

Starting Young

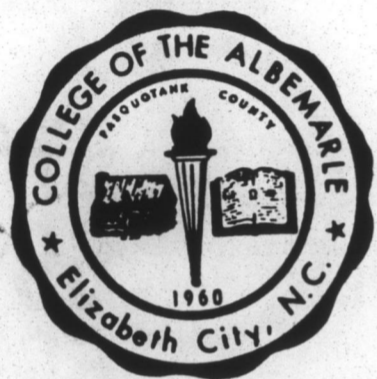
The assassination attempt on President Reagan has brought new focus to the question of gun control. Guns aren't the only killer weapons along the Public Parade or throughout the United States.

Automobiles rank high in the list of deaths. An automobile can be as deadly as a loaded gun if it has a nut behind the wheel. Sure, it won't happen to you because you know the rules of the road. Yea, but how about the other guy?

Knives are also playing an increasing role in homicides. A young Negro man was fatally wounded recently on North Oakum Street. The defendant admits he intended to cut the victim, but he didn't expect to deal a fatal blow.

The whole sorry mess of the lack of value on human life was illustrated in mid-April at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School. There was a dispute among Sixth Graders and the threat of "I'm going to kill you" was overheard. Kid's talk? Hardly. The following day a butcher knife was taken from the young student who made the threat.

In our sick society we seem to be starting younger in establishing values, or lack of values, which will be with us for many, many years to come. Any way you paint it, the picture isn't pretty.



Partnership Forged

It is difficult to believe that College of The Albemarle was only four years old when he started meandering along the Public Parade. Sixteen fruitful years have passed, and we can only hope that this newspaper's contribution to the community can be favorably judged with COA.

In November, 1964, Chowan County was in the service area of COA, a community college headquarters in the Isle of Pasquotank. The only thing visible by COA was a sign leaning against a tree on Base Road, near Edenton Municipal Airport. This is all changed.

Dr. Bruce Petteway started things rolling towards a real community college for the seven county area. However, he never enjoyed a real partnership with the neighboring counties. When he moved up to N. C. Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount a young educator, little known outside the immediate vicinity of COA, was chosen president.

We didn't know this Dr. Parker Chesson. Even worse, we didn't feel a homegrown man (Perquimans County) could overcome some of the regional scars left behind by Dr. Petteway. Never before have we been proven so totally wrong.

Dr. Chesson's leadership has made the difference for COA, the Albemarle Area and even all of Coastal Tar Heelia. And Sunday at 2 P.M. when the new facilities are dedicated he will not want to accept his share of the credit.

COA has earned its dues in service to Northeastern North Carolina. It can be compared to another first in this country, the 1584 attempt to settle the first



Mrs. Lueta Sellers

Mrs. Lueta Sellers Chairs Committee

Mrs. Lueta Sellers, Montpelier Acres, is the new chairman of Chowan County's Democratic Party Executive Committee. She and other officers were elected Saturday afternoon during the convention held at the Courthouse.

Mrs. Sellers succeeds N. J. George who did not seek reelection. George served for two years.

Some 100 delegates and party faithfuls crowded into the courtroom for the 1 P. M. convention.

A. C. Hudson was elected first vice chairman. He had served this past year as second vice chairman and moved up when Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd asked not to be considered for another term.

R. M. (Pete) Thompson was elected second vice chairman and Terry Williams was re-elected as third vice chairman.

Diana Granby was elected secretary and Warren Twiddy, treasurer.

After the election, Mrs. Sellers was named as Chowan's representative on the State Executive Committee.

"Participation is the name of the game," George reported, expressing his delight with the number of delegates at the convention as well as precinct meeting in March. He also cited good registration and voting.

The outgoing chairman was successful in getting a three-pronged resolution passed which would change the complexion of county government. It calls for township election of commissioners, equal population in

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Imported Peanuts No Threat To Price Support Program

WASHINGTON, D. C. — President Reagan's recent action to increase the temporary authorization for additional peanuts during the marketing year ending July 31 will help insure the needs of the food industry can be met until new supplies are available from this year's harvest, according to Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block.

Block said Reagan's proclamation to temporarily raise the peanut import quota for 1981

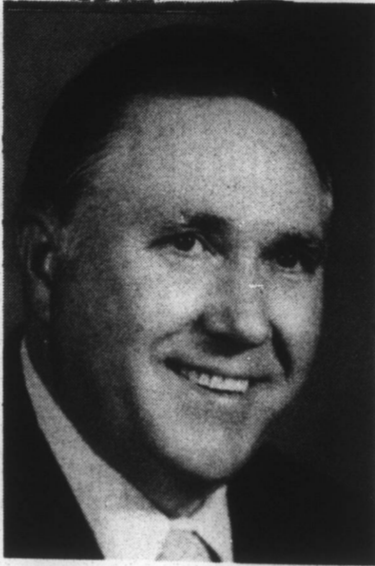
from 200-million to 300-million pounds, shelled basis, was taken on the basis of an International Trade Commission recommendation.

In order to ensure greater supplies of peanuts for the domestic market this year, the regular annual peanut import quota of 1,709,000 pounds, was relaxed last December, allowing for additional imports of 200-million pounds, Block said.

Block said the increased import authorization would not cause interference with the domestic price support program because the special quota will expire before the new crop comes on the market and current high prices will discourage stockpiling of these imports peanuts.

Foreign supplies of exportable peanuts remain relatively limited, he said. Normally, the United States is the world's largest peanut exporter.

Any peanuts imported under the special quota must meet U. S. grade and sanitary standards and are subject to inspection at ports of entry, Block said.



Sen. J. J. Harrington

Dem Women Set Meeting

A district meeting of Democratic Women will be held at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant on May 16. The meeting will be hosted by the Chowan County Democratic Women, headed by Mrs. Emily G. Amburn and begins at 10:00 A. M.

State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston will be among the guest speakers. Sen. Harrington is chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee. Also scheduled to speak is Dr. Janice Faulkner, executive secretary of the N. C. Democratic Executive Committee.

Ruth Starnes, president of N. C. Democratic Women, and Betty Spear, first vice president, will also attend.

A dutch luncheon will be served. Reservations are desired and can be made by calling Mrs. Lib Layton, 482-3637 or Mrs. Imogene Byrum, 221-4410.

Charge Dismissed

A charge of death by motor vehicle was dismissed Tuesday against Willie Privott, 47-year-old Negro, Route 1, Edenton. However, Judge John T. Chaffin gave him a nine-month active sentence for driving while his license was revoked. Privott gave notice of appeal.

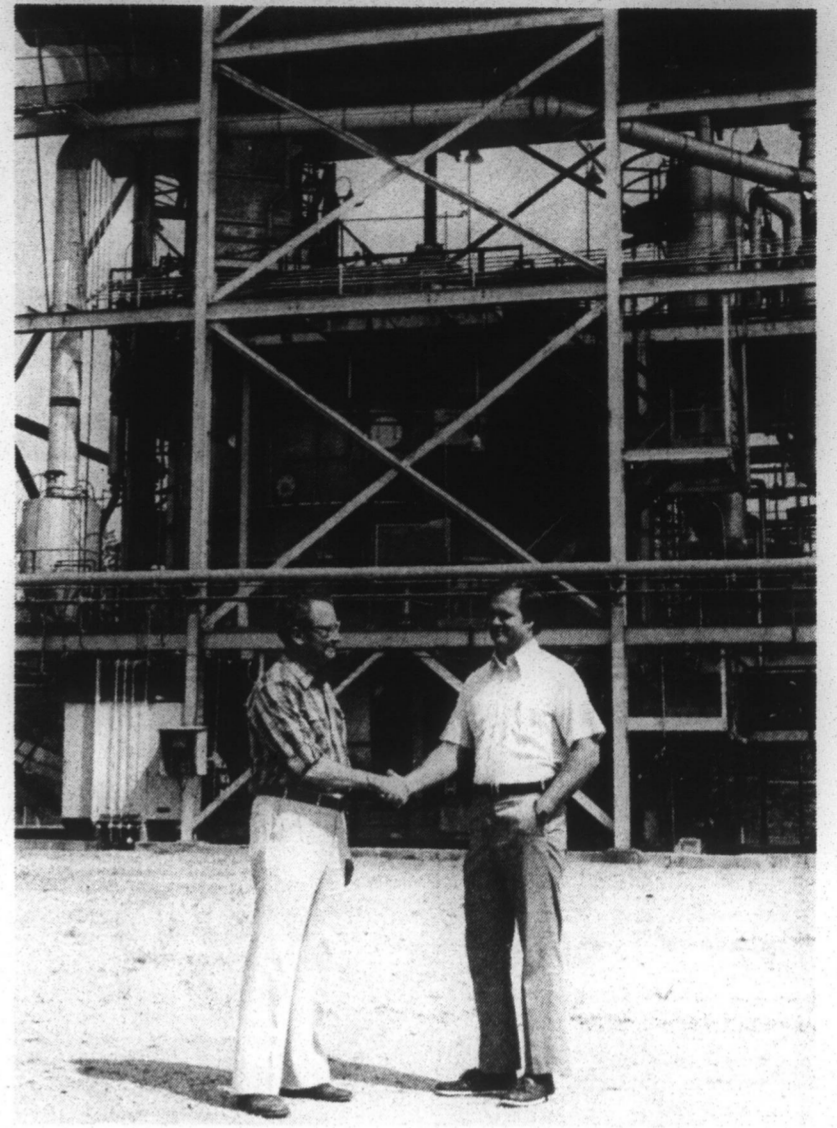
Privott was arrested on February 3 following the death of Charlie Percy Leary at the intersection of Granville and Albemarle streets. Leary was riding a bicycle at the time of the incident.

W. T. Culpepper, III, defense attorney, argued successfully that the prosecutor had failed to sufficiently link Privott with the crime. In allowing the motion to dismiss, Judge Chaffin stated that while it was a serious charge the "state just couldn't connect it up."

Culpepper had no defense against the driving while license revoked charge. He did note, however, that while Privott has a lengthy driving record there were no alcohol related offenses.

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CHANGES AT AVOCA — Franklin O. Sellers, right, has been promoted to operations manager at the Avoca Division of R. J. Reynolds Development Corporations. John W. Stallings is manager of agronomic methods and research. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

Two Appointed To Posts

WINSTON-SALEM — John W. Stallings has been appointed manager, agronomic methods and research, at the Avoca Division of RJR Technical Company, an operating unit of the newly formed R. J. Reynolds Development Corporation. He is a native of Windsor.

Stallings, who has a BS degree in agronomy from N. C. State University, is responsible for developing methods to increase crop yield.

Franklin O. Sellers has been promoted to operations manager and is responsible for all plant and

farm operations and administration. He is a native of Vero Beach, Fla., and has a BS in chemical engineering from the University of Florida. Sellers was previously plant manager.

Larry A. Armbruster, a native of Bridgeport, Ohio, has been named budgeting and financial analysis manager. He has a BS in business administration from Ohio University. Armbruster had

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Herring Run This Sunday

Runners, serious and otherwise, will gather Sunday afternoon on Water Street in front of the Courthouse Green for the third annual Great Herring Run. The Tidewater Strider Sanctioned Event begins at 2 o'clock.

All participants who preregistered are asked to be at the Courthouse Green by 1:30 o'clock. Others should check in at 1 o'clock.

Events include 10,000 meters (6.2 miles); 5,000 meters (3.1 miles) and a one-mile fun run. The route will be through Hayes Plantation, mostly dirt road.

Registration fee is \$6 for the 10,000 meters and 5,000 meters; and \$4 for the fun run.

The event is divided into age groups. Refreshments will be provided after the race.

The proceeds will go to the American Heart Association.

Sponsors include: Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Little Rascals Day Care, Hampton Plumbing, Tarheel Bank & Trust Company, Coca-Cola of Elizabeth City, Chowan Medical Center, Bank of North Carolina, Edenton Cotton Mills, and Chowan Hospital.

ALOA Banquet

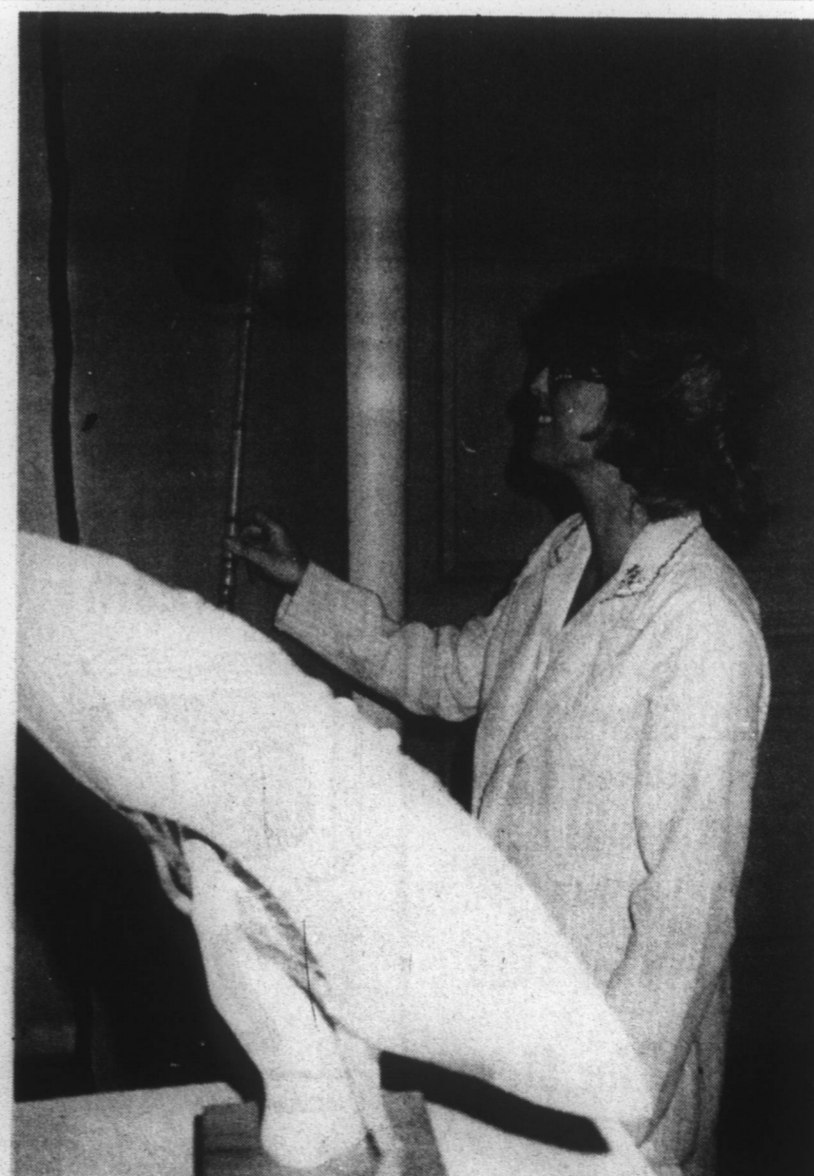
The annual spring dinner meeting of Albemarle Law & Order Association will be held May 15 at Seafare Restaurant in Nags Head. The announcement was made by Chief W. Clarence Owens of Elizabeth City, president. It begins at 6:30 P. M.

The guest speaker will be Willis E. Murphy, III, district attorney for the Sixth District. Many other federal, state and local officials will be present.

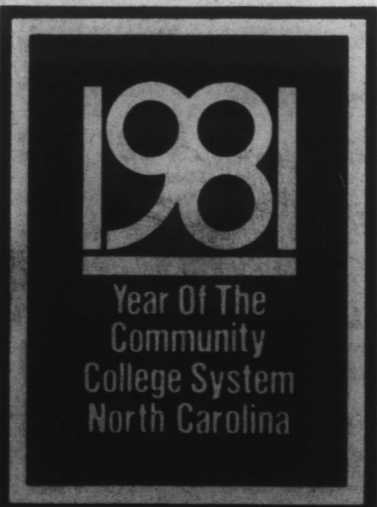
Tickets in the Chowan County area may be obtained from Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court.



CALM AFTER STORM — This photograph was taken from the Panel Room of the Chowan Courthouse on East King Street after Saturday's successful arts and crafts event. Several thousand tourists browsed around the Courthouse Green during the Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton.



FAN EXHIBIT — While historic homes and gardens are the principal focus of the Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton, a fan display in the panel room of Chowan County Courthouse on East King Street was well attended. Mrs. Nancy Morgan is pictured here enjoying the exhibit.



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