

Emergency Appropriations

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Oborn sums up the happening: "As a newcomer to Edenton almost five years ago, I was most pleasantly surprised to find in a town this size an excellent choral group with which to sing."

"It has been my pleasure to practice with and to sing in several of the Edenton Choral Society concerts."

Now I would like to thank all the persons in the Edenton N.C. Symphony group, Shelby Strother, and any others who had made it possible for the Choral Society to sing with the Holmes High School Concert choir and the N.C. Symphony."

"This program has been one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences of my life."

Airport Funding

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The survey includes 275,000 acres in the two counties and is the only joint venture among North Carolina's 100 counties.

Harrell noted that Commissioner J. D. Peele and Bunch pushed the project in 1976 while members of the Resource Conservation and Development Council in Northeastern North Carolina.

Copeland said the document has already been put to use during revaluation and the District Health Department uses it extensively.

Chairman C. A. Phillips said the commissioners appreciate the job SCS has done on the important study. "We are pleased to have been tied in with Perquimans County in this joint venture," the chairman added.

In other action, the commissioners adopted a resolution supporting a regional transportant plan, approved \$500 for the Highway 17 Commission; approved signs for the courthouse and detention facility and approved paving the drive at the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad headquarters at Gliden.

The board also approved a new plan for membership of the Chowan County Nursing Home Advisory Council. While the council is limited by law to five members, the new plan provides for two ex-officio members. The council will be composed of Mrs. Pat Storie, chairman, Walter Abbe, Mrs. Mary Ann Barham, Miss Emily Nixon, and Mrs. Peggy Anne Vaughan. Ex-officio members are A. C. Griffin and Mrs. Vivian Jordan.

A resolution was adopted calling for action by the U. S. Department of Interior on stabilization of Oregon Inlet, and a resolution against a plan to increase the legal limit of rock fish.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., tax supervisor-collector, fielded questions about automobile vehicle listing. Several commissioners reported complaints about values of some vehicles.

Jethro said the county uses the National Automobile Dealers Association book. Average retail value is used with tables available for vehicles as old as 1963.

When it was pointed out that some new cars are being listed for more than they cost, Jethro responded matter-of-factly: "I couldn't care less about what an owner paid for the vehicle. I go by the book."

Jethro said he felt the county had a good listing period. At the same time, Copeland reported that tax collections remain stronger than last year.

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Currituck, 6.9 per cent; Gates 5.4 per cent; Hyde, 8 per cent; Pasquotank, 6.9 per cent; Perquimans, 6.6 per cent; and Washington, 6.4 per cent.

Local governments were quick to respond to the closing and reduction in force announcement and Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., approved the released \$1.9-million from a Special Administration Fund to delay closing of 48 offices and the reduction of 400 announced layoffs to 230 from now until March 31.

President Reagan this week asked Congress to approve a health increase in funds to pay the unemployed as well as for job service salaries.

Chowan County wrote Glenn R. Jernigan, chairman, Employment Security Commission, that the local office renders valuable services to the community in the processing of unemployment claims and the placement of job seekers.

The county pointed out that a hardship would develop because of travel distances in excess of 100 miles (round trip) going to the Elizabeth City office.

The commissioners consider the ESC office so valuable that they have offered to accept responsibility for the provision of office space, utilities and local telephone service. Mrs. Bond said state officials Friday informed her that the commissioners' offer would be taken into consideration prior to the March 31 deadline.

Edenton Town Council also voted strong support for the local office, but stopped short of volunteering office space, etc. However, Town Administrator Sam Noble said Tuesday that he felt sure the council will consider any reasonable proposition to assist the agency.

ESC Chairman Jernigan said the commission members plan to communicate with communities offering assistance, and the commission will be formulating and defining the assistance

needed.

The Tar Heel Congressional delegation is continuing to be made aware of the impact which will result from mandated federal cuts and a resolution from the commission is being forwarded to them which requires their assistance through the restoration of the funds which have been cut. The efforts are being aided by local communities through contact with individual members of Congress.

"This is a positive action by the commission in conjunction with the governor's support to avoid losing essential services to our communities, employers, and the unemployed at a time when North Carolina needs these services most because of the declining economy," as ESC official stated in Raleigh.

Mrs. Bond announced that the Extended Benefits Program has "triggered on." The first claims for extended benefits were taken Monday, and will continue until extended benefits is no longer in effect.

Many unemployed individuals who have current claims with benefit years in progress and who have exhausted or will exhaust their regular entitlement to unemployment insurance may be eligible to receive up to 13 additional weeks of benefits at the same monetary rate of regular benefits. The extended benefits period will last 13 weeks and can be extended only if the unemployment rate maintains a level high enough to "trigger" in another period.

Funds to pay extended benefits are financed equally by the state and federal government; therefore, most employers are charged with 50 per cent of their proportionate share of benefits paid.

Employers and unemployed workers are encouraged to contact the ESC local office serving their area for more information about extended benefits.

of Hospital Pharmacists and was named Pharmacy Technician of the Year in 1979 by the Owen Pharmacy Management Co. based in Houston, Tex.

She is an active member in community activities and serves as a Democratic delegate for the Rocky Hock precinct.

Billy R. Nixon, who lives in Rocky Hock with his wife, Mary Privott Nixon, and their two children, is a farmer in the Center Hill community.

A graduate of Chowan High School and The College of The Albemarle, he served four years in the U. S. Air Force, with two tours of duty in Vietnam.

He is a member and Captain of Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department, member and president of the Farmer Pest Management Service, a member of the Board of Directors of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, and a member and President of the Chowan County Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Past honors include Outstanding Young Farmer in 1979 and 1980. He also is a football and baseball coach for the Midget League at the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department.

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HISTORIC ALBEMARLE TOUR HIRES EXECUTIVE SECRETARY — Bill Benners, left, has been hired by the Historic Albemarle Tour, Inc., as executive secretary. According to Bill Edwards, right, past president of the Tour, Benners will be the first paid employee for the Tour.

Benners Is New Tour Secretary

The Historic Albemarle Tour, Inc. has recently acquired the funding to hire an executive secretary. Bill Benners, to coordinate the activities of the corporation and also to serve as a general public relations manager. The funds were made available by the N.C. Division of Archives and History through the Northeastern Historic Places office, which in the past has given grants to the Historic Albemarle

Tour for planning studies and promotional projects. Benners, chosen over 12 other applicants, has spent 18 years in broadcasting, including general manager duties at WPNC Radio in Plymouth for seven years. Benners has also served three terms as president of the Plymouth and Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

The Historic Albemarle Tour is a collection of historic sites, museums and cultural attractions in the northeastern part of North Carolina. Four hundred years of America's history are written in the story of North Carolina's Albemarle region. The organization was incorporated in 1975. A non-profit corporation, management positions are filled by volunteers from different historic sites throughout the tour.

According to Bill Edwards, past president of the tour, Bill Benners will be the first paid employee engaged by the Historic Albemarle Tour. Benners said he will specifically be trying to increase tourism and making the rest of North Carolina aware of the Albemarle region's history, and will be preparing for the upcoming 400 Anniversary of America's settlement.

Public Hearing Set For Redistricting

On January 28, Senator Helen R. Marvin and Representative J. P. Huskins, chairmen respectively of the Senate and House Committees on Congressional Redistricting — Senate; and Representatives Robert A. Jones and Daniel T. Lilley, Co-chairmen of the Committee on Legislative Redistricting, announced a joint public hearing of those committees of the General Assembly. The public hearing will take place at 1:30 P.M. on February 4, in the Auditorium of the State Legislative Building in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain the greatest amount of citizen comment on the 1981 Congressional plan and the proposed plans for State Senate and State House Districts. This is a time for the citizens to speak out on how the district lines should be drawn. The Committee Chairmen say that individuals and organizations are encouraged to attend the hearings. They are

Facing Opposition

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Rescheduled

The Sailing Club meeting which was originally scheduled for Jan. 21 was rescheduled for tonight (Thursday). The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. at John A. Holmes High School.

Litter Guidelines Are Announced

Littering has become a continuing problem around trash dumpster sites and Chowan County commissioners are set to take drastic actions to clean up the matter.

County Manager Cliff Copeland reported Monday that \$300 was spent last week for labor at two sites. "It has become costly," he told commissioners.

In a memo distributed with water bills this week, Copeland outlined the problem and said strict enforcement of the littering ordinance will be implemented.

"It was hoped that citizens would voluntarily keep the sites clean," the manager wrote. The ordinance to be enforced provides for a fine of \$50 for any littering of the dumpster sites.

Sheriff Troy Toppin said his department has made numerous attempts to halt the littering and is ready to enforce the ordinance.

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District Court Cases Heard

The following cases were heard in the Chowan County District Court on February 2 by John T. Chaffin, the presiding judge.

George Johnson, shoplifting, dismissed.

Michael Donald White of Route 2, Box 16-A, Edenton, shoplifting, 30 days, suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court. Appealed.

Anna Clay Carter, shoplifting, 30 days suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court, ordered not to go on premises of Mack's for 2 years.

John Franco, damage to personal property, 30 days suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court, restitution.

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C. A. Phillips, chairman of Chowan County commissioners, was successful in getting resolutions passed questioning the State Senate and House plans. He said Sen. Daniels was objecting to the plan which would split Chowan and Perquimans from traditional representation with other Albemarle Area counties. The board's resolution calls for continued linkage with counties east

legislative reapportionment proposals is available in the Clerks of Courts Office of each county or from: The Legislative Services Office, 2129 State Legislative Building, Jones Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, (919) 733-2578.

1982 Quiz Bowl On February 9th

Pettigrew Regional Library has scheduled the Regional 1982 Quiz Bowl for February 9 at 10 A.M. in the John A. Holmes High School in Edenton, according to Elizabeth Laney, director of the Regional Library.

Louise Darby, librarian at Shepard Pruden Memorial Library, is coordinating local arrangements. Participating in the 1982 Quiz Bowl for Pettigrew Region are the following schools: Perquimans High School, Columbia High School, Plymouth High School, Creswell High School, John A. Holmes High School and Emmanuel School.

The teams will be quizzed on information obtained from Encyclopedia Americana, World Almanac, Information Please Almanac, Newsweek, and Time.

This is the third annual statewide quiz bowl to be held in North Carolina; but this is the first year high schools in Pettigrew Region have participated. The quiz bowl competition was started and sponsored by public libraries in an effort to recognize and encourage the academic and scholarly students of our schools.

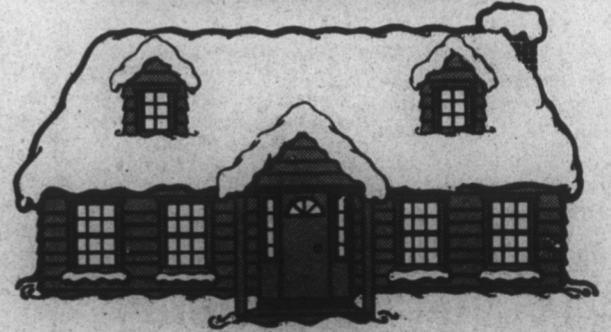
The team with the highest score from each county will participate in a Northeastern North Carolina Quiz Bowl to be held on March 20. That competition will involve twelve counties. The state wide competition will be held in Raleigh on April 24.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore raised a question as to the long-range benefits from the plan. He said he didn't believe there would be any long-lasting harm to Chowan County to go with counties west of the river.

Commissioner Barbara Ward said it would be logical to keep all the counties in the Albemarle Area together. However, she tended to agree with Elmore but there were no deciding votes to the resolution.

Chairman Phillips also presented a request from Chairman Mayme Davenport of Washington County to keep from splitting the county into two different House districts. Commissioners agreed as a courtesy to the Washington board they would ask that the entire county remain in the First House District.

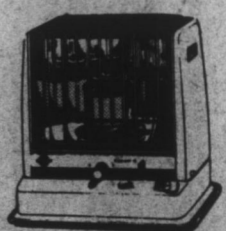
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