

Site Panel Named Byrum Is Chairma



West W. Byrum, Jr.

Council Favoring Development Plan

Edenton Town Council has given tentative approval to a Raleigh firm's plan to construct 95 units of housing on a site west of Twiddy Avenue. Fifty of the units would be multi-family rental space with the remaining 45 being homes built for sale.

North Hills, Inc., is developer. R. B. Cauthen, vice president, presented the site plan to the council Tuesday night and said the multi-family plan had been approved by Department of Housing & Urban Development with rents established at \$98 per month for a two-bedroom unit and \$104 for a three-bedroom apartment. He said the FHA 236 program is designed for moderate income families—those with an income between \$5,000 and \$7,500 annually.

Cauthen said the units had been funded and the developer must submit final plans and specifications by the end of February.

Mayor George Alma Byrum noted the council's recent decision on open space areas in such developments and told the developer some firm policy would be established by the Planning Board before the site plan is finally approved. It was also pointed out that there would be a necessity for a zoning change.

A public hearing on the zoning change was set for the next council meeting, February 8 at 8 P. M.

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Area Waste Disposal Plan Advances

Chowan County commissioners have approved a letter of intent to proceed with a joint solid waste disposal program in cooperation with Perquimans County. The target date for beginning operation was set at May 1.

Recently the two counties filed separate applications with Farmers Home Administration for a \$35,000 loan and \$20,000 grant each for development of the program.

The two boards of commissioners have received an FHA letter giving provisional commitment to the loans and grants. The loans would be paid over a 10 year period.

Melvin Howell, FHA supervisor in this area, discussed future steps with Chowan board members Monday, saying considerable work would have to be done within the near future to meet the target date.

Commissioners C. M. Evans and David T. Bateman are this county's representatives and will meet soon with Howell, two commissioners from Perquimans County and Howard Campbell, district health administrator.

New Store Open

A new health, beauty aid and housewares store opened here Wednesday. Scottie Store is open at 203 South Broad Street, in the building formerly occupied by The Hub of Edenton.

The store will be open daily, Monday through Thursday and Saturday from 9 A. M., to 6 P. M., and Friday from 9 A. M., to 8:30 P. M.

Carl Mazingo of Kinston, district manager, announced that Mrs. John J. Douglas of Morgan Park will manage the Edenton store. The store will employ from three to five people.

Mazingo said a pharmacy will be added to the local store in mid-February and plans are already being developed to expand into an adjacent building. The store now contains 1,700 square feet of floor space.

The store carries some 4,000 items at discounts up to 50 per cent daily.

Chairman C. A. Phillips of C County commissioners Monday announced appointment of an 11-member committee to select a site for a new courthouse complex. He said West W. Byrum, Jr., Route 3, Edenton, will serve as chairman of the Site Committee.

Chairman Phillips said he had received good response from citizens throughout the county to the board's new efforts to erect a new county facility.

Byrum, an Edenton insurance and real estate executive, will chair a committee composed of:

J. Clarence Leary, Jr., W. B. Gardner, W. E. Smith, Lloyd C. Briggs, Wayne Ashley, R. Graham White, Dr. J. H. Horton, Elizabeth V. Moore, Lloyd E. Griffin, Sr., and Wilbur J. Privott.

Commissioners, at a recent meeting, discussed the importance of moving ahead at this time with concrete plans for a new courthouse. Because of a special federal designation, Chowan County is believed to be eligible for 75 per cent federal participation in such a program.

Chowan County's historic courthouse is said to be one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture. It is the oldest such building to have been in continuous use.

Court officials in recent years have been critical of the continued use of the building, suggesting that it be preserved as a museum. Within the past year commissioners have busied themselves with ways of air conditioning the structure without doing damage to the beauty of the interior, as well as expanding the county jail to meet state minimum standards.

Commissioner N. J. George, who is chairman of the board's finance committee, again pointed out the need for consolidation of the county's funds into a single bank account. He said on December 31, 1971, the county had more money on demand deposits than invested in interest bearing notes.

"This will continue so long as the county has 18 different bank accounts," George noted.

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Loan Is Approved

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District Wednesday announced the approval by the Rural Electrification Administration of a \$238,000 loan to Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation in Hertford.

The loan will finance 19 miles of distribution lines, serving 375 new customers, as well as seven miles of new tie line and conversion of 16 miles of existing line to high capacity.

Albemarle EMC serves Chowan, Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties

Howell again expressed the opinion that a suitable site could be found for the two-county operation. He said selection of a site as well as the purchase of equipment would proceed.

Commissioner Bateman said the signing of a letter of intent brings to a head what "we have been working on for some time."

Campbell said the boards have the full cooperation of the state and district boards of health.

Commissioners have instructed Sheriff Troy Toppin to proceed with a dog control program for the county. He was instructed to take stray dogs to Dr. L. A. Dees until the county can erect a dog pound.

The sheriff said the program would begin immediately.

Pert Lab In New Quarters; Doing Exciting Peanut Job

What's the latest in peanuts? How about a peanut that looks, smells and tastes like a black walnut or a pecan? This is the latest development coming from the work of Pert Laboratories in Edenton.

J. R. (Russ) Baxley, manager at Pert

Public Parade

The Spirit Of Rocky Hock

Out back of Earl Smith's store in Rocky Hock stands a handsome building which is a perfect example of community action. It will house Unit 3 of Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

On Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 1 P. M., and 6 P. M., open house will be observed. The people are mighty proud of this new structure and they want to give everyone who played a role in transforming a dream into a reality an opportunity to view it personally.

It was in mid-February, 1971, that announcement was made of a rescue squad unit to be located in Rocky Hock. Mr. Elbert Peele donated the lot and within 10 days after the deed was delivered he died.

Since this time, nearly \$6,000 in donations have been received. The building is valued at more than \$10,000, so you can imagine the amount of free labor and materials which have gone into the structure.

The squad headquarters contains some 1,500 square feet of floor space. It has a kitchen, radio room, two baths, and space for two vehicles. The floor is tile, the walls are block with a brick front, and the ceiling is finished. The curtains were made by ladies in the community.

1-Lt. Marion Bunch is in charge of the unit and second in command is 2-Lt. Carlton Dail. There are 26 members.

A need existed in the Rocky Hock community for a rescue squad unit. A deep desire and a willingness on the part of area residents was in evidence. Their enthusiasm got the attention of numerous people who have supported



the cause. The rescue squad unit headquarters is now a reality. And they are already talking about a fire station. County commissioners had better start looking for money with which to purchase a truck.

Out Front, Of Course

A great deal of conversation has been made about advances in business along the Public Parade and throughout Tar Heelia. Almost lost in the rhetoric is the rapid improvement in per capita income.

Per capita personal income in Chowan County increased from \$1,786 in 1965 to \$2,976 in 1969, a tremendous 66.6 per cent. And this was sufficient for Chowan to lead all Albemarle Area counties in not only percentage of increase but per capita personal income.

The State of North Carolina jumped from 42nd place in 1969 to 39th in 1970 among other states. The gap is rapidly closing between the state's average personal income of \$3,188 a year as compared to \$3,910 in the nation as a whole.

This means that in 1969, the latest figures available for individual counties, average income in Chowan was but \$212 less than the state average. And it would not be unreasonable to believe in the period from 1969 to 1970 the local increase would have put us on par with the state.

Statistically, families along the Public Parade have enjoyed the most healthy increases in income, when compared with the other nine area counties. Per capita personal income here in 1949 was \$639, in 1962, \$1,117, and in 1966, \$1,654.

The average income per worker in 1970, excluding government workers and the self-employed, was reported by the U. S. Census at \$4,436 in this county.

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Conference Successful — Now back in Edenton, Supt. F. L. Britt, left, and director of Project SEED, Pat Harrell, look over some of their notes from the two and one-half day conference held in Elizabeth City on leadership management in schools. Both agree that the conference was a high level success. The next step is to travel to Hamilton, N. Y., for additional information.

SEED Project Is Called Successful

By Patricia M. Arnold

Supt. F. L. Britt and Pat Harrell, director of Project SEED in Region R, stated the two and one-half day seminar was a high level success with a majority of participants leaving Elizabeth City with a better understanding of the project.

Educators from Northeastern North Carolina met in Elizabeth City last week to hear management consultants discuss planning control, development of management teams, standards of performance and management by objectives in the school system.

Consultants were James F. Kingsley, president of Educn Publishing Company, Dr. James J. Cribbin from St. John's University; William J. Burke, president of the William J. Burke Association, and Allen K. Heydrick, president of Al Heydrick Association. All of them were from New York.



New Position—Mrs. Jacqueline Ricks, left newly appointed supervisor for the Program on Aging, talks with Mrs. M. B. Taylor, who was a delegate to the recent White House Conference on Aging in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Taylor is home economic extension agent for Perquimans County. (See story on Page 4).

Harrell stated the long range goal of the project is to compile a written comprehensive education plan. He also remarked the overall concept is to determine where we are, where we want to go, and how to get there in our education plan.

Management Leadership Development was the chosen topic for Project SEED (State Experimentation in Educational Development), a \$32,000 project supported by the state.

Harrell stated the purpose of the Elizabeth City briefing was to assist personnel, board members and commissioners to reaffirm, modify or acquire a clear, crisp concept of the leadership principles and practices and to think about the effective exercise of leadership.

On March 19 the leadership teams from Edenton-Chowan Schools and the Pasquotank-Elizabeth City Schoc's will travel to Hamilton, N. Y., for a five-day planning session on development of a planning base and to work on developing comprehensive educational plans.

The two school teams going to New York were selected by the Region R Superintendents. Though all schools cannot go to New York, Harrell states they will be involved completely in the two-year project.

Attending the seminar in Elizabeth City from the local school system were Supt. Britt, Harrell, Cecil Fry, Elizabeth Byrd, Jean Tomlison, Mary Horton, Barbara Hunnicutt, John Guard, Jim Kinion, Kenneth Stalls, Gilliam Underwood, W. H. Creecy, Ralph Cole, Eugene Jordan, Morris Small, Dr. J. H. Horton, Dr. Edward Bond and Thomas Paul Griffin.

Project Chosen

The Albemarle Health Planning Council will hire a health planner and as its first project will emphasize family planning in the 10 county area.

Thomas M. Surratt, council chairman, announced that the N. C. Comprehensive Health Program has approved a grant of \$24,000 for a health planner. In addition small supplemental grants are to be made by Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the Albemarle Mental Health Center.

The program is funded for 17 months. Surratt said, "we hope to hire a health planner by the end of January." The position requires a master's degree in the field of health.

The planner will analyze the area's health problems, review the available resources in the health field and prepare a written health program.

The council has adopted as its initial undertaking the family planning program. Surratt said, "recent statistics show the greatest number of births occurring in middle income families."

Named to the family planning task force are Howard Campbell, Bill Miller, Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Pat Harrell, Charles Franklin, Roy L. Lowe, Floyd Spellman, Dr. William A. Peters, L. F. Amburn, Jr., Mrs. Jean Lassiter, Mrs. Marshall Jordan, Jr., Mrs. Willie Harvey, Abrom Saunders, Mrs. Marion Walston, and Charlie Shaw.

The health council was organized in October and is sponsored by the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission.



New Building and Site — Pert Laboratories, Inc., have moved into their new home in Industrial Park. The old building formerly occupied by Pert Lab is being used as a sample preparation laboratory. The new building has three labs, office space, and room for expansion.

of the lab is research, develop, consult and trouble-shoot for peanut manufacturers all over the country to find new and better uses for peanuts.

Examples of work done in the Edenton plant, according to Baxley, include testing to insure wholesome and edible quality in peanuts, develop new formulas and uses of peanuts, solving problems about shelf life of product by checking the company's procedures and tracking the problem down and make recommendations on how to solve the problem, and making improvements on products already on market.

Pert Labs researched and developed the process of taking the flavor out of a peanut and adding another flavor. Simulated walnuts and pecans make the two products less expensive and more readily available on the market.

Pert Labs has licensed the process of simulated nuts to Flavored Nuts, Inc., in Tyrone, Pa., and the product is now on the market and has been available in Edenton.

Pert Labs has moved to a new location. Continued on Page 4