



A.C. Hudson

## Black Leaders Support Boycott

by Maru Amburn

Chowan black leaders recently joined in supporting the nationwide NAACP boycott of Food Lion grocery stores.

Edenton-Chowan Civic League president A.C. Hudson confirmed that his organization, during their meeting last week, advocated the nationwide action.

There are three Food Lion Stores in Northeastern North Carolina: in Edenton, Elizabeth City and Nags Head. The Edenton store is located at Edenton Village Shopping Center.

While the county black leadership is supporting the boycott, Hudson noted that it is not a physical boycott, rather an educational boycott.

According to boycott leaders, the stores are being admonished because black grocery suppliers are not being used and because the grocery chain rarely contributed to black philanthropies.

Ad hoc committees have been formed in each of the participating area Pasquotank NAACP president Harold Barnes, who is spearheading the boycott effort in the Albemarle.

"Food Lion Stores have 10,000 employees nationwide and only 1,000 are black," Barnes said in a press conference last week. "They have about 1,000 managers and only 79 are black."

"Many blacks are in part-time positions and do not get the benefits of full-time employment," Barnes added.

Barnes said that approximately 20 percent of Food Lion revenues come from the black community. He also charged that black leaders will begin evaluating the number of blacks in managerial positions in other area stores in order to "work for a fair share of the economic pie."

In earlier new accounts, it was reported that Food Lion vice-president Eugene McKinley said that "13 percent of our employees are black."

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## Public Parade

### Well Enough Alone

From where we sit alongside the Public Parade, it would appear that the state Transportation Department would be well advised to stick to highway planning and construction, with a bridge thrown in here and there.

These thoughts began to jell when we read the recent recommendations by traffic experts from the department that Edenton could solve its downtown parking problem — too effective to the existing ordinances and raising its fine to five dollars per violation.

No doubt, that would prove very blem by strictly enforcing its parking that it emptied downtown streets.

There is a fine line that separates the wise use of parking limits as a traffic regulator and the abuse of over-regulating the use of downtown parking spaces in such ways as to drive customers to the suburbs. Some cities, rather than look upon parking as a revenue source, have pulled up their modern-day hitching posts in an effort to encourage the use of downtown streets.

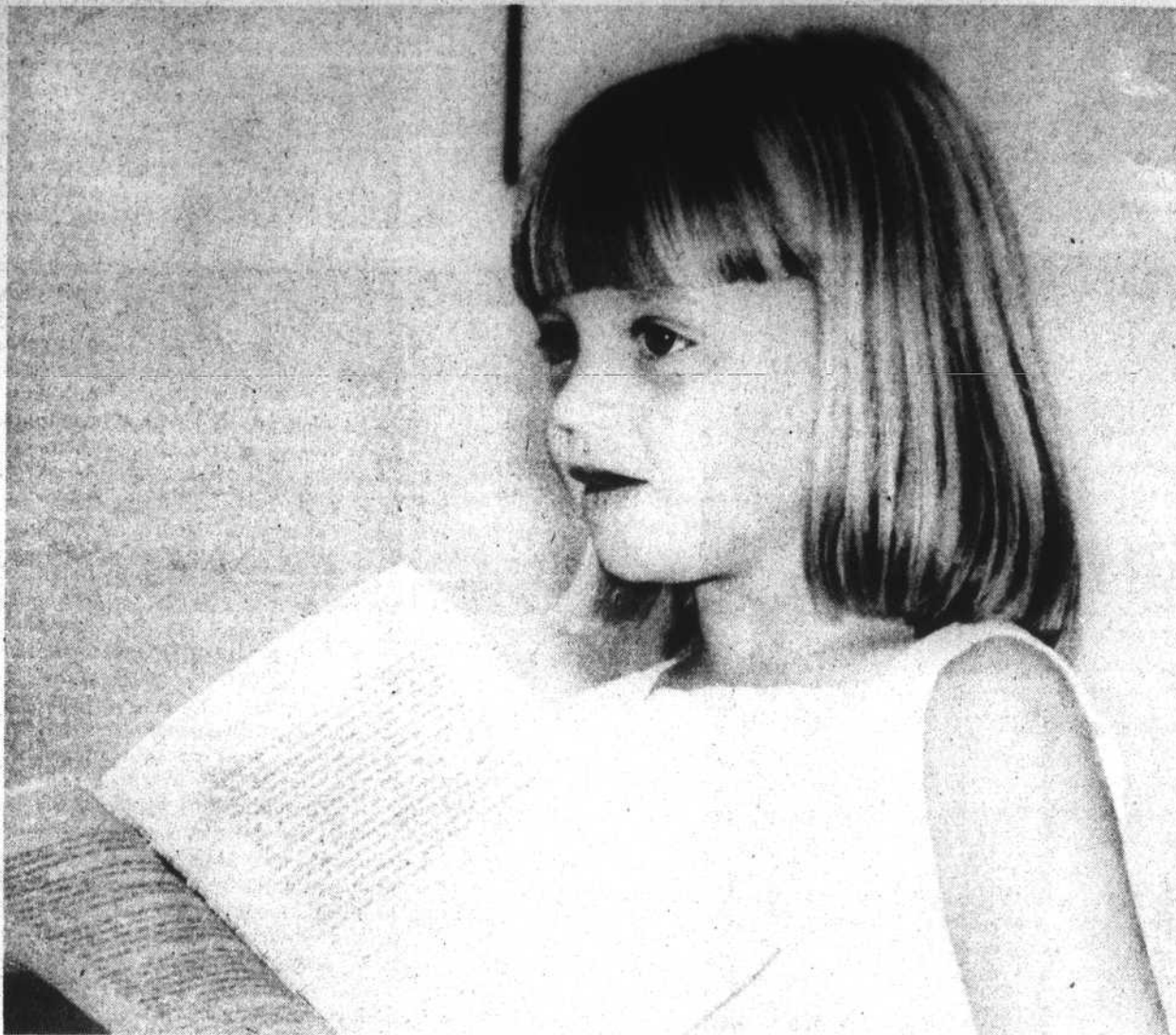
Other cities, in a desperate effort to save their downtown tax base, have not only pulled up their meters but rushed ahead with developing off-street lots where parking is free and time no so strictly regulated.

Edenton has a beautiful central city area and should be happy that enough shoppers and sightseers are coming down to keep its street parking spaces pretty well filled. The one thing it does not want to do, in our opinion, is to make the use of the parking so expensive as to encourage these shoppers and sightseers to go elsewhere.

Edenton has so far escaped the development of huge suburban shopping malls. Whether this is right or wrong only history will tell. But one reason it has been able to do so is that the downtown area has been developed into one of the most beautiful, most historically authentic of any small city in North Carolina.

But there is no guarantee this will always remain the case. When a town becomes too greedy to rent its streets to the people who own them, when traffic cops begin to lose the human touch in handling the people, when the public begins to sense it is no longer really welcome, then the days of the central city are numbered.

We would hate to see this happen to Edenton.



**SUMMER BOOKWORM**—Amy Julia Truesdell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Truesdell of Edenton, has been busily rehearsing for her role in *THE BOOKWORM*. The play will be performed at the Shepard-Pruden Library next week to celebrate the end of the summer reading summer program. In the play, Amy Julia portrays a girl who comes into the library to get out of the rain. There she meets a character named "Bookworm" who introduces her to the pleasures of reading.

## Cong. Jones Encourages Fish Exports

Envisioning 40,000 new jobs, over a billion dollars in new economic wealth, a significant lessening of our foreign trade deficit, and equity for the depressed American fishing industry, Walter B. Jones (D-NC), Chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, recently urged his colleagues on two other House panels to approve his legislation to encourage the exportation of U.S. fish and fish products.

"This bill is very simple. It would neither create new programs nor call for an increase in appropriations. It merely would provide the Secretary of Agriculture and the Commodity Credit Corporation with the discretionary authority to allow fish and fish products to qualify for some of the same export programs which have served the agriculture industry so well," Jones told a joint hearing by the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Subcommittee on Department Opera-

tions, Research, and Foreign Agriculture of the Committee on Agriculture.

Jones pointed out that even though we have an estimated 20 percent of the world's fisheries resources within U.S. waters — more than any other nation — we have suffered a 35-year-long trade deficit in fish and fish products. Last year this amounted to a whopping \$4.1 billion or 14 percent of our entire merchandise trade deficit.

"A substantial portion of the value of fish imports is from shrimp, tuna, and lobster — resources now fully harvested in U.S. waters, thus we cannot do a great deal to remedy the import side of the trade deficit equation. We do, however, have many fishery resources which currently have no domestic markets and penetration of foreign markets is our best hope to remedy this situation," Jones continued.

The Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee, Don Bonker (D-WA), termed the Jones bill "a

very positive approach to this dilemma" of huge trade deficits.

The Reagan Administration has opposed the bill as duplicative of existing Commerce Department programs, but this was questioned by both Jones' testimony and the Subcommittees' Members. Jones said in fact that costly duplication is what the bill is intended to avoid by bringing fish within the scope of existing Agriculture programs rather than creating an expensive new bureaucracy at Commerce to administer a separate program.

Gerry Studts (D-MA), a member of both the Foreign Affairs and Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committees, and a co-sponsor of the Jones bill, noted that these Agriculture Department export programs enjoy a budget of nearly \$7 billion or seven times that of the entire agency within the Commerce Department that oversees fisheries. Studts also questioned the Administration's testimony that it is "aggressively

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## Parks Selected Top Sanitarian

Chowan County Sanitarian Jerry Parks was recently selected by the 23-county Northeastern Environmental Health Association as "Sanitarian of the Year."

For over 10 years this award has been presented to area sanitarians who possess outstanding public health credentials.

Parks is an Edenton native, graduate of Holmes High School and the East Carolina University School of Environmental Health.

County Sanitarian since 1977, Parks began his career in Northampton County where he served as sanitarian from July of 1976. As former secretary-treasurer, vice-chairman and chairman of the health association, Parks has shown leadership capabilities and a fine personality, according to District Health Department spokesman Eddie Pierce.

Parks has also served as a member of the executive committee of the N.C. Environmental Health Association. As a member of this committee, his duties have

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## Land Use Grant

Twelve local governments along the North Carolina Coast have been awarded grants totaling \$125,500 to assist them in planning for growth and the use of their natural resources, N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development Secretary James A. Summers announced today.

"We sincerely hope that the grants will help towns and counties in their efforts to shape a better future through local government planning," Summers said.

The grants, which will be partly matched with local funds, will enable the six towns and counties receiving them to update their land use plans as required every five years by the Coastal Management Act.

The grant awards program began in 1974. The 12 local governments awarded money are the first of 75 cities and counties in the 20 coastal counties that will be receiving money to update their land use plans over the next two years.

"I am encouraged by the participation in the coastal planning program," Summers said. "It is the continued involvement of local governments in this state/local partnership that has made our coastal program such a success."

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## Increased Fish Population Expected From Reef

By Maru Amburn

Area sport fishermen can soon look forward to increased fish population if the artificial reef one mile east of Black Walnut Point in the Albemarle Sound serves its intended purpose.

Over two years in planning, the artificial reef should be secured to its three-piling warning marker by September.

The first stage of reef construction was initiated this week when the marker was driven into place by the Waff Brothers Construction Company of Edenton.

Located on the Bertie County side of the sound, the nontoxic, fiberglass boat molds will be placed on top of one another within the 1800 by 900 foot fill area. All molds will be filled with holes, attached together with steel cable and secured to the marker.

"This artificial reef should create a new fish habitat in a well-known nursery area of the Western Albemarle Sound," said project organizer Robert E. Holman of the State Division of Environmental Management.

An environmental scientist formerly stationed by the state in Edenton, Holman coordinated the project with the Chowan and Bertie County Commissioners.

Holman said the project, one of the first in North Carolina, was inspired when Fiberform's Edenton plant was closing and sought a

boat shells.

Reef molds will consist of 17 decks and 15 hulls each measuring 25 feet x 8 feet x 6 feet.

"The reef project really shows the volunteer spirit," Holman said. "Waff Brothers is driving the pilings, the Town of Edenton is supplying the utility poles, Tanzer, Marathon and Bayliner boats have contributed the molds and Union Camp will transport the molds to

the reef area."

According to literature supplied by Holman, the reef will be 10 feet high in water with depth of 18 feet.

Supported by the Roanoke-Chowan Wildlife Club, an affiliate of the N.C. Wildlife Federation, the artificial reef project intends to enhance the striped bass population in an easily accessible location for area fishermen.

## Three Found Guilty Of Assault In Chowan County District Court

Chowan County District Court was in session July 31, 1984 with the honorable Judge J. Richard Parker, presiding over the criminal calendar.

Charlie Walter Paylin was found guilty of Possession of stolen property. He received 90 days suspended 1 year, on the condition he pay a \$75 fine and cost of court. He appealed.

Patricia O'Brien Williams was found guilty of DWI. She received 90 days suspended 1 year, on the condition she pay a \$150 fine, and cost of court. She was ordered to perform 72 hours community service and attend ADET school and to surrender her operators license.

Edward Earl Strickland was called but failed to show on a charge of driving without a license.

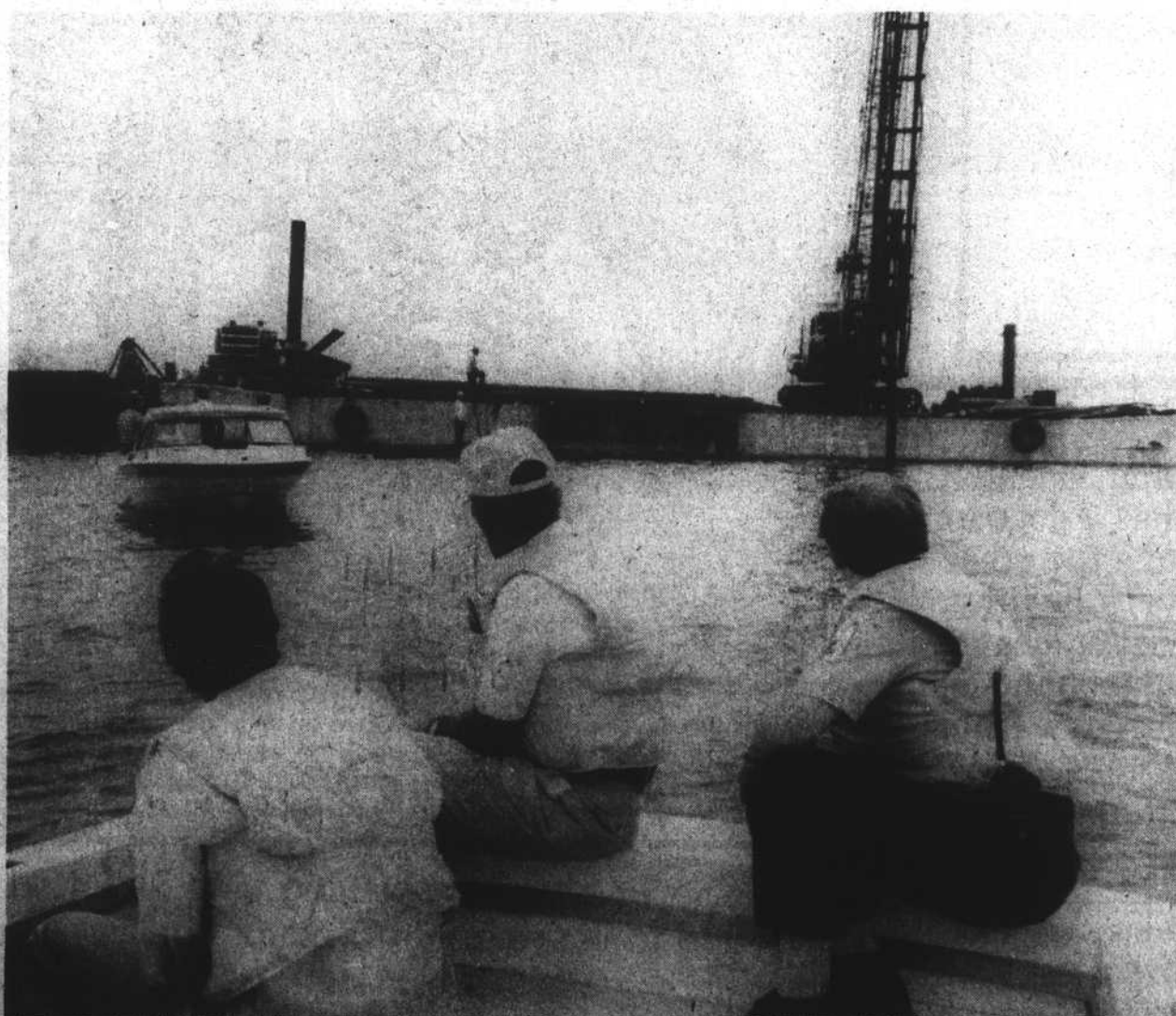
Warren Matthew Holley was found guilty of improper registration. He was fined \$20 and cost of court.

Anthony Joseph Binder was called but failed to show on a charge of DWI.

Johnny Loven was found guilty of Assault and inflicting serious injury. He was committed for 90 days; he appealed.

Wayland Randolph MacDonald pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle left of the center line and DWI. He was sentenced to 6 months suspended 2 years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$200 and cost of court. He was ordered to surrender his drivers license. He was also placed on supervised probation for 2 years on the condition that he

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**ARTIFICIAL REEF A REALITY**—Witnessing the first stage of reef construction in the Western Albemarle Sound were Chowan County officials Cliff Copeland, Dallas Jethro and Doug Belch (foreground). The artificial reef, made up of boat molds linked with steel cable, was the brainchild of Bob Holman, who is shown (in the boat on the left) with Edenton Town Manager Sam Noble and Lynn Henry of the State Division of Environmental Management. Waff Brothers drove the three piling warning marker Tuesday morning.