

Hospital Given Endowment Funds

Chowan Hospital has received a \$35,000 appropriation from The Duke Endowment to assist in the construction and equipping of the new Area Health Education Center (AHEC) building now being built on the hospital campus, and to assist in the purchase and installation of other equipment.

Billy G. McCall, executive director of the Hospital and Child Care Sections of The Duke Endowment, has officially notified the hospital of the appropriation which will also assist in paying for complementary construction now going on and the purchase of some needed capital equipment.

The appropriation was announced today by J. Gilliam Wood, chairman of the hospital board of directors, and S.W. Weatherford, Jr., hospital director.

"We are of course very pleased to have received this money from the Duke Endowment," Weatherford said. "It will assist Chowan Hospital in its efforts to upgrade care and provide continuing education facilities for health professionals in this area."

Cooperating with the hospital in its application for the grant was the staff of Carolinas Hospital and Health Services, Inc. (CHHS), a not-for-profit organization which was engaged by the board of trustees in July to provide management services. Weatherford, who officially began his duties on October 1, is a member of the CHHS staff. T. Carlisle of CHHS, who has acted as administrator while re-

ment efforts for a director went on, will continue to work with the hospital as CHHS area director.

The AHEC building will be used for educational programs for hospital personnel in Chowan and the surrounding region, including the counties of Perquimans, Tyrrell, Gates, and Bertie. The board, medical staff, and employees of the hospital will also use the building for education programs and for conferences, and the building will also house the medical library.

The overall cost of the project assisted by the grant is \$460,000. Some \$200,000 is being provided through state AHEC funding, and the remainder will be hospital financed.

Related hospital construction connected to the New AHEC building includes a new emergency entrance, a room for physician dictation and study, a heliport for helicopters to use in medical emergencies requiring air transport, and a new patient arrival-departure area. The medical records department will be relocated to new quarters in the same building.

The grant appropriation will help pay for this hospital construction, as well as needed capital equipment in the hospital's 1977-78 budget, such as instruments for orthopedic surgery, heliport items, and medical records dictation equipment.



HONORED GUESTS—Peanut Festival royalty were the honored guests at halftime activities during the Edenton Aces-Williamston football game Friday night. Above, Bill Jordan stands in for David Dail, festival King and is shown with Annette Partin, a Holmes High School junior elected festival Queen. Patricia Ashley and Dwayne Parks of D.F. Walker and Swain Elementary schools were elected Princess and Prince in the weekend event. They were included in the Peanut Festival parade held Saturday morning.

Festival Royalty Named

The moment of glory for 12 area students came Friday night during halftime of the Aces-Williamston football game when the crowning of Edenton's Peanut Festival King, Queen, Prince, and Princess occurred.

The big moment as king and

queen belonged to David Dail, a senior football player from John A. Holmes School, and Annette Partin, a junior rifle corps member also from the Holmes School.

Bill Jordan was a stand in at the ceremony for David.

The runners-up were Eric Evans and Debbie Davenport from Chowan High School.

Dwayne Parks of D.F. Walker was crowned prince and Patricia Ashley of Ernest A. Swain received the honor of princess.

Runners-up from their respective schools follow:

White Oak — Nicole White, princess; Chad Copeland, prince.

Chowan Junior High — Robert Kirk, prince; Sherlynn Jordan, princess.

Ernest A. Swain — Tyrell Holley, prince.

D.F. Walker — Carol Baker, princess.

Try-Outs Set

Tryouts for Edenton Little Theater's Christmas production will be held Tuesday and Wednesday at John A. Holmes High School Auditorium beginning at 7 P.M. each evening.

All age groups are needed, plus people to work back stage.

The plays under consideration include: "A Cowboy's Christmas", "The Mouse Who Was Stirring", and "The Enchanted Christmas Tree."

The membership of the little theater will meet tonight (Thursday) in the Municipal building at 8 o'clock to continue plans for the future.

Tenants Benefit From Grants

Forty-eight low-income families who are tenants of Edenton Housing authority have benefited from "crisis intervention" grants. The authority has received \$3,591.02 to help the families, according to L.F. Amburn, Jr., executive director.

Chowan County had an allocation of \$11,599 to be distributed among low-income families.

The grants were to cover unpaid electric and fuel bills stemming from last winter's severe cold weather. In addition, low-income persons aged 60 and over could receive advance payments to cover utility bills for the coming winter.

Twenty-six elderly families living within the Edenton public housing project received these advance payments.

Economic Improvement Council, Inc., headquartered in Edenton, administered the program locally. The county's allocation was from some \$4-million set aside for North Carolina.

Walter White, Jr., spearheaded the program for EIC.



PAST WINNERS AND PRINCIPALS—Three winners of an American Legion Law Enforcement honor and principals at the recent banquet join Robert Hendrix who displays his prize. Left to right are: County Commissioner Lester Copeland, R.E. Evans, Sheriff Troy Toppin, Hendrix, Max Robinson of Jacksonville, George Stokes and G.W. Mizelle.

Agreement Is Reached On Increases

Guest Writers

From time to time we read editorial in other newspapers which express opinions on subjects better than we could. This is the case with the guest editorials appearing in the Public Parade this week.

The two timely subjects, Edenton zoning and succession, first appeared in two of our favorite afternoon dailies—The Daily Advance in Elizabeth City and the Statesville Record & Landmark. We'll stop with that before we mess them up.

Edenton And Rezoning

"We're right back to ground zero".

That is about as succinctly as anyone could put the situation regarding a rezoning application in Edenton proposed to allow construction of a shopping center off the new U.S. 17 Bypass.

Town Administrator Bill Gardner made the comment after the Town Council voted to hold a new public hearing on the rezoning request, a normal procedure before council can act on such an application.

However, the comments presented at the hearing do not necessarily determine how the vote will go with the councilmen. Even if everyone who turned out for the hearing spoke for it, the council could still vote to deny the rezoning, and vice versa.

The issue has been complicated, long fought, over-emotional, and rarely rationally approached.

At present, the issue, raised by W.J.P. Earnhardt Jr. and Bernard Burroughs, is being considered by the state supreme court. Just about as far as an issue can go.

It would seem however, that the council may be closer to some agreement on the application than before. The vote to hold a public hearing was unanimous, despite the fact that previous votes on the application request itself had split the body.

So the question, which will still be intact at the end of the public hearing, is whether or not the rezoning can be legally justified and whether or not it would be good for Edenton and, for that matter, Chowan County as a whole.

It seems that the sentiment against the rezoning and subsequent construction of a shopping center comes from downtown businessmen who fear the easy access motorist might have to a shopping center as compared to having to drive into town.

And that is understandable, although we have listed our editorial opinion before that the effect probably won't be as disastrous as some predict.

The more important question is whether or not such a proposal would benefit the citizens of the city and county. And we believe the answer is yes.

Increased business which would likely result from such a development means more dollars for the community and that means

Virginia Electric and Power Company and its electric cooperative and municipal wholesale customers in North Carolina have reached agreement on a new rate which grants Veeco a \$12.3-million increase.

There are separate agreements with the cooperatives and Electricities, Elizabeth City, Edenton and Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation are affected.

The agreements are subject to the approval of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The increased rates are expected to be passed on to the retail customer.

Both agreements are effective November 28.

The agreement of \$5.586-million with Electricities lowers Veeco's increase by approximately \$3.7-million from the figure of \$9.22-million it had filed with the regulatory agency in June.

At the same time Veeco had filed for a \$11.8-million increase from electric cooperatives.

Both agreements resulted from months of negotiations between the parties. The settlement includes an agreement by Veeco not to seek further rate increases from either party before June 1, 1978.

Also part of the agreement is a revision of the fuel adjustment charge so that it will be based on a three-month average of fuel costs rather than a one-month fuel cost. This change will reduce the fluctuations in fuel adjustment charges.

The agreements are between Veeco and its wholesale cooperative and municipal customers only. It does not affect Veeco's retail rates for residential, commercial or industrial customers in Virginia and North Carolina.



TRAIL DEDICATED—Bill Bellinger, second from left, represented the U.S. Department of Interior at Saturday's dedication of Historic Edenton Trail, one of three recognized walking tours in North Carolina. Left to right are: W.B. Gardner, town administrator; Bellinger; Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District; and Mayor Roy L. Harrell.

Appointments Made

House Speaker Carl J. Stewart, Jr., of Gastonia has announced his appointments to the Legislative Research Commission's study commission a proposed school health education project. Representative John W. Varner of Lexington was appointed House co-chairman.

Rep. Ed Nye of Elizabethtown, Eugene M. White of Hudson and Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr., of Edenton, will serve as members.

The commission will study the school health education project, commonly referred to as the "HEED" project. This project, fostered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, has as its goal to present health information to children throughout their school years (kindergarten through high school) in a manner enabling each child to assume subsequently the major responsibility for maintaining health and preventing disease. The project puts emphasis on the subjects of safety nutrition, drug abuse, emergency care and other health subjects.

The project utilizes special "teaching kits" containing prepared narrative tapes and slides which are presented each week to the students by selected educators, laymen, nurses and physicians. These specially prepared kits provide methods for maximum health education and do not require the hiring of large numbers of educators.

The study commission shall report their recommendation to the 1979 General Assembly.

Dr. Lucas an Edenton physician maintains a family practice, is a member of the N.C. Academy of Family Physicians, and is also the Editor of the "Tar Heel Practitioner" published by the academy.

Information On Voting

Registration for the November 8 election closed October 10 with 5,039 eligible voters in Chowan County. Of this number, 2,419 reside in the Town of Edenton.

The report from Chowan County Board of Elections shows that almost one-half of the residents of the county are registered to vote.

Absentee voting will be allowed in the municipal election as well as on state matters. The deadline to apply for absentee ballots is 5 P.M. on November 2. The ballots must be returned by 5 P.M. on November 7.

A voter must apply or have a near relative apply for him. The ballots will be mailed to the voter and not given to the near relative. The return envelope must be notarized.

Those who may apply for an absentee ballot include one who expects to be absent the entire period that the polls are open on election day; one who is ill or physically disabled; and those incarcerated for a misdemeanor.

Voters can apply Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M. in the office of



CELEBRATING SUCCESS—Mrs. Doris Litchfield, president of the Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association, chats with Bob Harrell, advisor to the 4-H Horse and Pony Club and Peanut Festival chairman of last year. They seem to be celebrating the success of this year's festival which was chaired by Al Everson and Peggy Anne Vaughan. Events including a parade, horse show, dances, games, and dinners were among highlights of the second annual festival.