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private partnerships, working for the common good. Then why not strong university-state government partnerships, working for the same?

There are just so many "leaders" in a community. They are getting more and more difficult to find. To further dilute them through establishment of another council isn't in the best interest of the communities they will be charged to lead.

Every council, commission, agency, department, and so have you, are hell-bent on obtaining as much "visibility" as possible. There is more of the stuff around now than there are leaders to carry it. So, let's don't do violence to the community development concept, but strengthen it through pumping new life into area development associations which already exist.

In our opinion someone planted a bad seed with Sec. Lee in this regard, but we have confidence in the fact that he will make sure all his bases are covered before he sends out a pinch hitter.

While some might find this critical of Sec. Lee, it is not the case. When anyone comes from Raleigh-city with more than one proposal at a time, it causes suspicion. And when they leave batting 500 it's a good average, even in an editor's book.

Piece Of Action

Almost 30-million rural Americans live in medically underserved areas, according to a recent federal government study.

Chowan County is not considered a medically underserved area but surrounding counties like Bertie, Gates, Perquimans and Tyrrell fit this category. In order to help meet the needs, a group of citizens formed a consumer group known as Northeastern Rural Health Development Association.

Announcement of a grant to fund a \$327,854 proposal is expected at any time, which would put clinics in areas not now being served, along with providing a comprehensive health care plan for area citizens.

The concept has not been well received by many professionals, but at a public hearing in Hertford the plan got enthusiastic support of the citizens who witness to the need for more medical manpower in Northeastern North Carolina.

"In a medically underserved area, there are not enough hospitals, clinics, doctors and other health care professionals," explained Dr. John Mauldin, medical adviser to the Co-op Insurance Fund (CIF).

Only one out of every four hospitals in the United States is in a rural area.

"The hospitals serving rural America are generally smaller than urban hospitals even though more rural farm and nonfarm aged need hospital care than urban aged," Dr. Mauldin said.

In addition rural hospitals are less likely to have the organized outpatient departments or emergency treatment clinics which serve as important sources of medical care in urban hospitals.

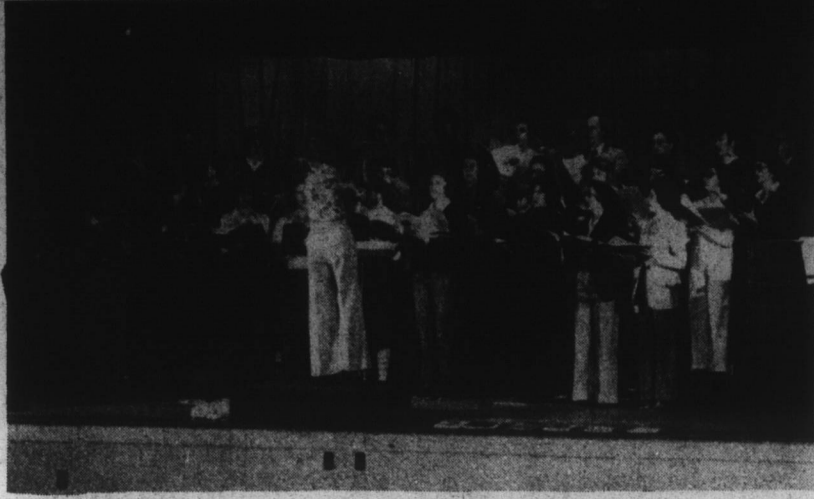
This means that the more expensive inpatient care is the only choice for rural people.

Until recently little attention — and less money — were focused on health care problems in rural America. However in 1974 the Public Health Service began to improve health care in rural areas by establishing the Rural Health Initiative.

Under this program federal, state and local resources are used to develop better health care in the areas where it is needed most. For example to help solve the doctor shortage in rural areas, the Rural Health Initiative gives financial aid to medical students who plan to set up practice in rural areas.

"Today rural Americans can look forward to a future of better medical care supplied by well-qualified doctors from their own areas," Dr. Mauldin said.

Those who meander along the Public Parade and throughout the area will benefit from a piece of the action.



CONCERT TONIGHT — The Edenton Choral Society, under the direction of Shelby Strother, will present a Spring Concert tonight at 8 P.M. in the John A. Holmes High School auditorium. A wide range of music for a variety of tastes will be featured. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Legion Baseball Scheduled

Marvin Barham, athletic officer for Edward G. Bond Post 40, American Legion, has announced that the 1978 American Legion Baseball schedule has been established. The Albemarle Area American Legion baseball team will be in a league which includes Williamston, Washington, Greenville, Snow Hill, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, and Wilson Legion teams.

Hick's Field will be used for regular season home games of the Albemarle Area Legion team.

Barham continued by saying that the first regular season home game will be on June 3, against Rocky Mount. The first confirmed exhibition game will be played on

May 28 against Washington, in Elizabeth City. Other exhibition games are planned and will be announced at a later date.

Barham went on to say that Coaches Jacobs and Criddle had set May 20 and 21 as the first two days of tryouts, for players from Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Camden counties who are not on a high school team which has advanced to the high school playoffs. These players will not be eligible for tryouts and participation on the team until high school playoffs are complete.

Barham expresses appreciation on behalf of the American Legion Baseball Committee for the excellent response and cooperation that has been received from the businesses, citizens and recreation departments of the area.

Sheriff's Dept.

Position Funded

The Chowan County Sheriff's Department has recently hired Karl Lynn Halsey on a seven-month grant which is funded by the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. The effective date of his employment will be May 1, 1978.

Under the present grant, each officer in the department must secure a minimum of 40 hours of formal training. Halsey will be used as a replacement deputy when one of these officers is in school.

Within his first year of employment, Halsey must also complete the Basic Training Course required by the N.C. Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council in order to be certified as a deputy sheriff.

Sheriff Troy Toppin has been attempting since March, 1977, to get the position funded. It was on March 8, 1978, after three applications had been denied, that a \$13,965 grant was approved through the Albemarle Law & Order Association.

Halsey is a life-long resident of Chowan County, and presently resides at 130 East Freemason Street. He is a 1976 graduate of John A. Holmes High School in Edenton. He is also attending Elizabeth City State University, majoring in business management. "He also has studied photography, which is a factor that I feel will be advantageous to our departmental activities," the sheriff stated.

Halsey is presently employed part-time by Belk-Tyler. Other organizations which he is a member of include: Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad (certified ambulance driver); member of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church; president, Junior Usher Board; secretary, Albemarle Conference Youth Council; and, president, Edenton Youth Council.

Cut Proposed

Mrs. Sara M. Hodgkins, Secretary of Cultural Resources, is considering a formula for the distribution of state money to public libraries that would limit the amount coming to the public libraries in Chowan, Tyrrell, Perquimans, and Washington counties to what is currently received.

"No additional state aid would come to this area until all other public libraries in the state were raised to the per capita state aid level of the Pettigrew Regional Library, which serves this area."

"The acceptance of this formula will be a great setback for the Pettigrew Regional Library," says its director, Jay Wozny. Wozny adds that the burden of public library funding will begin to fall on the county governments much more heavily if this formula of aid distribution is adopted.

"We seem to be getting penalized under this new formula for the progress we have made under the current method of state aid funding," he says. He urges all interested persons to attend the public hearing called to discuss the proposed formula. The hearing is set for April 25 at 2 P.M. at the Municipal Building in Edenton.

No Clues Yet

Investigators are still at a loss as to the cause of the crash of a single-engine airplane here last week which took the life of William Henry Pruden, 59, of Plymouth.

Sheriff Troy Toppin said preliminary findings by on-the-scene investigators indicated it was not mechanical failure of the plane, a four-place Cherokee which went into the woods off Paradise Road April 9.

There had been no report from an autopsy performed.

Both Courts Tough On Two Defendants

Two local Negroes were given active prison sentences on Both Chowan Superior and District courts here Tuesday.

Zack White Mabine, 33, Route 3,

Edenton, entered a plea in Superior Court to hit and run. Judge W. Douglas Albright of Greensboro sentenced him to a term of 90 days.

Later Mabine was in District

Court where Judge Grafton Beaman found him guilty of five counts—speeding, obstructing traffic, resisting arrest, assault on an officer and public drunkenness. He was given seven months to run concurrently with the Superior Court sentence.

William Henry Holley, 22, 128 East Albemarle Street, received his justice in reverse. He was in District Court on two probation violations and brought by Bob Roberson. Judge Beaman sentenced him to serve six months.

In Superior Court Judge Albright also found he had violated his probation and invoked a two-to-four year sentence. Also, he revoked six month suspended sentence.

The action brought to eight the number of defendants ordered to jail in the first two days of the Superior Court term.

Judge Albright Holds Court

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while license suspended, third offense, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Elbert Lee Garrett, aid and abet in drunk driving, remanded to District Court for compliance.

Fred Michael Oldham, allowing reckless driving, allow speed to elude arrest and driving with blood alcohol content in excess of .10, six months with work release recommended.

Norma Jean Taylor, no operator's license and driving wrong way on a one-way street, remanded to District Court for compliance.

Samuel R. Williams, drunk driving, third offense, and driving while license revoked, 12 months, with work release recommended.

Ronald Williams, suspended sentence violation, revoked 90-day suspended sentence and recommended work release.

James Williams, Jr., Robert Lee

Dillard and James Fleming, suspended sentence violation, called and failed.

Jessie James Moring, Jr., firelighting deer, remanded to District Court for compliance.

Vernon Lee Parks and Robert Owens, non-support, remanded to District Court for compliance.

Johnnie Ferguson, worthless check, 20 days, suspended upon payment of \$6 restitution, \$25 to P & Q Super Market for expense in prosecuting case, and court costs.



IN EACH CORNER — Politics were being talked in every corner of a banquet room at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant last Friday morning at breakfast. Mrs. Corrine Thorud makes a pitch to Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District, foreground, while in the background, State Rep. Vernon James gets the word from Warren Twiddy, back to camera.

Appointments

The Helms for Senate Committee today announced two members of the Democrats for Jesse steering committee in Chowan County. The members listed are Roland Vaughn and W.P. (Spec) Jones, both of Edenton.

Vaughn, self-employed peanut broker and treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, stated, "Jesse's record in the U.S. Senate demonstrates his leadership capabilities, and his effective work for the people of our state. I urge all North Carolinians, regardless of party affiliation, to work for Jesse's re-election."

Sen. Helms expressed his appreciation for these outstanding Democrats, who have been appointed to the committee. Helms, "I am most grateful that these fine Democrats will join us. I have always believed that it is philosophy, not party, that matters."

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, April 20, 1978

Rotary—1:00 P.M. - St. Pauls Parrish House

SATURDAY, April 22, 1978

John A. Holmes High School Senior Fish Fry - All Day

SUNDAY, April 23, 1978

At the Sunday School and the Church of your choice

MONDAY, April 24, 1978

Lions Club—7:30 P.M. - Boswells

WEDNESDAY, April 26, 1978

Young Farmer & Rancher, Committee—7:30 P.M. - Chamber of Commerce Office

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