



## Every Voice Heard

While Monday was the deadline for returning the planning and development questionnaire, it is not too late to put in your two cents worth with the Edenton-Chowan Advisory Committee.

Questionnaires received in the next few days will be considered in the study being conducted in accordance with the Coastal Land Management Act.

Chowan County commissioners, like those in 19 other coastal counties, are in the process of developing a land-use plan. They wisely chose to ask the citizens of the county to aid in development of this plan. Who better can plan for the future of this county than those who call it home?

But, in order to arrive at the best possible plan, as much citizen participation as possible must be generated. Since this is a long range planning effort it is important that what is done now is as complete as everyone can make it. While plans of this nature can be changed from time to time the best possible approach needs to be taken now toward an accurate blueprint for the tomorrows.

Members of the Citizens Advisory Committee are proven leaders in the community, yet they can do only so much. They need and deserve the generous assistance of everyone along the Public Parade. One way you can do your part is by spending the few minutes necessary to complete the questionnaire and then drop it in the mail so the process can keep moving.

## New "Notebook"

Elsewhere in this week's newspaper in the "new" Bandon Notebook. The people, etc., are generally the same but the author is different.

The byline identifies her as Maggie B. when in real life she is Mrs. Margaret Bunting.

"Maggie B." has her work cut out for her in this undertaking but she is approaching it in a serious vein and with much enthusiasm. We predict she will succeed.

## Other Sources

It will cost \$4,789,571.30 to run local governments along the Public Parade in the next 12 months. Ad valorem taxes being levied to support the budgets in Chowan County and the Town of Edenton will bring in \$944,250, which is less than 20 per cent of the expenses anticipated.

The county has a tax rate of 70 cents per \$100 valuation, based on \$105-million. Meanwhile, the town's tax rate is 64 cents per \$100 valuation on the basis of \$40.5-million.

The Electric Fund in the town is more than the entire county budget and the town has voted to transfer \$192,730 from a profitable operation to the General Fund in order to hold the line on taxes.

Revenue sharing, local option sales tax and the Electric Fund in Edenton will produce \$533,230 more than twice as much as the ad valorem levy.

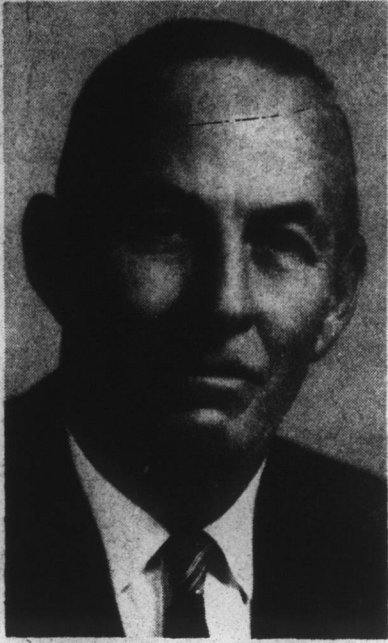
In the county, Revenue sharing, local option sales tax and profits from the ABC store will produce \$374,000 little more half the county's levy. But the county has the Department of Social Services with nearly \$375,000 in revenue from state and federal funds.

Admitted, property taxes are becoming more and more difficult to pay. But just think what the rate would be if the lion's share of funds to operate local government had to be generated from this source. Gads!

## First Line Of Defense

When General George Washington assumed command of the Continental troops, 200 years ago, he reported to the newly created Congress that he found a group of 14,000 men, "mostly

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ALBERT G. BYRUM

## Illness Fatal To Mr. Byrum

Albert G. Byrum, 611 North Broad Street, a retired businessman and former member of the N. C. General Assembly, died July 1 in Chowan Hospital following an extended illness. He was 72.

Graveside services will be held at 11 A.M. today (Thursday) at Beaver Hill Cemetery. Rev. R. Carroll and Rev. Robert Gray will officiate.

Pallbearers will be: Jack Pruden, Billy Bond, Lynn Bond, Charlie Small, Ruffin Odom, Ralph Basnight, Jasper Hassell and Jimmy Hassell.

In lieu of flowers of the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society, designated for leukemia.

Albert Gaskins Byrum was born in Chowan County on December 19, 1902, son of the late O. C. and Ida Basnight Bryum. He was married to Mrs. Ruth Pruden Byrum, who survives.

Also surviving is a son, Dr. Albert G. Byrum, Jr., of Martinsville, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Betty B. Ward of Edenton; and five grandchildren.

He was a member of Edenton Baptist Church and represented Chowan County in the General Assembly from 1957-1961.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Net Collections

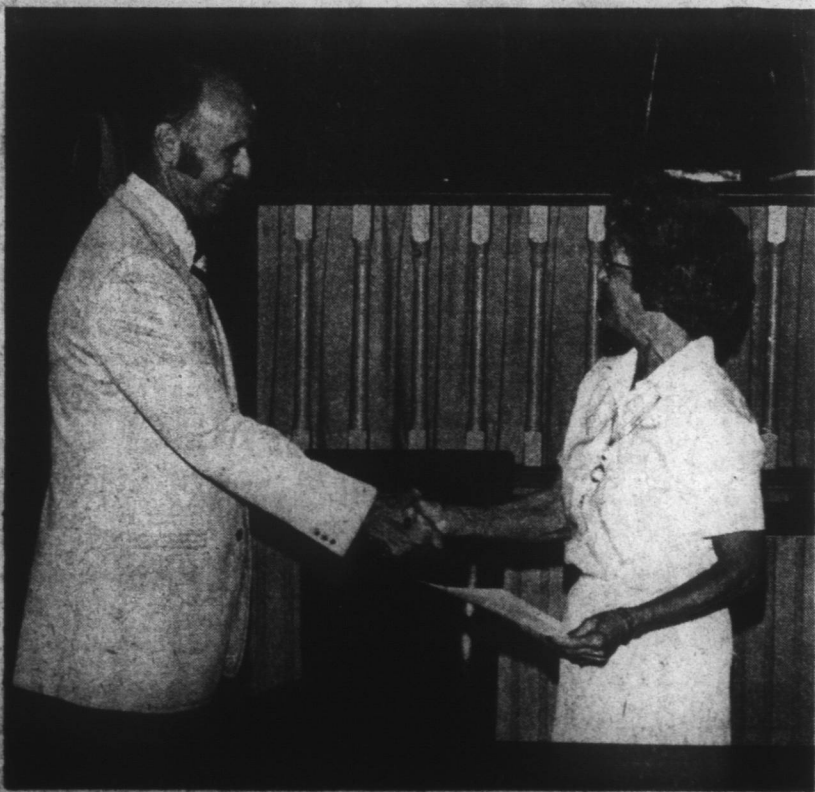
Collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in North Carolina amounted to nearly \$10-million in May, according to a report issued by Sec. J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue.

In Chowan County net collections were \$19,051.80.

## Dr. Dunn Assumes Duties As Superintendent

Dr. John Barnes Dunn assumed the position of superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools Tuesday. His oath was given by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of Chowan County Superior Court.

Dr. Dunn comes to his new position from Lillington where he was assistant superintendent of Harnett County Schools. He succeeds Dr. Eddie West who has become superintendent of High



NEW SUPERINTENDENT—Dr. John Dunn is congratulated by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of Chowan County Superior Court, after he took the oath Tuesday as superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools. Dr. Dunn comes to the position from Lillington.

# Funding, Loss Of Staff Plague Region

The Human Resource Division of the Regional Planning and Development Commission, the lead regional organization in the 10-county southeastern area, is suffering from lack of funding and resignation of staff members.

At one time in the past year the division operated nine programs

with more than 50 employees and nearly \$900,000 in funding. There is no money from local governmental units going into this division.

It was learned last week that a federal grant for Emergency Medical Services was denied after state EMC officials criticized the

plan. Efforts were being made this week to get emergency funding for personnel and an official from Atlanta, Ga., is due here soon to aid in rewriting the grant application.

Bill Griswold, former EMS coordinator, has accepted the position of safety director in Dare

County. His secretary, Mrs. Sarah Jackson, was also dismissed because of the cut in funds.

The region will get \$6,000 in funds from the state for EMS but it has been estimated that \$24,000 is needed to maintain adequate personnel.

Wesley Cullipher, executive director of ARPDC, was in Raleigh Wednesday and could not be reached for comment on any late developments. Roy L. Harrell, assistant director of the Human Resources Division, said only that every effort possible is being made to secure funding for the program.

Harold E. McKinney, director of the division, resigned recently for "personal reasons". He had headed the division since James E. Lewis resigned as executive director of Albemarle Human Resources Development System. AHRDS has since become a division of ARPDC.

Others who have left the division recently are Sandy Smith, health educator; Bill Disceňzo, director of audiology; and secretaries Nancy Morgan and Karen Neverdousky.

Sen. Melvin Daniels and Rep. Vernon James have attempted to get state funds for EMS but have not been successful. State funds, except for \$6,000 awarded each region for administration costs, amounted to \$432,103. Region "R" had requested \$173,000 in federal funds and \$203,464 in state funds for a program state EMS officials had called "hardware oriented" and that the "successful outcome and positive progress ... is questionable."

McKinney said the state's observation of the plan destroyed the region's attempt at federal funding also.

It has been reported that other regional programs operated by the Human Resources Division had either been funded at a lower level than in the past or were in danger of not being funded at all.

## Take District Posts

Two Chowan County 4-H girls were elected to district offices at Northeastern District 4-H Activity Day held last week in Ahoskie. Marta Rogerson was elected president of the 15-county district and Pat Perry was elected reporter.

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## Independence Day Events Are Revealed

A full day of activities has been planned for July 4th in Edenton by the Chowan Arts Council with Mrs. Louise Darby as chairman. Assisting her are Mrs. Rosa Martin and Robert Moore.

Mrs. Darby said "there will be something for everyone". Activities will include a sailing regatta, a tennis tournament, jam sessions, children's games, an evening baseball game, and even a Men's Apple Pie Baking Contest with the pies to be auctioned.

The Independence Day program will begin with a ringing of the courthouse bell at 1 P.M., followed by the parade of color guards including the VFW, American Legion, National Guard and Hertford Fife and Drum Corps in Colonial costume.

At 1:30 Mayor Roy L. Harrell will extend greetings from the steps of the Municipal Building.

Activities will continue on the Courthouse Green at 2 P.M. with the Atlantic Fleet Marine Drum

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## Wood To Speak

George M. Wood of Camden County, former member of the General Assembly and an active farmer and agribusinessman, will be guest speaker at the meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association on July 9.

The monthly meeting will begin at 7 P.M. at Shoup's Chowan River Inn in Gates County. Zackie W. Harrell, county extension chairman, is coordinating the arrangements with Phil Quidley of Manteo, AADA president.

Wood, who has been active in politics all his adult life, is considered an "unannounced candidate" for lieutenant governor.



4-H LEADERS—Marta Rogerson, right, is the new president of the 15-county Northeastern District 4-H, and Pat Perry is the new reporter. They are Chowan County girls and were elected during activity day held June 24 in Ahoskie.

## Budget Larger; Taxes Static

The Town of Edenton will be operated during the next 12 months on a \$3.1-million budget, a new record, but councilmen were able to hold the tax rate at 64 cents per \$100 valuation. The town's valuation is \$40.5-million, up just \$500,000 from last year.

Meeting in special session Monday, the council adopted the budget prepared by W. B. Gardner, town administrator, and the Finance Committee. Gardner noted that in order to maintain the same tax rate council decided to transfer \$192,730 from the Electric Fund. This is nearly \$70,000 more than last year.

Gardner noted that the estimate take from taxes is up \$6,000 while the budget is some \$600,000 more than last year. The bulk of this is in the Electric Fund and Water

and Sewer departments. The budget contains a general 5 per cent pay increase for town employees.

One of the main items in the budget is system improvements in the Electric Department. This rose from \$50,000 a year ago to \$122,000 for the current year. A major item is the installation of voltage regulators at a cost of some \$60,000. Until recently they were furnished by Vepco, according to Gardner.

Property taxes will be in \$246,000, about a third of the General Fund revenue. It is estimated that the town will spend \$1.5-million for electricity and \$252,196 for non-departmental expenses. The water and sewer funds have been set at \$285,327.

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Dr. Dunn and his wife, Janice, have two children, John and Cynthia. They are members of the Episcopal Church.