

## Public Parade

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It all sounds pretty ridiculous, doesn't it?

The problem is that too many conclusions are being drawn from inconclusive research. It is the type of "research" that gets people on talk shows and helps them sell books and articles, but it doesn't add much scientific knowledge about the causes of various health problems or their prevention.

## Education

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citizens to list the 10 they thought were most important. Citizens were then asked to indicate the areas in which improvements most needed and the areas which should be preserved as they are.

Citizens said the most important area to improve was job availability. At the same time, they said they did not want to see the state backslide in maintaining farmland or agriculture and that they did not want the quality of the environment to deteriorate.

Similar questions were asked in a scientific survey, conducted as part of the annual spring survey of the Office of State Budget. According to Hunt the results were substantially the same, including the number one goal of good quality education.

Friday said that the results from both surveys would be considered by the Commission as they study all the information they have received and formulate their recommendations. "The results of this survey will help us ensure that people from all of North Carolina will be heard," said Friday. "The surveys and our continuing communications with the NC 2000 county committees, will help us do that."

The surveys have been returned to the local NC 2000 committees for their consideration.

"The role of local governments will be increasingly important in the coming years, and it's important that local leaders have this feedback from their citizens as they make decisions about local schools, industries, taxes and other issues," said Hunt.

Friday said that the Commission on the Future would be focusing its attention over the next several months on the development of recommendations. On December 6 - 7, the Commission will host a state conference at the Civic Center in Raleigh, to give citizens the opportunity to review preliminary recommendations from the Commission. A final report is expected in early 1983.

## COA Classes

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extension courses, those involving studies of humanities, mathematics, social science, science, agriculture, marketing, health and safety, upholstery, air conditioning, and many similar subjects, will not be affected by the increase. These will continue to have the same \$8 fee as in the past.

Morrisette said he feels the 87.5 per cent increase in registration fees for the practical skill and avocational courses will be detrimental to the extension program at COA during the coming year. "Although we will continue to offer the courses, I'm sure the cost will be restrictive for many people who otherwise would be interested in enrolling," he said.



Sen. Melvin Daniels and Marc Basnight

## Ayer To Address The Rotary Club

Building bridges through increased international understanding and goodwill will be one of the topics discussed with members of the Edenton Rotary Club August 5 by Frank Ayer, governor of Rotary District 771.

Ayer will also confer with Hoke S. Roberson, president of the local club and club officers on the groups service activities this year.

Ayer is one of 403 Rotary governors throughout the world who are representatives of Rotary International in districts composed of member clubs. Each district governor supervises the clubs in his area.

A member of The Research Triangle Park Rotary Club, Ayer is manager of the Conference Planning Office of the Research Triangle Institute.

He was elected district governor at the Rotary International convention in Dallas, Tx., in June and will serve until June 30, 1983.

Rotary, with more than 19,500 clubs in some 150 lands, is an organization of business and professional men who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build good will and peace in the world.

## Arts Council Grants Are Awarded

"Arts are basic."

That's not just a phrase in North Carolina. It reflects a commitment to excellence in arts education at every level.

The N.C. Department of Public Instruction provides extensive classroom training in the arts. Arts education also receives support from many programs of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, including the Arts - in - Education grant programs of the Division of Arts Council.

Recently, the N.C. Arts Council awarded more than \$68,000 to organizations across the state through two Arts - in - Education grant programs.

Public School Challenge grants totaling \$16,950 went to nine arts councils, arts organizations and public school systems.

Artists - in - Schools grants totaling \$51,775 went to 16 private and public schools, arts councils and arts organizations.

Edenton - Chowan Schools received a \$3,250 Artists - in - Schools grant for a one - semester visual arts residency.

Washington County Schools receives a \$480 grant for two one - week poetry residencies in the senior high schools.

A third Albemarle Area unit, Perquimans County Schools, received a \$3,750 Public School Challenge grant for an elementary school visual arts program.

"The Arts - in - Education grants of the N.C. Arts Council do a superb job of bringing artist and young people together," says Sara W. Hodgkins, secretary of Cultural Resources, who announced the grants with Gov. Jim Hunt.

"These grants represent a tremendous investment in the future of our state. We won't have any artists, if we don't employ the ones we already have and train new ones for the future."

The programs of the N.C. Arts Council are designed to supplement - not to replace - arts education provided by certified teachers. They emphasize placement of professional artists in schools for residencies and other creative uses of arts resources.

The Public School Challenge grants program provides grants of up to \$5,000 to public schools and other non - profit tax - exempt groups for residencies by professional artists. Grants must be matched dollar - for - dollar in cash with funds appropriated from public school budgets.

## Bridge

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that "it is darned near impossible to replace the bridge with the present financial situation." He encouraged local officials to join DOT in moving forward toward a presentation to the Federal Highway Administration for assistance. He said most emphatically: "We have to replace this bridge."

The board member went a step further on the political limb. He said the area should not support any future tax increase or bond issue before knowing where the money is to be spent.

Rep. Evans said a big part of the problem is the fact that we have the longest bridge but the shortest number of people. "But this is not a new problem for Northeastern North Carolina," he declared. "The state is going to have to find a source of funds for construction (of a new bridge)."

The bridge was labled Northeastern North Carolina's greatest economic concern by Rep. James, who has his own ideas about funding highways. "It is time for the legislators to get together and find a way to maintain our roads," he added.

Chowan County commissioners have handed Cliff Copeland, county manager, the responsibility of coordinating regional efforts to demonstrate the importance of the bridge and support for its replacement.

## DOT Issues Report On The Sound Bridge

(Editor's Note: Following is the complete text of a State Department of Transportation report on the Highway 32 bridge across Albemarle Sound, east of Edenton. The report was released Monday afternoon during a meeting at the old Chowan County Court House.)

### General Information

This bridge was built in 1937 by the N.C. State Highway Commission. It is 18,233 feet long and has a 21' - 11" clear roadway width. The span arrangement is as follows: 408 spans at 25', 1 at 27' - 5", 328' steel swing span, 17 at 25', 1 at 27' - 0" and 289 at 25'. All spans with the exception of the swing span are concrete decks on steel beams supported on creosoted timber pile bents. The swing span is a truss span with a steel concrete filled grid deck. It is supported on a concrete pivot pier and rest piers supported on timber piles.

### Inspection Information

The consulting engineering firm of Greiner Engineering Sciences, Inc. of Tampa Florida carried out a complete in depth inspection of the bridge in August 1979. The overall condition of the bridge as stated in Greiner's report was as follows:

Truss in good condition  
Approach spans to truss in poor condition because of damaged piles and bracing.

The consultant's recommendation was to limit the loading on the bridge to 9 tons because of a hollow timber pile. This pile was replaced and the resulting loading (posting) was Single Vehicle 20 tons and truck tractor semi - trailer 22 tons. This is the current posting for the bridge and is controlled by the timber bent caps. The next higher posting is controlled by the piles which would limit posting to 21 tons for single vehicle and 23 tons for truck tractor semitrailer.

## Edenton All-Stars Win Playoffs

The Edenton All - Stars, a group of 10 - 12 year olds coached by Gene Nixon, Carroll Jones, and Donnie Forehand, recently won the District 7 playoffs, thereby giving them the right to advance to the State playoffs, which will be held in Ayden on Aug. 6-7-8.

Edenton competed in the double elimination tournament against teams composed of players from Hyde County and Dare County. Dare County had two teams, Dare I and Dare II.

Edenton lost the first game then rallied, beating Dare I two times in a row to give them the District championship. Leading hitters for the Edenton team were Eric Downing, with 13 hits and 5 home runs; Julius Jernigan, with 7 hits and 2 home runs; Robert Rankins, who had 5 hits and 2 home runs; Michael Bunch and Derrick Felton, both with 5 hits and 1 home run; Stan White and Tommy Nixon, who both had 3 hits.

Leading pitchers for the Edenton team were Michael Bunch, and Eric Downing. Bunch pitched two games during the tournament. One of those was a no hitter, with 11 strikeouts and one walk. In his other pitching effort, Bunch scattered 5 hits while fanning 10 and walking 2. Downing also pitched two games, including a no hitter, with 10 strikeouts and 6 walks. He pitched a 3 hitter with 10 strikeouts and 3 walks, also.

The team certainly shows a lot of talent, with 11 home runs during the tournament and 2 no hitters. Look out, major leagues, 'cause Edenton has some hot prospects coming up!

## Bloodmobile

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hospital; Mrs. Bunch and the housekeeping staff at the hospital. In the Town - County competition, the Town employees donated more blood than County employees, thereby giving the Town of Edenton a 3 - 2 lead over the County.

The next bloodmobile will occur on Sept. 21 at Chowan Hospital from noon to 6 P.M. The goal will be 150 units of blood.

As Wackelin said, "The people of Chowan County can be proud of the support they gave, because the blood donations came at a most critical time."

The consultant's report also expressed concern that floating ice can severely and rather quickly damage timber piles to the extent that a lower posting or bridge closing would be required. It pointed out that such a condition must be watched for during significant icing conditions.

The major maintenance recommended in the report was to replace 31 timber piles and considerable timber cross bracing. These repairs were made by the Bridge Maintenance Unit.

The next inspection was carried out in November 1981 by Bridge Maintenance Inspection personnel. This inspection was limited to above water inspection. Repair was recommended for two piles and minor maintenance work was needed on the grid floor, on some of the metal expansion plates, and some concrete repair was needed in the concrete floor of the deck in some areas. These items are considered normal maintenance repairs for a bridge 45 years old.

The second phase of this inspection was the underwater and above water inspection of the timber piles. This work has been

carried out over the last several months and is now complete.

The underwater inspection consisted of sounding all four piles in 324 bents - bents being selected in a systematic manner from the South end of the bridge to the North end in order to cover all areas of the bridge. A total of 1,296 piles were checked. Two decayed piles were found during this inspection. All piles in the fender system and beneath the swing span were found to be in good condition.

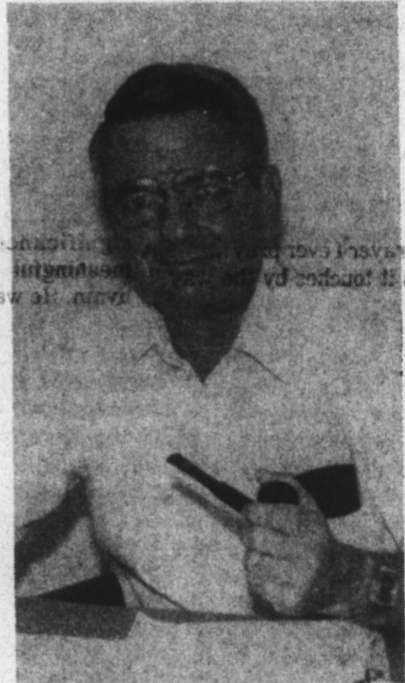
The above water inspection consisted of sounding all 2,856 piles with hammers. As a result of this sounding, 345 piles required further investigation. A Swedish increment borer and power drill were used to core these piles. After drilling, plugs were driven into the cored holes to seal the piles. In addition to the 345 piles cored as a result of sounding, an additional 44 piles with concrete collars were cored just above the collars. The core drill testing indicated that 49 piles had some deterioration. Of these 49 piles, 40 have been selected for replacement. This replacement work will be started immediately by the Bridge Maintenance Unit.

## Walter Noneman Appointed To Fill School Director's Post

Walter L. Noneman, Jr. has been appointed as the new Director of Community Education for the Edenton - Chowan schools, a decision which was approved by the Edenton - Chowan Board of Education on July 6. The position had formerly belonged to Mrs. Mary Rhea Gardner, who recently retired after 19 years of service in

Noneman took a job in his hometown of Raleigh, N.C. as Agency Secretary with the Occidental Life Insurance Co. of N.C.

In 1966, he and his family relocated to Edenton, where he became Owner - Manager of the Western Auto Store in Edenton. After four years in that position, Noneman took the position of Credit Manager at Bank of Hobbville in Hobbville, N.C., and later Office Manager at Fiberform Boat Co. in Edenton.



Walter L. Noneman, Jr.

that capacity.

"Mary Rhea Gardner did a terrific job," said Noneman. "She certainly left some big shoes to fill."

Noneman should prove adept at filling those shoes, however. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geology, with engineering and sociology included in the curriculum; and has also attended the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill twice, learning Planned Methods and Techniques and also Municipal and County Administration. Noneman received his N.C. Real Estate Brokers license in 1979.

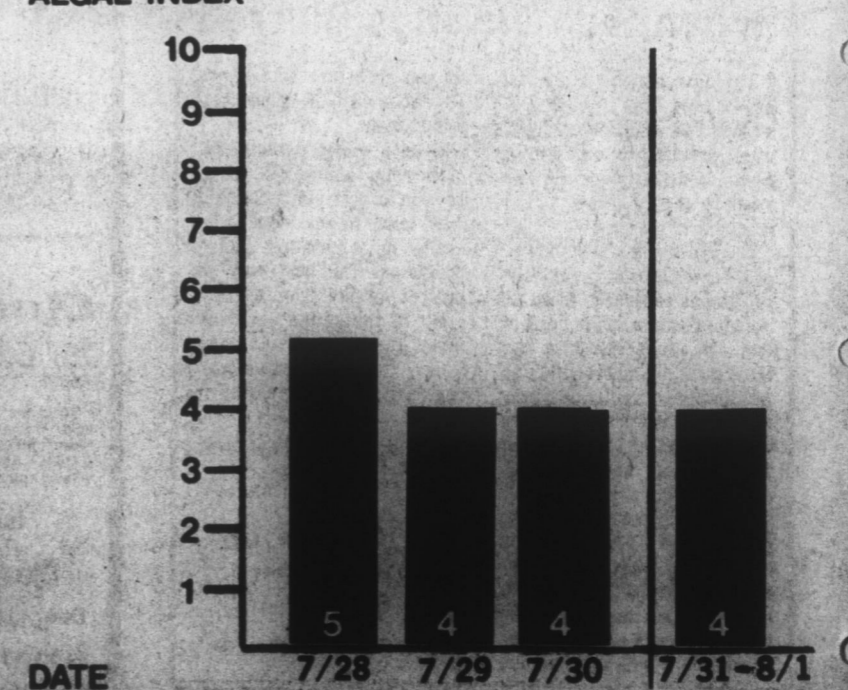
Noneman's job experience began in the United States Air Force, where he served as a pilot, navigator and bombardier until 1957. Upon leaving the service,

In 1974, Noneman became the Project Director and Clearinghouse Review Officer for Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission in Edenton. Since then, steadily moving up the ladder of progress, Noneman has served as Office Manager and Counselor for Section 8 Existing Housing Program for 10 County PHA; Housing Specialist for Division of Community Housing - N.R.C.D.; and Assistant Director of Leased Housing - Raleigh Housing Authority.

Right now, however, Noneman's biggest concern is with his new position. A complex explanation of his job is to facilitate the process by which people work together to achieve community needs through the development of comprehensive and coordinated educational, social and cultural programs for citizens of the school district. The director is responsible for 1) establishing a parent volunteer program to assist teachers in the schools, 2) serving as the system's public information officer and public relation person and 3) implementing a process whereby community needs can be systematically and continually identified.

Noneman said, "I would like to do everything in my power to make this the most successful year the Edenton - Chowan schools have ever had. I've really enjoyed the job so far, but I'm still new and there's a lot to learn."

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