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Chowan Hospital Expansion Plans Are Postponed

By Jeffrey W. Winslow

Construction for the expansion of ancillary departments and the addition of ten beds at Chowan Hospital has been postponed until May 1982. The reason for the delay is because studies for the combined project have yet to be completed.

The need for expansion was approved in 1980 after the patient census hit 92 per cent, causing delays in elective surgery and crowded conditions. Also, some patients had to be taken to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City for complex services, because Chowan Hospital didn't have the facilities to perform them.

A long-range plan had been

prepared for the 11-year old facility by Hospital Investors, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia, in May 1979. This plan, which pointed out the need to expand the ancillary departments and add ten beds for the present and future health care needs of the citizens of Chowan County, was presented to the Chowan Hospital Board of Directors. After careful study and consideration of the long-range plan, the Board applied to the Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency in July 1980 for the expansion of the ancillary departments and addition of ten beds to the hospital.

A Certificate of Need for the ancillary departments was issued to Chowan Hospital on Nov. 12,

1980. However, a Certificate of Need for the expansion of the beds was not issued until April 23, 1981.

Due to the closeness of the two projects and in order to maximize

Women's Art Series Planned

Edenton will host a women's artist series, beginning January 7. The four-performance package, sponsored by the Chowan Arts Council and College of The Albemarle, will continue into February.

Three performing artists and a painter will participate in the programs planned by Michael Chapdelaine, COA visiting artist. The events will begin with a piano concert by Dr. Lilly Tong Chou on January 7 at the Edenton United Methodist Church.

The old Chowan County Courthouse will be the setting for the second performance on January 19 with Laura Oltman, classical guitarist. At the courthouse again, on February 4, artist Karen Perrella will exhibit her work and give a slide presentation on painters.

The final performance will feature Elga Jones, soprano, in concert at the church. She performed at COA earlier this year during the college's weeklong, spring arts festival.

Chapdelaine said the programs are open to the public, and no admission will be charged. Each event will begin at 8 P. M.

cost savings, the Board of Directors voted to combine them into one project to coordinate the financing and constructions. This would avoid duplication of architectural, financing and construction costs. With one project instead of two, it would allow the hospital to make plans on the best utilization of all available space, and allow the hospital to function in a more normal manner.

The hospital employed Deloitte, Haskins and Sells in September 1981 to perform a feasibility study to determine if the need for expansion was still evident and whether the revenues of the hospital would be sufficient to pay the principal and interest on revenue bonds which would be issued to pay for the construction.

All hospital expansion is regulated by the state. There is an estimated surplus of 3,000 beds statewide. The addition of more beds is expensive. Five years ago the average investment per bed in Northeastern North Carolina was \$54,000, with an annual operating cost per bed of \$32,000.

The issuance of these tax-exempt industrial revenue bonds will finance the expansion. According to officials, no tax money will be used to retire the bonds, with hospital charges repaying the debt. According to Hospital Director, Marvin Bryan, room

rates will probably rise next October to offset the construction costs.

The firm of Deloitte, Haskins and Sells sent a report to the Board of Directors on Nov. 25, 1981 stating that it should continue its planning for the financing of the current project.

Peterson Associates, P.A., architects, in Charlotte, N.C., were employed by the hospital to conduct the design, architectural drawings, and to write the specifications for the completion of the ancillary and bed expansion. They have finished the preliminary work at this time and have started writing the specifications for the project.

Additions to the emergency room, laboratory, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy department and administrative offices will be included on the plan. A new department, the department of nuclear medicine, will also be added.

The intensive care unit, moved to make way for other department expansion, will be relocated in the new \$3.3-million addition.

The Chowan County Commissioners and the Chowan Hospital Board of Directors met in Oct. 1981 and selected Interstate Securities of Charlotte, N.C., and Carolina Securities of Raleigh, N.C., to be the underwriters of the Bond Issue.

The Local Government Com-

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Edenton-Chowan School System Is Arts Council Grant Recipient

Edenton-Chowan Schools will receive a \$3,000 grant from the N.C. Arts Council. The visual arts residency grant is among \$20,575 in arts - in - education grants from a total of \$484,755 to support arts activities across the state.

The arts-in-education grants go to elementary and secondary

schools and other non-profit organizations for the development of programs in the schools in involving professional artists and community resources.

The grants were announced last week by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and Mrs. Sara W. Hodgkins, secretary of the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources.

The grants were awarded in the following categories other than arts-in-education: visual arts: aid for touring exhibitions; supplemental support, creative project; and statewide arts resources.

Perdue Announces New Construction

HALIFAX — Perdue Farms, Inc., has announced plans to build a multimillion dollar broiler chick hatchery near here.

Construction is planned to begin in March and the hatchery will begin operation early in 1983. The site is on N. C. 561, two miles west of Halifax.

Thomas Shelton, senior vice president, said the company has entered into an agreement to purchase approximately 127 acres for the facility.

The hatchery is a part of a major company expansion in Eastern North Carolina, according to William Bollinger, N. C. operations manager for the company. Perdue is presently enlarging its Lewiston processing plant with an additional 70,000 square feet of processing area which will enable production to be increased by 600,000 broilers per week. In addition, the feed mill has been expanded and a new soybean processing plant is under construction in Cofield.

Hatching eggs from the present breeder farmers in the Nash and Warren county areas will be incubated, hatched and chicks delivered to broiler growers in Halifax, Nash, Warren, Edgecomb, Martin and Northampton counties. With a new hatchery in Halifax, an additional 25 breeder producers will be needed to supply hatching eggs.

Perdue, a 62-year-old Maryland-based company, has been producing broilers in Eastern North Carolina for eight years. Currently, 300 farmers own over 600 broiler houses producing 1,300,000 broilers per week. Local farmers will construct over 100 broiler houses this year and the company will need farmers to build an additional 150 houses during the next year to meet increased production needs.

The Halifax location was selected because of its favorable location for receiving eggs and shipping chicks as well as the availability of an ample supply of quality labor.

The investment in the new Halifax Hatchery confirms Perdue's commitment to the area.

Three Jailed On Burglary Charges

Three Edenton men, arrested in Suffolk, Va. in connection with two burglaries on December 16, remained in Suffolk City Jail last Friday in lieu of bail set at \$6,000 each.

The charges against the men are in connection with burglaries in a rural section of Suffolk near the

North Carolina line.

Charged by Suffolk police were Edward M. Felton, 39; Paul Gregory, 39; and Michael Lamb, 30, all of Edenton, with two counts of burglary, two counts of grand larceny, one count of possession of burglary tools, and one count of possession of a sawed-off shotgun.

Services Are Held For Mr. Crisanti

HERNANDO, Fla. — Joseph S. Crisanti, 79, land developer and rancher, formerly of Edenton, died Friday. Funeral services were held at 9:30 A.M. Monday at Robert C. Neary Funeral Home. Burial was at St. Catharine's Cemetery, Wall Township, N.J.

Surviving: Mrs. Esther H. Crisanti; sons: Dr. John W. Crisanti of Lockhaven, Pa., Joseph S. Crisanti, Jr. of Holmdel, N.J.; daughter: Mrs. Dorothy Joyce Ketterer of Wall Township, N.J.; brother: Andrew Crisanti of Boca Raton; sisters: Mrs. A. L. Timira Antonaroli of Locharbor, N.J., Mrs. Assunta DeFabro of Italy; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Local Churches Plan Joint Holiday Service

The Providence Missionary Baptist Church and Warren Grove Missionary Baptist Church will hold joint Christmas service at the Providence Missionary Baptist Church on Dec. 25, at 11 A.M. Rev. Wilbert Mills, Pastor of Warren Grove Missionary Baptist Church will be guest speaker.

Music will be rendered by combined choirs of the two churches. Also, the combined usher board of both churches will serve.

The public is invited to attend.



AWARDED FIRST PLACE — The Garden of Eden Club recently held a Christmas Decorating Contest. Placing first place in Traditional Decorations was Mr. and Mrs. James Bond. The Bond's reside on West Church Street. (Staff photo by Jeffrey W. Winslow)



PLACES FIRST IN CONTEST — The Contemporary Category in the recent Christmas Decorating Contest was won by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Swicegood, who live on Kimberly Drive. The contest was sponsored by the Garden of Eden Club. (Staff photo by Jeffrey W. Winslow)

Bond, Swicegood Homes Win 1st Place Decorating Awards

The Garden of Eden Club would like to announce the winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest. Before doing so we would like to commend all the townspeople for making Edenton so beautiful this Christmas season.

The first place winner for Traditional Decorations is Mr. and Mrs. James Bond, West Church Street. Second prize goes to Mr. and Mrs. Alton Elmore, Granville

Street. The first place winner in the contemporary category is Mr. and Mrs. Jay Swicegood, Kimberly Drive and second place goes to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leary, Robin Lane. Our congratulations to the four top winners.

Honorable mention goes to: Downtown businesses: Davis Jewelers, Quinn Furniture, Elliott company, Courtney's; For Out-

door Trees: Wilbur Pierce, Morgan Park, Johnny Arcaro, W. Gale Street., Marshall Whitt, Morgan Park.

Also for homes: Scott Harrell, Jr., E. N. Manning, Charles Creighton, Warner Perry, Wallace Evans, W. B. Gardner, J. M. Parrish, Richard Taylor, Philip McMullan, Mrs. J. Paul Bass, Bill Easterling, Walter Bond, Mrs. Kermit Layton, Sr., Wendell

Copeland, Johnny Woolard, Leo Katkaveck.

We can't fail to mention our usual beautiful decorators and some of the past winners: Thomas Byrum, Marion Thrower, Mrs. W. B. Rosevear, Mrs. John Graham, Tilmon Keel, Allen Hornthal, J. M. Thorud, W. P. Jones, Mrs. R. H. Goodwin and Mrs. Earl Goodwin, Tom Hopkins, and R. N. Campbell.

Hard as one may try it is impossible to improve on the Bethlehem scene as described in the Gospel according to St. Luke: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it, was that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear Not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is to come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Cotton Council Plans Survey

MEMPHIS — The National Cotton Council will mail questionnaires December 31 to a sample of cotton growers to assess their 1982 planting intentions, President Frank M. Mitchener, Jr., said today.

Mitchener said the council is conducting the survey because the U. S. Department of Agriculture plans to consolidate its January and March surveys into one. It will be carried out in February, and results will not be reported until late February.

"The council survey will provide planting intentions earlier. Individual cotton growers need this information for planning purposes. In addition, Council delegates will need it for their policy deliberations at our annual meeting early in February," Mitchener explained.

"We want to encourage every grower who received a questionnaire to complete and return it promptly," the council president said. "Results will be made available to all cotton growers through announcements in the media."