



WORK BEGINS ON NURSING FACILITY—Groundbreaking took place Monday morning on Paradise Road for a 96-bed nursing facility being developed by Cape Colony Haven, Inc. Company officials were joined by local representatives of government, the chamber of commerce and those who participated in arranging financing. Left to right are: James E. Lewis, secretary-administrator; Hal Vester of Vester Realty in Rocky Mount; John A. Mitchener, Jr., treasurer; C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; Mayor Roy L. Harrell; Jack Habit, vice president; L. F. Amburn, Jr., president; Larry Robertson of the Bank of North Carolina, N. A., and Jack Evans, chamber president.

Facility Underway

Construction began this week on a 96-bed intermediate care nursing facility to be developed here by Cape Colony Haven, Inc. The facility will be located on an eight-acre site just off Paradise Road, adjacent to U. S. 17 by-pass.

Davidson & Jones, Inc., of Raleigh, is the general contractor. A spokesman for the firm said construction is expected to be completed within seven months.

The architect is Design Associates, Inc., of Statesville.

C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, and Mayor Roy L. Harrell spoke briefly at the groundbreaking at 11 A.M. on Monday. Both commended the local group for recognizing the need for additional health care facilities in the area and successfully carrying through with their plans.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., president of the sponsoring firm, traced the development which goes back to

October, 1973. He said care has been taken to insure against the facility becoming "just another institution."

He said the facility would employ between 55 and 60 people and have an annual payroll of nearly \$300,000.

The development budget exceeds \$1.3-million. The single story structure has 24,670 feet of floor space.

Amburn said Cameron-Brown Company of Raleigh arranged permanent financing through the Federal Housing Administration. The construction loan was provided by Bank of North Carolina, N. A.

He also introduced the other stockholders: Jack Habit, vice president; James E. Lewis, secretary; and John A. Mitchener, Jr., treasurer. Lewis will be the administrator of the facility.

In addition to town and county officials, representative of

Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Bank of North Carolina, N. A., relatives and friends of the owners were present.

Donald Young opened the informal groundbreaking with an inspirational prayer. Mitchener, former mayor, turned the first shovel of dirt to officially signify the start of construction.

The Edenton firm has made application with the N. C. Department of Human Resources for a "Certificate of Need" to construct a 96-bed facility at Nags Head, adjacent to the Rural Health Center. That facility will have 32 skilled nursing and 64 intermediate care beds.

Area Jails Restricted

Juveniles cannot be detained in Chowan County Jail or four of the six other facilities in the Albemarle Area. Sheriff Troy Toppin said females also cannot be confined to the local facility.

The determination by the N. C. Department of Human Resources was based solely upon structural arrangements of the facilities regarding the provisions of privacy required by state statute, according to a memo received last week by Sheriff Toppin.

A register of county jails in which juveniles may be detained supplied with the memo from Woodburn Williams, head, Jail and Detention Branch, shows that Tri-County Jail in Elizabeth City has a blanket clearance to detain juveniles. Washington County is allowed to have only females or one sex of juveniles at the same time.

Gates County does not maintain a jail while Perquimans, Pasquotank, and Camden counties fund the Tri-County facility.

Special state requirements for holdover facilities as part of a local confinement facility could prohibit Chowan County from planning for such a facility in the proposed courthouse-jail project. In any event, juveniles cannot be held for more than five days in an approved facility prior to placement in an approved detention home.

Sheriff Toppin pointed to one special condition in the requirements which could make planning for such a facility prohibited. It states: "Domiciles for juveniles shall be single occupancy, with not less than 70 square feet of space including activity room with shower and table-bench assembly."

It is also stated that "juvenile holdover facilities shall employ room finish materials with are color-toned, sanitary, and of such durability that vandalism and defacement are discouraged."

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Public Parade

Program Needs Boost

At the same time the Holmes High School Drama Club was enjoying smashing success with the musical *Lil' Abner*, there was bad news coming out of the N. C. Arts Council up in Raleigh.

The council carved up \$214,540 in grants for programs in the arts to agencies in 53 counties. Grants ranging from \$200 to \$8,000 were awarded to 108 public and private non-profit agencies for such projects as theater productions, arts and crafts programs, concert series, art classes, exhibits, publications and poetry workshops.

The nearest any of the funds came to the public Parade was in neighboring Gates County where \$900 to go to support the county's arts council.

What should cause concern here is that we are not gaining, but actually are about to lose what we have. Bill Springer, who has worked in this county in the Third Century Artist Program, will leave in June if funds are not found locally to pay his salary.

While we live in a cultural forest if appears increasingly difficult to see the trees. All the work done with art, drama, etc., in our schools cannot blossom into full bloom with token support.

There have been two events out at Holmes High School recently which illustrate the good work being done within our public schools. The spring concert by the band and chorus still has people talking. Then some of the young musicians got together to provide music for the drama club in *Lil' Abner*.

For three nights last week the Holmes Auditorium was nearly filled with an appreciative audience. It is testimony to what well trained instructors can do in discovering talent within their own environs.

Students recognize this dedication and have split Boston, Continued On Page 4

Home Burned

Fire Tuesday morning rapidly destroyed a two-story home on the Elton Boswell farm near Dillard Mill crossing. The Wallace Holley family and others occupied the dwelling.

The alarm was received at 7:30 A.M. by Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department. Within 10 minutes after the alarm was sounded the roof was falling in.

A witness said the swelling was located about a mile from the fire station but there was no chance to save the structure or the contents. A car parked in the yard was also damaged.

There was no announcement as to possible cause of the blaze which left a number of people homeless and without personal belongings.



COACH SPEAKS—Coach Jim Donnan, right, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill staff, was keynote speaker for the Aces Athletic Banquet Tuesday night. He is pictured with Dr. Allen Hornthal who introduced him at the Edenton Jaycee Community Banquet.

Farnell Joins Hospital Staff

Chowan Hospital, Inc., announces the appointment of Leland (Lee) E. Farnell to the post of vice president of management services, filling a position which has been vacant since mid-February. Farnell joined the hospital staff May 17. Initially he will concentrate his efforts towards the refinement of the hospital's new terminal-type computer system.

Farnell will supervise employees in the areas of fiscal affairs, food services, housekeeping, maintenance, and purchasing.

Farnell is a native of Williamston, but most recently has been serving a six-month administrative residency at Nash General Hospital in Rocky Mount. He is a 1973 graduate of Davidson College, with a degree in pre-med, and received his masters degree in health administration from Duke University in May, 1975.

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Booster Club

Numerous certificates, letters, trophies and plaques were distributed Tuesday night as the Aces Booster Club honored athletes at its annual spring banquet.

The event ended on a highly emotional note as Coach Jim Addison bid the Aces and their

FM To Open

WBXB FM stereo will go on the air in this area around June 15, according to Miss Dottie Lillibridge, sales manager. The station will be managed by Roy Godwin of Selma, one of the owners. It can be picked up at 100.1 on the FM dial.

Miss Lillibridge said the station would have a staff of six people and beam 3,000 watts. The central coverage will be 35 miles from the transmitter on Paradise Road.

The station will operate from 6 A.M. to midnight and negotiations are now underway to obtain ABC news. Miss Lillibridge said the station will have innovative programming.



BOOSTERS GATHER—Athletic Director Robert F. Shields is flanked by Rudolph Dale, left, and Dr. Robert E. Gray at Tuesday night's Aces Athletic Banquet. Dr. Gray is new president of the Boosters Club and Dale, outgoing president, was master of ceremonies at the banquet.

Honors Edenton Athletes

boosters a tearful farewell. Touched by the ovation given when introduced, Coach Addison challenged the young athletes and adult supporters to give all of themselves to whatever they set out to do.

The coach leaves soon to take a grid position at West Forsyth, a 4-A school. He was lauded by a colleague at John A. Holmes High School, Tom Bass, as the entire audience at the Edenton Jaycee Community Building stood in a display of love and respect.

Dr. Robert E. Gray was introduced as the new president of the Boosters Club. Greg Clark will be vice president and Carolyn Bunch, secretary.

Rudolph Dale, president this year, recognized local business firms and individuals who contributed trophies which went to outstanding participants in winter and spring sports.

The young athletes were told by the keynote speaker that they are fortunate to live in a community

Registration

All parents who want their five-year olds to attend kindergarten in the Edenton-Chowan Schools this fall should register them immediately if they have not already done so.

School officials find themselves in an unusual position. The state has advised that money is available for more kindergarten classes, but they must first know how many children will be attending the classes.

Registration was held the first and second week of April but officials feel there are more children who are eligible to register. They must first know how many and in which school they will be attending before more concrete plans can be made.

Parents or guardians can register their child by calling 482-4436 or coming by the Edenton-Chowan Schools Administrative Office located on the Third Floor of the County Office Building.

where people care. Coach Jim Donnan of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill noted that in recent days he attended a similar banquet where fewer than a dozen adults were in the audience.

The speaker, a former quarterback at N. C. State University, said he is always challenged to talk with young people. "The reward is interaction with them," he said.

He called on people to accept themselves for what they are if Continued On Page 4



Dr. Edward G. Bond



Wilbur Ray Bunch

Bunch Seeks Board Seat

A race developed this week for the Second Township seat on Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Wilbur Ray Bunch, Route 1, Edenton, announced that he will seek the seat now held by Carlton Goodwin of Tyner.

Goodwin filed last week for re-election to a six-year term on the board.

In another event, Dr. Edward G. Bond filed Tuesday for re-election to the board from the First Township. Thomas Paul Griffin, the other incumbent from First Township up for re-election, had not filed by noon Wednesday nor indicated his intentions.

No one yet filed for the Chowan County Board of Commissioners

from Third Township. David T. Bateman, the incumbent, has publicly announced that he would run for a new four-year term.

The deadline to file for both partisan and non-partisan posts (the board of education is non-partisan) is noon Friday. Those who desire to file should contact either Mrs. Byron Kehayes or Mrs. Joseph M. Thorud, executive secretary.

Bunch, 41, is a farmer and fisherman. He is a partner in Bunch Brothers and is a graduate of Chowan High School.

The candidate has been active in Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department for 10 years, is an

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PERSONNEL CHANGES—Lee Farnell, right, has joined Chowan Hospital, Inc., as vice president of management services. He will be assisted by Mrs. Linda Gaster, left, and Mrs. Beverly Morris of the hospital staff and John Ennis of Shared Medical Services, who is assisting in the refinement of the hospital's new terminal-type computer system.