

On The Inside

There are two events along the Public Parade this week we want to call to your attention. One is national, the other strictly local. This is Constitution Week throughout the nation and it couldn't come at a better time. More attention continues to be focused on the U. S. Constitution and more of it needs to begin at the grassroots.

With the realization of the need for a better understanding of this document, the County of Chowan and Town of Edenton are co-sponsoring the printing of it elsewhere in the newspaper.

The Edenton Tea Party, Daughters of the American Revolution, work diligently to promote Constitution Week and are to be commended for their efforts.

Locally, Belk-Tyler is observing its 25th anniversary along the Public Parade. The Belks and the Tylers have proven to be a successful combination in the business world and over the years have been one of this community's leading business citizens.

Like the DAR with Constitution Week, Belk-Tyler is to be commended for the contribution the firm makes to keep Edenton a shopping center for the Albemarle. So, happy anniversary to the Belks, the Tylers, George Moore and crew.

Paper Ballot For Important Election

Those sparkling new voting machines in the lobby of the County Office Building won't be used in the September 28 referendum on bonds to support a county-wide water system.

The machines arrived to late to allow proper educational activities prior to the May primary. The Chowan County Board of Elections now has decided that since the bond referendum is a "Yes" or "No" issue, they do not want to use one of the two instruction periods provided by the voting machine company.

A sample ballot and related story about one of the most important referendums in history along the Public Parade appear elsewhere on this page.

While the county has been most fortunate to garner some \$1.3-million in federal and state grants toward the \$3.1-million project, the people of this county must now show their desire by passing \$1.9-million in water bonds.

All engineering studies show a minimum of 1,250 users are needed to support the system and pay off the 40-year bonds and 5 percent interest. More than this number have already expressed the desire to have water and it is anticipated that many, many more will be ready to tap on when the lines are placed throughout the county.

The gamble, therefore, is minimized that any county funds will ever be required to pay on the bonds. Those who favor the project must not in the next few days take anything for granted. And certainly they must go to the polls and cast an affirmative vote on September 28.

Unusual Comparison

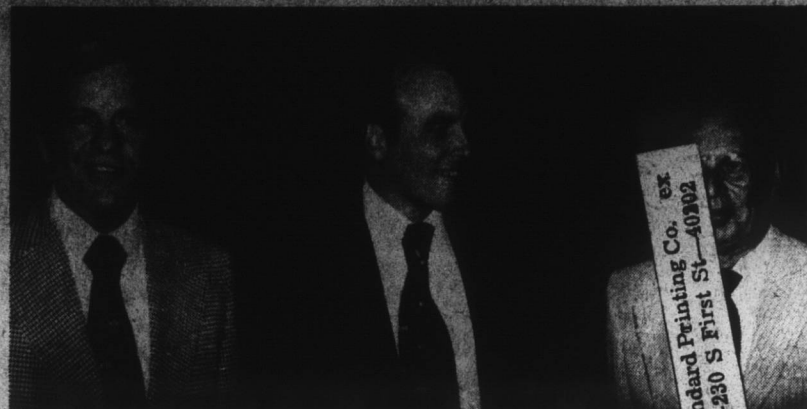
We want to be among the first to agree with Judge Dewey Wells of Elizabeth City that a museum doesn't make a courthouse. We would at the same time temper his comparison of a courthouse and hospital with the realization that he is an attorney; and further, that he appears to be healthy.

Chowan County does need more adequate court facilities. And up until recent months were actively pursuing a courthouse-jail project.

What the amiable jurist from the Isle of Pasquotank proclaims doesn't know is the county was at the same time pursuing a county-wide water system, which we are sure he would place even below hospitals in priority.

Both projects however required some outside financial assistance. When the source of funds to assist in the courthouse-jail project dried up, the water money began to flow.

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IN ATTENDANCE—Dr. Arthur Cooper, center, assistant secretary of the N. C. Department of Natural Resources, is shown with W. P. (Spec) Jones of Edenton, AADA Industrial Committee chairman, right; and Irvin Aldridge of Manteo, former state official in the Scott Administration.



AADA SUPPORTERS—Two past presidents of AADA, Erie Haste, left, and W. H. Weatherly, IH, right, are shown with Steve Barnes at last week's meeting. Barnes presented a program on First Colony Farms.



MEETS REPRESENTATIVES—Phil Quidley of Dare County, center, is flanked by Sen.-Elect Melvin Daniels of Elizabeth City, and Rep. Vernon James at the AADA meeting.

Railroad Plan Under Attack

NAGS HEAD—Albemarle Area Development Association last week went on record in opposition to the mobil agency concept of Southern Railroad to serve four counties in Northeastern North Carolina.

In the same resolution, passed unanimously at a meeting here Thursday night, it was requested

Bateman Elected

David T. Bateman, Route 1, Tyner, is the new president of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association. Bateman, who served last year as vice president, was elected to the top post last Thursday during the 22nd annual association meeting at Lewiston.

Bateman is also active in the Farm Bureau and is a member of Chowan County commissioners. He is also an official in Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church.

Speakers at the event were Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, and James Graham, state commissioner of agriculture.

Bid Opening Set

Edenton's long awaited downtown project is now out for bids, according to W. B. Gardner, town administrator.

Gardner said bills will be received in the Municipal Building at 2 P.M. on September 24.

The project includes downtown development of new sidewalks, pavement construction, utilities, landscaping, pedestrian arbors and shelters in the area between Queen Street and Edenton Bay.

The project cost is nearly \$165,000.

that any hearing by the N. C. Utilities Commission on the proposed change be held in the Albemarle Area.

W. P. (Spec) Jones of Edenton, chairman of the Industrial Committee of AADA, presented the resolution which stated in part that "the implementation of said mobile agency concept in lieu of the said railway system as it is now constituted will not serve the best interests of the present industries and businesses now utilizing the present system, but will, however, deter and prevent the successful promotion and addition of new industry to the Albemarle Area, which is needed in this low income area, resulting in irreparable damage."

Steve Barnes, former soils specialist in the area and now associated with First Colony Farms, presented a program about projected development of some 375,000 acres in Washington, Hyde, Tyrrell and Dare counties.

He called First Colony Farms a management firm trying to develop agricultural potential of the area. He said 300,000 acres will be developed into culture while the balance is considered unsuited for this purpose.

"We have learned in agriculture that what is good environmentally is usually good economically," he said.

Barnes stressed that the ultimate size of the project will only be what can be managed properly.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton, president, presided at the meeting which had members of the Coastal Resources Commission and staff as special guests.

Election Rules Are Cited

SAMPLE BALLOT

For Special Election Held In the County of Chowan, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 28, 1974

- (1) To vote "YES" or "NO" the voter should make a cross (X) mark in the appropriate square appearing below the question.
- (2) If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot return it and get another.

SHALL the order authorizing \$1,900,000 bonds secured by a pledge of the faith and credit of the County of Chowan to pay the capital costs of providing a system for the supply, storage, treatment and distribution of water, including the construction of water treatment facilities, the construction of deep wells, storage tanks and pumping stations and the construction of water mains and transmission and distribution lines and including the acquisition and installation of the equipment and machinery required therefor and the acquisition of the necessary land or rights-in-land and a tax to be levied for the payment thereof, be approved?



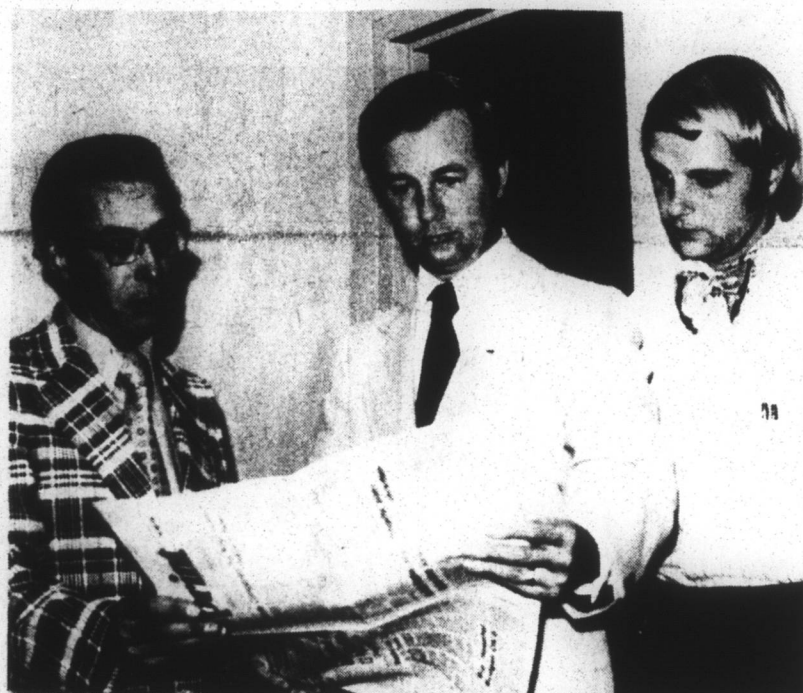
YES



NO

Mrs. Byron P. Klayton

Chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections



TOURS MEDICAL FACILITIES—Thomas M. Surratt, left, president of Chowan Hospital, Inc., and Dr. Clement Lucas, local physician associated with Chowan Medical Center, left, discuss some hospital information with Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt. The lieutenant governor toured medical facilities Tuesday afternoon.

Facilities Impress Jim Hunt

Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt came to Chowan County for a "learning experience" regarding health care facilities and personnel as well as to meet informally with citizens who wanted to talk about a variety of subjects.

Later, the top Democratic office holder in state government, said he was favorably impressed with what he had seen at Chowan Hospital and Chowan Medical Center and appreciated the opportunity to talk informally with some of the area citizens.

"I was really impressed with the

hospital," he said, noting in particular the extensive care facility. "I saw that you furnish several levels of care and this is my first opportunity to view such a facility."

The lieutenant governor said he was also impressed with the friendly wholesome atmosphere at the hospital and the entire concept of providing so many degrees of health care.

He said one of the major complaints about hospitals is the lengthy process of being admitted.

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While it is too late to register to vote in the special county-wide water system election on September 28, people can still register to vote in the November general election. The deadline to register to vote in November is October 7, according to Mrs. Joseph Thorud, executive secretary of the Chowan County Board of Elections.

Absentee voting is allowed for the bond referendum. Voters must apply for ballots before 6 P.M. September 25. They must apply to the board of election for an application. The elections office is on the fourth floor of the County Office Building.

Mrs. Thorud said those who plan to apply by mail should do so immediately to allow adequate time.

The ballot can be filled out in the elections office or must be returned before 6 P.M. on September 27.

Curb-side voting will be allowed from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M., although the polls will be open from 6:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M.

Persons may register at the office of the elections board on the fourth floor of the County Office Building on East King Street or with the registrars in their respective precinct by appointment. The registrars are listed in the advertisement elsewhere in this paper. Registration is also available with Mrs. Myrtle Hare in the county's tax office.

Aces Going For Number 3

The Edenton Aces go up against a weakened Gates County tomorrow night at Gates, but will be without their senior quarterback, Gerald Hall.

Coach Jim Addison said at mid-week that Hall sustained a painful bruise on his hip late in the second period of last week's game against Perquimans. The Aces scored 15 points in the first period and then had to struggle grimly to win, 15-14.

Speaking about Hall, Coach Addison said: "He's going to be fine and we expect him to be back at full strength next week."

Coach Addison said Gates is not as strong as they were in 1973. After they suffered a loss to the Aces, Gates went undefeated until the playoffs of the state 2-A conference.

Hall scored the first Edenton TD when he fielded a Pirate punt on his own 49 and raced 51 yards into the end zone. On the placement try there was a mix-up but Jimmy Fleetwood scooped up the ball and circled left end for the two point conversion.

It was Fleetwood who played a major role in the second Edenton TD as he intercepted a Pirate pass on Edenton's 38 and crossed to the Pirate 42. After a series of downs Willie Holley scored from the 22 and Ralph Garrett converted.

Edenton didn't click after Hall's injury and the Pirates put together two touchdowns.

County Fair Opens Tuesday

Final preparations are being made for the annual Chowan County Fair, which opens Tuesday at 3 P.M. at the fairgrounds on U. S. 17-South. W. A. Perry, president of the association sponsored by Edward G. Bond, Post American Legion, said this should be one of the most exciting and interesting fairs ever.

Joseph Byrum, manager, said booth space is set up and ready for exhibitors. There will be 20 educational and community booths and 10 commercial booths.

The 4-H regional talent show will be held each night at 7:30 o'clock followed at 8:30 o'clock by a free stage show featuring the famous Flowers Family.

Perry said two regional hog

shows and sales will be held at 7 o'clock Tuesday and Thursday nights and a poultry show and sale at 5 P.M. on Thursday.

To further stimulate interest in home canning, Kerr is offering prizes in a special contest.

Tuesday and Wednesday will be school days with all students admitted free and reduced prices for rides.

Thursday is also Senior Citizens Day with all people 62 and over being admitted free.

There will be a reduction in ride tickets for the Saturday matinee.

Louden Amusements will provide entertainment on the midway. There will be 18 rides plus concessions.

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OFFICIALS AT RECEPTION—Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt talked informally with numerous area citizens Tuesday afternoon about a variety of subjects related to state government when he met at Edenton Municipal Building. With him are, from left, Mayor Roy L. Harrell, C. A. Phillips of Chowan County commissioners; Mrs. Chester Stevens, president of Chowan Democratic Women; and George Alma Byrum, chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee.