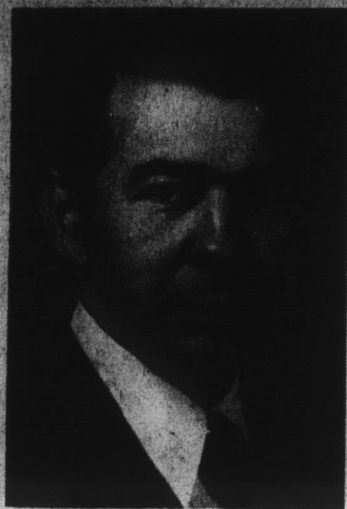
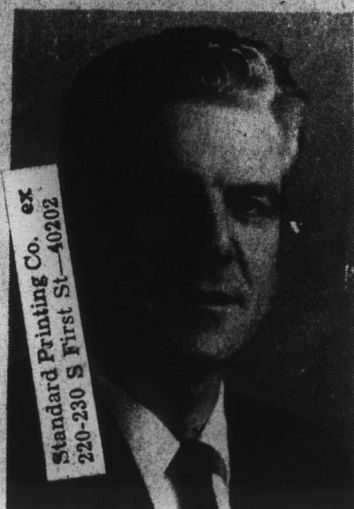


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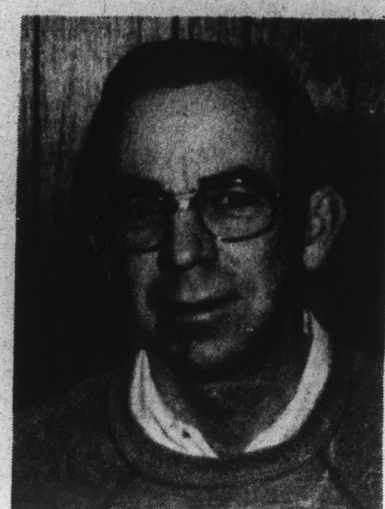
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## Bike-A-Thon

The bike-a-thon for Easter Seals was a big success along the Public Parade. It is apparent that 71 riders peddled 24 miles on a sunny Sunday afternoon to raise nearly \$2,500 for the project.

Now, there is some more riding to be done. It involves those participants who had sponsors. The money needs to be collected by Friday and turned over to Jack Harris at Bank of North Carolina.

Once all the money has been turned in then the winner of a new bicycle will be determined.

## Wise Investments

Chowan County is the leader in the Albemarle Area in the percentage of public money on investment. The result is equal to about 12½ cents on the county tax rate.

A report from the Local Government Commission shows that no other county in the area is doing as good a job of putting available money to work than is Chowan. Mrs. Pansy Elliott, finance director, is doing a good job of keeping up with the money market and making the investments where they will produce the greatest yield.

Interest earned between July 1, 1973 and April 25 amounted to \$38,597.23. Commissioner N. J. George figured this out to be 12½ cents on the current tax rate.

If there is a less painful way of keeping the taxes down we haven't run across it.

## Exit No. 3

Northeastern North Carolina's brightest star has once again lost a lot of sparkle. For the third time in as many years those along the Public Parade and elsewhere in the Albemarle are searching for a candidate to replace Phil Godwin of Gates.

Mr. Godwin this week returned to the fulltime practice of law in Gatesville, something he hasn't been allowed to do for many, many years. In an interview with his hometown paper, he said: "It's good to be home."

While he deserves to relax and do his law practice "justice", this area has lost an unequalled voice on the Tar Heel political scene. We are sure his latest decision, not to seek the attorney generalship should it become vacant, was as difficult to come by as two others.

One was following the 1971 General Assembly when he stepped down as Speaker of the House and decided not to run for Lieutenant governor. And the other was his exit from a State Senate race to consider the attorney general question.

There are those who will say he showed his hand in the latest decision by introducing the "right to life" measure in the Senate. The liberal press accused him for it and it probably would have had him come home, but we feel contrary to his hometown editor, he still has the ability and



DISCUSS EYE CLINIC—Dr. Marshall Redding, left, is pictured with W. H. Hollowell, Charles Morgan and Howard Campbell following his talk to Edenton Lions Club Monday night. Dr. Redding briefed members on the benefits of a mobile eye clinic.

## Better Eye Care Is Promoted

Many citizens throughout the Albemarle Area, children and adults alike, are not enjoying the beauty of their surroundings because they are unable to see properly. And, according to Dr. Marshall Redding of Elizabeth City, in a great majority of the cases something can be done about it.

Speaking to members of Edenton Lions Club Monday night, Dr. Redding said the mobile eye clinic coming into the area will provide an accessibility to the public which has not previously existed.

"This is a giant step for the area and a first for North Carolina," he told the sponsoring organization.

## Unit Approved

The Comprehensive Health Planning Section, Office of the Secretary of the N. C. Department of Human Resources, announced on April 29 approval of the proposal of Cape Colony Haven, Inc., to incur a capital expenditure for 32 bed expansion of intermediate care facility under development (total 96 beds) at Edenton.

Prior to approval, the project proposal was reviewed by the Division of Facility Services, N. C. Department of Human Resources. The decision to approve this project was in concurrence with the advice and recommendations of these agencies.

Review of the project was conducted under the authority of federal law on the basis of plans, criteria and standards adopted by the planning agencies involved. These standards are used to determine if a health facility project is needed, can be staffed, can be operated at a reasonable cost, and incorporates cost-saving features.

Coordination of state and regional planning, as it affects federal program requirement under Section 1122 of the Social Security Act, is by the Comprehensive Health Planning Section of the Department of Human Resources.

There is a unit operating in the far west but it is designed for testing only. "Your unit will provide facilities for treating the patient," he noted.

Causes of blindness are an area of concern and an area of major achievement has been in cataract cases. (He said 31 per cent of all blindness is caused by cataracts.)

"About 95 per cent of the cataract operations are safe and effective," Dr. Redding told his audience as he used a slide presentation to support his remarks. He told of an operation on an elderly woman who moved her out of a nursing home situation to become a self-sufficient citizen.

Another problem area pointed out by the speaker is children. He said pre-schoolers are not being seen properly. "One out of five have need for eye care," he declared. "And children with muscle problems need to be seen early."

Dr. Redding said there is a definite need to get to people who won't come to us in clinics and other settings. That is where the mobile unit will play an important role.

He noted that it costs North Carolina \$11.5-million annually to

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GREGORY-POOLE HEADQUARTERS—A temporary office and shop for the Gregory-Poole operation in the region is being readied at Edenton Municipal Airport. The maintenance operation is expected to employ more than 50 people when it is completed.

# Voting Reflects Pattern

Chowan County voters Tuesday re-elected two incumbents to local offices and generally voted the same patterns with other area counties in various races. Fewer than 2,000 of the nearly 5,000 registered voters went to the polls.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn lead the ticket as she outdistanced Mrs. Elizabeth Byrd, 1,249 to 656 for a six-year term on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Mrs. Amburn was elected to a four-year term in 1970.

Mrs. Byrd, the only Negro on the ballot, is a retired educator.

Mrs. Amburn carried every precinct in her bid for re-election.

N. J. George was re-elected to a four-year term on the board of commissioners. He defeated Woodrow Lowe, 969 to 881 for the First Township seat.

J. D. Peele of the Rocky Hock community defeated Melvin Byrum of Center Hill for the Second Township seat. C. M. Evans, the incumbent, did not seek re-election. Peele rolled up substantial margins in the two Edenton boxes.

Reps. Vernon James and W. Stanford White both carried Chowan County and the district in their bid for re-election. Orville Woodhouse placed third.

Solicitor Herbert Small of Elizabeth City had almost a 2-1 majority in Chowan in his bid for the Superior Court judgeship against District Court Judge Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck. Small won election in the district.

Grafton Beaman, young Elizabeth City lawyer, barely nosed out O. C. Abbott, another Pasquotank County attorney, in Chowan balloting, but Abbot

carried the district.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District upheld his reputation of being a popular vote-getter in Chowan County as he defeated Gene Leggett, 1,743 to 165.

Atty. Gen. Robert Morgan, who at press time was near the vote needed to win a clear majority for the U. S. Senate seat being vacated by Sam J. Ervin, Jr., was a big favorite of Chowan County voters. Nick Galifianakis was in second place and Henry Hall Wilson was a

poor third.

In judgeship races, it was apparent that Superior Court Judge James G. Exum, Jr., of Greensboro, had defeated Appeals Court Judge Fred Hedrick for a seat on the Supreme Court. Also, J. William Copeland of Murfreesboro has been nominated for another Supreme Court seat.

Judge Robert M. Martin has been nominated to the Court of Appeals and S. Pretlow Winborne has been nominated to an unexpired term on the appeals court.

## Sen.-Elect Daniels To Speak

State Sen.-Elect Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., of Elizabeth City, will be guest speaker for the spring dinner meeting of Albemarle Law & Order Association, to be held at Nags Head. The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 P.M., June 7 at

the Seafare Restaurant.

Robert L. Spivey, president of the 10-county association, said Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District is expected to be on hand to introduce speaker.

Daniels, an Elizabeth City bank executive, was unopposed for the First Senatorial District seat being vacated by Sen. Phil Godwin of Gates.



MELVIN R. DANIELS, JR.

## Reach Accord

Chowan County commissioners have agreed not to enter into a contract to purchase a site for the new courthouse and jail without first calling a public hearing.

Board members explained to a Downtown Committee Monday that to hold a hearing at this time would be premature. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., a spokesman for the committee, agreed after hearing a report on activity by a Site Committee of three commissioners.

Earnhardt said if a downtown site is selected the committee would not press for a public hearing. Later he said the committee supports a new courthouse and jail. "We are not formed to thwart a public project in the public interest," he said.

However, he added, he feels the public interest would not best be served by constructing the facilities outside the downtown area.

Byron Kehayes, another committee member, said a great deal of discussion has been centered around adequate parking. "Not everyone has a car," he told the commissioners. "If you deprive them of access to these facilities you are doing a gross disservice to these citizens."

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore, chairman of the site committee, agreed with Chairman C. A.

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## Swine Income Rises Sharply

Income from hogs in the 10-county Albemarle Area has increased from \$11.4-million in 1971 to \$29-million in 1973, according to a report released this week by Jack Parker, livestock specialist. The increase in Chowan County during this period was \$1.6-million to \$3.8-million.

Parker's report showed a \$7-million increase in 1972 over 1971 but an \$11-million increase in 1973 over the previous year.

Perquimans County experienced the greatest increase in the area, jumping from \$1,624,000 in 1971 to \$2,837,000 in 1972, and to \$5,142,000 last year.

Gates County also showed a considerable increase from \$1.9-million in 1971 to \$5.1-million in 1973.

Parker showed that in nine of the 10 counties the income from hogs last year exceeded \$1-million. The highest income was in Currituck County where it was placed at \$5.2-million.

Income by county included: Chowan, \$3,890,000; Currituck, \$5,275,000; Camden, \$1,925,000; Gates, \$5,174,011; Dare, \$16,200; Hyde, \$1,200,000; Pasquotank, \$2,202,125; Perquimans, \$5,142,000; Tyrrell, \$2,863,227; and Washington, \$1,395,200.

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County during March amounted to \$15,689.21, according to a report released by Secretary J. Howard Coble of the N. C. Department of Revenue.

A total of \$7.8-million was collected from the counties where the tax is levied.

Collections in other Albemarle Area counties amounted to: Camden, \$2,540.36; Currituck, \$5,627.70; Dare, \$15,863.91; Gates, \$5,778.80; Pasquotank, \$53,543.89; Perquimans, \$7,789.79; Tyrrell, \$3,232.68; and Washington, \$17,287.93.

## Collections Report

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