

This apparently is the "eating" season and it's sort of hard for a fellow to keep up with the various kinds of meals being sold by one organization or another. Most of 'em range from \$1.50 to \$3.00 but there was a free "feed" at the Methodist Church last Thursday at noon when the ladies of the church put on a dinner for senior citizens. There was fried chicken galore on hand together with all the trimmings and to top it off Mrs. T. R. Harrell picked enough strawberries from her vast strawberry patch to put a box full at every plate as a dessert. Then Mrs. Margo Barath furnished a generous supply of homemade bread which was so good that a few present rather preferred to eat the bread as a dessert and took the strawberries back home. And what bread was left Mrs. Barath wrapped up in several packages and gave them to a few whose mouth seemed to be watering to eat a few more slices. It was a very enjoyable affair with a pleasant program presented by Mrs. Harry Litchfield which was enjoyed by the "old-timers" as much as the delicious meal.

Then another super meal was served to about 70 people Tuesday night at the palatial home of Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Gilliam up at Arrowhead Beach. Dr. and Mrs. Gilliam were the genial hosts to members of the Chowan County Shrine Club and their wives and everyone on hand enjoyed a delicious steak supper on the patio and yard overlooking a creek. And anybody who hasn't been around Arrowhead Beach lately, they'll be surprised to find so many nice homes there (and roads, too). In fact, here's one who thought he knew the way around Arrowhead Beach but in directing Ernest Kehayes, the driver, we toured the whole works before we happened to come to Dr. Gilliam's home. This, too, was a very enjoyable affair, but one thing was lacking. Mrs. Toss White failed to bring one or two of her famous 8 to 10 layer chocolate cakes.

And with so many organizations selling various kinds of meals, the local Eastern Star Chapter has joined the "parade," too. The "gals" are sponsoring a country ham plate this coming Saturday. The meal will be served at the Masonic Temple from 11 A. M. to 7 P. M., and, of course, plates can be taken home. Mrs. Bill Goodwin is heading up the affair, with a group of helpers so that a good meal will be served. Some Eastern Stars are selling tickets, but anyone who wishes to patronize the affair can call 482-2462 or 482-2449.

Just about the most delighted fellow in town these days is Allan Asbell, Jaycee volunteer chairman for the Red Cross bloodmobile. At the last visit of the bloodmobile Chowan County's quota was 514 pints of blood. And what makes Friend Asbell so happy is the fact that 782 people donated a pint of blood. Then, too, what was so very encouraging is the fact that a total of 863 people turned up willing to donate a pint of their blood. To say the least, Friend Asbell wants to thank every single person who cooperated to make the blood donation the best in the history of the Red Cross bloodmobile's visits in Chowan County.

The block bounded by Broad,

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were foremost on his mind. He was delighted to learn that a junior Holton, Walter, was practicing medicine in Dare County.

It had been our instructions to arrive at the West Hillsborough campus, so near to the West Raleigh campus of the Greater University of North Carolina that we still shudder at the thought, at 1 P.M. so the car could be packed and there would be little to do after graduation, which was at 2 o'clock.

But that was not the case. If there was anything they failed to teach our first born it was organization. A trunk awaited us on the porch of "1903 Infirmary ... (remember the dorm with one shower and 14 girls?). Soon a suitcase, accompanied by art supplies followed. Then the race was on ... to graduation.

If there is anything that makes the heart flutter more than Carolina blue graduation gowns, we haven't been exposed to it. Even the marshals had ribbons of the same color copied by St. Mary's from Chapel Hill some 135 years ago.

Since the "red cap" was not attired for the graduation, he felt it necessary to find a local cool spot for a sandwich and beverage further West. When he returned the goings on were still going on. He sneaked a shaded spot, not hard to find at St. Mary's, and listened to Betty McCain's final remarks — spoken in true Democratism on an Episcopal campus. (She did an excellent job of containing her partisanship, under the circumstances.)

Her appearance was amplified when President John Rice admitted that it was his first presidency, his first class, etc., and his first selection of a commencement speaker. (Gov. Jim Hunt was being worn out.)

After another hour we finally gathered up the pieces, including a President Ford poster, and headed East. The conversation was as gingerly as nine months earlier — but where did the time go? — when we were first introduced to our daughter's college of her choice. They had hugged, screamed, cried and hugged again. "We'll see you at the beach" ... "Don't forget to come" ... "If you don't write I'll know you don't care..."

There was a silence equal to the August trip home to deposit our charge in the hands of the Episcopalians. We thought from the start that we were out of socket. But while awaiting the recession, we were proven right (for a change). In the two spots marked: "Reserved for the Chaplain" were parked a BMW and a Mercedes 280. The president of St. Mary's may thirst but the chaplains must have a better connection.

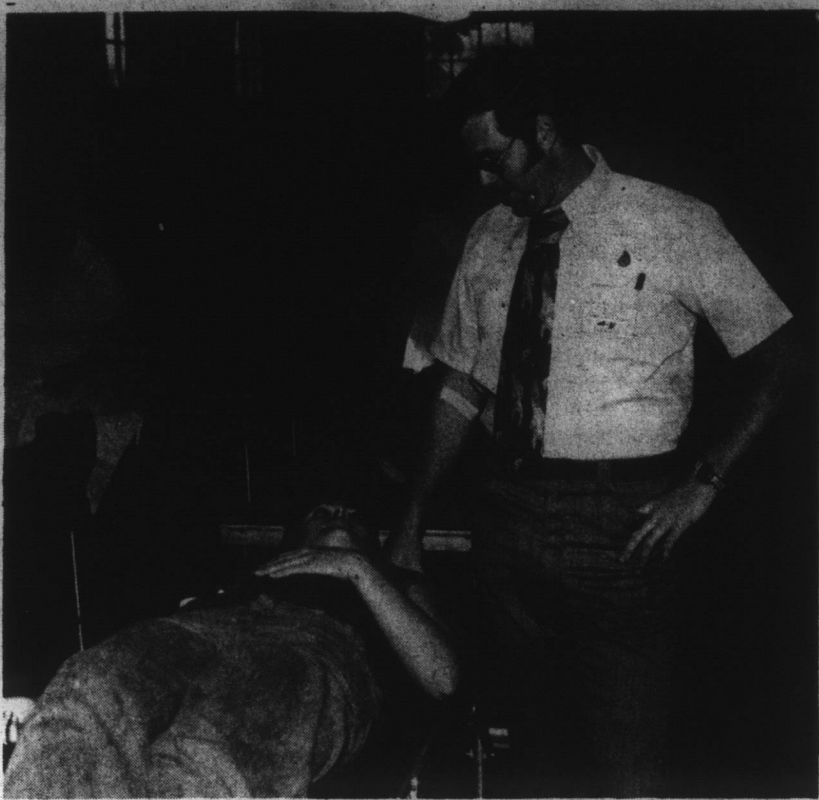
Maru's payments on these vehicles has ceased, at least for three months. She's home, and we are all glad, including Charlie ... whose bark is on par with her's.

Noted And Passed
"The man with a new idea is a crank until the idea succeeds."
Mark Twain

Our Kind Of Folks
One of the nation's most respected fraternal orders convened in the Isle of the Pasquotank earlier this week. Northeastern North Carolina is fortunate to play host to such a gathering as the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Rebeckah Assembly of North Carolina.

We have admired the order for years, unfortunately from the outside. However, we have a

Queen, Church and Court streets is now undergoing a drastic change. Buildings are being leveled to the ground and the remains carried away. So with the banging and squeaking going on, the few of us still remaining in the block sort of get an idea of what it sounded like when the German tanks crashed through town in Europe during the war, tearing down just about everything in the way. To say the least, it's a sad sight for those of us who have lived so long at the same place.



YEARLY QUOTA EXCEEDED—Allan Asbell, Chowan County Blood Program chairman, chats with a donor during Monday's Bloodmobile visit which netted 160 units from 172 donors, exceeding a quota of 150 units. Asbell reported that the yearly quota of 514 units was topped with 782 units from 863 donors, making Chowan County the top contributor per capita, in the Red Cross Tidewater district. Total community involvement was cited as the reason for the programs overwhelming success. Asbell said that this support guarantees an adequate supply of blood for the county's needs.

Ferry Service Opening Set

RALEIGH — N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) officials have announced plans for a June ceremony to inaugurate the State's newest ferry vessel, "The Governor Edward Hyde."

The new ferry boat will serve on the Ocracoke-Swan Quarter run, and, once in operation, will make two round trips daily.

"The ceremony to initiate the new ferry boat's service has been scheduled for 1 P.M. on June 25 and details for the ceremony are being coordinated with members of the Southern Albemarle Association, co-sponsors of the ceremony," explained Cy K. Lynn, public affairs director for the Department of Transportation.

The new ferry boat, the first vessel completely designed by

NCDOT Ferry Division engineers, is being built by Equitable Equipment Company of New Orleans at a cost of \$2.3-million. The new vessel will carry up to 300 passengers and 34 automobiles and will be the 15th vessel assigned to NCDOT's ferry fleet.

NCDOT officials report that the new ferry boat is scheduled for delivery by mid-June.

When placed in service, The Governor Edward Hyde will run from the southern end of Ocracoke Island to Swan Quarter on the Hyde County mainland. Its tentative schedule is as follows: Depart Ocracoke at 6:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.; depart Swan Quarter at 9:30 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Atlantic Forest

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Dirom explained that the bulk of their products is manufactured from Atlantic white cedar but with the new addition Western red cedar will be shipped in from their parent company, McMillan Bloedel of Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

With that phase of the operation underway, an increase in their labor force, already totaling 150, is expected, he said.

Atlantic Forest Products is currently producing fencing, boards, pickets and related rough wood products.

Collected Taxes Are Distributed

The quarterly distribution of collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax has been made by the State Department of Revenue with \$55,480.98 being sent into Chowan County.

Distribution here is on the ad valorem basis. Chowan County received \$40,969.31 and the Town of Edenton got \$14,511.67.

In other Albemarle Area counties where the tax is collected, the net distribution for March 31 amounted to:

- Camden, \$15,535.83; Currituck, \$30,795.62; Dare, \$68,177.90; Gates, \$19,921.88; Pasquotank, \$223,945.68; Perquimans, \$39,013.74; Tyrrell, \$14,190.97; and Washington, \$80,068.94.

Talent Show

Chowan County 4-H annual Talent Show will be held tonight (Thursday) night at 8 o'clock in Chowan High School Auditorium.

There will be vocal and musical solos, duets, dances and recitations. The 4-H'ers will be competing for four \$5 prizes to be given by Edenton Rotary Club.

Three of the top four winners will represent Chowan County in the district talent show to be held on June 29 at Gates County High School. The fourth top winner will serve as Alternate.

Other blue ribbon winners will be recognized; also red and white ribbon winners.

A small admission charge will be made to cover expenses.

Mayor Postpones Vote

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tions of the town's 1968 land-use plan in supporting the petition.

T. Dale Holland, planning director of Shields, Wyatt, and Associates of Rocky Mount, was spokesman for the opponents of rezoning. He was introduced by N.J. George, a property owner in the area, and a former member of the board that developed the town's land-use plan.

Holland stated two principal reasons why the rezoning should not be approved. He said the petition does not agree with the land-use plan and locating a shopping center next to the hospital "would not be in keeping with the sound principles of planning."

He commented that as stated in the land-use plan, the plan should be reviewed each year and revisions should be made every five years. He added that the bypass is actually a half mile closer to the hospital than originally anticipated and putting a shopping center at that location would place it within 1,000 feet of the hospital entrance and next to a residential area.

Holland noted that the hospital represents an investment of \$2.5-million with an additional \$317,000 being spent in expanding the emergency room and providing classroom space. With that in mind several criteria included in the land-use plan have not been met.

He said that a shopping center of 75,000 to 108,000 square feet will mean an additional 4,000 vehicular trips per day along the stretch of Highway 32 from the intersection at Granville Street. This would result in a traffic bottleneck, and a point source of air pollution, noise and garbage which, he said, is contradictory to the plan where it calls for a quiet, pollution-free environment around educational and institutional facilities.

Earnhardt, in his rebuttal, again emphasized that the area is a sparsely populated one and that the hospital represents only one-acre out of a total of 25 acres bounding it. At the same time, the shopping center would be located amid a total of 140 acres between the two sites providing adequate separation from both the residential area and the hospital. He stated that in his conversation with other planners, in a town the size of Edenton a land-use plan update is not necessarily needed. Earnhardt added that a plan synopsis released in 1976 shows that the town has the excess water system capacity and the sewer system is capable of han-

dling such a development.

He also pointed out that the land-use plan clearly calls for improved shopping facilities.

Using transcripts of testimony heard by Judge Elbert Peele in Chowan County Superior Court, Earnhardt read where George I. Woodall, Jr., a planner involved in drawing up the 1968 town plan, testified that the best use of the land would be a shopping center.

"I don't know how Edenton will grow unless we attract people who would otherwise pass us by," Earnhardt said. "There is evidence to the contrary of everyone of Mr. Holland's statements."

Mrs. Grace Griffin, a property owner near the by-pass, said the new Edenton United Methodist Church will be built in that area and rezoning the tract of land will be against the interest of the church and its members.

She also added, "There is another shopping center being started and we have downtown Edenton."

Judd Little, planner under contract with the Town of Edenton as well as Chowan County, had another view of the issue:

"The matter has taken a turn for the worse," he said, "in pitting planner against planner. It is not the decision of a planner, it is up to the citizens of Edenton and the Town Council. You must look carefully at the power of zoning."

Gil Burroughs, a local teacher, said, "I am appealing to you as a citizen who likes a town with character. One of the reasons I moved to Edenton was to get away from shopping centers. If you rezoned this land you will end up with just one more gaudy looking shopping center like in so many other towns."

Byron Kehayes, a downtown merchant and one of the plaintiffs in the suit, also stated his opposition but included that possible competition to his supermarket operation is not a factor in his stand.

John A. Mitchener, III, pointed out that population growth in Chowan County from 1970-1980 will amount to only about 1,000 persons and that rate would not adequately support the development.

J.P. Ricks, Jr., owner of Ricks Laundry and Dry Cleaners, spoke in favor of rezoning saying the shopping would be good for the growth of Edenton.

Voting for the petition were councilmen Allen Hornthal, James Dail, Jr., and Harry Spruill. Dissenting votes were cast by Herbert Hollowell, Errol Flynn, and Jesse Harrell.

Guard Maneuvers Begun

FT. BRAGG — Nearly 4,000 North Carolina National Guardsmen arrived here Saturday to begin two weeks of annual

COA Seeks

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The total project is expected to cost \$2.4-million with the land already available.

Chowan County has agreed to put \$5,300—or 50 cents per capita—into the project if the EDA grant is approved for funding.

The application process has been coordinated by the Regional Development Institute at East Carolina University here. Thomas Willis, director, and Tim Brinn attended the meeting.

In addition to Dr. Chesson, those from the area attending included J. Mac Duff of Elizabeth City, COA board chairman; Raleigh Carver, chairman, Pasquotank County commissioners; R.S. Monds of Hertford, chairman, Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission; and L.F. Amburn, Jr., president and general manager of The Chowan Herald.

training. They are members of the 30th Infantry Brigade (Mech.) which has units in 42 communities and towns across North Carolina.

Among those units undergoing training are guardsmen of Det. 1 CoC 1-119 Infantry (M) from Edenton.

The brigade commander, Col. William G. Waters, Jr., said this would be one of the busiest annual training periods for the members of his command who are scheduled to spend the entire two weeks in the field.

The men will work and sleep in tents located in the woods several miles from the main post at Fort Bragg.

During the two weeks, Guardsmen will be training and performing their military jobs which range from truck driver to cook, artilleryman, tanker, infantryman, and automotive mechanic.

They are scheduled to complete annual training activities and return home on May 28.

Sunglasses that are smudged with suntan oil can be cleaned with rubbing alcohol, ginger ale, or spray-on window cleaner.

Community Calendar

- THURSDAY MAY 19
1:00 P.M. — Rotary Club, St. Paul's Parrish House.
- SUNDAY MAY 22
Attend Sunday School and Church Services at the church of your choice.
- MONDAY MAY 23
4-7 P.M. — Senior Citizens, Colonial Water Front Park.
- 7:30 P.M. — Lions Club, Edenton Restaurant.
- WEDNESDAY MAY 25
7:30 P.M. — Safe Boating, Chowan Hospital Annex "B".