



Public Parade

And After Sgt. York?

So the Sgt. York air defense weapons system has been abandoned after seven years and almost \$2 billion dollars? Before striking a decision-of-the-year medal for Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, we would want to know what this tells us about another strategic initiative. What does it say about Star Wars?

If after seven years of research and experiment and \$1.8 billion in tax money we cannot develop a defense weapon against helicopters, what reason have we to hope for an impenetrable defense against intercontinental ballistic missiles?

It would seem to us that shooting down helicopters would be about the easiest assignment in the air defense spectrum. After all, these clumsy vehicles cannot fly very fast or very high. They ought to be sitting ducks in the air. Yet, Weinberger's decision will stop in midstream a weapons development project to which the army had committed eight billion dollars and years of work.

After having spent \$1.8 billion on the Sgt. York, a twin-cannon system mounted on a tank chassis, complete with computer-directed laser aiming, and having accepted 65 units out of a total of 618 ordered, the army has decided that independent tests have shown the weapon doesn't measure up. In fact, it was found that it isn't much better, if any, than weapons already in the army arsenal.

So, where does that leave us when it comes to Star Wars? If slow-moving, cumbersome helicopters remain a serious threat to an army in the field, how much farther beyond reach is a fast-moving, high-flying missile which allows only about 40 minutes of vulnerability from the time it is launched to its target 6,000 miles away?

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Back By Popular Demand

Two Weeks Til Fair

The thirty-seventh annual Chowan County Fair is less than two weeks away and William A. Perry, president of the Chowan County Fair Association, can't wait for the fun to begin.

"I always get excited when the fair comes around," said Perry. "It gets in your blood."

As a child, Perry attended county fairs held in a field located at the present site of John A. Holmes High School. But sometime in the 1930s the fairs stopped in Chowan County and were not seen again until 1948 when American Legion Post 40 began holding them in the Armory Building on Broad Street. The county fair was back by popular demand.

Fresh out of the service, Perry sold tickets at that first fair sponsored by the American Legion. Since that time, he has worked on the annual event.

In 1953, the fair moved to its pre-

sent location at the Legion Post on Highway 17 Business. Each year it continues to grow.

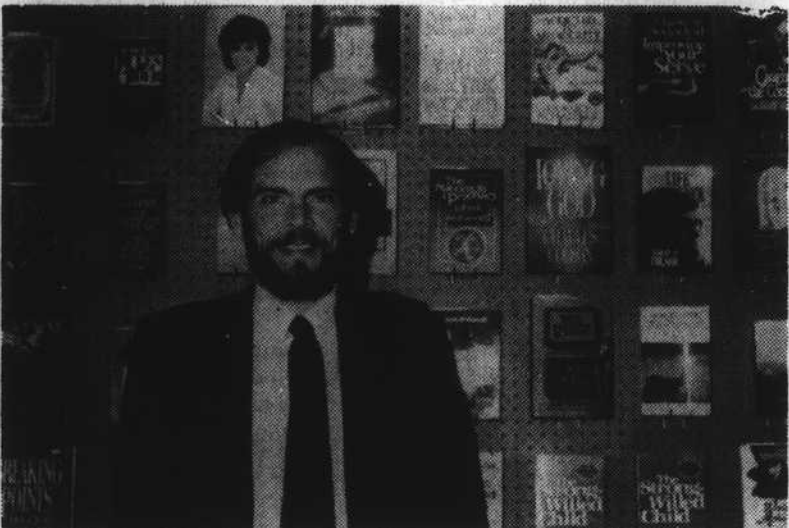
"The fair is the biggest attraction in the county," commented Perry. "Attendance has steadily increased through the years." Last year it was estimated that 18,000 people visited the fairgrounds during the week of the fair.

The number of exhibit entries has also increased as well as the number of shows, contests and special events. But, according to Perry, the biggest changes that have taken place over the years have been on the midway.

"The rides have gotten nicer, there are more lights and the midways are now run more businesslike than they used to be," he said.

Fun City shows will be running the midway this year as they have

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NEW BUSINESS—The Good News Shoppe, 419 South Broad Street, will celebrate its grand opening this Saturday, September 7. Proprietor Gary Duncan (above) says the new Christian bookstore will offer Christian books, Bibles, gifts, church supplies and music. Hours are 9 - 5 Monday through Saturday. Special orders may be placed by calling 482-7378.

Absentee Voting Allowed

Absentee voting will be allowed in the Municipal Election on November 5. Ballots will be available as soon as can be

printed after filing deadline at noon on September 20. Persons may make applications for absentee voting beginning Friday, September 6, until Thursday, October 31, at 5:00 p.m. One-Stop voting begins Monday, September 23.

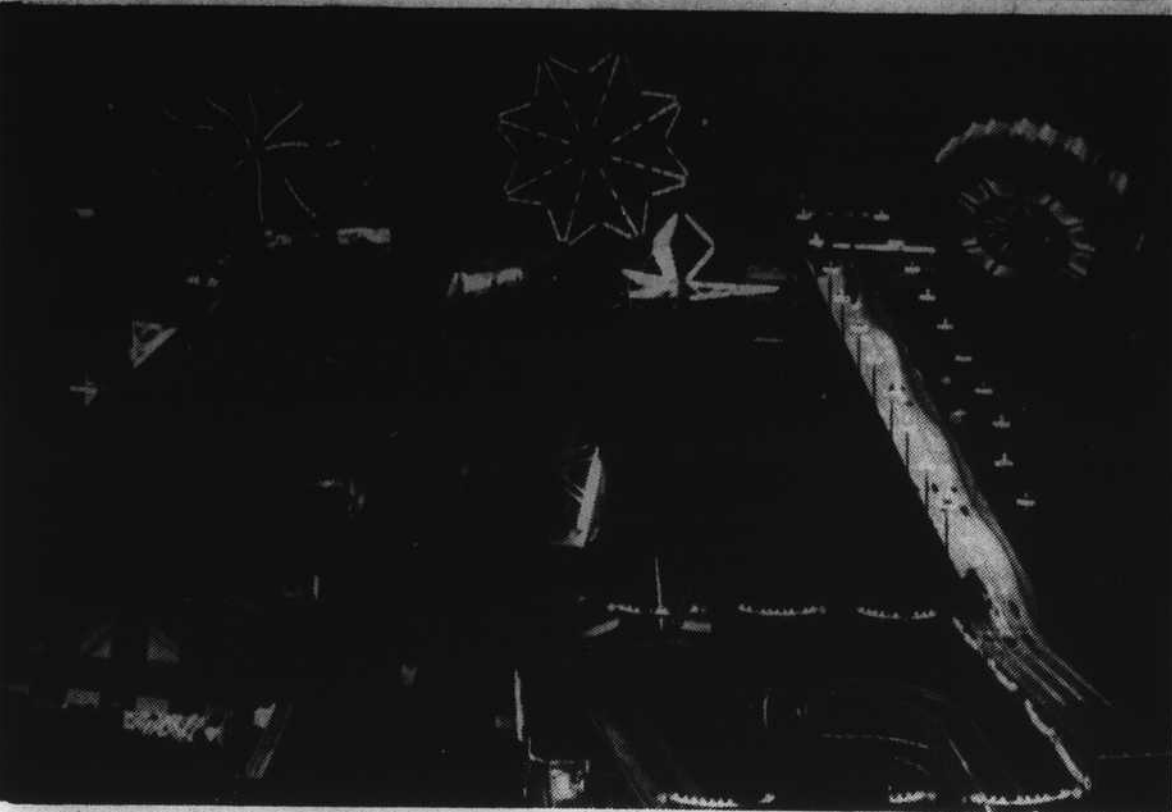
The Election Board will be required to meet to approve absentee voting applications. During the period opening 30 days before an election in which absentee ballots are authorized and closing at 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the elections, the County Board of Elections shall hold public meetings at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Friday of each week, and it shall also hold public meetings at 8:00 a.m. on the eighth, fifth, third, and first days immediately preceding election day.

The County Board of Elections shall not be required to hold any of the meetings prescribed by this subdivision unless, since its last preceding meeting, it actually has received on or more applications for absentee ballots, which it has not passed upon.

COA Courses

The Continuing Education Department of College of the Albemarle will offer three real estate courses this fall quarter in Chowan County. Real Estate Sales will be taught on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-10 p.m. at John A. Holmes High School auditorium. Real Estate Finance will be taught on Tuesday nights from 7-10 p.m. at Holmes High School. Real Estate Law will be offered on Thursday night from 7-10 p.m. at John A. Holmes High School. Each class will cost \$10.00.

For more information, please call 482-8426 on Tuesday and Thursday nights.



FAIR DAYS—The 1985 Chowan County Fair, sponsored by American Legion Post 40, will be held September 16 - 21 at the Fairgrounds on Highway 17 Business. Pictured above is a view of last year's midway as seen from Ferris wheel.

County Superior Court Session Held

Chowan County Superior Court was in session the week of August 26. The Honorable Herbert Small presided over the criminal calendar; Kenneth W. Patterson was the prosecutor.

Joseph Lynn Cooper was found guilty by a jury on four counts of misdemeanor larceny. Two counts were consolidated for judgement and Cooper received a two-year commitment. He also received two additional two-year commitments for the remaining two counts.

Orian Lorenzo Jordan Jr. was found guilty by a jury on two counts of misdemeanor larceny. He received two two-year commitments. Jordan was found not guilty on a third charge of misdemeanor larceny.

James Edward Lamb Jr. pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and a charge of misdemeanor posses-

sion of marijuana. The two charges were consolidated for judgement and Lamb was sentenced to nine months suspended for two years on the condition he pay a fine of \$500 and cost of court.

John Douglas Ashworth pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to 9 months suspended for three years on the condition he pay a fine of \$300 and cost of court.

He is to make restitution to J. Gregory.

Vanza Lee Midgett pleaded guilty to larceny of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to six years suspended for five years on the condition he pay a fine of \$1,000 and cost of court.

Haywood Lee Johnson was found guilty on charges of DWI; exceeding a safe speed; driving while his license was revoked;

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Hail Damage Crop Aid

RALEIGH—Some farmers in Chowan County may be eligible for federal aid for crops damaged during a severe hail storm earlier this summer. Governor Martin has asked U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block to make emergency disaster loans available through the Farmers' Home Administration.

More than 25,000 acres of corn, watermelons, cotton, peanuts, cantaloupes, sweet potatoes, cabbage and tobacco were damaged by severe wind and hail during a

storm on June 4, 1985. Damages to farm buildings and equipment have been estimated at more than \$40,000.

Only farmers whose buildings, equipment and crops were not insured will be eligible for emergency loan assistance. If Secretary Block approves the request for assistance, eligible farmers must be submit loan applications to the Farmers' Home Administration.

A response to Governor Martin's request is expected in early September.

Mrs. Jones Delivers Speech

Mrs. Walter B. Jones, journalist and wife of the U.S. Congressman, chose the September 3rd meeting of the Chowan County Democratic Women as the place to deliver her first speech in North Carolina as the congressman's wife.

Jones, who confessed to growing up in a Republican family and later becoming a Democrat, told those gathered for a luncheon at Boswell's Restaurant that the commitment of a Democrat is "to promote the social equality of the people."

But taking that commitment seriously got the party in trouble in the 1980 and 1984 elections. "We tried so hard to protect the rights of the disenfranchised, we forgot about the majority of the people," she said. "We have to retrace our steps and get back to the basics."

Jones said that Democrats must "work hard in the months ahead

to see to it that we, the people, elect a majority of Democrats in local races, in state races, in congress and in the White House by getting the majority of the people to vote for good Democrats."

She described her husband as one of those good Democrats and referred to him as her kind of elected official. "Even though he is chairman of a major committee with all its power and even though he is faced with the problems of not only North Carolina but of the nation, he has never forgotten or fails to look after the problems interests and concerns of not only you and his constituents, but all the people," she said.

"I think each one of us should take it as our personal responsibility to elect Democrats," she told the women. "Let's not let the Republicans take over this District."



Mrs. Walter B. Jones, left, was the speaker at a meeting of the Chowan County Democratic Women on Tuesday, September 3. She is pictured with Pansy A. Elliot, president of the organization.



ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY—Chairman of the Chowan County Architectural Survey Steering Committee Terry Wackelin (2nd from left) is shown accepting checks from Mrs. John Graham (left), 400th Anniversary Committee and Cyndy DeVine (2nd from right) and Terry Waff, co-chairmen, 1985 Biennial Pilgrimage. The money will be used for an architectural survey of Chowan County.

County Architectural Survey

For several years, concern has been growing about the ever increasing need for an architectural survey of Chowan County. Increasing developmental changes, especially building deterioration, are daily affecting the area.

In April 1985, a federal grant was received by the Edenton Woman's Club through the Division of Archives and History in Raleigh. The grant originated from the Historic Preservation Fund administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service and was awarded for the purpose of conducting an architectural survey

and inventory of Chowan County.

In keeping with its dedication to historic preservation, the Edenton Woman's Club has donated its entire profits from the 1985 Biennial Pilgrimage towards matching this grant. This along with a generous contribution from the 400th Anniversary Committee and in-kind services provided by the County of Chowan has made it possible for this project to begin.

Interviews are currently being conducted to find the best Principal Investigator so work can begin on rural Chowan County immediately.

**CHOWAN COUNTY SHRINE CLUB'S
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL BENEFIT**

Proceeds Go To Shriners' Crippled Children's Hospital

Never a Man Stood So Straight and Honorable As When He Stooped to Help a Crippled Child.



Saturday, September 7, 1985

11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

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