

## Public Parade

### Project Confidence

When trustees of Chowan Hospital, Inc., and Chowan County commissioners broke ground Tuesday morning for a \$2.5 - million addition Project Confidence was launched. And there are at least two other health care undertakings in the wings.

Tuesday's ceremony marked a 21 - month struggle with state health officials, contractors and the bond market.

One obstacle which hasn't been cleared, though, is what will happen to the additional waste water generated by the enlarged facility. This is a big question which also looms high for Colonial HealthCare's 64 bed expansion at ElderLodge on Paradise Road and the development of a Senior Village on West Hicks Street, adjacent to Chowan Hospital.

The State Environmental Commission has rejected prior pleas of the Town of Edenton to allow additional sewage into the existing system which is only operating at 80 per cent efficiency. The town fathers are prepared to renew the request next month.

The expansion at ElderLodge is expected to cost more than \$1 - million. The Senior Village project cost is \$1.6 - million. The need for both of these, like for the hospital, has been documented. Furthermore, the town and county need the additional tax revenue and the workforce needs the new jobs to be created.

A lot has changed in the medical community along the Public Parade since the State Health Facilities Plan was amended to allow for 10 new patient beds at Chowan Hospital. Hospital officials feel, however, there is still adequate support for the expansion, and so convinced state authorities and bond buyers. The tax free revenue bonds for the hospital project averaged 13.22 per cent, not bad for the type financial climate of today.

Development of the addition at ElderLodge and the Senior Village in the next few months would greatly boost the economy, now and guarantee additional health care facilities to support Chowan Hospital as a regional facility. It takes a lot of confidence in the future for private enterprise to move the meet a need.

The three projects compliment each other. The Town Council should be strongly supported in continued efforts to get a wastewater treatment approved so the "no development" label can be removed from along the Public Parade.

### Jaycees Needed

Young men across North Carolina are abandoning the Jaycees in wholesale numbers. And it's a shame, to say the least.

The Associated Press reported recently that Jaycee membership in this state has dropped by about two-thirds in the wake of a scandal in 1980.

Jaycee officials say that in 1979 there were 23,000 members in the North Carolina chapter. Today the figure is 7,772. While we do not know what affect the Jamsam scandal has had on the chapter along the Public Parade, there is evidence that membership in the public-service organization for young men aged 18 through 35 is experiencing difficulties.

Over the years, the Jaycee organization has been a highly successful leadership development movement. The very nature of the competition among Jaycees locally, as well as the state and national levels, causes some over zealous individuals to short circuit the system. However, Jamsam went a bit too far because it involved funds raised for a specific purpose (the N.C. Burn Center at

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# Groundbreaking Marks Start Of Construction

by Jeffrey W. Winslow

Chowan Hospital director Marvin A. Bryan said it best Tuesday morning, saying, "The Board of Directors of Chowan Hospital is pleased to announce that the actual construction of the new addition and renovation started today with the Ground Breaking Ceremony."

Jesse Harrell, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Chowan Hospital, and C.A. Phillips, Chairman of the Board of Chowan County Commissioners, turned the first shovels of dirt on the new site of construction. The need for additional room at the hospital was discovered in 1980, when the patient census hit 92 per cent. The expansion of the ancillary departments and the addition of 10 beds was approved during the year.

After applying to Eastern Carolina Health Systems Agency, the Certificate of Need for the ancillary departments expansion was issued to Chowan Hospital on Nov. 12, 1980. The Certificate of Need for the additional 10 beds was issued on April 23, 1981. Due to the closeness of the two projects, both were combined, thereby eliminating the need for duplication of architectural, financing and construction costs and at the same time maximizing cost savings.

The project is financed by the sale of tax-exempt revenue bonds, in 5,000 denominations.

Bryan said, "The Board of Directors is very appreciative that the County Commissioners authorized the sale of tax exempt revenue bonds. The bonds will be paid from revenue generated by the hospital, thus not increasing the tax rate in the county."

County Manager Cliff Copeland echoed that sentiment, saying, "I think the expansion will result in the provision of improved medical services. Every effort has been

made to insure that the expansion is based on a sound financial footing. No county tax monies will be needed to pay off any part of the debt."

The construction, which will include additions to the emergency room, laboratory, respiratory therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy department and administrative offices plus the

addition of a department of nuclear medicine and relocation of the intensive care unit in the new part, will be done by four companies.

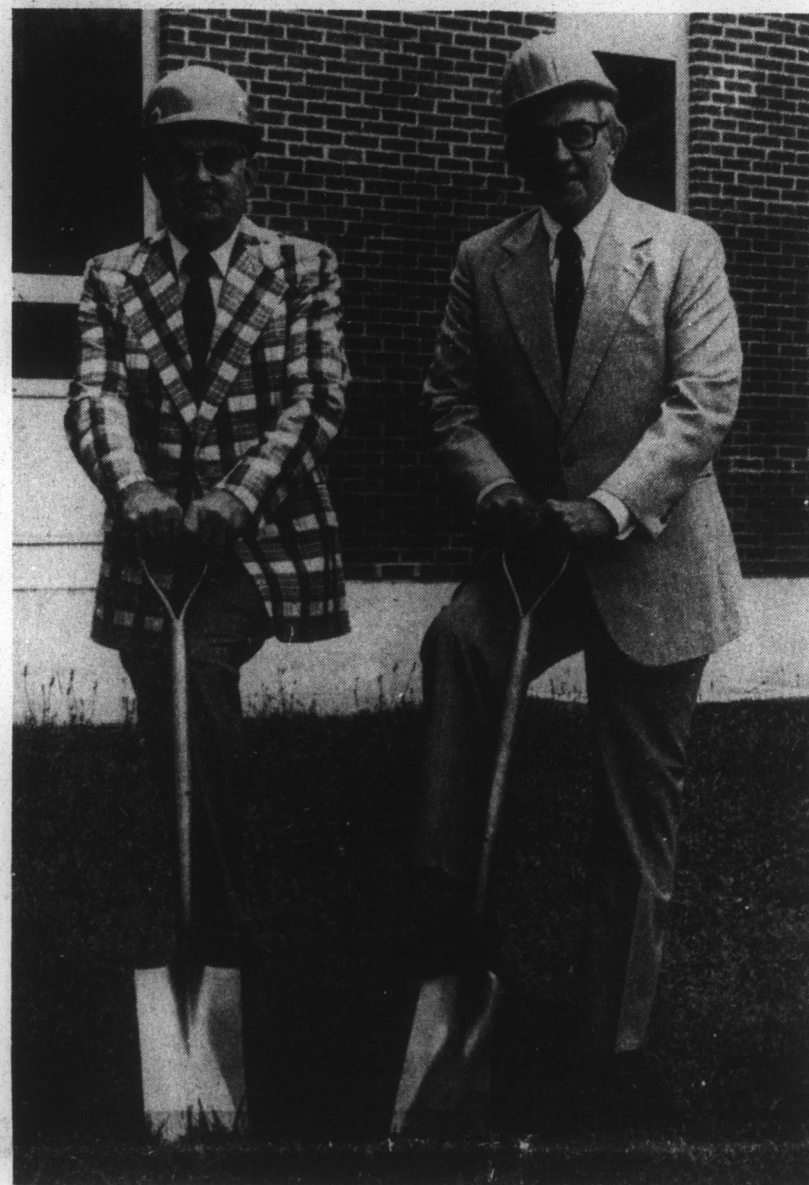
Miller Building Corp. of Wilmington N.C. will be the general contractor, and will be responsible for the coordination of all construction. Lenoir Plumbing and Heating of Kinston, N.C. will do all

plumbing work. Watson Electrical Construction Co. and Henry Baker Heating Co., both of Wilson, N.C., will be responsible for all electrical and heating work at the new construction site.

With 6,770 additional square feet on the first floor and 7,450 extra square feet on the second floor, the hospital will have an added 14,220 square feet for the facilities. It should also be noted that the temporary Emergency Room entrance will be by the boiler.

There will be a lighted sign outside showing the location, and also interior signs leading the way to there. All construction will go out towards Hick Street.

The projected completion date for the expansion project is 14 months. According to Bryan, "We are looking forward to the completion of the project so that the additional beds and the enlarged service departments can be put into use to meet the needs of the people of Chowan County and the surrounding area."



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS — Jesse Harrell, left, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Chowan Hospital, and C.A. Phillips, Chairman of the Board of Chowan County Commissioners, turn the first shovel of dirt at Chowan Hospital's new addition site. The expansion project should be completed in 14 months.

## Parker Hears Court Docket

The following cases were heard in the Chowan County District Court on May 25 by the presiding judge, Honorable J. Richard Parker.

Edward Lee Cofield, probation violation; probation revoked, sentenced 10 days.

John Thomas Rome, two counts of driving under the influence, guilty, 90 days suspended 2 years, \$200 fine and cost of court. He is to surrender his operator's license and not to operate a motor vehicle until licensed to do so. Ordered to report to the Albemarle Mental Health Center. Appealed.

James William Mitchell, Jr., shoplifting, dismissed.

Robert Wayne Kephart, DUI, guilty 60 days suspended one year on payment of \$100 fine and cost of court. He is to surrender his driver license and not to operate a motor vehicle until licensed to do so, or as allowed by his restricted privileges.

Dorothy Riddick Elliott, 55 in a 45, guilty, \$5 fine and cost of court.

William Chester Owens, two counts of DUI, guilty, 90 days suspended 2 years on payment of \$200 fine and cost of court. He is to surrender his driver license and not to operate a motor vehicle until licensed to do so.

Hinton McArn Bell, disobey stop sign, voluntary dismissal by prosecutor.

Barry Keith Layton, two counts of DUI and one count of spinning tires. Plead guilty to a lesser

## Stanley Heading Pilot Program

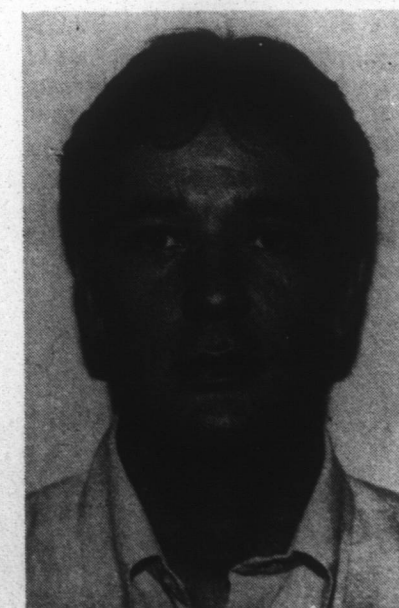
John L. Stanley, associated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and Edenton Baptist Church, will serve as Summer Missionary in the Cape Colony area.

He will be heading a pilot program toward the establishment of a mission. Stanley will be visiting extensively throughout Cape Colony, surveying the needs and preferences of the residents, as well as offering opportunities for Bible study.

A native of Mississippi, he is a graduate of Mississippi College with B.A. Degree in Religion and Philosophy. At present he is a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

He and his wife, Kathy, have

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## Atheletes Honored At Sports Award Banquet

by Richard Williams

Tuesday night at the American Legion building the Edenton Booster Club sponsored the annual John A. Holmes High School Winter and Spring Sports Awards Banquet.

It was an evening to truly remember. Many area personalities were present, including former WCDJ general manager Terry Williams, who was Master of Ceremony for the three-hour long event.

Williams introduced the prominent guest speaker Paul Webb, coach at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., informing the audience of his successes since arriving at ODU and prior to that at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va.

Webb, a native of Petersburg,

Va., in his first trip to Edenton since 1951, told the student athletes in a twenty minute address to "be proud of their accomplishments," regardless of how minimal or major. All of these athletes are associated with "a staff of excellent coaches and men," he added.

Webb, entering his eighth year at ODU, is a disciplinarian on the side-lines. But he is one who cares for the welfare of his student-athletes off the court also.

"There are many good athletes out there," he said in a post banquet interview, "but what we want is a good student and a good athlete. Someone who will work as hard in the classroom as he does on the floor."

And when Coach Webb recruits potential ODU players he seeks both qualities.

"Of course we would like to have

as many All-Americans on the floor as possible. But we would also like to have as many Phi Beta Kappa's as we can also."

After Coach Webb's address, Williams put the banquet in the hands of the Holmes coaching staff where the following presentations by the coaches highlighted the evening.

In varsity basketball Head Coach Tom Bass cited Frank Hardy as the Most Valuable Player and Donelton White as the Most Improved Player. Hardy was also chosen second team all conference.

Bass, who just completed what is believed to be his last year at the helm of Aces basketball, expressed that he was "very pleased" with his team's efforts throughout the season.

Bass is also the boys' tennis coach. He presented the following awards in that sport: Mike Lee - Most Valuable Player and James Wrighton - Most Improved Player. Lee is the number one tennis (singles) player in the conference. He sports a 34-0 record in the two years he has participated.

Head Baseball Coach Lin Jordan, whose team finished 14-7 (overall) and 10-6 (conference), voted pitcher Al Bunch (11-4) as his Most Valuable Player. Mike Hardy (.352) was voted as the team's Most Dedicated Player. Bunch also received first team conference recognition. Hardy and Milton Hedgebeth were named Honorable mention. Hedgebeth led the team in hits and batted .424 while playing first base.

In wrestling Ernest Riddick (unlimited) was named Most Valuable Player and Mark Stepney (156 lbs.) was Most Improved Player. Riddick, 21-2, and Tony Creecy (195 lbs.) 15-6, both

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SPORTS AWARDS BANQUET — The Bonnie Flanagan Chesson Memorial Award was presented to Debbie Ward by Coach Fred White Tuesday night. Miss Ward, a senior at Holmes, was a member of the girls basketball and softball teams. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Ward, Jr. of Tyner.

## Evans To Address Graduating Class

State Rep. Charles D. Evans of Nags Head will deliver the principal address to 110 candidates for graduation during the 20th Spring Commencement at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, at College of The Albemarle.

The ceremony will be held outdoors on the lawn in front of the college. In the event of inclement weather, G. John Simmons, Jr., dean of student development, said the site will change to the Northeastern High School gymnasium. He said the time also will change to 7:30 P.M. if the weather is bad.

Evans, a native of Manteo, has served as the First District representative to the N.C. General Assembly since 1978. He is a former Nags Head commissioner and was mayor of that resort town from 1975 until 1978. In 1980, he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in New York City.

Since his election to the House of Representatives, Evans has served on a number of legislative committees. Among them are the appropriations base budget, the appropriations expansion budget, and the highway safety committees.

He is chairman of the governmental ethics, vice chairman of insurance, and vice chairman of the judiciary II committees. He also served as a member of the legislative redistricting and state government committees.

The commencement speaker has received several honors during his career. He has been named twice as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America, and was the recipient of the Dare

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## Unemployment Figures Are Down

RALEIGH -- Total unemployment declined significantly in April to a rate of 8.2 per cent, according to figures announced Friday by Glenn R. Jernigan, chairman of the N.C. Employment Security Commission (ESC). The rate represents 239,200 jobless state residents.

In March, the unemployment rate was 9.7 per cent. For April 1981, the rate was 6.1 per cent.

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