

## Public Parade

### Resting In Peace

As Gabriel Heater would say, "There is good news today." The Coastal Land Management Bill is about to be laid to rest.

In its original form it was totally unacceptable. In its watered down form it is totally unnecessary. So either way it can only be described as bad legislation and next Tuesday the Senate needs to apply the "clincher".

The coastal bill is aimed at controlling real estate development in environmentally fragile areas along the coast. It would also control most everything else in the realm of land use.

Coastal land management, save for the ECU Medical School issue, has been studied to death and while no new legislation is needed, the scare thrown into elected officials almost boggles the mind.

Chowan County has been moving forward on land use planning. So has Currituck and some of the others in the 22-county coastal region. At the same time the foot-draggers have been numerous. They know full well now that should they continue their do-nothing attitude someday they will be under state or federal control.

The study and debate over this measure has been beneficial. It should be remembered when the epitaph is written. "Resting in peace" might be fitting, but it is certainly not adequate.

### Tank Full Summer

Beautiful sunshine, warmer temperatures and shorter lines at the gas pumps, aided by reports of "the fish are plentiful" are encouraging signs along the Public Parade. With an abundance of water, recreation is an important industry which hasn't been exploited to the point of its greatest potential.

Those who regularly spread tales of gloom and doom would have led us to believe that the forthcoming season for water sports would be a disaster. There is every sign at this juncture that the pessimist should follow the ground hog into the hole.

The current energy crisis, which is expected to hang over this country for years to come, could be turned into an economic advantage for areas such as along the Public Parade. While there apparently won't be sufficient gasoline to encourage long trips hither and yon, there are millions of people who live within a tank full of the Albemarle Area.

Through an aggressive campaign many new faces could appear on the area scene. They could be assured of sufficient fuel to make the return trip, etc., if they decide to frolic herabouts.

There is also evidence that a boating will increase. We enjoy the best boating waters in several states, yet we haven't promoted it

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**NEW CAFETERIA BEGUN**—The initial phase of construction on the new D. F. Walker School Cafeteria has begun with staking out the grounds and digging foundation trenches. The \$216,000 facility will be located behind the gymnasium, adjacent to the elementary grade buildings. It replaces the lunchroom which was destroyed by fire last year.

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# Floating Lab Plan Is Lauded



**HAPPY ABOUT BARGE PROSPECTS**—Mrs. Nellie Sanders, president of the Bicentennial Barge Foundation, Inc., Keith Lamb, left, vice president of The Weyerhaeuser Company, and Dean Claude McKinney of the N. C. State University School of Design, appear pleased as they huddle following a recent meeting in Plymouth.

## Expansion Of Unit Asked

Cape Colony Haven, Inc., filed notice on March 1 of intent to incur a capital expenditure for the purpose of adding 32 beds to a 64-bed intermediate care facility approved for Edenton. The project is scheduled for completion in early 1975.

The project proposal has been submitted to the N. C. Department of Administration for review by planning agencies under provisions of the Social Security Amendments of 1972.

The planning agencies, in examining the proposal, will seek to determine whether the project is needed, if it can be adequately staffed and operated, whether it is economically feasible within prevailing rate structures, and if it proposes specific cost-containment features.

Copies of the proposal have been referred to the Facility Services Division of the N. C. Department of Human Resources for review, as required by federal law.

In its role as coordinator of state and regional planning, the N. C. Department of Administration, through its Division of State Planning, will receive the advice of the state and regional agencies about the conformity of the project to their standards and criteria.

## Price Boost

Effective April 1, 1974, the subscription rate for The Chowan Herald will be \$5.00 per year, plus 20-cents sales tax (\$5.20) in North Carolina and \$6.00 per year outside North Carolina.

The six-month rate is \$3.00 plus 12-cents sales tax in North Carolina and \$3.00 outside North Carolina.

This is the first increase in the subscription rate of this newspaper in several years and it is regrettable that it is necessary at this time. However, inflation has hit the newspaper industry as hard, if not harder, than any other industry. Postage rates continue to climb and we find it impossible to continue to absorb these increases.

The single copy price of the newspaper will remain at 10 cents.

Any subscription taken out or renewed prior to the effective date of the increase will be honored at the existing rate.

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**PLYMOUTH**—Development of a floating learning lab to call at 40 possible ports in Eastern North Carolina was discussed here Monday night at the original meeting of the board of the Bicentennial Barge Foundation, Inc. Mrs. Nellie Sanders, regional librarian, is foundation president.

At a dinner hosted by The Weyerhaeuser Company at Plymouth Country Club, board members and consultants from various agencies and departments expressed enthusiastic support for the project. It was hailed as one of the major cultural undertakings in recent history.

Mrs. Sanders said such a project is ideal because of good municipal docking facilities at ports as far inland as Roanoke Rapids. Also, she pointed out that a moveable facility would benefit more people and could last 20 years or more.

In a slide presentation prepared by Bailey Phelps, a Jamesville graphic artist, Mrs. Sanders quoted Mrs. Grace J. Rohrer, secretary of Cultural Resources, as saying: "The arts are a necessary part of our lives not just a frill."

Dean Claude McKinney of the N. C. State University School of Design was present for the presentation of preliminary schematic designs of a barge 40 feet wide and 200 feet long. It is estimated that \$500,000 will be needed to float the facility which would include space for a complete library, exhibits and live

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## Alliance Seeking Grant For Project

Leadership development in educational administration may receive a healthy shot in the arm with the possibility of grant money on the horizon for the six Alliance For Progress counties. This grant

for educational improvement should be obtained from the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr. Chuck Smith, head of the foundation, addressed informal remarks to educators and school

board members at the meeting of the Alliance, held Tuesday night at Edenton Restaurant.

Focusing his remarks on the theme of improved education through improved school administration, he stated that though the cost of education has risen, the quality of education has not improved proportionally. Better management and increased parental involvement in education matters were two points he stressed in making the educational process more effective.

He stated that school administrators and administrator-trainees, including principals and superintendents, need to be thoroughly versed in business and finance, as well as have a true understanding of their job as defined by the school boards.

Dr. Smith emphasized that this training is not the type which can be received exclusively in the university classroom. It must be derived through on the job training. Administrators need to be educated in effective use of budget money and applying this money so the maximum may be obtained from each dollar. In his remarks on this matter, he added that the per pupil money allotment is not necessarily as important as how it is used.

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# Tax Collections Show Increase

Gross sales and use tax collections in Chowan County increased 8.87 per cent last year, when compared to 1972, according to figures just released by the State Department of Revenue.

Sec. J. Howard Coble reports increased collections statewide averaged 13.92 per cent. All counties experienced an increase

in gross collections. The greatest increase, 32.29 per cent, occurred in Madison County and the lowest, 4.19 per cent, occurred in Person County.

In a report to Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr., the secretary wrote: "Caution should be used in analyzing this date and attempting to base definite business conclusions thereon because the sales volume of nontaxable items is not included, and county collections do not necessarily reflect county economy since trading areas do not always follow county lines."

The greatest increase, 15.26 per cent, occurred in the lumber and building materials group. Other percentage increases for the retail subgroups are: unclassified, 14.50 per cent; food, 13.87 per cent; 1 per cent and 2 per cent retail sales, 13.80 per cent; furniture, 12.47 per cent; general merchandise, 12.04 per cent; automotive, 10.12 per cent; apparel, 7.66 per cent.

In addition to Chowan, the percentage of increase for Albemarle Area counties include: Camden, 7.14; Currituck, 32.12; Dare, 22.15; Gates, 17.68; Hyde, 15.47; Pasquotank, 15.42; Perquimans, 17.03; Tyrrell, 8.82; and Washington, 14.28.

At the same time Sec. Coble released the net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales and use tax for February. Chowan's collections amounted to \$13,095.68.

Net collections in other area counties were:

Camden, \$2,260.03; Currituck, \$5,664.10; Dare, \$15,622.64; Gates, \$4,743.87; Pasquotank, \$48,529.33; Perquimans, \$7,551.20; Tyrrell, \$3,573.90; and Washington, \$17,651.74.

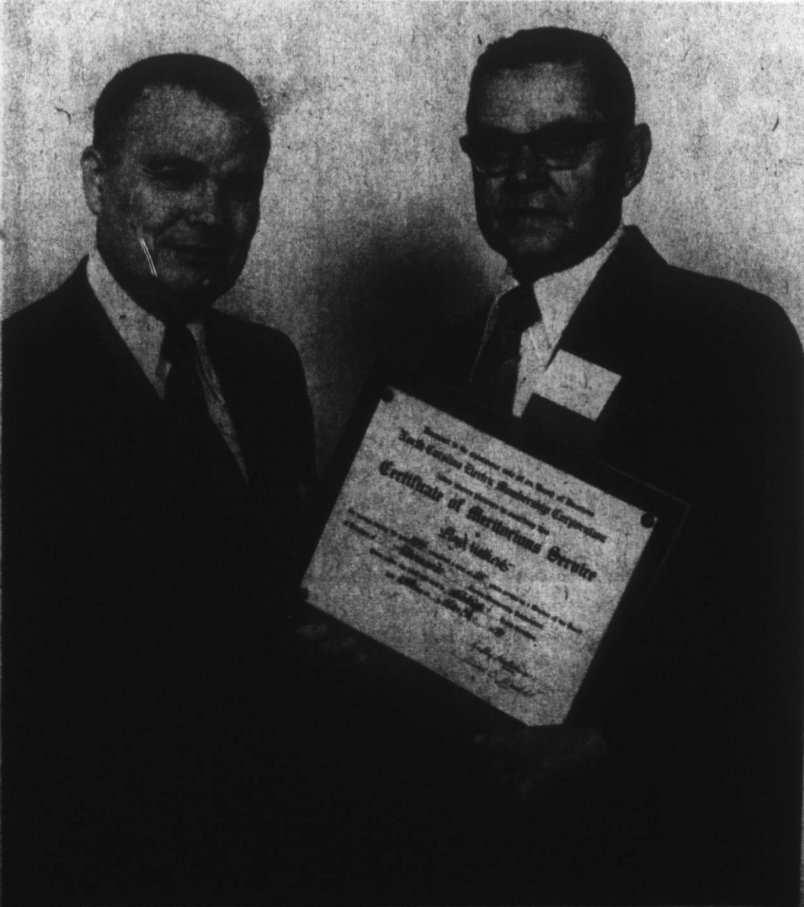
## Donors Sought For Heart Patient

Johnnie Owens, Jr., is to undergo open heart surgery at N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill on May 29. People who go to donate blood Friday when the Red Cross Bloodmobile visits Edenton are asked to donate in his name.

Credit will be given Johnnie for every pint of blood donated in his name and a special campaign is underway to obtain as much credit as possible prior to the surgery.

The bloodmobile will be at Edenton Baptist Church from 12 noon until 6 P.M. Gary Anderson, Jaycee volunteer chairman, said appointments are being made on two minute intervals in order to avoid lines.

Anyone who wishes to make an appointment to donate blood during this visit should call 482-4461.



**RECOGNIZED**—Kelly Hutchens, left, president of N. C. Electric Membership Corporation, presents a certificate for meritorious service in the rural electrification program to Floyd Matthews, who was honored for 25 years of service on the board of directors of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. The presentation was made during the annual meeting of the N. C. E.M.C., the state association for North Carolina electric cooperatives, in Raleigh.



**DISCUSS IMPROVED EDUCATION**—Dr. Chuck Smith, head of the Rockefeller Foundation, seated center, chats informally with educators at the Alliance For Progress meeting held Tuesday night at Edenton Restaurant. Speaking on methods of improving the quality of education, Dr. Smith cited leadership development as a key to such improvements. The Alliance is currently seeking a grant from the foundation for leadership training.