

### On Feeding The Fish

Rep. Pete Thompson's column about hybrid bass culture perked our interest for several reasons.

For one thing, we have read where the Chinese have established quite an industry in the culture of fresh water shrimp, being able to produce jumbo shrimp in large numbers in farm ponds. We understand that attempts are being made to introduce this culture into the United States, especially in the Mississippi-Louisiana area.

For another, being able to provide adequate food at reasonable prices is always a big factor in any sort of fish or animal venture, whether it is shrimp, fish or pork. And that's what set us to thinking when we read the column about hybrid bass.

We belong to a fishing club which owns several miles of mountain stream up in Ashe County. The club has its own rearing and restocking ponds, where trout are permitted to grow to taking size before being released into the stream. Experience has shown that shrimp heads are one of the best foods for the larger fish.

That brings us to the matter of providing cheap, nutritious food for large numbers of growing hybrid bass. Ashe County is a long way from where shrimp catches are processed and it was always a problem getting a supply of shrimp heads from the beach to the mountains. But that should not be a problem with feeding the hybrid bass.

What North Carolina State University's experts should be looking into is how to convert shrimp heads into dry pellets that could be bagged and shipped. Perhaps some sort of freeze-drying process would be needed. But, whatever the method, it appears to us that shrimp heads offer a source of raw material from which an abundant supply of fish feed could be manufactured. Then, all of the shrimp would be used, just as is all of the chicken or all of the pig in another food industry.

Of course, as with all hybrids, it would be necessary for the state to establish a hatchery to supply the minnows to the farm ponds; but that is not an insurmountable obstacle. The Chinese had to establish an efficient system of collecting the shrimp eggs and hatching them out. They discovered in the process — and this seems cruel, but practical — that the female shrimp would produce many more eggs if blinded.

So, we wish Dr. Durwood Bateman and others at N.C. State the best of luck in their experiments with hybrid striped bass. There is no telling what sort of surprises may turn up along the way.

### Good To Have Policy

Whether or not everybody along the Public Parade agrees with everything in the county school board's new search and seize policy, we feel that it is good to have a policy in place. In education at all levels, events often occur which had been unanticipated, leaving administrators at loose ends.

In the Community College System, for example, the state board had no policy in effect as to political activity by employees of the system. Now that two community college officials have been elected to the General Assembly and several others to such posts as county commissioners and school board members, the state board has belatedly begun developing a policy covering such activity.

So we commend the Chowan school board for facing up to its responsibilities. We predict there will be some flack from students and parents as the hands-on policy takes effect, but the greatest test will come when, as it will, the way things are going now, students or staff members show up with AIDS or as carriers of the virus. Perhaps by then some more successful means of dealing with that disease will have developed.

# Adoption Of County Income Tax Plan Is Recommended

By JACK GROVE

County commissioners had one of their longer sessions Monday morning topped off with a luncheon served by Chowan County Extension Homemakers.

The board heard presentations by chamber of commerce and arts council representatives, made appointments to boards and committees, heard from Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson, D-Chowan, received a report from the Department of Transportation and heard a report from the tax advisory committee.

Gov. James Martin has proposed a state loan pool on which counties could draw for school building funds over a much longer period of time and that would reportedly not produce as much money for local needs.

The tax proposal would have a "sunset" provision that would cancel the tax in four years unless continued by a two-thirds vote of both the House and Senate, according to Thompson. Saying, "It gives the county a lot more flexibility," he explained the tax collected would remain in the state treasurer's office until requested by the county. Commissioners would retain control of any building fund requests.

The board thanked Thompson for supporting legislation banning sale of detergents containing phosphates. He told them that several attempts had been made in the legislative process to exclude selected counties of the state. "With Virginia passing it, we just about had to," he said. Referring to a special funding

bill he had introduced, Thompson also remarked, "Your number one project (Swain School Auditorium) still looks real good." The bill would provide \$200,000 in state money to begin renovation of the auditorium for the performing arts.

He has introduced another funding bill for \$185,000 to be used for renovation of the Ziegler House, a state-owned property. The Edenton Visitor Center would then be relocated from the Barker House

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STOLEN VAN—Sgt. F.M. Parker and Officer Chuck Alexander of the Edenton Police Department are shown with a van believed stolen by an Edenton man in Goldsboro recently. The suspect also faces additional charges in Edenton and Goldsboro.

### Arrested Man Faces Additional Charges

A man who lists addresses in both Edenton and Goldsboro is in the county jail under \$15,000 bond



Jill Copeland Jordan

### Career Woman Is Selected

Jill Copeland Jordan of Tyner will represent District XI in N.C. Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club Young Career Woman competition in Charlotte next month.

Ms. Jordan was named first runner-up in district competition last month, placing second to Ellen Schwartz of Elizabeth City.

Because of her work schedule, the winner will not be able to compete in Charlotte.

Ms. Jordan is a graduate of East Carolina University, where she received her BA Degree in the field of school and community health education. She is pursuing a master's degree in health education and works as school health coordinator for the Edenton-Chowan School system.

Ms. Jordan will be competing with winners from 11 other districts in Charlotte. The winner of the state competition will receive a free trip to Hawaii.

The Young Career Woman Program is BPW's way of highlighting the outstanding achievements of young business and professional women. Founded in 1919, the club has a membership of 170,000 women who support legislation to elevate the status of women and implement "women helping women" projects.

after being arrested Friday.

Rickie Holley, 23, is charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of marijuana, breaking and entering and larceny at the Habit Motel and breaking and entering at J.A. Holmes High School.

Chief J.D. Parrish of Edenton Police Dept. said he is expecting other charges to be filed against Holley in Goldsboro.

Chowan Sheriff Fred Spruill said his department will charge the inmate with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with a past entry at the home of Gene Nixon, Route 2, Box 245, Edenton.

Holley was unarmed and offered no resistance as he was arrested while delivering children to D. F. Walker School Friday morning. He was driving a 1979 Chevrolet van reported stolen in Goldsboro. The arrest came after he was under surveillance by Edenton Police Department Thursday night.

Physical evidence from the break-ins implicate Holley, Spruill said.

### All Schools To Be Accredited

Edenton-Chowan Schools will see history in the making at the end of this year when all schools and the central office are accredited.

Maxine Britt, director of instruction, told the school board Tuesday night that a 22-member team representing eight other systems visited April 29 and 30 and left Chowan with the promise of a state recommendation for the accreditation.

The recommendation will be made in October and the schools should be notified of accreditation in December.

Two years ago, White Oak and Chowan Junior High were accredited, J.A. Holmes received accreditation in the fall and last week D.F. Walker and the central office passed requirements.

In making the recommendation, the inspection team looks at school and community relations, faculty qualifications, design of learning and organization, individual instruction areas, support services (transportation, maintenance, food services and student activity programs) and actual educational facilities.

Mrs. Britt said the accreditation is a means used to make sure the system meets certain standards. The designation will not mean additional funding from the state.

The visiting inspection team made recommendations for needed improvement, but was liberal with praise for the system and presented a long list of compliments.

The team said, "...There is

evidence of a strong focus on instruction. Although limited by resources, the system has provided many outstanding opportunities for all students. The Edenton-Chowan system is to be

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### Two Charged With Larceny

Two Edenton men have been charged with felonious larceny from an employer, one of whom was recently honored by the company.

The charges were filed against Orlando Drye, 74, of Route 4, a night watchman, and Johnnie Daniel Dugger, Route 4, Cypress Drive in connection with more than \$2,000 in tools and other items missing from Bayliner Marine Corporation.

Chowan Sheriff Fred Spruill said the charges were filed Tuesday and both men have been released on \$3,000 bond.

Drye was recently nominated by his company to be recognized during Older Worker Week sponsored by the Employment Security Commission.

Bayliner General Manager A. T. Powell said, "It is regrettable that such charges had to be brought against any employee. But it is our intention to prosecute to the fullest extent of the law, not just them, but any employee (thought to be stealing)."

### Area Fishermen Irate With Large Trawlers

By JEANETTE WHITE

Operators of large trawlers in eastern Albemarle Sound are running into rough water churned by irate local fisherman who say the big boats are depleting crabs and finfish and destroying native fishing grounds.

Trawlers up to 90-feet long are coming from Pamlico Sound for the first time this year to fish waters east of the imaginary line following the Intracoastal Waterway.

So long as the big boats are pulling crab trawls and have crabs aboard, they are legally allowed to keep up to 1,000 pounds of incidental finfish, such as trout or white perch, and unlimited flounder.

Since boxed and graded flounder nets up to \$2 per pound for the fishermen and crab brings up to 60 cents per pound, the flounder may not be incidental.

Harrell Johnson, northern district manager of the N.C. Div. of Marine Fisheries, said in a telephone interview he believed the problem began after poor crabs in the Pamlico area sent a small group of fishermen to Albemarle Sound last year. The group set crab pots, did well and may have boasted of good catches to their peers back around Belhaven, Johnson said.

When those fisherman heard about the good catches, the trawlers came farther east.

Johnson said it was his agency's job to see that everyone is treated

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### 'Hunter Day' Proclaimed

Perquimans County will be honoring its most famous citizen Saturday, May 9, with Jim "Catfish" Hunter Day in Hertford.

The festivities will recognize Hunter's election to the Baseball Hall of Fame. A 3 p.m. parade will kick off the day's activities, followed with a planned program at 4 p.m., a free pig-pickin' at 5 p.m. and the annual Hertford old-timers' baseball game at 8 p.m.

"On the road to the Hall of Fame" will be the theme for the parade, which will organize at Harris Shopping Center on Grubb Street and travel through downtown Hertford, ending at Perquimans High School.

Parade participants will include the Perquimans Marching Pirates, some of Hunter's former teammates, members of the Hunter family and the honoree.

All pigs and other food for the free meal have been donated by area businesses and residents. The baseball game will be on the Perquimans High School baseball field, where the old-timers will be meeting the 1987 school team.



CLEAN AIR AWARD—R. P. Moore, owner of Southeastern Timber Co. in Windsor, received an award Thursday from Mrs. Sadie Daughety of Greenville, regional director of the American Lung Association. The award recognizes efforts to protect the environment.

### Clean Air Award Is Presented

Southeastern Timber Company in Windsor was honored Thursday with a Clean Air Award from the American Lung Association of North Carolina.

R. P. Moore, owner of the company, received the award from Mrs. Sadie Daughety of Greenville, regional director of the association.

The award is presented annually to a company in the 22-county area which has taken steps to protect the environment. Mrs. Daughety said Thursday that investigation to decide this year's recipient proved that Moore always went the extra mile to beat pollution by early installation of more safety features than legally required.

The company received the award this year for installation of controls on a boiler to deplete unnecessary emissions.

Clean Air Week is observed nationally and was set for April 27 through May 1 this year.

"This serves as one way to alert the public to the real dangers of air pollution. The theme this year is 'Air Pollution: The Danger Continues'. The American Lung Association of North Carolina, Eastern Region, commends Southeastern Timber for its efforts to preserve clean air," Mrs. Daughety said.

Moore's company was incorporated in 1954 and opened in Windsor in 1962, leaving the sales and bookkeeping offices in Wilson. Southeastern employs 50 workers, acts as a brokerage firm and manufactures rough blanks from which parts of furniture are cut, such as table legs.

Moore said his company uses all species of gum, maple and ash, but no oak or pine.