

Board Adopts \$696,312 Budget

By Flynn Surratt
The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education approved Monday night a budget of \$696,312 for fiscal 1977-78, representing an increase of 16 per cent over the amount allocated by the county last year. The budget will now be forwarded to the Chowan County commissioners for review, with changes anticipated.

Dr. John Dunn told the board that no word has been received as to how much state funds will be allocated by the General Assembly, but the local budget, by

must be submitted by May 15. r. Dunn cited the uncertainties in trying to guess as to the level of funding and recommended its adoption with revisions to be made later after word has been received from Raleigh.

Approved was a summer school program for 1977 with reductions of \$10 in tuition costs. High school level courses will cost \$50 and elementary tuition will be \$30 per course. Summer school will begin June 16 and will end July 28 for elementary courses and August 4 for high school courses. The

summer school attendance requirements were amended from one to four excused absences and one unexcused absence.

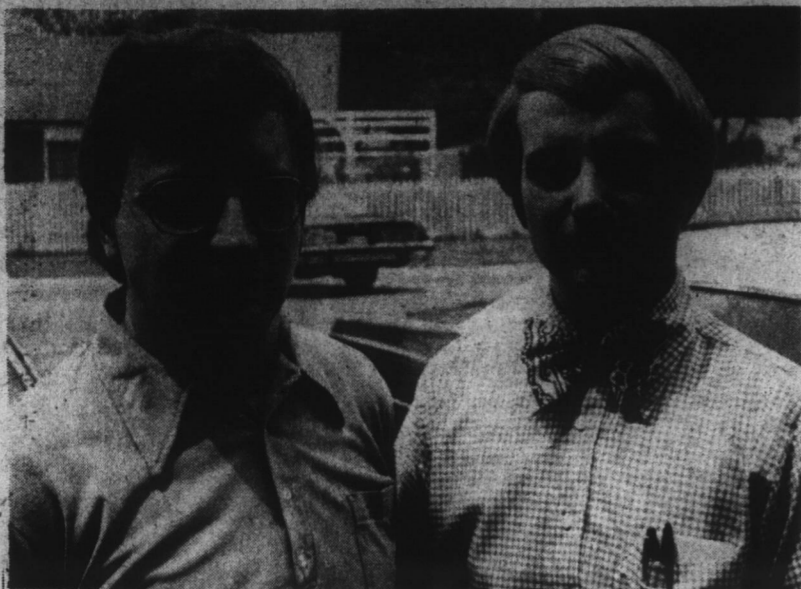
Cecil Fry, associate superintendent, reported that the cost of the maintenance building, so far, is \$60,300 or \$10,300 more than was originally budgeted. While the site has been prepared, the school system is awaiting arrival of the pre-fab building.

Plans for seeking funds to build a new community high school will be discussed in public meetings on May 25 at D.F. Walker School and

May 26 at Chowan High School. The meetings will begin at 8 P.M.

Ken Stalls, director of occupational education, reported that the Part D Project (occupational education) has been approved as submitted and that state and federal funds are expected to arrive by July 1.

Commencement exercises will be held at Holmes High School, June 7 at 7 P.M. in Hicks Field with commencement planned at Chowan High School for June 6 at 8 P.M. in the high school auditorium.



FIRST PHYSICIAN IN NEW PROGRAM — Dr. Sam Newsome, left, is the first resident in the Department of Family Practice at Bowman Gray School of Medicine to be assigned to Chowan County under the experience program in this area. He is pictured with Dr. Clement Lucas, Jr., local physician who will be his point of contact at Chowan Medical Center.

Dr. Newsome Arrives Here

An effort to expose young physicians to practice in a rural area has resulted in the arrival this week of Dr. Sam Newsome for a two-month rotation.

Dr. Newsome is a second year resident in the Department of Family Practice at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. He is assigned specifically to Chowan Medical Center and Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr., is his primary contact.

Dr. Newsome will work with all the physicians at the medical center. This will include office examinations of patients and admissions to the hospital as necessary as well as care during the hospitalization of these patients.

He is a physician licensed by the State of North Carolina and is fully qualified to practice medicine. He has been given full appropriate hospital privileges here.

"This is an important venture for our medical community and all the citizens of Chowan County," stated Dr. Lucas. He said while Dr. Newsome's time here will beef up the medical manpower it will also give him exposure to community life and medical practice in a rural setting.

Dr. and Mrs. Newsome and their 15-month-old child will reside in the Twiddy Apartment on Pembroke Circle.

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NEW JAYCEE PRESIDENT — State Jaycee President Joe Hollowell, right, is pictured with Morris Small, Jr., new president of the Edenton Jaycees who was installed last Thursday night. With them is Mrs. Morris Small, Sr.

Jaycee Officers Installed

Morris Small, Jr., assumed the presidency of Edenton Jaycees here Thursday night and received special recognition when he was named recipient of the first Faith In God Award presented by the local organization.

Dr. Robert Gray of Edenton Baptist Church presented the Faith In God Award to Small while State Jaycee President Joe Hollowell of Edenton installed Small and other officers for the

new year, following the presentation of a host of awards and his inspirational address.

Among those given special recognition was Allan B. Asbell, volunteer chairman for the Red Cross Bloodmobile, and a host of others who assisted. Mrs. Joan Largevin, representing the Tidewater Blood Center, presented awards to the Jaycees and others, saying of 58 chapters in the area, Edenton "is one of the most outstanding."

Alton Clark, who retired as president and became chairman of the board, named Robert W. Moore of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Roy L. Harrell and William Easterling of Peoples Bank & Trust Company as recipients of the President's Award of Honor.

Bill Smith was named winner of the coveted Jaycee of the Year Award. Clark cited him many contributions to the local organization and the entire community.

Jerry Gaster was named winner of the Sparkplug of the Year Award while Asbell was cited as Spoke of the Year. Gaster also won the Speak-up Award and the Rookie of the Year honor went to Steve Sawyer. Asbell's Bloodmobile program won Project of the Year recognition while Jimmy Patterson was named Director of the Year. Lewis Evans was voted Officer of the Year.

Hollowell talked about Jaycees and what they are doing. He said the movement inspires young men to make a contribution to their community — to give an extra effort.

"While we enjoy the quality of
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Citizens Appeal To County For Water System Service

A group of citizens from the northern part of Chowan County, who live on sparsely populated roads, appealed to county commissioners here Monday morning for extension of the county-wide water system to their residences.

Chairman C.A. Phillips told the delegation, headed by Mrs. Barbara Ward, that the county has made application for another grant in the amount of \$630,000 in order to further expand the system.

One commissioner, Lester T. Copeland, said in his opinion sufficient funds will be available after a forthcoming audit to

complete the top four priority projects, which includes the areas Mrs. Ward discussed.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, was cautious at this point, however, he said if the county receives the grant "we can run water down every state road in the county." Jethro reported also there are now some 2,150 signed up for water with service already to 1,875 of them.

Phillips said in one area not served at this time where are 44 prospective users in a one-mile stretch. However, he was quick to explain to Mrs. Ward that no area would be neglected and the commissioners "want to be absolutely fair" about the matter.

He noted that the county is putting in another well and treatment plant to adequately serve the northern section of the county.

Commissioner N.J. George said the board has an obligation to spend all the loan and grant funds available with a further obligation to serve as many county residents as possible.

Mrs. Ward said the people in her community either don't have water or an adequate supply of water. "We not only have a desire but an actual need," she said. Adding: "We just want to be considered when the next lines are run."

Mrs. Ward expressed surprise when it was pointed out that the areas causing her concern were already on the priority list. "I would have thought we would have a low priority," she added.

The priorities are suggested to the board by Rivers & Associates, engineers for the project.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore said the county is now looking into the purchase of a machine to enable the Water Department to install pipe which would amount to about 50 per cent in savings.

In a lighter moment, Mrs. Ward said a Perdue chicken house is located in the area and the trouble being experienced with the growth of the fowls was traced to the water. "It may be unfit for chickens but I've been drinking it for 17 years," she said.

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Jean Parrish

State Winner

Jean Parrish, a nine-year member of 4-H, has been named a state 4-H winner in crop production and will receive an expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Ill. during November. She is being sponsored by the Pioneer Corn Company, Inc.

A summary of her crop production work includes a three year corn project with a high yield of 187.47 bushels per acre. She assisted in a corn variety test in 1976. Miss Parrish carried a peanut project for four years, noting a high yield of 3,975 lbs. per acre.

Her state project is one of 52 completed projects as a 4-H'er with 40 county winning projects, and four Northeastern District wins to her credit. In addition, Miss Parrish is a County Achievement Winner, County Fashion Revue winner, and state Fashion Revue winner.

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BANQUET PRINCIPALS — Dudley Flood, second from right, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, was keynote speaker at a banquet Tuesday night honoring school personnel. Left to right are: Dr. John Dunn, superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools; Mrs. Gloria Bryant, local president of the N.C. Association of Educators; Flood; and Eugene Jordan, chairman of the board of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

Retiring Teachers Honored

Forty-five staff members of Edenton-Chowan Schools, including six who retire this year — one for the second time, were paid special tribute Tuesday night at a

banquet held at Edenton Jaycee Community Building.

It was the first annual banquet honoring school personnel sponsored by the local chapter, N.C. Association of Educators.

All of the personnel honored at the banquet had 20 or more years of service. One, Everette White, retired last year from the staff at Chowan High School after a tenure of 30 years, only to relent and agree to teach another year when a replacement was unable to be found for him.

The other retiring personnel recognized by Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, included:

Emmett Jones, Daisy Lane, Erma Roberts, Jesse Moye and Emma Bemby.

The 20-year personnel honors were handed out by Eugene Jordan, board chairman. He said the system is fortunate to have so

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Jobs Offered

Persons 55 and older who have an income below the federal low-income measure and able to pass a medical examination can apply for part-time employment at the Economic Resource Center in their county.

The ERC offices are a function of the Region's CAP Agency, the Economic Improvement Council. For additional information call these components or the ARPDC Aging Unit at 482-8444 in Edenton.

According to David Kilpatrick, coordinator, AAA, Green Thumb, Inc., is seeking to initially enroll upwards of 100 persons in the 10 counties of Region "R".



TOP JAYCEES — Bill Smith, center, was named Jaycee of The Year last Thursday night. At left is Alton Clark, immediate past president; with James Ellis, past board chairman at right.

Not Too Late

Those who enjoy the programming of the University of North Carolina Television (WUND-Channel 2 in Columbia) have reason to be encouraged by last Sunday night's public appeal for funds which drew in excess of \$50,000 in Tar Heelia and more than \$1-million throughout the country.

At the same time, those who meander along the Public Parade and other sections of our great state can't take much pride in the support given educational television by the General Assembly. It was somewhat shocking to note that while UNC-TV gets 41 cents per capita, in the sister state of South Carolina the legislature contributes \$3.61 per capita.

And for those who gave up early when the event got off to a slow start because of telephone line troubles, you can still express your financial support for what educational television is doing by sending your contribution directly to Chapel Hill. It isn't too late and maybe, just maybe, this display of public support will turn some heads in the General Assembly.

New Approach

Crime prevention has been pushed by law enforcement officers and the general citizenry along the Public Parade and throughout the country for a long, long time. Although there has been little among the statistics to show progress, the awareness has proven to be effective.

A big push is now being made by the medical profession, along the state and federal governments, to place additional emphasis on preventive medicine.

"Health Watch" is a new series produced by the N.C. Medical Society in an effort to concentrate on current health practices, preventive medicine, and general medical news which should be of interest to the public. In this manner, it is hoped to communicate directly with the public and provide them with useful information.

This newspaper, in cooperation with the state and Chowan-Perquimans Medical Society, will publish the "Health Watch" columns as space permits.

Growing Without Pains

The latest population estimates for North Carolina have been released by the State Department of Administration. Right or wrong, they offer some degree of encouragement for those who meander along the Public Parade and seven other Albemarle Area counties.

While in all but two of the counties, the estimates will not overwhelm you, they are at least increased. This reverses the trend which was shown in the 1960 and 1970 census.

Chowan County had 10,764 permanent residents in 1970, according to a census we, among others, questioned. The 1975 estimate is 11,300, or a 5 per cent increase. The Town of Edenton showed an even greater increase, 7.1 per cent — from 4,956 to 5,310.

What makes these figures significant, as they are, is that they have been reported by the Secretary of

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