

# State Program Is Supported

Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission, (ARPDC) the lead regional organization in this 10-county area, has been urged to participate in the state's new Intergovernmental Human Services Program.

The executive committee of Albemarle Human Resources Development System (AHRDS) took action Monday to encourage the regional commission to accept direct responsibility for the programs outlined last week by Gov. James Holshouser. At the same time the committee pledged its support and cooperation in administering any of the programs.

Gov. Holshouser announced the formation of the intergovernmental program which includes manpower, aging, child development, family planning and nutrition. AHRDS is already administering the family planning program in Region R. The manpower programs are carried out by Economic Improvement Council, Inc., and Employment Security Commission.

Gov. Holshouser said if the lead regional organizations decided not to participate in the plan programs they would be administered by the appropriate state agencies.

"Let me emphasize that this is not a program to centralize services for an entire region," he stated. "It is an effort to place the planning and administration of these services under the direction

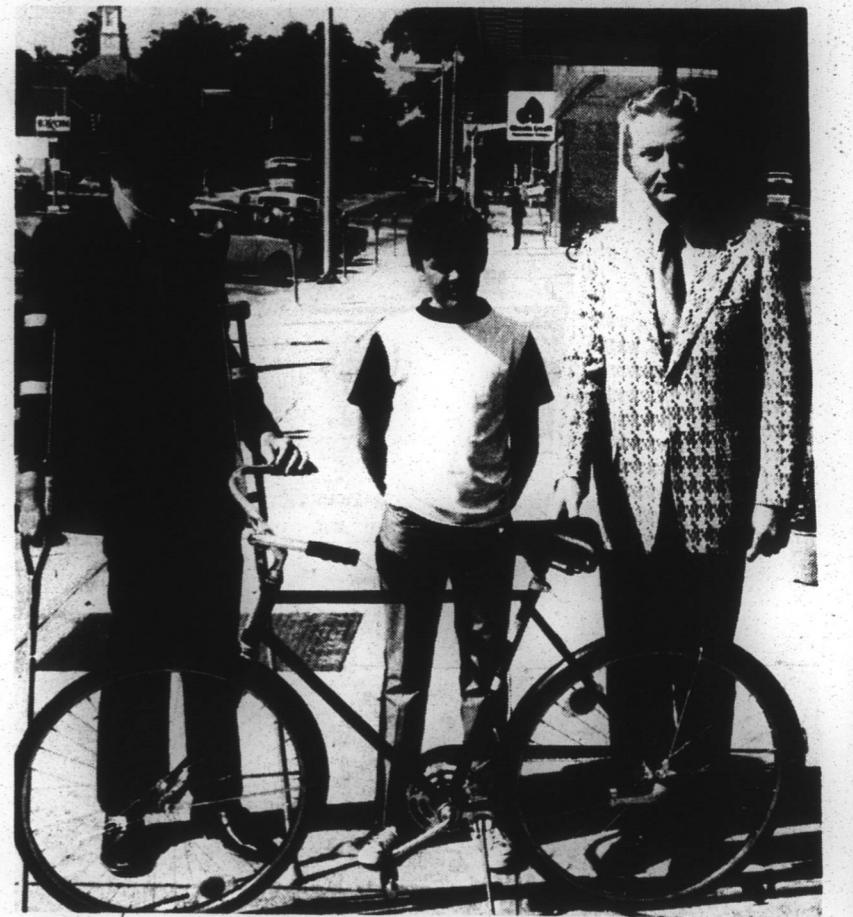
of elected local officials working together through the LRO board."

Wesley B. Cullipher, executive director of ARPDC and an executive committee member of AHRDS, said he can foresee no drastic changes in the relationship of the two groups. "We have a unique delivery system in that AHRDS is actually functioning now under the LRO," he said.

James E. Lewis, AHRDS executive director, noted that the

by-laws of the system are now being updated to make the organization more functional and more representative of the area.

Committee members expressed the opinion that this was probably the first step on the state level toward intergrated services. Such a plan has been discussed in the Albemarle Area for several months and a workshop is planned for next month so agency heads can discuss the concept.



**BIKE-A-THON WINNER**—Bill Jordan, standing center, is the winner of the Easter Seals Bike-A-Thon held here recently. The 14-year-old D. F. Walker student is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jordan, Jr., of Edenton. He is pictured with Ronald Huffman, chairman of the Bike-A-Thon Committee, left, and George Moore, manager of Belk-Tyler, which contributed the prize. Huffman stated his appreciation to Belk-Tyler, Hardees, Barrow Bottling Company, Coble Dairy, Edenton National Guard, and the riders for their participation in the event.

## Hospital Rates Are Boosted

An adjustment in the schedule of charges at Chowan Hospital has been made and the new rates became effective Wednesday, according to Thomas M. Surratt, executive vice president.

Surratt said room rates increase \$1 per day in the acute unit with a 50-cent per day boost in Units B and C. Private room rates in the acute unit are \$43 and \$42 per day and semi-private rates are \$37.

The intensive care beds are now \$86 per day, cribs, \$34, and nursery, \$19.

In the extended care facility,

private rooms are \$18, semi-private, \$16; and wards, \$14.

The schedule also shows an increase in the basic fee for the emergency room from \$5 to \$7.50.

Surratt said the increase was approved by the board in order to receive a 3 per cent to 4 per cent increase in revenue. During the past two fiscal years the costs at Chowan Hospital have increased about 3 per cent each year, he noted, and have now reached the point where the rate increase was necessary.

The executive vice president said during the first six months of this fiscal year the costs increased 3.32 per cent. However, the minimum wage change has an immediate impact of about 1 per cent and the increased electric bill has a greater effect.

Surratt pointed out that there have been no price increases at the hospital since 1970, except for room rates. The last increase in room rates was September, 1972.

## Legion To Hold Election

A called meeting of the American Legion in the First District will be held at Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, on U. S. 17 South at 8 P.M. Saturday. Commander Willie Boyd of Elizabeth City has called the meeting of 12 legion posts in the district.

Commander Boyd said a new commander will be elected and delegates will be chosen for the State American Legion Convention to be held in Wilmington.

Sheriff Troy Toppin, commander of the local post, said a dutch supper will be held at 7 P.M. All those who desire to make reservations for the supper, do so by calling 482-8484.

## Joins Academy

Headmistress Frances Hollowell this week announced another addition to the faculty at Chowan Academy. Mrs. Brigitta Arvin will teach French and German beginning with the fall semester.

Mrs. Arvin was born in Bavaria, Germany, and has travelled extensively in Europe and South America. She attended Antioch College in Ohio majoring in German. In 1968 she received her Masters from the University of Michigan. Subsequently she spent two years at The University of North Carolina working toward her PHD.

While attending Antioch College she participated in their program abroad. She spent one year at the University of Tuebingen and six months at the University of Besancon. She also served as a Peace Corp volunteer in Bolivia.

Mrs. Arvin has taught at the Arthur Morgan School and at the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Hollowell stated that she feels the Albemarle Area is indeed fortunate to have someone with Mrs. Arvin's qualifications and she is particularly happy that she has joined the staff at Chowan Academy.

## Anniversary Event

The Anniversary Supper will be held at Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department Saturday. Serving will be from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M., and the menu includes "fire house chicken" which has become quite popular over the years.

Volunteer firemen have advance tickets. Arrangements are being made so the food can be eaten at the fire department or plates can be picked up.

## Grant Announced

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Rep. Walter B. Jones today announced a \$45,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration to help continue a program of planning for long range economic growth and new jobs in the 10-county Albemarle Area.

The Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission, with offices in Edenton, is the applicant for the grant. The commission is the administrative unit for the Albemarle Area Economic Development District which consists of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

The district will provide \$15,000 to complete the \$60,000 total cost of continuing the program for the next year.

## Page Cites N.C. Emergency Medical Services

Jim Page, chief of Emergency Medical Services of the N. C. Department of Human Resources, was guest speaker for the quarterly meeting of the Albemarle Fireman's Association hosted by the Bethel Volunteer Fire Department at Angler's Cove May 7. The speaker was introduced by Elwood Inscoc, of the Department of Insurance in Raleigh.

Page cited experiences from his rookie days as a fireman in California until he became battalion chief of a large Los Angeles department. Soon after

serving as battalion chief, he began writing a book concerning fire command procedures.

He was a consultant to the paramedic television series "Emergency".

After looking into the Emergency Medical Services programs of many states, Page decided to work with North Carolina because of the progress taking place.

In his talk, he also touched briefly on the "911" concept for Regional Emergency Medical Services Communications. This number would allow any

individual to dial 911 and contact rescue squads, fire departments, etc., anywhere in the state.

Kermit Layton, Jr., executive director of AFA, presented a progress report on the AFA Mutual Aid and Assistance Directory which would contain a Mutual Aid Data sheet for the 20 departments of the association.

Carlton Jackson of Edenton presided over the meeting. Chief John Hobbs gave the opening welcome to the group of firemen. Also present were Lin Hawkins, state coordinator of EMS and Mack McKenny.

## Two Different Animals

Financially troubled College of The Albemarle suffered quite a set-back at the polls last week when Pasquotank County voters defeated a \$2-million bond issue. The negative vote in substance was reneging on a prior commitment to the community college.

Pasquotank has the full burden of local support for the valuable higher education facility, a positive vote would have demonstrated to the other counties in which COA operates. Pasquotank's determination to live up to the commitment, thereby resulting in financial support from other benefiting counties.

We learn now from an AP dispatch in our favorite afternoon daily of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina where COA enjoys about the same amount of support from certain Negro forces as it does from some homefolk.

The North Carolina Alumni and Friends Coalition, a group representing the five predominately Negro campuses of the Greater University of North Carolina, would deal a fatal blow to COA. They propose phasing out the community college with its programs taken over by Elizabeth City State University.

And John Sanders, university vice president for planning, said the university's new required desegregation plan might contain some of the coalition's recommendations.

One thing they are forgetting is that there are two different types of higher education institutions involved here, two different philosophies, and more important, two different types of funding. The university system does not obtain local funds and regardless of how the vote went in the Isle of Pasquotank it must not indicate the general feeling of the majority wanting to pay such a high price for relief.

COA is one of Northeastern North Carolina's biggest and most valuable industries. And it is just good, common sense that you don't go around "phasing out" the best you've got.

What is the connection between ECSU, a part of the university system, and COA, a part of the community college system? There ain't any!

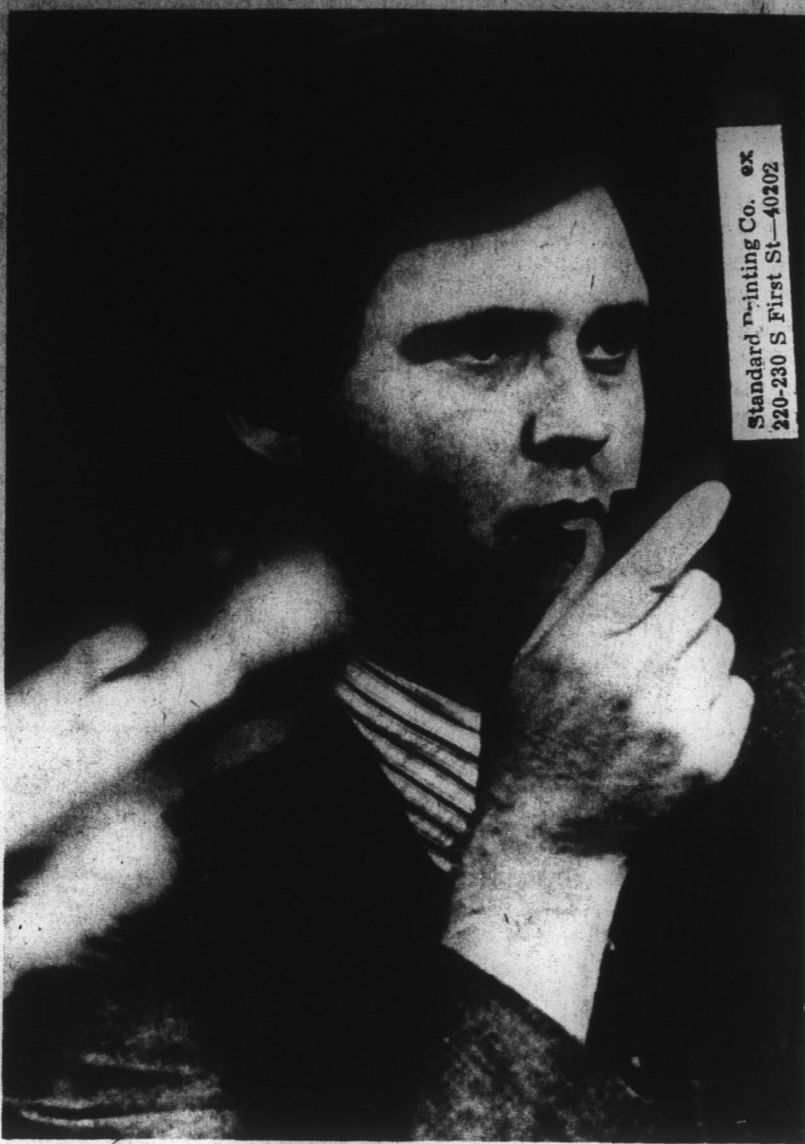
## Our Own Poets

Six budding young poets in the public schools along the Public Parade have a chance to see their poetry in print in a recent publication called "don't need you, Rod McKuen, good-bye!" Their verses are included in the book published by the N. C. Department of Public Instruction with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The book is an anthology of poems written by public students who participated in the "Poetry in the Schools" program during the 1972-73 school year.

Julie Suk's approach to the subject charmed the students at Swain Elementary School, while Thad Stem, Jr., used similar magic at Holmes High.

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## Congressional Workshop Set

A First Congressional District Workshop will be hosted here Saturday, according to Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., an official of Chowan County Democratic Women.

Rep. Walter B. Jones will be on hand for the workshop, to begin at 10 A.M. at Edenton Restaurant. Registration is \$5, which includes lunch. It will end at 3 P.M.

Mrs. Earnhardt said while this is not a closed workshop, reservations are necessary. Those who desire to make reservations

should call Mrs. N. J. George.

Rufus L. Edmisten of Boone, who is deputy chief counsel for Sen. Sam J. Ervin's, Watergate Committee, will be a featured speaker at the workshop. Edmisten is considered a prime contender for the Democratic nomination for Attorney General when Robert Morgan resigns.

Edmisten is not stranger to Edenton or Eastern North Carolina. Two of his former staff members are Edentonians—Robert B. Smith, Jr., and Willie P. Goodwin, Jr.

Before taking the Watergate Committee assignment, Edmisten was chief counsel and staff director of Ervin's Senate Subcommittee on Separation of Powers, a post Smith now holds.

Under his direction the Separation of Powers staff of lawyers and researchers have conducted pioneering investigations into means of curbing abuses of power by the Executive Branch of government. His familiarity with the much-abused doctrine of executive privilege gave him a special expertise in his capacity on the Watergate Committee staff.

Among others scheduled to attend are State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington, Sen.-Elect Melvin Daniels, and Ben J. Utley, executive director of the State Democratic Party.

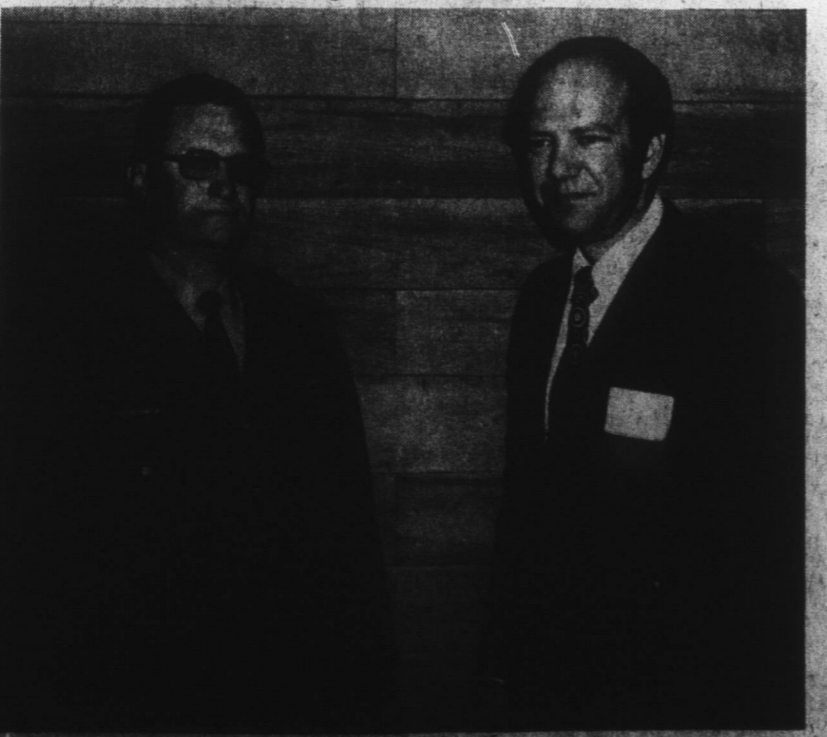
## Money Pledged

Of the over \$26-million appropriated by the 1974 General Assembly to increase the state-supported kindergarten program next year, Edenton-Chowan Schools will receive \$58,185, according to State School Supt. Craig Phillips.

Each school unit's allocation was figured on its 1973-74 first grade enrollment, based on the highest average daily membership for three out of the first four months of the school year.

The allocation will enable Edenton-Chowan Schools to operate three kindergarten classes during the 1974-75 school year, which will serve 69 children. The state will have a total of 1,392 classes in operation next year, serving 32,016 five-year-olds.

In approving the allocations, the State Board of Education earmarked \$243,600 for inservice training for kindergarten personnel and \$90,480 for evaluation and assessment of the program. This money is not included in each school unit's net per pupil allocation; however, the local unit will receive \$525 for inservice training and \$195 for evaluation and assessment of the unit's overall kindergarten program.



**GUEST SPEAKER FOR FIREMEN**—Carlton Jackson, left, president of the Albemarle Fireman's Association, is pictured with Jim Page, chief of Emergency Medical Services, Department of Human Resources, who was guest speaker at a meeting of the association held recently.