

Daniels Gets 'Boot'

The N. C. General Assembly may have removed the "hook" from the fish-hook configuration of the Second Congressional District but they left the boot appearance of the First Senatorial District.

One can look at the redistricting maps and let the imagination go wild. There are all sorts of appearances, but the end result is a plan that can meet the test of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Rep. L. H. Fountain of Tarboro is not at all pleased with his new Second Congressional District which picked up heavily populated Durham County. While he isn't saying it public, Rep. Fountain fears problems with getting re-elected.

State Sen. Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., has expressed his displeasure as well as fear of getting re-elected in a district which starts at the Virginia line and hooks around Albemarle Area counties to pick up Pamlico. The district has the appearance of a boot.

Sen. Daniels didn't come away empty handed from the special session last week. His plea to restore the First District designation to his appointed area was granted.

Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Bertie admits he used his position in committee to "pick the counties I wanted" including Chowan and Perquimans on the east side of the common boundary - the Chowan River. "I'm sorry Mel feels the way he does but I don't think he will have any real problems (getting re-elected)," Sen. Harrington says.

Friend Phil Godwin of neighboring Gates County has pretty well summed up the redistricting. He said the General Assembly, in order to meet federal constraints, has pretty well done away with counties. The former Speaker of the House is leading a fight which will probably go to court.

Those along the Public Parade and across Tar Heelia who watch the political arena have seen this problem coming down, as certain as the algae in the Chowan River, moving from Holiday Island into Edenton Bay. Multi-county districts was the first step. Now the splitting of counties to make the population and racial mix had furthered the "taxation without representation" move.

No one has asked, but we favor the U. S. Congress method. One chamber should be based on population and another on areas. In such a scheme Mecklenburg County might have 25 representatives but Chowan County would have one - something we have not been close to having since the late W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., term in the mid-1960s.

We have written repeatedly about the need for local governments coming together to project a unified voice in addressing problems. The 10-county Albemarle Area Development Association, a group of volunteers, has made tremendous strides in this area. Yet it continues to need propping up along the way.

The problem won't go away. Maybe the good which comes from the redistricting will be enough people being fired up to act. Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow, the newest multi-county group on the block, might be the vehicle to aid existing mechanisms. We hope so!

Old Licenses Being Replaced By State DMV

Don't be surprised if you get a new license plate when you renew your vehicle registration.

The Division of Motor Vehicles is replacing license plates in the series AAA-101 through JAY-999 which were manufactured in 1975.

These plates are being replaced because they are the oldest plates and many of them are faded and illegible.

If you have a license plate in this series, you will be given a new plate at no charge other than the regular license plate renewal fee...and you may keep your old plate.

EMC Refuses To Allow Additional Sewage

RALEIGH — The State Environmental Management Commission sent a clear message to the Town of Edenton to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility or be satisfied with zero growth and development.

At a meeting here Thursday, the EMC rejected a Town Council request to allow 20,000 gallons of additional sewer to be put into the system, which does not meet state standards although it operates at 20 per cent below capacity. The commission, therefore, denied accepting sewer from a proposed Senior Citizens Village project on West Hicks Street, back of Chowan Hospital.

On staff recommendations, the commission did authorize hooking up existing residences with malfunctioning septic tanks. However, this was limited to putting no more than 11,000 gallons per day into the system with every hook-up being documented.

Councilman Willis Privott made the presentation for Edenton. He cited the need to rid the town of malfunctioning septic tanks, as well as for expanding health care.

Town Administrator Sam Noble told the commission the town has had to rethink the attack on adequate treatment facilities since estimates of a land application system was \$9-million. In another statement, Noble said the town needs growth and expansion of its tax base in order to show any expensive plan to be financially feasible.

Buck Kennedy of L. E. Wooten and Associates, engineers for Edenton, advised the commission that there is no new technology in sight to bring down the expense of land application. "We feel the alternative is not a viable one," the engineer stated.

Capt. Al Howard of Arrowhead Beach, chairman of the Chowan River Task Force, spoke against the request. He gave an overview of problems in the Chowan River and pointed out that the General Assembly had gone so far as to establish a study committee to investigate problems in the entire Albemarle Sound Basin.

Howard asked that if the commission chose to override staff recom-

mendations that the town be put on a rigid schedule of action to improve the quality of water going into Albemarle Sound.

W. B. Gardner, president of Retirement Concepts, Inc. the Senior Village developer and owner, explained the project and the problem. Gardner is former town administrator who for 20 years faced the problem. He said while it appeared that he was in conflict with previous utterings, he felt the town was making a sincere effort to improve the treatment problem and the request should be granted.

James Wallace of Chapel Hill, commission vice-chairman, said it was time to put a halt to "putting just a little bit" of bad water into the sensitive streams. "We are to the point where there just isn't a crack to put it in," he said.

Gardner said Tuesday the owners of the Senior Village development have not made a decision on the future. "It is entirely possible that the \$1.5-million project will have to be moved to another area of the state," he said. "This would be contrary to our plan to place the facilities in areas with the greatest need, but it might not be financially feasible to use costly septic tanks," he added.

Gardner also noted a possible double standard set by EMC. The only request rejected Thursday came from the Town of Edenton. Just minutes later the commission approved a plan which will allow Carolina Aluminum in Winton to join the municipal system. Winton plans for a new system to be on line in 1984.

"It appears the commission has one standard for the east side of the Chowan River and yet another for the west side," Gardner said later. He also said Edenton's wastewater enters the Albemarle Sound several miles east of the municipality while Winton's flow is into the Chowan River at a point of constant problem.

Howard did not speak against the Winton request although he has done so in the past.



PRINCIPALS AT PORK CONFERENCE — Mrs. Jo Patterson, district chairman for the Agricultural Extension Service is pictured at Tuesday's pork conference held at the American Legion Building. Others are, from left: Jack Parker, area swine specialist; Ben Wood, chairman of the feeder pig cooperative; and Mike Williams, Chowan County extension chairman.

Walker-Swain Students To Participate In Jump-A-Thon

It is time for the students in Edenton to begin working for the Heart Fund again. Like last year, Swain School will be sponsoring a Jump-a-thon. This year D. F. Walker School will join us with this event. The Jump-a-thon is set for March 6, but alot happens before that.

This Friday at 9:30 A.M. Mrs. Germanaro will be presenting a Jump Show at D. F. Walker. The students involved in this show are: Leslie Redmond, Tina Boyce,

Dr. Martha Wood Taken In Death

Dr. Martha Michal Wood, 82, of Edenton, N. C., died Feb. 16 at the Chowan Hospital following an extended illness. The wife of the late Dr. Frank Wood, she was a retired physician. She attended Salem College, Columbia University, the University of North Carolina, and received her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She began practice in 1932 in Marion, N. C., then San Antonio, Texas, before moving to Edenton. She was a member of St. Pauls Episcopal Church and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by her son, Frank Wood, Jr. of Houston, Texas; her daughter, Mrs. Peter V. D. Schroeder of Medfield, Mass.; two brothers, Joseph L. Michal, Sr. of Canton, N. C., and

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Juanita Bonner, Tasha Williams, Devonne Gold, Lisa Goodman, Rhonda Sawyer, Keeter Vanderpoole, Donita Monroe, Gerald Perry, Marvin Holley, Janice Anthony, Richard Anthony and Tywanda Foreman. The show will be repeated for E. A. Swain at 2 P.M. This show will kick off the Jump-a-thon.

On Monday, permission slips will go home with all students interested in participating in the Jump-a-thon.

On Wednesday, all permission slips will be returned, teams will be set up and sponsor sheets given out. Now these children will begin knocking on doors for verbal pledges. The average pledge is 3 cents a minute of \$5.40 in all. Of course, more or even less will be appreciated.

On March 6 at 9 A.M. the teams will be ready to begin jumping at D. F. Walker gym. They will jump until 12:00. One person on each team of six has to be jumping at all times. We hope this will be a fun event and we hope people will come and watch. We do ask that all students under 18 be accompanied by an adult if they are not on a team to jump.

On March 8 the students will be out collecting money from the pledges. They will have a week to turn in this money.

The money goes into the Heart Fund to benefit this area.

What do these hard working students get? Everyone jumping

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District Court Docket Heard

The following cases were heard in the Chowan County District Court on Feb. 16 by the presiding judge, Grafton G. Beamon.

Tan Vann Le, intoxicated and disruptive, not guilty. Assault on a child under 12 years of age, guilty, cost of court.

Oras Blount, two counts of aid-abet check written closed account, guilty, 10 days commitment.

Clarence Walker, two counts of worthless check-written closed account, guilty, 10 days commitment.

James Earl Lofton, damage to personal property, guilty, 60 days suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court, \$225 restitution to State Farm Insurance.

Injury to personal property, 60 days suspended sentence, \$50 fine and cost of court, restitution of \$16.94 to John Bond.

Carl Mayo Cayton, Jr., loud-boisterous language, \$10 fine and cost of court. Appealed.

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Hunt, Jones Issue Criticism Of Reaganomics

ELIZABETH CITY — Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District lashed out at President Reagan's economic policies Thursday night at the kick-off meeting of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow. The audience at the "history making" event looked like Who's Who In State and Local Government.

Both at a news conference prior to the banquet and after dinner Gov. Hunt said the President's New Federalism plan would hit hardest in already hard pressed

areas like Northeastern North Carolina.

Rep. Jones pointed out that the president's program received blanket approval last year. "The new budget is in real trouble," the congressman said. "The honeymoon is over."

Gov. Hunt repeatedly singled out the 400th Anniversary celebration, a protracted one which begins in 1984, as having the potential as doing great things for this section of the state.

The question of what happens after the celebration was poised

Fenner Changes Vote; Substitute Rebate Is Ok'd

The Edenton Town Council met Monday night in a special session that was requested by Councilmen Erwin Griffin and W. H. Hollowell. Their request developed from the Feb. 9 Town Council meeting at which a hotly contested \$50 over the board rebate to all residential customers was approved by a 4-3 vote. Monday night's meeting resulted in the already approved rebate being withdrawn and a new rebate being substituted in its place.

The room was packed to its capacity by a large number of Chowan County citizens, who readily voiced their feelings throughout the meeting. The majority of the audience were in favor of the money being used to upgrade the poor condition of Edenton's sewer system. The Council, however, took the position that since they had voted to give a refund to their electric customers last September, they were still obligated to do so.

The new rebate will give 20 per cent of the total VEPCO refund, which amounted to over \$474,000, to both residential and commercial users. This will be based on the number of kilowatt hours used last October.

Mayor Roy Harrell delayed the beginning of the meeting to talk about an article that recently appeared in a locally distributed newspaper. This article, which contained references that Fire Chief Luther Parks had to write an order to obtain a battery, was totally untrue, according to the Mayor. In addition, the author of the article eavesdropped on an executive session held by the Council.

Sam Noble said, "I believe that it's highly unethical to do something like this," a sentiment echoed by the Mayor.

The meeting almost ended before it began, when Councilman Hollowell made a motion to rescind last week's rebate and 'he Mayor said only those who voted for the motion could move' to rescind it. However, in the following discussion, no one could decide who was right and the Mayor allowed the motion, which was immediately seconded by Councilman Griffin.

Needing a two-thirds majority to pass, the issue was voted on, with Councilman James Fenner joining forces with Griffin and Hollowell. According to Mayor Harrell, the

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by Rep. Jones who answered it himself by saying he is more interested in what is going to happen after "we change administrations in Washington."

Rep. Jones said that at no time in the county's history, other than the "deep, dark depression" has such a volunteer organization like NENCT been needed. The congressman applauded the spirit to cooperation and concern for the future which is being demonstrated by the new group. "I have seen the times when Edenton and Elizabeth City played football and people won't speak to each other for months," he told his audience.

In presenting Gov. Hunt, the congressman said he knew of no one he would like to have serve in Washington in one of two positions - "the Senate or as vice president - "but I'm content to let him make that choice."

"The spirit and determination that fills this room must not dissolve tomorrow, or next week, or five years from now," Gov. Hunt said, "not if the enormous challenges confronting this region are to be met."

Gov. Hunt added that while he has been concerned about the region's problems he has always been optimistic about the future. "Tonight, the sense of concern remains, but I am more optimistic that I have ever been."

He went on to say: "Northeastern North Carolina is going to pursue a path of progress toward the 21st Century because its most gifted leaders and most concerned citizens are now united

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REGIONAL ORGANIZATION BOOSTERS — Joe Parker of Ahoskie, right, is shown with Richard Baker, executive director of the Alliance For Progress, at last Friday's meeting at ECSU. Parker is interim chairman of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow. Baker was the brains behind the regional concept which was first adopted in Western North Carolina.