



DISCUSS GENERAL ASSEMBLY— State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston, right, is shown following a speech at Edenton Rotary Club last week with Dick Dixon, left, president; and Dr. Lucas, program chairman. Sen. Harrington discussed in detail establishment of a Public Utility Review Board.

Board To Review Utilities

A Review Board established by the 1975 General Assembly hopes within the next few months to "find out where there is some fat in utility companies", according to State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston.

Sen. Harrington said he and

Rep. Jay Huskins of Iredell successfully sponsored legislation to set up the Public Utility Review Board, composed of six members of the General Assembly. Working with a budget of \$25,000, Sen. Harrington said: "They (the utility companies) are going to know in the next six to eight months that the Review Board is going to do some good."

Speaking last Thursday at the luncheon meeting of Edenton Rotary Club, Sen. Harrington said he had just been named by Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt to be one of three State Senators on the board.

Sen. Harrington declared that public utilities are the most important thing facing the people of North Carolina today. "And up until this year I have never seen them get anything less than what they wanted," he added.

He went on to say that the energy crisis has placed many businesses where public utilities are now "and they are about to price themselves out of the league."

Sen. Harrington said the General Assembly has guaranteed the public utility companies a profit. "I don't agree with this," he noted.

He concluded that there are a lot of people who cannot manage when times are hard. "But the public utility officials had better learn," he said.

Dr. Clement Lucas introduced the speaker. Dick Dixon, president, presided and presented James Blount with a past-president's plaque.

ARPCD Receives Funding

WINTON—Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission has funding in the amount of \$1,506,112 for the next fiscal year, according to a report given the Executive Committee at a meeting here Wednesday of last week.

Wesley B. Cullipher, executive director, noted that all existing programs have been funded with the exception of Emergency Medical Services. The federal EMS grant was denied and two staff people had their jobs terminated on July 1.

The N. C. Regional Medical Program has agreed to continue to support the office operation of the Human Resources Division until September 30 along with the Speech and Hearing Project.

Good Water Coming

Chowan County is going into the water business. And while it has in a long time coming the county-wide water system is probably one of the greatest accomplishments ever achieved in history of this county.

With the signing of the "notice to proceed" contractors of the \$3.9-million project have 365 days to complete their work. It has been estimated that the job could be done adequately in half that time which would put good water to rural residences before spring.

Many people have worked long and hard to make this project a reality. It is now up to the citizens to accept what is being offered them while the price is right.

For example, a prospective user can now sign-up by paying a \$10 deposit on a water meter. An additional \$15 will be collected later. If, however, a resident waits until the water line passes his house before expressing his desire for water, then it will cost an additional \$75 for labor to tap into the line.

Also, individuals, businesses and communities who desire a fire hydrant at a specific location must let their wishes be known within the next 10 days. The special hydrant will cost approximately \$550. To many this is a small cost when a reduction in fire insurance rates is considered.

As we said, the water system is being made available to the people of the county but if they do not avail themselves of this opportunity to improve their standard of living then they will have no one to blame but themselves.

Now is the time to act. To wait a few months and then react to what has happened might prove unnecessarily costly.

Noted And Passed

A new law enacted by the 1975 General Assembly required motorists driving in the left or inside lane of a dual lane highway to drive at the posted speed limit. This might be a good law but it won't apply to but very few along the Public Parade or Eastern Tar Heelia.

The fact that it won't apply is not that the law isn't enforced statewide but that there aren't many dual lane highways in these parts. But for those who have the occasion to journey out of the wilderness, here's what Col. E. W. Jones, State Highway Patrol

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Continued funding will be determined in September, according to a letter from Ben Weaver, RMP executive director.

RMP will continue to fund the Hypertension Control Program but there is some disagreement about the salary budget for Dr. Ed North of Nags Head who is medical director.

Funding for the various programs is as follows: Aging, \$65,467; 701 Planning, \$22,000; EDA, \$75,500; Manpower, \$932,659; Hypertension, \$63,800; Speech and Hearing, \$45,000; Health Planning, \$13,982.50; EMS, \$6,000; Family Planning, \$234,785; and Nutrition, \$37,319.

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Water System Plans Proceed

Contractors have been given a "notice to proceed" with the Chowan County water system. The effective date was Wednesday.

Contractors have 365 days to complete their work but are expected to finish in a much shorter period of time. Weather conditions will have a great deal to do with the completion date, a spokesman said.

Chowan County Planning Board has again called on residents in the county who want to hook onto the system to sign up within the next two weeks in order to avoid extra costs.

Those who sign up now pay \$10 deposit and the remaining \$15 is paid later. The contractor has said if a tap is made after the line passes a residence there will be a \$75 charge for the labor involved.

Also, individual property owners, businesses or communities who desire a fire hydrant at a specific location must express their wishes to the county within the next 10 days, a spokesman said. The cost will be approximately \$550.

Anyone who desires a hydrant or wishes to sign-up for the water system should contact either Dallas Jethro, county coordinator, or C. W. Overman as quickly as possible.

Commission Asks Hearing

Ten members of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission Board of Directors have petitioned for a meeting to be held at 8 P. M. Monday in the Municipal Building in Edenton.

The meeting was called in accordance with the by-laws of the commission.

A spokesman for those board members calling the meeting said the purpose is "to discuss problems and loss of fine employees of Region 'R' and that 'it is that a meeting of this nature will serve to better inform the people in the region.'"

Grid Schedule

Coach Jimmy Addison has released the 1975 Edenton Aces grid schedule which has the team traveling to Elizabeth City in September 5 for the season opener.

The Aces travel to Perquimans on September 12 and host Gates County on September 19.

The team opens conference play on September 26 at Plymouth and move to Tarboro on October 3. The first home conference game is October 10 with Roanoke Rapids.

On October 17 the Aces go to Washington and return home October 24 for a game with Williamston. Camden comes to Hicks Field on October 31 and the Aces close out the season on November 7 at Ahoskie.

UPDW Files Damage Suit

United Piece Dye Works has filed suit in Chowan County Superior Court to recover from Ron Hines, owner of Farmers' Air Service, \$14,713.51 in damages the plane suffered June 14 when a plane hit a power line and crashed in the Rocky Hock section of the county.

The suit alleges that the plant was without electricity from 2:30 P. M. until 10:30 P. M. and considerable damage resulted because of the process in progress at the time of the incident.

It is also alleged that the defendants were negligent in that the plane was flying too close to the power line which was struck.

Biggs Jailed Without Bond For Charges

James Junior Biggs, 29-year-old Negro, Route 1, Edenton, is in Chowan County Jail without privilege of bond on two felony charges — murder and first degree burglary.

Judge Grafton G. Beaman Tuesday denied a request by W. T. Culpepper, 111, Biggs' court appointed attorney, that a bond be set in the cases.

Biggs was arrested early Saturday morning soon after the death of Doris Jean Ferbee, Paradise Road, was reported. The victim was 35.

Sheriff Troy Toppin said the victim died as the result of several stab wounds. The sheriff said he was guarding his remarks about the case because of the seriousness of the charges.

It was learned the five children were in the Ferbee home at the time of the alleged assault. Judge Beaman later read the warrant in open court in which Biggs is charged with first degree burglary of the residence occupied by the victim and her children.

The victim had had Biggs arrested earlier on a charge of assault on a female.

The report of the alleged assault was telephoned to Edenton Police Department at 1:24 A. M. Saturday. Sheriff Troy Toppin, Deputy Glenn Perry and SBI Agent Bill Godley were called in to investigate since the scene is outside the town limits.

Sgt. G. W. Mizelle of the Police Department is listed as a witness in the cases.

Culpepper requested a preliminary hearing in the case and asked that it be set at a time when a court reporter would be available to make a transcript of the testimony. The hearing date was set for August 5 in Chowan County District Court.

Classes Full

The Edenton - Chowan Board of Education announces the closing of registration for kindergarten classes in its schools for the school year 1975-76. The staff is confident that most five-year-olds in the county have been registered and next week will begin forming the classes needed.

Any parent who has a five-year-old who has not been registered for kindergarten must do so by contacting the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education office no later than Tuesday. According to Don Lassiter, director of instruction, no kindergarten student identified after this date can be considered in the planning of 1975-76 kindergarten classes.

Only five-year-olds of new residents will be admitted to the program after school opens on August 28.

Food Sales Volume High

Special to the Herald

NEW YORK—How did the average Chowan County family spend its money in the past year? How much of it went to local retail stores?

According to figures just released, following a nationwide survey, consumer spending for goods and services continued at a relatively high level in the area, despite the depressed state of the economy.

The findings are contained in a market study made by the Standard Rate and Data Service. It details just how the average family in each section of the country spent its retail dollar and how much of it was allotted for food, clothing, household equipment, cars and other products.

In Chowan County, it is shown, the largest outlay was for food.

The sales volume in local supermarkets and other food outlets totaled \$7,095,000, as against the prior year's \$6,595,000.

This was solely for take-home food. It does not include the amount that went to restaurants and to other dining and drinking places.

In effect, approximately 27 cents out of every dollar spent in local retail stores was for food for home consumption. The proportion was greater than in many communities.

Throughout the United States as a whole, 22 cents was so-spent in the State of North Carolina, 23 cents.

The report shows that the expenditure for food purchased in Chowan County for home use would average out to \$2,150 per household if distributed equally among the local population.

The figures indicate that business was comparatively good, under the circumstances, for most other retail outlets in the area. Automobile sales were an exception.

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Recreation Facility Now Open

Effective June 16 recreation facilities opened at Chowan Youth Center located at Chowan High School, reported Gigi Leary,

director of the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department.

Ferrell Pavlick, assistant director, is in charge of the program and reports that so far the response has been very good.

Activities in the gym include basketball, ping pong, shuffleboard, and other table games. Outside, there are additional basketball courts, volleyball, and the newly completed tennis courts. Pavlick is also offering tennis instruction on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Details are available through the recreation department.

The program at Chowan is the result of the response by county residents to the recreation facility in the Edenton National Guard Armory. Participation by residents outside of Edenton was great enough to justify establishing a program mainly for people located outside of the immediate Edenton area, it was stated.

Squad Finds Missing Men

By: FLYNN SURRETT

Thundershowers and rough seas coupled with the failure of two Aulander men to return from their fishing trip prompted immediate action from the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, Sheriff's Department, and Wildlife personnel last Thursday night.

At 10:30 P. M. the Rescue Squad was notified that concerned friends had found their truck and trailer still parked at the boat ramp at the Chowan River Bridge.

Raymond Burden, 74, and Edward Bazemore, 68, had left from the ramp that morning and failed to return.

A visual search with binoculars from the bridge revealed nothing, but at midnight Donald Bunch and Elbridge Smith of the squad were more fortunate. They spotlighted the small craft in a wooded area at the tip of John's Island. Both men were safe.

Their boat had lost power that afternoon, and doubtless it would have been a nasty night to spend on the sound.

Two hours later, Smith and Bunch arrived back at the Wildlife landing with the crippled craft in tow.

Sitting there in "water moccasin heaven" as Murray Ashley, civil

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Mitchell Appointed

Dr. H. L. Mitchell of Gatesville is among members named to the Governor's Coordinating Council on Aging by Gov. Jim Holshouser.

Dr. Mitchell, a well known minister in Northeastern North Carolina, was named to a term expiring June 30, 1978.

The new appointee serves as transportation coordinator of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission's Aging Unit. He formerly directed the New Careers program in the region for Economic Improvement Council, Inc.

He serves on the trustee board of the Shaw University Divinity School, board chairman of the N. C. Senior Citizens' Federation, trustee of the N. C. Christian Action League, and is a member of the general board of the N. C. General Baptist State Convention.

Rides Aid Scouts

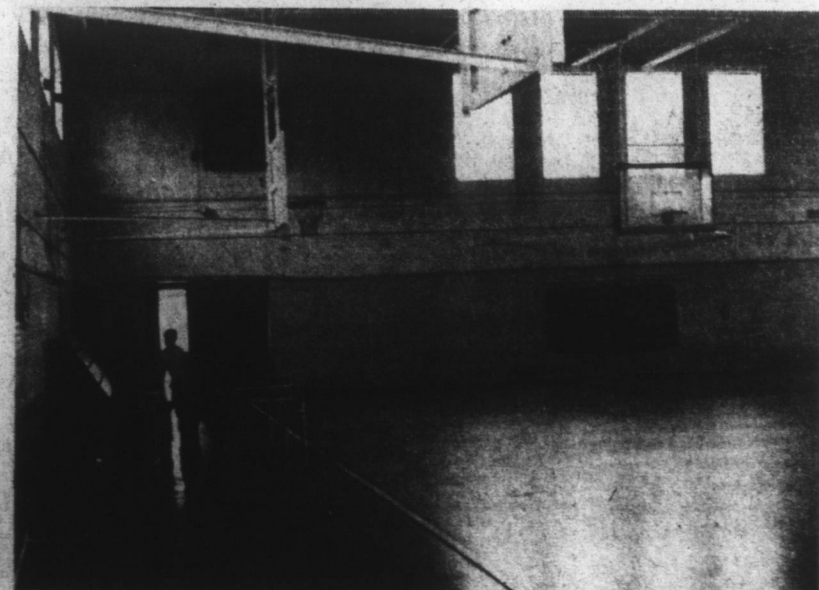
Edenton Rotary Club this week is sponsoring rides for all ages at the Holmes parking lot on North Broad Street.

There are the kiddie ferris wheel, kiddie rockets, and kiddie umbrella ride for the small tots. There is the octopus and swinging gym for the older folks and the space walk for all ages.

Proceeds will go to support the Boy Scout Program. The local civic club sponsors a troop.



FACILITIES AT CHOWAN—The Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department is now operating a youth center at Chowan High School similar to the one at National Guard Armory in Edenton. Pictured above left are the new outdoor facilities which include



tennis courts and basketball goals. At right two young people square off at ping pong in the gymnasium. There are numerous other activities available.