

Lake Gaston Withdrawal Supported

The Associated Press reported from Richmond, Va., last week that Virginia Gov. John B. Dalton favors supplying the state's populous Tidewater area with water from a tributary of Lake Gaston (Pea Hill Creek). North Carolina officials, including Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., Sec. Howard N. Lee of the Department of Natural Resources & Community Development, and the Coastal Resources Commission oppose that proposal.

This was Gov. Dalton's first

public stand on the matter which Jesse Helms, Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District and many of his colleagues, as well as Brunswick County, Va.

The Coastal Resources Commission, in a meeting here in June, called for a Congressional mandate to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to produce an environmental impact statement on the effect of withdrawal from any tributary of Albemarle Sound

before a decision is made.

Rep. Jones said he would support such action and Sen. Helms has indicated in strong statements that he will take any legal means at his disposal to protect North Carolina waters.

The recent algae bloom in the Chowan River, Edenton Bay and Albemarle Sound have solidified area opposition to any withdrawal which will decrease the flow of any tributary in the Albemarle Sound Basin.

Following is part of the AP

dispatch regarding this matter:

"I endorse the selected alternative to withdraw water from Lake Gaston to serve as a source of water supply to Southeastern Virginia with the understanding that other alternatives will be pursued," he (Gov. Dalton) said.

Dalton's endorsement was in a letter to Col. Douglas L. Haller, Norfolk district engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Dalton's endorsement is backed by the State Water Control Board,

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DIRECTOR NAMED — T.B.H. Wood, left, president of Northeastern Rural Health Development Association, is shown here with Andrew J. Martin of Madison, W. Va., who Monday night was named executive director of the organization. Martin will assume his duties September 1.

Martin Heads NHRDA

HERTFORD — Andrew J. Martin of Madison, W. Va., was employed Monday night as executive director of the Northeastern Rural Health Development Association. He will report to work on September 1.

Martin was present at the board meeting and stated that his professional objective is to organize and manage an innovative rural health care system

that is responsive to the needs of all individuals.

He said he was excited about the prospects in the Albemarle Area of this state and looks forward to administering and expanding the program already begun.

Mayor Bill Cox of Hertford and Frank White of Chowan were members of the Personnel Committee who screened numerous applicants for the \$25,000 position.

Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr., of Albemarle Family Practice, Ltd., who has been acting as administrator since NHRDA was formed, said Martin's credentials and track record are in tune with the health association's overall concept.

Martin, 33, is married and has three children. He did his un-

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Writer Favors Consolidation

(Editor's Note: Voters in Chowan County will decide September 19 on a \$3.5-million school bond referendum. The news columns of this newspaper are open to those who are for the referendum as well as those who oppose it. During the coming weeks every effort will be made to present in a fair manner, the views of all who wish to express themselves on the issue. The following article was submitted by one who favors consolidation and the bond issue.)

There are four major reasons that consolidation of Edenton-Chowan Schools has to occur.

First, our student population is decreasing. We have fewer students in every school today than we had 10 years ago. Since our teachers are allotted to us by the state on a per pupil basis, the fewer the students, the fewer the teachers. Of course, the fewer the teachers, the fewer the courses that can be offered our students. That is why our schools cannot have a graphics arts department like Bertie High School - we do not

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Bembry Facing Rape Charge

Dan Junior Bembry, 22-year-old Negro, Route 3, Edenton, is being held in Tri-County Jail in Elizabeth City in lieu of \$25,000 bond on a charge of second degree rape.

He made his first appearance in Chowan County District Court Tuesday morning and Judge Grafton G. Beaman set the probable cause hearing for August 15. Judge Beaman maintained the bond set by Magistrate Carlton Perry.

Bembry was arrested at his home Saturday morning after an investigation by Chowan County Sheriff's Department. The prosecuting witness is a 16-year-old Edenton girl.

In other cases called by Asst. Dist. Atty. Larry Overton, the following action was taken:

Tully Franklin Langely, driving while license revoked, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$200 fine and costs.

Desi Eulish Pierce, speeding, \$20 fine and costs.

Maria Rose Freeman, speeding, costs.

Mario Eugenio Grussi, speeding, called and failed.

Creston McLean Simmons, Jr., speeding, \$10 fine and costs.

George Milton Theodosatos, speeding called and failed.

William Michael Hufton, drunk driving and speeding, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$135 fine and costs.

Arthur Lloyd Tann, assault on a female, 120 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs and pay medical bill.

Carroll Shepard Perry, Jr. motorboat violation, 10 fine and costs.

Charles Richard Hines, reckless driving, not guilty.

Charles Parker Leary, non-support of illegitimate child, 120 days, suspended upon payment of costs and 25 per cent of net income each week.

George R. McPherson, worthless check, called and failed.

James E. Cofield, worthless check, dismissed.

Three divorces were granted. They were:

Linda A. Hollowell from Robert Hollowell; James Waverly Belch from Shelby Jean Parrish Belch; and R.C. Byrum from Gladys B. Byrum.

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Public Parade

'Firecracker' Judge

Gov. Jim Hunt has chosen Superior Court Judge Harry C. Martin of Asheville to succeed Judge David M. Britt on the Court of Appeals. Both are to be congratulated.

Judge Britt was the governor's pick to fill the Supreme Court vacancy being created by the early retirement of Justice I. Beverly Lake. Judge Britt is the Democratic nominee for a full eight-year term and has no Republican opposition.

In appointing Judge Martin to the appeals court, Gov. Hunt called him "one of the most outstanding and innovative judges in North Carolina." He pointed out particularly establishment of a "firecracker" jury system in the 28th Judicial District.

In Judge Martin's district potential jurors are required to serve only one day unless they are called for a case, and a new set of potential jurors is brought in the following day.

The system gained the "firecracker" label for "if it doesn't go off, you go home."

Judge Martin presided over the last term of Chowan County Superior and while he didn't introduce his "firecracker" jury system he impressed those familiar with the courts with his skill at administering justice. Those who saw a stranger walking along the Public Parade early in the morning wearing white buckskin shoes with hair of the same color now know it was the "firecracker" judge from Asheville.

Back In Harness

Well, we are glad to be back along the Public Parade after a week of playing the tourist bit. Being a real tourist is both expensive and exhausting. Like many other things in life, it is recommended for the young.

There were nine in our party, so we were always greeted with open arms at places like entrances to attractions and restaurants. Traveling in a motor home with 80-gallon capacity got us a similar welcome at gasoline pumps.

Our vacation began, immediately after the ground breaking ceremony for Edenton United Methodist Church on July 23. We traveled to Summerton,

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STATE 4-H WINNERS — Two Chowan County 4-H'ers were among the state winners selected in competition during North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh. Debbie Jordan, (left), a 17-year-old 4-H'er of Route 2, Edenton, won state honors in the livestock production demonstration. Darlene Everson, a 16-year-old 4-H'er from Edenton, won the demonstration category called "American Business System".

4-H'ers Attend Congress

"4-Hers L.E.A.P. In New Directions" was the theme of the 1978 North Carolina 4-H Club Congress. Centered on a Leisure Education Awareness Program, the congress was held July 24-28, in Raleigh. Chowan County had 20 delegates, six leaders, and three agents participating in the week's events.

Fifteen of the county 4-Hers represented the Northeastern District in the State Demonstration Finals with two being declared state winners. Darlene Everson was winner in the American Business System demonstration and is currently on an all-expense paid trip to the American Institute of Cooperatives annual meeting in Montana. Debbie Jordan was winner in the Livestock Production demonstration and received a \$50 Savings Bond.

Patricia Ashley and Elizabeth Hornthal placed second in the Junior Dairy Foods demonstration. Kevin Twine and Sara Chappell took runner-up honors in the American Business System team demonstration.

Other demonstrators were: Automotive Skill Driving - Al Ward; Crop Production and Utilization - David Jordan and

Greg Brabble; Entomology - Jewel Langley and Gary Copeland; Safety - Angela Layden; Egg Cookery - Vanessa Spivey; Beef Char-Grill - Anna Goodwin; Poultry Barbecue - Gwendolyn Spivey; Public Speaking - Leon Rowsom.

Several Chowan 4-Hers served in various leadership roles with Al

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BNC Announces Local Promotions

RALEIGH — The Bank of North Carolina, N.A., today announced two promotions, including a transfer, of employees in Edenton.

Cecil T. Parker has been promoted to assistant vice president, according to Charles F. Merrill, executive vice president.

Morris E. Small, Jr., has been named loan officer, according to Harley Graves, city executive in Winston-Salem.

A native of Jacksonville, Parker joined BNC in 1974 as a management trainee. He attended business school in Miami, Fla. and has completed several American Institute of Banking Courses. Active in civic affairs, he is a member of the Edenton Lions Club.

He and his wife, the former Phyllis Sykes of Enfield have one son, Cecil, Jr., 18 months.

A native of Edenton, Small joined BNC in 1973 as a management trainee. Prior to his promotion and transfer to Winston-Salem, Small was branch manager and loan interviewer in the banks Northside branch in Edenton.

Active in civic affairs, Small was president of the Edenton Jaycees and the Heart Fund.

His new duties will include those of loan officer and management of the bank's West Office in Winston-Salem.

Board Appoints New Principal For White Oak

Etheridge Hubert Ricks, 34, of Greenville, has been chosen by Edenton-Chowan Board of Education as principal at White Oak

Elementary School. He succeeds Ralph Cole, who assumes the principalship of D.F. Walker School.

Ricks was selected from among eight applicants at a special meeting of the board Monday night.

He was recommended by Supt. John Dunn and James Pressley, director of instruction.

Ricks, who has six years of experience in education, presently is manager of an industrial supply firm in New Bern. He will return to education after an absence of two years.

He received his degree in health and physical education at East Carolina University, where he also received his master's degree and administrative certificate.

All of his experience in education has been in Pitt County where he has served as principal of a primary school as well as teacher, assistant principal, coach and athletic director in other county schools.

A native of New Bern, he is married and the father of two children. They are Baptist.



PREPARE FOR PLANTING — William Shepard is shown on his Long Beach farm with Roger Spivey, county forest ranger, as work continues toward reforestation of 83 acres using individual containerized seedlings. This is the first practice in the entire area under the N.C. Forest Development Act.

Forest Project Underway

William Shepard of Edenton is the first landowner in the entire area to participate in the N.C. Forest Development Act which became effective July 1. The FDA is a program designed to share some of the cost in improving the productivity of woodlands.

Eighty-three acres of woodland at Long Beach in Yeopim Township has been selectively cut five times since 1916 and was clear-cut during the fall of 1977.

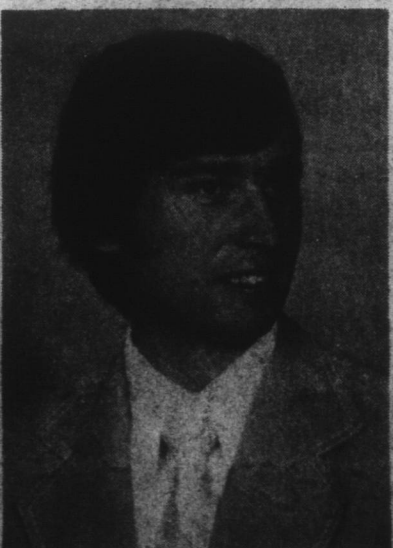
Shepard had the N.C. Forest Service, a division of the State Department of Natural Resources

and Community Development, to inspect his woodlands and prepare a forest management plan. One of the recommendations was to site prepare the clear-cut area with a heavy crawler tractor and drum chopper. Then the area will be prescribe burned to get rid of crushed materials before pine seedlings are planted.

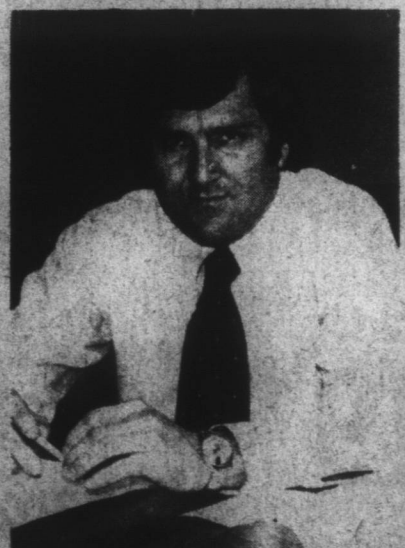
Oscar Turlington of Hertford is contractor for the project.

Tree planting will be performed in October. Loblolly pine seedlings grown in the hot house at Clayton

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Morris Small, Jr.



Cecil T. Parker