

# Big Grant Approved For Water, Sewer Project

## Town Voters To Pass On Bonds; No Taxes Needed To Pay \$600,000

The Town of Edenton's nearly \$1-million water and sewer extension project will be aided by a \$329,500 federal grant. Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First District announced approval late Tuesday of the grant by the Department of Housing & Urban Development.

Town Council, in regular session Tuesday night, took action leading toward a local general obligation bond issue for \$600,000. It is expected to be held May 2.

Mayor George Alma Byrum and Town Administrator W. B. Gardner were quick to point out that the bonds and interest could be paid without any property tax increase. Gardner went so far as to say the town might be able to reduce taxes by a few cents in the July budget.

The biggest single item in the \$934,200 project is additions to the water supply and a 500,000-gallon storage tank. These items are estimated to cost \$341,000.

The project, according to Mayor Byrum, will give both water and sewer to most of the newly annexed areas, as well as provide services to the new Chowan Hospital. It will open up another section of Morgan Park with the developers paying about \$35,000 of the cost.

Included also are Paradise Road, Albemarle Street, Hertford Road and Paxton Lane.

Mayor Byrum called a joint meeting of the council and Board of Public Works to further discuss the project as well as the assessment policy and figures.

J. N. Pease & Company, consulting engineers, have already been instructed to furnish final plans and specifications for the project. This was done in anticipation of the grant and favorable vote on the bonds.

Gardner said if the bonds are approved on May 2 then the town would not be pushing the deadline for the hospital project. Later Mayor Byrum said it would be terrible to have a \$2-million hospital with no sewer facilities.

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## Tax Help Ready

Roy L. Lowe announced today that the local offices of the Economic Improvement Council, Inc., has volunteered to assist those in the lower income brackets in preparing their 1969 Federal Income Tax returns.

The program, known as VITA, is being manned by employees of the EIC. Training for these employees has been provided by the Internal Revenue Service.

Assistance in preparing returns will be available at the Elizabeth City office, 506 W. Ehringhaus Street, Wednesday nights and at the Economic Resource Center in Edenton, 114 N. Oakum Street, on Thursday nights. These centers will be open at 7 o'clock.

## Mrs. Harrell Directing Heart Fund

Mrs. Scott Harrell has been named the 1970 Heart Fund Campaign Chairman for 1970 by Rudolph Dale, president of the Chowan Heart Association.

Mrs. Harrell reminds the public that Heart Fund dollars fight heart attacks, high blood pressure, rheumatic fever,



Judge Naomi E. Morris

## Talk Slated Here By Judge Morris

Judge Naomi E. Morris of Wilson, a member of the N. C. Court of Appeals, will be keynote speaker here February 19 as Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club observes Bosses' Night and gives the club's Woman-of-the-Year Award.

The banquet will be held at 7 P. M., at Rocky Hock Community Center. Mrs. Beulah Boswell, president, will preside. Miss Beulah Perry is chairman of the banquet.

Judge Morris is a niece of the late A. C. (Lonnie) Boyce of Edenton.

She was appointed to the Court of Appeals by former Gov. Dan K. Moore in July, 1967, and in 1968 was elected for the remainder of an eight-year term.

Judge Morris is a native of Spring Hope in Nash County but moved with her family to Wilson while still an infant. She was engaged in the private practice of law in Wilson at the time of her appointment to the bench. She is one of two females serving on appeals courts in the state—the other being State Supreme Court Justice Susie Sharpe.

She is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson and received her law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

congenital heart diseases and other diseases of the heart. She asks your generous support in this campaign.

The rural Heart Fund directors are Mrs. Albert Ward, Mrs. Gladys White and Mrs. Robert Bemby. Clarence Shackelford is chairman of this year's Heart Fund benefits. Chairman of special gifts is Mrs. Earl Goodwin; business days, Chuck Benson; Heart Sunday, Mrs. Edward G. Bond and Mrs. Claude Griffin; and balloons and tags, Mrs. Herbert Hollowell.

Mrs. Fred Keeter is treasurer and chairman for memorial gifts. Medical representative is Dr. Edward G. Bond and public education, Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr.

The rural community chairmen are Rocky Hock, Mrs. Tommy Leary; Gliden, Mrs. Lloyd Briggs; Tyner, Mrs. Daisy Jordan; Ryland, Mrs. Suzene Jordan; Macedonia, Mrs. Dick Lowe, and Yeopim, Mrs. Yates Parrish.

The 4-H Clubs will assist in the fund collections.

## Drug Talk Is Set

The second of two programs on the problems of drug abuse will be presented tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Perquimans High School.

The school's PTA will bring in Rev. John Gimenez, head of PROCLAIM in Norfolk, Va.

He will be accompanied by three teenagers who are former drug addicts and they will comprise the program.

Mr. Gimenez was on drugs for 16 years. Now he heads an organization that is devoted to working with young people that are slaves of the drug habit. He has been on the Mildred Alexander Show on Channel 3 and the subject of a number of newspaper articles.

Parents and teenagers are urged to be at the high school for this important program.



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## Public Parade

### Heart Disease: A Local Problem

The heart problem isn't a distant and nebulous national problem of concern only to medical centers, physicians and research scientists. It is a local problem—one which casts its ominous shadow over every home along the Public Parade.

If you are skeptical, just note the frequency with which the words "heart attack," "stroke" and "heart disease" show up in the obituary columns of this newspaper. Here, as elsewhere throughout the nation, approximately half of all deaths are caused by a cardiovascular disease. Cancer is a distant second, while accidents are third.

In these circumstances, it is vital that we give our full support to the Heart Fund, which makes possible the research, education and community service activities of your Heart Association.

Over the past 20 years Heart Fund dollars have speeded virtually every advance in cardiovascular medicine. These gains are reflected in a 20 per cent decline in the cardiovascular mortality rate for those aged below 65.

But much remains to be done. This year more than a million Americans, including a number from this community, will die from a cardiovascular disorder.

So give generously when your Heart Fund volunteer rings your doorbell late in February. Give — so more will live!

### Two Edged Sword

Dr. Bruce Petteway of the College of the Albemarle Saturday morning attempted to scotch the rumor that HEW might order the merger of his institution with Elizabeth City State University.

Edenton Atty. Thomas Cheers, Jr., suggested that if things got too tough COA could join us along the Public Parade. Therefore, Elizabeth City wouldn't have two institutions of higher learning for HEW to pick on.

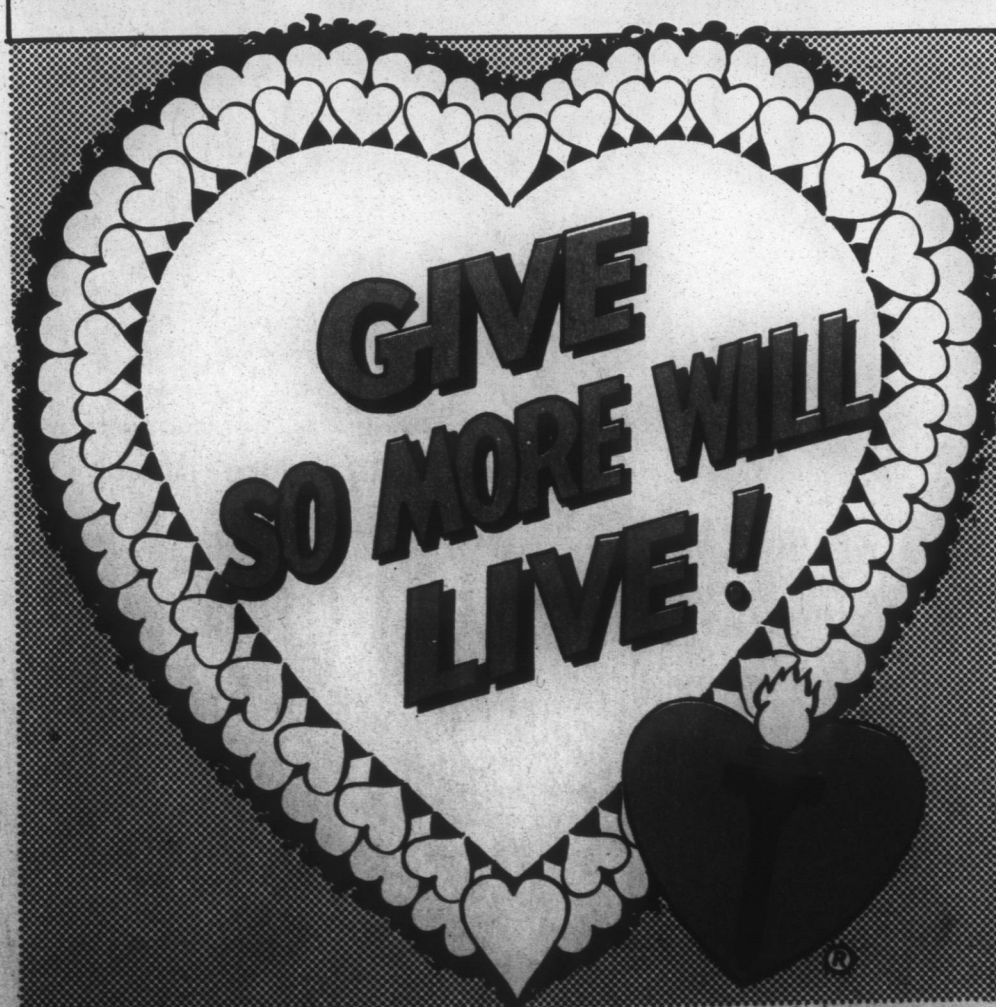
Later in a discussion group one of the questions was concerned with pollution and the part COA should play in training technicians, etc. Cheers said the college should move right along with such training. "We have quite a few smokestacks over in Edenton," he said.

"We can solve that for you by moving some of them over to Perquimans," quipped J. D. Coston, Albemarle REA executive.

The first COA planning conference had its serious moments and West Byrum, Jr., led an interesting discussion by group representatives from Chowan

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# HEART FUND VALENTINE



## Airport Gets FAA Praise; Work Noted

Federal Aviation Authority unofficially reports Edenton Municipal Airport to be one of the most active non-controlled facilities in Eastern North Carolina.

With three FAA approved runways, and the north-south strip being lighted for 4,350 feet, the local airport continues to attract many visiting aircraft and is creating much interest in flying.

Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission has authorized lighting of a large wind vane and Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First District has arranged for the airport to have a radio beacon.

The addition of the beacon, which costs \$15,000, will make the local airport a foul weather facility also. The beacon will be on a leased basis at no cost to the commission.

It will send out a constant signal to identify the airport for aircraft in a 150-mile radius.

Ray Ellis, airport manager for Edenton Aviation, Inc., said in the past two years 21,000 gallons of gasoline has been sold; 1,100 visiting aircraft logged and 10 aircraft are permanently based here.

There were but two permanently based planes here two years ago.

In the same period of time there have been 50 students and eight with private license. The airport will soon have a home-based FAA approved flight instructor.

Members of Chowan County Board of

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## Jones Pays Fee

RALEIGH—First District Rep. Walter B. Jones Tuesday paid his filing fee to the State Board of Elections, for reelection to Congress for a fourth term.

Rep. Jones mailed the fee, effective February 10, the date on which he was first sworn in office in 1966. It is also the birthday of his son Walter, Jr. "It has always been a good day for me", he commented.

Because of pressing congressional activities, Rep. Jones said it was impossible to file personally. He is pushing a bill he introduced last week making it possible for farmers to receive advance feed grain payments. The house bill was necessary because of announced plans by the administration to withhold payments. This he said "would create an undue hardship on thousands of farmers."

Rep. Jones represents the 19-county First District which runs from Jones and

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## Perquimans Economic Study Ready

N. C. Highway Commission Chairman D. Mc. Faircloth will speak to local officials and business leaders Wednesday at



D. Mc. Faircloth

Kenneth W. Lane

Among the major topics covered by the study are the area's physical assets, manpower, market resources, government and finances, and representative industrial sites. The report will serve as a directory of current information and is designed to be used by anyone interested in the economic development of Perquimans County.

Copies will be distributed to officials of the county and municipalities, planning commission, area chambers of commerce, local industrial development



J. Clarence Leary

## Leary Will Seek New Board Term

J. Clarence Leary, 219 West Queen Street, announced today that he would be a candidate for re-election to Chowan County Board of Commissioners from First Township.

Leary, president of Leary Bros. Storage Company, is the second of three incumbents to announce plans to seek another term. Last week C. M. Evans, who resides in Second Township, said he would be a candidate.

Candidates must reside in particular townships but are voted on at-large.

N. J. George, currently a member of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, announced last week he would be a candidate for commissioner from the First Township. Two commissioners are elected from this township with one each from the remaining three townships making up the five-member board.

Chairman W. E. Bond has made no

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## Brown Being Held

Willie Lee Brown, 19-year-old Negro, 108 East Freemason Street, was bound over to Chowan County Superior Court on seven felony counts Tuesday. His bond was set at \$5,000.

Judge W. S. Privott found probable cause in all but one case at a hearing in District Court.

Police Capt. C. H. Williams testified as to break-ins and thefts to which Brown had admitted. They included John A. Holmes High School, D. F. Walker Junior High School, National Guard Armory and the coin-op laundry in Mitchener Village Shopping Center.

Police arrested Brown inside the laun-

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the presentation of an economic study of Perquimans County. The study was made by Virginia Electric and Power Co.

The presentation will be made to Mrs. Jean Harrison, chairman of the local study committee, by Kenneth W. Lane, assistant manager of community development for Vepco. The dinner meeting will be held at 7 P. M., at the Perquimans County High School in Hertford. Co-sponsors of the dinner are Peoples Bank and Trust Company at Hertford, and Vepco.

Vepco conducted the study at the request of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners and the Perquimans County Industrial Development Commission. Company researchers worked with a local committee composed of area representatives in obtaining data to be included in the report.

groups, the N. C. Division of Commerce and Industry, N. C. State Chamber of Commerce, railroads, colleges, universities, and local public and school libraries.

Commenting on the study, Thonias Brown, director, Perquimans County Industrial Development Commission, said, "The study should prove valuable in promoting the economic development of our area. We are grateful to Vepco for their contribution to our development program."