



PRESENTS MEMENTO—Seabrook Blanching Co. recently presented an aviation memento to the Edenton Airport. The framed photo is of the U.S. Air Force's precision flying team, the "Thunderbirds." The autographed photo was given to James Gardner, founder of Seabrook, during an airshow at the airport in the early 1970's. Jim Heidenreich, Seabrook general manager, (left) presented the photo to Bill Myers (center) and Ben Rinehart, members of the Edenton Airport Advisory Committee.

League Addresses Issues

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NCLM's fall convention and local officials will discuss methods of achieving those goals at regional meetings planned for the next three weeks.

At each meeting, officials are given a questionnaire seeking opinions on ways to achieve organization goals. Those opinions will be compiled to identify future objectives.

Two of the goals set last year were opposition to the proposal repealing property taxes and imposing a state sales tax of at least five percent earmarked for local governments, and to allocate 50 per cent of corporate tax to local governments.

The league will seek new revenue sources for local governments to offset lessened financial assistance from the federal government.

The league supports the right of municipalities to make basic employment decisions and will op-

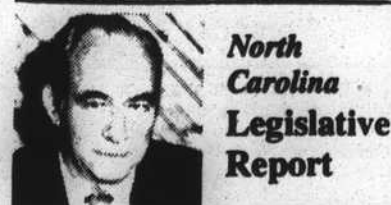
pose any law or regulation which affects salaries, benefits or conditions of work.

Other opposition is expressed by the league for efforts to abolish governmental immunity of municipalities from tort liability.

NCLM will seek legislation to clarify the authority of cities to undertake economic development and authorize use of general obligation or revenue bonds for such projects.

Other legislation sought by the league includes:

- protection of our water supplies by effective watershed controls;
- prohibition of the sale of certain phosphorous-content detergents;
- opposition to mandates increasing local participation in highway construction funding unless new revenue is provided;
- authorization of municipal governments to participate with the private sector in downtown development projects;
- clarification of zoning notice requirements;
- opposition to new incorporations which are primarily for the purpose of preventing annexation by an existing municipality.



By R.M. (PETE) THOMPSON

Activity on local bills was heavy right before the April 15 deadline. As a representative of several counties, I have been working on quite a few requests for local legislation. Many local bills go through the committee rather quickly while some that may have implication for other areas of the state have a tougher time getting through committee.

Serving on the Agriculture Committee has been very interesting. Representative Vernon James is the chairman and involves the full committee in the process. One of the interesting activities that this committee is looking at this year is aquaculture, and the interest in hybrid striped bass is growing rapidly.

North Carolina State University has been researching the culture of the hybrid striped bass for several years, and they believe that they have the program at a place to begin moving it to demonstration ponds. The demand by the public for this fish seems to be already present so the production of the hybrid bass is the holdup.

This fish will not reproduce true because it is a hybrid. This makes a hatchery necessary.

The demonstration ponds will be, we hope, in eastern North Carolina at the start because most of the present research has occurred in this area. The research will include feeding the fish with the idea of using lower cost feed. At the present time, feed cost are high but the probability of cheaper feed is very good.

Dr. Durwood Bateman, dean of the School of Agriculture, feels very positive about this program. We all believe that hybrid striped bass has a future for North Carolina fish farming. The market appears to be there already so what we have to do is to learn to produce them in quantity at an economical cost.

You probably will be hearing quite a bit about aquaculture in the future and I believe that research will really help the seafood industry.

Board Approves Search, Seizure

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vehicles on school premises, but the school retains authority to conduct routine patrols of parking lots and exterior inspection of cars. Interiors may be inspected if a school official has reasonable suspicion to believe that unauthorized materials are inside the vehicle. These inspections may also be conducted without notice, student consent or a search warrant.

If a properly conducted search yields illegal materials, the contraband will be submitted to legal authorities.

The new policy to govern communicable disease procedures state, "...The Board of Education requires that no child with a communicable disease can be denied access to school on the basis of an opinion by a single individual."

Mitchener said he considered a policy to govern how the board handles communicable diseases necessary since reports in late 1986 said the (AIDS) virus had been reported in all counties of the state.

"I felt it was time the board take a look and get its house in order to take care of a problem before and if it happens," he said. "The essential thing to get across to the community is that the responsibility of the school board is to keep the child in the classroom," Mitchener said.

He said the policy will provide teachers and aides with the information to understand and handle diseases if they come up.

Considering AIDS and AIDS-related conditions, the board decided that most infected children represent no threat of transmission in the classroom. Such students are to be provided an education in the usual manner.

Children diagnosed with certain viruses who are unable to control normal body functions, have behavioral abnormalities or open wounds which cannot be adequately covered and do pose a risk may be removed from the classroom.

A child with AIDS/ARC or other communicable diseases may be temporarily removed from a classroom until an alternative program can be established or the child's physician determines that the risk has abated.

Confidentiality of children will be protected by the school system, with only the principal, school nurse and teacher notified of the child's condition.

Determination on whether a school employee with a communicable disease will be permitted to retain employment will be determined on a case-by-case basis, considering the condition of the employee, the expected interaction with others and impact on both the employee and others.

Employee Salary Schedule Comparisons Are Made

By JEANETTE WHITE

In a comparison of employees' salaries in Chowan and the surrounding counties, most wages were about the same, based on population and tax valuation for 1986.

Chowan County's population last year was recorded at 13,357 and tax base was \$306 million. In Bertie, population was 21,480 and tax valuation was \$525 million. Gates reported 9,272 people with a tax base of \$200 million last year.

Perquimans County had 10,725 people and a \$252 million tax base. Tyrrell's population was 4,236 people paying on a \$134 million base.

Salaries ran much higher in more densely populated areas, such as Mecklenburg County, which recorded 446,236 people with a tax valuation of \$20,051 million.

Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland said averaged figures furnished by the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill do not take into account employment grades, which may change salaries slightly.

For instance, the institute reported salary for Chowan's chief deputy as \$19,368, when actual salary was \$17,140. Actual salary for the county's chief jailer was \$13,086 and the register of deeds received \$12,502.

Chowan County paid its director of emergency services \$17,944 last year. Neither Bertie, Gates, Perquimans nor Tyrrell had a director. In Mecklenburg, the director was paid \$47,132.

Chowan County paid \$30 per day to the board of election supervisor and members.

In Bertie the supervisor of elections received \$11,364, the chairman received \$2,400 and board members were paid \$30 daily.

Gates County paid \$10 per meeting to the chairman and board members and \$44.10 per day, three days per week to a supervisor.

Perquimans County paid \$25 per day each to chairman and

members of its board and \$6 per hour to its supervisor.

Tyrrell paid \$12,228 to its election supervisor. In Mecklenburg, elections chairman received \$3,300, \$2,200 went to members and the supervisor received \$40,679.

Chowan County's water system supervisor earned \$20,607 in 1986. A landfill supervisor in Bertie County earned \$19,116 and Gates paid its water supervisor \$19,934.

Perquimans' water system supervisor was paid \$17,496, with \$14,592 paid in Tyrrell.

Mecklenburg paid \$35,399 for a landfill supervisor in 1986.

Salary paid by Chowan last year to a part-time veterans' service officer was \$3,659. In Bertie, \$16,668 went to the civil preparedness coordinator and \$13,740 to the veterans' service officer.

Perquimans paid \$4,000 for a part-time veterans' officer. Tyrrell paid \$2,130 each for part-time civil preparedness and veterans' officers.

Mecklenburg's veterans' officer earned \$40,679.

Counties share services and salaries of some employees. For instance, the library director for Chowan also serves three other counties and received \$25,980. Public health director served four counties and earned \$42,156. The mental health director served six counties for \$40,152. Director of social services in Chowan received \$26,011.

In Bertie County, the library director received \$31,692 from four counties, \$26,328 went to the public health director, \$37,044 to the mental health director serving four counties and \$27,708 to director of social services.

Gates shared a library and mental health director with Bertie and paid its public health director who served two counties, \$37,442. An additional \$25,225 went to the social services director.

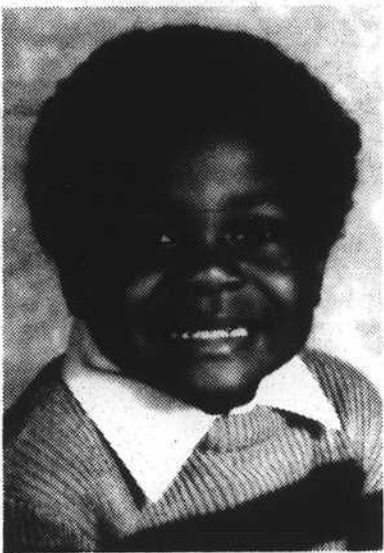
Perquimans shared the same library director, public health director and mental health director as Chowan and paid \$25,416 to

its social services director.

Tyrrell shared the same library director as Chowan, shared a public health director with three counties for \$32,400 and a mental health director with four counties for \$34,044. Its social services director earned \$23,352.

In Mecklenburg, which does not share employees, the library director earned \$55,500, \$82,090 went to the public health director and \$58,706 was paid to the social services director. The mental health director's position was vacant in 1986.

The agricultural extension chairman working in Chowan County was paid \$32,034 last year. Of that amount, \$10,332 came



WINNER—Samuel T. Williams was the winner of \$20 in last week's county litter cleanup drawing.

Judge Chaffin Presides Over Court Docket

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charged with five counts of breaking and entering and larceny and one count of breaking and entering and attempted larceny. A voluntary dismissal was taken on five counts and he was bound over to Superior Court for trial on the remaining charge.

On identical charges for Roy Rogers Ford, the court took the same action.

William Bryan Chappell was found guilty of injury to real property and he was sentenced to six months suspended for two years on payment of a \$100 fine, \$48 cost of court, sentenced to 72 hours of community service and a service fee, ordered to make restitution of \$100 to Edenton Shell Station for damages.

Jerry Wayne Johnson was found guilty of the same charge and sentence was the same. An appeal was noted.

Percy Lee Leary was found guilty of resisting arrest and sentenced to 90 days suspended for two years, fined \$100 and cost of court and ordered off the premises of 210 North Oakum Street for two years. He was also ordered to attend Albemarle Mental Health. A charge of trespassing was consolidated for judgment and he was assessed cost of court.

William Thomas Bland was

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