



**WINNING BUS DRIVERS**—Cecil Fry, assistant superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, is shown in the above pictures presenting awards to bus drivers who participated in a School Bus Rodeo last week. At left, Fry presents checks to Scott Peele and Johnny Layton from Chowan. In the other picture he gives the awards to Willis Privott and George Moore, both from Chowan.—(Staff Photos by Manning).

## Bus Rodeo Winners Named

Twenty-eight school bus drivers from John A. Holmes and Chowan High School participated in a School Bus Rodeo held last Thursday. Competition was among bus drivers of each High School. Eligible participants were those regular bus drivers who had driven for at least half of the school year.

First place winner (\$15.00) for

Holmes School was George Moore and second place (\$10.00) was Willis Privott.

Chowan High's first place winner (\$15.00) was Scott Peele with Johnny Layton placing second (\$10.00).

Rodeo drivers were required to maneuver a bus through turns, obstacles, and to back without striking cones used to lay out the course. In some

## Blue Ribbon Event

Here's a note of interest for horse lovers in the Albemarle Area.

Saturday has been set as the date for the Northeastern District's Annual 4-H Horse Show. The site for the event is The Little Big-Horn Saddle Club which is located on George Madre's farm, two miles northwest of Windsor.

Youngsters 9 to 19 have been invited to participate. You'll have an opportunity to see some real winners, so hitch up Old Dobbin and trot on over!

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## Nursing Facility Public Hearing Set For May 8

The office of Comprehensive Health Planning for the 10 counties of Region "R" announced today that there will be a public hearing on the proposed construction of a new nursing and intermediate care facility in Elizabeth City on May 8.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 P.M., Donald L. Young, health planner said, at the City Hall Annex Building. Interested and concerned individuals are invited to attend to hear the two plans which have been presented for consideration. Time will be permitted for questions.

The applicants requesting approval from Comprehensive Health Planning to locate in Elizabeth City a nursing and intermediate care facility are, Guardian Care, Inc., of Rocky Mount, and National Health Care, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga.

Upon approval of one of the applicants request, a 108-bed convalescent facility will be built during the next year in Pasquotank County.

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## Land-use Planning Now Underway

This is Part II of a four-part series on the Coastal Area Management Program. This material was supplied by the Coastal Resources Commission.

Land-use planning is now underway in all 20 counties under the Coastal Area Management program. These land-use plans are documents that will determine the best path for each county to follow for future development and growth. By November 23 of this year all plans must be adopted by local governments and presented to the Coastal Resources Commission for final review and approval.

A land-use plan is a blueprint for each county in the coastal area. Each plan will contain all of the important facts about the population and size of the county, the soil and water characteristics, the type of industry and economy that support the county, and the growth issues that face the county in the near future. All of these facts will actually be the written description of the county.

Besides a summary of facts, each land-use plan will also contain the full range of opinions on growth and progress from the citizens of the county. These are being asked and recorded during these important early months of the land-use planning. The opinions gathered from the public will form a statement of goals and objectives that will be written into the land-use plan for constant reference in the future when decisions must be made about specific development projects.

While the summary of facts and the statement of goals and objectives are being collected, professional land-use planners are preparing maps and charts that will show the different classifications of land within each county. These classifications include land that is primarily urban, land that is expected to become urban within 10 years, land that is agricultural, land where small rural communities are located, and land that should be conserved because of its fragile nature or public ownership.

Many land-use plans will supplement land classification maps with land-use maps. These land-use maps will show more detail within each classification. They will be especially helpful in highly developed areas where new growth should be well-directed. This situation occurs in the beach towns and the large inland cities.

To insure that the planning effort will be as comprehensive as possible in the short time available, the Coastal Area Management Act offers three methods for towns and cities to participate in the land-use planning process. Towns that exercise zoning and subdivision controls and enforce the State Building Code are given authority to prepare their own land-use plans. The boards of county commissioners are permitted to offer other towns the right to produce their own plans or the county commissioners may extend to the towns the privilege of making recommendations for the county plans. In each of these three methods the act encourages cooperation between the towns and the counties in the planning process.

One of the first official resolutions passed by the Coastal Resources Commission also pointed out the importance of cooperative

planning. The commissioners have recommended that county planning boards and city planning boards meet jointly several times during this year to iron out potential problems of conflicts between the needs of the county and the growth pattern of the city.

Each county land-use plan will include every acre of land in the county. Since these are the plans for the orderly development and management of all of the land and water

resources of all of the 20 coastal area counties, it is extremely important that all of the citizens of the coastal counties become involved in the planning immediately. A later article in this series will discuss the methods for you to get involved in the planning.

The next article will deal with the problems and solutions for managing the natural resources of Eastern North Carolina under the Coastal Area Management Act.

## COA Recital Scheduled Saturday

College of The Albemarle's Music Department will present a Spring Recital Saturday at 3 P.M. in the multi-purpose room of the gymnasium.

Featured at this performance will be duo pianists, Patsy Houtz and Anna Bair, playing Cesar Franck's "Symphonic Variations for Piano and Orchestra."

Voice, organ and piano selections drawn from the Baroque Classic, Romantic and Modern Schools of composition will be performed. Works from J. S. Bach to contemporary Russian composer, Dimitri Shostakovich, will be included.

Those students participating in the recital are: Elizabeth City— Signe Albertson, Kelly Oldham, Keith Mullen, Melvin Jones, Joan Redding, Rebecca Redding, Kathy Gray, Pam Matthews, Claymon Swayer, Julia Pritchard, Earl Shannon, Gwen Bell, Betty Miller, Barry Ambrose, Jonathan Stoll, Patsy Houtz and Linda McPherson. Camden— Nancy Upton, Kim Beaman, and Mary Millard. Currituck— Jeanne Tice. Weeksville— Diana Chambers. Moyock— Marc Painter. Gatesville— Paula Blanchard. Hertford— Sandy Haste.

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