TOUR LOCAL FARM-George Jones, right, welcomes Ivan

Top of Hamilton, Mich., to his swine producing farm in Chowan

County. Others are Dr. David Spruill of N. C. State University,

left, and Jack Parker, area livestock specialist. Some 20

members of the Michigan Pork Council participated in a three-

Michigan Producers Visit Area

day tour of swine operations in Eastern North Carolina.

Michigan pork producers spent

three days this week touring

facilities and sampling Southern

hospitality. There were some 20

Ivan Top of Hamilton, Mich.,

president of the Michigan Pork

Council, said they had heard so

much about the growing pork

producing business in North

Carolina they wanted to come see

the operations. "Too, it is in a

different part of the country which

Drag racers have been warned

to stay off private property at

Edenton Municipal Airport.

Sheriff Troy Toppin said the owner

of the property informed him

Monday he would prosecute

D. I. Rosser said he had not

given anyone permission to use

the property and asked the sheriff

to post "no trespassing" signs.

Those who go on the property are

subject to indictment and

The sheriff's department has

received numerous complaints

from area residents about drag

racing on abandoned runways at

the airport. It has been described

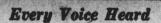
prosecution, the sheriff said.

trespassers.

made it attractive," he said.

Racers Warned

men in the party.



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 is 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 \$40.5million.

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 \$275.000 in revenue from state and federal funds.

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

First Line Of Defence General Ge

he reported to the r ss that he fo oup of 14,000 men, "

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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

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 America 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 \$10million 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.

nding, Loss Of Staff Plague Region

n Resource Division Regional Planning of Albe oppment, the lead and I anization in the 10regiona regiona g anization in the 10-county of theastern area, is suffering from lack of funding and resignation of staff members.

At one time in the past year the divison 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

After Monday's experiences in

Camden and Currituck counties

and Tuesday in Chowan, Top

expressed surprise at the amount

of soybeans and corn grown in the

area. He was even more surprised

when Pete Thompson, county

extension chairman, told him

nearly 60 per cent of the grain

"You have a built-in base for

expansion because you have the

grain," Top said at a luncheon at

Jones farm to view his total

Later they toured the George

Earlier in the day they visited

Arriving in Edenton early

Monday evening, they went to

Cherry Point on Albemarle Sound

for a cook-out and later J. Gilliam

Wood carried them on a tour of

Jack Parker, area livestock

Also on hand was Dr. David

Spruill, head of the extension

swine department at N. C. State

University. N. C. State arranged

the tour which also included stops

in Gates County, Tarboro and

specialist, coordinated the local

First Colony Farms and Pert

Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant.

confinement swine operation.

grown in the area is exported.

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

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 Continued on Page 4

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 for lieutenant candidate" governor.

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 Discenzo, 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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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 being 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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as a "potentially bad situation". 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.

Point City Schools.

Rocky Mount.

Hayes Plantation.

phase of the tour.

Dr. Dunn comes to Edenton-Chowan Schools with an impressive and varied background in the field of education. His educational career began in 1961 as a business education teacher in Berlin, Md. Since that time he has served as testing and evaluation coordinator in the Martin County School System, and was principal of Boone Trail High School in Lillington, from 1967-1971. Since 1971 to the present, he has been assistant superintendent, in charge of special programs and occupational education for the Harnett System.

Dr. Dunn received his B. S. degree in business education from East Carolina University in 1959, his Masters in education administration from ECU in 1966, and his Doctorate in education administration in 1973 from N. C. State University. He had held certification in business education and social studies, as principal, vocational director, assistant superintendent and superintendent.

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