

ARPDC Move Supported

The Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission's headquarters would move from Edenton to Hertford if Perquimans County is successful in gaining 100 per cent federal funding for an office building. This is stated in a resolution adopted, 7-2, by the ARPDC Executive Committee Tuesday night.

ARPDC staff initially served notice of intent to apply for a \$450,000 grant for a regional center but later it was taken over by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. The action was recently questioned at

an "informal" meeting of the ARPDC board.

Since that time a complete application has been submitted to Economic Development Administration in the name of Perquimans County. R. S. Monds, a Perquimans commissioner and ARPDC chairman, said at Tuesday's meeting: "Personally I feel it (the resolution to utilize the building) will affect whether or not Perquimans County gets the building. Are you going to help Perquimans County get a building or not?"

Robert C. Whitley, ARPDC executive director, fielded several questions concerning this and other applications as well as with regards to the wording of the resolution.

Most vocal in opposition was C. A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners, who stated he would help Perquimans County in any way possible but felt this was an ARPDC undertaking which would result in unfair competition for federal funds.

ARPDC serves local governments in 10-counties and it was admitted that the commission staff put together the application. Phillips said Chowan County has spent between \$30,000 and \$40,000 developing an application for a courthouse-jail complex. He added that Chowan has an "over bearing need for a courthouse and jail" and certainly has "a vested interest and we have a strong interest" in how the project applications are handled.

Phillips said while the resolution states funding of a facility in Perquimans County to primarily house ARPDC will not impair the chances of funding for any other governmental unit in the region, he questioned funding of state and regional projects which cut into county projects.

Whitley at one point told the committee members that Dale Jones, EDA state administrator, has admitted making a mistake in saying each region will get a certain number of projects. But he added that the Perquimans application will be given no special priority.

This prompted Phillips to point to certain deadlines other applicants had to meet, certain criteria in the guidelines, etc. He also generally questioned the procedure which had been followed with this application.

Dr. J. H. Horton, also of
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Commission Takes Issue Over Survey

Chowan County commissioners Monday took issue with statements in a 1976 School Survey dealing with local funding for public education. Commissioner N. J. George called it "poppycock" and contrary to fact.

Dr. John Dunn, superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, and Eugene Jordan, board chairman, answered the charges during a 50-minute exchange.

Chairman C. A. Phillips and Commissioner George pointed out that local money going into the public schools here exceeds both the state and national average.

Dr. Dunn said he didn't see the intent of the study as being critical of local funding. "I hope you won't zero in on percentages," he countered. "The emphasis is to be on how your commendable effort can be continued."

Later the educator said the study was not designed to focus on finances but on curriculum and organization. Commissioner Alton Elmore said the board should not dwell on percentages but on the per pupil expenditure and on giving the children the best education this money will buy.

Phillips asked Jordan if, as a board, the school decision will be
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Libraries Close

All libraries in the Pettigrew Region: (Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton, Perquimans County Library in Hertford, Tyrrell County Public Library in Columbia and Washington County Library in Plymouth) will be closed all day on Wednesday for the regular quarterly staff meeting to be held in Hertford.



TAKE OATHS—Three newly elected county officials were administered their oaths Monday morning by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, left, clerk of court. They were: Lester T. Copeland, county commissioner; Wilbur Ray Bunch, Edenton-Chowan Board of Education; and Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, register of deeds.

New Officials Take Oaths

Newly elected officials in Chowan County took their oaths of office Monday in a 30-minute ceremonial prior to the regular meeting of county commissioners. Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, administered the oath to: Alton G. Elmore and Lester T. Copeland, county commissioners; Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, register of

deeds, and Mrs. Marjorie T. Allen, deputy;

Dr. Edward G. Bond, Thomas Paul Griffin and Wilbur Ray Bunch, Edenton-Chowan Board of Education;

Marvin S. Barham, coroner; and

Joe A. Webb, Jr., Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

C. A. Phillips was re-elected chairman of the county commissioners. Elmore was elected vice-chairman, both without opposition. So was Mrs. Spruill, clerk to the board; and John Graham, county attorney.

Phillips expressed his appreciation for the confidence his colleagues placed in him. "I will continue to do the best I can with your able assistance," he said. He noted that the board has a lot going on. "You fellows are doing so tremendously well, and there is plenty of work for everyone."

The new vice chairman said it had been a busy four years. "I look forward to a new term with you and will work in any way I can," he said.

Snow Forecast

A sleet and snow storm was forecast for Northeastern North Carolina Wednesday and by 2 P.M. public and private schools had dismissed.

The forecast was that as much as two inches of snow could be experienced here Thursday morning.

Norris All-Albemarle Player

John Norris of Edenton has been chosen Albemarle Area Player of the Year by The Daily Advance and is joined by seven other members of the Aces' squad to dominate the area grid team. Three of the Aces—Norris, Ray Tew and Charles Watford—were among the starting offensive backs chosen.

On the starting defensive team were Allen Bunch, Mike Brown, Tony Pierce and Gerald Moring.

Choral Society

The Edenton Choral Society will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday at 3 P.M. in the Edenton Baptist Church.

The program will feature traditional Christmas music. Among the selections are a set of the Alfred Burt Carols, the English carol, "What Child is This", and the Randall Thompson, Nowell.

Soloists for the occasion will be Sherry Jordan, Elaine Gibson, Evelyn Smith, Russell Baxley, John Becker, W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., and Cyndi Phillips. Accompanist for the group is Mary Smith.

The society is under the direction of Mrs. Shelby Strother. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Public Parade

Decision Sunday

Last Thursday the holiday shopping season was launched along the Public Parade with a delayed but gala Christmas parade.

Sunday will mark the beginning of our spiritual observance of Christmas. The Methodists and Baptists have planned services for 7:30 P.M., so people will have to read the program announcement elsewhere in the paper today and make a decision which they prefer to attend.

The choice will be easy for us. A recent marriage and honeymoon resulted in a vacancy in the music director's job at the Methodist Church. A lady we have grown to know pretty well over the past 19 years was drafted to put together the program.

If what we have been hearing around the house is any indication of what can be expected at the candlelight service Sunday the people who attend are in for a treat.

By the same token, Mrs. Robert E. Gray has an enviable reputation of producing heart warming musical programs at Edenton Baptist Church.

It will be Frank Cox's trumpet or the Junior High Handbells. Regardless of the choice, those who attend either service will certainly be in for a treat, not a treatment.

In our case, though, the decision will be painless.

Albemarle Sounds

Gov.-Elect Jim Hunt has indicated in interview after interview that he will lean heavily on local government officials in his administration. Therefore, the caliber of people elected to positions of public trust is now much more important than at any time in recent history.

The Albemarle has a storehouse of leaders. In the recent past not enough of them along the Public Parade nor throughout the area have exerted themselves to the best interest of the citizens.

Now with the new attitude at the top, where local government leaders will be called on to make the Tar Heel government function smoothly, a new dimension of leadership must surface. If this is not experienced then what we get is what we deserve.

This week we are impressed with what is happening in local
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Mary Elizabeth Hurdle Achievement Program Set

The Chowan County 4-H Club Achievement Program will be held on Monday night at the Center Hill Community Building at 7:30 o'clock. The speaker this year will be Mary Beth Hurdle, former outstanding 4-H member from Perquimans County.

Miss Hurdle was an International Farm Youth Exchange Student to the Middle East (Iran) in 1968; She will show slides of her visit to the Middle East including pictures of the Holy Land (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, etc.)

While a 4-H member she was state winner in vegetable use demonstration, and was a national winner in canning. She was tapped in the State Honor Club as a climax to her 4-H career.

At the achievement program, state, district and county winners will be recognized. Those completing at least one project will receive a certificate. Stars will be placed on certificate according to the number of projects completed.

The club with the highest percentage of parents present will be honored at the County Council meeting next month.

Dr. Dalton Proctor is expected to be present for the program. Dr. Proctor is second in command of 4-H program in North Carolina. All 4-H'ers and their parents are invited to attend the climax of this 4-H year.

The Chowan Ruritan Club will present a trophy for the Best All Round 4-H boy and one for Best All Round 4-H girl this year for the first time.

Special Services

Special Christmas programs and services are planned Sunday at Edenton United Methodist Church and Edenton Baptist Church.

The Methodists will have their annual candlelight service and White Christmas beginning at 7:30 P.M. Sunday. Special music will be provided by the Senior and Junior Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Emily Amburn. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Lucy Brown, organist, and Mrs. Patricia Downum, at the piano.

Frank Cox will give a trumpet solo. Other special music will be by Mrs. Kitty Barringer, Mrs. Elaine Gibson, Mrs. Mary Alice Jordan, and Mrs. Trudy Parker.

The White Christmas offering will be received for needy families at the service. It is requested that food items be wrapped in white paper with the contents marked on the outside. Money received will be used for meats and perishables to be purchased by the Social Concerns Committee.

Also at 7:30 P.M., three children's choirs and the Junior High Handbells will present a program of Christmas music at Edenton Baptist Church. The choirs are directed by Mrs. Robert E. Gray and accompanied by
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Shortest Report

One of the shortest Grand Jury reports ever recorded in Chowan County Superior Court was handed to Judge Ralph Walker Monday morning. It read:

"True bills of indictment were returned in all cases presented." It was "respectfully submitted" by Dr. Richard H. Hardin, foreman, and attested to by Flynn Surratt, secretary.



SENATOR HAS ANNUAL AFFAIR—Last Friday was a successful day for hunters at Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington's in Lewiston as 25 deer were counted at the end of the day. However, probably the biggest kill came after dark when a host of people, including a number of state political figures, gathered for dinner. E. L. Hollowell is shown at top left with Gov.-Elect Jim Hunt. In the other picture, Lt. Gov.-Elect Jimmy Green, center, is shown with Tom Shepard, Gilliam Wood, Sen. Harrington and George Alma Byrum. Below left are Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, Sen. Melvin Daniels and Carl Renfrow. Rep. Walter B. Jones is shown in center photo talking with Emmett Burden. At right, Gov.-Elect Hunt greets State Rep. Horton Rountree and Phil Godwin, center, and Jasper Hassell looks on.

