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Public Parade

Bulletin

How Much For How Long?

The ability of Northeastern North Carolina to adequately support a state university and a community college is seriously questioned in a Letter-to-the-Editor found elsewhere in The Chowan Herald. This is a question many have pondered privately for some time.

It has been brought out into the open as a result of a comprehensive plan by College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City to secure funds for a new campus. Committee leaders have been chosen to head a drive for \$500,000 from the Albemarle Area.

There are some serious questions being raised within state government as to how far state-supported institutions of higher learning can go in securing outside funds. They are invading the only coffers of private institutions, who have now retaliated by attempting to get state funds.

The opening sentence in the letter in this newspaper illustrates a point and raises a question within the minds of many outside Elizabeth City. How "community" is the COA?

While it provides a learning lab in Edenton and offers adult education courses here, as well as providing bus service from Edenton to Elizabeth City, citizens of Chowan County, and other counties outside the Perquimans-Pasquotank clique, have had little or anything to say about what happens at COA.

To be loved only when you are needed doesn't breed the most charitable atmosphere. This is especially true when there are serious questions about how long the taxpayers of North Carolina can continue to support, and to what degree, "community" colleges and the other higher education complex.

Welcome, Gov. Scott, AADA

We want to be among the first to welcome Gov. Bob Scott and visitors from the other nine counties making up the Albemarle Area Development Association to meander along the Public Parade. The welcome mat is out and we hope everyone will profit from the gathering.

Gov. Scott is not coming into strange territory. Chowan County gave him a handsome majority in the Democratic Primary as well as the General Election. It was on each occasion an expression of faith in the young "doer" from Haw River. He has not disappointed his faithful followers.

This is one reason why Gov. Scott will feel so at home along the Public Parade. He will be meandering with his type people—people to put little emphasis on "isms" and labels of all types, working for the betterment of the entire area.

Selfish motives have been short lived here. We lack the fancy highway system many enjoy; we lack the concentrated population many enjoy (?); we lack many other things, too numerous to

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WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District announced at noon Wednesday a decision by the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to allow the use of federal housing funds for the purchase of mobile homes in relocation.

This is believed to be the first time such a relocation plan has been approved by HUD.

Rep. Jones said the decision came in the matter involving Edenton Housing Authority. The Edenton authority has been delayed from progressing with the construction of 100 low-rent public housing units because of difficulty in the relocation of seven families now on sites.

The congressman said he argued to HUD that the use of mobile homes for relocation purposes was the only practical and most economical way of making sites in small towns available for low-rent projects. He noted that the \$1.9-million Edenton project had been delayed for weeks because of the question about relocation.



FISH-FRY RECEIPTS — Chowan Shrine Club last week turned over to Sudan Temple checks totaling \$1,346.59 for the Shrine hospitals for burned and crippled children. The money represented profits from an annual fish fry. Potentate Luther Cromartie of Wilmington, center, accepted the big check and is being aided by Willie Bunch, left, club president; and William Easterling, treasurer.

4-H Corn Yields Short Of Record

The average per acre yield in the 1970 4-H Corn Contest was well below the 1969 record but Connie Monds posted a 166 bushel per acre yield to lead all comers.

Average yields to contest winners this year ranged down to 106 bushels per acre.

Announcement of the winners and a dinner in their honor was held November 23 at the Edenton Restaurant. It was sponsored by Edenton Lions Club which puts on the 4-H Corn Growers Contest.

Connie, competing in the 13-14 age group, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Monds. Nadine Monds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Monds, was second to the winner and high in the 9-12 age group with 153 bushels per acre.



Officers Are Lauded — The work done by law enforcement officers in Chowan County was lauded last Tuesday night at a banquet sponsored by Edward G. Bond Post 40, American Legion. Pictured left to right are: Roy Blackley, post commander; Sheriff Troy Toppin, Superior Court Judge Robert Rouse, Jr., of Farmville, and Edenton Police Chief J. D. Parrish. Approximately 200 people attended the banquet at which Judge Rouse spoke.

Hog Cholera Overcome

The State-Federal Eradication Task Force is now in the phase-out stage as hog cholera quarantines in Northeastern North Carolina and Southwestern Virginia are lifted.

Dr. Grant E. Blake announced from the Suffolk, Va., office and James A. Graham, N. C. Commissioner of agriculture, announced the lifting of quarantines in Camden and Pasquotank counties.

Gift By Ruritans

A check for \$700 was donated to the Chowan Hospital and presented to Administrator Thomas M. Surratt at the Chowan Ruritan Club Ladies' Night meeting Monday.

Also, the 1971 officers were installed by State Trooper C. H. Mims, a past president of the New Hope Ruritan Club.

Officers installed were: T. O. Asbell, president; M. J. Privott, vice president; Clarence Bass, secretary; Fahey Byrum, treasurer; and J. T. Hodges, director.

Entertainment was given by the Rocky Hock Clodhoppers.

Earlier Chowan and six other Northeastern North Carolina counties had been cleared as no new cases were diagnosed.

Hog cholera was first diagnosed in Gates County on June 3. In a few days Chowan and Perquimans counties, along their common boundary, were under quarantine as the disease hit epidemic proportions.

State and Federal personnel was rushed into the area and headquarters were established at Edenton Motel. Recently the State-Federal Task Force was established to eradicate the disease in an area surrounding the Dismal Swamp. The office was moved to Suffolk, Va., with another office in Elizabeth City.

The task force has been under the supervision of Dr. R. E. Omohundro, assistant director of the Animal Health Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture. At its height, state and federal personnel assigned to the operation numbered as high as 172. They included U. S. veterinarians and livestock inspectors from over 40 states. The number will now be reduced to less than half the peak figure.

In early stages of the operation, it was necessary to enlarge the diagnostic laboratory facility on Paradise Road, outside Edenton, and to install an emergency lab in Chesapeake, Va. The Edenton lab will now be turned over to regularly employed state personnel.

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Fayton Is Chosen Chowan Nominee

Charles Earl Fayton, 210 East Hicks Street, has been nominated for a coveted Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Fayton is a senior at John A. Holmes High School.

Fayton will represent Chowan County in district competition and if chosen there will have final interviews in Chapel Hill before the Morehead committee.

It was pointed out that Morehead Scholars are nominated on the basis of leadership and all-around ability. Financial need is not considered. The award provides all funds needed for four years at UNC and in recent years graduate awards have been made. The Morehead Award at UNC has gained the reputation of being one of the outstanding scholarships in the nation.

Fayton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Linwood Fayton. He is president of the student council



Robert E. Gray

Mr. Gray Takes Baptist Position

Rev. Robert E. Gray of Durham has accepted the call to become pastor of Edenton Baptist Church. Mr. Gray assumed his duties here this week.

He comes to Edenton from Grace Baptist Church in Durham where he has been pastor since 1965. Prior to that he held positions in Liberty, Hillsborough and Erwin, Tenn.

Mr. Gray, 37, succeeds Rev. R. N. Carroll who retired April 26 after serving the church for 24 years. Mr. Carroll moved to Tennessee. Rev. Percy Upchurch of Williamston has served as interim pastor.

Mr. Gray is a native of Newport News, Va., and is married to Mrs. Eulene Wilson Gray. They have three children, ages, 10, eight and six.

The minister is a graduate of Warwick High School and received his undergraduate degree in 1958 from East Tennessee State College. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest in 1968. He has also studied at Moody Bible Institute and Mars Hill College.

The Grays have moved into the parsonage on Blount Street.

Mrs. Chesson Dies

Funeral services were held at 3 P. M. Friday in Edenton Baptist Church for Mrs. Earl G. Chesson. She was 16.

Rev. Percy B. Upchurch and Dr. Francis Chesson officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Chesson, the former Bonnie Flanagan, was stricken at her home on Country Club Drive at 11:30 P. M., Wednesday. She was pronounced dead on arrival at Chowan Hospital.

A native of Oxford, she was born April 1, 1954, daughter of James F. (Pat) Flanagan and Helen Currin Flanagan. She was married to Earl Goodwin Chesson.

In addition to her parents and husband, surviving is a daughter, Elizabeth Currin Chesson; a brother, Dwight James Flanagan; and a sister, Patricia

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Jaycees Back At Work — Edenton Jaycees have wasted little time in putting the shoulder to the wheel to secure a new Community Center on Base Road. The old structure was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago. In the picture at left, Oscar White appears to be enjoying the oysters Milon Stilley is opening for him. It is not all work, as the other pictures illustrate. White gets back to digging out for the foundation and Stilley cracks a few for himself. Jaycees have already received more than \$3,000 in donations toward the new center. (Dail Photos).

