

# Chowan Voter Support Is Asked

Chowan County citizens will be asked "at the earliest practical time" to vote on a \$1.9-million bond referendum to insure construction of the first regional water system east of Anson County in the Piedmont.

County commissioners, in what is believed by many to be their greatest show of unity, voted unanimously Monday to call for a referendum which would guarantee completion of the project. At the same time, the commissioners, in an attempt to hedge against the rising cost of construction, instructed the

## Surratt Is Given Post

Thomas M. Surratt, executive vice president of Chowan Hospital, Inc., has been elected board chairman of the 10-county Albemarle Human Resources Development System. He succeeds William Miller, director of Hyde County Department of Social Services.

Surratt has been chairman of the Comprehensive Health Planning Council in Region R and a member of the executive committee of AHRDS.

The election of new officers came during the quarterly board meeting held last Thursday night at Edenton Jaycee Community Building. Mrs. Mary Riddick of Gates County was elected vice chairman; Wesley Cullipher of Elizabeth City, treasurer; and Bernie Patterson of Dare County, secretary.

In accepting the post, Surratt noted that the new direction of some human resources programs from the state will make it more important than ever that board members become involved. "We are going to have our biggest year coming up and we have to have more involvement," he said.

Earlier the board resolved to place itself under the final policy control of Albemarle Regional Planning and Development System for federal programs assigned to the LRO. Furthermore, the AHRDS by-laws will reflect this relinquishment of final policy control over designated programs.

The board was informed by Jim Lewis, executive director, that three programs started by the system in association with Albemarle Mental Health Center—adult activity center, group homes and alcohol detoxification and treatment—were being transferred to the mental health group on July 1. Lewis said new guidelines make it impossible for the system to continue to administer these programs.

## Coop To Open

Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange at Valhalla will open for the season Monday.

The exchange will open at 1 P.M. Auctions will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the early part of the season.

## Satterfield Case To Be Aired

The trial of a suit filed by Richard Satterfield against Edenton-Chowan Board of Education seeking his re-employment has been set for trial in U. S. District Court in Elizabeth City the week of July 15. A pre-trial hearing will be held sometime this month.

Judge Franklin Dupree, Jr., set the date after not allowing a motion by the board to dismiss the case. Satterfield filed the action last year after the board did not renew his contract as band director at John A. Holmes High School.

In addition to not allowing the motion to dismiss, Judge Dupree denied the defendants' bid for a jury trial in the case.

Judge Dupree also denied a motion by the plaintiff. He refused to allow the suit to be filed as a class action.

The judge was quoted as saying

engineer to proceed with final plans and specifications for the project.

And in so doing, the county can take advantage of at least \$775,000 in federal and state grants. Application for an additional grant is being reviewed by the state with a decision due within 30 days.

The local referendum is said to be unique in this area in that proceeds generated from the users would adequately repay the bonds and interest. While the credit of the county would be pledged to repay the indebtedness, the bonds would not be charged against any bond limit which might be established for the county.

Commissioner N. J. George, who called the referendum a "real hard election" said it would afford the town and county an opportunity to display a unique working relationship which has not yet surfaced. "The only way it can come about," the commissioner said in his remarks on a point of personal privilege, "is for the boards to work together, to show genuine concern for the health and safety of all the people".

"I'll do what I can to see that it passes," he said as he made the motion to request approval of an application to the Local Government Commission for the referendum at "the earliest practical time."

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore, also a resident of Edenton, said he could not see any problems in the future as a result of the project. "This is a tremendous project and one which has a minimum risk involved," he said.

Pete Thompson, county extension chairman and a strong advocate of the project, told the board: "This board of commissioners gave leadership for a county-wide system rather than have a group of community systems." He added that, in his opinion this kind of money (grants and loan guarantees) is not going to be available two years from now.

George W. Lewis, chairman of the Chowan County Planning Board which has spearheaded the water system project, commented on the local interest in the project and the fact that three communities were ready "to

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## State Officers

Two Edenton Jaycees were installed as state officers and the local club won three honors during the annual Jaycee convention held last weekend in Winston-Salem. Seven men, headed by Oscar White, president, represented the Edenton club at the event which drew more than 1,200 Jaycees.

Woody Copeland was installed as national director and Joe Hollowell moved in as state vice president behind Copeland.

Gus Tulloss of Rocky Mount was elected state president.

Edenton Jaycees won first place for their work with Senior Citizens, and second in Crime Prevention and Drug Abuse.

## White To Represent Chowan At Workshop

Jeffrey Glenn White, Route 1, Edenton, will represent Chowan County at the 1974 Resource Conservation Workshop to be held on the campus of N. C. State University in Raleigh the week of June 10-14, according to L. C. Bunch, chairman of the local board of Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, who sponsor the event.

Jeffrey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. White, Jr., and will be a junior at Chowan High School next fall.

The workshop, an annual affair sponsored by the N. C. Chapter of the Soil Conservation Society of

## Tribute To Graduates

The 69,972 students will graduate from North Carolina's public high schools this year. In the two high schools along the Public Parade reached the plateau in life Monday night.

There in today's paper are the pages of pictures of the graduates as the community's tribute to their accomplishment. Some 16 merchants, industries and professional people are participating in this tribute.

As the students mark their present position and move out into the world they will quickly learn that the learning process does not end, never. Unfortunately the Class of 1974 will face new and difficult challenges, maybe because those who went out to bell the cat earlier did a sloppy job of it.

We hope they can stand the test, correct some of the mistakes and mold for their followers something a little better than was left for them to face.

## Noted And Passed

Sunday evening attention turned from the TV to a conversation about schools closing for the summer. "Just think, Mother, in two more days you will have us all the time," said an excited second grader. The mother appeared less enthusiastic about the prospects.

## Cooperative Gool

We want to admit that the Winn-Dixie Deli-Bakery was introduced last week to subscribers of this newspaper through error. But the response of a four column ad distributed along the Public Parade is a good indication of our readership.

In many of the larger cities, the food chain has a department of delicatessen and bakery items not found in outlets like the one in Northside Shopping Center.

Upon seeing the ad in the paper, we thought George Drawdy was getting a bit fancy with his mouth-watering plates, sandwiches, pies, custards, etc. Before we could be glad "there's a Winn-Dixie Deli-Bakery Near" us, the telephone began to ring.

Through error, the special ad had been sent out from Winn-Dixie headquarters in Raleigh. Nevertheless, we must share the embarrassment along with the store. While it may be to fancy for the taste along the Public Parade at this time, maybe it is an indication of the direction in which we are headed.

## Another Giant Step

Chowan County had one of its finest hours Monday morning.

County commissioners took another giant step toward providing, decent, safe and sanitary water to the majority of the citizens who meander along the Public Parade. As a bonus it would aid in fire protection as well as industrial development.

Commissioners unanimously voted to make application to the Local Government Commission for a \$1.9-referendum toward a \$2.6-million project.

The planning board, then, won another round in the development of a regional water system. The commissioners likewise showed that they are not timid when there is an opportunity to take advantage of state and federal grants and apply them to a great void in the county.

The county's credit must be pledged to repay the bonds and

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GARDEN WORK BEGINS—Mayor Roy Harrell and town administrator Bill Gardner take a look at initial work that has begun on restoration of the old Cupola House gardens. The town has donated men and equipment to remove the foundation of the old Gooyear building and to prepare the property for fill and grading. It is hoped that most of the restoration of the garden will be completed by October.

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## Funds Study Is Authorized

FAYETTEVILLE—An investigation was authorized Monday into whether funds might be raised for building a Methodist Retirement Home in Edenton. It would be the third such facility in

the North Carolina Conference.

The Edenton home would supplement facilities that the denomination already maintains in Durham and has planned for Lumberton.

The action was taken by clergy and lay delegates at the annual conference meeting at Methodist College here. Rev. E. L. Earnhardt of Edenton United Methodist Church and Thomas M. Surratt, trustee chairman, are attending.

Surratt, executive vice president of Chowan Hospital, Inc. has been spearheading a movement in the conference to place a retirement facility in Northeastern North Carolina. The plan has the support of the Elizabeth City District.

Edenton was the second choice in recommendations made last year by a Long Range Planning Committee of the Methodist Retirement Homes board.

On February 9, 1973, about a month after the committee had visited Edenton, they filed a report which recommended to the conference that "we help to sponsor a home in Edenton when financing is available."

## DOT Cites Error By White

The Department of Transportation this week expressed concern over the plight of John W. White on Paradise Road. White's access to his home is about to be cut off by a fence.

A spokesman for the department said this is not the first time they have been concerned. They contend that White is mistaken about being promised an access after he relocated his home. "He is in error and we have records to prove it," it was stated.

Also, the spokesman said W.D. Ferguson, right-of-way agent for DOT at no time assured the property owner that a right-of-way to Paradise Road would be obtained by the state, as White contended last week in a story published in the Chowan Herald.

"We gave him absolutely no assurances," the spokesman said. He went on to say, in fact, that during the negotiations with White the property owner was encouraged not to move the house back from the right-of-way.

The state contends they were prepared to purchase a lot for White across the road but he refused to accept it.

It was also pointed out that the property owner was represented by counsel during the negotiations.

## Support Levels Announced

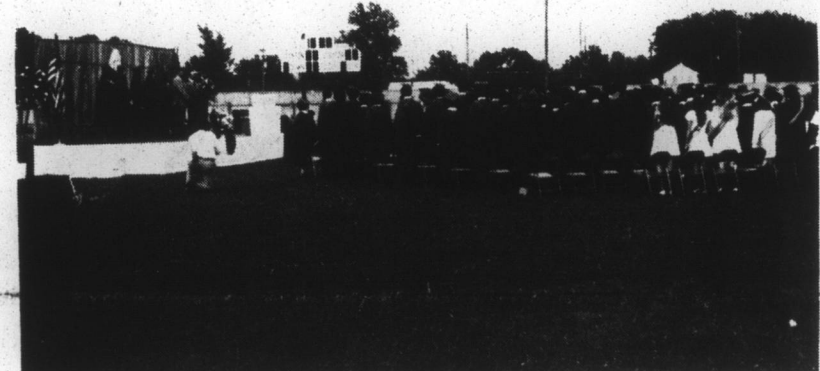
Support levels for the 1974 crop of peanuts of average quality have been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

H. O. West, director of the Chowan County ASCS office, said the per ton support price for the Virginia type peanut is \$364.58. He said the support price for the past season was \$334.90.

The support program is required by law, and the prices are based on the \$358.50 per ton

minimum national average support level and other program changes announced May 9.

If a combination of the parity price and the supply percentage on August 1 results in a legally-required minimum national average support level higher than \$358.50, the support level per average quality ton of each type of peanut and the values per cent sound mature and sound split kernels will be increased



GRADUATION—The John A. Holmes High class of 1974 is shown above at the opening of commencement exercises held at Hicks Field Monday evening before a large crowd of friends and family. Likewise, graduation exercises were held at Chowan High School in the auditorium. There were 141 seniors to receive diplomas from Holmes High, and 54 to receive diplomas from Chowan High. Tuesday was the last day of school for underclassmen.

## Unemployment Rate Is Low

Placement activity continues to be brisk in the Edenton area according to Mrs. Alice Bond, Manager of the local Employment Security Office.

Seventy-nine persons were placed during the month of May, 18 of which were veterans. Ninety-six new applications were

taken, 13 of which were veterans. Sixty-nine tests were administered to persons applying for jobs to determine their interests and aptitude.

Other than seasonal workers and persons attached to employer's payrolls, unemployment is at an all time low, according to Mrs. Bond. During the month of May 165 persons filed initial claims and 426 continued claims were filed. These claims were filed in Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Chowan counties through the Edenton office.

The Edenton office has recently started on a Job Bank Program. Job banks use computers to revise and print each day a listing of job openings. The job bank book is distributed to local employment service offices so that job seekers throughout the area can be exposed to the most complete and recent information on jobs available in North Carolina and the Tidewater Virginia.

Statewide job banks distribute the job bank listings to all offices and each office refers applicants to any job available in North Carolina. It is no longer necessary to visit different offices to determine available openings

## Beaman Elected

Grafton Beaman, an Elizabeth City attorney who resides in Camden County, defeated O. C. Abbott, who has a similar office-residence situation, to become a district court judge. Beaman carried five of the seven counties in the First Judicial District in the run-off election Tuesday.

Abbott was high man in a three-man race in the May 7 Democratic primary but could not overcome a big vote for Beaman (1,342 to 915) in Gates County.

Only 513 votes were cast in Chowan County. Beaman again carried the county, 274 to 239.

## At Workshop

America, the N. C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee, is designed to acquaint students with conservation and natural resource development as well as career opportunities in conservation fields.

According to Bunch, the boys will receive instructions in many phases of conservation and natural resource development such as soil and water conservation, wildlife conservation, forestry and many others. In addition, a well rounded recreational program has been planned



Jeffrey Glenn White