

Study Of Tri-County Center Slated

Taking a one year leave of absence from his present position as director of vocational education for Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties' schools, Kenneth L. Stalls will serve as director of a Tri-County Career Education Feasibility Study.

A grant to conduct the study is being made possible through joint funding of the State Department of Public Instruction and the Coastal Plains Regional Commission. Stalls will assume the duties of this position on September 1, and will be located in the Perquimans Co. Board of Education office.

As director of the study, Stalls will concentrate on determining if the educational needs of students in Gates, Perquimans and Chowan counties can better be met by combined efforts. The feasibility

study will explore offering specialty vocational courses, as well as advanced ac-

ademic courses in the arts and sciences. The possibilities of an alternative school and offering increased adult education programs will also be examined.

The purpose of the feasibility study will be to determine what advantages a Tri-County Career Center can offer to students and citizens in this region.

The conception of a Tri-County Career Center was begun in December, 1977, at which time the boards met jointly. Visits to in and out of state Career Centers and mounting enthusiasm precipitated these boards' application for a grant.

In announcing Stalls' leave of absence to be director of the study, Dr. John Dunn stated that he is "pleased to have him in this new

position." Dunn added that "Stalls possesses knowledge of all the counties, (having served as vocational education director of the three since 1974), which gives him a feel for the type of course and offerings needed to make a Career Center a success."

Applications for the vacated position are now being accepted until September 5. This position will be for an interim period of one year. Anyone interested should apply to Supt. John Dunn, P.O. Box 206, Edenton-Chowan Schools, Edenton, N.C. 27932.

Grant Funds Have Priority

A feasibility study for a Tri-County Career Center is among items which Gov. Jim Hunt has given first priority for funding through the Coastal Plains Regional Commission.

Another first priority item for the state's share of \$184,548 CPRC funds is the previously announced Queen Anne's Park development in Edenton. That project calls for \$64,548.

A second priority item on Gov. Hunt's list is \$50,000 for Phase II of the Chowan County Water System.

The State Board of Education will also provide \$25,000 for the Tri-County project being launched by Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and counterparts in Gates and Perquimans counties.

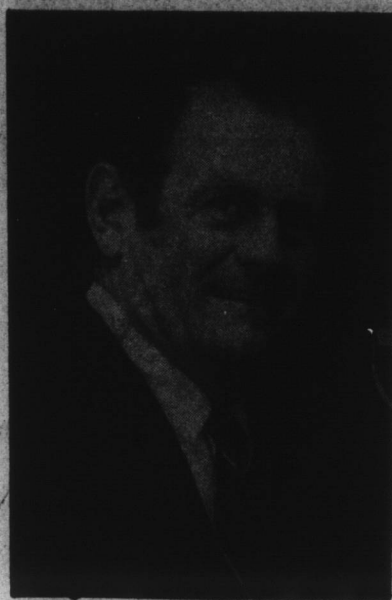
Gov. Hunt has expressed unqualified support for the innovative concept of the program and has gone so far as to appoint Walter B. Jones, Jr., his Eastern North Carolina representative, to coordinate efforts at the state level.

State Supt. Craig Phillips also has thrown his support behind the project, which would be the first of its type in the state since it is multi-county in nature.

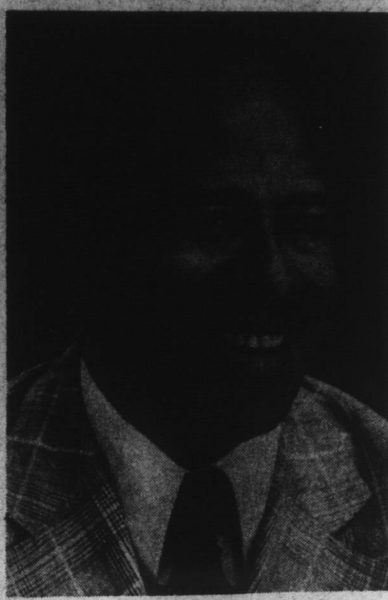
The boards of education are holding regular meetings in an attempt to get answers to as many questions as possible prior to actually entering the planning phase. The selection of a director is the next step, according to a source, and this is expected to be announced at the next meeting.



Kenneth L. Stalls



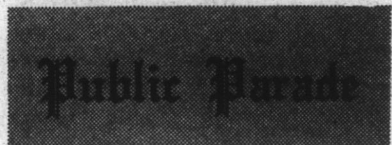
BRING MEETING TO EDENTON — J. Gilliam Wood of Edenton, left, chairman of the state Board of Natural Resources & Community Development, will preside at the first session of a two-day board meeting which begins at 1:30 P.M. September 7 at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Following a presentation concerning the condition of the Chowan River and a tour of Hayes Plantation, board members will travel to Atlantic Beach for the second session of their quarterly meeting on September 8. Sec. Howard N. Lee, left, heads the department and will participate in the sessions.



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That Time Again

It is time again for the Harvest Supper out at Cross Roads Volunteer Fire Department. Fire house chicken will be served September 16.

At a meeting earlier this week, Chief Frank White borrowed a piece of paper and pen to write us a "Memory Jogger". It ended with "We need somebody on our side from the media."

He didn't say whether he meant to buy tickets or eat the department's special brand of barbecued chicken. Then too, maybe he made his point by informing us that tickets are \$3 each.

Busy Week

Gov. Jim Hunt returns from Boston and this week's Democratic Governors Conference and prepares to meander along the Public Parade and Northeastern North Carolina a great portion of next week.

The state's chief executive is always welcome in these parts, but it is especially fitting that he comes to relax at the site of the original Tea Party after being bombarded by the Kennedys in Boston.

Gov. Hunt will be here Thursday night to address the 10-county Albemarle Regional Planning & Development. His visit comes at a time when there is considerable discussion as to his administration's policy concerning regionalism. It is past time for the in-fighting among his cabinet members to stop and smoother delivery of services to the people begun.

Earlier in the day he will dedicate the Washington County Resources Center near Plymouth. This is a new concept in the Albemarle Area and one which could serve as a model for other programs, such as the proposed Tri-County Education Center.

Tuesday will be a red letter day for coastal Tar Heelia, as Gov. Hunt joins Sec. Howard N. Lee, members of the Coastal Resources Commission and Advisory Council, and U.S. Department of Commerce representatives at announcement of approval of this state's Coastal Management Program. This event will be at the Marine Resource Center in Manteo.

North Carolina is the first state in the south to have such a program approved and it opens the door to continued federal funding for implementation of land-use plans. Some \$4-million has been spent on the coastal program in the past four years and it hasn't cost the localities anything. The next \$1.5-million budget, likewise, doesn't call for any significant local match.

Also on Thursday, the 25-member board of Natural Resources & Community Development will meet at the Marine Resource Center in Manteo. Continued on Page 4



PROPOSED SITE—This sign tells the story of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education's future building plans, subject to a September 19 referendum regarding \$3.5-million in bonds. Four different crops now grow on the 48.32-acre site which is located just off Highway 32 on SR 1200. Several letters regarding the pros and cons of the referendum are found elsewhere in today's newspaper.

Hot Water Results In Fine Fuel Charge Up

A woman was placed on probation after being given a

Fuel Charge Up

The Town of Edenton has been notified by VEPCO that the fuel adjustment charge for this month is \$2.17 per thousand kwh. This past month it was 36 cents.

W.B. Gardner, town administrator, said the September billing would probably reflect the most usage and will be billed on the summer rate. This, coupled with the drastic increase in fuel adjustment charge will cause bills to be extremely high.

"While we are distressed by this tremendous increase in fuel adjustment charges there seems nothing we can do about it," Gardner stated.

He pointed out, however, that last year at this time the fuel adjustment charge was five times what it will be on the September billing. "But this is little consolation when there is such a big jump in one month," the administrator added.

suspended sentence and fined for assault by pouring hot water on another person. Fevelyn Ruth Husky entered a plea of guilty to the count following an incident at Arrowhead Beach early Friday morning.

She was sentenced to nine months, suspended upon payment of \$250 fine and costs. She was placed on probation for three years.

The defendant has been held in Tri-County Jail in lieu of bond following her arrest by Chowan County Sheriff's Department.

It was alleged that the defendant poured the water on the prosecuting witness and a man while they were in bed.

Johnny Bowling, alias Hubert Freeman, waived probable cause hearings on three felony counts of securing drugs under false pretense. His bond was reduced from \$10,500 to \$3,000 by Judge Grafton G. Beaman.

In a companion case, Cheryl Lee Gentry also waived the probable cause hearing on a single felony charge. Continued on Page 4

Increase Shows Voter Interest In Bond Issue

Interest in the \$3.5-million school bond referendum has caused 234 more people to register to vote, according to the Chowan County Board of Elections. Coupled with the registration prior to the May election, some 9 per cent increase has been experienced.

Mrs. Corinne F. Thorud, supervisor of elections, reports that there will be 5,475 eligible to vote on the referendum.

New registration by precincts include:

East Edenton, 30; West Edenton, 71; Rocky Hock, 38; Center Hill, 25; Wardville, 24; and Yeopim, 46.

Registration to vote on September 19 ended at 5 P.M. on August 21. The registration books, however, are open for those who want to register for the general election in November.

Application can be made for absentee voting. The deadline for applying is 5 P.M. on September 13.

Mrs. Thorud said that if a child has gone off to school and the parent wishes to send him or her a ballot, the parent, grandparent or a brother or sister may apply for the student and the office will mail the ballot to the student.

A person who plans to be away from the county all day on the day of the referendum may also apply for an absentee ballot.

Provisions are also made for those who will be in the hospital at the time of the referendum. Contact should be made with the elections office for details.

Holiday Schedule Released

The last long weekend of the year — Labor Day Weekend — will be observed here without any fanfare and with some water-related activities cancelled because of the condition of Chowan River and Albemarle



ARPDC SPEAKER — Gov. Jim Hunt will be keynote speaker at a meeting of Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission at 6:30 P.M. September 7. The meeting, according to Riley S. Monds, Jr., of Perquimans County, will be held at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. Local, county and regional officials are expected to be in attendance.

Grant Aids Health Care

COLUMBIA — X-ray capabilities are being brought to Tyrrell County by Northeastern Rural Health Development Association through redesignation of location of a \$22,000 unit. The unit is part of the equipment approved in a \$200,000 federal grant to the area.

For several months x-ray capabilities have not been available here. There has been no x-ray available between Manteo and Plymouth, which Dr. Clement Lucas stated placed an undue hardship on the general public. He

said grant monitors had indicated a willingness to relocate the unit to Tyrrell County.

The NRHDA board also authorized spending up to \$4,000 for temporary work at the Tyrrell facility in order for the dental component to get into operation.

In further action, the board approved the employment of Mrs. Emily G. Amburn as health educator. She will also serve as the patient advocate-counselor for the association.

Dr. Lucas said this is a very important component of the grant and she would be working with other agencies throughout the service area. Earlier he said the research aspect of the grant indicated that a significant amount of health education had to be done with some evaluation of how appropriate health education would reduce the cost of medical care.

NRHDA proposes to operate the Area Health Education Center within the Tyrrell County Medical Complex which also includes space for the health department and mental health as well as medical and dental services.

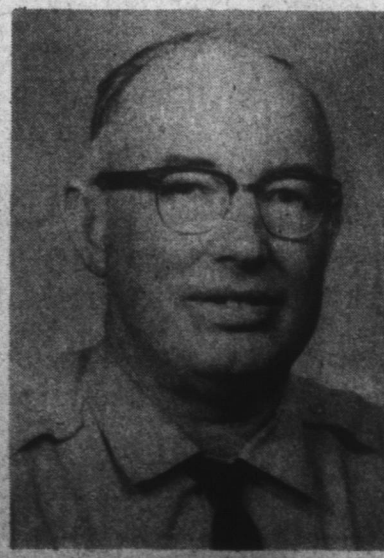
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Sheriff Appointed To Crime Committee

Gov. Jim Hunt has named Sheriff Troy Toppin of Chowan County to membership on the Crime Prevention & Public Information Committee of the Governor's Crime Commission. Sheriff Toppin and the 48 other members took their oaths August 21 in Raleigh.

Judge Burley B. Mitchell, Jr., of the N.C. Court of Appeals, administered the oaths after which the first meeting of the committee was held. The committee was divided into three sub-groups and Sheriff Toppin was named to the Community Support and Coordination Group.

Sheriff Manley Lancaster of Rural Hall was named committee



Sheriff Troy Toppin

chairman. Mayor Bill Cox of Hertford is the vice chairman.

In addition to Sheriff Toppin and Mayor Cox, other Albemarle Area members are W.C. Owens, Jr., of Elizabeth City, and John Wiley Halstead of South Mills.

In making the appointment of Sheriff Toppin, the governor stated: "You are well aware that our administration has made a sincere commitment to the work of the committee and with your involvement I know we can reach our goals."

Also, Gov. Hunt said: "We have a lot to accomplish in North Carolina over the next few years and I am pleased you will be a part of it." Continued on Page 4

Classes To Open

Opening day of classes for Chowan Academy students will be Wednesday, according to Paul Lasker, headmaster.

Opening day will be a half-day with classes beginning at 8:30 A.M. and dismissal at 11:30 A.M. Classes will follow a full schedule commencing the following day.

Lasker reminds all parents of kindergarten and First Grade students to bring their birth records and proof of the required immunizations on opening day.