

Connell Purvis

Heat And Stuff

Connell Purvis has resigned as director of the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries. An "unrefusable opportunity" surfaced in the midst of unrest among commercial fishing interests.

It is a case where another highly capable state official has been lost to the private sector. While those who have put the heat on the director recently cheer, the state may have lost the best director the division has ever had.

Director Purvis was controversial because he is a doer. His efforts were hampered further by the mere fact that he was a political animal. But his trainer - Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. - stood steadfastly by him recently when more than 4,000 people signed a petition aimed at getting rid of the director.

Connell Purvis didn't succumb to political pressure. He found a graceful way to get out from under the heat. Those who know him best find this to be somewhat out of character. The director does not have the reputation of taking the easy way out.

As a professional fisheries manager, Mr. Purvis was never able to obtain the delicate balance between those who fish for a living and those who do it merely for fun. Because of his training, not by his nature, he would tip to the side of part-time and pleasure fishermen - a stand not popular in coastal Tar Heel.

The director bucked the tide until the "unrefusable opportunity" of going into his own seafood processing business came along. We hope his future is on a solid foundation; moreso than the one on which his critics are based.

Right On Target

People along the Public Parade who responded to the N.C. 2000 citizen questionnaire pretty much fit the mold of those in the mainstream of Tar Heel. The results were published last week and for those who missed the report, responses from Chowan County, as well as throughout the state, put priority on quality education and good jobs.

The third priority along the Public Parade was an adequate, clean water supply. This item wasn't in the top 10 statewide. Adequate protection from crime ranked fourth in Chowan while it was third overall in the state.

Those from Chowan responding gave further priority to a fair system of taxes, adequate, affordable housing, a clean, beautiful and health environment, good roads, efficient state and local governments, and colleges that are affordable and high quality.

Furthermore, the questionnaire asked: "If you had five minutes to spend with the Governor of North Carolina to talk about the future of the state, what else would you say?" Local responding gave equal weight to employment and the economy and education.

The questionnaire, distributed by the Commission on the Future of North Carolina, was distributed in March following a well organized county-by-county plan. R.M. (Pete) Thompson, former Agricultural Extension Service chairman and now a consultant for Peoples Bank & Trust Company, headed local efforts. It is interesting to note the characteristics of the respondents he recruited.

Here's what the average person
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County Schools Hold Social Studies Seminar

The cafeteria at D.F. Walker school was the setting on August 2-4 for the Institute For Political-Legal Education, a secondary social studies program designed "to turn students on to active citizenship."

The three-day seminar, nationally headed by Kitty Wallin of N.J., was coordinated by Clara Boswell and Maxinne Britt, Director of Instruction for the Edenton-Chowan schools. The seminar, attended by social studies teachers in grades 7-12 from John A. Holmes High School, Chowan Jr. High School and the

Edenton-Chowan Alternative School, is designed to expose teachers to more legal and political type material. This is a result of changes which will occur in 1983, when a new social studies sequence of grades K-12 will be instituted with the emphasis on more political and legal education at the secondary level. The biggest changes, however, will be at the high school level.

The seminar focused on one aspect of this type education each day. Monday the focus was on the voter education component. Felix Chambers, chairman of the local

Board of Elections, gave a talk concerning voter rights and voter registration and their importance.

On Tuesday, with the government component being the subject, similar talks were given by E.N. "Pete" Manning of The Chowan Herald, Rep. Charles Evans of Dare Co. and Earl Moore, a representative from the Dept. of Transportation.

Wednesday, the seminar's last day, was spent explaining the legal component. Talks were given by Chief Parrish of the Edenton Police Dept., Sheriff Toppin of the Chowan Co. Sheriff's

Dept., Mike Johnson, the assistant D.A., and also by attorney Chris Bean.

These three components; Voter Education, Government: The Decision Making Process and Individual Rights; were found by national polls conducted by the Institute For Political and Legal Education to be the major areas in which secondary students have insufficient knowledge or skills.

Also, in the past, students from Chowan Co. have participated in State Close-Up and National Close-Up, which gives students a chance to watch the state and

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THREE-DAY SEMINAR HELD—The Institute For Political-Legal Education held a seminar at D.F. Walker cafeteria Aug. 2-4. Its main purpose is helping students receive a better political and legal education at a secondary level. Above left to right are: Maxinne Britt, Director of Instruction for Edenton-Chowan schools and co-ordinator of the seminar; Kitty Wallin, national director of the Institute For Political-Legal Education; Clara Boswell, principal at Edenton-Chowan Alternative School and co-ordinator of the three-day event; and Dr. John Dunn, superintendent of the Edenton-Chowan schools.

County Unemployment Figures Showing Substantial Increase

There was a big jump in unemployment in Chowan County in June, according to figures just released by the N.C. Employment Security Commission. While the figure went from 5.7 per cent in May to 7.7 per cent in June, the county total was significantly below the statewide total of 9.2 per cent.

The unemployment increase in Chowan was the largest by far of any county in the Northeastern sector of the state. The rate declined in Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

"The unemployment rate for June increased in 56 of North Carolina's 100 counties. The jobless rate decreased in 38 and remained the same in six," said Glenn R. Jernigan, chairman of the ESC.

The figures reflect the rise in the statewide total unemployment rate of 9.2 per cent, up from 8.7 per cent in May. The national unadjusted rate for June was 9.8 per cent and in May it was 9.1 per cent.

Jernigan said, "A major contribution to the increase comes from the annual influx of students from schools and colleges who enter or re-enter the labor force."

Forty-five counties registered

double-digit unemployment. Graham County was highest with a rate of 32.1 per cent up from 29.1 in May. ESC's local office in Murphy indicates that a number of firms had temporary layoffs during mid-June. Of Graham's 4,670 labor force, 1,500 were unemployed during the month.

Alleghany County, with the state's lowest unemployment rate of 3.8 per cent, replaced Orange County which held that position for seven consecutive months. Currituck was next lowest with 3.9 per cent followed by Orange County with 4.1 per cent, Wake at 4.2 per cent and Durham at 4.9 per cent.

Assets Above \$50-Million Mark

GATESVILLE — Tarheel Bank & Trust Company posted assets in excess of \$50.7 million on June 30, a new high for the financial institution. The increase was nearly \$7 million over the same period of 1981.

The interim report from the bank showed biggest gains in assets being in the areas of cash and due from banks and loans. The loan portfolio increased nearly \$5 million in the past year.

While the report showed demand deposit down, time deposits and savings increased.

Tarheel Bank was organized here in 1904 and now has branches in Edenton, Lewiston, Winton, Murfreesboro and Ahsokie. Robert E. Lee is chief executive officer and J.K. Wyatt is board chairman. John H. Woolard of Edenton is a member of the general board.

Woolard is chairman of the board in Edenton. Other members are: Dr. Richard N. Hines, Jr., Murray Tynch and T.B.H. Wood. I.R. Self, III, is vice president and city executive and Morris Small is assistant vice president and assistant city executive.

Costs To Increase

There will be an increase in cost to undergo treatment at the Chowan Hospital for next year it was learned Monday.

Johnny Bryan, hospital director, announced Monday morning at a regular session meeting of the Board of Chowan County Commissioners that the expense budget for Fiscal year 1983 call for a 16.5 per cent increase.

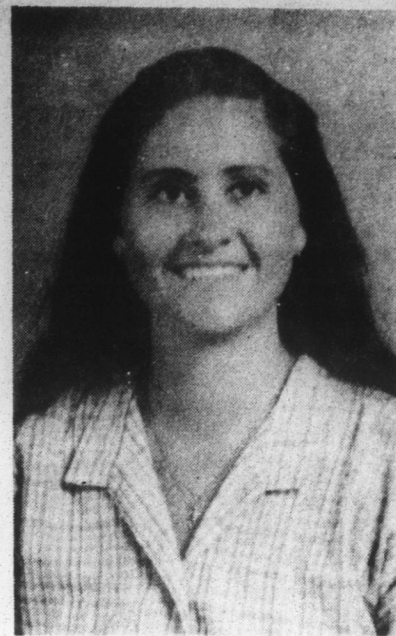
The budget increase would mean that patients in the hospital would have to pay more for services in all areas of the hospital. The accepted increase is \$879,887 more than this year's budget of \$5,335,138. Next year's budget is \$6,215,025. Bryan also stated that there would be a salary raise of four per cent average.

In other action the Board: Approved a request from residents on S.R. 1237 (Rob Byrum - Harrell Cottage Road) to have the road paved.

Approved the school system's capitol improvement project.

Approved authorization to execute an agreement with the Forestry Service paying 35 per cent of the cost which is \$17,000 for this Fiscal year.

Heard the annual from the District Attorney's office.



Terri Ranson

Ranson Denied Coaching Post

By Richard Williams

A former tennis coach at John A. Holmes High School has been denied permission to voluntarily assist the head coach during the upcoming tennis season.

Terri Ranson, who was the head tennis coach at Holmes for three years (1979-81) and featured an undefeated team last year, was informed of the decision Monday night by the Board of Education.

"This is a team that I built up to No. 1 and now it's subject to going down hill," she said matter-of-factly. "Here we are with a size 2-A school in a 3-A conference and defeating 4-A teams like Chapel Hill." Speaking to the Board she added, "Nan Copeland didn't even want the coaching job. She turned it down until the very last day but accepted it because she needed the job."

Copeland, who also instructs driving students, confirmed that she initially did not want the coaching job.

"My reason for not wanting the job was that I have two very young children," Mrs. Copeland said. "I did not seek the coaching job but now that I have it I will give 100 per cent of my effort to the team."

Rob Boyce, principal at the school, would not comment on the Board's decision, saying that personnel matters could not be discussed. However Boyce has admitted that there has been a recent trend in schools to hire teachers who can perform dual roles.

However the school's superintendent John Dunn, Jr. contends that "each instructor in our school system wears more than one hat. They must be

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Aflatoxin Labs Open In August

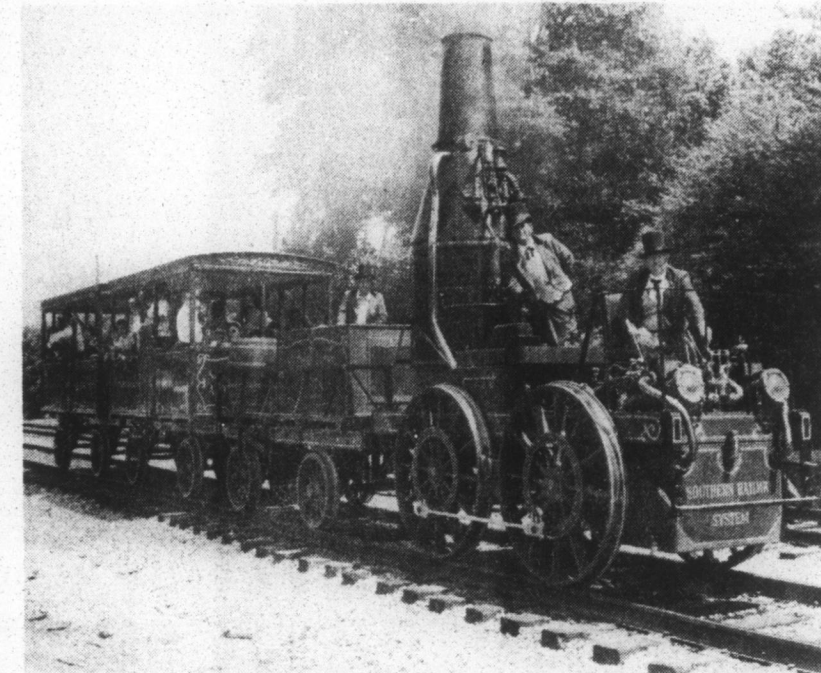
RALEIGH—Three seasonal aflatoxin testing laboratories will open later in the summer to help farmers with their 1982 corn crop, Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham announced today.

Two of the labs, located in Greenville and Goldsboro, will open on August 25th. The third lab, located in Whiteville, will open on September 1st. Two year-round aflatoxin testing facilities, in Raleigh and Salisbury, will continue to aid farmers in testing their corn throughout the year.

Two seasonal laboratories open in 1981 will not be in operation in 1982 due to lack of demand, said Graham. Those labs were located at Edenton and Bonlee. "Farmers in the areas of the closed labs may have their corn samples analyzed at one of the other facilities or at a commercial feed test station," he explained.

The seasonal labs will stay open a minimum of six weeks to a maximum of three months in assisting farmers in corn testing. The Greenville test lab will be located at the Grain Inspection Facility near Webb's Mill on Highway 33, the Goldsboro lab at the Ag Center on the corner of George and Chestnut Streets, and the Whiteville facility will be at the Border Belt Tobacco Research Station.

The year-round test facilities, located in Salisbury at the Piedmont Research Station and in Raleigh at the Constable Lab on Blue Ridge Road, will maintain the same hours as the seasonal facilities: 8:00 A.M. to 5 P.M.



"The Best Friend of Charleston" ...comes to Edenton

Optimist Club To Sponsor Railroad Nostalgia Day

The Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club will be sponsoring a day of railroad nostalgia and information on August 14th from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The Southern Railways will have on hand "The Best Friend of Charleston" and an exhibit train car. The Best Friend is a replica of the original 1830 steam locomotive which was the first in the nation to offer regular passenger service. This full model steam engine will be giving free rides all Saturday afternoon for both children and adults. Also, compliments of the Southern Railway Systems, an exhibit car will provide opportunity to learn about the railroads of the past and future.

The Best Friend and exhibit car will be located on the rail siding behind the Edenton Shell station. Anyone having groups or questions should contact a

member of the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club or call 482-7774.

Crop Looks Good

Chowan County peanut farmers are looking at an extremely good peanut crop, according to farm sources. This would be the second consecutive year that the peanut crop was exceptional in the area.

Because of a "peanut glut" in the region, fewer acres are expected to be harvested in 1982. Last year 6,680 acres were harvested in Chowan and produced some 24.6 million pounds, for an average of 3,690 pounds per acre.

Only the year before, the yield per acre was 2,025 and the total production on 6,170 acres was recorded at 12.5 million pounds.

Statewide, 177,000 acres were harvested in 1981, yielding 562 million pounds or an average of 3,175 pounds per acre.