

LEADERSHIP RECOGNIZED—Dr. T.C. Blalock, right, state extension director, is shown presenting R.M. (Pete) Thompson of Chowan County one of four 1979 outstanding leadership awards presented by N.C. Agricultural Extension Service. The presentation was made at a recent conference in Raleigh.

Thompson Receives Award

R.M. (Pete) Thompson, Chowan County extension chairman, has received one of the four 1979 outstanding leadership awards offered by the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. T.C. Blalock, state extension

director, presented the award to Thompson at a recent conference of extension workers at N.C. State University.

Thompson was cited for his leadership in helping to develop the rural resources of Chowan County. His work in helping to obtain the countywide water system was cited as an example of his interest in rural people.

Thompson has served as Chowan extension chairman since 1970. Prior to that he served 16 years as chairman in Perquimans County.

Recipients of the other three extension leadership awards for 1979 were W.W. Avery, Avery County chairman; Mrs. Elaine Blake, Columbus County home economics agent; and Mrs. Ada Dalla Pozza, state home economics leader.

Focus Changes

The Rockefeller Program for Leadership Development focus has moved from principals in the schools to superintendents and will soon seek out the role of board of education. The primary goal of the entire exercise is to improve the quality of classroom instruction.

Dr. Julio George of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill told a group brought together at Edenton Municipal Building Monday night: "This experience has not been just an academic exercise. We are not playing that game at all. Our concerns are genuine."

Earlier, Dr. Bill Self, acting dean of the UNC School of Education, pointed out that the superintendent plays a key role in the board of education's policy making. "To exclude him is to deny yourself the greatest resource you could have in this area," he noted.

The program's Executive Committee, made up of board members, county commissioners, superintendents and two

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Public Parade

On The Tube

Edenton and Chowan County will be featured on WUNC-TV on April 1 and April 6 when President William Friday of the consolidated university system interviews a local resident, J. Gilliam Wood, for his "North Carolina People" program. In its ninth year of production, the weekly program focuses attention on prominent North Carolinians and their achievements.

Gilliam has long been active in civic and political affairs in the state. A recipient of the Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award, he served on the N.C. Highway Commission under former Gov. Terry Sanford, as a County Commissioner, as past president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, as Senior Warden of the vestry of St. Paul's Church, as chairman of the Board of Directors of Chowan Hospital and as past president of Historic Edenton, Inc.

He currently serves as vice-chairman of the Edenton Historical Commission, director of People's Bank and Trust Company and chairman of its local Board. In 1977 he was appointed chairman of the Board of Natural Resources and Community Development by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. He has been instrumental in focusing attention on the Chowan River algae problem to Gov. Hunt, Natural Resources Board members and state water quality control officials.

Local residents will be especially interested in viewing a slide presentation of historic structures in Edenton which will accompany the interview. "North Carolina People" can be viewed on Channel 2 on Sunday, April 1 at 6 P.M. and again on Friday, April 6 at 9 P.M.

Don't miss this 30 minute segment of free publicity for our area.

Changing Colors

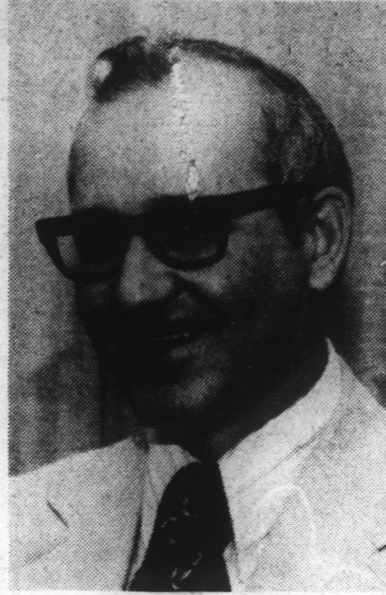
Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency has recently completed a Primary Care Manpower Study for its 29-county service area. The study included the most current and accurate information of its kind in the state.

The study identified 10% of Eastern North Carolina's counties with having a health manpower shortage; while 23 of the 29 counties are medically underserved. Although this shows an improvement over the 1976 figures "the numbers show again that Eastern North Carolina is deficient in health services."

These figures are impressive, yet one doesn't really appreciate the impact of them until you color in a map of the area. ECHSA's Health Care Notes did this in the March edition. It shows a whole lot of blue, especially with regards to health manpower shortage in Northeastern North Carolina.

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Alton R. Clark

Clark Promoted

Vann H. Johnson, senior vice president and city executive of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Edenton, announces the promotion of Alton R. Clark to assistant vice president.

Clark and wife, Gail, reside at Route 2, Montpelier Drive, with their three children, Allen, Jason and Vonda. Clark is a native of Pitt County, joining Peoples Bank & Trust Co., January 22, 1973, as assistant cashier and assistant manager of the Consumer Credit Branch.

Clark is past president of the Edenton Jaycees, and recipient of

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Townwide Census Mar. 30-Apr. 2

Whether you are 15 or 50, whether you moved into town last week or have lived here all your life, you should be counted when the Town of Edenton conducts its first complete census on March 30, March 31, April 1, and April 2. All permanent residents inside the city limits, regardless of age, will be counted.

The results of this census will benefit the town in many ways. Important federal and state funds are allocated to the town based on estimates of its population. These estimates have been questioned by local officials, but until now the town lacked the figures necessary to support its case.

Also, this local census will provide a check on the federal census that will be conducted in 1980. Finally, the figures will be very useful for purely local concerns.

The recent decision to have councilmen elected by wards requires that wards be equal as to population and that no group be discriminated against by the ward boundaries. The population and age characteristics of the various neighborhoods will also be very useful in planning for community facilities.

The census is being supervised by the State Department of Administration to ensure that it is conducted accurately and efficiently. East Carolina University Regional Development Institute is also providing technical assistance, supervision, and support.

About a dozen local residents will be trained by the state as enumerators and assigned neighborhoods. These enumerators will go from door to door to find out the number of persons in the household and the address of residence. The results will be tabulated and checked.

Call backs will be made if the family is away at the first visit. If you know now that you will be out of town during this period, please call the Municipal Building (482-2155) and arrange to have a questionnaire mailed to you that the town will pick up. Or if you have any questions before or during the census call the Municipal Building.

With cooperation from the residents, the town will gather very important and useful information.

Rate Hearing Request Posted

WASHINGTON — The Public Staff, in a motion, has asked the N.C. Utilities Commission to conduct part of the hearings of an investigation of causes of high cost of retail electric service in North Carolina against Vepco, in the area served by the company, namely Northeastern North Carolina.

Specifically, the Public Staff, in the motion filed on March 6, wants the commission to conduct the hearings in Ahoskie, Williamston, and Elizabeth City.

Vepco has filed an answer to the motion indicating it doesn't like Elizabeth City.

In its response, Vepco indicates that Elizabeth City is not a retail territory for Vepco and should not be included. It would rather Manteo or Roanoke Rapids be considered along with Ahoskie and Williamston.

"It is true that Elizabeth City is not served directly by Vepco," Richard S. Coiner, chairman of Operation Overcharge, pointed out, "but Vepco sells power to the City of Elizabeth City and it, in turn, sells it to consumers there."

Coiner praised the Public Staff and its executive director, Hugh

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Court Actions

Jurors called for duty Tuesday in Chowan County District Court were notified Monday not to appear because there were no jury cases to be heard.

Judge John T. Chaffin determined at mid-morning that cases calendared for jury action had either been settled, continued or dismissed. Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, was directed to have her staff contact those on the jury list to inform them of the pappenings.

In action Monday, Virginia Lee Gramby Mizzelle was granted a divorce from John Vann Mizzelle; Willie Ray Capehart from Roxie Ophelia A. Capehart; John Henry Savage from Ann Viola Savage; Deborah Dale Anderson from Charles Louis Wells; Lillie R. Wilder from John Usher; and Cheryl Peele Barber from Dennis Carroll Barber.

City Tire Company was awarded a judgment against Stan Twine and the case of Judith D. Edwards against Herbert Lester Edwards, Jr., was transferred to Wake County.

In the case of Evelyn G. Small against Everett Small, the defendant was ordered to pay alimony pending further court action.

Career Center Concept Draws Praise



STATE SCHOOL OFFICIALS — The two ranking North Carolina public school officials were briefed on the proposed Tri-County Career Education Center at a meeting here Monday night. Left to right are: Clifford S. Winslow of Hertford, chairman of the study group; Dr. David Bruton, chairman, State Board of Education; Dr. Craig Phillips, standing, superintendent of public instruction; and Kenneth L. Stalls of Edenton, director of the feasibility study.

"Don't let acts of geography, like county lines, hold you back. Let the needs of the children dictate what you do."

Speaking was Dr. David Bruton, chairman, State Board of Education. His audience was the Steering Committee of the Tri-County Career Education Feasibility Study.

Dr. Bruton went on to say the concept has lessons in it for the rest of North Carolina.

At the conclusion of a presentation by Clifford S. Winslow of Perquimans County, committee chairman, and Eugene Jordan of Chowan County and Will Harrell of Gates County, the state chairman and Dr. Craig Phillips, state superintendent, were asked to comment. Without hesitation Dr. Bruton expressed his delight with what had been presented by asking: "Do you have a blank check?"

Dr. Phillips said it is exciting because it has so many pieces to put together. "I urge you to set your sights high...and don't cut your sights short," he continued. "I don't think you have to take a back seat when doing something for the children," he said.

He noted that the third phase include construction, staffing and operations. He pointed out that a capital needs survey should produce results which reflect the needs in Gates, Perquimans and Edenton-Chowan administrative units. He said if the people are given an opportunity to vote on a new statewide school bond issue their vote will reflect how strongly they feel about meeting the needs.

Winslow said the center would focus on the academic as well as vocational. He said the "exciting."

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Director Of Hospital Resigns

Smiley W. Weatherford, who has been director of Chowan Hospital for the past year-and-a-half, has resigned to return to graduate school.

Weatherford announced his resignation at the regular monthly meeting of the hospital's board of directors. It has been accepted by both the board and Carolinas Hospital and Health Services Inc., which is the not-for-profit organization providing

management for Chowan Hospital. As hospital director, Weatherford has been a CHHS staff member.

The board and CHHS commended Weatherford for his leadership over the past 17 months. "We wish Smiley well as he goes back to school to further his professional training," said John T. Carlisle, CHHS area director.

Recruitment efforts are now underway for a new hospital director to be recommended to the board. "We hope to be able to make a recommendation in the near future," said Carlisle.

Under Weatherford's administration, Chowan Hospital made major steps toward financial solvency, paying off its bills and beginning to keep its accounts current. Also during his tenure, Weatherford worked with the board to improve employee benefits. The hospital began using a better system of distributing patient medications and started using a different data processing system to save the hospital more than \$3,000 a month.

Before coming to Chowan Hospital, Weatherford was administrator of two other acute care hospitals — Meadows Memorial Hospital in Vidalia, Ga., and Louisa Community Hospital in Louisa, Ky. He has a master's degree in health administration from Georgia State University.

Another Theft

Chowan County Office Building was the scene of another theft at noon Tuesday. This time money was stolen from a pocketbook in the ASCS Office on East King Street.

Mrs. Alma Byrum reported to Edenton Police Department that her billfold was taken from her pocketbook as she worked at the rear of the office. It was later found at Hollowell-Blount Drug Store with more than \$60 missing.

Mrs. Byrum was in the office alone at the time of the theft. Her pocketbook was in the typewriter well of her desk, some 20 feet from where she was running an offset press. It was found at the front office with the billfold missing.

Earlier in the year money was taken from pocketbooks in offices on the third and fourth floors of the building. No arrests have been made.



PROGRAM MOVES AHEAD—Principals of the Rockefeller Program For Leadership Development in six Northeastern North Carolina counties are shown here during a meeting here Monday night. Left to right are: Dr. Bill Self, acting dean, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Supt. Larry Ivay of Bertie County Schools, committee chairman; Dr. Julio George of UNC; and Richard Baker, executive director of Alliance For Progress.