

Funds Flowing For County Water System

Living Cheaper

"Town Tax Rate Set at \$1.20 on full property valuation."

This headline last week in the Williamston Enterprise has a message for those who meander along the Public Parade. It is simple. The fact that the Town of Edenton owns a utility system allows property taxes to be greatly reduced.

And the sweet thing about it is that the town's electric rate is exactly the same as the VEPCO rate in Williamston.

Edenton recently adopted a budget of \$2.5-million, of which \$1.3-million is for electricity. The tax rate is 64 cents per \$100 valuation, but without the \$125,000 anticipated profit from the sale of electricity it would be 32 cents higher.

This is just among a few of the many great advantages Edenton has over other municipalities. You cannot only enjoy a better life along the Public Parade, you can do it cheaper.

Our Choice For AG



RUFUS L. EDMISTEN

Judges, solicitors, senators, representatives, etc. Name just about any segment of the political arena as there will be at least one candidate from it seeking the Democratic nomination for Attorney General of North Carolina.

The field of candidates is large and varied; from the mountains almost to the coast; those who have feuded from the state political trough for years; and those who are being offered by one special interest group or another.

None of these labels fit Rufus L. Edmisten, who recently resigned, at no surprise to anyone, from Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr.'s staff to seek the nomination. If, then, there has anything good come from Washington, D.C., in the past few years it is Mr. Edmisten.

It has been reported that he will get little if any support from the legal profession throughout Tar Heelia. This, in our opinion, is a plus rather than something to damage his campaign. The people of this state are fed up with the lawyers dominating the General Assembly and trying to hand-pick those with whom they must do business.

During the past 10 years we have attempted to destroy sectional barriers. Therefore, we are consistent in our support of Mr. Edmisten, the most formidable

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FOR GARDENS—Harry Litchfield, right, senior vice president of Peoples Bank in Edenton, is shown presenting a check for \$750 to Pete Dail, chairman of the Cupola House Association, for use in the project to restore the Cupola House Gardens. The funds were given to the association by the Peoples Bank Foundation.

Chowan County has now received \$1,325,050 in grants toward a planned regional water system which is expected to cost \$3.1-million.

C. A. Phillips, chairman of county commissioners, has been notified by the Division of Health Services, Department of Human Resources, that Chowan's priority resulted in \$675,050 in monies from the Clean Water Bond Act.

Marshall Staton, chief, sanitary engineering section, said this includes \$105,902 allocated to Chowan on a per capita basis and an additional \$569,148 from statewide funds.

Staton wrote Phillips that Chowan's project had been "assigned a priority sufficient to qualify for a grant within the funds available in this fiscal year."

The county had already received notification of a \$400,000 grant from Farmers Home Administration and a \$250,000 grant from Coastal Plain Regional Commission.

Chowan voters will be asked later in the year to pass on a \$1.9-million referendum authorized by the Local Government Commission to insure completion of the project. FMHA has already agreed to a loan in the amount of \$1,550,000, repayable over a 40-year period at a 5 per cent interest rate. The loan would be repaid from profits from the system.

The project was originally estimated to cost \$2.6-million but latest estimates by Rivers and Associates, Inc., consulting engineers, have been revised upwards by \$500,000.

Nevertheless, Phillips and George W. Lewis chairman of the county planning have expressed encouragement and pleasure at the response from grant sources as well as prospective users.

"I am personally encouraged by the interest of the various funding agencies in the Chowan County project," stated Phillips. "Also, the sign-up of prospective users illustrates the local interest and demonstrates the need for this undertaking."

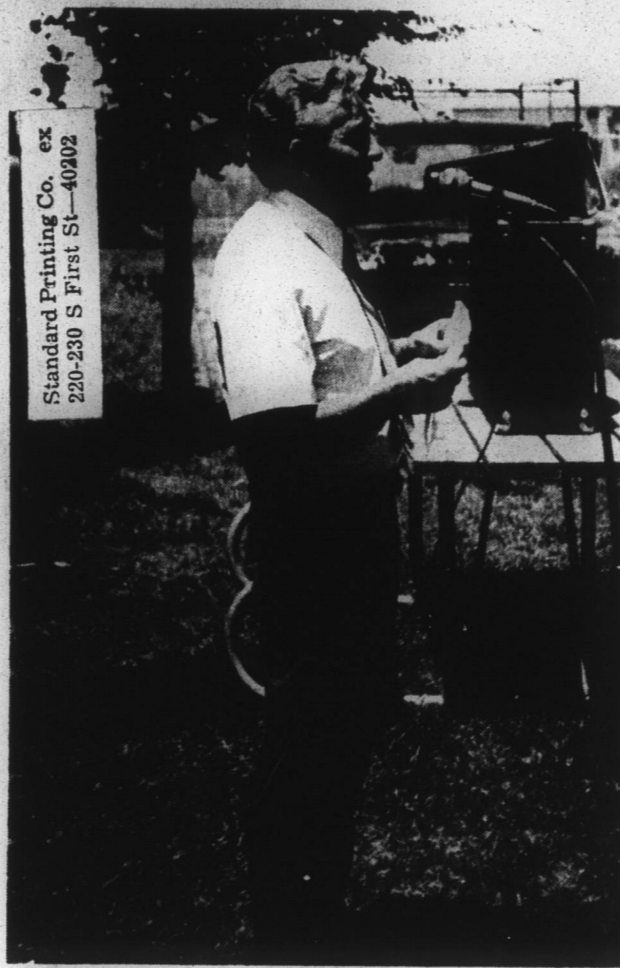
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SCORE To Receive Grant

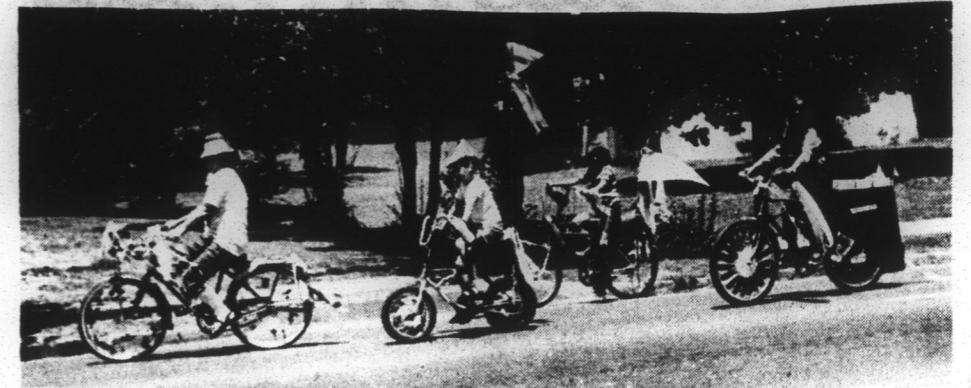
Edenton-Chowan Schools plans to SCORE with a grant from the Occupational Research unit of the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

Implemented June 1, the project's title, Student Communications and Occupations Related Experiences, foretells a wide range of curriculum materials and methods to be devised in the field of career education. The program will involve students in grades seven-10 at Chowan High School. Project teachers at the school are presently at work on the planning of materials which should be available for dissemination in the summer of 1975.

Project SCORE addresses the problem of how to enhance knowledge and positive attitudes about occupations, as well as positive attitudes toward school, peers, teaching, learning, and self, through emphasis on improved communication and reading. The multifaceted strategies to be employed include the following:



THURSDAY ACTIVITIES—Citizens and visitors were welcomed to Edenton's Fourth of July Celebration by Mayor Roy L. Harrell, above left. The day began with a parade featuring a float by the 4-H clubs, shown top right, and youngsters riding



colorful decorated bicycles, bottom right. The event ended about 9 P.M. Thursday with the closing of the jam session at the end of Broad Street, and in between were children's games, softball games, a tennis tournament, and a sailboat race.

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Area People Are On Board

Gov. Jim Holshouser announced Wednesday the appointment of the 15-member Coastal Resources Commission. Among those named are six from the Albemarle Area and three others from Northeastern North Carolina.

The commission will be the regulating agency for implementation of the Coastal Area Management Act which passed the last session of the General Assembly.

The act is aimed at managing growth in a 20-county coastal area. The commission's main functions will be to designate areas of environmental concern in that area; either approve or disapprove applications for construction projects in those areas of environmental concern; and establish guidelines for developing local land use plans.

With four exceptions, the members of the commission were chosen by local governments in the coastal area.

The act authorizes the governor to appoint a member representing Coastal land development; another representing Coastal land development financing; and one of the three at-large positions. The governor is also given the option of making an additional nomination when an eligible local government does not submit a nominee. Havelock did not submit a nominee, and governor Holshouser used that option to appoint Dr. Gene R. Huntsman of

Havelock to fill the position reserved for a member of a state or national conservation organization.

Dr. Huntsman is a member of the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, former president of the Carteret County Wildlife Club and former board member of the N.C. Wildlife Federation.

"This substitute nomination enabled us to achieve both balance and broader geographic representation and allowed me to appoint Dr. Huntsman, certainly an outstanding individual and coastal conservationist," Gov. Holshouser said.

The governor added, "Our primary concern in making the appointments to this commission was the welfare of the coast and the people who live there. I believe we have a strong commission, capable of moving ahead in the development of a system for managing the growth and protecting the natural resources of



T. ERIE HASTE, JR.

On Commission

that area. They are qualified to represent local, state and national interests in orderly development, as well as conservation of our coastal area."

There are 10 Democrats and five Republicans on the commission. The commission's first meeting is scheduled for July 18 and 19 in Morehead City.

The Governor's appointees are:

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Program Is Funded; Staff Members Employed

A program on Aging for the 10-county Region R has been funded and three staff members employed. The project was funded at a level of \$66,520 and includes both planning and coordination of

a extensive program.

Wesley B. Cullipher, executive director, Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, has announced that Mrs. Naomi Hester of Manteo will

be program director. Mrs. Bunny White, also of Manteo, is coordinator; and Mrs. Lillia Overton of Hertford is secretary. Cullipher said Chowan County has donated office space on the fourth floor of the County Office Building to house the agency.

Mrs. Hester said the purpose of the program is to enhance the livelihood of people 60 years of age and older.

The agency plans to pull together all resources of agencies, now providing or capable of providing services for the older citizens and present them in such a manner as to cut out any duplication. Every effort will be made to maximize services to the older citizen, it was stated.

The plan includes utilization of available but untapped resources, such as churches and other organizations, and to make them more aware of the plight of the target population.

The plan also calls for installation of an information and referral system including a phone number where the older citizen may call for information about needed services and where they are available.

Another component is a transportation program to handle emergencies. Two transportation coordinators, who must be retired but active individuals, will set up service agencies who agree to act as contact points for transportation requests.

Committees Picked

Five standing committees, called for in the new by-laws of Albemarle Human Resources Development System, have been named by Thomas M. Surratt, chairman.

The chairman of the committees, along with the officers of AHRDS, make up the executive committee which held its first meeting of the new fiscal year Monday afternoon.

H. B. Glover of Williamston was named chairman of Medical Advisory Committee; Charles Franklin of Elizabeth City, Review and Comment Committee; W.A. Miller of Swan Quarter, Programs Evaluation Committee; L.F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton, Budget and Finance Committee; and Mrs. Jo Ann Foreman of Elizabeth City, By-Laws Committee.

James E. Lewis, AHRDS executive director, reported that plans are in progress to combine the AHRDS board with that of Albemarle Health Planning Council to provide one board for health affairs within the entire 10-county area.

In addition to Surratt, officers are: Mrs. Mary Riddick of Gatesville, vice chairman; Dr. Eddie West of Edenton, secretary; and Wesley B. Cullipher of Elizabeth City, treasurer.



PROGRAM LEADERS—Mrs. Naomi Hester of Manteo, seated, has been named director of the Region R Program of Aging. Mrs. Bunny White, center, also of Manteo, is coordinator and Mrs. Lillia Overton of Hertford is secretary. They will maintain offices on the fourth floor of the Chowan County Office Building.