



BAND CONCERT TONIGHT—The U.S. Atlantic Fleet Band performs on the Old Courthouse Green at 7:30 tonight in a public concert for all ages. There will be a special salute to the anniversary of our Constitution with the audience singing familiar patriotic songs. Raffle prizes of a \$500 gift certificate from Ben Riddick Jewelers and one week at an ocean front cottage that sleeps 12, will be drawn during the concert. This is sponsored by the Chowan Chapter of the N.C. Symphony. In case of rain, the event will be at John A. Holmes High School Auditorium. (U.S. Navy Photo)

Anniversary Celebration Day Scheduled

The historic "Port of Plymouth", on the Roanoke River at the mouth of Albemarle Sound, will host an all-day 200th Anniversary Celebration and annual Fireman's Day Saturday, Sept. 19.

The celebration, will begin with a parade at 10 a.m. at the east end of Water Street in downtown Plymouth.

Mrs. Tere Blackwood, co-chairman of the Plymouth 200th Committee, said "This is going to

be one of the largest and most fun-filled events in Northeastern North Carolina this year.

"Some of the highlights include all of the annual Fireman's Day events such as fireman's competitions and equipment displays; official public greeters 'Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rhodes', founders of Plymouth, portrayed in costume by Ben Cherry and Ms. Dee Griffith.

"The parade with bands, antique autos, clowns, horse and

buggies, Shriners groups, and America's Junior Miss Charm, Andrea Pierce of Fayetteville; the Elizabeth II ship's boat, Silver Chalice; hot air balloons; helicopters; clogging dancers; Civil War display, games with cash prizes and Max Headroom Video Van by WDLX Radio, Washington, and Coca Cola.

"Many arts and crafts displays; historical walking tours; historical artifacts exhibits, fireworks; a beach music street dance; all kinds of food and refreshments; and much, much more."

The brief opening ceremony following the parade will feature the presentation of a \$125,000 state grant by the area state legislative delegation to local officials for the conversion of an old waterfront railroad depot into a permanent "Port of Plymouth" Museum.

The museum, being developed and to be operated by the Plymouth/Washington County Historical Society, plans to join the Historical Albemarle Tour upon completion in 1988. It is designed to present historical Civil War, Indian, old family, agricultural, forest products and other artifacts related to Plymouth and Washington County history.

The Albemarle area was originally explored 400 years ago by the White expedition from England, funded by Sir Walter Raleigh, which spent a year in the area drawing maps and collecting information before the Roanoke Lost Colonists came to the area.

The area was recorded on a map in 1585 listed as Moratuck, named for the Indian tribe in residence and the present Roanoke River bore the name as well. A re-enactment of this exploration will be portrayed during the celebration with the Silver Chalice.

The original town of Plymouth was carved out of the Arthur Rhodes' Brickhouse Plantation in 1787 around a 100-year-old shipping point on the Roanoke River.

New System Is Operating

By JEANETTE WHITE

Chowan drivers are faced with 40 buses on the county's roads with the opening of the new school term and may notice more flashing lights than ever.

Newer school buses have an eight-light warning system, including two yellow flashing lights at the top front and two more at the top rear of the school bus. These new lights will be engaged around 300 feet before a passenger pick-up to warn motorists of the approaching stop.

Chowan County purchased three new buses in 1986-87 and will gradually phase in the new eight-light system as more buses are bought.

With the new lights, once a bus comes to a complete stop, the driver will open the door if traffic is safe and a switch in the door latch will automatically turn off the yellow lights and activate four flashing red lights.

The penalty for another vehicle passing the bus once the red lights are flashing carries more points on driving license than any other moving violation, five.

The N.C. School Bus and Traffic Safety Section says school busing is the safest mode of traveling, passenger for passenger, mile for mile.

Chowan bus drivers are instructed to wait 30 to 40 seconds in the morning for a child to board, but associate superintendent James Kinion says drivers wait longer if they see a child approaching.

All county buses are equipped with governors to control a 35 mile per hour maximum speed.

Two pilot programs are underway in the state to study feasibility of seat belts in school buses. Kinion said no Chowan buses have belts, but the newer buses have more padding in the seats.

Kinion said shoulder harnesses in buses are almost impossible when considering getting students on the bus and buckled, especially if harnesses come from the roof.

"Buses are pretty well built," Kinion said, adding that extra padding, the height of the buses and slow speed contribute to student safety.



DONATION MADE—Hardy Gillam (right), president of Chowan County Law Enforcement Officers Association, accepts a check from Richard Dixon (center) of Atlantic Forest Products. The donation was the first from a business to support Crime Line. Watching is Deputy David Jethro.

Business Donates Funds

The newly organized Chowan County Crime Line received its first business donation to be used for rewards when Atlantic Forest Products presented a check Wednesday at a meeting of the advisory board.

The board is comprised of six officers from county law enforcement agencies and six citizen members.

Officers who serve on the board are Hardy Gilliam, David Jethro, Gail Jackson, W.A. (Bill) Long, W.A. (Bill) Phillips and Jimmy Alston. Citizen members are Cliff Copeland, Phillip Whitaker, Kathleen Miller, Murray Nixon, Wallace Evans and Richard Dixon.

Telephone number for Crime Line, which will be operational October 1, is 482-5100. Hours of

operation will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. After-hour calls will be received through an answering system.

"Remember Crime Line wants your information, not your name," Chowan Deputy Jethro said Friday.

Crime Line will sponsor a booth at the county fair October 12 through 17, with a raffle planned October 13-17. Tickets are on sale from any Chowan County Law Enforcement Officers Association member and may be purchased at the booth for \$1.

Proceeds from the tickets will go to Crime Line. Any individual or business desiring to make a donation toward the project should send a tax-deductible check to CCLEOA, Crime Line, P.O. Box 451, Edenton, NC 27932.

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Real Estate Facts

By: Robert B. Bachman Broker



The Effects Of Overpricing!

See if you can guess the answer to the following question: The one person who thinks a house is worth the most money is the home's present owner.

TRUE FALSE

If you guessed TRUE, you were probably correct. You see, the present owner of a home knows all the benefits of living there, appreciates those benefits, and probably doesn't ever want to sell. Then, when the need arises to sell the house, the owner expects to be well compensated, which usually results in overpricing the home.

Unfortunately for the seller, potential buyers may not agree to pay such an unreasonably high price. Most buyers look at a number of homes before purchasing. They compare shop, considering such things as features and price.

One of the negative effects of over-

pricing, then, is that it helps buyers to choose another home. They compare several homes with similar features and benefits, then purchase the home which provides the most value for the least money. More clearly stated, "An overpriced home helps to sell the competition."

By researching homes that are "For Sale" now, as well as those which have sold recently, a professional real estate agent can help you arrive at the "right" price, a fair price which buyers are willing to pay for a home like yours.

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