

Meeting Set For Public At Holmes

The second of two public meetings this week by the Edenton-Chowan Citizens Advisory Committee is tonight (Thursday) at 8 P.M. at Chowan High School. It will be held in Room 14.

While the meeting is primarily for citizens who reside in Second and Third townships it is open to the public. The meeting for First and Fourth townships was held Wednesday night in John A. Holmes High School Library.

These public meetings are being held to discuss the results of the recent questionnaire and other aspects of the land-use plan for Chowan County which is currently being developed.

The Coastal Resources Commission has called for significant citizen participation in the development of the plan in compliance with the Coastal Management Act of 1974.

In earlier stories, various aspects of the questionnaire have been described. The final article follows.

Seventy-nine per cent of the citizens returning the questionnaires expressed a desire to see more tourists come to Chowan County and Edenton. More motels, hotels, restaurants, waterfront recreation, parks, picnic areas and camping areas were noted as facilities needing development.

A recreation center and bowling were priority items listed as additional recreational facilities needed. Also, more parks and playgrounds, a swimming pool along with boating, beaches and fishing.

In the opinion of 54.4 per cent of those surveyed the county and

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Facility Closes

The Chowan High School gymnasium, used by the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department, will be closed for the rest of the summer.

The department thanks Gil Underwood, principal, for the use of the facility for a summer recreational program.

Also, all tennis lessons scheduled to be taught at Chowan and in Edenton will not be given. "We apologize for this but we do not have enough instructors to teach tennis this last session," a spokesman stated.

Tournament Set

The first annual Colonial Edenton Invitation Golf Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday at Chowan Golf & Country Club.

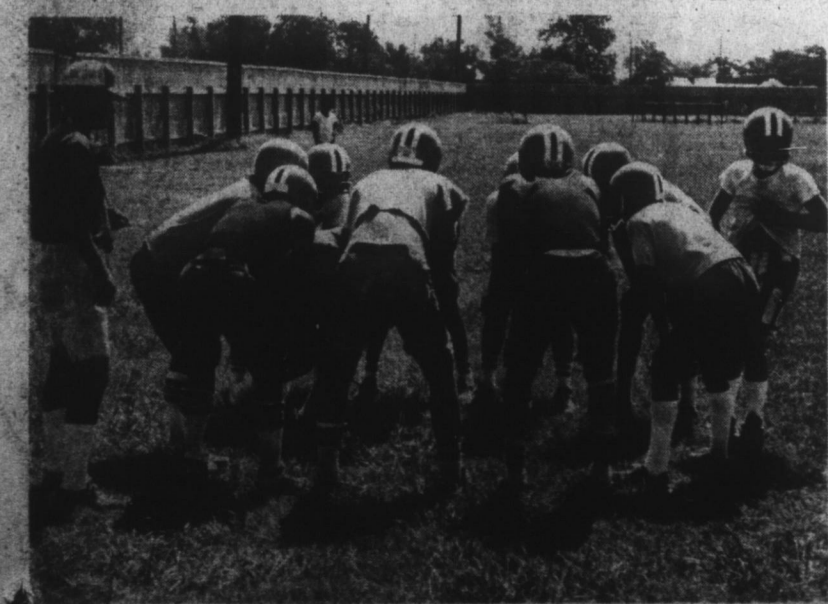
Bob Kelly, host pro, said scores of golfers from throughout the area are expected to register for the two-day event.

Play begins at 8 A.M. Saturday and a social hour is planned for 6:30 P.M.

Sunday's final round also begins at 8 A.M. with the awards to be presented at 6 P.M.

Ed Brown is general chairman of the event. Others on the tournament committee are:

Randy Crabtree, awards; Tom Bass, rules; Knapp Brabble, advertising; Haughton Ehringhaus, starter; Annette Downum, scoring; and Betsy Brown, entertainment.



CONDITIONING—Edenton Aces football squad was busy with getting in good shape this week, working on basics, learning plays, and getting prepared mentally. In the above photo coach Jimmy Addison encourages players to dress up the huddle and break together, learning to move as a disciplined unit. In the right photo, players work on an important basic, moving on the snap of the ball.

Progress Continues On System

Chowan County commissioners Monday adopted a resolution relating to the sale of \$1.9-million in water bond anticipation notes and employed Graham Farless to work with the water system. He is the first employee and will be paid \$9,000 a year.

At the same time the board instructed Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, to work with Farless and develop information concerning equipment needs.

Pete Thompson, county extension chairman who reported for the Planning Board, said a decision has been made to invite Gov. Jim Holshouser and the State Rural Development Panel to groundbreaking

ceremonies for the county-wide water system. Other officials will be invited.

Commissioner N. J. George suggested that the county appoint a Water Authority to oversee construction and future operation of the system. No action was taken.

Jethro reported that since the county purchased the Cape Colony system last week he has had requests for six water taps in the area. He said he is without equipment to have the work done.

Commissioners asked him to see if the contractor installing the county-wide system would not assist in the matter.

Fiberform Expanding To Yacht Construction

Fiberform, a division of U. S. Industries, launched its Executive Yachts company last month in Spokane, Wash., and by the end of September 30 and 33-foot models will be rolling out of the firm's Edenton plant.

This is Fiberform's first venture into the yacht line. The line will

also include a 28-foot cruiser but at the present time it will not be manufactured in Edenton.

The total affect the new line will have on the Edenton operation is not yet known. But at Spokane 50 to 75 employees are being added and an 80,000 square foot addition is in the works.

Gary Garretson, general manager of Fiberform's Edenton plant, was in Spokane this week where the new yachts are being introduced at a West Coast dealer show. He said molds for the new models are expected to arrive in Edenton early next month.

At the present time the local plant turns out models from 14-foot to 26-foot. Garretson said starting in September the plant's production will be nine boats per day.

The company currently employs 140 people.

The new 33-footer weighs about six tons, according to William C. Bongers, executive vice president of Fiberform and Executive Yachts. He said projected manufacturing expectations are 50 such yachts in the first year, along with supportive yachts of other sizes.

Bongers said Fiberform was prompted to build larger boats by simple market demand. He said larger boats were being sought in greater amounts than the smaller sizes.

"When a man has \$40,000 to \$50,000 to spend on a boat, he wants a big one," Bongers said.

The newly formed division of Fiberform will have to "phase itself into the market", he said, growing as demand for the new line dictates.

Juici Airma, Industrial Designers Society of America and head designer for Fiberform, said, "Everything is bigger in this yacht than those built by anyone else. There's more head room, a stand-up shower in the bathroom, and a kitchen with a large refrigerator and freezer. It's kind of magic to do that," he said.

The yacht also boasts a private bedroom, a set of bunk beds and fold-down dinette, all-in-all, capable of sleeping six. There is a sliding glass door separating the main deck and the cabin, carpeting throughout with a top deck above, standing about 10 feet above the water level.

Booster Club Requests Machine

By Flynn Surratt

The John A. Holmes Boosters Club requested the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education to assume responsibility for acquisition of a Universal Physical Fitness Machine, Monday night.

Rudolph Dail, a spokesman for the association, reported that the highly recommended weight machine is used by high schools and colleges in both athletic programs and physical education classes for overall strengthening and toning of muscles.

Eugene Jordan, board

chairman, stated that the board would consider the matter and that the decision would be forthcoming depending on the availability of funds.

Ron Huffman, director of social services, reported on the Child Development Center at Chowan High School. The center is designed for pre-school age children up to age four years, and is administered through the department of social services. It is up for refunding, and Huffman stated that the main problem in terms of cash is paying salaries.

He asked for whatever support the board of education is able to give.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, replied that the center is not under the authority of the school board and because of a tight budget for the upcoming year, could not offer financial assistance. However, he

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Fees Reported

Fines and forfeitures and facilities fees exceeded \$60,000 in Chowan County in 1974, according to a report presented to Chowan County commissioners Monday by Asst. Dist. Atty. Keith Teague.

The county paid \$980 as its share of the operation of the District Attorney's office in Elizabeth City during the year. That amounts to \$140 per week of court. There were 42 weeks of court held in the seven county district, according to Teague.

Office rent and the purchase of furniture and fixtures are the big expenses of the office of Dist. Atty. Thomas Watts.

Teague said the district has been allotted an additional assistant DA and an administrative assistant. This will require additional furniture.

The assistant DA said every effort is being made to so structure the prosecutor's office to get the maximum efficiency from the courts.

In Chowan County, fines and forfeitures, which go to the schools, was \$53,662 and the facilities fees, which go to the county, were \$6,603.

Leary Resigns

Gigi Leary, director of the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department, has resigned to take a position with Edenton-Chowan Schools. W. B. Gardner announced the resignation at a special meeting of Edenton Town Council Monday afternoon.

Gardner said Leary has accepted a dual position of coach and teacher of driver's education. Leary is a former star performer for the Edenton Aces and Elon College.

Gardner said Leary has done a fine job with building a fine, diversified recreation program in the area. He added that the large number of participants speak well of the program the director has developed.

The town is now accepting applications for his replacement. Leary will leave the post August 15.

Significant Happenings

Two significant things happened to Hyde County last week. One came from within, the other from the mountains, of all places.

During a special election the voters of Hyde approved the establishment of an ABC system in the county. It was the last of three votes on the issue over the years and supporters hailed it as good for the economy in the county.

And up in Rutherfordton the N. C. Board of Transportation agreed to accept a \$2,223,000 bid for a new ferry to run from Swan Quarter to Ocracoke Island. It is scheduled for completion in November, 1976, at Barbour Boat Works in New Bern. It will have a capacity of 300 people and 34 cars.

When the ferry is put into operation the islanders can do business at the county seat without the lengthy drive up to Manteo and back to Swan Quarter.

Also, the ferry could boost tourist business and help the economy as much as profits from liquor sales. People wanting to go to Ocracoke from the northwest won't have to go down to Hatteras to catch a ferry.

This project is quite a victory for the people of Hyde County and the legislators from Northeastern North Carolina. But better still, it serves a need which has long been neglected.

"Smokeless Dollars"

Those "smokeless dollars" are increasing along the Public Parade but not in proportion to what this community has to offer as compared to other areas of Tar Heelia.

As a matter of fact, the 11 per cent increase in travel spending in Chowan County last year hardly maintained the pace of inflation.

Travel spending in Chowan was \$1,462,548, according to figures published in the 1974 N. C. Travel Survey, published by the Department of Natural and Economic Resources' Travel Development Section.

Across the Albemarle Sound in Tyrrell there was a 73 per cent increase, a 51 per cent rise in Washington, but a 5 per cent loss down in Hyde.

Gates and Perquimans kept the same pace while Pasquotank experienced a 4 per cent loss. Camden had a 14 per cent gain, and Currituck's gain was 6 per cent. And Dare, the state's fifth most popular destination, had a 14 per cent increase.

Except for Dare, there seems to be little comparison with the percentage of change in the dollars spent on travel and the available attractions. A case in

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Aces Grid Performers Begin Practice Sessions

Last Friday signaled the first day of practice for the first day of practice for the Edenton Aces grid squad. Head coach Jimmy Addison reported that there are about 55 participants now dressed out and another 10 or so are

expected next week as their summer jobs permit.

This year, he reported, the team will be younger and lighter, but quicker as their are only nine returning seniors. Weight wise, the line is about five to 10 pounds lighter on an average per man. Several linemen have shifted positions to balance the front.

In the backfield, the candidates tend to be a bit heavier.

This week, practice has been devoted mostly to conditioning and Addison stated that the team

reported in pretty good shape. He said that the younger players have responded well to learning plays, and though the test of fire has not yet come, they are mentally well prepared.

The first day of practice in full equipment will be this Friday. They will dress light for the morning session and will be in pads for evening practice from 6-8 P.M.

The practices will be open to the public, Addison said.



No Action Taken On COA

No action was taken Monday by Chowan County commissioners on a request from College of The Albemarle for \$5,000 which would demonstrate local community support and allow the institution to make application for a \$2-million federal grant.

Each of the seven counties in the COA service area in Northeastern North Carolina have been asked to pledge 50 cents per capita. The money would be needed only if the \$2-million grant for capital improvements is approved.

In a letter to board Chairman C. A. Phillips on July 24, Dr. Bruce Petteway, COA president, said the other six counties have endorsed the project. They are: Gates, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Currituck, Camden and Dare.

This was the second consecutive month that the Chowan board had failed to take action on the request. At the July meeting it was decided to ask Pasquotank County commissioners to make the request "since COA is their responsibility."

Chairman Mickey Thompson of the Pasquotank County board sent Chairman Phillips the letter of request.

In the past the local board has balked at requests for financial assistance for COA. Chairman Phillips said Monday he had not been in favor of "continuing funding" programs. He added that the current request is different and he thought "the program has merit."

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore said he hadn't made up his mind about the COA issue, but in other programs Pasquotank County hasn't done its share this year. "Yet they ask us to help them with COA," he said.

Then Elmore added: "I would hate to see \$5,000 keep them from getting \$2-million."

Commissioner N. J. George was the most vocal in opposition to the request. "This is not a problem for Chowan County," he charged. "This is their (Pasquotank County's) problem. Their people voted it down. I don't think we ought to get into it."

Chairman Phillips said approval of this request should not imply how the local board feels about continued funding. "They pretty well know how we feel about this," he said.

The chairman said the board needed to give a yes or no answer. However, it was later decided to ask Dr. Petteway to appear to further explain the project.

Earlier in the discussion it was explained by Phillips that Dr. Petteway had requested to appear at Monday's meeting but he (the chairman) had said that was not necessary. He asked the COA president to document the project in a letter.