

Funds Received For Project

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District announced from his Washington, D. C., office last week \$875,000 in additional funding for a regional water system in an County.

Rep. Jones said Farmers Home Administration had approved a \$525,000 grant and \$350,000 loan which provides adequate funding of bid overruns for the project.

Earlier FmHA had approved a loan of \$1,000,000 and a grant of \$400,000 for the project.

The project was originally estimated to cost \$2.8-million but has now been set at \$3,750,000 with contracts being awarded for the work.

The county had already received a \$250,000 grant from Coastal Plains Regional Commission and more than \$600,000 from the State Clean Water Bond funds.

In September, 1974, voters in Chowan County overwhelmingly approved a \$1.9-million bond issue and the latest FmHA loan includes the total amount voted. The loan will be repaid in 40 years at an interest rate of 5 per cent.

While Chowan County commissioners met last week to act on construction bids. However, notice to proceed with the work was subject to be county receiving additional funding.

The first phase of the project will include installation of four deep wells, two water treatment facilities and three elevated water storage tanks.

Universal Tank & Iron Works of Indianapolis, Ind., submitted the low bid of \$339,595 for the 200,000 gallon elevated tanks. Bryant Utilities Construction of High Point was low bidder on construction of the distribution system at \$2,659,945.

Rivers & Associates of Greenville have designed the project, the first regional system to be planned east of Anson County.

Contacted after the announcement by Rep. Jones, C. A. Phillips, county commission chairman said: "We're tickled to death to get this additional money. We would like to count on the first phase being completed in about 14 to 16 months, but we hope to be serving some water even by then."

Melvin Howell, FmHA executive in Northeastern North Carolina, estimated that work should begin in about 30 to 45 days.

Chowan County Planning Board is spearheading a campaign to get users to sign-up. Deposits of \$10 is required but the deposit will be refunded if it is determined not economically feasible to serve a given area.

However, the county commissioners have expressed the desire to serve everyone wanting water. More than 1,300 users have signed up thus far.

The bid over-run developed, according to a spokesman, because engineers had been instructed at the county's request to "beef up" the system in order that the most number of people could be served.



WRESTLING A BIG MARLIN—Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt is shown here with Sens. Monk Harrington and Melvin Daniels as he wrestles a big marlin during a recent outing on Sen. Harrington's yacht. (See Public Parade).

Apartments Open Soon

Nearing final stages of completion are 51 units of housing at Edenton Manor Apartments, located at the intersection of Old Hertford Road and Ryder Lane. The federally subsidized complex, under construction by SRM Realty Investment Company of Norfolk, Va., will consist of one, two, or three bedroom apartment with rent based on the income of the occupant.

Doug Miller, site supervisor and vice president of SRM Realty, stated that the apartments are geared primarily toward low income people living in substandard housing. Having built a similar complex in Elizabeth City, he said they found that there were a lot of funds available in North Carolina and made application to build a project in Edenton.

In addition, Miller reported, they have applied for 60 more units to be constructed adjacent to the present complex.

Rental applications may be made to W. H. Sawyer, manager, who is at the site on Wednesdays from 2-5 P.M. and Saturdays from 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Cost of utilities are included in the rent, and the apartments include central heating and air conditioning, electric range, frost free refrigerators, smoke detectors, and ground fault outlets in the bathrooms.

The site will include a laundry-mat and some recreational facilities. To conserve energy, there are thermo-pane windows, insulation in all exterior walls, nine-inch insulation on the second floor ceilings and concrete floors on the second story for sound proofing. Small pets will be allowed.

Named To Board

Walter Noneman has been named to the board of directors of the American Hepatic Foundation, Inc.

Russell R. Wilmerton, executive secretary, advised Noneman that the board will meet June 28 at Martin General Hospital in Williamston to interview two medical students for scholarships grants.

W. Griffin Ross of Williamston is president of American Hepatic Foundation, Inc., which is interested in liver research.

Co-op To Open

The Chowan Cooperative Produce Exchange at Valhalla will open for the 1975 season Monday. Rob Boyce will again serve as manager.

Auctions will be held at 1 P.M. Monday, Wednesday and Friday of the first week. Daily auctions will begin the second or third week as volume increases.

Boyce said Toby Williford is returning as auctioneer. They encourage farmers and produce buyers to continue to support the cooperative.

Public Parade

A Fish Story

The following unedited note accompanied the above picture. It was signed "Melvin". Since Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt presides over the N. C. Senate we are sure Sen. Melvin Daniels, Jr., of Elizabeth City, wouldn't stretch the truth.

Here's what he said: "Monk said to be sure and send you the enclosed picture or I could never go fishing on his yacht again!

"Monk had Jim Hunt and me as his guests for the weekend so that we might fish in the Hatteras Marlin Tournament.

"Monk's new Hatteras sport yacht, the Vicki Leigh, was captained by James Craddock and his first mate was Dean Johnson.

The Lt. Gov. hooked one of the largest marlin of the tournament, but after some 45 minutes the fish shook the hook loose. It was estimated that the fish would weigh some 375 to 400 pounds. On three occasions he was played to the side of the boat, but the crew was unable to gaff him so that the would be pulled into the boat.

"This was the Lieutenant Governor's first marlin trip and he was the only one of we three to hook a marlin."

For a politician, Sen. Daniels writes a pretty good fish story.

Seeing It Through

Farmers Home Administration has emerged as the darling of federal agencies functioning along the Public Parade. If there was ever any question about the desire of the agency to assist small counties with true development potential it was erased last week with the announcement of additional funding for the county-wide water system in Chowan.

And it was FmHA that spearheaded development of the Chowan-Perquimans Sanitary Landfill, backing up their efforts with a loan and grant.

Now, with the water system Chowan has an opportunity to be a good neighbor by allowing

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Chairmanship Of ARPDC Is Changed

It was like the changing of the guard here Friday night at the fourth annual meeting of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission. W. B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator who has held the chairmanship since the commission was organized, handed the gavel to T. Reynolds Spruill of Roper.

Spruill, chairman of Washington County commissioners, is also chairman of the Albemarle Association of Counties and Towns, an organization of elected officials in Region R.

Mayor John Bell of Elizabeth City is the new vice chairman and Lester Simpson, chairman, Perquimans County commissioner, is secretary-treasurer.

Some 160 community leaders in the 10-county Albemarle Area were at the Jaycee Community Building for the banquet which was keynoted by Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten.

Thomas Willis, director of the Regional Development Institute at East Carolina University, was honored with the Duke of the Albemarle award. It was presented by Rep. Vernon James.

First Dist. Sen. Melvin Daniels, Jr., introduced Edmisten who spoke about law enforcement and youth. He was critical of the General Assembly for recent budget cuts.

Edmisten spoke especially of cuts in education. "I shutter to think the General Assembly would cut something so valuable," the attorney general noted.

Rep. James presented the award to Willis. He cited the recipient's efforts in attracting over 200 industries to Eastern North Carolina, his role in establishment of regional organizations, his efforts in obtaining water systems for Dare County and Ocracoke and his work toward development of a deep water port at Wanchese.

At the conclusion, Spruill presented Gardner with an engraved plaque in recognition of his service to the commission. Gardner pledged his continued support for the regional concept and offered to serve in any way possible to promote the area.

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PREPARE FOR DREDGING—A dragline is shown here as work is underway on a dike at the site of where spoil material will be placed from dredging of a channel in Pembroke Creek. Actual dredging on the Corps of Engineers project is scheduled to begin Monday.

Creek Dredging Starts Monday

Work on dredging in Pembroke Creek is scheduled to begin Monday. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, says he has been notified by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers that a contract has been negotiated for the work.

Gardner said the Pembroke Creek Navigation Project dredging a channel for a distance of about 1,800 feet. The spoil material will be deposited on property owned by Col. William C. Capehart at the old fish hatchery.

W. H. Sanderson, chief, construction-operation division of the Corps of Engineers, informed Gardner that the contract had been negotiated with Cottrell Engineering Corporation of Norfolk, Va., for rental of a

hydraulic dredge plant to perform the work required for the project.

The Town of Edenton must prepare the site. Work is already in progress with trees being removed from the former ponds and a dike being constructed. The town is also required to maintain the spoil site.

Gardner said the town's portion

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Grant Aids Outdoor Education

GREENVILLE—Dr. Carolyn H. Hampton, associate professor of science education, East Carolina University, has received a community service grant of \$32,600 from Title I of the Higher Education Act for support of a project

to implement outdoor education in six northeastern North Carolina counties.

The project represents one facet of a cooperative effort between the Department of Science Education at ECU, The Alliance for Progress, and the public schools of six North Carolina counties to work together to build a regional environmental education program. The six counties are Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Martin and Perquimans.

Alliance for Progress, Inc. is an educational consortium of county leadership who have joined forces to attack some of the areas educational and environmental problems.

Objectives of this project are to upgrade the environmental knowledge and skills of the K-6 teachers in the six-county area and to engage them in integrating outdoor education into the existing curriculum.

The project will be conducted in two phases, guided by an education advisory task force composed of ECU faculty, supervisors and elementary teachers.



COMMISSION BANQUET—New officers were installed and awards presented during the fourth annual meeting of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission here last Friday night. At left, W. B. Gardner, outgoing chairman, and Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten admire the "Duke of the Albemarle" certificate



presented to Thomas Willis of Greenville. Wesley B. Cullipher, ARPDC executive director, is pictured at right surrounded by the new officers. They are: John Bell of Elizabeth City, Lester Simpson of Hertford, and T. R. Spruill of Roper.