

## Public Parade

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paid in 180 days after notice of the debt is given.

The bill does not give the hospital a club to beat over the heads of former patients. It does give the facility a way of collecting a bill which is long past due.

The garnishment measure for the hospital is no different in our eyes than the cutoff wrench the water department gives to an employee after a customer has not responded to policy of that department. What a lot of the people along the Public Parade fail to realize, and apparently this goes beyond our boundaries, is that Chowan Hospital is a wholly owned subsidiary of Chowan County. If the hospital fails to meet its financial responsibility then it becomes the obligation of the taxpayers.

The local hospital is a Hill-Burton facility (built partially with federal funds) and this in itself requires that it write off a certain amount of bad debt for charity work. This makes it more important than ever that those able to pay do so.

Because of a lot of controversy, Rep. James has had the measure sent back to committee. It should not be allowed to die there. Chowan Hospital is a regional facility, accepting patients from outside the confines of the Public Parade. Those of us who live within these confines deserve a break and should not have to take up any slack from our neighbors.

Garnishment has proven to be a reasonable means for local governments to collect a just debt. And don't let anyone kid you, Chowan Hospital is a very, very important arm of local government along the Public Parade.

### Deserving Award

John Richard Jordan, Jr., went from Winton in neighboring Hertford County to Raleigh via Ahoskie, Murfreesboro and Chapel Hill. But the impact he made along the way has influenced a lot of people—including members of the General Assembly.

The Raleigh attorney, who is a lobbyist of great respect, recently received the Chowan College Distinguished Alumni Award. A former legislator, Mr. Jordan is serving as chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and is a past chairman of the N.C. State Board of Higher Education.

He serves with distinction and fairness at UNC board chairman. He was of most valuable assistance during the Civil Rights case which drew nationwide attention when more emphasis could have been placed on what went on in the classroom.

Without reservation, or hesitation for that matter, John Jordan influences as much legislation as anyone in Raleigh. Along the way he has not forgotten his roots and it is fitting and proper that Chowan College has not forgotten the contribution he has made to his alma mater.

### Attraction Of Rivers

How does a quiet, moonlit canoe ride sound to you? Or a hike along a scenic river bank? Or a rollicking raft race? Regardless of your taste, chances are you will find a river event to your liking somewhere in North Carolina during the next few weeks.

Gov. Jim Hunt has proclaimed June as North Carolina Rivers Month and all across the state dozens of events are being planned by river groups, environmental groups and others. The events stretch from the Nantahala River



**ROAD CLOSED**—Old Hertford Road continues to be closed after weeks of drainage construction by the Town of Edenton. The work is expected to continue and the road will be closed for at least another month, according to administrative sources within Town Hall.

## Boll Weevil Eradication Program

WASHINGTON — Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, today said he is very pleased that the Department of Agriculture has agreed to participate in a boll weevil eradication program in North Carolina and South Carolina for the growing seasons 1983-85. Senator Helms has repeatedly urged Secretary of Agriculture John Block to participate in such a program, and on March 23 he wrote him a letter asking him to release the funds necessary

for the program.

The administration has agreed to provide \$2.5-million, representing 30 per cent of the total cost of the program. The remaining 70 per cent of the cost will be provided by cotton growers, an arrangement overwhelmingly agreed to by the growers in a referendum in January. The funds from USDA will be reprogrammed from other programs, meaning the program will be administered at no additional cost to the Federal Treasury.

"This program represents an important commitment on the part of the administration," said Helms. "The boll weevil is a terrible threat to our cotton industry. The growers indicated in their referendum that they are willing to bear a major part of the cost of the program. I'm very pleased that Secretary Block has agreed to provide the last needed step."

The National Cotton Council estimates that boll weevil damage costs cotton growers approximately \$100-million annually in reduced yields.

"This program also sets a very important precedent," added Helms. "The boll weevil eradication program is a partnership between government and the private sector. I want to commend the cotton growers for their initiative and willingness to participate in this program."

Grower costs for the program will be \$25-per-acre in 1983, \$30-per-acre in 1984, and \$20-per-acre in 1985. Once this three-year program is completed, containment costs to growers will be \$3 per acre annually in order to eradicate spot infestations.

The program involves 59,000 acres in North Carolina and 68,000

acres in South Carolina. After the program is complete, the boll weevil will be eradicated to the Georgia border.

Trapping to determine boll weevil numbers will begin immediately. In the fall pesticide will be aerially applied where necessary to reduce overwintering boll weevil populations to a minimum. Next spring, intensive trapping and scouting, cultural controls and selective pesticide applications will be used to reduce and eliminate any surviving boll weevil populations. The final year of the program is necessary to make sure the pest is eradicated and to clean up any remaining weevil populations.

The program is based on a successful trial program conducted in parts of North Carolina and Virginia in 1978-80. In that trial, the boll weevil was eradicated, insecticide use declined, and there was evidence that cotton yields increased.

### Grants Approved

The N.C. Environmental Management Commission last Thursday approved state and federal grants of \$2.5-million for 15 local communities across North Carolina.

Edenton was awarded a \$500,450 grant for construction of an outfall pump station, force main, land application wastewater treatment plant and for design costs.

## Job Placement Improves For Those Receiving Unemployment Benefits

Unemployed workers in North Carolina were matched with more than 10,000 job openings furnished by employers in April. The 10,000 job placement transactions represented a significant improvement over April 1982. Job placement efforts generated a return of more than \$1.5-million to the state's economy. Categories which benefited from the increase included agriculture, service occupations and clerical jobs. Glenn Jerigan, chairman of the N.C. Employment Security Commission (ESC), was particularly pleased with the more than 20 per cent increase in veteran placement.

New statistical data from Region IV of the U.S. Department of Labor indicates that of the eight southeastern states North Carolina ranked number one in putting people, who were receiving unemployment benefits, back to work. Jerigan said, "By returning workers back to the labor force the unemployment insurance trust fund solvency is strengthened. This is particularly

significant considering the continued solvency strain on the North Carolina unemployment insurance trust fund." Fraud investigations by ESC resulted in the prosecution and conviction of 189 of 190 indictments for the first quarter 1983. The conviction rate was 99.5 per cent.

Positive figures were also reflected in a 9.8 per cent increase in job openings placed with ESC by employers throughout the state in April.

Jerigan concluded, "ESC is excited about the apparent upturn in the economy."

### Youth Program

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Any non-profit organization such as local, state and federal government, school system and law enforcement agencies may qualify as employers.

Coordinators working with the Summer Youth Program in the Edenton Office will be Amanda Bunch, Arlene Evans, Lois Lassiter and Joseph Moye.

## Bloodmobile Fails To Meet Quota In Visit To Edenton

The Edenton Jaycee Bloodmobile was held at Chowan Hospital on Tuesday, May 17 from noon til 6 P.M. The quota for this visit was 150 pints.

The Bloodmobile had a special mission to perform at this visit. The hospital of the Kings Daughters was in need of around four pints of O-blood for the new born infants in

its care. Tuesday, however, was a slow day at the bloodmobile and as of 5:30 P.M. only three pints of the much needed O-blood was collected.

The day was slow all the way around as the bloodmobile was only able to collect half of its stated quota. This despite the efforts of the Jaycees who called past donors.



**BLOODMOBILE VISIT**—Bruce Wackelin, chairman of the Edenton Jaycee Bloodmobile, is shown talking with one of the donors while a nurse prepares her to give blood.

## Lindot Realty Comes To Area

The Albemarle Area is now being served by a new realtor, Lindot Realty. Lindot is not new, however, according to Doris J. Dorow, owner and broker.

Mrs. Dorow has been a broker for over eleven years and is licensed to sell real estate in both North Carolina and Virginia. Mrs. Dorow opened her second office at 100 South Front Street and Market Street in Hertford on April 25. Her first office in Portsmouth, Va., is where she developed the experience to become a full time full service real estate broker selling farm, commercial, residential and recreational properties.

Mrs. Dorow says her motto is, "Speedy service to the seller and satisfaction to the buyer."

To obtain this goal she advertises extensively in local paper, the Virginia papers as well as the Wall Street Journal for distinctive clients.

Lindot according to Mrs. Dorow is a progressive real estate dealer in both selling of property and the closing.

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