

Gov. Hunt To Discuss Chowan River Report

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., will be in Chowan County on October 15 and is expected to discuss the report of a federally assembled committee which recently studied the Chowan River.

Gov. Hunt's visit is expected at 1 P.M. Details were not available at press time.

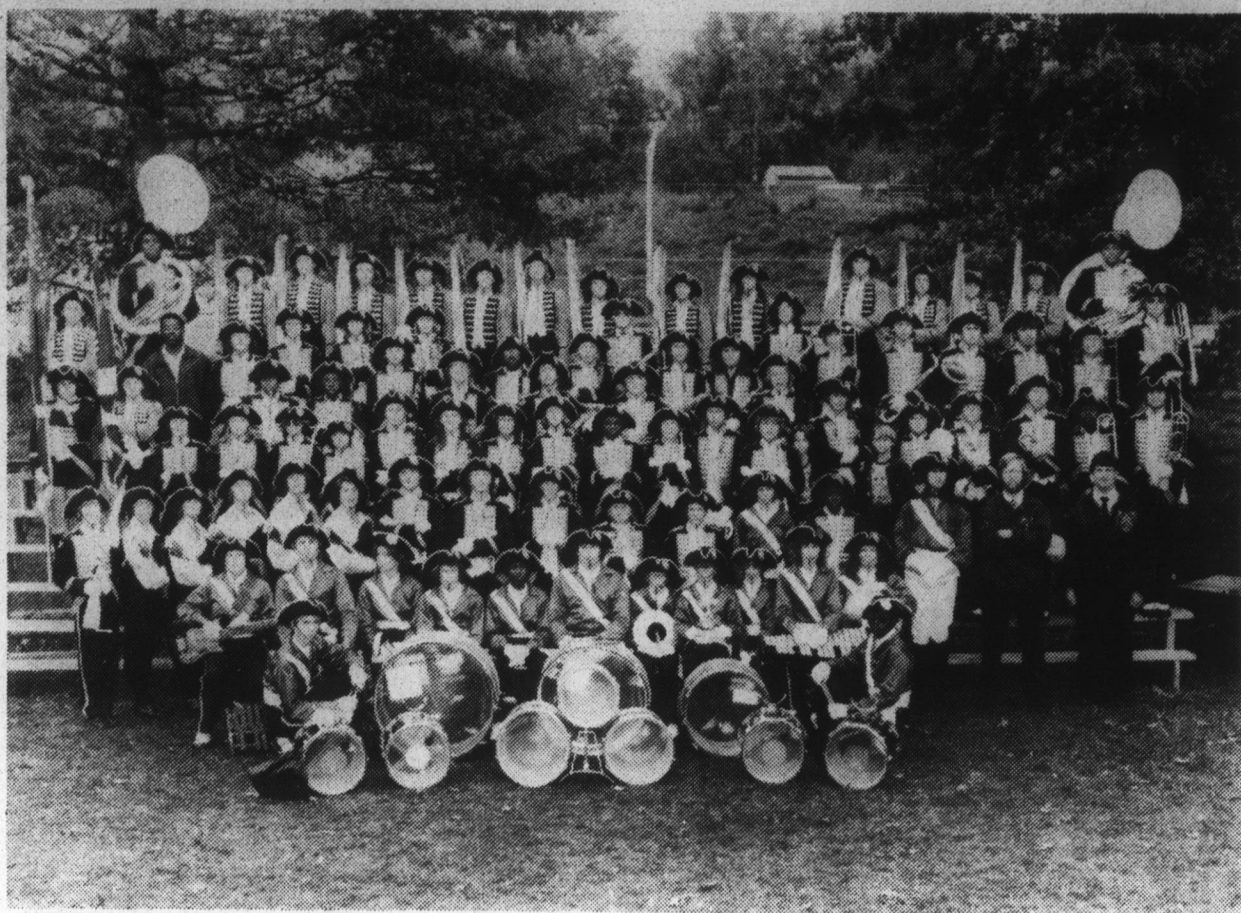
While Dr. Neill Grigg, assistant secretary, N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, has refused to discuss the report, Virginia's Water Control Board is reported to have endorsed the recommendations.

Two newspapers — The Daily Advance in Elizabeth City and The Virginian Pilot of Norfolk, Va. — Tuesday reported that J. M. Alexander, assistant director of the Virginia panel said: "As far as I am able to ascertain it doesn't ask too much of Virginia."

"I think we support this," was Alexander's quote regarding land application for municipal wastes.

The report also recommends that Union Camp Corp., in Franklin, Va., initiate studies of ways to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus in their effluents.

Capt. Al Howard of Arrowhead Beach, chairman of the Chowan Restoration Task Force, announced recently that local representatives had been invited to Raleigh to be present when an official presentation is made. It is anticipated that no official word from North Carolina officials will be made prior to that time.



SWEEPSTAKES WINNER — The Washington High School Band was named Sweepstakes Winner in the 1979 Peanut Festival field competition. The unit, under the direction of A. T. Secor, Jr., will be defending champion during the 1980 event October 2-5.

Pam Pack Band Will Perform During Festival

The Washington High School Pam Pack Marching Band will be among 12 musical groups scheduled to perform during the Fifth Annual Peanut Festival in Edenton October 2-5.

The Pam Pack group, one of the premier bands in Eastern North Carolina in 1979, won the Sweepstakes Award in last year's Peanut Festival.

The John A. Holmes High School Marching Aces is host band and will participate in field exercises but will not compete for a prize. The Peanut Festival is sponsored by Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association for the benefit of the Marching Aces.

Bands scheduled at this time include: Columbia High School, Manteo High School, Williamston High School Northampton County High School, Goldsboro High School, Currituck High School, Beddingfield High School of Wilson, Stafford High School of Chesapeake, Va., and Western Branch High School, also of Chesapeake.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place. Bands will be classified in division.

Judges for the band competition will be Tom Hune and Janet Woodall, both of Danville, Va.; Randy Elrod of Richmond, Va.; and Andy Delloro of Virginia Beach, Va.

In addition to Peanut Festival honors, the Marching Pam Packs won first in the Ayden Collard Festival Parade, Flue Cured Tobacco Festival Parade, Chowan College Band Day, ECU Band Day, Green Central Invitational, and Cary Band Day. The group placed second in the Richmond Bicentennial Parade.

The host Marching Aces have also garnered numerous honors over the past years. For the last two years the local band has been the demonstration band at Mid-Atlantic Band Front Camp at Ferrum College in Virginia.

Senior Citizens Admitted Free

Free admission into the Chowan County Fair is being offered to senior citizens tonight and a special program for them will begin at 6 P.M. from the side stage.

Melissa Lewis will be making her first appearance of the week at 8 P.M. on the main stage of the fairgrounds. The second show is scheduled to begin at 9 P.M. Two more performances will be held Friday night at 8 and 9:30 P.M.

The 4-H Pullet Sale is also scheduled for today. It will begin at 5 P.M. in the livestock compound.

The Good Old Boys will be entertaining fair goers Friday at 7 P.M. on the side stage.

Among Saturday nights highlights will be the 4-H Regional Talent Show finals at 7 o'clock. One hour later, the Singing Laymen will take to the stage for one show.

Exhibits will be opening today and Friday at 4 P.M. The midway will open at 5 P.M. On Saturday, the final day of the fair, exhibits will open at 3 P.M. with the midway getting into action at 4 P.M.

Sunday and Monday have been set aside for removal of exhibits.

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Rate Hike Being Requested

Virginia Electric and Power Company has notified its 21 municipal and 18 cooperative customers in Virginia and North Carolina that it will ask the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to authorize rate increases to recover the costs of placing North Anna Power Station Unit 2 in commercial operation.

The Town of Edenton is among Veeco's municipal customers.

The increase requested of municipal customers will be \$5.9-million, and will be offset by an estimated \$4-million fuel charge decrease. The increase expected of cooperatives will be \$8.8-

million, and will be offset by an estimated \$7.8-million fuel savings.

The increases being sought to cover the costs of North Anna 2 reflect the fact that every addition of generating capacity to serve the needs of customers increases the average cost of electricity. These increased costs, in turn, must be recovered through higher charges to customers.

However, the higher charges required by the addition of North Anna 2 to Veeco's system are less than the increases that would have been caused by the construction and operation of a coal- or oil-generating unit of the same size.

The rate charged by Veeco to its municipal and cooperative customers are regulated by FERC.

Veeco plans to file its rate application with FERC in mid-November and to request the increased rates become effective 60 days later.

The head of a Chamber of Commerce consumer group opposing electric rates charged in Northeastern North Carolina by Veeco charged that the company's promises don't match up with their actions.

A request for a rate increase submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to be charged to Municipals and Cooperatives in Northeastern North Carolina and actions in nuclear operations of the firm are completely contrary to previous Veeco promises, it was charged by J. Larkin Little of Greenville, chairman of Operation Overcharge.

Little issued the following statement: "1. Veeco said it was working to bring its rates in line. Instead, it has requested a \$14.7-million rate increase for municipal and cooperative customers: 2. It said as soon as North Anna was certified and

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Bond Pleads Innocent To Robbery Charges

A jury was to be selected Wednesday morning in Chowan County Superior Court to act on felony counts against Charles Phillip Bond which were lodged after the armed robbery of Fast Fare on North Broad Street.

Walter Edwards, Jr., of Hertford, Bond's court appointed attorney, entered pleas of not guilty to armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery and discharge a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

Also set for trial this week is the case where David Ross is charged with two counts of common law robbery. He is represented by Max Busby who requested a jury trial.

Judge Richard B. Allsbrook of Roanoke Rapids is presiding. Asst. Dist. Atty. H.P. Williams,

Jr., of Elizabeth City, is prosecuting the docket. Action taken included:

James Drew, trespass, six months, suspended and placed on probation for five years upon payment of court costs.

Joe Willie Privott, speed competition, remanded to District Court.

Mack Lee Nowell, no liability insurance, no registration, aid and abet in speed competition, aid and abet in reckless driving, and resisting arrest, one year to begin at the expiration of time being served in another case.

John Robert Lewis, Jr., drunk driving, 30 days.

Haywood Harrell, alias Buster Brown, assault on an officer, three

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Small Business Forum Scheduled September 30

Area small business owners are invited to make remarks at the Small Business Forum to be held in Edenton on September 30. The Governor's Small Business Advocacy Council will conduct this forum at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building.

Any Small Business Owner in the First Congressional District is encouraged to attend and is eligible to speak.

Edenton businessman Wallace Evans, who is president of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, will be present along with staff members of the N.C. Department of Commerce to receive comments from small business owner. They are asked to speak on the effect of state regulations, policies, and legislative issues on their business. "This is an excellent opportunity to make suggestions on improving the state's relationship with small business," it was stated.

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Public Parade

Getting Organized

The Democratic Party along the Public Parade has a campaign underway to become better organized. Also, the Chowan County Board of Elections has gone a second mile in making it more convenient for citizens to register.

Headway seems to be made on party organization, while the registration bid wasn't a great success.

The past two Saturdays were set aside by the elections board to encourage people who have only the weekend off to get on the books, or transfer from the precinct of prior residence to the new precinct.

Few more than 70 people responded.

On the other hand, the Democratic Party saw the young members organize last Tuesday night and elect Rick Winslow, Route 1, Tyner, as chairman. Others on the slate with him are: Joan Blair, first vice chairman; Larry Spivey, second vice chairman; Diane R. Granby, third vice chairman; Rosa R. Rountree, secretary; and Jerry Byrum, treasurer.

Also, an enthusiastic group of Democratic Women reorganized last week with Mrs. Emily G. Amburn being installed as president. Rep. Charles Evans of Nags Head addressed the group.

Party chairman N. J. George is especially pleased to once again have a Young Democratic Club functioning along the Public Parade. "I am glad to see young people willing to work for the party," he commented.

In another step toward getting a handle on Democrats, the senior party has accepted a state headquarters program of carrying through on a "Unity Campaign" to get out the vote in November.

Democrats throughout the area will be receiving calls from party workers during the next month. Mrs. April Lane and James Taylor are spearheading the survey, which will be shared with state headquarters to identify soft spots.

Volunteers, primarily precinct officials, have identified some 5,000 Democrats who will be the target of the first survey of its kind in Chowan County. Registered Democrats will be asked about their intent regarding candidates in the November 4 election; absentee ballots; the need for transportation; and child care service.

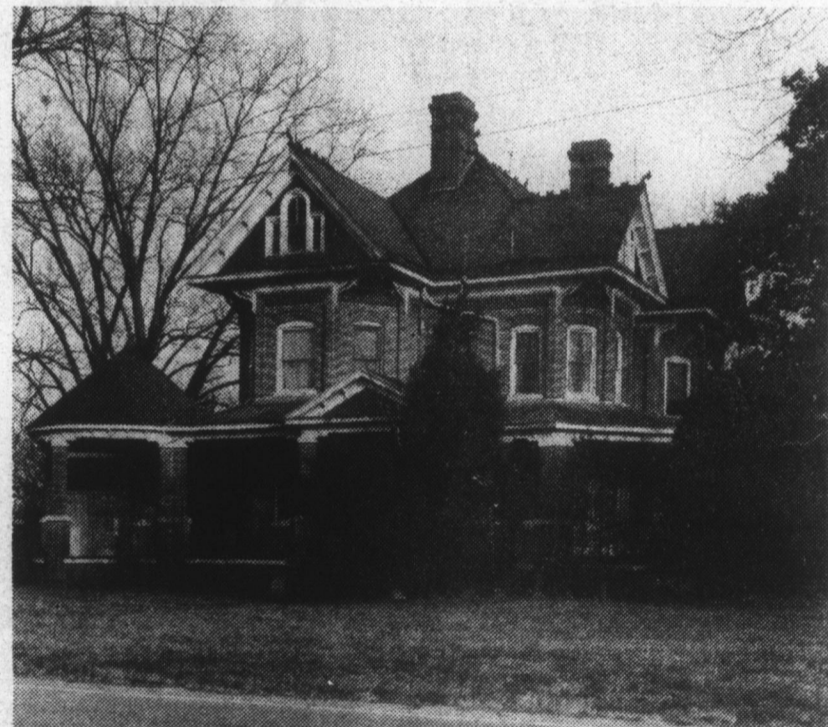
Party faithfuls naturally will cooperate in the survey, but all registered Democrats should be of a mind to respond to the few questions in a fair and straightforward manner. The results will say a lot about what is happening to the party in this area.

The key to success in life, as well as politics, is organization. Democrats want to be successful. They are becoming better organized to insure this success.

Sir Raleigh

We want to be among the first along the Public Parade to congratulate the Nominating

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The Speight House

Speight House Is Nominated

RALEIGH — The Speight House and Cotton Gin in Edenton has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by Larry E. Tise, State Historic Preservation Officer. The register is described as a national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical or other cultural value.

The Speight House is a two-and-one-half story Queen Anne style dwelling of brick. The hip roof is intersected by multiple cross gables. Constructed in 1900 as a plantation residence, the house is stylistically rare for its vicinity. The house was once the center of a large cotton and peanut farming conglomeration, and numerous early outbuildings remain on the site.

The house and site are representative of the regions late 19th Century agricultural revival following the Civil War. Will Oscar Speight, the builder, was the founder of the Edenton Brick-works.

The nomination was submitted in connection with the Division of

Archives and History's long-range program to identify and document historic properties in North Carolina. Approval of the nomination by the Department of the Interior usually takes about six months and will be announced through the state's congressional delegation.



CHOWAN COUNTY FAIR IN FULL SWING — Exhibits at the Chowan County Agricultural Fair this week have been termed "fantastic" and are expected to draw record crowds. Yeopim 4-H'ers won the Grand Champion designation in educational



booths. Crafts are drawing added attention this year and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor of Sunbury are among those who have a booth this year. (Staff Photos by Luke Amburn.)