

Cape Colony Water Plan Aired

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A division of the water system at Cape Colony was described here Wednesday morning as a "regrettable alternative" to an "manageable problem which exists."

At a hearing before the State Utilities Commission, G. Allie Moore of Wilmington, head of Aqua Company, said he had been unsuccessful in numerous attempts to purchase Coastal Water Company, owned by Lawson Lester of Martinsville, Va.

Coastal Water owns the production facilities at the old military base and Aqua owns the distribution system. The system serves Cape Colony, Country Club Drive and an Industrial Park.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, testified that in his opinion Town Council was virorously oppose the division, which would provide water for residential customers only. He said the town has a vital interest in the property and would oppose abandonment of the industrial sites.

Gardner said he had heard about the Alternative only Wednesday morning.

"We want to see the system operated in its entirety," he said.

Commission member Hugh Wells asked the administrator if the town had considered annexing the area, located some five miles from Edenton. The witness responded by saying it would not be financially feasible.

An objection to the alternative presented by Moore also came from W. P. Jones, the second witness called. Jones, chairman of the Industrial Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, a

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C. Thomas Peele

Peele Named Bank Manager

ROCKY MOUNT—People's Bank and Trust Company last week announced the appointment of C. Thomas Peele as assistant vice president and manager of the Norlina office.

The appointment was made during the meeting of the board of directors of Peoples Bank on December 20 in Rocky Mount.

A native of Chowan County, Mr. Peele is a 1965 graduate of Chowan High School and attended the College of the Albemarle. He was previously associated with Grinnell Company, Franklin, Va., and Weyerhaeuser Corporation.

He joined Peoples Bank in 1968 in the bookkeeping and teller line in Edenton. He was transferred to consumer credit as a field representative for sixteen months and 1971 was named assistant cashier, where he served until his recent promotion.

A member of the Masons, Peele is past treasurer and director of the Edenton Jaycees. He served in the National Guard and was discharged in 1972 as a Sergeant E5. He is married to the former Jackie Boyce.

Report Good

In the first 11 months of 1972, the sale of Series E and H Savings Bonds in Chowan County climbed to \$134,863. This represents 146.9 per cent of the county's goal of \$91,776, according to R. Graham White, county volunteer chairman.

White reported sales in November at \$13,660.

In the state, sales in November reached \$8.3-million, almost \$2-million above the same month in 1971. The sales were the highest for any month since January, 1947, and the largest November sales since 1945.

January-November sales were \$79,644,916—the best since 1945, and 111.1 per cent of the state's 1972 annual dollar goal of \$71.7-million.

Charlotte Poet Is Coming To Swain School

Thirty-one native Tar Heel poets have started visiting North Carolina schools as part of this year's "Poetry in The Schools" program, sponsored by the State Department of Public Instruction.

Mrs. Julie G. Suk of Charlotte will visit Ernest A. Swain Elementary School in Edenton January 15-19.

"The basic idea of the program," according to Jim Hall, cultural arts director for the Department of Public Instruction, "is to get the poets into the classroom working with students to help them understand and appreciate poetry and to get a feel for writing it."

At Swain, Mrs. Suk will work with 130 students from language arts classes on the fifth and sixth grade levels. Participating teachers are Mrs. Frances Wilkins, Mrs. Betty Bisette, Mrs. Susan Collins and Mrs. Lillian Roberts. Mrs. Wilkins is in charge of the program locally.



Mrs. Julie G. Suk

A poem written by each student will be selected for competition for participation in a book, "Poetry in The Schools", printed each year. At least one poem by a Swain student will be included in the



MAN AND MAN'S BEST FRIEND—Roy Leary and "Deacon" enjoyed a brisk romp and a little nostalgia in the cooling December air on Water Street, Friday evening. As the duo passed by on the street Mr. Leary shouted a hearty good-bye and commented, "Gee, the year sure did pass by fast." (Surratt Photo)

1972: Year Of Progress Across Chowan

By FLYNN SURRATT

In Northeastern North Carolina it seems that the first word in the dictionary is not aardvark. It is progress. The events that shaped this community in 1972 were geared around this word, and there is no single catchy phrase that can sum it up any better.

And it was for two and a half centuries of progress that the people of Edenton celebrated this past June. Eight days of events and three days of preliminaries marked Edenton's 250 years as an incorporated town.

Headed by Alton G. Elmore, the Anniversary Steering Committee began about eight months prior to the event setting tentative plans and organizing the week of revelry. In April, the "facial filaments" began to appear. Clean shaven faces gave away to five o'clock shadows. Commemorative pins, ashtrays, glasses, and coins were in the making. By June, the finishing touches were applied and the lengthy schedule of events was finalized.

Preliminaries included the beard judging contest, an aerobatics and skydiving show, the window judging contest, and the three-day sidewalk sale. The Chowan Herald featured an 88 page Two-Five-0 edition which traced Edenton's heritage and progress through the years.

During the week of the official happenings there were banquets featuring Gov. Bob Scott, Rep. Walter B. Jones, and Donald S. Cape, senior counselor of the

British embassy in Washington, D. C. The Edenton Colonials and the Colerain Trappers took to the diamond for the Old Timers Baseball Game, the Patriots Drum and Bugle Corps headed the big Two-Five-0 parade, there was an antique show and sale at the National Guard Armory, and there was dancing in the streets.

To close the week, Mrs. Lloyd Owens prepared a 150 pound birthday cake for the Edenton Tea Party.

The Two-Five-0 was unique

because it was planned and initiated by local people instead of professionals. This was in keeping with Edenton's attitude of independence and progress through hard work.

The past year was filled with many other events. A capsule of some of the headliners follows:

January—Vice President Spiro Agnew informed Eastern North Carolina that emergency funds to offset crop losses caused by Hurricane Ginger were not available. A committee chaired by West W. Byrum was appointed to

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Squad Personnel To Train

The Continuing Education Department of College of The Albemarle announces that a 24-hour Ambulance Attendants Training Course (E-03) will be held at the Rocky Hock Volunteer Rescue Building in Chowan County. It will meet Tuesday and Thursday beginning January 9 and ending February 1 from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M.

This course is designed to develop understanding of and appreciation for the role of the ambulance attendant in the care and transportation of the sick and injured. Classroom discussions include principles related to administering emergency aid to victims in selected situations, to safe transportation of the sick and injured, and to safe operation of the ambulance. Student

experiences include supervised practice in applying splints, in using resuscitation techniques, in applying dressing, and in positioning and transporting victims with a variety of conditions.

All rescue squads are invited to participate. The course is sanctioned by the N. C. State Board of Health and is necessary for certification of ambulance attendants.

Instructors include Bill Royals, Mrs. Virginia Bunch, Dr. L. P. Williams, Sr., Dr. Richard Hardin and Dr. Bernie B. Baker.

In addition, Ambulance Attendant Training (E-04) will be presented February 5 and 6 at the Perquimans County Agriculture Auditorium in Hertford, from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. All rescue squads are invited to participate.

This course is used to upgrade rescue squads who have already had E-03 training. The course will focus on emergency procedures for external cardiac compression and treatment of burns. Instructor for this six-hour course will be Dr. William F. Crutchley.

For further information call the Continuing Education Department at the College of the Albemarle, 335-0821, extension 233.

Godley Jailed

Louis Godley, 40, was given an active prison sentence in Chowan County District Court Tuesday after being charged with trespass. He was sentenced to six months.

Judge Fentress Horner of Elizabeth City, presiding, also sentenced the defendant to 30 days for carrying a concealed weapon. He was given an additional six months, to run concurrently with the other sentences, on a charge of public drunkenness.

Godley was ordered to make restitution and pay costs of court on a fourth charge—forgery.

In other cases called, the jurist took the following action:

Carrie Louise Jackson, drunk driving, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$125 fine and costs.

Thomas Earl Gregory, speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

Oscar J. Bunch, non-support, 18 months, suspended upon payment of costs and \$25 per week for support of his children.

William Ike Davis was granted a divorce from Jo Anne Morgan Davis. The action was not contested.

Money To Be Meeting Topic

The Finance Committee of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has planned a meeting with the Chowan County commissioners tonight (Thursday) in the courthouse. They are expected to discuss funds to meet current operational costs as well as discuss revenue sharing funds to be used in long range planning and capital improvements.

The announcement of the

meeting was made at the regular session of board of education Tuesday night.

Supt. Edwin West stated that the schools are in need of approximately \$30,000 to meet operational costs for this year.

Changing the priorities of the public was cited as the goal in making funds more available for the educational system. Dr. West said, "The biggest influence on the breakdown of funds is the priorities of the public."

He went on to say, "If our children are our most important commodity, then I think we ought to number our priorities that way."

The board voted unanimous approval to a school consolidation plan that would allow smooth changes without interrupting the yearly plan. The plan, drawn up on a rigid time schedule, will also be presented to the commissioners.

The Edenton-Chowan system is expecting a \$5,000 to \$8,000 federal grant from Impact Aid funds. To meet guidelines for receiving this grant, at least 3 per cent of the daily attendance of the schools must have a parent working in a federal office. Figures showed that the school system easily meets this criteria.

Beginning with the first Wednesday in February, the school system will have a weekly radio program on WCDJ. The programs will be planned and produced by Mrs. W. B. Gardner, reported Dr. West.

During the week, the poet will be with each class for one hour per day.

Mrs. Suk, a Mobile, Ala., native and the mother of three children, teaches poetry at Charlotte Nature Museum. She has been published extensively and won numerous poetry contests.

From November 13 through March 16, poets will visit the 60 participating schools. While there, the poet will work with both teacher and student in expanding their interest in poetry by relating their own experiences, reading their own poems, and helping the students get a feel for writing.

"We were convinced last year that this was one of the best opportunities ever offered the students of our state," says State School Superintendent Craig Phillips. "Hopefully, this year an even greater number of Tar Heel children will have an 'experience with poetry.'"

Public Parade

East Rediscovered?

A U. S. Senate office on a university campus? North Carolina's new Republican Sen. Jesse Helms is going to try it—on the campus of East Carolina University at Greenville.

Sen. Helms, in a joint announcement with ECU Chancellor Leo W. Jenkins, said that the office will be opened "within a very few weeks" in the new political science building at the university.

He will be the first U. S. Senator in many years to operate a public office in Eastern North Carolina. The office will receive inquiries and requests for assistance from citizens of the area.

Dr. Jenkins said that the university is contributing the space as a matter of public service. Both Jenkins and Helms said that the office could be highly useful also as a means of students becoming familiar with the functions of a U. S. Senator's office.

Sen. Helms described the move as an "experiment." If this one works out satisfactorily, he said, "we may wish to try the same thing on some other campuses. I can envision that there may be mutual benefit for all of us—the people who need help in contacting their Senator, the students at the university, and their teachers. In any event, it's worth a try, and it won't cost the taxpayers anything. I am grateful to Dr. Jenkins and to Bob Morgan (Attorney General Robert Morgan, who is also chairman of the ECU trustees) for working with us so willingly."

It may be only a coincidence but one must remember that ECU is the home base of Dr. John East, who ran unsuccessfully twice at the GOP opponent to Rep. Walter B. Jones. But whatever the purpose, one has to feel almost like the East (North Carolina, that is) is being rediscovered.

Looking Down The Road

With 1972 now ended, the thoughts of experts on farm matters begin to turn to the new year along the Public Parade and through the country.

During 1972, agriculture experienced many changes. Higher tobacco prices, demand for soybeans, the increase in grain sales and cattle and hog prices were some of the major factors on the plus side for farmers.

But bad weather which hampered the harvesting of many crops and prices equal to or below previous years offset some of the good points of the year. Ever-increasing production costs also took its toll.

Now, what can farmers expect for the next 12 months?

U. S. Department of Agriculture economists say the outlook for the first six months at least is for a continuation of the record-high level 1972 has produced. Cattle prices will go higher, they say, in early 1973. Hog prices will stay high for the first half of the year. However, with a report that farmers are farrowing 7 per cent more sows in the December-February period, marketings in the summer could pick up and lower hog prices somewhat. USDA economists even say such a trend toward increased production could put prices under considerable pressure late next year.

In food grains and wheat, it is expected that the Russians will buy \$1.2-billion in fiscal 1973 compared with only \$150-million in the previous year. Most of this will be in wheat (\$600-million) with feed grains making up close to \$400-million. Soybean purchases will come to about \$135-million. This buying reflects the Soviet crop failures and, also, the effort to improve the diets of their people.

Here at home, the consumer will

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