



**NEW BRIDGE** — Above is an artist's rendition of what the new Albemarle Sound Bridge will look like when completed. At 9 a.m. on Monday, May 13, the public is invited to attend a groundbreaking ceremony at Sandy Point Beach to mark the beginning of construction of the new bridge that will replace the existing 48-year old bridge across the sound. The new two-lane high rise bridge is scheduled for completion by 1988.

## Groundbreaking For New Bridge Monday

Governor Jim Martin is expected to join State Transportation Secretary James E. Harrington for a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of construction of the new Albemarle Sound Bridge.

Governor Martin, Secretary Harrington and other federal, state and local officials will gather at the planned construction site on NC-32 between Chowan and Washington counties for a 9 a.m. ceremony on Monday, May 13. The groundbreaking ceremony will be held on the north end of the existing bridge in Chowan County. The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

In February, the state Board of Transportation approved a \$22.3 million contract for the replacement of the Albemarle Sound Bridge, the state's longest bridge. The bridge is the largest, single-structure contract ever awarded by the board.

The new Albemarle Sound Bridge will replace the existing 48-year-old bridge across the

sound. Under terms of the contract, which was awarded to Cianbro/Williams of Pittsfield, ME, the structure will be a two-lane "high rise" bridge.

State transportation officials have determined that the wooden pilings which support the existing bridge have been damaged by exposure to the elements of nature during its 48-year existence. Studies conducted in 1980 indicated that rehabilitation of the 3.5-mile structure would not be cost effective.

Secretary Harrington said  
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## Conserving Area Water

County officials are asking residents to voluntarily conserve water due to a lack of rain and heavy demands being made on the county's water supply.

Graham Farless, director, Chowan County Water Department, recently told county commissioners that the county's water plants are running almost 24 hours a day to meet the demand for water. He also said the county is currently buying additional water from the town of Edenton and Perquimans County.

"Are neighbors are really saving us now," commented Farless.

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## Public Parade

### On Looking Ahead

Observers along the Public Parade will be happy to know that the Chowan Herald building is in for a face lifting or, more precisely, a face restoration. Not tomorrow or next week, but in the months ahead.

Several other things have to be done first. One of our first priorities is the installation of a more centralized heating and cooling system which will enable us to pull out the window units which disfigure the front of the 1894 building.

In the interest of fuel efficiency, we have asked our local representatives to look into the possibility of installing a water-based heating and air conditioning system. If this is found not to be feasible, then we will have to go to more conventional systems which may require building a deck over the pressroom in the rear of the building.

As this work is completed, we intend to restore or replace doors and windows on the front damaged by the air conditioning units, replace missing decorative features and undertake a paint schedule based on research into  
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## Renovations Scheduled

Renovations at Edenton's Municipal Airport should be getting under way the week of May 13 thanks to a decision by the Federal Aviation Administration to add an additional \$66,700 to the agency's original \$350,000 allocation for the project.

When the work is completed, 5,300 ft. of runway 1/19 will be resurfaced and lighting installed allowing greater access to jets and other aircraft. The grand total for the project is \$594,759 (\$416,700 from the FAA and \$89,025 from both the town of Edenton and the State Division of Aviation).

"Congressman Walter Jones and Senator Jesse Helms played a major role in helping us get the additional funding," said Town Administrator Sam Noble. "Also, the FAA has worked extremely well with us."

The FAA's original allocation plus \$23,150 each from the town and state was expected to cover the cost of plans to resurface 4,800 ft. of the runway. But high construction bids and a decision by the town to pave and light an additional 500 ft. of runway made additional funding necessary.

The asphalt resurfacing will be done by Rose Bothers Paving of Ahoskie and lighting will be installed by Frye Electric Company.



**EXTENSION HOMEMAKERS WEEK**— Chairman of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners Al Phillips (second from left) proclaimed the week of May 5 - 11 as Extension Homemakers Week in Chowan County. Pictured with Mr. Phillips are (from left to right) Eula Jordan, Extension Homemaker Council President; Mary Julia Parrish, Extension Homemaker Week Chairman; and Etta Hathaway, Chairman of the EHA's commissioner's luncheon. Related Story on Page 4-A

## Dispute Over Vacant Board Seat Arises

A dispute over how a vacant seat on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education should be filled arose during a regular school

board meeting on Monday, May 6.

The vacancy, which became effective on April 30, was created when Jerald Perry, one of the two blacks on the board, resigned in March. On March 28, an article released by the Board of Education announcing Perry's resignation was printed in the Chowan Herald. The article stated that by law the remaining members of the board would have until June 30 to appoint someone to fill the empty seat.

At Monday's meeting, school board member James Taylor asked why the process of appointing someone to fill the vacant seat wasn't begun when Perry's resignation announcement appeared in the paper.

Taylor said someone had been recommended to fill the vacant seat and an appointment should be made. "There is no reason to wait any longer," said Taylor. "It's been before the people officially since March 28."

But other members of the board said they wanted more time to consider additional candidates for the seat.

"I don't think we can hastily be making a decision," said board member Eugene Jordan.

Board member John Mitchener III suggested the board hold an open meeting where the public could hear the views of those interested in filling the vacancy.

"I do think the public is entitled to know the views and perspectives of the person who will fill the seat," said Mitchener.

No decision as to who will fill the vacancy was made Monday, but

Rev. J.L. Fenner, representing the Edenton-Chowan Civic League recommended that Johnny Bond, manager of the Chowan Credit Union, be appointed to the vacant seat. Fenner had a petition signed by 475 people supporting Bond's appointment.

"We feel we should have equal representation because the black community represents 50 percent of the students," said Fenner.

Fenner said appointing a black to fill the vacancy would not be a racial issue, but a black would be able to better represent black community. He said having only one black on the school board would take the community "back to the status quo."

Whoever is appointed to fill the vacant seat will serve through November, 1986. The remainder of Perry's term - through November 1986 - will be filled by a non-partisan election in the Primary Elections to be held for County officers in 1986.

## Republicans: Local Meeting

Chowan County Republicans will hold a meeting Monday, May 13, 8 p.m. at the old Courthouse.

The agenda will include the Election of representatives to the State Convention in Wilmington.

All county Republicans are urged to attend as well as all new party members.

## 1970 Ordinance Repealed Commissioners Voted 5-2

This Sunday, May 12 will mark the first time in fifteen years beer and wine will be able to be purchased on a Sunday in Chowan County outside the corporate limits of Edenton.

In a 5-2 vote during a regular Board of County Commissioners meeting on Monday, commissioners voted to repeal a 1970 ordinance prohibiting the sale of beer and wine outside the corporate limits between 11:45 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. on the following Monday. Voting to keep the ordinance prohibiting Sunday beer sales were board members Alton Elmore and Joe Hollowell.

Because the ordinance to ban Sunday beer and wine sales in the county was a local one, state officials in Raleigh said the repeal becomes effective immediately without any additional action by the state.

In a discussion before the vote, Commissioner Elmore made a motion to hold a public hearing on issue. Commissioner Hollowell, who said he has heard more from his constituents on this issue than on the issue concerning the sewage treatment plant, agreed with Elmore that a hearing should be held. But in a 5-2 vote the mo-

tion was defeated.

Board members who voted to repeal the ordinance said they did so because it was not fair that merchants within the corporate limits were allowed to sell beer on Sundays and merchants outside those limits were not. Hollowell said he would like to have everyone treated the same and have Sunday beer and wine sales prohibited throughout the county both in town and outside the corporate limits.

## Corporation Recognized

The 1985 Clean Air Award was recently presented to Chowan Veneer Company, Inc. by the American Lung Association of North Carolina, Eastern Region, in recognition of their efforts toward emission reduction.

This award is presented annually as a part of Clean Air Week to recognize industries in eastern North Carolina that have made significant efforts to improve air quality. Chowan Veneer installed a new boiler and redid the facility, which increased their fuel efficiency while lowering costs. These improvements reduced their emissions from .7 particles per million to .1 particle per million - almost no emissions!

President James Darnell accepted the award for Chowan Veneer, which was nominated by the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Air Quality Section. Final selection was made by the Environmental Health Committee of the Lung Association's Board of Directors. The award was presented by Deborah Bryan, Regional Director of the American Lung Association of North Carolina, Eastern Region.

## Commodities Distribution

The Chowan County Department of Social Services will be distributing cheese, butter, flour, corn meal, rice, dry milk and honey to the residents of Chowan County at two locations on Tuesday, May 14. Applications will be processed and commodities distributed at the School Maintenance Building on Dicks Street in Edenton during the hours  
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Sherri Denise Belfield

## Belfield Gets Scholarship

Sherri Denise Belfield, daughter of Louis and Jolyquin Belfield, Edenton, has been awarded a Pogue scholarship to study at the University of North Carolina.

A student at John A. Holmes High School, Belfield is president of Student Council; president, Modern Music Masters Society; vice-president, National Honor Society; and a member of both the Senior Executive Council and the Quiz Bowl team.

Criteria for Pogue selection are  
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**CLEAN AIR AWARD**—Chowan Veneer Company president James Darnell, center, accepts the 1985 Clean Air Award from Deborah Bryan, Regional Director of the American Lung Association of North Carolina, Eastern Region. Also pictured is Herbert Hollowell, a board member of the Edenton American Lung Association.