

ADDRESSES ROTARY—Dr. Richard N. Hines, Jr., Edenton Rotary Club president, is shown above with H. C. Cranford, right, governor of District 771, Rotary International. Cranford, a vice president of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, was guest speaker for the local organization's meeting last Thursday.

Construction Worker Dies

A construction worker died in Chowan Hospital about noon Friday following a reported accident near the West Albemarle Street overpass to U. S. 17 by-pass.

The victim has been identified as William Earl Sellers, 41, Route 1, Winnabow.

Sheriff Troy Toppin said Mr. Sellers was taken to the hospital about 11:15 A. M. Friday but his department did not gain knowledge of the accident until around 4 P. M. The sheriff has been unable to determine the exact time of death.

The victim was an employee of Landscape Services, Inc. of

Garner. A co-worker allegedly told an attendant at the hospital that Mr. Sellers got caught between a trailer and a truck cab.

He reportedly suffered a crush type injury to the chest.

A native of Brunswick County, he was the son of Charlie Richmond and Annie Ruth Swain Sellers.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon with burial in the Robbins Cemetery in Brunswick County.

The body was sent from the Swindell-Bass Funeral Home to the Coble Funeral Home in Wilmington.

To Preside

David T. Bateman, Chowan County commissioner and president of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association, will preside at the association's annual meeting in Lewiston on September 9.

The annual peanut field day and membership meeting will be held at the Peanut Belt Research Station, beginning at 10 A. M. Those attending will be welcomed by R. D. Coltrain, superintendent and James A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture.

Dr. Jacob L. Thomas, chancellor of N. C. State University, will be principal speaker. He will be introduced by Dr. J. E. Legates, dean, NCSU School of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Following lunch a field tour will be conducted. It will include discussion of a new insect resistant variety, new developments in weed control, and demonstration of digging equipment.

Flu Big Topic

In the past few months it seems that the "topic of conversation" has been the swine flu. You have all read about it, listened about it on the radio, and seen it on the television. An attempt will be made through this article to give our local people an "up-to-date" report on the swine influenza.

Influenza has a special place in the history of epidemic diseases. Plague, smallpox, yellow fever, typhus, and the classic scourges have now generally been controlled. Influenza, however, has not.

This is so because the virus which causes the disease changes its makeup so often that men cannot build up specific immunity to it. Once every 10 years or so, there occurs what scientists call a major antigenic shift. When this happens, the flu virus has changed so much that almost nobody has any immunity to it. The population is wide open, unprotected against infection. This happened in 1957

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Harvest Supper

The annual Harvest Supper, sponsored by the Center Hill Roads Volunteer Fire Department, will be held September 11.

Frank White, fire chief, said the popular firehouse barbecued chicken will be served from 5 P. M. until 8 P. M. Tickets cost \$2.50 each and can be purchased from members of the department.

Public Hearing

Real Opportunity

We want to congratulate the board of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission in the selection of R. J. Hines, Jr. as chairman.

At the same time we want to welcome Bob Whitley as the new executive director.

Furthermore, we want to remind both of them that ARPDC is a public agency and comes under the open meetings law in this state. In the past, with the meeting last week being a good example, the board of ARPDC has chosen to discuss its problems without giving ample notice of meetings.

The manner in which the entire ARPDC mess has been handled has bred suspicion. And it now appears that when all the linen is hung out it won't be nearly as dirty as it was made to be.

We have supported the regional concept in general, and ARPDC in particular, at times when it wasn't easy. This will not continue if the board persists in using us only when we are needed.

Mr. Monds and Mr. Whitley need to make it the first order of business of the new regime to take steps to restore confidence in ARPDC and those who direct its operations. This can best be done through complete openness, the lack of which has just about buried a valuable tool for improving the lot of all the citizens in the Albemarle.

A Worthy Project

One of Northeastern North Carolina's educational institutions is taking a giant step by moving ahead with a \$2-million capital improvements program which will benefit those who meander along the Public Parade about as much as those on the Isle of Pasquotank.

College of The Albemarle is seeking financial assistance from Economic Development Administration and Coastal Plains Regional Commission to go with local monies, for a technical and vocational education building on the new campus near Albemarle Hospital.

The Albemarle is fortunate to have both COA and Elizabeth City State University. The area is also fortunate in the fact that COA has a two-pronged mission—a strong technical and vocational program and a liberal arts transfer program. Each has its own purpose, its own identity, its own contribution to the citizens of the area.

COA is a college in name, but its program structure is attractive to people in all walks of life, and those who have diverse educational needs. It is a "people's" institution which contributes to solutions to our problems.

About 12 years ago we were disturbed COA claimed Chowan as one of its seven serviced counties. All we saw was a "branch" sign propped up against a tree near Edenton Municipal airport. Since that time the entire direction of the institution has changed. The best example of acceptance is the

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Absentee Voting Allowed

Absentee voting will be allowed in the second primary election to be held September 14. The deadline for making application for absentee ballots is 6 P. M. on September 8, according to the Chowan County Board of Elections.

A board spokesman said paper ballots are expected by the end of this week to enable persons wishing to vote absentee to apply and vote.

Any person who was eligible to vote in the first primary on August

17 will be eligible to vote on September 14.

However, only Democrats and Republicans will be allowed to vote as there are no non-partisan issues. A person registered as a No Party Affiliant can, on the day of election, declare a party and vote for those on the declared party ballot.

The post of Chowan County Register of Deeds will be settled in the second primary. Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, deputy register of deeds, lead the ticket for the post and

Mrs. Jean A. Bunch has asked for a runoff.

Three Democratic nominations will be determined. For lieutenant governor it will be House Speaker Jimmy Green and Howard Lee. State auditor Henry L. Bridges is challenged by Mrs. Lillian Woo while Mrs. Jessie Rae Scott and John Brooks are candidates for Commissioner of Labor.

On the Republican ticket, David T. Flaherty and Rev. Coy C. Privette seek the nomination for governor.

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FISH FRY SLATED—Bill Stallings, West W. Byrum, Jr., and Kermit Layton, Sr., display three of the posters that will be distributed to local businesses announcing the annual Chowan County Shrine Club Fish Fry, September 11. Tickets will be \$2.25 per plate and proceeds will go to the aid of crippled children. This year's fish fry is being billed as the largest ever held in Edenton.

Grid Season Opens Friday

This year the Edenton Aces football team is burdened with a lack of experience that desire and enthusiasm may find difficult to offset, said head coach Dave Holton. He made no pat predictions of a sweeping championship team, and added that the demerit of the track program and lack of a jayvee squad at Holmes High School last year could have a detrimental effect on the success of the squad.

"We have the makings of a good football team," Holton commented, "but we are an awfully long way from having a great one. I don't know if a lot of what we need to overcome can be accomplished in as short a time as

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Tax Bills

The Chowan County Tax Department is in the process of preparing the 1976 tax bills which are expected to be mailed by October 15, according to Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator and tax collector.

Jethro noted that a new method of preparing the bills is being used this year and has caused some delay in mailing. For one thing, there will be a separate tax bill for each parcel of property owned by one individual.

The collector said taxes can be paid through December 31 without penalty. After that date 2 per cent will be added and three-fourths of 1 per cent for each month thereafter.

Tickets to the Northeastern game can be purchased at George Chevrolet on North Broad Street until 6 P. M. Friday. Both student and adult tickets are available.



Coach David Holton

Joint Meeting

A joint meeting of the Edward G. Bond Post 40 and the Women's Auxiliary will be held Tuesday, beginning at 7:30 P. M. Invited guests will be the representatives to Boys' and Girls' State, and a steak supper will be served, reported Bill Perry, post commander.

There will be a special awards presentation that will be of interest to all members of the organization, he said.

Those planning to attend should call 482-2249 for 482-8484.

Coble Stumps In Coastal Area

You don't win elections by taking any region for granted or writing off any region. And you don't run an efficient state department by entering with a bush ax.

These "don'ts" were expressed here this week as Howard Coble moved through Northeastern North Carolina in quest of support for his candidacy for State Treasurer.

Coble, secretary of the State Department of Revenue in the Holshouser Administration for the past three years, wants to see more openness in the Council of State post he pursues. "I would be more affirmative and more open about where the state's money goes." To do this he proposes regular press conferences in order to be more aggressive in telling the people how state money is being spent.

He is proud of what the Department of Revenue has been

Construction Of Annex Underway

Construction of a health education addition and change in the emergency room entrance began this week at Chowan Hospital. For a period of about 90 days a motified entrance plan to the emergency room will be in force.

Thomas M. Surratt, president, said two entrances for emergency room patients will be utilized. Ambulance patients will enter through the service loading dock entrance on the north side of the hospital.

Other patients seeking emergency room attention will enter through the existing employees' entrance on the south side of the facility.

A closed circuit TV system will be installed to allow emergency room personnel to constantly monitor the service loading dock entrance.

"I recognize this will be an inconvenience and sometimes a hectic method of handling patients, but I believe it is the best plan under the circumstances," Surratt stated recently in a memo which was widely distributed.

Surratt said every step is being taken to have a smooth-running job with the least amount of interference of daily activities of the hospital.

Monds Elected

R. S. Monds of Hertford has been elected chairman of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission and Bob Whitley, a native of Williamston, is the new executive director.

Elected in addition to Monds at a board meeting last Thursday night in Elizabeth City, were Don Bryan of Nags Head, vice chairman; and Lester Simpson, also of Perquimans County, secretary-treasurer.

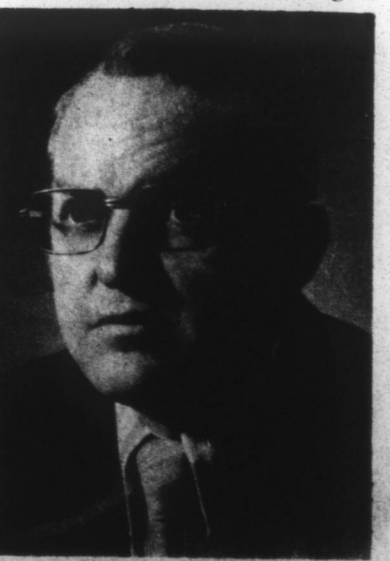
The board also heard a full report on the commission's financial situation which shows a deficit of more than \$34,000.

Whitley, who has been employed in the State Manpower Program, said he was "most appreciative of the opportunity to become an active part of Region 'R'."

Ray Beckler, acting executive director, reported on the Public Works Bill.



TESTING HYBRIDS—Sam Lee, left, and Jim Hopf, district sales managers for Pioneer Hi-Bred International, are shown on the Yates Parrish farm on Highway 32 South, shucking corn on the stalk for display to local farmers. Pioneer in cooperation with Parrish has been testing 11 different hybrids of corn this season, to determine the best type for this locality. Hopf reports that at this point, in terms of standability, dry weather and disease tolerance, Pioneer 3368A has been the most successful. They will harvest on September 10, followed by weighing and measuring the yield.



Howard Coble

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