



AT KICKOFF BANQUET—Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Tuesday night honored faculty and staff members at a banquet which the board members themselves served. At right, Eugene Jordan, chairman, serves a plate for Mrs. Etta Hathaway, food service director as they exchange roles



temporarily. The center photo shows a group of some of the nearly 200 in attendance. Jackie Parker entertained the group with several musical selections as Gil Underwood, Chowan High School principal, assists by holding the mike. (See Public Parade).



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## Local Teachers Feted

Well, we went to the Jaycee Community Building Tuesday night to do our bit as the husband of the lone female member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Like the male members and their wives, we played waiter, bus-boy and janitor as the board members feted faculty and staff along with their spouses.

There were nearly 200 in attendance to enjoy good food and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere. About the only groans were heard when Supt. Eddie West bid the group farewell by reminding them to report to their individual schools at 9 A.M. Wednesday.

The teachers should be well prepared when the students arrive for classes on August 27. They will have had a two-week start, including a full week of attendance at a unique Instructional Development Institute.

By the way, student assignments have been made and will be published in next week's paper. There will be no leaks, so efforts to obtain the word prior to next week's paper will be in vain.

But back to the banquet. It gave us an opportunity (?) to hoist a serving tray for the first time in 10 years. And contrary to what some might tell up the street, we were pleased with our performance.

The board members themselves were in an unusual non-controversial role. To our knowledge they didn't create any stir by spilling food on anyone.

Alos, it gave board members the opportunity to talk informally with those remaining in the system as well as newcomers to the faculty and staff. In days of teachers strikes and attempts by some to plant seeds of bad blood between the staff and their employers, it was refreshing to have such an experience of informality and congeniality.

There is but one suggestion. If it becomes an annual affair we suggest that the waiters display their health cards and Drs. Edward G. Bond and J. H. Horton, Carlton Goodwin, Eugene Jordan, Morris Small and Thomas Paul Griffin be outfitted in proper attire of their adopted profession.

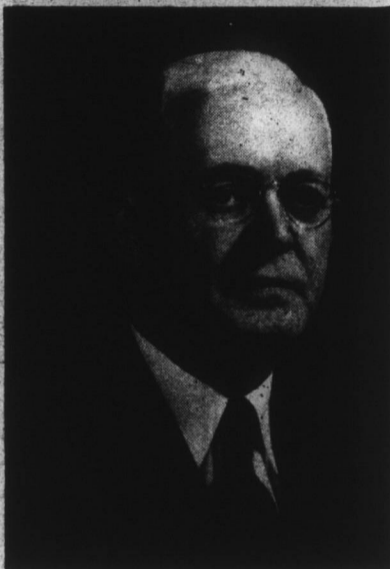
And while it is somewhat of a private joke, Mrs. Emily Amburn could take some lessons in placing the chicken on the plate properly.

## People Being Discovered

An Emergency Medical Services program has become a reality along the Public Parade and throughout Region R in Northeastern North Carolina. This did not just happen but was brought about by aggressive, imaginative leadership within Albemarle Human Resources Development Commission and the various agencies with which they have worked.

Rather than sit back and wait for something to happen, AHRDS staffers set the pace for the entire area by garnering a \$37,000 HEW grant to become the only federally funded EMS in Tar Heels. While this might not have set very well with the bureaucrats in Raleigh, it illustrates the seriousness behind the movement toward better emergency medical services in the area.

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B. WARNER EVANS

## Illness Is Fatal To Mr. Evans

Benjamin Warner Evans, 81, died at his home in Chowan County, Saturday evening, after an extended illness.

He was the son of Zachariah Winborne and Etta Hudgins Evans. He was a graduate of Trinity Park School and Duke University (then Trinity College) and a veteran of World War I. He served in many capacities as a member of the United Methodist Church.

His business interests were farming, cotton ginning, and lumber; he was at one time vice president of the N. C. Ginners Association.

His participation in civic and political activities included being a charter member of the Edenton Rotary Club, and at various times serving as vice commander of the Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, a member of the Edenton Historical Commission, member of the Chowan County Board of Education, secretary of the Chowan County Road Commission, and chairman of the Democratic Party in Chowan County.

Mr. Evans was in the N. C. General Assembly in 1963 and was elected for the 1965 term, but had to resign on account of ill health.

He was married in 1920 to Miss Marguerite Wilson, who died in 1950, and in 1954 to Mrs. Irene Stanley Strange, who survives.

His other survivors are three daughters: Mrs. Phillip Devlin, of Palatka, Fla.; Mrs. Arthur S. Cooper, Jr., of Coral Gables, Fla.; and Mrs. William T. Foster, of Glenside, Pa.; four sisters: Mrs. Murray P. Whichard, Sr., Mrs. Jesse M. Wilson, Misses Helen and

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## Steam Train Will Stop Here

A bit of nostalgia will return to the rails through Edenton August 24 when a steam locomotive, The Carolina Special, will stop to take on coal and water enroute to Greenville from Norfolk.

Carl H. Overstreet of Portsmouth, Va., a property owner at Holiday Island, is a member of The Old Dominion Chapter, National Railway Historical Society, and is helping to promote the unusual one-way steam excursion train.

The train is scheduled to stop in Edenton for one hour then proceed to Portsmouth, Washington and arrive at Greenville at 5:30 P.M.

## Nine Counties Low In Manpower

Nine of the 10 Albemarle Area counties have been identified as critical health manpower scarcity areas. This is in regards to general or family practice physicians.

In a study completed by the

Comprehensive Health Planning division of Albemarle Human Resources Development System, eight of the counties in Northeastern North Carolina's Region R. are identified as critical

shortage areas for general and special practice dentists.

Donald Young, health planner with AHRDS, said Chowan is the only one in the entire region not designated as a scarcity area for

health manpower. He explained that the study was based on one physician for each 4,000 people and one dentist for each 5,000 population

The study, done for the National Health Service Corps of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, makes designated areas eligible to apply to the corps for physicians and dentists to be assigned for a two-year period. These professionals would be paid by the federal government with all fees collected going toward their support.

Young noted that Tyrrell County has already written such an application and data is available in his office to assist any other county desiring to apply. "We will assist the applicants in every way possible," Young said.

The planner this week was meeting in Raleigh with state and federal representatives to discuss the critical needs in Region R which were brought out in the survey.

The July survey showed the area had the following selected health manpower:

Family practice, 20; internal medicine, four; obstetrics and gyn, six; general surgery, seven; pediatrics, two; optometrists, four; general dentists, 15; veterinarians, three; active RN's, 137; and active LPN's, 125.

## Recreation Funds

Chowan County has been allocated \$1,530 from the recreation department support program through the State Manpower Council, according to Wesley B. Cullipher, executive director, Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission.

## Veeco Rates To Increase

Virginia Electric and Power Company has announced plans to increase rates paid by the rural electric cooperatives, municipalities and one private utility the company serves on a wholesale basis.

These wholesale customers, whose rates are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission (FPC), were notified of the proposed increase in a letter which was sent last week by Robert S. Gay, Veeco manager of rates.

Edenton purchases power from Veeco. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the town will make every effort, through member associations, to keep the increase as low as possible.

Veeco has been making a fossil fuel charge to municipalities for

about 12 months. Gardner noted that only within the past four months did the charge get so great that it could not be absorbed by the town. It is now passed on to the customers at the same rate the town pays Veeco.

In the letter Gay said, "The basic objective of our company continues to be to provide to all our customers the best possible electric service at the lowest practicable costs. However, our cost increases can no longer be absorbed. We feel it is essential, in order to continue to provide reliable service, that our rate for electric service to our rural electric cooperative, municipal and privately owned utility customers must be increased."

Gay did not indicate how much the rates would be increased. "We

are presently completing a cost of service study for your class of service based on the latest available figures. Based on this study we will develop a new rate, and comparative billings for your existing service will be furnished to you just as soon as we have them available."

The letter indicated Veeco plans to file for the increase with the FPC on or about October 7, to become effective on January 1, 1975.

In February, 1973, Veeco filed with the FPC rates agreed upon by the great majority of the company's wholesale customers.

Veeco sells electricity on a wholesale basis to 19 electric cooperatives, 21 municipalities and one private utility.

## Act Simplified In AADA Speech

A member of the Coastal Resources Commission said here last Thursday night that the panel will be independent of state government. "Nobody from Raleigh is going to ram anything down the throats of the commissioners," stated David Stick of Kitty Hawk.

Stick, in an address to the Albemarle Area Development Association meeting at Edenton Restaurant, went on to say: "The commission is not going to ram anything down the throats of the people."

During a meeting of the AADA Executive Committee immediately following the talk, L. F. Amburn, Jr., immediate past president was named to fill the unexpired term of Jeffrey Dick. Dick, a regional executive with Weyerhaeuser, resigned recently because his office has moved to New Bern—outside the Albemarle Area.

The committee agreed that to name either of the three area vice presidents might result in a four-

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## Seminar Planned By Agency

The Division of Civil Preparedness Agency will hold an Industrial Preparedness Seminar at Edenton Restaurant on August 28.

Murray Ashley is head of the Chowan County agency and David L. Britt is state coordinator.

The program is designed especially for business and industry.

Some of the topics scheduled include plant security and safety,

preparing for disaster, bomb threats, protection of vital records, and the NORAD Story, a live briefing by the duty officer at the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. The program begins at 9 A.M. and ends at 4:30 P.M. with an hour and a half for lunch. Registration is \$3.50 per person, which includes lunch.

## Development Project Is Begun In Region

An intensive engineering and management assistance and training program for industry in five Northeastern North Carolina counties was explained here Tuesday by officials of the Industrial Extension Service of the School of Engineering at N. C.

State University.

The project encompasses Bertie, Gates, Chowan, Hertford and Perquimans counties.

Paul S. Stone, coordinator, Center for Rural Resource Development at the university, said it is hoped that this federally-

funded program will help to push forward many rural development projects already underway in the area.

Stone said one of the major problems is stimulating economic growth to keep youth in the area. He added that people are seeking our resources of rural areas as never before. He noted that "your people are your most valuable resource."

Tom W. Stephenson, manager of Technical Services in the Industrial Extension Service, said his section deals with extension education, information services and technical assistance and referral similar to the Agricultural Extension Service.

He introduced Dr. Louis M. Smith of Murfreesboro, who will be rural development engineering coordinator for the pilot project. Dr. Smith said engineering is now going to the grassroots with assistance in the same manner as agricultural extension has been going to the farmers for many years.

The major objectives of the \$33,000 educational and research project are: to increase employment, productivity and income of industrial workers; to improve efficiency and income of industrial firms



RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT BEGINS—C. A. Phillips, left, chairman of Chowan County Commissioners, is shown with officials from N. C. State University who explained an engineering program in rural development here Monday. They are: Paul S. Stone, coordinator, Center for Rural Resource Development; Dr. Louis Smith, project coordinator; and Thomas W. Stephenson of the Industrial Extension Service.