

Bloodmobile Visit Set Friday, 11-5, At Edenton Baptist Church



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Public Parade

Hard Work - Good Budgets

Tentative approval has been given operating budgets for the Town of Edenton and Chowan County for fiscal 1973-74. At a glance it appears that this is going to be a good period for the taxpayers and the students along the Public Parade.

For the taxpayer, there will be no tax increase by either governmental body.

For the students in Edenton-Chowan Schools, it will mean an enriched program and improved facilities.

The two governmental units here have budgeted \$661,105 in revenue sharing funds. This, in addition to surpluses created by exceptionally fine tax collections, frugality and increased valuation, will allow the units to operate with expanded programs and services without the necessity of a tax boost. Too, the town will realize nearly \$100,000—or about half the amount anticipated from taxes—from profits of the Electric & Water Department.

The town's \$273,671 take from revenue sharing is some \$63,000 more than is anticipated from the \$1.25 tax levy.

One cannot say enough about the new atmosphere which exists between the county commissioners and the board of education. The hatchet has been buried and both elected bodies are pulling in the same direction. Much credit for this must go to Dr. Eddie West, school superintendent, who is the creator of a new era in public education in this county.

The expressed fears about commissioners in Chowan being anti-public education must be dispelled by the confidence they have placed in the school board via approval of all but about \$12,000 of the requested budget. This places tremendous responsibility on the school board, administrators and faculty to measure up and continue to justify this type of confidence for a better program for all the students.

This is not, however, to say the schools turned out to be the darling of the commissioners. County employees received a pay increase and group hospitalization. There are many other areas in which improvements in programs and services are being made.

These budgets are the result of many, many hours of hard work by the commissioners, councilmen and those who work in positions of authority within the two units. The drafting of a budget is not a happy time. Along the Public Parade, though, property owners and others who stand to benefit from the labors of elected officials and their administrators can whistle a happy tune over the end results for 1973-74.

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NEW GARBAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM—Melvin Howell, David Bateman, Lester Simpson, Ellis Winslow and C. M. Evans, representing FHA and Chowan and Perquimans counties, discuss opening of the new landfill at Cisco. The picture below shows the "mother truck" being demonstrated.

New Disposal Plan Launched

The first multi-county solid waste disposal system in North Carolina became operational this week. The final piece of equipment and trash containers were delivered Monday to the Chowan-Perquimans landfill site at Cisco.

Forty containers will be scattered throughout each county and services on a regular schedule by a 30-cubic-yard "mother truck". Items not designed to be placed in the containers can be

hauled to the landfill by citizens of the area.

Opening of the landfill ends a 14-month planning and construction project by a committee composed of two commissioners from each county, the county extension chairmen, representatives of the District Health Department, and a Farmers Home Administration representative. Some \$110,000 has been spent for development of the project.

The two counties received a \$40,000 grant from FHA. Equal portions of the remaining \$70,000 was supplied by each county. The annual operation budget of the landfill is about \$40,000 again with each county paying one-half. The program will be administered by the District Health Department.

Elton Jordan of Tyner is in charge of the operation. Johnny Gosser is equipment operator and the third employee is Richard Lightfoot.

The success of the operation will probably depend on an educational program in each community conducted by the county extension, stated Alton G. Elmore, Chowan County commissioner. "We will depend on extension personnel to encourage community organizations to police their own areas to curb abuses," he noted.

Melvin Howell, FHA representative, said to his knowledge this is the first multi-county sanitary landfill operation in the state. "This is just one of a lot of areas Chowan and Perquimans need to be doing together," Howell said.

The Town of Edenton will also use the landfill at Cisco. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the town landfill off Highway 32 is now scheduled to be closed July 15.

Holiday Event

Perquimans County Horse and Pony Club has announced its annual July 4th show. The show will include entries in the classes of speed, halter, English and western pleasure, and roadster pony.

The event will be held two miles west of Hertford on Preston Nixon's farm beginning at 1:30 P.M.

Carolyn Fowler, publicity agent for the club stated that they would like to have 200 entries in the show.

There are no age limitations on participation and the entry fee ranges from \$1.50 to \$5.00 depending on the class.

The annual show is sponsored by various businesses throughout the Albemarle Area.

New Office Hours

RALEIGH — The Driver License Divisions, in accordance with the Department of Transportation, began their summer work schedule Monday. They are open from 8 A.M. til 5 P.M. Monday through Friday.

The Small Business Administration has informed Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District of the decision to establish a "Post-of-Duty Station" in Greenville.

The office will function under the jurisdiction of the Charlotte District office. It will be staffed on a fulltime basis and will provide service to the 33-county Coastal Plains area of North Carolina.

Rep. Jones said plans for the area station were announced by Louis F. Laun, associate SBA administrator for operations.

The congressman said he is confident the new office will be of great benefit to people in the 33-

SBA To Open Coastal Office

county area to be served, since prior contact with SBA had to be made through the Charlotte office.

SBA's action followed resolutions from Albemarle Area Development Association and Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission, requesting the location of an office in the 10-county Northeastern North Carolina area.

On May 1, Laun informed L. F. Amburn, Jr., and W. B. Gardner, heads of the respective organizations, that "present budgetary and personnel constraints do not give us a great deal of maneuverability in terms of establishing and staffing new offices."



PREPARE TO TASTE LOCAL PRODUCT—Jack Armstrong of Washington, D. C., an official of USDA's Farmers Cooperative Service, applies the knife to a barbecued pig after witnessing the semi-monthly feeder pig auction at Albemarle Cooperative Market. Others are: Dr. David Spruill of Raleigh, Roy Harrell of Edenton, Ray Williams of Washington, D. C., and Jack Parker of Edenton. (See Public Parade).

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