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of the National Hurricane Center, gave an important review of recent hurricane damage and sound coastal development principles.

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## 400th Preparations

Continued From Page 1 highlight the history of the Albemarle region and its quality of life.

The ninth project will be the implementation of a living history program at Somerset Place near Creswell. The script for the Living History Program will be written by Harvey Credel, Artistic Director, Theatrical Living History Program from The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The living history program will reveal the importance of the black community to plantation life in an antebellum society.

The last project will be the development of an interpretive farm setting at the Newbold-White House in Hertford.

The Historic Albemarle Tour has a good chance of getting the grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities as William Benners III, Executive Secretary for the Tour, said, "It's a good project book for the 400th and of English America; we feel that it has a good chance of being accepted."

Mr. Benners went on to say, "A lot of good consultants have been tied into this project from all over the United States most are from here in North Carolina though."

The Historic Albemarle Tour must wait for now, however, for information on acceptance or denial of the grant before it can begin to work on the projects it has planned for the "America's Four Hundredth Anniversary".

## Man Convicted Of Passing Bad Check

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guilty going 60 mph in a 55 zone. He was fined \$10 and cost of court.

Archie Allen Felton was found guilty of assault on a female. He was sentenced to nine months with two years suspended, fined \$100, cost of court, and is not to assault Janet Felton for two years. He has appealed.

## Shoplifting

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ficer Bob Roberson, and Sheriff Troy Toppin.

"If a person is on probation and a suspended sentence for a DUI then goes out and stabs someone, both crimes will be tried together if the stabbing was alcohol related" said Roberson. "If a person is on probation for driving under the influence of alcohol and then is caught driving under the influence again, they will have to serve their original sentence in most cases," he said.

"It is mostly up to the judge," Sheriff Toppin said. "In most recent cases, the person who violates their probation will be brought back to serve an active sentence."

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**RECEIVED PORTRAIT**—Joseph R. Ball, his daughter Jamie, and Peoples Bank of Edenton president Bruce Gillikin stand beside the painting, "Year of the Eagle," which was presented to the bank by Mr. Ball. (Photo by Clay Roberts)

## Painting Donated To Peoples Bank

Mr. Joseph R. Ball, owner of the recently established Edenton Sign-Art, presented the People's Bank and Trust Company with a commemorative portrait on December 29, 1982. The painting, entitled "Year of the Eagle - 1982", was received by Mr. Bruce Gillikin, President of the People's Bank of Edenton. The ink and watercolor "Eagle", one of a series, is on exhibition in the Main Branch in Edenton. The newly formed Edenton Sign-Art will specialize in art, signs, and lettering of boats, trucks, and windows.

Featured at the presentation were Mr. Ball, his daughter Jamie, and Mr. Bruce Gillikin.

## Date Is Set For Symphony Visit

By Clay Roberts

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in a regular session Tuesday.

The meeting opened with a conversation between Butch Ricks (a member of the board) and Kemy Goodwin, president of the Student Council at White Oak School. They talked about courtesy door decorations, and a trophy that was given away.

Several of Brenda Winborne's students, also from White Oak, sang a song in the tune of "He's Got The Whole World In His Hand", about Courtesy.

The Competency Test results were given, which were real good. Cash and Investments were discussed. The total interest earned between July, 1982 and November 1982 was \$8,440.10.

Long range planning meetings were planned for February 4th and 5th with a visit from Dr. William Self.

The North Carolina Symphony Concert was planned for February 24, at 10 A.M. and 8 P.M. at Swain and February 25, at 10 A.M. also at Swain.

Exams were scheduled for January 19, 20, and 21.

Future use of the Armory by the NJROTC was denied by the Council, their present agreement expires June 30.

A dinner for retiring faculty was planned for January 13th at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant.

An attorney contract was approved. John Mitchener talked about making sure all elections were held in open meetings. There will be further discussions at future meetings on that subject. The minutes for the December 6th and October 4th meeting were approved. New bus drivers that were recommended by Principal Rob Boyce were accepted.

The Appreciation to Teachers Resolution was approved.

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## Mrs. Hunt Chairs Kidney Fund Drive

Rick Wesley, President of the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina has announced the appointment of Mrs. James B. Hunt, Jr., as Pass Kit Chairman for the 1982 Campaign. Mr. Wesley



Mrs. James B. Hunt, Jr. stated that there are approximately 1,100 people in North Carolina on dialysis at this time and there are many more who are afflicted with some form of urinary tract infection. The National Kidney

Foundation is the only National agency addressing every aspect of the kidney problem, including research, education, patient service and the other donor program. Mr. Wesley says questions concerning any of the Foundation's programs may be directed to the State office in Chapel Hill at (919) 929-7181.

Mrs. Hunt explained that the Pass Kit is the method chosen by the volunteers of the National Kidney Foundation to "get out the message" concerning kidney disease, distribute the very important organ donor cards and to solicit funds to carry on these programs. She explained the kits would be mailed to residents in the area and asked that they remove the Foundation in the envelope provided and pass the kit to their neighbor. Mrs. Hunt said, "It's not every day we get the opportunity to 'Give the Gift of Life' and I hope we all will take advantage of it."



**IT'S ALL OVER**—Workmen took down the holiday decorations that adorned Broad Street, on Tuesday. (Photo by Clay Roberts)

## Allowable Income Is Increased

By Lee E. Wallio  
Field Representative

Effective January 1, 1983, there will be increases in the amount a beneficiary can earn while receiving Social Security benefits.

Also increasing is the amount of earnings subject to Social Security tax and the amount used to determine whether a person is insured for monthly benefits.

These changes are required by the 1977 Social Security amendments and are based on an increase in average national wage levels.

The amount a beneficiary ages 65 to 69 may earn in 1983

without losing any Social Security benefits will increase to \$6,600, up from \$6,000 in 1982.

The amount a beneficiary under 65 may earn in 1983 will be \$4,920, up from \$4,440 in 1982.

Also beginning in 1983, beneficiaries age 70 or older may earn any amount without losing benefits, starting with the month they turn age 70.

The maximum amount of earnings that are taxable for Social Security taxes will increase to \$35,700 in 1983, up from \$32,400 in 1982.

The amount of earnings required for a quarter of coverage in 1983 will increase to \$370, up from \$340 in 1982.

## Medicare Changes Will Result In Higher Costs To Recipients

Over 150,000 North Carolina residents with Medicare supplemental coverage with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina will see little differences in out-of-pocket costs when the deductible for hospital charges is increased January 1. The state's largest health insurer offers four levels of coverage to supplement the health care benefits provided by the government program.

The increased deductible requires the nation's nearly 29 million citizens on Medicare to pay the first \$304 of any inpatient hospital stay. Medicare patients previously paid the first \$260.

Other Medicare changes taking effect January 1 involve coinsurance amounts. After a patient pays the deductible, Medicare requires the patient to pay a portion of the remaining charges. This portion is called coinsurance.

The following changes on coinsurance amounts will be effective January 1.

—The coinsurance amount for a day of inpatient hospital services from the 61st through the 90th day will be \$76, up from \$65. The coinsurance amount for a lifetime reserve day will be \$152, up from \$130.

(Lifetime reserve days are defined as the extra 60 days Medicare hospital insurance allows beyond the normal 90 days covered in a given benefit period. Unlike the 90 hospital days in each benefit period, lifetime reserve days are not renewable.)

—The coinsurance amount for the 21st through the 100th day of a skilled nursing facility (SNF) stay will be \$38 up \$5.50 from \$32.50

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina will absorb varying amounts of the higher deductible and the coinsurance depending on the subscriber's coverage except for the SNF increase for those

who have Medicare supplemental coverage through the prepayment plan. The skilled nursing facility coinsurance amount is not covered by those benefits. BCBSNC began offering the four levels of coverage October 1, 1982.

A spell of illness is a period of consecutive days that begins with the first day on which a patient is furnished inpatient hospital or skilled nursing facility services. The spell ends with the close of a period of 60 consecutive days during which the patient was neither a hospital inpatient nor an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility.

The year in which the patient's spell of illness begins determines the inpatient hospital deductible. Coinsurance amounts, however, will be based on the period in which the services are furnished. All services incurred during calendar year 1983 involving coinsurance or lifetime reserve days must be billed at \$76 and \$152, respectively. This allows providers the simplicity of billing all coinsurance and lifetime reserve days at the same rate regardless of when the spell of illness began.

According to this policy, it will be necessary for the health care providers to submit a "close-out" billing through December 31, 1982, all Medicare beneficiaries will be subject to the same coinsurance amounts for services incurred in calendar year 1983.

In addition to underwriting Medicare supplemental coverage Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina also administers Part A Medicare basic benefits for the Social Security Administration.

There are an estimated 670,000 people in North Carolina who are 65 or older and eligible for Medicare.

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