

# County Budget Hearing Slated

A second public hearing on the Chowan County budget for 1977-78 will be held in the courthouse here at 10 A.M. Friday. Following the hearing the commissioners are expected to adopt a budget.

The \$2.8-million budget being proposed would require a tax rate of 98 cents per \$100 valuation, up 23 cents from the current 75-cent levy.

The second hearing was called after a citizen attending a hearing on June 20 questioned the legality of that meeting on the basis of improper advertising. The notice of the first hearing did not contain a summary of the proposed budget.

County commissioners, in order to comply with a 10-day notice requirement, published a new notice, including a budget summary, in The Daily Advance in Elizabeth City on June 22.

Since the last summary, included in the budget, was in the office of Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, register of deeds, the Eder Board of Education has agreed to accept \$636,000 instead of \$600,000 and county commissioners have limited pay increases to 6 1/2 percent.

These two items are expected to affect the tax which will be based on an assessed valuation of \$115-million with 10-cent collections.

The county's \$190,000 revenue sharing money would be spent for recreation, ambulance service, landfill, social services and health.

As a public service a budget summary is found on page 3 of today's newspaper.



**ADDRESSES THROU** — Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., accompanied by a two-tier stand of dignitaries; speaks to more than 1,000 people at Swan Quarter during Saturday's dedication of a new ferry to run between the Hyde County seat and Ocracoke.

## Public Parade

Dear Don

Mr. Donald Whitley  
The Daily Advance  
Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909

It is not our intent to make a difficult situation more difficult by asking you to explain what happened in your Sunday Advance which gave our daughter a new set of parents. You are pretty good as a general manager, but we think your latest attempt to walk on water was a 24-karat failure.

True, Maru, and Heidi Wood were invited by The Terpsichorean Club in Raleigh to make their debut this fall. It is untrue, however, that Billy and Gloria Bond had anything to do with Maru's presence along the Public Parade, be it individually or collectively.

The Bonds have their own debutante daughter, Sherry Bennett, and maybe the fact they live in Eden caused some confusion in your shop. Nevertheless, if Billy is willing to pick up the tab for two debts, then we will consider signing a waiver of parenthood until after September.

Don, I wouldn't be calling this to your attention except that so many people have called it to mine. Being an impatient soul I try as often as possible to by-pass the responsible party with my complaints and go directly to the top.

But what really bothers me, to be perfectly honest, is that I wasn't aware so many people hereabouts read your paper. And I won't wait until September to do something about that!

Bud

## Three Little Words

"Not very smart" are three little words. They, however, become very, very big and uncomfortable when applied to politics.

And to Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham the "not very smart" legislative acts drafted by Durwood Laughinghouse, a special assistant, have raised some questions concerning motives and integrity.

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**PUT INTO SERVICE** — Here is the newest member of the Tar Heel fleet — the ferry Gov. Edward Hyde which was dedicated Saturday at Swan Quarter. In lower right is the sentinel, a Wildlife Commission boat. (Staff Photos by Amburn.)

## New Ferry In Service

Going to Ocracoke? You can do it quicker now via Swan Quarter.

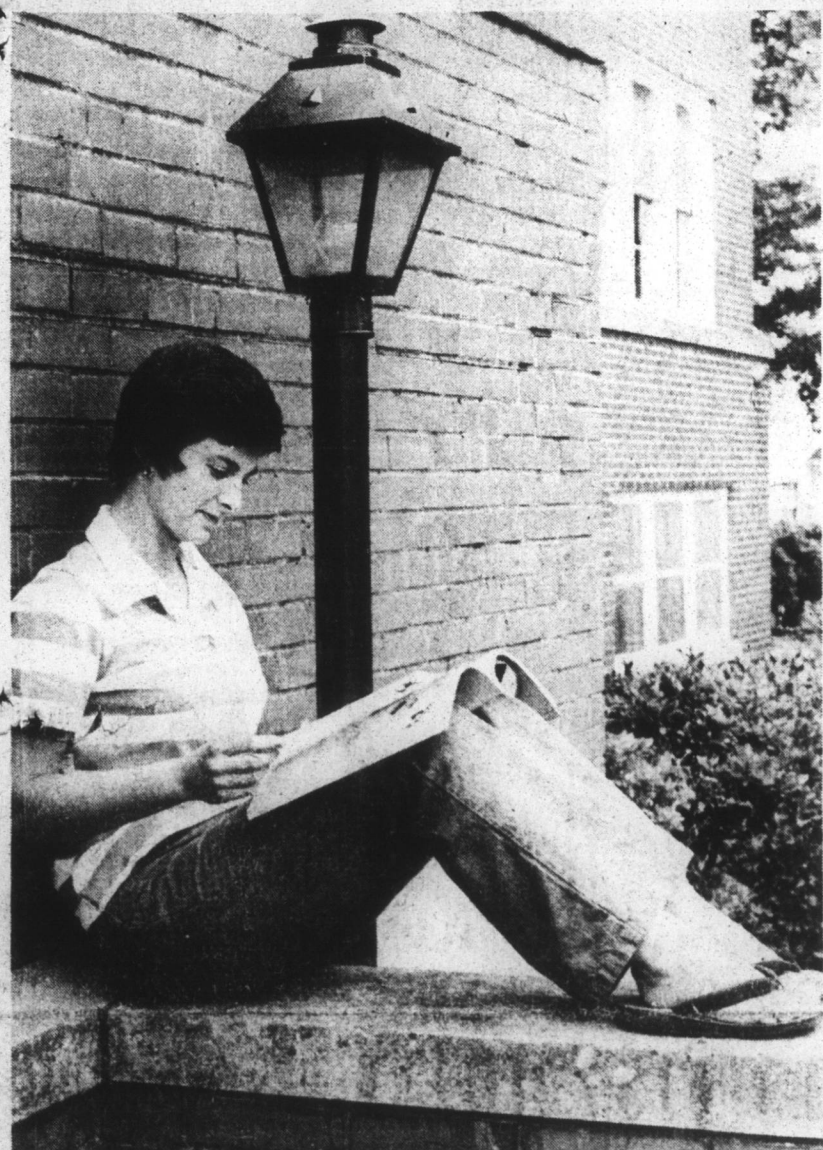
A new ferry, the Gov. Edward Hyde, was placed into service following dedication ceremonies at Swan Quarter Saturday afternoon and will make two round trips each day. The trip takes little more than two hours from Swan Quarter to Ocracoke, which is about half the time required previously to go from one section of Hyde County to the other.

The small Outer Banks island previously was accessible to the mainland via ferries from either Hatteras or Cedar Island.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., shared  
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**AT DEDICATION** — Among the dignitaries at the dedication was Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, left, who appears to be pleased with the first impressions of Swan Quarter as outlined by Mrs. C.A. Phillips of Edenton. Her husband, who is chairman of the Chowan County commissioners, smiles his approval.



**EARLY START** — Debbie Dail takes time out between classes at College of The Albemarle to look over the textbook which she will use for the Orientation to Nursing Education course she is enrolled in during the second Mini Quarter at the college. Wilma Harris, ADN director, said the course, which begins on Friday is open not only to those applicants who have been accepted in the nursing program, but also to anyone who has an interest in the field of nursing. Registration will remain open through Friday. Debbie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Babb, 204 West Second Street, Edenton. (COA Photo).

## Bypass Opening To Traffic

Traffic may begin moving on U.S. 17 by-pass of Edenton next week, according to Wayne Atkins, division engineer for the State Department of Transportation. While the new highway will not be complete, the center line will be placed and temporary signs erected.

Opening of the road will depend on how fast Dickerson, Inc., completes work on approaches.

Although it is not scheduled to be completed until October 15 it is being opened to take some of the load off the present route while planned work is being done. Atkins said without use of the by-pass the business route would be "greatly

hampered". At a recent meeting of Edenton Town Council it was suggested that the municipality work with Chowan County and Edenton Chamber of Commerce in having a formal dedication. However, Atkins said the state has not decided what course of action to take.

## Convicted

Sentences totaling 24 years were given Joseph N. Twine, 23-year-old Negro, Route 3, Edenton, after a jury in Chowan County Superior Court Wednesday morning found him guilty on three counts.

Judge Bradford Tillery of Wilmington sentenced Twine to from 17 to 20 years upon his conviction of second degree burglary. The defendant was given another five years for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and two additional years for possession of a mass death weapon.

Twine was tried for first degree burglary but the jury convicted him of the lesser offense.

Earlier story follows:  
LaVerne M. Basnight, Route 3, Edenton, entered pleas of guilty to five charges of false pretense in

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**CONTRIBUTION TO HISTORIC EDENTON**—Mrs. Opal Kehayes, Pilgrimage chairman, is shown above presenting a check for \$11,000 from the Edenton Woman's Club to W. T. Culpepper, III chairman of Historic Edenton, Inc. The contribution represents receipts from this year's Pilgrimage and will be used by Historic Edenton to apply for matching funds for the continuing restoration and preservation of the Barker and Cupola Houses. Culpepper reported that \$7,500 will be used for matching funds with \$2,500 to be used in installing a fire and burglar alarm system at the Barker House. Another \$900 will enable Historic Edenton to complete brick paving to the Barker House.

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**LAUNCH NEW PROGRAM** — A speedy transfer plan for patients at Chowan Hospital includes the use of a helicopter based at Ft. Bragg. Pictured here during a recent practice run are, from left, Maj. James Bunch, commander of the medical detachment at Ft. Bragg; Lee Farnell, Dr. Clement Lucas, Steve Aca of the State Office of Emergency Medical Services; Mrs. Barbara Cale, and Dr. Jack Peacock of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Air Transfers Now Possible

The transfer of patients from Chowan Hospital to other facilities can now be done on a routine basis by way of a helicopter. And the hospital board has approved projected plans to provide a heliport, with adequate lighting, near the health education addition now under construction.

Mrs. Barbara Cale, acting administrator, and Dr. Clement Lucas, Jr., have been working with medical officials at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who are M.A.S.T. coordinators for the state to get the

local hospital approved for this type transfer.

The M.A.S.T. program is based at Ft. Bragg. While Chowan Hospital is technically outside the radius of operation of the unit they are able to operate outside the limit when it is determined there is a legitimate medical indication for moving the patient by air.

The landing site near the hospital has been accepted by the military crews operating the aircraft and an actual transfer was made earlier this month.

## Seeking Help

A Highway Committee formed by Albemarle Area Development Association will seek assistance from the Southern Albemarle Association to get highway improvements in Northeastern North Carolina.

This was decided Tuesday night at a committee meeting at Angler's Cove where four priorities were established. Baxter Williams of Currituck County, chairman, named himself, Levin Culpepper of Elizabeth City, Mark Basnight of Dare County, and Joe Nowell of Perquimans County to the sub-committee.

Priority projects approved for consideration were U. S. 17 from  
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## Historic Sites Will Receive State Funds

### BULLETIN

The Chowan Herald learned from a reliable source in Raleigh shortly after noon Wednesday that the state budget contains funds for Historic Edenton, Inc., and two local historic sites.

Historic Edenton will receive \$40,000 each year of the biennium while the Cupola House Association will receive \$5,400 and the James Iredell House Association will get \$7,020.

Also, a \$15,000 non-recurring allocation is made to the Iredell House. It requires a local match of \$3,000.

State funds for construction of a new National Guard Armory in Edenton are included in the \$8-billion two-year budget now in the final stages of the 1977 General  
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## Late Bills

Utility customers of the Town of Edenton will receive their monthly bills late this month, according to W.B. Gardner, town administrator. The bills will go into the mail late Tuesday and should be distributed Wednesday.

Gardner blamed the delay on the July 4th holiday, coupled with mechanical trouble with the computer which produces the bills.

## Holiday Schedule Slated

No formal activity is planned here Monday to celebrate the July 4th holiday but a public fish fry is again being planned by Murray Nixon at his fishery on the Chowan River.

Twenty-two Edenton merchants are now engaged in a big Pre-July 4th sales event and employees of a majority of the businesses will have a long weekend with stores closed Monday.

Nixon's event begins at 9 A.M. Monday and ends at 4 P.M.

Except for the hospital, fire station and police station there will be no public service facilities open. There will be no trash collection but it will resume Tuesday on the East Side with the West Side being served Wednesday.

If you are planning a trip cautious driving is encouraged by State Highway Patrol officials and others concerned with the safety of motorists. It has been estimated that some 20 people could lose their lives and about 1,000 injured in traffic accidents in North Carolina over the long weekend. The state will count its toll over a 78-hour period beginning at 6 P.M. Friday and ending at midnight Monday. Sec. J. Phil Carlton of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, said all available state troopers will be on duty. Col. John T. Jenkins added that officers will be strictly enforcing all motor vehicle laws.