

Healthy Response

Edenton and Chowan County have become the darling of the Tidewater American Red Cross Blood Center. Citizen response along the Public Parade to the plea for blood donors is exceeding all expectations.

As quotas increased they are increased. More than 300 units were carried a record quota of 286 units. By the time the Fellowship Hall of Edenton Baptist Church was cleared, some two hours after the doors were closed, 307 donors had registered and 286 units of blood had been collected.

Allan Asbell, volunteer chairman for Edenton Jaycees, has done a great job of organizing the program and the results bear it out. He has been able to motivate every segment of the community and this has proven very beneficial.

Allan would be the first to express appreciation to those who not only donated but the scores of volunteers who worked at the center as well as those who actively promoted the visit.

This is one of the best examples of total community involvement which is the best way of experiencing a success. It is hoped that tragedy will not strike the area which requires huge amounts of blood. Should it ever, though, we can take pride in the fact that the local people have gone the second mile.

A health response hereabout to a worthwhile cause has become the rule rather than the exception. Let's keep it that way.

Salute The Legion

This is American Legion Month, in recognition of the 59th anniversary of an organization of war veterans dedicated to continuing service to God and country.

The Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, has a distinguished record of service and from all indications will continue to be a viable force along the Public Parade.

Among the activities is sponsorship of the Chowan County Fair and recognition of the Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer annually. Throughout the year the post engages in worthy causes.

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Legion Birthday

Legionnaires of the Edward G. Bond Post No. 40 in Chowan County will join with millions of their fellow members in a globe-spanning celebration of The American Legion's 59th birthday during March, Post Commander George Stokes announced today.

Here in Chowan County the 59th anniversary will be highlighted with special festivities. The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will host a covered dish dinner in honor of the Legion's birthday, on March 16 at the Post Home. Social hour 6 to 7 P.M., dinner 7 to 8 P.M. A resolution citing the accomplishments of the organization was signed by Mayor Roy L. Harrell and N.J. George, chairman, Chowan County commissioners.

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HOLLOWELL PROMOTED
— Sgt. H.T. Hollowell, Jr., of the N.C. Highway Patrol was promoted to his present rank during ceremonies for officers held March 6 in Raleigh. Activities took place at the Scott Pavilion, State Fairgrounds and were punctuated by remarks from Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. Hollowell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.T. Hollowell, Sr. of Tyner.

Patrolmen Are Promoted

Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety J. Phil Carlton Tuesday announced the promotion of 74 members of the State Highway Patrol, the largest number ever promoted at one time in the history of the patrol. Also, several transfers were announced.

Both announcements affect Northeastern North Carolina.

Lt. L.R. Hawley of Asheboro was promoted to his present rank and transferred to Greenville where he will direct troopers in three districts of Troop A. Capt. Carl Gilchrist remains at head of the troop.

F-Sgt. B.G. Price was promoted and named head of troopers in District III, which includes Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Dare, Chowan and Currituck counties. He has been a line sergeant in Ahoskie.

Sgt. D.G. Dail of Gatesville was promoted from trooper and reassigned to Manteo. The other officer in the district is Sgt. J.R. Deans.

Sgt. Dail was among 41 troopers given rank.

F-Sgt. P.C. Eure was moved from Elizabeth City to Greenville, where he will direct the patrol's activities in Pitt and Martin counties.

Sgt. J.E. Farmer moves from Elizabeth City to Smithfield.

Lt. W.C. Keeter, a native of Edenton, was transferred from Salisbury to a post with Internal

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Office Moved

The local office of the N.C. Department of Revenue has moved to Room 201 in the Bank of North Carolina, N.A., building at the corner of Broad and Eden streets.

The office was formerly located in the Earnhardt Building on West Eden Street.

The hours have not changed, nor the telephone number, which is 482-3424.

Area Housing Problem Seen

Northeastern North Carolina has a much higher percentage of substandard houses than other parts of the state, according to a survey released by the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

The report showed that Chowan County has 40.3 per cent of substandard houses, much less than the 61.2 per cent in Northampton, but well above the state average.

Sec. Howard Lee has established a Community Housing Division to focus on the problem pointed out in the survey. The survey indicated there are 365,000 substandard houses in the state, about 25 per cent of the total units.

He said "there will be no real progress in North Carolina" so long as a large number of people live in such deprivation.

"These kinds of conditions begin to beat you down," he said. "They have an effect on your mental and physical condition."

The new division will help to coordinate the use of funds to train people to rehabilitate homes, to seek the aid of church to help finance housing construction and rehabilitation, and to work with federal agencies to expand existing housing programs.

Sec. Lee also suggested that local government consider leasing unused urban land for construction of housing.

In addition to Chowan County, the survey showed the following percentages of substandard houses in Albemarle Area counties: Dare, 18.6; Pasquotank, 24.3; Perquimans, 40.1; Tyrrell, 62.9; Washington, 40.3; Currituck, 33.7; Camden 43.2; and Gates, 38.

Blood Donors Topple Old Record



QUICK TESTS—Mrs. Lenita Campen, Chowan Hospital pharmacy technician, checks donor temperature by digital read-out and pulse by stop-watch. Several quick tests are administered before a unit is drawn to insure the safety of both donor and recipient.

Watermark Eyes RFD Grant

Watermark, Association of Artisans, has set a charter membership goal of 134 persons to be signed up by March 30, providing further basis for approval of a \$50,000 grant from the N.C. Rural Fund for Development. The membership drive was spearheaded locally during an informative meeting Tuesday, and attended by approximately 30 persons, reported Mrs. Janice Eure, the Chowan County member of the board of directors.

Watermark is currently securing funds for a projected budget of \$92,000 of which \$10,000 will come from memberships, \$32,000 from bank capital, and the remainder from the grant funds.

Mrs. Fran Ward, Chowan County home economics extension

agent and ex-officio member of the board of Watermark, said the home industries cooperative plans to market items by this summer.

Mrs. Ward added that applications are currently being taken for coop manager.

Still pending is choice of a site for Watermark. Primary consideration is being given to sites in Chowan or Pasquotank County. Mrs. Ward said offices, production-education facility, and warehouse will be located in the same place.

Membership in Watermark will be through purchasing common or preferred stock. Common stockholders will vote on association business; be eligible to sell home constructed or conserved items when approved by the Association Standards Committee and participate in training. Training will be designed to upgrade present skills, learn new skills, and good production skills. Common stock is \$75 per share.

In addition, shares of preferred stock are being offered at \$25 per share. Holders of preferred stock have no voting or marketing rights.

The popularity of the annual Albemarle Craftsman's Fair, which last year took in \$48,000 in four days, provided a basis for forming the cooperative. A similar

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Airport Grant

Gains Approval

RALEIGH — N.C. Secretary of Transportation Thomas W. Bradshaw, Jr., announced today that the Advisory Budget Commission has approved a State Grant totaling \$5,300 for an improvement project at the Edenton Municipal Airport. The project was previously recommended for approval by NCDOT's Aeronautics Council.

The project will include the replacement of non-directional radiobeacon, the acquisition and installation of standby battery power supply unit, replacement of a rotating beacon and the acquisition and installation of airfield lighting auxiliary control panel.

The local sponsor of the project is the Town of Edenton. In addition to state aid, \$5,300 in total project costs will be met by local matching funds. No federal aid is involved in the project.

"Edenton Municipal Airport has experienced an upsurge in support by the community industrial and aviation users. In addition, the 5,600-foot runway is one of the longest in Northeastern North Carolina and makes the airport an attractive facility for business and industry from a wide area, who require the additional runway length for their aircraft," commented Will Plentl, NCDOT's Director of Aeronautics.

The Chowan County Blood Program saw a new record set, Monday, as the Red Cross Bloodmobile collected 286 units from 307 donors. It was the greatest response in the history of the program, reported Allan Asbell, Blood Program volunteer co-chairman. He added that 77 new donors turned out, representing 25 per cent of the total. The goal was 200 units.

The same visit last year netted 192 units, and that one topped previous records. As was also the case last year, Asbell credited "total community involvement" for the success.

Asbell noted that this involvement has been bolstered local radio stations promoting the Blood Program. He mentioned that Monday's Bloodmobile visit included a Pledge-A-Thon by WCDJ coupled with a live

broadcast from the Edenton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Crowded conditions created by the overwhelming response prompted Asbell to apologize to donors for the time involved. He also said that consideration may be given to changing locations should the turn-out continue its upward trend.

A group of 30 students from Chowan High School and groups from local industries kept the Fellowship Hall packed from the time the doors opened, Asbell said. This was still true when the doors were closed at 6 P.M.

"At 6 o'clock I closed the doors", commented Asbell. "When I came back there were 12 more people in line. Where they came from I don't know, but I hope they keep coming back."

Following is a list of donors:
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Plans Reach New Phase

Chowan County commissioners Monday took steps to enter into Phase II of the county-wide water system, while at the same time taking a strong stand to get a new treatment plant into proper operation.

Commissioners adopted a resolution to issue \$46,000 in general obligation bonds as the first step toward raising \$157,500 in local match for a state grant. It is anticipated that Farmers Home Administration would purchase the bonds and open up the way for a possible grant.

Commissioner Lester Copeland, in making the proposal, pointed out that it would also be possible to make application for a grant from Coastal Plains Regional Commission.

Repayment of the project would be from the enterprise which has always been self-sustaining.

At the same time the board authorized additional study of a site and building to house water department equipment. The funding of this would also be from the enterprise.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, reported that the latest treatment plant installed had never functioned properly.

Commissioner C.A. Phillips said the county had "fooled with it" for six months and it was time to have it fixed or removed so adequate

equipment could be installed.

Rivers & Associates, engineers, were informed to take such action.

Also regarding the water system, Commissioner Alton G. Elmore noted that while the hydrants were for flushing out the lines there could be a possible use for fire protection. He said a policy had been established but he felt it was time for the engineers to meet again with the fire departments to discuss the situation.

"The departments want further clarification of the rule not to hook lines to hydrants," he added.

Sheriff Troy Toppin and Donald Young reported on visits to three new jails. At the conclusion, they were granted permission to discuss minor changes with the architect. The changes would bring about a more efficient operation of the facility, according to Sheriff Toppin.

The board made several budget amendments, including one for \$37,658 regarding the Department of Social Services. The budget was also amended to make the \$5,300 payment to College of The Albemarle for capital im-

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Join Observance

Citing a proclamation issued today by President Carter, Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager of the Employment Security Commission's Edenton Job Service Office, announced her office's participation in National Employ the Older Worker Week, March 12-18.

"As much as race, sex, national origin or physical handicap, age is a significant source of employment discrimination today," declared Mrs. Bond. "Our society overemphasizes youth," she added, "and the ESC's participation in this observance seeks to remind area employers that age has very little to do with either employability or job performance."

In addition, Mrs. Bond cited the Federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 which prohibits any form of job or hiring bias by an employer on account of age. This law particularly applies to persons between the ages of 40-65.

"Our intention, however, is not to intimidate employers with the law," said Mrs. Bond. "Instead," she explained, "we want employers to consider older workers because they've proven themselves reliable and experienced employees."

In fiscal year 1977, the Employment Security Commission placed nearly 13,000 persons 45 and older in jobs. This figure represented some 12 per cent of all job placements made by the agency that year.

Mrs. Bond stated that each ESC office offers a trained Older Worker Specialist to aid persons 40 and older in the job search. In the Edenton Office, the Older Worker Specialist is Roy L. Harrell.



WATERMARK MEETS — Members of Watermark, Association of Artisans, Inc., met with interested individuals and prospective members on Monday at the Chowan County Office Building to discuss the new home industries cooperative. Above, Mrs. Beulah Williams, a member of the Albemarle Conserved Products Association and charter member of Watermark, is shown with Mrs. Janice Eure, a member of the coop board of directors representing Chowan County, as they look over a display of crafts items produced in the Albemarle Area.