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Help! Help!

Elsewhere in this issue of the newspaper, people along the Public Parade are being invited to an open house at the new Chowan Hospital. Through the years the hospital has enjoyed the support of the entire community; more recently it was demonstrated when additional funds were needed to construct the facility.

In a quiet manner, without fanfare, the Hospital Auxiliary has labored in numerous ways to provide the hospital with items, although needed, would have gone without. At the present time some \$5,000 is being spent on valuable equipment, again muchly needed, but which couldn't have been purchased for the new hospital.

The problem has not been getting community support for membership drive, auxiliary ball, etc. The problem has been in getting women interested in sufficient numbers so more than a few would have to carry the entire load.

People in the community have been generous with their financial support. More women now must be generous with their time if the Hospital Auxiliary is to remain in existence.

The meetings are held at the Parish House of St. Paul's Church each first Monday at 10 A. M. There are no lengthy programs, only short business and planning sessions.

So gals, it's your turn now.

To Region, or Not To Region

Regionalism, in the eyes of state officials, is becoming about as sacred as motherhood. Efforts are being made on every front to bring together loose ends, make the smaller bigger and the bigger even bigger. While consolidation should result in efficiency, that is not always the case.

Two recent meetings at Nags Head dealing with the 10-county Albemarle Area of North Carolina, and one here Friday dealing with nine of these same counties deal with what we are talking about.

On September 9, the Albemarle Law and Order Association met in Nags Head. A glowing report was given on the success of the year's progress. In 10 months this group received grants of over \$55,000 for use by local law enforcement agencies.

The association has asked for grants for the coming year totaling \$118,695 for the purposes of training peace officers, purchasing new equipment and instituting new programs.

This money has been distributed among participating agencies in a fair manner. This is regionalism at work.

The Albemarle Area Development Association's quarterly meeting in Nags Head last Thursday was praised by Irvin Aldridge, director, State Department of Local Affairs, for many contributions to bringing the people of Northeastern North Carolina into a tightly knit group fighting for common cause. He said it was one of the first organizations in the state designed to promote an entire area "and you have done a good job."

He said this area would be ahead of others as the concept of multi-county regions develop.

"You have already realized that you must work together for the good of all, and that coordinated efforts can bring far greater results than individual attempts," he said.

What he didn't know, apparently, is that about the only thing the Albemarle Area has been able to agree on, with the exception of Bob Scott for governor and Walter Jones for congress, is a multi-laned highway opening up the area. This was quite an achievement and Edenton's John A. Mitchener, Jr., deserves more credit for it than he has been given.

So long as the Isle of Pasquotank exists, the area will continue to be hampered. Just recently Coble Dairy Products was cut completely out of any milk business with Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Schools. The silly reason given was that Coble didn't have a distribution plant in the county.

Now ain't that tough? There are numerous things in Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County which do not exist in Edenton and Chowan County. Yet, for example, we don't believe people stop drinking Cokes because they are bottled in Elizabeth City.

Chowan County has been pressured from many fronts to join in a regional jail —to be located in Elizabeth City. It has now become a district jail since Camden saw the light. Now only neighboring Perquimans, which wouldn't even

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Mayor On Warpath

Pitch Made For Public Park

Mayor George Alma Byrum has fired another volley in his continuing personal campaign for a public park for Edenton as well as "mini-parks". He said neither the citizenry nor the town council has

yet shown concern over what he termed a "deficiency" in this community. The Mayor said Edenton has less to offer in the way of leisure living facilities than any other town of comparable size.

"Ride down Broad Street and look at the water," he said. "God gave us this asset and we have done little to improve on it."

He went on to say Edenton could not plead poverty. "We are not a poor town . . . and the tax rate is not out of line," he noted. He then credited the efficiency of the Electric and Water Departments in providing additional revenue to allow the tax rate to remain low.

With all the advantages there are to living in Edenton, the mayor said there are three primary reasons why there has been no action toward public recreation facilities. He listed them as: Lack of citizen concern; lack of planning; and Negroes. "You will notice I did not mention lack of money," he added.

Mayor Byrum said the old Edenton National Fish Hatchery property could have been purchased by the town at one time for a mere \$17,000. "There was no citizen concern then and there seems to be none now," he said.

Pointing to the town budget, he said \$2,000 was put aside last year for parks and recreation and only \$53.62 was spent.

"We need mini-parks and a park of 25 or more acres," he went on. "And a civic center should be on the planning board now."

However, with more concern on the part of citizens, nothing can be accomplished, he concluded.

Speaking at the annual Installation Banquet of Edenton Jaycettes at Edenton Restaurant, the mayor praised the club for contributing \$1,000 to equipment at the new Chowan Hospital.

He said such organizations as the Jaycettes provide leadership training and

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Mrs. Jean Ashley Mayor George Byrum Mrs. Dianne Dail

Hospital Dedication Set

Dedication and open house of the new \$2-million, 61-bed Chowan Hospital will be held at 2 P. M., October 11, according to an announcement today by Thomas M. Surratt, hospital administrator.

Surratt said William F. Henderson of Raleigh, executive secretary, N. C. Medical Care Commission, will be keynote speaker. The hospital will become operative on October 17.

At the same time it was announced that four new trustees have been elected to the board of Chowan Hospital, Inc., the corporation to which Chowan County commissioners have leased the new facility.

Jack Evans, manager of Byrum Hardware, has been named to fill the unexpired term of the late W. E. Bond; Wesley Chesson, Jr., of Hobbs Implement; Thomas H. Shepard of Home Feed & Fertilizer Company; and Wilbur G. Pierce, assistant director of Economic Improvement Council, have been named to three-year terms.

The terms of Chairman Jesse L. Harrell

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Fair Big Success

Chowan County Fair was a tremendous success, according to W. A. Perry, president of the Chowan County Fair Association. Perry estimated that over 19,000 persons attended.

"Response to the stage shows was extremely good and the fair was probably the best yet, except for the unfortunate accident where a teenage girl was hurt," said Perry.

Sue Modlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Modlin of Lewiston, was standing inside the fence of one of the rides when she was struck in the back of the head. On Monday, Miss Modlin had been transferred to King's Daughter Children's Hospital, in Norfolk, Va., where she was reported in fair condition.

New to the fair was the N. C. Pork Cook-Out Champ Contest. Three men participated and won money. First place winner was Jake Belch, Route 3, Edenton; second place was E. L. Hurdle of Belvidere; and third place winner was Lloyd Stallings also of Belvidere.

Two bicycles were given away on "Kiddies Day" and they were won by a boy from Windsor and a boy from Hertford.

Also a big success was the 4-H pullet sale on Thursday.

Perry stated that the greatest number of people attended on Wednesday and Saturday.

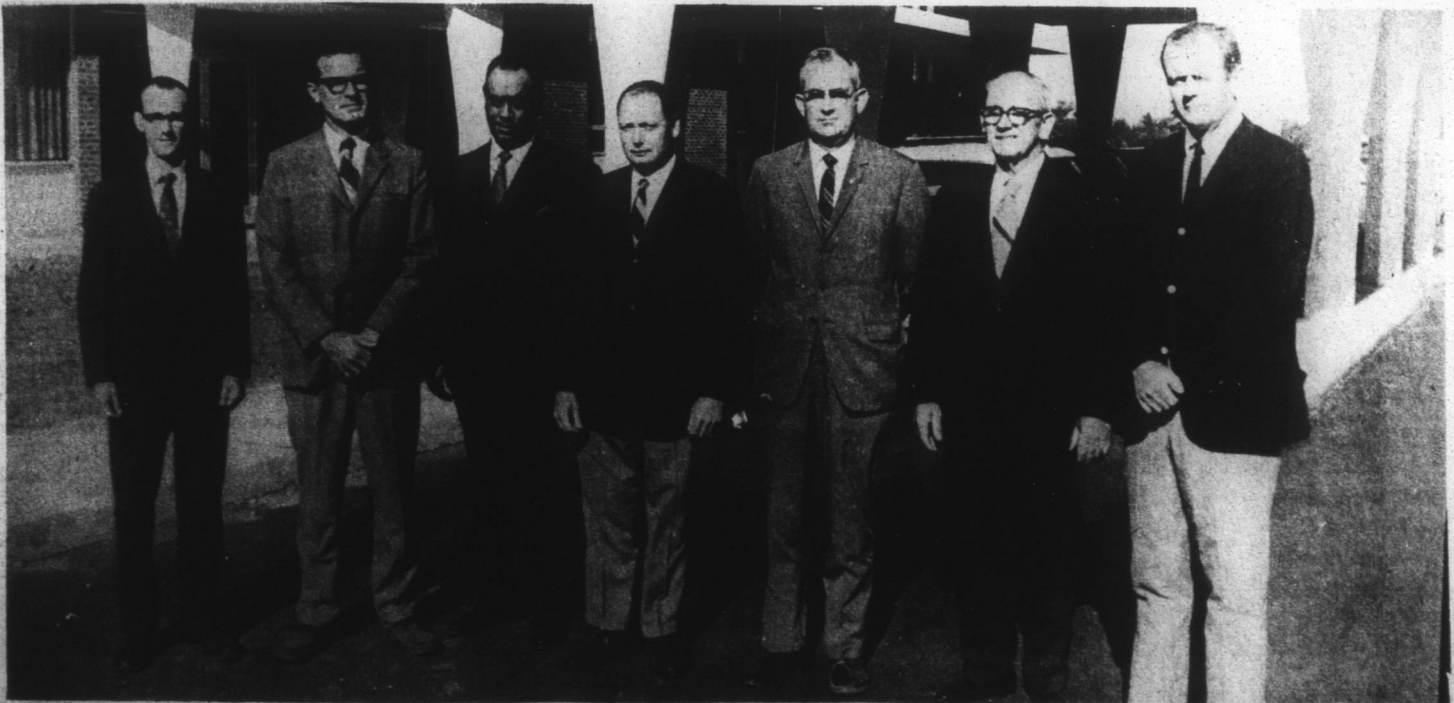
Rain Finally Falls

In September, Edenton received 1.27 inches of rain, according to J. H. Conger, Sr., local weather observer. The average rainfall for September is 3.75 inches.

The majority of the rain for the month came on Sunday evening, when 1.1 inches were recorded. The other .17 inches was recorded during the first three days of the month.

The Sunday night rain was the first real rain of the month, says Conger. "The rain that came earlier in the month was classified as 'traces of rain or 'too little to measure'."

Rain measured in August was 3.45 inches, with 1.53 inches falling on August 21.



Past and Future—The terms of three members of the Board of Trustees of Chowan Hospital, Inc., have expired, a fourth has died and four new members have been chosen to serve on the board. Left to right are: Jack Evans, Wesley Chesson, Wilbur Pierce, Thomas Shepard, all new members; Jesse L. Harrell, chairman, Guy Hobbs, and J. Gilliam Wood, members who leave the board.