality in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound.

J. Gilliam Wood of Hayes Plantation now has assumed an adversary position and convened a group here Thursday where there was strong discussion of a possible class action suit. He said he sees such action as plausible if it is legal.

Ranking representatives of the N.C. Wildlife Federation, N.C. Fisherman's Association, Sierra Club and Conservation Council of North Carolina, heard Wood proclaim that to focus on the

Chowan River and CF Industries is "over-simplification of the vast water quality problem in North Carolina."

"The people on the state level are just not doing their job," he declared. "By some means we have got to make the State of North Carolina more sensitive environmentally," he added.

"Take it to your people," he told the representatives. "We must start a statewide campaign to clean up our waters."

Charlie Shaw of the wildlife federation; Vince Bellis of Greenville, a ranking member of conservation agencies; and Ross Boyer of fisherman's association, agreed to assist local efforts.

Boyer came armed with a

petition bearing more than 700 signatures in opposition to extending the permit of CF Industries. He was the most vocal regarding court action. "We are a little short of cash because this has been a slow year," he said. "But we'll do our part."

Bellis said everyone must pull together because basically everyone is a contributor. He said the built-up on the bottom of the river and sound goes back as much as 100 years and came from agriculture and forestry before industry. "It will take 25 to 30 years to clean itself out," he estimated.

Boyer said, however, the state's

inaction is putting fishermen out of business. "This is as far as we are going," he said the group should tell the state. "We're ready to take some action."

Wood said he recently told Murray Nixon, Chowan County fishery executive, that he felt more comfortable sitting out in the audience than "up front trying to help sell what the state has been trying to sell."

There has been no public response to Wood's letter of resignation to Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. In the March 6 letter, Wood said for many months he had been "dismayed and often

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## Scientists Assessing River Research

Seven scientists from federal environmental research facilities across the nation gathered Monday in the Research Triangle Park to begin a two-week assessment of research on the Chowan River algae problem.

Douglas Costle, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, assembled the Chowan River Review Committee in response to a request from Gov. Jim Hunt. The committee will report its findings and recom-

mendations to Gov. Hunt and Gov. John Dalton of Virginia.

Howard N. Lee, secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, said, "we welcome these top scientists from across the nation. We expect their evaluation of our restoration program to help us move as quickly as possible to clean up this great river."

Lee said Alec Little, deputy administrator for EPA Region IV,

based in Atlanta, and Dr. Al Morris, deputy administrator for EPA Region III, headquartered in Philadelphia, will be co-chairmen of the committee. He also pointed out that representatives from the environmental agencies for North Carolina and Virginia will join the panel of scientists.

Lee cited three principal tasks the committee will face:

- To determine the technical adequacy of the existing data base and study results relative to the best approach for solving the algae bloom problem in the tidal portion of the Chowan River.

- To review the existing bi-state institutional arrangement and develop recommendations for modifications that encourage closer coordination.

- To make specific recommendations for any additional scientific evaluation necessary to support regulatory controls.

The committee will visit the

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## Party Executives To Discuss Commissioner Replacement

Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee will meet Monday night to discuss the selection of a person to replace the late Lester T. Copeland on the November ballot as county commissioner from Third Township. N.J. George, chairman, said the meeting is set for 7 o'clock at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant.

Mr. Copeland died suddenly July 14. At the time of his death he was completing a four-year term on the county board. He was seeking a second term without opposition.

Under state law the Executive Committee of the nominees party is to select a replacement to go on the ballot.

However, it is the responsibility

of Chowan County commissioners to appoint a person to serve the unexpired term - which runs until December 1. It is not known whether or not such an appointment will be considered at the board's regular meeting on August 4.

There are apparently four men currently being considered by the 21-member Democratic Executive Committee. One source listed them as Harry Lee Winslow, H. Ivey Ward and Jimmy Hare. Ward lost to Copeland in the 1976 election after David Bateman chose not to seek re-election.

Earlier in the week three women were said to be under consideration. They were: Mrs. Kay

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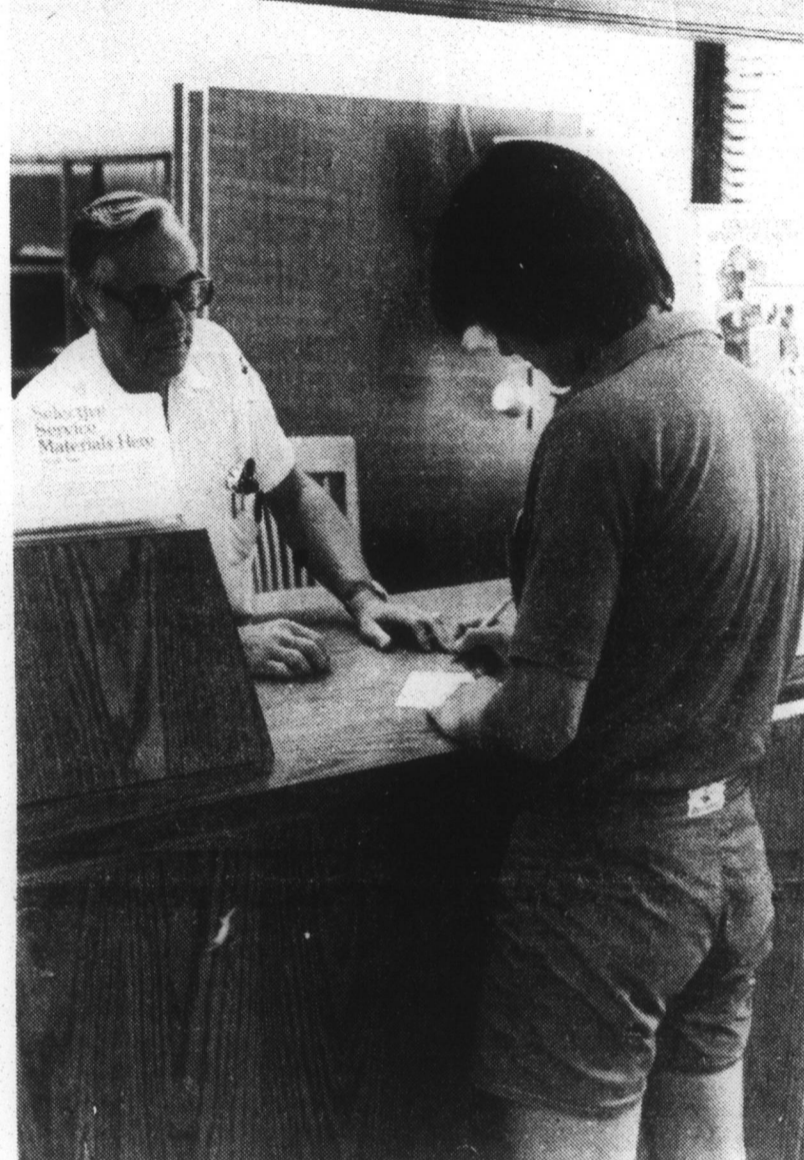
## Law Proposal Is Debated

A proposed change in the classification of Albemarle Sound, west of Highway 32 bridge, which would require fishing license was attacked here July 16 at a hearing in the old Chowan County Courthouse. Speaker after speaker spoke against the proposal and before the hearing adjourned it was turned into a discussion of water quality.

Connell, Purvis, director, Division of Marine Fisheries, restated his position that every agency should cooperate in cleaning up Albemarle Sound, Chowan River and all Tar Heel waters. He said if corrective action is not begun soon his department will be out of business. "Our business is to manage fisheries and without fish to manage we are out of business," he said.

Purvis made similar remarks recently to Chowan County commissioners. He said press accounts of his statements created a small furor in Raleigh. However, he said he stands pat on his ob-

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DRAFT REGISTRATION UNDERWAY — Young men such as David Rea, shown in photo above, are registering for the draft during the week of July 28. Forms are available at post offices across the United States. About 4-million Americans born in 1960-1961 are affected by the federal legislation passed this year.

## Draft Registration Begun

Young men who were born in 1960 are going to post offices in Chowan County and throughout the United States this week, registering for the draft. Those born in 1961 must register the week of July 28.

There are approximately 4-million Americans in this age group who must register in the peacetime draft, under federal legislation passed earlier this summer.

Signup for the draft was ruled illegal Friday by a federal court panel. The U.S. Government is seeking a stay of the ruling pending appeal to the entire Supreme Court.

However, Saturday a Supreme Court justice signed a stay of execution of the order. Authorities said this means the draft signup is proceeding as planned.

Postmaster James M. Bond of the Edenton Post Office, said all post offices have received registration forms which the young men are being asked to complete during this two-week period.

"It doesn't make any difference which post office they go to," he said. "In fact, they don't even have to register in the county."

In addition to Edenton, the other post offices in this county is at Tyner.

Registration forms ask the name, date of birth, Social Security number, address and telephone number. It is estimated that it will take approximately one minute to complete the form.

Failure to register is a felony carrying a maximum penalty of

five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Registering males must also produce some type of identification such as a driver's license or a Social Security card. Females do not have to register under the new law despite President Carter's initial request for a both sex registration.

President Carter has said that registration will allow mobilization of recruits at a 90 to 100 day savings in times of emergency.

The last draft ended in 1975.

## Park Vandals Stir Discussion

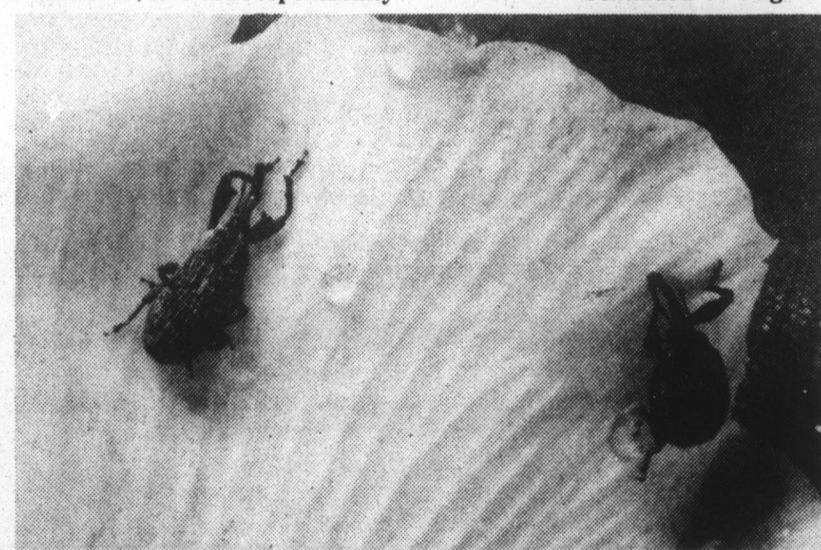
The Town Council is seeking a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee on how to deal with vandalism in the town's several parks.

At a recent meeting, administrator W.B. Gardner said vandals had damaged the restroom facilities at the waterfront park and had dumped trash over the area. Since the park has been open, vandals have thrown two park benches overboard and have stolen all but one of the life rings on the pier.

"At another neighborhood park, we had a whole basketball goal be taken down and disappear," he said. "And that was within a stone's throw of several homes."

Councilman J.P. Ricks said the problem was not confined to town property. Basketball goals on the St. Anne's Catholic Church

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ON THE RUN — First the boll weevil, shown above, was eradicated in cotton in Chowan County. Now the focus of attention is on the boll worm. A two-year worm program is gearing down here but farmers hope a third year can be added to provide more conclusive data.

## Weevils Eradicated Ahead Of Schedule

By L.F. Amburn, Jr.

Chowan County has been the focal point of an extensive boll weevil eradication program which involved cooperation of the federal, state and local government, as well as growers. The last boll weevil was spotted here on June 28, 1978.

Dr. Bob Jones, USDA methods station leader, said Chowan County was singled out a year ahead of the exhausted project in order that techniques could be developed. This led to boll weevil eradication a year ahead of schedule.

A spin off of the project was more participation in an in-

tegrated pest management program aimed at handling the boll worm. "We are trying to show what can be done to get rid of the worm," he said. The end result will be to get production costs back in line through less expense for chemicals.

This is the fourth year of the boll weevil eradication trial in Chowan County, Dr. Jones points out. These experiments have resulted in new technology.

A unique situation arose here in 1979. This was the increase in beneficial insects in the cotton fields. Along with the pest management use of these beneficials, the 1979 experiment

showed that environmentally safe microbial insecticides, chemical ovicides, or reduced amounts of pyrethroids could successfully control the boll worm infestations.

Also, the release of sterile boll weevils over the cotton acreage area was a major program activity, Dr. Jones noted. This release was done by distributing the sterile weevils evenly over the cotton fields by airplane. The distribution was similar to aerial application of pesticides.

This type release proved costly and its effectiveness was questioned. This year the objective is to test the efficacy of

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