

Board Denies School Referendum

Consolidation Plans Will Not Be Halted

The Edenton-Chowan board of education will continue with their school consolidation plan schedule despite disapproval this week by the county commissioners of their

Public Parade

Feed Postponed

It is a rare occasion when the odor from pickled herrings in the fat spreads out over Edenton United Methodist Church on the first Saturday of the month. But it won't be present this week.

As do so many other groups, the Methodist Men are cooperating with the planners of next week's biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside. The pickled herring fanciers will have to wait until April 14 for their feast.

Building Boom

New construction along the Public Parade and throughout North Carolina is setting all sorts of records. The building boom is certainly a welcomed activity, although its proportions are yet uncertain.

However, those who have waited months for bricks to use in construction recognize most vividly the strain the building boom has placed on the brick industry.

According to Department of Commerce figures, the North Carolina brick industry in 1972 topped its all time brick shipment record year of 1971. Total 1972 brick shipments by manufacturers in the state were 1,233,826,000 brick equivalents, 15 per cent of the nation's total shipments of 8.4-billion brick.

1972 shipments by Tar Heel brick makers were up 12.4 per cent (135-million brick) over the previous record year of 1971.

That's a lot of brick, by anyone's standards.

Governor Softens

Gov. Jim Holshouser has endorsed the repeal of the state tax on soft drinks. He says the state's "fiscal picture has substantially improved" and there is no need for the \$40-million the tax will bring in during the next two years.

Hogwash! What has happened is the powerful, highly financed soft drink lobby has gotten to the Republican chief executive. And while he may have shamed Democrats into giving him the state election machinery, we hope he will not be successful in influencing their decision on the pop tax.

North Carolina is the good government state, sure. It has a good fiscal policy that requires a balanced budget. Nevertheless, the tax on luxury items like sodas and smokes is as sound as the sales tax.

But maybe Gov. Holshouser is playing a bit of political soft shoe with the General Assembly.

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CONSORTIUM LEADERS—Alton G. Elmore, left, has been named vice chairman of Alliance for Progress, Inc., a six-county consortium, while Dr. J. H. Horton has been named Chowan County representative on the board. They are shown with Bob Spivey of Bertie County, right, chairman; and Richard Baker, secretary.

request for a school bond referendum.

The education board agreed to this in session Monday night, confident the commissioners will have to reverse their decision "according to law".

In addition, the board re-elected Dr. Edwin L. West, Jr. as superintendent, and Cecil W. Fry as assistant superintendent, for four year terms.

The County Commissioners rejected the referendum request from the education group earlier in the day with Chairman C. A. Phillips casting the deciding ballot.

However, according to Law and Government, an Institute of Government publication, it was learned commissioners must approve such a request from the board of education. The North Carolina Supreme Court has ruled in this manner if the request is "properly presented."

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn made the motion to continue with school board plans and "do everything as if the Chowan County commissioners had approved our request" which, she added, "they are bound by law to do."

Chairman Eugene Jordan supported the move by pointing out the "need to get on with it (school plan) and we know they have to approve this." He urged the board to proceed with the plan until the "legalities" are ironed out. The vote was unanimous.

The school board's new school consolidation plan has a time table which would put the issue before the people in 1974. It points to a bond issue ranging from \$2.4-million down to \$1.5-millions depending on the method of financing. And, according to

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Concerts Set

The College of The Albemarle Choral will join members of the northeast and southwest divisions of the Albemarle Choral Society in a ninth annual series of spring concerts under the direction of Dr. Clifford Bair.

The concerts will be presented Sunday at 4 P.M. in the Edenton Baptist Church and on Monday at 8 P.M. in the College of The Albemarle Auditorium. Sharing the conducting honors will be John Allums, director of the societies southwest division.

The theme chosen for this year's concerts, "Four Ages of Music", will feature concerted works by the baroque composer Antonio Vivaldi, the classicist W. A. Mozart, the early romantic Carl Stamitz, and the contemporary composer Camil Van Hulse.

There will be no admission charge to the concerts, but a free will offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

County Consortium Formed

Six Northeastern North Carolina counties have formed an educational consortium to seek special discretionary funds or

services which are not channeled through the state.

Alliance for Progress, Inc., has been chartered by Bertie, Martin and Hertford counties in Region Q, and Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties in Region R. It has been determined through exhaustive studies that these six counties have corresponding educational problems, solutions to which are not being met through regular sources.

At a recent organizational meeting in Edenton, the board adopted a tentative budget of \$51,000 for the first year's operation. Of this amount \$29,000 in seed money is coming from the participating counties on a per pupil basis and a \$45,000 grant is being sought from Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem.

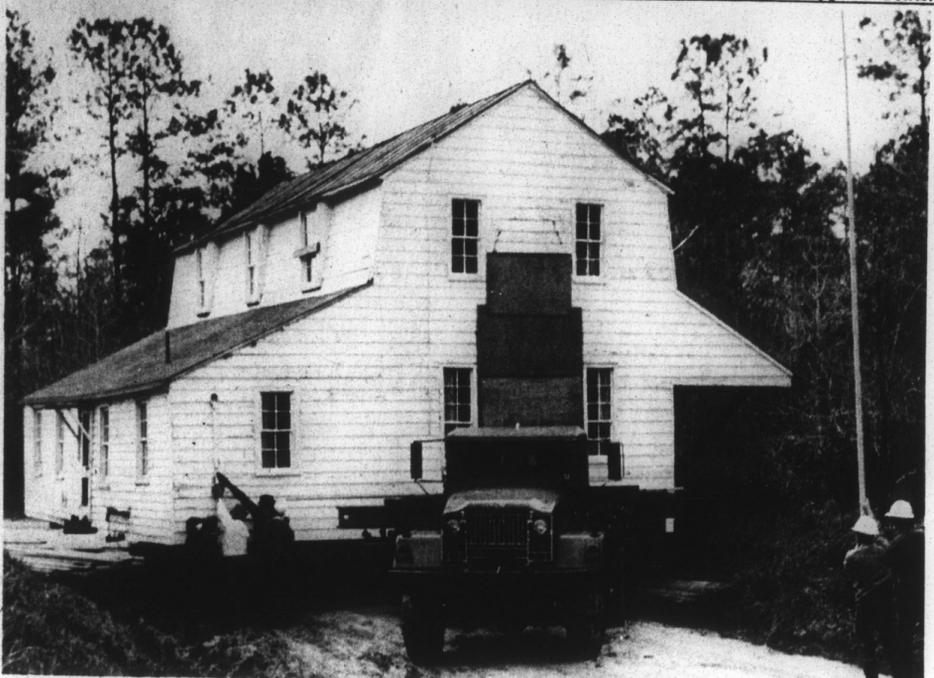
Earlier, Robert Spivey of Bertie County was elected chairman of the group and Alton G. Elmore of Edenton, vice chairman. Dr. J. H. Horton of Edenton is Chowan's representative on the board.

This is the only multi-county consortium in North Carolina

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SYCAMORE IN TRANSIT—A Chowan County landmark is getting a new location. Sycamore, a pre-Revolution house considered to be among the oldest in North Carolina, is being moved from its plantation site in Yeopim to Montpelier on Albemarle Sound. Dr. and Mrs. Richard N. Hines, Jr., have recently purchased the home which has the original floors, panelling and mantels still intact. The structure dates to 1660 and is being carefully moved by Worth H. Hare & Son of Edenton.

New Course Gets Funds

Approval has been received for training carpenters in the Edenton area under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962.

The course is scheduled to begin April 16 in Edenton. Referrals to the course will be made by the Employment Security Commission. Training is designed for unemployed and underemployed persons who cannot find suitable employment without further training.

There will be no cost for the course and a training allowance of \$40 per week plus \$5 for each dependent and 5 cents per mile to training facility will be paid to each trainee. Veterans can qualify for veterans allowances as well as MDTA training allowance.

The training program is designed to combat unemployment and alleviate personnel shortages in the carpentry trade.

Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager, employment security Commission, Edenton, said she feels this is one of the best opportunities ever made available to persons interested in working in the building trades who do not at present have the necessary training or experience.

Applications are now being accepted at the Employment Security Commission Office.

Livestock Show, Sale Is Set

The annual Chowan County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be held April 18 at the American Legion Fairgrounds. This year the show will be held at 4 P.M. and the sale at 7:30 o'clock.

Eight trophies will be awarded to 4-H and FFA members. The sponsors of the trophies are Peoples Bank and Trust Company, Mitchener's Pharmacy, Hollowell's Rexall Drug Store, Albemarle Motor Company, P & Q Supermarket, Bank of North Carolina, NA, Edenton Savings and Loan Association and George Chevrolet Company. The trophies will go to the exhibitors of top steers and top hogs. Also the winners of fitting and showmanship contest for steers and for hogs will be presented a trophy.

Having the show and sale after school hours will give all school boys and girls an opportunity to see the action of both events. All boys and girls and the general public are invited to attend the show and sale.

Businessmen interested in Chowan County boys and girls and the livestock industry bid the animals up above market prices.

The auctioneer for the sale will be Wallace Evans. The judge will be a member of Animal Husbandry Extension Service of N. C. State University.

The show and sale is sponsored by the Chowan and Ryland Ruritan clubs.



LIBRARY WEEK SET—Mrs. Louise Darby, second from right, is shown with officers of the Friends of the Library who are planning Library Week activities. Left to right are: Mrs. Patsy West, Mrs. Elaine Gibson, Mrs. Darby, librarian at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, and Mrs. Sally Blount.

'Safeguard' Program Is Begun Library Week

The hazards involved in handling, using and storing pesticides are currently being pointed out in Chowan County through a program known as "Safeguard". C. W. Overman, retired county extension chairman, is directing the program.

Pete Thompson, county

extension chairman, said Overman will work approximately 200 hours within the next few weeks, contacting dealers and farmers.

Overman said Tuesday the purpose of this program is to make dealers, farmers and anyone handling, using or storing pesticides aware of the hazards involved to the people and the environment.

The program is designed to stress the safe use of chemicals, safe handling, safe storage, and proper disposal of empty containers and unused pesticides.

He points out that such chemicals as Paraphion, Thimet, and DiSyton and many others are deadly poison. "They are often being regarded far too lightly by those who are and coming in contact with them," he said.

Also, Overman said many people discard containers by just throwing them in the edge of the woods with no thought of burying them and without punching sufficient holes in metal containers to render them useless.

"I'll be contacting dealers, other pesticide handlers and as many farmers as possible during the limited time, trying to impress upon them and them upon their neighbors the importance of pesticide safety," he noted.

"One must just respect the darn stuff," he concluded.

3-2 Vote Recorded On Issue

Chowan County commissioners Monday rejected a request from Edenton-Chowan Schools for a school bond referendum. It was a rare 3-2 vote with Chairman C. A. Phillips casting the deciding "no".

Commissioners David T. Bateman and C. M. Evans had voted against the request, after Commissioners Alton G. Elmore and N. J. George had made the necessary motion and second to get it before the board.

In seconding Elmore's motion, George had said he reserved the right to be opposed to the bond issue at a later date.

Bateman said he felt that a favorable vote would "imply endorsement" of the proposal to consolidate the two high schools and issue bonds to support the plan. "At the present time I have serious doubts of the county's ability to afford a project of this magnitude," he added.

George said since the school board had the obligation of running the schools they should be allowed to take their story to the people.

Earlier, Elmore had said there were a lot of questions to be asked and a lot of answers given before the proposed November, 1974, referendum. He added that he felt the commissioners were obligated to listen to their school board's reasoning and allow the people an opportunity to vote.

Phillips said he had some serious "misgivings" about the proposal and said commissioners must have it clear in their own minds how the project fits into the program of capital outlay of the

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Edenton residents will join millions of their fellow Americans in all 50 states in observance of National Library Week, April 14-18, it was announced today by Mrs. Patsy West, president of the Friends of the Library.

With the theme, "Widen Your World—Get Ahead, Read", this week provides special opportunities to emphasize the personal rewards in reading and increase interest in developing the reading resources that serve the community. In the belief that reading and libraries are truly means toward the full pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness lies the ultimate goal: to help develop an

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Registrations

Registration will be held Wednesday for children who will be in the First Grade in the 1973-74 term at Edenton-Chowan Schools. The child must be six years old on or before October 15 in order to register.

The registration will be at Walker and White Oak schools. Parents are asked to bring shot records and birth certificates when registering their child.

Walker parents are to report to the primary library while White Oak parents are to report to the principal's office.

It was pointed out that it is not required to bring the child to registration.