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Dr. Hines Heads Historic Edenton

The newly elected chairman of Historic Edenton, Inc., is Dr. Richard N. Hines, Jr., Albania Acres. He succeeds W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr.

Dr. Hines, a local dentist, was elected to the top post by the organization's board of directors who also selected Alton G. Elmore, another civil leader in the area, as vice chairman. Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Named to the board in addition to Dr. Hines and Elmore were Mrs. David O. Wright and James C. Dail. This increased the board to eight regular members. With ex-officio members the board now totals 17.

Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., and J. Gilliam Wood retire from the board.

Historic Edenton leaders this year will place emphasis on raising \$15,000 locally in order to obtain \$30,000 in state funds for capital improvements at three historic sites.

The budget calls for \$15,000 to be spent at the Iredell House; \$22,000 at the Barker House; and \$8,000 at the Cupola House.

Bond Sales Good

Chowan County in eight months reached the established 1971 quota for U. S. Savings Bonds sales, according to a report released by R. Graham White, local volunteer chairman.

Sales in Chowan County during August were \$10,576. January-August sales totaled \$81,724. This represents 100.3 per cent of the county's goal of \$81,408.

State-wide, sales represent 79.1 per cent of the dollar goal of \$63.6-million.

Baptist Meeting

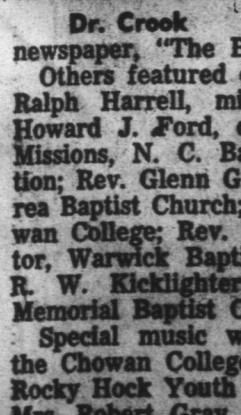
The 166th annual session of the Chowan Baptist Association will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. The first session will be held at Center Hill Baptist Church and begins at 4 P. M. Bethel Baptist Church will host the Wednesday meeting which begins at 10 A. M.

Dr. Roger H. Crook, professor and chairman, Department of Religion at Meredith College, will bring the address at the Tuesday afternoon session. Dr. Crook is a well-known author as well as preacher and teacher. He has written several books and is a frequent writer of Sunday School materials for the Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention and also often contributes Sunday School lessons for the N. C. Baptist newspaper, "The Biblical Recorder".

Others featured on the program are: Ralph Harrell, missionary to Kenya; Howard J. Ford, director, Division of Missions, N. C. Baptist State Convention; Rev. Glenn Greenway, pastor, Berea Baptist Church; Roland Pruitt, Chowan College; Rev. William Carter, pastor, Warwick Baptist Church; and Dr. R. W. Kiecklighter, pastor, Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church.

Special music will be rendered by the Chowan College Choral Group, the Rocky Hock Youth Choir and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gray.

Rev. George H. Cooke, pastor of Ballard's Bridge Church, is moderator of the Chowan Association.



Dr. Crook

Academy Request Revived Lunch Program Study Aired

A recent evaluation of the lunchroom program at Edenton-Chowan Schools by a State group "served a useful purpose", Supt. Bill Britt told Board of Education members here Monday.

"They saw some improvements we could make and this was beneficial to us," he declared. "They also brought to our attention some problems we have which we are already working on."

Dr. J. H. Horton, who attended the lengthy evaluation session, said "In view of the report, it would appear we have a pretty good lunch program here."

Britt also told board members the federal reimbursable rate for lunches in September amounted to six cents for paid lunches and 36 cents for free or reduced-price lunches. He felt the rates would be different for October.

He told board members free or reduced-price lunches were reimbursed 45 cents last year and declared, "... it will take this to operate and break even this year. We can't break even on 36 cents."

His remarks touched off a discussion of the free lunches and brought from

Thomas Paul Griffin the observation it appeared "out of kilter." Griffin said it seems "lots of people are riding a free horse" and was of the opinion the county doesn't have "many families with children in school who cannot pay something towards the price of lunches."

Britt reminded members free lunches are set up on guidelines from the government and is based on the income status of families. He said the overall participation in the school's lunch program is up from 20 per cent from last

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2 Men Killed Last Week In Accidents

Two single car accidents in the past week have resulted in two deaths, one critical injury, and hospitalization of a father who answered a rescue squad call only to find his two sons involved in a fatal wreck.

Marion Bunch, 54, was admitted to Chowan Hospital's intensive care section following a rescue squad call he answered early Saturday morning. Arriving at the scene just off Highway 32 near Valhalla, Bunch found his 18-year-old son, Larry Martin Bunch, dead and an older son, Emmett Bunch, 23, critically injured.

He rode in the ambulance with his elder son to Chowan Hospital where he was given emergency treatment before being transferred to Norfolk General Hospital.

Bunch, who resides on Route 1, Edenton, is a member of the Rocky Hock unit of Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad. He is a veteran state employee.

Another Chowan County man was killed early Thursday morning in neighboring Gates County. Walter Willard (Dickie) Modlin, 27, Route 1, Tyner, was identified as the victim. The wreck occurred about 2 A. M., on Highway 32, a mile north of Sunbury.

State Trooper D. G. Dail said the victim was apparently enroute home from his job at Union Camp in Franklin, Va., when his vehicle went out of control and ran off the road. The trooper said Mr. Modlin was thrown

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Discuss Area Health Organization—Citizens from throughout the 10-county Albemarle Area gathered at Chowan Hospital last Thursday night to organize an area comprehensive health council and named Thomas M. Surratt as chairman. Among leaders who discussed the organization were, from left, Wesley Cullipher, executive director, Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission; Dr. Lee Holder of Chapel Hill, official of Regional Medical Program and Elmer Johnson of Raleigh, planner with the State Comprehensive Health Program.

Area Health Council Formed Here

Albemarle Comprehensive Health Planning Council has organized with 40 members from the 10-county Albemarle area. Elected Thursday night to head the council was Thomas M. Surratt, administrator at Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. R. S. Monds of Perquimans, a pioneer within the Albemarle Area Development Association for an area comprehensive health program, was elected vice chairman. Mrs. Jean Lassiter of Pasquotank County was selected as secretary with Dr. Jerry Pickrel, also of Pasquotank County, being chosen treasurer.

Other board members are: Dr. Ernest Ferguson, Washington County; P. A. Tillet, Dare County; Clay Ferebee, Camden County; Shadrack Booker, Gates County; Mrs. Marion Walston,

Currituck County; Lem Cohoon, Tyrrell County; and C. E. Boone, Hyde County.

The directors immediately set in motion a plan to apply for a grant to staff an office to study area health needs.

Dr. Lee Holder, an official of the Regional Medical Program, told the group the idea of an area plan for the Albemarle came from the late Dr. T. P. Brinn of Hertford when he was hospitalized in Chapel Hill.

Dr. Holder said the regional idea makes the most effective use of resources in solving local health problems. It also eliminates an overlapping of services.

Elmer Johnson, representing the state office of Comprehensive Health Planning, pointed out that such a program affords them the opportunity to develop ideas on what a health system should be like and an opportunity to consider what health services they desire.

He stated that many such programs are already being successfully operated in other areas of the state.

A request for a \$25,000 grant for a two-year period will be made by the council. It would be used to employ a planning director to survey the health needs and resources of the area.

The grant application will be processed by Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission. Wesley Cullipher, executive director, said the lead agency would give priority to the project.

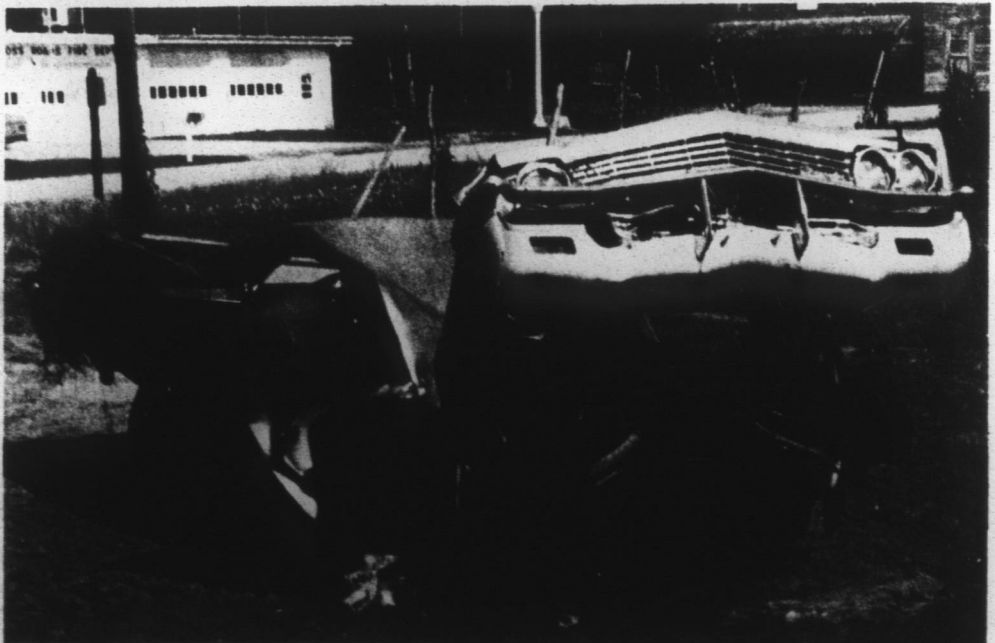
FFA Group Trip

Approximately 100 members of the N. C. Association of Future Farmers of America are in Kansas City, Mo., this week for the 44th National FFA Convention.

The convention, which opened Wednesday, ends Friday and is one of the largest annual youth events in the nation. More than 12,000 FFA members and guests from 50 states and Puerto Rico are attending.

Among the 23 North Carolina FFA members to receive the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree of achievement given by FFA, is Paul Gene Copeland, Route 1, Tyner, a member of the Chowan Chapter who is a student at N. C. State University in Raleigh.

Everette White, Chowan Chapter advisor, will pit his state contest winners against others from throughout the country in the national livestock judging contest.



Death Vehicle—Shown here is the wreckage of a car in which one Chowan County man died and another was critically injured early Saturday morning. The wreck occurred on Rocky Hock Road near Valhalla.

Public Parade Rare Bargains Enjoyed

There are at least two areas in which the Chowan County taxpayer enjoys a real bargain, even in times when many feel such an animal doesn't exist. In the areas of medical care facilities and higher education the scale is weighted on the side of the taxpayer.

Chowan County is definitely in the hospital business. A \$1-million bond issue made it so. And while the hospital is leased to a private non-profit corporation, the taxpayers of this county will bear the burden of any red ink which appears from the operation of three units out on Virginia Road.

This is a period of adjustment for the hospital. The first patients were moved into the new acute care unit in October, 1970. Getting such a facility operational and on a paying basis is no small task, yet county commissioners were not asked to levy any of the special 10-cent tax which was approved along with the bonds for construction.

One need look no further than the September report of the Department of Social Services to be convinced of the excellent job being done by those responsible for the operation of Chowan Hospital. Thirteen patients were hospitalized in the county during the month at a cost of \$1,760.67. At the same time, only two patients were hospitalized outside the county at a cost of \$1,501.86.

The unit concept at Chowan Hospital saves the patient money but is much more difficult to operate on a profitable basis. It is apparent this county institution is making every effort to lessen the burden of hospitalization—from the cradle to the grave.

Chowan County commissioners on two occasions recently have refused to participate in the community college district plan of College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City. The college has asked for a pro rata contribution to its operating budget with a maximum of \$21,000 built into the contract.

While during the 1971-72 fiscal year the local share would have been about \$7,000, COA is spending some \$39,500 in adult education alone within Chowan County. This does not include what local citizens are taking advantage of on the campus in nearby Elizabeth City.

COA only a few years ago was little more than a sign propped up against a tree outside a building on Base Road. Now, from the amount budgeted for adult education, the direction has changed with the college becoming a true community institution.

The Learning Resources Center in Swain School is adequately staffed and is providing a real service to the citizens of the area. Anytime 15 students can agree to take a particular course, the course will be offered — not in Greenville, Raleigh or Elizabeth City, but in Edenton or at Chowan High School.

County commissioners have said they need an edict from the people and propose even that a referendum be held. With the county enjoying such a bargain in higher education as offered by COA, we are convinced the vote would be in the affirmative.

Chowan County can ill afford the reputation of not being willing to carry its share of the stick. Anyway, it would be inconsistent with the pulse of the community.

This One's On Us

It is believed that every dog (even some humans) has his day. And in these times when great importance is placed on the public image, every cause has its week or month. The newspaper is no exception.

This is National Newspaper Week and we are grateful for many things as we pause to focus on our own labors.

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