



## Roadsides And Waterways Cleanups Set

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The state Division of Water Resources is sponsoring a cleanup around the state's

streams, rivers and lakes on May 20 and 21. The trash cleanup is in preparation for North Carolina Rivers Month

in June, involving a series of outdoor recreation events and celebrations along the state's inland waterways.

Already in the works locally, is the "Clean Sweep," on April 15 under joint sponsorship of the town and county.

Linda Edmundson at Town Hall and Nancy Morgan at the County Manager's office are coordinating signups for individuals and groups that wish to help in the street and roads cleanup.

Mrs. Edmundson was asked yesterday how the signups were going and she replied, "not good." She pointed out, however, that many more people turned out for last year's cleanup than had signed up.

Participants in the streams cleanup will keep a tally of the different types of trash collected. The results will be used by the Div. of Water Resources to identify problem areas and major sources of litter.

Locally, Al Howard of the Arrowhead Beach Stream Watch Group said of the cleanup, "Certainly, we're planning to participate." He said that his group has adopted three miles of the nearby Indian Creek as a target for cleanup of "a lot of trash, stumps and tree limbs" clog-

## Company Plans Move To Area

A Virginia company has chosen to expand its operations to Edenton, Richard Bunch of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce announced this week.

According to a press release, Highland Data Services Co. is a privately owned corporation that was founded in July, 1983 in Blue Grass, Virginia. It is located in the remote western Virginia mountains "to attract a conscientious labor force in an economically disadvantaged area."

The company currently employs approximately 100 people in its Blue Grass and Romney, West Virginia facilities. The Romney operation was opened in April of last year to accommodate in-

creased workloads and expand the available labor pool. HDS presently operates two shifts in both locations.

Highland Data Services has processed a variety of documents for clients in federal, state and local governments as well as for private industry. HDS primarily keys medically related claim information, mailing lists, surveys and inventory records. Currently the company keys an average of 14 million medical claims a year.

The company will begin its operations in Edenton in the spring at the former location of Western Gas on No. Broad Street. The building is being leased from Al Cox.

Highland Data expects to employ 22 to 25 data entry operators initially with plans to grow in the future.

The company worked closely with the N.C. Dept. of Commerce in selecting a site. HDS says that a variety of factors influenced their deci-

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**BOUND FOR THE SOUND?**--This trash, mostly beer bottles and cans, was left on the ground surrounding a half-empty trash container about fifteen feet away from the mill race at Bennett's Mill Pond. Discarded bottles could be seen in the water below the race feeding into a stream that connects, via the Chowan River, with Albemarle Sound.

### On Rewarding Quality

We support Gov. Jim Martin's call for a one-cent increase in the state sales tax "to provide for salary increases and performance incentives for teachers, community college instructors, university professors and state employees."

There are those who contend that the sales tax bears most heavily on the poor; but the other side of that coin is the fact that the poor are the prime beneficiaries of this and other broad-based taxes. Middle and upper income people pay many taxes from which they receive little or no benefit.

So, we have no problem with the equity of a sales tax to support upgrading of the public school system; but we would not endorse the governor's current proposal if he had not linked it with performance incentives for teachers, otherwise known as the career ladder. The time is long past when the state should do whatever is necessary to reward quality in teaching above mediocrity.

As might have been expected, there are among the governor's own party a large segment opposed to the tax increase. It would be easy to go along with them and attempt to embarrass the governor; but the improvement of our public school system is too important to play petty politics with. We hope that enough Democrats will fall in line with Gov. Martin to put his plan over.

In his proposal, the governor suggests a salary base for 1989-90 ranging from \$19,121 for teachers with no experience to \$31,380 for veterans with 29 or more years of experience. By 1990-91, this scale would move to \$19,730 for beginners and \$33,970 for the top bracket; and in 1991-92 the scale would range from \$20,500 to \$36,400.

Above that, career level one teachers, with a minimum of three years of experience, would be paid 5 per cent more than the state base; and career level two teachers, with 10 or more years experience, would receive 10 per cent more than career level one teachers, or 5 plus 10 per cent above the base.

Thus, career level one teachers would receive from \$20,890 up to \$32,950, depending on years of experience, for 1989-90; and those figures would rise to \$22,840 and \$36,220 in 1991-92. And career level two salaries would range from \$26,120 to \$36,240 in 1989-90 and \$28,860 to \$42,050 by 1991-92. None of

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## Ordinance Revision Evokes Comments

Chowan County Commissioners held three public hearings during their regular meeting Monday night.

The first drew attendance and comment from residents on B Lane who requested that the name be changed to Whitemon Lane. An earlier request that the road be named White-Simonston Rd. was rejected as too long to fit on a road sign. Six of eleven families living on the road were represented at the hearing.

Mrs. Geraldine Coston told commissioners that naming the lane Whitemon "would give the road a more personal name." She also said that it would be "in honor of individuals that have lived in the community since the 1940's."

County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator Doug Belch objected, saying that the road had been known to emergency personnel for "70 or 80 years" as B Lane.

Mrs. Coston countered with "I think it's time for a change."

Commissioner Joe Hollowell asked how many families lived on the lane and was told that six families were present. Mrs. Coston told him that 100 per cent of the families favored the name, Whitemon.

"We have tried to follow the wishes of the people that live in the community," Hollowell said and he offered a motion that the residents' wishes be

honored. Commissioner Clara Boswell said that B Lane had historical significance since "We know that there was an A, B and a C Lane." Commission Chairman Alton Elmore wryly reminded the group that A Lane was "now under the Golden Corral and C Lane is now under the funeral home."

Whitemon won out on a board vote of four to one with Mrs. Boswell dissenting.

A hearing on the proposed revision of the county's subdivision ordinance also drew some discussion from developer Tom Wood who is selling lots around the new nine hole course at the country club.

County Manager Cliff Copeland explained that the ordinance covered developments that were comprised of two or more acres. He said that the ordinance would be "much more readable."

He said that the revision would contain four major changes: a requirement of developers that they provide for dumpster sites; protection of water quality by establishing 50 foot setbacks from the water's edge; a provision that interior lot owners be given access to the waterfront; and that the developer set aside a county recreation area.

Wood was unhappy with the water access provision that stated that a 50 foot access be provided for every 600 feet of waterfront. He called the provision "very, very costly" since the "demand is all for waterfront." At his new development Wood stated, "I'm definitely going to have a boat ramp."

Hollowell noted that the development had 10,000 feet of waterfront and said that the proposed ratio might be too great. Copeland offered, "We can certainly have the planning board take another look at it."

Concerning the dumpster sites, Wood said that he felt that the requirement should only pertain to multi-family homes and not to up-scale neighborhoods where they would be unsightly. Copeland said after the meeting, "The

thing is, you (the county) cannot find a place to put them" and that he felt that it had to be

a developer's responsibility. He said that, in any case,

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**GROUND-BREAKING**--Bruce Jones, Sr. and Bruce Jones, Jr. man the shovels for the ground-breaking at the new location of Albemarle Motor Co. with enthusiastic support of town, county and chamber of commerce officials, bankers, local businessmen and other friends. The \$1 million plus project is scheduled to be completed in the fall and will give the Ford-Mercury dealership more elbow room on the five acre site.

## Dealership Prepares New Site

An Edenton car dealership is moving to the edge of town in order to expand and modernize its facilities.

Ground was broken last Thursday at the corner of N.C. 32 North and B Lane, just north of the U.S. 17 Bypass, for the new home of Albemarle Motor Co., Inc.

The site, which comprises five acres, will feature an L-shaped building with approximately 20,000 square feet of floor space. The building will house the new car show room, offices, a service facility, a body shop and a parts department. Included in the design is space for over 18 service bays.

The company, founded in 1945 by William Bruce Jones, has sold Ford products from the beginning. In 1973, the Mercury line of cars was added. Officers of the corporation include Bruce Jones, Jr., president, Bruce Jones, Sr., vice-president and Mary

Lou Jones, secretary.

In an interview, Bruce Jones, Jr. said that the company presently has about 27 employees and expects to add employees in all departments when the new facility is

opened. He noted, "We'll be stocking a much larger inventory of new and used cars and trucks."

Jones said that construction will begin as soon as the

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## Iredell Descendant Dies

A direct descendant of James Iredell has died. Iredell Jones, III died on Friday, March 31. His home was Sherwood Plantation at Wedgefield, S.C.

Jones and his wife were the owners of the original oil portraits of James and Hannah Iredell that now hang in the Iredell House on East Church Street. They were presented to the James Iredell Association by Mrs. Iredell Jones, III and Mr. and Mrs. Iredell Jones, IV in November of 1981.

The portraits had been in

the Jones family for 50 years but they believed that the proper place for them was the home of the Jones' ancestors. The house was purchased by Iredell in 1778.

James Iredell was an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, having been appointed by President George Washington.

The portraits came to Edenton after being sought by the Hall of Justice in Washington, D.C. and by Iredell County, N.C. which wanted them to hang in the courthouse.

## Accident Leaves One Seriously Injured

A one-vehicle accident seriously injured one person and did extensive damage to a 1988 Ford car at 8:08 p.m. Tuesday.

Acting Police Chief C.H. Williams said Wednesday that the driver, Mona Lisa Fleming, 24, of 207 E. Eden St., lost control of the car after becoming ill. The car veered off the roadway in the 200 block of E. Queen Street and struck a tree.

Both Ms. Fleming and her passenger, Becky Davenport, 19, of Chowan Garden Apartments, were injured and were

transported to Chowan Hospital by the rescue squad.

A hospital spokesman said Wednesday that Ms. Fleming was treated for minor injuries and released. Ms. Davenport sustained a leg fracture and multiple abrasions and was transferred to Pitt Memorial Hospital for further treatment.

Investigating officer, Patrolman W.L. Forehand, estimated damage of \$12,000 to the automobile.

Williams said that no charges have been filed pending further investigation.