Decision Not Easy

The Edenton Town Council will meet tonight (Thursday) in a delayed monthly session. One of the important items on the agenda is reconsideration of a petition for rezoning a parcel of land - some 10 acres — at an apex of Highway 32 and the new U.S. 17 by-pass to allow for a shopping center.

It will not be an easy decision forour elected officials.

However, what they must keep foremost in their minds is that zoning is not a tool to be used to restrict trade and-or growth. Zoning should be considered as land classification separate and distinct from other areas because of its particular use:

There is but one access to the bypass, except from each end. It is natural that the apexes of such an interchange would eventually become commercial. Unlike some towns, Edenton is fortunate, in our opinion, that the interchange is so close to the municipal limits so essential utilities can be provided.

If the councilmen vote for the common good, rather than their selfish interests, then the ends of justice and their individual commitment to the citizenry will have been achieved. We can expect no less, although the decision may not be easy.

The Leader

The cost of health care is in orbit, to say the least. Talk with any three people and you will get as many answers as to how best to solve the problem.

President Carter wants to put a ceiling on increases in hospital costs. Nonsense!

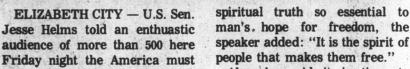
A finalist in the Junior Miss contest, from North Carolina, mind you, said Monday night she thought some type of socialized medicine would work best. Nonsense!

Getting the culprits out of the health care institutions as well as the physician's offices might be the only solution. But that won't be easy!

Additional regulations, which the first two opinions would foster, certainly isn't the answer. Also, further computerization of this and that also is adding to the disease rather than the cure.

But what is happening in North Carolina? It is addressed in a recent annual report distributed by Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Benefit payments exceeded half

a billion dollars in 1976.



Also, he said it is time to examine the realities of what is happening to America. "We're at the crossroads-perhaps the final crossroads," he said, although he didn't "mean to be preachy."

Sen. Helms called Sen. Byrd a "model of what a United States Senator should be. "He is impeccably honest. He is unfailingly gentleman. He is completely a fearless, He is a gallant symbol of a strong, free America ... "

Sen. Byrd paid tribute not only to Sen. Helms but to Sen. Robert Morgan, a Democrat, saying they had the rare combination of "ability common sense and courage." He especially noted their contribution on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The speaker called on federal government "to put its financial house in order," calling it the greatest need in America.

Rev. Ray Storie of St. Paul's **Episcopal Church in Edenton gave** the invocation with Thomas F. Ellis, chairman of Helms for Senate Committee, presiding.

The dinner was sponsored by the N.C. Congressional Club and promoted in the area by T.B.H. Wood of Edenton and Dewey Wells of Elizabeth City.

EIC Grant

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District this week announced approval by the Community Services Administration of a grant in the amount of \$116,668 to Economic Improvement Council, Inc., headquartered in Edenton. This is an administrationgeneral community programming grant to provide assistance to low income citizens of all ages through projects such as housing, transportation, job development, **Continued On Page 4**

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12 Attend CRC Hearing

Chowan County's public hearing, one of 20 in the coastal area, on proposed Areas of Environmental Concern was held Tuesday night by the Coastal **Resources** Commission. The hearings are mandated under the **Coastal Area Management Act of** 1974.

Twelve people, including two county commissioners, attended the hearing in the Fourth Floor conference room of the County Office Building.

T. Erie Haste, Jr., of Hertford, a

Norfolk Men **Make First** Appearance

Two Norfolk, Va., men made a first appearance in Chowan County District Court Tuesday morning on charges of breaking and entering and larceny growing out of an investigation by the sheriff's department.

Stephen Bruce Goldsberry, 19, and Spencer Ray Autry, 20, face multiple felony counts after local law enforcement investigated a series of break-ins in the northern section of the county.

Judge Grafton G. Beaman presided and Asst. Dist. Atty. Richard Parker prosecuted the docket with the following action taken:

Joseph Warren Nowell, Jr., traffic violation, costs; failure to report an accident, dismissed.

Delantry Terrial Trafton, traffic violation, not guilty.

Carl Jean Rea, Sr., drunk driving, third offense, and transporting alcoholic beverage, 12 months. Notice of appeal entered. Clyde William Spear, Jr.,

speeding, warrant ordered. Johnny Wynn, no operator's

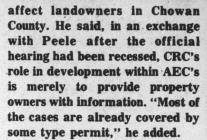
license, dismissed. Joseph Packard Noonan, Jr., traffic violation, costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Carolyn Belch Mizelle, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered; speeding, dismissed.

Tony Raymond Hare and Brenda Lee Sessoms traffic commission member, was joined by Frank Furlough of Columbia at the hearing. County Commissioners Alton G. Elmore and J.D. Peele also attended.

Five staff members of CRC and the N.C. Department of Natural & Economic Resources; a local planner; W.B. Gardner and L.F. Amburn, Jr., Coastal Resources Advisory Committee members, rounded out the audience.

Haste, with the use of slides, described the definitions of AEC's. practically none of which would



After the 20-minute presentation by Haste and a brief discussion with Peele, the remainder of the two-hour hearing was spent in group small talk about matters not related to CAMA.



YOU WANT MORE FOOD! - "Mr. Bumble", played by Dave Holton, is shocked and astonished when "Oliver", Eric Strother, asks for a second helping. Accusing fingers point at the young lad as he is told of his punishment.

Musical 'Oliver' Opens Here

Charles Dicken's famous novel 'Oliver Twist'' is the basis of the most ambitious undertaking of the Edenton Little Theater and John A. Holmes High School Cultural Arts Department to date.

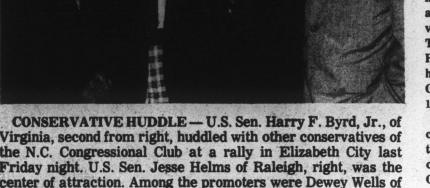
Tonight (Thursday) the curtain will rise for the opening performance of "Oliver" adapted and written by Lionel Bart, one of England's most highly regarded authors and composers. Curtain time will be 8 P.M. at the Holmes High auditorium, with performances through Saturday night.

This musical comedy about a young orphan who grows up in the underworld of 19th century

Meekins, Jr. as "Fagan", Dave Holton as "Mr. Bumble", Mark Chilcoat as "Bill Sykes", and Pat Bond as "Nancy"

"This is the first joint effort between the Edenton Little Theater and Holmes High School Drama Department to produce a major musical. It represents quite a community project," Becker remarked.

Assistant director is Sandra Boyce, who as head of the Holmes High Drama Department, has directed several award winning plays. Shelby Strother is music director and art work is under the direction of Missy Harrell. J.H. Conger, Jr., a long-time member of the Little Theater, is producer. In terms of directing and staging, Becker calls the play extremely demanding both in coordinating a large cast and crew as well as changing the numerous and elaborate sets. A lot can be expected, though, from Becker who joined a touring company after completing his schooling at Charter House School in Surry England. He toured throughout the world with RAM Productions, beginning as a lighting technician and suddenly **Continued On Page 4**



the N.C. Congressional Club at a rally in Elizabeth City last Friday night. U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms of Raleigh, right, was the center of attraction. Among the promoters were Dewey Wells of Elizabeth City, left, and T.B.H. Wood of Edenton.

Helms: Stop Socialist March

halt the march towards the

socialist state and get its priorities

A cheering audience frequently

interrupted the popular

spokesman for conservatism in

the U.S. Senate as he made his

remarks in introducing U.S. Sen.

Britain into chaos," Sen. Helms

Saying socialism denies every

Recent rain, wind and cool

weather have aided in limiting an

algae bloom in the Chowan River.

This bloom, reported last week,

Unlike previous problems with

Grover Cook, supervisor of water

quality monitoring with the N.C.

Department of Natural &

latest bloom was caused by high

concentrates of nutrients in the

water. He said the bloom

developed because of the lack of

"Light to moderate" blooms

were noted between the Nottoway-

Virginia to Colerain in Bertie

Blackwater River headwaters in

rain in the area.

County.

Sconomic Resources, said the

algae in the river, CF Industries at

was credited to natural causes.

Tunis is not being blamed.

Weather Stalls

Algae Bloom

"We must not follow Great

Harry F. Byrd, Jr., I-Va.

straight.

declared.

The organization-the state's largest voluntary health plansaw enrollment growth at the rate of 35 per cent of the Tar Heel population.

The average in-patient hospital claim was \$720, a rise of about 13 per cent over 1975.

The alternatives to hospitalization, such as outpatient surgery, home care by visiting nurses, self-care units in hospital, etc., are being stressed and well received. While there are those who would twist the statistics to suit themselves, extended care facilities are not the monsters they are painted to be in medicaid. They provide a certain amount of cost containment which must become the creed of health care facilities and those who deliver services.

A cost containment program includes broad coverage to encourage use of alternative methods of health care delivery that provide high quality care at less cost. A public education program encourages the public to do their share in curbing the rise in costs by taking better care of themselves and by cooperating with better cost containment efforts.

This prompted Thomas A. Rose, plan president, to say: "We cannot reasonably expect costs to diminish; but we do think that with the full cooperation of all segments of the health care field, and the general public, the rate of ncrease in health care costs can be moderated."

It will, however, take more than fforts by the leader—Blue Crosseld - in the health plan eid. It will take you and me, who on't sacrifice quality but will sist that no stone remains un-med in this important field. **Continued On Page 4**

Chowan were anywhere from six inches to one foot below normal at the time.

Cook said the water levels on the

"This deficiency of rain in the Chowan basin has caused very high concentrations of nutrients in the water and this has precipitated the growth of green plant algae in the river," Cook was quoted as saying."

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violations, warrants ordered.

John Lee Parks, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Patricia Kay Gill, traffic violation, costs. Notice of appeal. James Edward Riddick, traffic violation, \$5 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Darrell Lanston Hopkins, Jr., traffic violation, costs.

England enjoyed stunning popularity in New York and other large American cities during the 1960's after its arrival from across the Atlantic.

Now under the direction of John Becker, also a native born Englishman, this colorful musical comes to Edenton with a 40member cast that features Eric Strother as "Oliver", Mel



Replacement **Priority Sought**

While the Albemarle Sound bridge has been declared safe for legal highway loads, district **Department of Transportation** officials have been making efforts to get a replacement priority assigned for it.

This information was contained in a letter from W.E. Moore, district engineer, to C.A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

At a meeting earlier this month the county board, in cooperation with Edenton Chamber of Commerce, went on record favoring an extensive study of the safety of the bridge which was extensively damaged by ice during the winter.

"There was an in-depth survey and study made on this bridge immediately following the ice damage last winter," Moore wrote. "Although the damage was extensive, necessary repairs were made to restore the bridge strength sufficient for carrying legal highway loads."

Moore said additional work on the bridge is planned for this

LEARNING BY DOING - Employees of Fiberform last week oncluded a Fire Prevention course by actually extinguishing a laze under the supervision of Chief Luther Parks of Edenton Fire Department. At top right, Chief Luther Parks of Edenton Fire Department. At top right, Chief Parks lectures to some of the 30 members of the class prior to putting a match to fiberglass and a highly explosive chemical. At bottom right he demon-strates the proper use of a hose. Above, the chief stands back and watches as the "students" move in to douse the blaze, an exercise which was repeated several times.

