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Public Parade

On Being Tough

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has submitted a \$590,660 budget to Chowan County commissioners for fiscal 1973-74. Dr. Eddie West, superintendent, used one of his subordinates to illustrate the close to the belt approach taken in developing the budget proposal.

Pointing to Cecil W. Fry, assistant superintendent who has been put in charge of the school budget, Dr. West said: "He's so tight he wouldn't even give me a raise."

We would give Mr. Fry credit for having more foresight than this. At least he could have proposed it, knowing it would be among the first items deleted. Not suggesting a raise for your superior is being tough beyond the call of duty.

Delaying The Draw

News that Pasquotank County is growing tired of playing the role of "brother's keeper" will be welcomed news to many along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina. The best and quickest way for them to spread the responsibilities around is to quit being so quick on the draw with the checkbook and allow other counties to vie on equal terms for service centers in the Albemarle.

The latest whimper from the fat cats on the Pasquotank came Monday when they officially approved the expenditure of \$20,000 for construction of a speech and hearing diagnostic and rehabilitation unit next to the District Health Department in Elizabeth City.

This prompted one commissioner to complain that Pasquotank County has to come up with money to benefit 10 counties. "I'd like to see the other Albemarle counties play the role of brother's keeper," he is quoted as saying. "Pasquotank has done that long enough." Bologna!

To the casual reader this would immediately justify a stream of crocodile tears. But those knowledgeable of the preliminaries know Pasquotank was willing to spend \$20,000 just to keep this center from being

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County Hungry

Chowan is one of 29 North Carolina counties included in a list of "hunger counties" by the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs.

Also on the list are Pasquotank, Camden, Perquimans and Gates counties.

A "hunger county" was defined as one having more than 25 per cent of the population below poverty-level income and 33 per cent or more not benefiting from food programs such as food stamps.

The committee, in a report, "Hunger-1973", said that although the South has made substantial gains in the last five years in subduing hunger, North Carolina has made almost no progress in supplying food to its poor.

Wilken Leaving

The Roman Catholic Chancery Office at Raleigh announced this week the transfer of Fr. Robert L. Wilken from Edenton to St. Paul Church in New Bern.

Fr. Kenneth I. Parker of New Bern will be new pastor of St. Ann's in Edenton.

Official date of the change in pastors is May 18. Fr. Wilken has served as pastor of St. Ann's and St. Joan of Arc Church in Plymouth, for the past three years. He has been active in

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Town Seeking Aid To National Guard Armory

Edenton Town Council will seek the cooperation of Chowan County commissioners in the proposed erection of a new National Guard Armory near Edenton Municipal Airport.

After hearing a preliminary report from Town Administrator W. B. Gardner, Mayor George Alma Byrum asked the Finance Committee to "get the feeling of the county" prior to a special meeting of the council in the near future.

Gardner reported that an engineering officer of the N. C. National Guard visited Edenton on Wednesday of last week and indicated that a five-acre site where the old military administration building is located would be acceptable. It fronts on Base Road and backs up to the hanger building.

The administrator said the existing armory would revert to the town and could be used for recreational purposes as well as to house the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad and other operations.

Councilman W. H. Hollowell, Jr., said it is a good facility for the project and Gardner called for prompt consideration. He said he feels Edenton could be tops on the priority list after the present biennium.

In other action, council called for the following public hearings to be held at the June 12 meeting:

Petition to pave Granby Street;

Extend paving on Main Lane; Curb and guttering on North Granville Street; and Assessment of \$1.48 per foot on Oakdale drive.

Bill Ferris Washington presented an overview on the recently completed community appearance program and downtown improvement. His major recommendation was the establishment of the Community Appearance Commission.

Wendell Copeland and Bill Cozart, residents of Morris Circle opposed the use of a ditch through the area to drain Eden Heights.

Gardner reported that the town had been denied funds for a community planner during the next year to work with Edenton Planning Board.

Council approved entering into a lease with EdenPress, Inc., and Seabrook Blanching for a building at the old air base.

Grant Awarded

Chowan County is one of 79 North Carolina communities and counties that have been awarded a total of \$331,000 in federal grants for local planning, according to Tom Cassell, community services representative and C. A. Phillips, chairman Chowan County commissioners.

Chowan County will receive a \$4,400 grant, which will be matched by \$2,860 in local money.

The funds will be used to finance

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EIC Making Appeal For Funds

Economic Improvement Council, Inc., the anti-poverty agency functioning the 10-county Albemarle Area, is appealing to county boards of commissioners for funding. Chowan County's share of the EIC administrative budget has been placed at \$10,700.

In a letter to commissioners presented Monday, Wilbur G. Pierce said the over-all 10-county budget request for fiscal 1973-74 is \$96,200. He noted that this would include administrative and county offices with "a skeleton staff".

"This agency began in 1965 with a funding grant of \$25,000 for the 10-county Albemarle Area," the executive director wrote commissioners. "Today, this agency is funded at a level of \$1,680,000 annually."

as Head Start, Neighborhood Youth Corps, New Careers, Economic Resource Centers,

Recently the N. C. Association of County Commissioners opposed state funding. It was noted that the purposes of the legislation can be carried out through established agencies of local government.

"It is therefore, unnecessary to

create, continue, or perpetuate

public service corporations for

these purposes," it was noted.

"Local government can better

serve its citizens by integration

and reduction of existing agencies

in contrast with proliferation of

existing and new agencies."

Earl Jones, who heads the EIC

Economic Resource Center in

Edenton, said of the request for

local funding: "This is the only

way we can keep our program

going."

He received a compliment from

Commissioner N. J. George.

George said: "I think you folks are

doing a good job in this county. I

have seen more definite

advancement than where it was

started."

The request will be considered

when commissioners begin work

on the new budget.

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THOMAS M. SURRETT

Group Names Representative

Thomas M. Surratt, administrator of Chowan Hospital, has been named official representative of all health programs within the 10-county Albemarle Human Resources Development System. He is chairman of the Comprehensive Health Planning Council, of which the system is a spin-off.

Surratt's designation was announced recently at the quarterly meeting of AHRDS advisory council by Wesley B. Cullipher, executive director of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission.

At the meeting at Matamuskeet Lodge, W. A. Miller, director of the Hyde County Department of Social Services, was named chairman. He succeeds Howard B. Campbell of Elizabeth City, director of the District Health Department.

In addition to Miller, officers elected were: Wilbur G. Pierce, executive director, Economic Improvement Council, Inc., vice chairman; Cullipher, secretary; John Outten, hospital administration; public health administration, William Burgess; Surratt, Comprehensive Health Planning; Patricia Parker, education; and JoAnn Foreman, consumer.

Dr. Charles Franklin headed the nominating committee.

Jim Lewis, AHRDS administrator, stated that Dr. Leo Jenkins, chancellor of East Carolina University in Greenville, will be speaker at the next quarterly meeting, to be held in Elizabeth City.

Lewis also presented the recommended appointments to the budget, program, policy and by-laws and long range goals and planning committees.

The advisory council passed the following motion relating to the speech and hearing clinics being established: "The speech and hearing centers were designed to include the entire 10-county region and the centers should be operated, maintained, and be administered by the system and be the sole responsibility of the system."

Local School Budget Form Is Presented

By L. F. AMBURN, JR.

Dubbed "no nonsense, straight forward and realistic", the \$590,660 current expense and capital outlay budget of Edenton-Chowan Schools went to Chowan County commissioners Monday. Commissioners were quick to put a pencil on the increase, which amounts to more than \$140,000.

Dr. Eddie West, superintendent, also passed out a separate document which contained line item clarification and supporting data on the budget. Later he said he is in a position to defend all line items.

Dr. West specifically pointed out that the proposed budget contains \$47,378 for capital outlay. There was no capital outlay budgeted for this year.

Also, it was noted that some \$103,000 has been included for maintenance. "Take away maintenance and capital outlay and there is no big increase in the budget," he added.

Commissioner N. J. George, co-chairman of the board's finance committee, said one of the first things commissioners must do is "amicably settle the school

Aces Champs

The Edenton Aces, functioning without an adequate practice facility, continue to dominate track and field events in the Albemarle Conference. The thincards of John A. Holmes High School last week won their 17th consecutive conference crown.

The event was held in Jackson where Edenton edged Northampton 45-42 and set two meet marks. Edenton has yet to lose a conference track championship. The Aces had four first place finishes in the meet.

Bill Chesson ran the 880 in 2:03.5 and Percy Twine ran the 440 in 50.9 to establish conference marks. Ernest Brothers finished behind Chesson in the 880 run. Donald Hassell and Mike Fry finished first and second in the shotput. And despite a fall on the baton handoff, the Aces' mile relay team of Thomas Slade, Brothers, Chesson and Twine won in 3:36.6.

Athletic Director Marion Kirby coaches the track team along with a highly touted football program.

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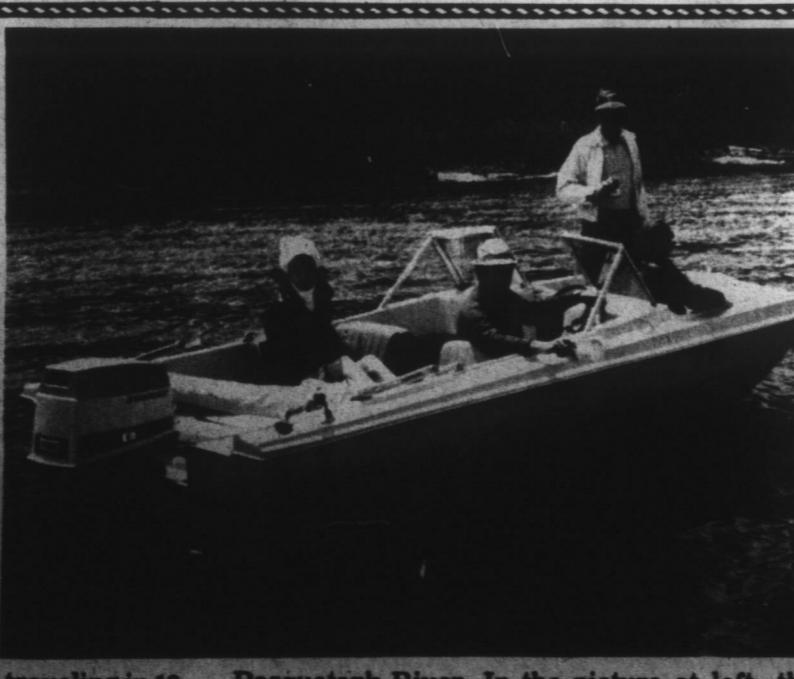
Local Employers Can Get Credit

Bond.

Called the "job development" tax credit, the new regulations are related to the Talmadge Amendments of the Social Security Act which requires all adults over 16 receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments to register for jobs at State Employment offices in order to continue to receive welfare benefits.

In North Carolina, the Department of Social Services determines which AFDC recipients are exempt from the program, then registers all non-exempt individuals and volunteers with local ESC offices.

Businessmen interested in hiring WIN participants should contact their local State Employment Office.



Pasquotank River. In the picture at left, the railroad draw in Albemarle Sound opens for two of the larger boats to pass. Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harrell and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elliott are shown during one of the calmer moments of the two-day trip. Dr.

WEEKEND EXCURSION—Eighty-one people, traveling in 18 boats of varying sizes, traveled in a group of Portsmouth, Va., on a weekend excursion. Nine of the boats left from Edenton at 6:30 A.M. Saturday and were joined by the others at the mouth of the

Landis Voigt beams approval of his new Fiberform boat while Mrs. Voigt and Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., study agenda. The trip was under the direction of J. Scott Harrell of Edenton Marina.