

Public Parade

EDA Designation Helpful

Recently Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District announced that Chowan County had become eligible for federal financial assistance to plan and carry out projects which will stimulate long-range economic growth and create new jobs. The designation of Chowan as a redevelopment area by the Economic Development Administration of the U. S. Department of Commerce carries many benefits.

Twenty-five areas in eight states were so designated. And it prompted Robert A. Podesta, assistant Secretary of Commerce for economic development, to say: "The areas were declared eligible to participate in the development programs of EDA as part of President Nixon's pledge to help communities stimulate new uses of resources and thereby assist private enterprise to expand and create new jobs."

The designation followed the preparation of an Overall Economic Development Program, an inventory of community assets and needs, by Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission. The OEDP helps set priorities for projects needed to stimulate orderly economic growth.

Redevelopment areas are eligible for the full range of EDA benefits under the Public Works and Economic Development Act. These include:

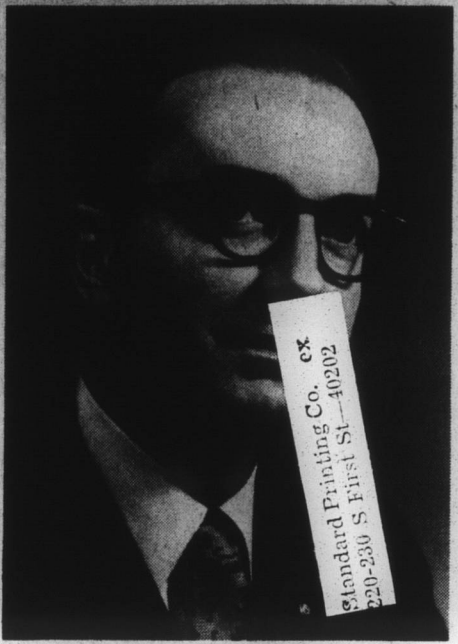
—Grants and loans to help build public facilities essential to long-range economic growth.

—Loans to help private industry expand and create new job opportunities.

—Planning and technical assistance to help solve problems blocking growth.

—EDA public works loans are repayable in 40 years at a current annual interest rate of 5 1/2 per cent. Business loans are repayable in 25 years at an annual interest rate of 6 per cent.

The designation of Chowan County as a redevelopment area is another step toward new jobs and increased income for the residents of the county.



Jesse Helms

Helms To Speak Here On Saturday

Jesse Helms of Raleigh, Republican nominee for the U. S. Senate, will test the waters in Northeastern North Carolina Saturday. He will attend a dutch luncheon at Edenton Restaurant.

Joe Hollowell, coordinator of a Chowan County "Citizens for Helms" committee, said the luncheon will begin at 12:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend, meet and hear the candidate.

It was recently announced that the Chowan committee would be composed of Hollowell, Byron Kehaves, Dr. David Wright, Rev. Paul Hawkins, W. A. Whichard and T. B. H. Wood.

Helms has said he was "extremely proud of these distinguished citizens who have agreed to lead my campaign in Chowan County."

"This kind of bipartisan support by prominent leaders of the community will give our campaign a big boost throughout the area," he said.

Hollowell, meanwhile, said he was confident that recruiting the necessary number of workers would present no difficulty.

"We expect thousands of Chowan County citizens to give Jesse active support because of his integrity and common sense approach to government," Hollowell said. "President Nixon has said he needs Jesse Helms in the U. S. Senate, and we expect the Nixon-Helms ticket to carry Chowan County by a large margin."

FCAI Is Caught

The interim report of a Chowan River water quality study confirms what many have known for months—the river is heavily polluted and is undergoing eutrophication. Also, the river may continue to experience massive and, perhaps nuisance algal blooms for some years to come.

Presented at a public meeting in Winton last Thursday afternoon, the report noted that while the Chowan is the first North Carolina river to show the beginning of a state of eutrophication, it probably will not be the last.

The first recommendation in the report was that the discharge of large amounts of nutrients from Farmers Chemical Association, Inc., at Tunis, not be allowed to recur.

It was reported, however, that untreated waste water from the complex was flowing, via a ditch, into the river Thursday night. A. C. Turnage Jr., of Greenville, regional engineer with the state air and water quality division, was dispatched to the scene and witnessed the dumping at about noon Friday.

State water quality experts then requested the state attorney general's office to take legal action against the fertilizer factory, because it was claimed that the waste water was being dumped in violation of a state permit. Donald Valverde of Harrison, Tenn., FCAI president, said the incident resulted from extremely heavy rains.

Once again nature had taken its course and once again FCAI and state officials were to meet Wednesday "in an effort to set a procedure to separate waste water and rain water runoff streams and to provide a proper method of disposal."

This quote is from Ed Bingham, a director at FCAI's home office.

The meeting was planned at a time when the attorney general's office was trying to decide the proper location for filing a suit against the fertilizer manufacturer. At first it was believed the suit would be filed in Chowan

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Lions Support Help For Blind Couple

Members of Edenton Lions Club have agreed to underwrite furnishing an apartment in the local low-rent public housing project for a blind couple. The blind program is a major part of Eism.

E. L. Hollowell, who presented the project to the club Monday night, said at least \$250 will be obtained from individual members. Also, he said Edenton Baptist Church had agreed to contribute \$75 to the fund.

New Careers Project Junked

New Careers, a major program of Economic Improvement Council, Inc., will terminate October 31, according to Wilbur Pierce, EIC executive director. This is the date the contract between EIC and the U. S. Department of Labor expires.

While the USDL said the nine New Careers programs in North Carolina

can no longer be funded, Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District told The Chowan Herald he has been assured, "broadly speaking", the students or administrative employees would not be affected.

Rep. Jones said he was informed that the USDL can no longer fund community action groups but that "a similar

program will be provided under some reorganized state agency yet to be determined."

Therefore, he said, in the broadest concept the idea of the New Careers program will be continued, but under a different administrative process.

The EIC budget for New Careers is nearly \$200,000.

The program in the 10-county Albemarle Area has been highly successful, according to public agencies that have participated. The first director was Rev. H. L. Mitchell of Gates County. When he retired last year Horace Reid of Perquimans County became director.

Pierce pointed out that the termination of the contract might be illegal since the trainees are involved in a two-year work/training agreement with agencies and institutions throughout Region "R". The agencies and institutions affected are: Extension service, health departments, College of The Albemarle, local housing authorities, Elizabeth City State University, public school systems, municipalities, and Chowan Hospital.

"This program has provided training and permanent employment for approximately 156 men and women within the Albemarle Area since its beginning in 1968," Pierce stated.

Wesley B. Cullipher, executive director of Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, wrote the congressman that "as the Lead Regional Organization for the 10 counties of Region 'R' we are appalled to receive word that the New Careers Program" was being discontinued.

Cullipher said the commission deplores the situation in view of the already severely poor economic circumstances of this region.

At press time ARPDPC was attempting to determine from James A. Lowe, associate regional manpower administrator with USDL in Atlanta, Ga., the future of those participating in the New Careers Program in this state, especially in Region "R".

In a letter to Pierce, dated September 28, Lowe wrote:

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Chamber Report

During two weeks of solicitation, volunteers have obtained \$9,000 in memberships to the Edenton Chamber of Commerce. This is one-half the budget for this year.

Richard D. Dixon, Jr., membership chairman, has encouraged all team captains to check with their individual workers and asks that firms be contacted immediately so the drive can be completed during the month of October.

Lewis Takes Area Health Position

James E. Lewis of Rocky Mount has assumed the position of programs administrator for the Human Resources Development System which operates in the 10-county Albemarle Area.

His appointment to the new position was announced this week by Howard Campbell of Elizabeth City, HRDS chairman. He said Lewis will operate out of an office at Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission on East Queen Street.

Prior to accepting the area post, Lewis was administrator for two years of the Edgecombe-Nash Mental Health Center. From 1963 through 1970 he was comptroller of the West Virginia Department of Mental Health.

Campbell said the area is fortunate to have been able to employ Lewis, who he described as very well qualified for the position. He said the administrator's basic duties will be to coordinate programs that are now in the mill

as those being proposed.

While at Edgecombe-Nash Mental Health Center, Lewis assisted in writing the construction project and federal staffing grant. The clinic was completed in Tarboro on September 1. The center's budget increased from \$89,000 to \$337,000 in two years and the clinical staff increased from eight to 45 during the same period.

Lewis started the first day care center for retarded in Nash County.

In West Virginia, his home state, he devised and installed a cost accounting system for six mental hospitals to comply with Medicaid and Medicare standards. He was responsible for a \$22-million budget and assisted and wrote 11 different program grants which were implemented.

Lewis is married and the father of five children. He plans to move his family to Cape Colony within the next few weeks.



New Staff Member — Howard Campbell of Elizabeth City, left, District Health Department administrator and chairman of the Human Resources Development System in the 10-county Albemarle Area, is shown with James E. Lewis of Rocky Mount who has been named programs administrator for HRDS. Lewis will maintain his office in Edenton with Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission on East Queen Street.

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Edenton Symposium Appears Popular

Edentonians celebrated the 250th anniversary of their town charter in June. Now the Edenton Historical Commission invites interested persons to gather here to take a firsthand look at the past by attending its first Edenton Symposium October 23-25.

To coincide with the symposium, the commission will hold its annual meeting at Edenton Restaurant at 12:30 P. M., October 23. Reservations should be made with Mrs. Lena M. Leary, secretary, at Chowan County Courthouse by October 16.

Registration for the symposium begins at 1 P. M., October 23 at the Barker House Visitor Center-Museum. The symposium ends with a banquet at Chowan Golf & Country Club at 7 P. M. on October 25.

All commission members are invited to attend a reception at the courthouse at 7:30 P. M., on October 23.

The purpose of this symposium is to use the Town of Edenton as a laboratory where the physical remains of the past may be studied.

Edenton is one of the few early Southern towns where the residential and business areas have never shifted from the center of the town. It is a place where the overall scale of building and the way of life have not been interrupted by modern development. The town plan is essentially unchanged since it was enlarged 250 years ago, when the town was chartered. Along the tree-lined streets stands an amazing concentration of fine buildings from three centuries.

Speakers on the three-day program

Rap House Asked

Approximately 250 youth as well as adults turned out at the Courthouse Green Sunday for a rally to promote a proposed "rap house" to be initiated as a community service for youth and other interested individuals in Edenton and the surrounding area.

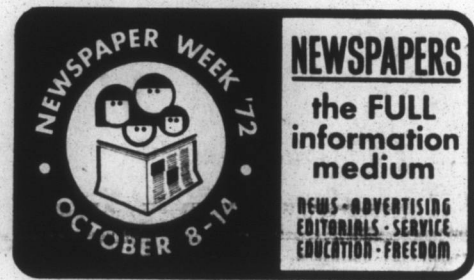
As stated by Mrs. Barbara Wood, now working actively in the effort, "What we were trying for Sunday was youth involvement. We need to get it together."

This project is planned to give youth a place to enjoy music, games, and other forms of recreation. The theory is to get good people off the streets and out of danger of getting in trouble. Included in the program would be a paid adult supervisor approved by both the youth and adults.

It was emphasized that this house would not be open to those with alcoholic or drug problems, and no effort would be made to counsel those involved in that caliber of activities.

"The house would be open to parents

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Many Weeks In One

This could probably be best determined as "The Week That Is" along the Public Parade and throughout the nation. As the art work above indicates, it is National Newspaper Week.

But, also, it is Nurses Week, Fire Prevention Week, and yes, School Lunch Week.

L. C. Bunch, H. Fahey Byrum and Joe A. Webb, Jr., officers of the Chowan Unit, Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District, were quite complimentary in a resolution handed us this week. While we do try hard we are not sure we measure up to all their "whereases," which follow:

WHEREAS, the free flow of public information is vital both to the people and to the objectives of the Chowan Unit of Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District; and,

WHEREAS, The Chowan Herald has played an important role during 1972 in the dissemination of such information; and,

WHEREAS, National Newspaper Week for 1972 is being observed in the U. S., October 6-14, with the theme: "Newspaper: The Full Information Medium."

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the undersigned Board of Supervisors of the Chowan Unit of the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District unanimously commend The Chowan Herald for its continuing efforts in informing the public on conservation and environmental quality, to assist in making wise decisions on our natural resources.

The story of Fire Prevention Week was handed to us by Kermit Layton, Jr., executive director of Albemarle Firemen's Association. It is quite interesting and we pass it along as it came to us:

On a warm Sunday evening of October, 1871, a thoughtless, careless act sparked a fire at a modest city home. It seemed small and easy to control.

But it wasn't.

Thirty hours later 2,100 acres of Chicago was a blackened, smoldering waste. More than 200 of its citizens had perished, 100,000 were homeless, almost 17,500 buildings were in ruins.

Direct losses were \$168-million, the indirect costs incalculable.

To mark the Chicago conflagration, Fire Prevention Week is observed annually during the week containing October 9, its anniversary date. Fire Prevention

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