

County Commissioners Adopt Resolutions To Prevent Area Property Damage

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 3.

The meeting was opened with a public hearing on two resolutions to request that the Wildlife Resources Commission establish specific regulations in reference to the establishment of a recreational area in front of the Arrowhead Beach Park and a no wake zone for Indian Creek.

The regulation requested by the resolution for a recreational area in front of the Arrowhead Beach Park would provide for the exclusion of boats and other vessels for an area

300 feet along the shore to 300 feet out from the shore, for a swimming area. Also an area 250 feet along the shore and 300 feet from the shore to provide for a boating access area. The proposed regulation would also prohibit the placing of fishing nets in the recreational area.

The regulation requested by the other resolution would provide for a no wake zone on Indian Creek. The zone is requested because of damage to property along the creek by speeding boats.

The people at the public hearing supported the proposed regulations and when the hearing was closed

the Board of Commissioners adopted both resolutions.

Another order of business was a request by the Department of Environmental Management that Chowan County co-sponsor with Bertie County a CAMA application that is being prepared by the Marine Resources Commission. The application is being prepared to provide for the establishment of a fresh water reef, to be located off Black Walnut Point, which is located about five miles south-southwest of the Edenton Bay. The reef is to be made of boat molds left at the old Fiberform plant which

the new owners of the property wish to dispose of. The Board adopted a resolution to instruct the County Manager to develop the necessary paper work for the sponsorship.

The County Manager, Cliff Copeland, brought to the Board's attention that several of the Board's committee appointees were not receiving compensation for attending meetings. The County Manager suggested the adoption of the following policy:

"All appointees of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners to boards shall receive \$20 reimburse-

ment per meeting attended with the following exceptions:

1) appointees who are reimbursed by their respective agencies for meetings attended; 2) full time County employees; and 3) those board members who are forbidden from receiving compensation from the County by their board's by-laws." The Board approved of the policy.

The last item of business on the agenda was the awarding of the audit contract for fiscal year 1983 to Timberlake and Sykes. The audit will cost the County \$28.50 per hour that Timberlake and Sykes spends

on it. The rate per hour for the audit is higher this year but it is expected that fewer hours will be spent on the audit by 10 to 15 per cent and thus the '83 audit is expected to cost the County less than last year's audit.

The meeting closed with an informal discussion on the hunting of wildlife from the right of way of roads and the hazards it presents. It was thought that Cliff Copeland, County Manager, and Troy Toppin, Sheriff, should meet with the hunting clubs' presidents and concerned citizens to discuss the problem before it requires any action by the board.

Public Parade

Solid Behind CAMA

There is a lot good about North Carolina. Included in the goodies is the plan to manage our coastal zone, one of this state's greatest natural resources.

As we head into 1983, it is good to know that the Hunt Administration remains solid behind the Coastal Area Management Act. This is an area of consistency for which we are grateful.

Sec. Joe Grimsley of the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development recently distributed memos to members of the Tar Heel media. So long as public officials such as Sec. Grimsley remain open and candid we will do our part to help rid the public of "misinformation and misunderstanding" about CAMA or anything else.

Here's the memo:

As you know, for the last year the Coastal Area Management Act has been under examination as Legislative Study Committee has reviewed the law and considered changes. Our program has also been hit with the loss of all federal funds which had made up 80 per cent of its budget.

I want you to know that this administration is firmly behind CAMA—the law itself and the funding to make it work. The North Carolina coast is too beautiful to be left to chance. The record of CAMA in working with local governments to solve problems is outstanding—public beach access, the issues concerning a coal port proposal on Radio Island in the Morehead City harbor, the establishment of estuarine sanctuaries along our coast. These are just a few of the issues CAMA and the Coastal Resources Commission have brought to good conclusions.

The CRC has also focused public and local government attention on the need to plan now for rebuilding after the next hurricane. We all want to think that our 20 year reprieve was really a "pardon" but we all know that it is only a "suspended sentence". We must be prepared to rebuild our coastal communities wisely following the next storm.

The future of coastal management will be one of the most important issues facing the coming session of the General Assembly. Through our meetings with the members of the study committee and the public hearings along the coast, it has become clear to me that whatever problems remain with CAMA, these problems are based on misinformation or misunderstanding. I want you to know that you can call on me or my staff whenever you need information about this crucial program. We want the people of North Carolina, and you as their agents, to fully understand how and why we manage the resources of our fragile and productive coastal areas.

In early December, this department, along with the Coastal Resources Commission, sponsored an Oceanfront Development Conference for coastal government leaders and concerned citizens. The theme was "Living Wisely With the Coast" and that summarizes our message. There can be growth and development along our oceanfront but it must be done in ways which protect the beauty and environmental qualities which draw people to the coast. Governor Hunt underscored this in his luncheon address and Dr. Neil Frank, director

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MURRAY ASHLEY RECEIVES PLAQUE FROM COUNTY—Cliff Copeland, County Manager and Alton Elmore, County Commissioner, look on as Murray Ashley accepts a plaque in appreciation of his 21 years of service to Chowan County.

Honored For Service To Chowan County

Chowan County along with its many employees held an "appreciation reception" for Murray Ashley who is retiring from the County's service.

Fifty to seventy-five County employees crowded into the County Office Building's fourth floor Conference Room to honor Mr. Ashley.

Cliff Copeland, County Manager, and Alton Elmore, chairman of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners, highlighted Mr. Ashley's service to the county.

Cliff Copeland opened by saying, "Murray possesses the qualities paramount to any County employee."

The qualities talked about included three extremely strong qualities. 1) As a County employee, Mr. Ashley spent amazingly long hours working for the people of Chowan County. 2) He had the ability to treat the public in a special way, and 3) He was also tight-fisted with the County's money.

The final thing said by the County Manager was "Murray (as a

department head) was the strongest advocate for his department, but once a decision was made, he backed that decision.

Alton Elmore gave a speech, and afterwards awarded Mr. Ashley with a plaque. In his speech, Commissioner Elmore noted that in the 21 years which Mr. Ashley had worked for the County, Mr. Ashley had held more titles than any other county employee.

The end of Commissioner Elmore's speech came quickly as he presented Mr. Ashley with a plaque to both commemorate and show appreciation for services rendered to the County.

Mr. Ashley accepted the plaque saying, "I've enjoyed being with the County and I would give a year's salary to start back like I did in 1961."

He continued to express his feelings about his service for the County as he said, "The County Commissioners have more, or less let me run things my own way."

Mr. Ashley closed by stating, "I've worked with some nice people; department heads and especially the Police Department. They have worked with us a lot."

The speeches and presentation were followed by a reception for Mr. Ashley.

400th Anniversary Preparations Made

By J. Allen Beeler

The 16 sites of the Historic Albemarle Tour are preparing for the upcoming "America's Four Hundredth Anniversary" in big ways.

The planning for the 400th celebration started many months ago and has culminated in the recent weeks as the Historic Albemarle Tour submitted an application to the National Endowment for the Humanities—a grant for \$317,114. \$34,964 of the grant would be a matching grant for monies the Tour has already appropriated for the projects.

There are ten major projects planned by the Historic Albemarle Tour to create a greater public awareness of the significance of the Albemarle region and the cultures that have contributed to that history.

The first project is the design and construction of a four-sided mobile display, depicting Indian life on North Carolina's eastern Coastal Plain. The display will be made under the consultation of Dr. David Phelps a professor at East Carolina University (Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Economics), and will include artifacts of each major period of Indian history.

The second project will be the development of a 13 minute audio-visual presentation for the King-Bazemore House located at Hope Plantation.

The third project will be the production of a 15 minute animated presentation on the Historic Sites and Museums on the Historic Albemarle Tour.

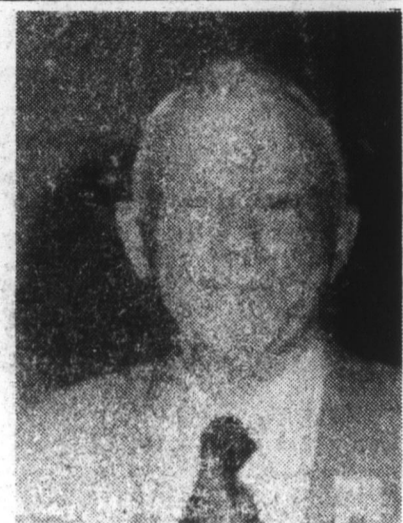
The fourth project is the production of two 28-minute video-taped programs and a series of vignettes on historic sites to be circulated through educational facilities.

The fifth project will be the design and construction of two "hands-on" displays for the Albemarle region to be located at the two "Gate Way" (visitor) Centers.

The sixth and seventh project will be the development of brochures for the Historic Albemarle Tour and six sites including the Newbold-White House in Hertford and a walking tour with audio-visual display for the city of Washington.

The eighth project will be the production of a regional film to

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Joseph Eppy Debnam, Jr.

Services Are Held For Mr. Debnam

Joseph Eppy Debnam, Jr., 74, died at Chowan Hospital Tuesday after a short illness.

He was partner in the James E Wood Company, past co-founder and president of M.G. Brown Company and he attended N.C. State University.

Survivors include his wife Elizabeth Roberts Debnam, a son, Joseph E. Debnam III of Fort Eustis, Va., a step-son Fred P. Wood, Jr., of Raleigh and a step-daughter, Mrs. Herbert Jackson of Richmond, Va.; a brother, R.G. Debnam of California and a step-sister, Mrs. C.M. Harris of Arlington, Va.

His parents were Mr. Joseph E. Debnam, Sr., and Mrs. Birdie Lee Speight Debnam. Both are deceased.

Debnam, Jr. was a 1st Lt. in the Army during World War II.

He will have a graveside funeral Thursday at 11 A.M. with Rev. Raymond Storie at Beaver Hill Cemetery with arrangements by Williford-Barham Funeral Home.

Man Convicted Of Passing Bad Check

The Honorable John T. Chaffin presided over Chowan County District Court's criminal calendar on Tuesday, January 4.

Richard Elliott was found guilty of two accounts of passing worthless checks. He was sentenced to 30 days with two years suspended, fined \$25, must pay cost of court for both counts and pay \$40 restitution to S&R. He has appealed.

Frederick Isaac Roulack was found guilty of common law forgery and was sentenced to 12 months. He has appealed.

Renee A. Harris was found guilty of two counts of passing worthless checks. She was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, fined \$25, must pay cost of court for both counts and pay \$53.27 restitution to Macks plus \$12.45 to the Betty Shoppe.

Rastee Robert Black, Jr. was found guilty of exceeding a safe speed. He was fined \$10 and cost of court.

Jackie Alfred Jordan was found guilty of Driving under the influence two. He was committed for six months. He has appealed.

William Earl Jones was found guilty of driving under the influence two and improper parking. He was sentenced to six months with two years suspended, fined \$400, cost of court on both counts and report to Albemarle Mental Health within five days. He has appealed.

Jackie Lee Leary was found guilty of assault on a female. He was sentenced to 12 months with two years suspended, fined \$250, cost of court and is not to assault Dorothy Leary for two years.

Robert Lee Smith Q was found

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Employee Awareness Is A Big Factor In Eliminating Shoplifting

by Clay Roberts

A crime of some sort occurs at one time or another in everybody's life whether its running a red light, speeding, or their house is burglarized.

One of the most common crimes, which has been very low in Edenton, is shoplifting.

"Most of the known shopliftings occurred around Christmas this year" said Police Chief, J.D. Parrish.

What may surprise most people, according to Parrish, is that there's a great difference between shoplifting and larceny. Shoplifting is when merchandise is concealed IN the store. It is larceny when the merchandise is carried out of the store.

According to TG&Y manager Willie Wittington and Mack's manager David Mertz, employee awareness is the key means of detecting a shoplifter. Both stores also have large bowl-shaped mirrors and one-way mirrors.

P.H. Roses' main source of shoplifter detection is also the awareness of employees. Along with that, they have a push-button device to alert Manager, Melvin Lane, of a shoplifting. "More than anything else, a shoplifter has to be seen," said Lane.

Along with employee awareness, Belk Tyler also has a close-circuit T.V. system.

The A & P also emphasizes on employee awareness. "We watch for shifting eyes or other suspicious movement" the manager said.

Being convicted of shoplifting, larceny or other misdemeanors, usually leads to a suspended sentence and/or probation, supervised or unsupervised, according to Police Chief Parrish, Probation Of-

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Boating Mishap

by Clay Roberts

Elliott Harrell is listed in fair condition in Norfolk General Hospital after a boating accident in the Wanchese marsh, Saturday.

Harrell's accident occurred while out duck hunting with two companions; Wayne Barnett of Wanchese and Johnny Ray of Raleigh.

While his companions were behind a duck blind, Harrell, who was in a small boat, made a sharp turn, causing the boat to spin and him to be thrown in the water. The motor blades struck him in the face, causing severe lacerations.

From the scene of the accident he was rushed to the Dare County Health Center and from there to Norfolk General via the Nightingale.

Elliott Harrell now lives in Raleigh and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harrell, reside in Edenton.



UP IN SMOKE—This car was totaled by flames Tuesday morning and was well extinguished by the Edenton Fire Department. The car belonged to Sally Layton. (Photo by Clay Roberts)