

## Town Council Votes To Join

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Veeco officials had had an opportunity to state their case. The motion to proceed passed 4-2 with Councilmen Steve Hampton and Willis Privott, Sr., in opposition. When the motion came to adopt the ordinance the vote was 5-1, with only Hampton in opposition. The discussion among the majority of the councilmen was that the matter had been hanging for a long time and Veeco had already had ample time to make a presentation.

(The Chowan Herald was notified of a meeting between Town Council and Veeco on Monday night. The newspaper was later informed that the meeting was rescheduled for September 21.)

Municipal customers of CP&L formed the agency under North Carolina law on October 3, 1976. Favorable negotiations ended with an agreement October 5, 1978, for a joint ownership. The agency then invited municipalities buying from Veeco to join.

The agency has since reached agreement with Veeco regarding municipalities who desire to join. The project, both acquisition and construction, will be financed from proceeds of Power System Revenue Bonds.

Following is a section from the ordinance:

"After due consideration of the contents of each of the documents mentioned in the preambles hereto, particularly with regard to the projected need of the Municipality for power and energy, the economies and efficiencies to be achieved in acquiring and constructing the Initial Project, as proposed, the reliability and availability of alternative power supply sources and the comparative costs and the risks associated therewith, the Initial Project, Initial Project Agreements, Interim Agreement and Agreement for Interim Electric Service are hereby approved and it is hereby found and determined that it is in the best interest of the Municipality to enter into the Project Power Sales Agreement and the Supplemental Power Sales Agreement."

In other action, council annexed the Elton Lee Bond, Jr., property on Paradise Road. This was done at the property owners' request.

The Cable Television Ordinance was amended to add a monthly service. It is One Star and Home Box Office at \$17.95 per month. Furthermore, the ordinance was amended to allow the company to have an office outside the Town of Edenton.

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for disaster assistance, gave as a reason for the denial:

"The designation can not be supported in this instance because there is not identified physical disaster occurrence that is responsible for the fishing industries problem."

Furthermore, Kulick wrote, "it seems that the most important action necessary is to identify and resolve the situation which is creating the problem so that the herring industry can be re-established to its former viability."

## Funds Appropriated For Water System Improvements

Steps were taken Monday by Chowan County commissioners to remedy water problems north of Edenton by next Spring. The plan calls for spending some \$27,000 to upgrade the county water system in the area.

Bill Diehl and Ralph Troutman, engineers with Moore, Gardner & Associates, Inc., of Cary, presented a report which calls for increasing the pumping capacity of the Brahall plant by 50 per cent

## New Strategy

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meet two goals of prime interest to economic development efforts. First, the company intends to keep rate increases in line with or below the increase in the Consumer Price Index. Second, it is intended to have generating capacity adequate to serve the vigorous economic growth that everyone wants for North Carolina.

The president said the company has established a Department of Economic Development and Energy Services. The personnel in this Department will place high priority on working with the state and local agencies in securing new industry, which in turn provide new jobs.

However, Berry said they will work to foster conservation and reduce energy costs.

Earlier, Moore said Veeco is striving to provide the best possible electric service - efficiently and reliably.

Moore concluded by saying: "The spirit of cooperation in evidence here tonight is full of promise. It is up to all of us to make that promise come true. We at Veeco will do our part."

Gov. Hunt repeated earlier statements saying economic development pointed a cabinet-level Executive Task Force on Northeast North Carolina, he said.

He challenged Veeco to "pitch in and help us show some results" in securing new jobs in the area. "Action is needed," he added, "and we all share a responsibility with them (Veeco)." He urged company officials to use their influence to get industry located in the region.

Joe Parker of Ahooskie, a newspaper publisher who is head of Operation Overcharge, an anti-Veeco organization, was not present. However, Gov. Hunt quoted him saying that North-eastern North Carolina is an "area that has not organized itself to help itself."

"But that is changing," the governor pointed out.

"It's going to take determination, cooperation, optimism and a whole lot of plain hard work," he continued. "I believe you're going to make it happen, because you care about the people who live and work here."

Gov. Hunt announced that the state is ready to put more resources in the region. And he called on local community leaders to "push us to do better," and added that he welcomed positive criticism.

"Let us pull together as never before," he concluded. "Let nothing stand between us, Let us stand like the finger on our hand - together!"

Sec. Faircloth was primarily responsible for bringing the group together. It followed a trip to Richmond, Va., for a conference with Veeco officials. And he urged the local leaders not to dwell on the past, but think of what can be done in the future.

He likened the meeting and the coming together of important, influential people of the region "to reason together with Veeco" to a marriage - new, exciting, and harmonious.

Sen. Julian Allsbrook of Halifax County, the dean of the State Senate, spoke briefly in the place of Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Bertie, caucus chairman. Sen. Harrington was in Italy on a business trip.

Rep. Vernon James expressed the feeling the caucus "is off in the right direction." However, he cautioned the audience not to lose sight of one important element in economic development - highways. "Highways are just as important as reliable current," he said.

and installation of a telemetry system.

"This arrangement will put more water into the storage tanks and will help cushion the supply system during times of peak demand," it was stated.

County Manager Cliff Copeland said the department has sufficient reserves to pay for implementing the recommendations.

In answer to a question, Graham Farless, head of the Water Department, said the county's system will consist of two sections - north and south - for along time. It has been estimated that it would cost \$800,000 to tie the two together. There is already capability to tie into the Town of Edenton in case of an emergency.

Dallas Jethro, tax supervisor, reported that informal hearings are being held in an attempt to resolve complaints brought about by notices of new property values. "I believe we are in good shape," he said. "We can handle 99 per cent of them (complaints)," he noted.

Mrs. Barbara Ward, a commissioner, said there were a lot of "filling station" complaints.

Chairman C. A. Phillips said complaints are to be expected. "This is the closest the county has ever been to actual values of property," he added. He called revaluation an equalization process. "It is designed to get things equal across the county. If you have a farm valued high then commercial industrial and residential are measured by the same yardstick."

Jethro said he is getting a lot of questions about the tax rate. "I don't dare get into that," he said.

"The tax rate will be adjusted according to what it costs to run the county," Phillips explained.

Commissioner George Jones observed that the ones "who yell the loudest are the ones who have property valued too low now."

Copeland reported that progress is being made in development of a revenue bond package for financing the addition to Chowan Hospital.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore inquired of the manager about revenue sharing. "We should start thinking about it now with federal cutbacks what they are," he said.

Copeland pointed out that the county gets approximately \$250,000 annually from the source

## Edenton Aces Lose Conference Opener

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The Edenton team gave up six fumbles and three interceptions, and according to assistant coach Tom Bass, "Every time we made a mistake, they were there to capitalize on it."

The game started with RRHS fumbling the ball away two plays after the opening kickoff. Edenton promptly fumbled the ball right back.

Unable to move the ball, the Yellow Jackets punted. Once again Edenton fumbled, giving the Yellow Jackets excellent field position at the Aces' 18. The first and only points of the game were then scored by Bobby Weisner, with the two-point conversion attempt failing.

According to Bass, "We played a heckuva defensive game and moved the ball pretty well on offense, but I think mentally our preparation was a little off. But we've got no alibis; we're the champions and we've got to put it on the line every time we play a conference game."

Edenton's best drive of the night consisted of a 60-yard, third quarter march that ended, appropriately, with a fumble at the Yellow Jacket's 12.

Once again noseguard, Ernest Riddick, had an outstanding game, finishing with 19 solo tackles and two assists.

Troy Wright, who had suffered from a bruised sternum in practice, had 10 solo tackles and four assists, with fellow linebacker Tony Creecy contributing six solo tackles and six assists.

Tackles Haywood Perry and Chris Rankins both had eight solo tackles with Perry adding six assists and Rankins two.

Senior halfback Bill Whichard had an excellent game, rushing for 73 yards on 13 carries.

and it will be necessary to get "our financial house in order" and approach the next couple of years without anticipating revenue sharing funds.

The manager reported that a new dog pound near Edenton Municipal Airport has been completed.

When Commissioner Elmore asked about progress on the National Guard Armory and the status of the facility on North Broad Street, Copeland said the percentage of ownership between the town and county would be negotiated.

Further discussion centered around the recreation program conducted jointly with the town. The discussion caused Elmore to observe: "We have got to either get a better understanding or get our own program." Mrs. Ward said she would hate to see the county try to develop a program of its own.

The board adopted a Solid Waste Ordinance which is along the lines of existing regulations but which will give the county better enforcement powers. Copeland and Commissioner J. D. Peele reported on progress in establishing a rubbish site.

In other action, the board reappointed John Taylor and Mrs. Sarah Tynch to the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library board and received a letter from the state reporting that Dr. L. E. DeVine had replaced Dr. James Slade as medical examiner in Chowan County.

## CAMA To Play Advocate's Role

"CAMA is a success," Secretary Joseph W. Grimsley told members of the Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) during its meeting in Washington, September 10-11.

"As a result of the Coastal Area Management Act, 65 land use plans have been developed by governments in the 20 coastal counties. Local planning decisions and CRC policies are protecting coastal resources. You have successfully carried out the purposes of the act and benefited Carolinians who live along the coast."

Sec. Grimsley met with the commission to exchange views on the role of the department and specifically, its Office of Coastal Management. "We need to rekindle a stewardship effect to conserve our natural resources. Nowhere is the necessity and the benefit of stewardship clearer than in the productive and sensitive lands and waters of coastal North Carolina. We will be an advocate agency for these resources," Grimsley said.

Sec. Grimsley has long been concerned about coastal management. Throughout his career in state government he has promoted wise resource use. The Coastal Resources Commission faces difficult issues in serving North Carolina, and it is good to know that Joe Grimsley will be standing with us," said J. Parker Chesson, Jr., chairman of the CRC.

## Road Improvement Funds Allocated

The N. C. Board of Transportation has approved \$30.7-million on a county-by-county basis for secondary road construction improvements during the next 12 months. This appropriation was allocated by the 1981 General Assembly.

Chowan County will receive \$59,571. The 14 counties in Division I received \$1,907,294.

Chowan County is listed as having 36.13 miles of unpaved secondary roads. There are more than 1,000 miles of roads in this category in the division.

The amount of funding for each county was determined by a formula established by the General Assembly. According to the formula, each county receives a percentage of the total funds based on the unpaved secondary roads in the county in relationship to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state.

Board members will meet with the 100 county boards of commissioners in public meetings across the state to review and approve project to utilize these funds.

## Agenda Set

Fall harvest is underway and preparations are being made for the Chowan County Fair, set for September 22-26 at the fairgrounds on U.S. 17 business.

The agenda includes fun fair amusements, featured performances nightly, 4-H regional talent show, square dancing exhibition and all types of exhibits.

Tuesday and Wednesday are "Kiddie Days".

W. A. (Bill) Perry, president, and E. C. Toppin, vice president and manager, direct the award-winning event with the aid of fellow members of the Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion.

The Chowan County Agricultural Extension Service plays an important role in the annual event, according to fair officials. Mrs. Fran Ward, acting chairman, has been working with staff and community officials on exhibits.

"Exhibits are an important part of the fair," Perry pointed out. "A great deal of emphasis is placed on exhibits since there is an abundance of talent in this community."

Exhibits will be entered from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. Sunday and 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Monday. They will be judged Tuesday from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M. The exhibits should be removed between 3 P.M. and 5 P.M. September 27 and 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. on September 28.

The exhibit halls open at 3 P.M. Tuesday with the midway scheduled to open at 4 P.M.

The 4-H talent show will be held at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday and Wednesday with finals set for 7 P.M. Saturday. On the agenda for 8:30 P.M. September 23 is a swine show and sale. The program for September 24 includes a 4-H talent pullet sale and a Senior Citizens program.

## Essay Contest Is Planned

Several Clean Streams Month activities will give North Carolinians ample opportunity to enjoy Clean Streams Team.

The Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, together with the Chowan County Commissioners, is sponsoring an essay contest and a poster contest for residents of that area. Both competitions offer cash awards to the winners, and will continue through the month.

These Chowan County organizations are also sponsoring tours of the National Fish Hatchery in Edenton. From September 21-25, the tours will be focused for youth. On September 26 the tour will be geared toward adults.

Films and talks will also be given from September 14-18. In order to schedule a film or get additional information about events in Edenton, contact Jerry Hendee, at 482-3400.

## Methodists Host Bloodmobile

Edenton United Methodist Church will be the site of an American Red Cross Bloodmobile on Tuesday. Sponsored by the Edenton Jaycees, the drive is scheduled from 12:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

The community-wide drive has a goal of 150 pints of blood. All area residents, regardless of whether they have donated in the past, are encouraged to participate in the drive.

Chairman for the day is Bruce Wackelin. Individuals wishing to schedule an appointment to donate or needing information may call him at 482-7435 during the day, or 482-2792 evenings.

Donations can be made with or without appointments.

The 58 hospitals in this Red Cross region require some 400 units of blood daily to meet patient needs. Tidewater Regional Blood Services continues to have hospitals on a system of restricted release, following a summer during which the region experienced severe blood shortages.

In early August, the blood center in Norfolk issued an emergency appeal for blood donors after donations had dropped drastically and only a limited number of bloodmobiles had been scheduled for the month of September.

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