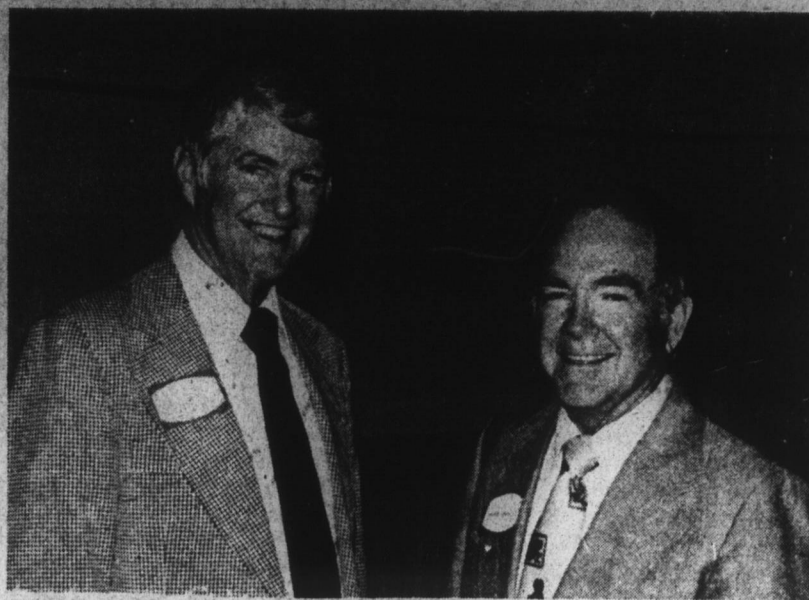




**DIRECTOR HONORED** — Pete Thompson, Chowan County extension chairman, and Mrs. Ila Gary White, area nutrition specialist, are shown here greeting Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., at a reception in his honor Friday in Raleigh. (See Public Parade).



**FRIENDS MEET** — Dr. Carlton Blaylock, an assistant of Dr. George Hyatt, left, and J.C. Jones, former district extension chairman in Northeastern North Carolina, are shown at the McKimmon Center luncheon for Dr. Hyatt.

# NRHDA Grant Earns Approval

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District announced Wednesday afternoon approval of a \$200,000 grant for Northeastern Rural Health Development Association. He described it as a health underserved rural areas grant from the U.S. Public Health Service.

The grant is for the first year of a three-year demonstration project. Rep. Jones said a great deal of interest has been expressed over the grant application because NRHDA's primary care project will benefit some 28,000 residents in Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Perquimans and Tyrrell counties.

Drs. C. Clement Lucas and Richard N. Hines, Jr., have been assisting the association's board of directors in the project to provide additional medical and dental services in the area. They have agreed to be the primary providers for NRHDA and will recruit other specialists to provide a core for the extension of primary care, prevention and education services in the area surrounding Edenton.

T.B.H. Wood, president, said the organization was formed because it was recognized that local consumer, business, and philanthropic involvement in the development and extension of medical care services was essential if the Edenton medical community was to be able to expand and extend itself to reach the underserved areas and medically needy individuals in the service area. A movement which led to the grant began in August, 1977.

NRHDA is said to be an effective mechanism to bridge the gaps between urban-rural and provider-consumer to create a systems approach to the delivery of services in the central part of the Albemarle region. The provider organization associated with NRHDA is Albemarle Family Health Services, Inc., which is an umbrella organization presently composed of medicine, dentistry, and pharmacy.

The provider group has plans to develop a core center on 23 acres at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Highway 37, in Perquimans County, some five miles from Edenton. Satellite clinics will be established in Gates, Tyrrell and Bertie counties.

## Public Parade

### The Hyatt Era

Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., retires June 30 as director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service and associate dean of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences at N.C. State University. As he moves from a pinnacle in his distinguished career, those who meander along the Public Parade and throughout the Tar Heel State will have lost a strong advocate in the public arena.

We were fortunate to be among some 630 friends and-or co-workers who attended a farewell party for Dr. Hyatt last Friday in McKimmon Center in Raleigh. They put the big pot in the little one, so to speak, in a well deserved tribute to one of the nation's most distinguished agricultural leaders.

In doing it they waved so much red (NCSU's symbol of something) around it was obvious all the bulls were well secured. Seated on our left was J.C. Jones, a long time friend of Northeastern North Carolina who now heads the State Office of Marine Affairs. He put an elbow in our ribs every time the color appeared.

Gov. Jim Hunt, who wears hats from NCSU and UNC-CH, appropriately proclaimed it "George Hyatt Appreciation Day" for the man whose administration has been marked by an emphasis on staff development and long-range planning. He is especially supportive of long-range planning that involves local citizens at the county level.

This is how we got to know and respect him. Being a grassroots editor, Dr. Hyatt is our kind of folks. Our first encounter caused us to wonder, though.

It was a time when Charlie Overman was retiring as Chowan County Extension Chairman and Gates County was without Zackie Harrell. We thought it would be a good time to move Pete Thompson into a true administrative position as tri-county chairman.

After all, no one would have to lost their job and specialists had already proven themselves. We had known the late Dr. George Smith, a Hyatt assistant, back in Iredell County so we discussed it with him. He suggested that WE discuss it with the boss.

A trip was planned to Raleigh for the appointment. After witnessing the Hyatt temper it was obvious why George wanted us to do it. He knew what the reaction would be.

We didn't accomplish our mission, but we did get a lecture on the failure of multi-county arrangements in Kentucky and Ohio. The best thing we got was Pete and Dr. Hyatt's friendship.

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## PTA To Meet

Citizens from throughout Edenton and Chowan County are invited to a meeting of Swain Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night to hear a presentation from Edenton-Chowan Board of Education concerning the forthcoming \$3.5-million school bond referendum.

Mrs. Luetta Sellers, president, said the meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Sellers said questions will be allowed from the audience following the slide-tape presentation.

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## Council Approves \$5.4-Mil. Budget

Edenton Town Council adopted a \$5.4-million budget Tuesday night, ignoring a plea from Mayor Roy Harrell to give further study to the salary of the Town administrator as well as the audit contract.

Councilman Gil Burroughs, a strong proponent of salary ceilings, job classifications and merit raises, was the only member to register a negative vote. Before the vote, however, he disagreed with the mayor concerning a delay. "I don't think much insight will come about in the next 10 days," he said. "It is going to take time."

The two and one-half hour hearing, which was dominated by Mayor Harrell, ended when Councilman Harry Spruill made a motion to adopt the budget as presented, which includes a \$27,000 salary for W.B. Gardner, administrator, and \$4,000 for an audit by Timberlake & Sykes.

A controversy developed over the two items after the budget was accepted by the council. Mayor Harrell took issue with council's action, going on the radio and writing a letter in the newspaper.

He objected to Gardner getting the same 7½ per cent cost of living

increase other employees of the town received, and further object to a merit raise.

Speaker after speaker from the council and the audience said the merit raise was justified. They included Burroughs, who said accomplishments should be reflected in the pay.

Councilman W.H. Hollowell, Jr., Finance Committee chairman, read a statement into the record, as did Councilman Jesse L. Harrell, explaining the committee's action. Hollowell also produced salary comparisons, but the mayor said they did not relate to the ability of "5,000 people to

pay the salary."

Mayor Harrell so completely dominated the discussion that at one point Councilman Allen Hornthal objected to the manner

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## Lab Improvement

New refrigeration facilities will be installed at the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory on Paradise Road. N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham was successful in getting the General Assembly to appropriate \$20,000 for the project last week.

Another "money bill" to be written into the budget designates \$8,913 for James Iredell House in Edenton. It is for a gardner's position.

## County Budget Cuts Taxes

A four-minute public hearing, at which time only one question was asked, preceded adoption Monday night of a \$3.4-million budget for Chowan County for the fiscal year beginning July 1. By adopting the previously published budget ordinance the commissioners established the ad valorem tax rate at 85 cents per \$100 valuation, down eight cents from the current rate.

The current year's property tax, based on \$124-million valuation, will bring in little more than \$1-million. The other two thirds of the revenue will come from other sources, including \$196,841 in fund balance appropriated.

Included in the budget for the first time in Chowan County's history is \$41,377.96 for the county manager's office. Henry E. Dick, who was selected for the post, has been on the job for two weeks.

Nearly one half of the budget, \$1,617,869, is for the Department of Social Services.

State and federal aid towards the budget is \$1,442,068.

Chairman N.J. George convened the hearing by saying it was a time to have citizens speak on the proposed budget and warning that it would not be a question and answer period. Thomas Paul Griffin, a member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, asked for explanation of the Governing Body item in the budget, exceeding \$50,000.

The chairman reminded him the budget is open for inspection but questions would not be answered at the hearing.

When there was no additional comment from the dozen people in the audience, the chairman remarked, "It doesn't make for a good press if no one complains."



**DAMAGE SLIGHT** — Mother Nature pruned two big limbs from an oak tree on East Albemarle Street early Saturday morning. One limb fell across a house but damage was slight. Street Department employees were called out to remove the tree from the house and this week cut down the entire tree.

## Rotary Poll Covers Topics Of Local Interest

The majority of Edenton Rotarians disagree with Town Council's recent denial of a rezoning application to allow development of a shopping center, yet the majority of "no" votes increase on a question of the ability of the community to support additional retail shopping centers.

They not only overwhelmingly oppose construction of a consolidated high school "five to seven miles" from Edenton and express the opinion that a new high school is not needed, period!

George Alma Byrum, local business and civic leader who formerly served as councilman, then mayor, conducted the survey and opinion poll at last Thursday's Rotary meeting. The program consisted of 33 questions on a wide range of subjects.

In the field of politics, the survey showed Rotarians would vote for Sen. Jesse Helms and would turn out President Jimmy Carter. Sen. Helms scored ahead of Rep. Walter B. Jones in ratings which put Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., third and Sen. Robert Morgan a poor fourth.

In fairness to the program chairman, The Chowan Herald is printing the entire questionnaire rather than results of selected questions. The questions and tally follow:

Do you agree with recent Town Council decision not or rezone a 10 acre site adjacent to the hospital to Shopping Center? Yes: 14 — No, 20.

Do you support cost of living pay increase for government employees? Yes, 23 — No, 12.

Do you give cost of living pay increases in your business: Yes, 24 — No, 10.

Do you think Edenton needs and can support additional retail shopping centers: Yes, 14—No, 22.

Do you think municipal and

county employees are underpaid 5, overpaid 1, adequately paid 30?

Have you expressed your views on local issues to a councilman or county commissioner in the last two years? Yes, 34 — No, 2.

Do you think Chowan County needs county-wide zoning? Yes, 29 — No, 6.

Would you object if your county neighbor installed a hog parlor operation near your home? Yes, 34 — No, 2.

Do you think house trailers should be zoned out of certain areas? Yes, 35 — No, 1.

Do you agree that Chowan County needs a qualified administrator? Yes, 30 — No, 6.

Do you think the commissioners selected the best site for the new courthouse? Yes, 21 — No, 16.

Do you feel that we need a new high school complex five to seven miles from Edenton? Yes, 6 — No, 30.

Do you feel we need a new high school in or adjacent to Edenton? Yes, 14 — No, 22.

How do you think our local schools are rated in teaching students? Good, 6 — Fair, 25 —

Poor, 7.

Do you believe discipline is a problem in our schools? Yes, 36 — No, 1.

Do you believe your tax dollars are being administered and spent wisely by: Town of Edenton, Yes, 33 No, 5; Board of Education, Yes, 21 — No, 17; District Health Dept., Yes, 26 — No, 14; Federal Government, Yes, 0 — No, 38; Chowan County, Yes, 29 — No, 9; Social Services, Yes, 3 — No, 35; and State of N.C., Yes, 15—No, 23.

How would you rate law enforcement in: Edenton, Good, 24 — Fair, 12 — Poor, 0 and Chowan County, Good, 22 — Fair, 14 — Poor, 0.

Do you support the Town acquiring additional waterfront property such as J.H. Conger & Son or Leary Oil Co.? Yes, 31 — No, 7.

Have you attended a Town Council or County Commission meeting in the last two years? Yes, 31 — No, 7.

Have you ever attended any Town Council or County Commission meeting? Yes, 34 — No, 2.

Have you ever written or called your representative or senator in: Federal Government, Yes, 31 — No, 7 and N.C. Government, Yes, 29 — No, 9.

If election were held this week, would you vote for: President Carter, Yes, 13 — No, 25 or Sen. Helms, Yes, 30 — No, 8.

How do you rate: Rep. Walter Jones, Good, 20 — Fair, 17 — Poor, 1; Sen. Helms, Good, 26 — Fair, 9 — Poor, 3; Sen. Morgan, Good, 4 — Fair, 19 — Poor, 15; Gov. Hunt, Good, 8 — Fair, 29 — Poor, 1.

Would you, as a state representative, have voted for liquor-by-the-drink in the North Carolina House: Yes, 33 — No, 5.

Would you vote for liquor-by-the-drink in: Chowan County, Yes, 26 — No, 12; Dare County, Yes, 33 No, 5; and Wake County, Yes, 33 — No, 5.

Do you favor increased gas tax

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## Hearing Slated

Chowan County commissioners took "ministerial" action Monday night in regards to a \$3.5-million school bond referendum, approving a bond order which sets a public hearing for 8 P.M. Wednesday.

Included in the order is a requirement that Pansy A. Elliott, finance director, file with Anne K. Spruill, clerk to the board, documents relating to the property valuation in the county along with the county's bonded indebtedness.

Because of requirements of state legislation regarding finance, the board will not meet the August 15 referendum date previously requested by Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. The new date appears to be September 12.

The school board petitioned the commissioners to have the referendum on a date other than the general election. The opinion was expressed that this would give the issue a chance to "stand on its own" with the voters.

Henry E. Dick, county manager, was appointed to represent the board in matters related to the referendum.

In other action, commissioners approved a new contract with Chowan Hospital to provide meals for those held by the Sheriff's Department. Dick said the cost would be \$1.75 per meal.

Dick noted in his brief presentation that the existing contract was entered into in 1974 and called for \$4.50 per day for three meals. Now meals are necessary only for those being held on trial days.

## Superior Court

Judge Harry C. Martin of Asheville will preside over a term of Chowan County Superior Court which begins at 10 A.M. Monday. Asst. Dist. Atty. J. Richard Parker of Elizabeth City will prosecute the docket.

Two men are scheduled for trial on morals charges. Jimmie Lewis Bateman is charge with taking indecent liberties with a child while Samuel Thomas Potts faces seven counts involving indecent liberties with a child, crime against nature, and carnal knowledge.

Jessie West faces two counts of drunk driving, third offense and two counts of driving while his license was revoked. Seven other drunk driving charges and a charge of driving after drinking appear on the calendar, released by Mrs. Lena M. Leary.

## Funds Allotted

Chowan Hospital received \$37,415 from the Duke Endowment in 1977, according to the annual report released this week. Of this amount, \$2,415 was for free days of care at the hospital.

The endowment made grants and appropriations during the year of \$25.6-million to educational institutions, hospitals, churches and child caring programs in the Carolinas. This exceeds by more than \$2.7-million the grants made in 1976.

Chowan Hospital operates a 61-bed acute unit and a 56-bed long term care facility. The annual report showed occupancy at the units to be 77 per cent and 96 per cent, respectively, from October, 1976, to September, 1977.