Construction Of New Hospital Now Assured

Approximately $80,000 has been assured toward the goal of $85,000 originally established by Chowan Hospital trustees for the building fund project to insure construction of a new 61-bed hospital.

Thomas M. Surratt, hospital administrator, said through Tuesday about $35,000 in cash and secured pledges had been received.

An appeal to Chowan County commissioners resulted in the following action:

"Upon motion of David T. Bateman, seconded by J. Clarence Leary, and unanimously carried that the commissioners will guarantee $4[illegible]) to insure construction of hospit[illegible]h future contributions being deducte[illegible]m above amount."

An official with The [illegible] Endowment, when contacted late [illegible]ay, said: "This information about yo[illegible]nd drive seems to put you in the l[illegible]ark and with the assistance we ha[illegible]nned it would seem your project i[illegible]ured."

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Surratt said this statement is very encouraging.

It is planned now that the awards to the contractors may be made Wednesday.

Surratt said interest in the local funds drive has been very gratifying and it is hoped additional contributions in the form of cash or pledges will be received from interested citizens in the community. "Though the project seems to be assured, we cannot yet stop our efforts," the administrator said. The drive has been extended for one week.

Several industries which have been contacted and indicated an interest in subscribing an undetermined amount to the fund drive have not yet reported. The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has been contacted and it is hoped some favorable action will be taken by its board of trustees at their May meeting.

Surratt pointed out that in negotiation with the contractors, several very important items to make the new hospital a first--class, functional institution had to be left out. It is hoped additional contributions may be received to make it possible to put these items back into the building. The cost of these items approximate $25,000.

MORE SUPPORT FOR HOSPITAL—Edenton Cotton Mill was the first local industry to contribute to a funds campaign to secure an additional $85,000 in local money for construction of a new Chowan Hospital. Philip S. McMullan, seated, president, hands a check to R. Graham White, funds chairman. The donation, in excess of $3,000, was in the name of the mill's employees.

Dr. Benjamin Swalin Directing Little Symphony

Little Symphony Plans Concerts Here

Ever since the North Carolina Symphony began its 24th annual tour of the state last November, its 60 musicians have been performing together. Last month, however, they divided to form two smaller orchestral units.

Known as the Little Symphonies East and West, these units are now touring simultaneously throughout the state. They will continue doing so until the season closes in May. Both will appear in Edenton.

The Little Symphony West will perform tomorrow under the direction of Symphony Director Benjamin Swalin at 1:30 o'clock in the elementary school auditorium for area students. The Little Symphony East will perform Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, also in the auditorium under the baton of guest conductor Thomas Cousins.

Tomorrow's concert is being sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan schools, and Tuesday's concert is being sponsored by the Chowan Arts Council.

The student concert is part of a statewide experiment in music education—an experiment which was begun in 1943 by Dr. Swalin and which has grown under his supervision to unparalleled proportions today. Several other symphonies do offer equally sophisticated educational programs; however none, according to records readily available, offers a program with as great a geographic range as that of the North Carolina. Last year, in 67 communities where these special live concerts were given, the Symphony engaged the attention of over 160,000 children at admission-free matinees.

Serving as commentator at the concert will be Mrs. Benjamin Swalin, wife of the director and coordinator of the Symphony's statewide educational program.

Designed to attract and hold the attention of students from the first grade on up, the concerts are carefully planned by Dr. and Mrs. Swalin and Mrs. Fred McCall, director of the statewide pro-

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Musical Program

The Albemarle Choral Society will present a concert in Edenton Baptist Church on April 27. Dr. Clifford Bair will conduct the 4 P. M., program.

This concert will be presented in First Baptist Church in Elizabeth City at 4 P. M., April 20.

Johannes Brahms "Requiem" will be presented in this, one of several programs by the society.

Road Fund Sparse

Chowan County commissioners Monday were told the county was allocated $12,176 in secondary road funds for fiscal 1968-69.

A State Highway Commission employee said 40.3 per cent of the county's funds were withheld because of the state's inability to sell bonds due to the high interest rate.

All the local money for the current fiscal year will go toward the Brayhall Road, now under construction. It is the only active project in the county.

The Community Action Committee requested the county to continue to furnish a place for the Multi Service Center, now located on North Oakum Street. Robert W. Moore, chairman, described the good this group is doing with low income families in 11 different communities.

Moore hailed the work of Earl Jones, director, and others who are showing great progress.

The commissioners agreed to attempt to secure a lease on the building.

Murray Ashley, reporting for the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, said $208 was received from convalescent calls last month. This was applied towards an operating expense of $311.30. The squad answered 23 calls.

Sheriff Earl Goodwin was instructed to advertise uncollected taxes in May.

Chairman W. E. Bond presided.

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Public Parade

You're The Greatest

Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor of Wadesboro joined the mutual admiration society of Northeastern North Carolina last week. And he appeared to like the company.

At a Pasquotank Democratic function he said he was obligated to say something nice about the two senators serving with him—George Wood of Camden and Monk Harrington of Bertie. And he even went across the hall with pats for Reps. Phil Godwin and Bill Culpepper.

Earlier U. S. Rep. Walter Jones freely planted orchids all around.

But it was Phil Sawyer, party chairman, who tied up the ball of twine. He called the sextet, the "six greatest representatives in the nation".

We'll have to agree that our Walter Jones has national prominence. Meanwhile, let's be satisfied with leaving the others within the confines of Tar Heelia.

We find that when you're the greatest at home everything is lovely enough.

Little Symphony Coming

Four years ago Chowan Arts Council was successful in getting Edenton back on the N. C. Little Symphony map with a children's concert. A year later this was expanded to include a program for adults.

A visit by Dr. Benjamin Swalin and the first state symphony in the nation is a cultural highlight by any standards. The exposure of our youngsters along

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Richard F. Gibbs

Iredell Plans Made

Descendants of James Iredell will meet here during the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside. A luncheon meeting will be held at the Edenton Restaurant at 12:30 P. M., April 19.

Richard F. Gibbs of Chapel Hill, who has been elected executive vice president of the N. C. American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, will be the guest speaker.

He has done extensive research about James Iredell, while working in his major field of historical interest — the Colonial, Revolutionary, Early National period of American History.

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Academy Faculty Under Contract

The faculty for grades one through eight at Chowan Academy was announced this week for the 1969-70 school term. Miss Minnie Hollowell will continue as headmistress of the year-old private school located at Rocky Hock.

Two Edenton teachers now on the faculty at Roanoke-Chowan Academy in Windsor will join the staff at Chowan. They are Mrs. Lucy Meade Harless and Mrs. Ann Hines.

Two faculty members in the Edenton-Chowan School will also move to the academy. They are Miss Mary Elliott and Mrs. Frances Hollowell.

Miss Hollowell, who will also teach the fourth grade, will be the only returning faculty member at the academy. The academy presently has the first four elementary grades.

Teachers and the grades they will teach include:

Miss Elliott, first; Mrs. Harless, second; Mrs. Hines, third; Miss Hollowell, fourth; Mrs. Betty Dixon, fifth; Mrs.

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Britt Given 2-Year Pact

Supt. Bill Britt has been re-elected to a two-year term as administrative head of Edenton-Chowan Schools. This action came Tuesday night at the board's regular meeting.

The board had the option of electing the superintendent for either two or four years. It was brought out that a new seven-member board will be elected in 1970 and at that time the board should elect its own superintendent.

Supt. Britt, 38, came to Edenton-Chowan Schools from Elizabeth City where he was assistant superintendent of the combined Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County schools. Prior to that he headed the Pasquotank unit.

Although former Supt. Hiram Mayo served both the Edenton City and Chowan County boards, Supt. Britt is the first administrative head here since the two administrative units were merged.

The interm board, composed of members of both prior boards, serves until 1970 when a new board is elected.

Alternates on the school construction

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Junior Livestock

The Chowan and Ryland Ruritan Clubs will sponsor the 15th annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale Wednesday. These clubs extend an invitation to Chowan County farmers and all other interested persons to attend and help support this event.

Champions will be selected in two classes of hogs. Class I consists of hogs weighing between 180 and 220 pounds. Class II is made up of hogs weighing 221 to 240 pounds. An individual and pen of three may be entered in each class or a total of eight hogs by any individual.

Steers will be entered in one group and prizes awarded by grade. All steers must be shown at halter.

Dr. Bob McGuire, extension animal husbandry specialist, will judge both swine and steers. Trophies will be awarded Grand and Reserve Champion

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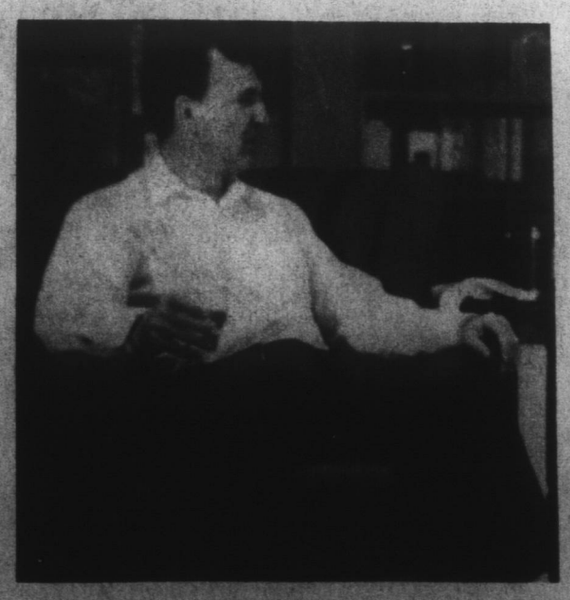

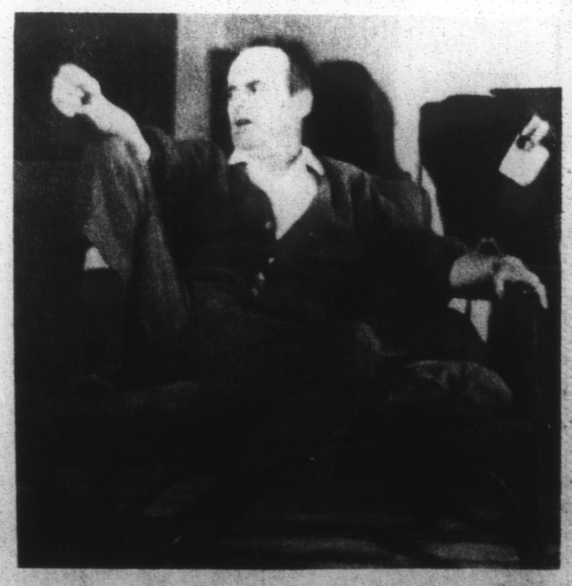

COMING ALIVE—Edenton Little Theater is now giving Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple" the complete treatment in preparation for presentation at Holmes Auditorium next Thursday and Saturday nights. Dr. Richard Hardin, left, and Joe Conger, Jr., right, play the principal roles in the three-act comedy. They are joined by four poker players shown, left to right at their trade, Tom Surratt, Nelson Crandall, James Bond, and Nathan Owens. Adding their feminine touch are Emily Amburn and Sharon Twiddy. John Becker is directing the production which begins at 8 P. M. Tickets are available from Little Theater members, Mitchener's or Hollowell's drug store.