

Noted And Passed

Three employees of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service were singled out recently for special recognition. Among them was Fran Ward, home economics agent along the Public Parade.

The following quote is from the May edition of "Extension News" published by the service on the West Raleigh Branch of the Greater University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill:

"...for her empathy and love for people and her ability to relate to people and their needs; for her expertise in her subject matter areas, which makes her an effective extension educator; for her positive attitude, artistic talents, creative mind and teamwork approach."

She is especially adept at the creation of collar bouquets.

Fran served as acting county extension chairman for several months between the retirement of Pete Thompson and the appointment of Mike Williams. The above recognition by her peers is well deserved.

Slowing Down



Elton Aydtlett and Lena M. Leary

Recently in this column we gave well deserved credit to Elton Aydtlett of the Isle of Pasquotank for his valuable contribution to the College of the Albemarle in particular and the community college system in general. The following personal note was forthcoming:

"Dear Bud:
"I sincerely appreciate your kind words about me in your paper regarding getting COA cranked up. I happened to be in the right place at the right time (on the Board of Higher Education) and I took advantage of it.

"For the past year my health has not been good and I felt compelled to retire from the State Board of Community Colleges and I did so this week.

"Personal regards,
"Elton."

Modesty is one of the man's long suits. So is kindness, fairness and dedication to Northeastern North Carolina. These traits were recognized by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., when the chief executive appointed the Duke of the Albemarle to the District Court bench. The picture above was taken with Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, the day Judge Aydtlett arrived to hold his first session of court in the historic house of justice along the Public Parade. He chose not to seek a full term.

Judge Aydtlett is the undesignated poet laureate of the Albemarle Area. His excitement for life, his humor and his constant touch with reality has endeared him to thousands of people.

We are sorry to learn of his recent state of poor health. Northeastern North Carolina lost its representative on the education board last week when the General Assembly chose not to replace Judge Aydtlett with the nominee from this region of Tar Heelia. But the contribution this public servant has made to every cause with which he became identified will be lasting. He has paid his dues, time and time again. It is time he started slowing down.

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HOSPITAL AUXILIARY PRESENTS CHECK — Mrs. Shirley Parker, President, and Mrs. Opal Kehayes, Treasurer of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, are shown presenting Marvin Bryan, Director of Chowan Hospital, a check for \$500. The money will be used to help defray the cost of landscaping for the hospital's new addition.

Hospital Auxiliary Presents Check To Defray Cost Of Landscaping

Mrs. Shirley Parker and Mrs. Opal Kehayes, President and Treasurer of Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, presented a check for \$500 to Marvin Bryan, Hospital Director. This money represents a commitment by the Auxiliary to help defray costs of landscaping for the new addition by paying for the shrubbery. At this same time, a check for \$2,500 was also given on behalf of the Auxiliary. This represents moneys allocated to assist in preparing a birthing room in the hospital's maternity section.

Chowan County District Court

Chowan County District Court was in session on June 14 with the Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding over the criminal calendar.

Howard Holley, Jr., was found guilty of driving under the influence two. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, fined \$250, cost of court, surrender operator's license, and to go to Albemarle Mental Health. He has appealed.

Janice D. Belcher was found guilty of passing a worthless check. She was sentenced to 30 days with two years suspended, fined \$25, cost of court, and pay restitution of \$292.60 to the benefit of TG&Y. She has appealed.

Anthony Carroll Ormond was found guilty of driving 67 miles per hour in a 55 zone. He was fined \$10 and cost of court. He appealed.

John A. Dail was found guilty of failure to pay North Carolina Sales Tax. He was sentenced to 30 days with two years suspended, fined \$100, cost of court and pay \$478.15 for the benefit of the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

Michael Lee Stinnette was found guilty of exceeding a safe speed. He was fined \$15 and cost of court.

Robert Buddy Robbins was found guilty of one count each of carrying a concealed weapon and trespassing. He was sentenced to six months with two years suspended, fined \$200, cost of court, not to go on the premises of Hardees for two

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Red Cross Holds Swimming Class

The Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be conducting swimming classes beginning Monday, July 18th, thru July 29th. Classes will be held at the Coach House Inn Pool. There will be three classes per day beginning at 8 A.M. Starting at 8:00 will be advanced beginners and at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M. beginners. There will be adult sessions offered in the evening. These classes are offered free of charge and will be on a first come, first served basis. Additional sessions for advanced beginners and intermediates will be offered during the first weeks of school in September.

Elizabeth Zarbock, who is a certified Red Cross instructor, will be teaching the classes.

Registration forms can be picked up at Atlantic Credit Corporation on South Broad Street.

At Honors' Day program at John A. Holmes High School and Perquimans High School, two seniors received scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to young people who plan to continue their higher education in medical related studies. The recipients this year were Karen Griffin from Holmes, who plans to study nursing at College of the Albemarle, and Mack Jones from Perquimans who will study medicine at East Carolina University. This brings to eight the number of current scholarships supported by the Auxiliary. Each one is in the amount of \$400 annually for each student.

On June 3, the Auxiliary held its annual membership drive in Edenton and Hertford at the local grocery stores and the Bank of North Carolina. At this time, a membership fee of one dollar was collected from five hundred fifteen people.

1983 Rotary Club Cup Presented To Pam Spruill

On Thursday, June 2, the Rotary Club held a special program where Pamela Spruill was presented to

Distribution Of Taxes Discussed

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners, in addition to their stated agenda during their June 13, special session, discussed a problem that was facing the one cent additional sales tax.

The problem brought up by Commissioner C.A. Phillips was that the legislature was being bogged down with the distribution of the extra funds.

Two plans for the funds derived from the extra 1 per cent sales tax have been presented. The first plan is the point of sale method of distribution. Under this plan the extra 1 per cent would be returned to the counties in which the funds were generated. Counties with large cities or a heavy tourist trade seem to favor this method of distribution.

The second plan for the distribution of the extra one per cent is on a per capita bases. Under this plan, counties would receive their portion of the extra one per cent based on the number of people that live within the county. Smaller counties including Chowan favor this method of distribution.

If the point of sale method is enacted, Chowan County is estimated to receive around \$247,000 in income. However, if the per capita method is enacted it is estimated that Chowan County would receive \$280,900.

Chowan and surrounding counties (not including Pasquotank and Dare), would fare better under the per capita method of distribution, according to the figures cited by Commissioner Phillips.

The Board of Commissioners moved to have the County Manager Cliff Copeland, send letters to the

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the Rotary Club by Harold Nichols, (student scholarship advisor at John A. Holmes), as the recipient



ROTARY CUP GIVEN — The 1983 Rotary Cup was given to Pamela Spruill who is shown here with Hoke Roberson, 57th president of the Edenton Rotary Club.

Algal Index To Be Issued Weekly

The N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development will issue its weekly algal index again this year to help residents of Northeastern North Carolina plan their recreational and fishing activities on the Chowan River.

The algal index, initiated by the department last summer, rates the condition of the river from zero to 10, based on algal bloom conditions in the river. Zero means there are virtually no nuisance algae present, and 10 means large portions of the river are covered by extensive mats of nuisance algal blooms.

"We have had a wet spring, which is often conducive to a bad summer on the river," said Joseph W. Grimsley, secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development. "This kind of weather promotes runoff of nutrients from nonpoint sources. Let's hope that the other necessary conditions, such as a drop-off in rainfall, low flow in the river and warm, sunny weather don't develop.

The Division of Environmental Management will use a number of area volunteers to help its scientists gather information for the algal index.

"I deeply appreciate the unselfish effort these volunteers make to help us keep this program going for the people of Northeastern North Carolina," Grimsley said. "Citizen involvement in our programs always makes our project better."

The area covered by the algal index will include the lake-like portion of the river from just upstream of Holiday Island near Harrellsville down to Albemarle Sound. The index will indicate the condition of the river the previous week and predict the condition for the coming week.

NRCDC officials don't expect their predictions to always be right, but they should be reasonably accurate since they are based on technical information gathered and compiled by the volunteers and Environmental Management personnel.



CHOWAN COUNTY FARMER'S MARKET RE-OPENS — The Chowan County Farmer's Market will re-open on June 17th and will again be sponsored by the Chowan County Agricultural office and the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce. Pictured here are Jerry Hendee, executive secretary of the Chamber and Virginia Hobbs, market coordinator, beside the Farmer's Market sign.

Chowan County Farmers Market To Open Soon In Same Location

Chowan County Farmers Market will open this year on Friday, June 17. The market is situated at the same location as the past two years, on Route 32 north just beyond the hospital and across from McDonalds.

Mrs. Virginia Hobbs will be working with the County Agricultural Extension Office and the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce to coordinate this year's market. Mrs. Hobbs reports that the grounds have been cleared and all is in readiness for a 9 A.M. opening this Friday. Produce to be available will include snap beans, squash, beets, onions and potatoes.

Local gardeners and produce growers are encouraged to bring their fruits and vegetables to the market for sale.

Mrs. Hobbs indicated that those

participating in the market for the past two years have been very pleased with customer response. Anyone interested in taking part may obtain more information by phoning Mrs. Virginia Hobbs at 482-7186.

Dismal Swamp Remains Open

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Careful groundwork paid off for Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, when the amendment he offered to H.R. 3132, Energy and Water Development Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1984, to provide for the continued operation of the Dismal Swamp Canal, was unanimously accepted by the House of Representatives June 7.

"My amendment will continue the operations of the canal at their current level with three-a-day openings of the locks at South Mills, and Deep Creek, thus preventing the 'mothballing' of the canal as called for by the President's budget. The Dismal Swamp Canal provides a useful link between Chesapeake, Va., and Elizabeth City, for those moving the commerce of our region as well as those who simply wish to enjoy the great beauty and history of travel through the Intercoastal Waterway system," said Rep. Jones.

"The Dismal Swamp Canal is the most scenic and beautiful waterway in this country and should be preserved for the enjoyment of all Americans. In addition, its continued operation will promote the economic development of the area, especially in Camden and Pasquotank counties," said Rep. Jones, who is also chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

Discussions with local users of the Canal over its importance led

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of the 1983 Rotary Cup.

Pamela was given the award a week before at John A. Holmes' Annual Awards Day. The Rotary Program read as follows noting the occasion. "Thursday, May 26, 1983 John A. Holmes High School presented the most prestigious award given during the entire year to a most deserving student, Miss Pam Spruill. This award is the Rotary Cup, sponsored by our (The Edenton) Club."

The award has been presented since 1927 and the list of people who have received it reads like a 'Who's Who'.

In addition to the honor of receiving the Rotary Cup, Pamela will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Edenton Rotary Club, which can be applied toward the cost of attending college. Pamela, who ranks in the top 10 of her graduating class, plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill next year to study to be a physical therapist.

The weekly algal index will be made available to news media throughout the Chowan River Basin, beginning June 14 and continuing until mid-October, when the likelihood of a significant algal bloom is remote.

In determining the algal index, Environmental Management scientists take into consideration such factors as chlorophyll present, conductivity, ratio of bloom species to total algal species present in samples, weather conditions and other factors.

Here is a list of the algal index ranges and what they indicate:
Zero to two: River clear. Conditions varying from no nuisance bloom algae present to small populations present in the water column. Conditions favorable for all recreational and commercial activities.

Three to four: Nuisance bloom algae are present at low to medium population levels. Some may be visible to the naked eye. Recreational and commercial activities are not significantly affected.

Five to six: Populations of nuisance bloom algae reach a level at which filaments or balls of algae are visible, and there are some small, widely scattered surface streaks of algae. The color and presence of the bloom streaks are unpleasant to swimmers and boaters, but there should be no significant effects on recreation or commercial fishing.

Seven to eight: Surface mats of nuisance algae are scattered and may be somewhat heavy in localized areas if wind is calm. Streaks of algae are prevalent. Swimming and boating are adversely affected. There are odor problems and some impairment of commercial and recreational fishing.

Nine to 10: Large portions of the lower Chowan are covered by extensive surface mats of the nuisance bloom algae. Windy conditions may temporarily eliminate mats, but they will redevelop quickly as winds calm. All activities are significantly affected, and there are odor problems in localized areas. Adult and juvenile fish populations are heavily stressed, and fish kills are possible.