

Public Support Of Expansion Sought

Chowan Hospital is plowing new ground in efforts to improve health care in the area through construction of 10 additional beds. A seldom used petition route is being taken in an attempt to have the State Medical Facilities Plan amended for Region "R".

As now published, the state plan shows the 10-county region as being over bedded by five. Dave Henson, Chowan Hospital executive, said with the local facility showing a steady 82 per cent occupancy there are indications which point to signs of encouragement toward getting the plan altered.

The Division of Facility Services, Department of Human Resources, has called a public hearing on the hospital's petition for 10 A.M. on October 10 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the County Office Building on East King Street.

The public hearing is designed to provide community input on the petition. "Unless this proposed modification is made, the hospital's recent application to expand its facility by an additional 10 beds will be turned down automatically, upon later review by the state," Henson said Monday.

"It is imperative that positive community support be demonstrated," he continued, "as it will potentially influence the state's decision to honor and approve Chowan Hospital's petition."

A long-range study by an Atlanta, Ga., consulting firm supports a 38-bed expansion at Chowan Hospital. The study recommends other capital projects like expansion of ancillary services.

The hospital has recently been given approval of the ancillary portion of capital projects by the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency in Greenville. Therefore, a Certificate of Need for this project is expected to be granted by the state.

The hospital's application to ECHSA for the bed expansion is being held up pending the outcome of the petition which asks for modification of the State Bed Plan.

Chowan County commissioners support the hospital's board in petitioning the state to alter the bed plan. The petition was forwarded to the state in early August.

The petition, according to Henson, is supported also by existing factors, such as high occupancy, the greatly expanded medical staff in the hospital's service area. "The recruitment of ... physicians has resulted in increased access to health care, and as a by-product of these physicians developing their practices, increased hospital admissions have resulted," he continued.

"It is our strong feeling that the hospital has a community com-

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SMALL BUSINESS FORUM — Albert Calloway, left, assistant director, Business Assistance Division, N.C. Department of Commerce, and Al Lineberry, center, chairman of the Small Business Advocacy Council, were members of a panel at a Small Business Forum held at Edenton Municipal Building Tuesday night. They were introduced by Wallace B. Evans, right, president of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

Merchants Air Concerns During Business Forum

About 20 persons, mostly businessmen, gathered at the Edenton Municipal Building Tuesday night to air their concerns at a Small Business Forum sponsored by the N.C. Small Business Advocacy Council, hosted by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce. Education, financing, taxation and inflation emerged as the most popular topics during the one and one-half hour session chaired by Al Lineberry, chairman of the council.

He was joined on the panel by Albert Calloway, assistant director, Business Assistance Division, N.C. Department of Commerce, and Joe Exum of Snow Hill, a council member and businessman.

Lineberry explained that the council was established in May to prepare and present recommendations to the governor and the General Assembly for appropriate changes in statutes, policies and regulations which affect small businesses in North Carolina. Those recommendations, the result of forums being held in each congressional district of the state, will be heard at the Governor's Conference on Small Businesses on January 28, 1981 in Raleigh.

Jesse Harrell, president of Edenton Furniture Company and a businessman of 35 years, cited under capitalization due to high inflation as a primary threat to small business.

"The rate of inflation is 10 per cent or better each year," he

commented. "Not many of our businesses can net 10 per cent."

Harrell also suggested that the General Assembly take another look at a garnishee law with safeguards included to prevent misuse by businesses.

"The garnishee law is serious," Harrell said. "A businessman has very little protection except through the small claims courts. I believe every person should pay his honest debts."

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Vepco Requests Bill Reductions

ROANOKE RAPIDS — Virginia Electric and Power Company has asked the N. C. Utilities Commission to reduce customers' bills almost 3 per cent during December, January, February and March.

The reduction request would lower a 1,000 kilowatt-hour per month residential customer's bill by \$1.87, from \$82.86 to \$80.99 based on present winter rates. Those customers qualifying for

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Get Ready

The preliminary report on the 1980 census of population continues to generate much conversation. While the figures have not been set in concrete, efforts are being made in several quarters to keep the "official" designation from being placed on them.

Along the Public Parade it appears Chowan County is pretty much in line at 12,271, an increase of 14 per cent. The Town of Edenton's population was set at 5,138, a modest 3.7 per cent increase. Considering the number of housing units built in the municipality in the past decade, the town fathers have some reason to complain.

Regardless of how the final tally is recorded, the way some things are done along the Public Parade

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Mrs. Yates Parrish Chairman October Is Cancer Crusade Month

October has been designated crusade month by the Chowan County unit of the American Cancer Society, reported Terry Jones, president of the local unit. Volunteers will be calling on citizens to contribute to the fight against this disease. Mrs. Yates Parrish is chairman.

Money collected by the American Cancer Society goes toward public and professional education and community service, but with the majority of it funding research to find a cure.

"The local society is promoting community awareness of the disease and the Cancer Society's research to discover a cure," Jones stated. "Although cancer death rates are continuing to rise, more patients than ever are being cured of the disease."

Well over one third of those who get cancer are able to conquer it, and many of them resume

healthy, normal lives, Jones continued. He added that this positive change hasn't come about by accident.

"Our nation and this generation are beneficiaries of the biggest attack ever mounted against a single disease," he commented. The American Cancer Society began the program several decades ago and is the leader in the cancer fight today."

"Think about the living evidence of progress against cancer when the Cancer Society asks you to support its 1980-81 Cancer Crusade. Although the fight against cancer has been partly won, it's far from finished. Help is needed from you," he concluded.

Collections from the previous year totaled a record \$6,904. The \$6,000 goal was the largest set in the history of the local unit, it was revealed at a meeting last Monday night.

It was also reported that 34 persons from Chowan County died from cancer last year with lung cancer leading the list with 10 deaths. Thirteen patients were helped through the service program.

Mrs. Virginia Byrum, area director, reported 924 adults and 927 youth attended some sort of program or viewed films on cancer. About 7,400 pieces of literature were distributed during

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Parker Named New Chairman Of 'Overcharge'

GREENVILLE — Joseph M. Parker of Ahoskie, publisher of several newspapers in Northeastern North and Southside Virginia, and editor of the Ahoskie Herald, was elected Chairman of Operation Overcharge here Tuesday in a meeting of the Executive Committee. He succeeds J. Larkin Little of Greenville.

Other officers named by the organization which was established two years ago by the region's local Chambers of Commerce to fight what they called exorbitant electric rates being charged by Virginia Electric and Power Company, were David M. Pittman, general manager of a large manufacturing plant in Tarboro, TICARO, Inc., vice-chairman; William D. Cox, Mayor of Hertford, secretary, and William R. Abeyounis, executive vice president of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, treasurer.

Stanley W. Hege of Arrowhead Beach, representing Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, was re-elected to the Executive Committee.

Parker has been a member of

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Welcome to Peanut Country!



Thursday, October 2, 1980

8:00 P.M.

Peanut Festival Talent Show - Swain Auditorium
(Tickets will be available at door)

Friday, October 3, 1980

8:00 P.M.

Edenton Aces vs. Tarboro High School Vikings
At Hicks Field

Saturday, October 4, 1980

10:00 A.M.

Peanut Festival Parade
(Starting at Water Street and ending at Hicks Field)

11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Activities on the John A. Holmes High School Campus
(White Elephant Sale, Clogging Demonstration, Children's Games and Relays, Equipment Display)

11:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Barbecue Dinner Plates - \$2.50
(May be purchased and/or picked up at the Boy Scout Hut on the John Holmes High School Campus)

1:00 P.M.

Field Competition - Battle of the Bands - Hicks Field
(Admission: Adults - \$2.00; Students - \$1.00)

1:00 P.M.

Drawing of Raffle Tickets for Groceries and Gasoline
(Hicks Field)

8:00 P.M. - 12 Midnight

Peanut Festival Student Dance - Location changed to National Guard Armory
(Admission: Couples - \$2.00; Stag - \$1.50)

9:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.

Peanut Festival Dance - American Legion Building
(Tickets on sale in advance at the door - \$10.00 per couple. Set-ups and Party pick-ups) Music furnished by Jim Boswell

Sunday, October 5, 1980

1:00 P.M.

Peanut Festival Art Show and Sale - Colonial Park

2:00 P.M.

Sailboat Regatta - Edenton Bay

2:00 P.M.

Concert in the Park - John A. Holmes High School Band

Sacred and Gospel Music - Providence Baptist Church Sunbeam, Senior, and Adult Chorus, Edenton Community Male Chorus

Country & Western Music - Rocky Hock Rebels

Gospel Music - Rocky Hock Quartet

3:00 P.M.

Ceremony awarding trophies for Sailboat Regatta - Colonial Park



PLAN PILGRIMAGE — Planning for the 1981 Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside is underway. Mrs. April Lane, president of the Edenton Woman's Club which sponsors the tour, is shown with Mrs. Carol Davenport, tour chairman. A number of homes not previously open to the public will open for the upcoming event.

Women's Club Begins Plans For Pilgrimage

The Edenton Woman's Club announces that the Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside will be held April 24-26, 1981 with a number of outstanding homes open to the public for tours.

Started in 1949, the Pilgrimage has grown to where it is now one of the most popular home tours in the South," commented Mrs. Carol Davenport, tour chairman. The event drew over 3,500 visitors to Edenton in 1979.

Proceeds from the tour are used by the Woman's Club to benefit the town and preserve its colonial character.

The 1981 tour will include homes dating from the pre-revolutionary to the Victorian periods. Several recently restored homes will be open to the public for the first time along with such favorites as the Wessington, Littlejohn and Booth houses.

Various special events are scheduled to offer a diversified, entertaining program for visitors. Those events will include a living history encampment by the First North Carolina Volunteers, band concerts on the old courthouse green, and an art show in Colonial Park featuring arts and crafts from across the state

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