

Finance Plan Being Studied

Taxpayers in Chowan County will be told next month how their commissioners plan to finance \$3.5-million in school bonds if a September 19 referendum is approved. Commissioner Alton G. Elmore cautioned his colleagues against throwing "stumbling blocks" in the path of Edenton-

Chowan Board of Education in their efforts to get an affirmative vote.

However, C.A. Phillips, past board chairman, argued it was the duty of the taxing authority to make as much information available as soon as possible so voters will know what it will cost. "This is a responsibility we should not duck," he added.

The discussion followed a request by Eddie Dick, county manager, for permission to develop several sample alternatives for consideration by the board prior to the vote.

The school board has proposed selling the bonds to Farmers Home Administration at 5 per cent interest over 40 years. Dick said this would create a pay-back of \$8.4-million.

Phillips called this route "poor business" and said he couldn't vote to obligate the credit of the county for such a long period of time.

Elmore said the school board was using these figures as a talking point and bonds could be paid off in a shorter term if the money became available to the county.

Commissioner J.D. Peele said how much it will cost the taxpayers is very important and the people need to know this in order

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Wrong Direction

A Marine Extension Service is being established by the State Department of Administration. An arm of the Office of Marine Affairs, the service will operate out of the three Marine Science Centers along the Tar Heel coast.

The Office of Marine Affairs is headed by J.C. Jones. He was borrowed from the Agricultural Extension Service at N.C. State University to put the grass back in the roots of marine activities. While district extension chairman in 14 Northeastern North Carolina counties he proved his worth in inspiring leadership at the local level.

Now that he has moved from education on Hillsborough, downtown into politics, it is difficult to understand why he hasn't had more influence over Sec. Joe Grimsley of DOA.

Marine extension activities should be linked with agricultural extension. The primary function of both is education and the Agricultural Extension Service has an enviable track record in this field.

Often times they have the same client. By working as a joint venture a considerable amount of duplication at the administrative, as well as the service delivery level, would be omitted.

At times too, only a road separates the marine aspect from the agricultural one. It makes good sense to have a close link between the two. This cannot be done from the type structure now in the works.

The goal must be to have integrated services so a person with a problem or in need of research data can get it from the same well. To do otherwise will result in many people being denied what they need, not by accident but by design.

Time To Act

The "green tide" has returned to the beautiful Chowan River. And while the algae is not equal to the shameful bloom of 1972, it is sufficient to cause concern.

Cries about the threat to business and recreation on what has appropriately been called "our greatest asset" should not originate in the wilderness, but from courthouses and town halls along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina. The absence of such is not only deafening but baffling. Great concern was shown six years ago when the Chowan was about ready to receive its last rites. Environmental experts from the federal and state levels set up camp and local officials retreated to a point of almost complete surrender.

Leadership by locally elected officials has been spasmodic, to say the least. They have risen to the task to put out brush fires when maintaining a strong offensive was needed.

Pressure is now being put on the U.S. Corps of Engineers not to tamper with tributaries to the Albemarle Sound Basin for water to supply the Southeastern Hampton Roads, Va., area. It is being done by the Coastal Resources Commission and a handful of individuals, with a resolution now and then from the seats of government.

Gov. Jim Hunt of North Carolina and Gov. John Dalton of Virginia have revived the two-state water resources committee. Their first meeting is set for later this month. The Hertford County com-

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FOURTH OF JULY FISH FRY—Several thousand people enjoyed Murray Nixon's hospitality Tuesday at the annual fish fry at his fishery on the Chowan River. Lines were long but visitors patiently waited in the pine grove as fresh fish and hot cornbread came out of the cookers. While waiting they listened to music by the Rocky Hock Rebels and watched the Colonial



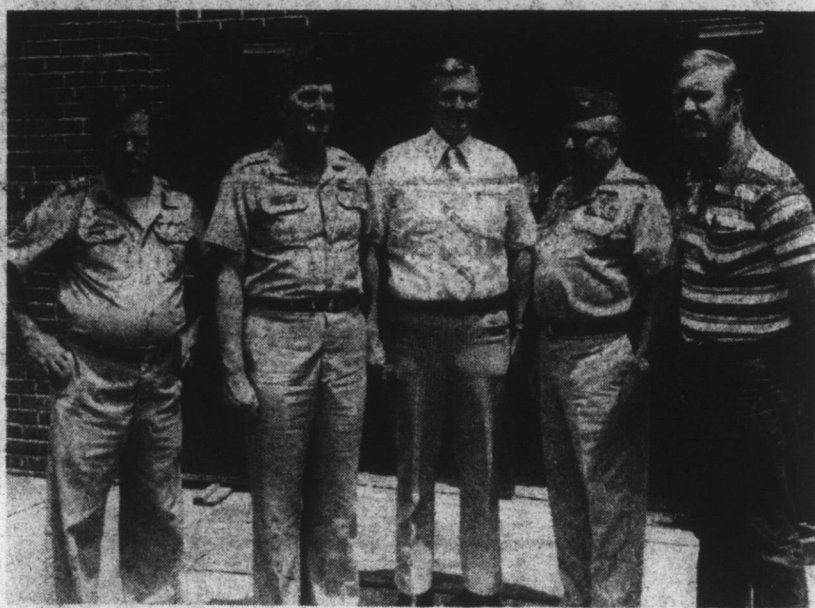
Squares dance. In the photo at right, Ingrid Nixon, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Nixon, Route 2, Edenton, strikes a pensive pose as she munches on her cornbread. In the picture above, all hands are busy making hot fish available for the many guests. Below, Rev. Ashby Browder of Immanuel Baptist Church passes out literature to people in the audience.

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TOUR ARMORY — Brig. Gen. Hubert Leonard and Col. Samuel T. Arrington of the N.C. National Guard, shown above second from left and second from right respectively, recently toured the Edenton Armory as part of an area wide activity during their annual two-week training period. While not being aware of the actual starting date of construction on the new Armory, Brig. Gen. Leonard did comment that funds have been allotted for 1978 and work should begin this fall. Also pictured above from the left is M.Sgt. Carroll Jones, Maj. Kenneth Stalls, and another local Guardsman, Rus Baxley.

Potts Given Long Term

A Superior Court judge Wednesday sentenced Samuel Thomas Potts, 38, Cape Colony, to from 12 to 14 years in prison after a jury the day earlier had convicted him of three charges of crime against nature.

Judge Harry C. Martin of Asheville, ordered an eight to 10-year sentence in the two cases involving a state's witness and four years, to begin at the expiration of the earlier sentence, in

Retail Sales Noted

Gross retail sales in Chowan County exceeded \$2.8-million in May, according to a report from the State Department of Revenue regarding collection of the 1 per cent local option sales tax. Net collections in Chowan amounted to \$28,245.38.

State-wide, collections were more than \$14-million.

Net collections in the other nine Albemarle Area counties were as follows:

Camden, \$7,355.08; Currituck, \$12,998.05; Dare, \$68,844.15; Gates, \$6,837.52; Hyde, \$6,723.92; Pasquotank, \$91,788.20; Perquimans, \$11,069.28; Tyrrell, \$6,750.41; and Washington, \$29,682.96.

a case involving his step-daughter who testified for the defense.

Asst. Dist. Atty. Richard Parker prosecuted the docket which was completed Wednesday afternoon.

The following other action was taken Wednesday:

Jessie Thomas West, two counts of third offense of drunk driving and two counts of driving while his license were revoked, 18 months, suspended upon payment of \$750 fine and costs. He was placed on probation for five years.

Robert Lee Dillard, seven-month suspended sentence revoked; malicious damage to personal property and assault on a female, seven months to run concurrently with the earlier sentence.

Jackie Leary, two counts of assault and malicious damage to personal property, 10 months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs and placed on probation for two years.

Ray Slade, assault with a deadly weapon, remanded to District Court for compliance.

Eddie Phelps, assault with a deadly weapon, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

James Fleming, two counts of worthless checks, remanded to District Court for compliance.

Corps Delay Is Sought

Public sentiment is so strong against withdrawal of water from tributaries to the Albemarle Sound Basin that the Hampton Roads, Va., area might have to seek other alternatives. Col. Newman Howard of the Norfolk District,

Final Services Set

Funeral services will be held at 11 A.M. today (Thursday) for K. Hoskins Harrell, Route 2, Edenton. The graveside services at Beaver Hill Cemetery will be conducted by Rev. Raymond Storie.

He was a retired merchant. Mr. Harrell, who was 74, died July 4 in Chowan Hospital following an extended illness.

A native of Chowan County, Kader Hoskins Harrell was born January 13, 1904, son of the late John and Sallie Bass Harrell. He was married to Mrs. Bertha Pritchett Harrell, who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Patricia Weintraub and Mrs. Evelyn Powell, both of Edenton; a brother, Lonnie Harrell of Edenton; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Heath of Edenton; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Harrell was a Baptist and member of the Order of Red Men.

Pallbearers will be: Joe Conger, Jr., Allen Trapp, Guy Williams, Harry Lassiter, C.A. Phillips and Vann Small.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

U.S. Corps of Engineers, said this week there must be some sort of public support for a plan and his first alternative, Lake Gaston, hasn't received it.

Before ending a two-day session here Thursday, the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission voted to ask Sec. Howard Lee of the Department of Natural Resources & Community Development, to request that Col. Howard not make a designation pending action on a CRC resolution calling for Congressional action in the matter.

"This is further evidence that CRC will pull out all the stops to protect such a valuable resource as our rivers and sounds," a spokesman said. "This is the strongest stand the commission has taken on any matter in the 20-county coastal area."

Both motions for CRC action came from Mayor Eugene Tomlinson of Southport in Brunswick County. Following a presentation by a corps representative Wednesday morning, Tomlinson got through a resolution asking the congressional delegation to seek federal aid for a study of the entire Albemarle Sound Basin, taking into consideration what environmental impact any withdrawal of water from its tributaries would have on the quality of the water.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District immediately voiced his support for

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Dr. R.N. Hines, Jr.

Dr. Hines, Jr. Academy Honors

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. R.N. Hines, Jr., of Edenton, was awarded a Fellowship of the Academy of General Dentistry on June 26. More than 300 members of the Academy received the Fellowship award during the annual convocation ceremony held during AGD's 26th Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

Dr. Hines, a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry, has practiced family dentistry in Edenton since 1962.

The Academy of General Dentistry is a professional organization composed of over 21,000 family practice dentists from the United States and Canada. AGD is dedicated to improving dental health in America by motivating and encouraging dentists to continually update their professional knowledge and skills through continuing dental education programs.

Swine Increase

RALEIGH — All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms June 1 totaled 2,035,000 head, an increase of 6 per cent from a year earlier and 2 per cent above March 1 of this year, according to the N.C. Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This inventory consisted of 326,000 head kept for breeding purposes, 3 per cent above last year and 1,709,000 market hogs, up 7 per cent. North Carolina ranks seventh in the Nation in the total number of hogs and pigs.



CONTRAST—A sharp contrast of rural life is drawn in this picture. A modern tractor takes a Fourth of July holiday with a rapidly deteriorating barn in the background.