

Board Favors Renovation

A special committee from Edenton Chowan Board of Education has recommended a consolidation plan with a \$150,000 price tag. It would be accomplished by August, 1979, through the use of mobile classrooms and renovations of

existing facilities. To this end the board will seek a meeting with Chowan County commissioners to discuss finances and move ahead for a public hearing which is required to close Chowan High School.

(The Chowan Herald is printing the text of the report elsewhere in today's edition.)

The report was the target of criticism from Gil Burroughs, faculty member at John A. Holmes High School, who complained that the public and professional staff had not been asked to provide input at this point.

Chairman Eugene Jordan explained that it was the board's responsibility to get a basic plan established before soliciting comments from others. He assured Burroughs that this was just the committee's report and there would be adequate time to explore other avenues.

At one point he said it should be kept in mind that money would have to be found to do the work. Supt. John Dunn said the committee wanted to provide the best education for everyone and do it as inexpensively as possible.

He too said the real problem would be money.

Dr. Edward G. Bond said he felt the board should have additional input before the plan goes to public hearing or the commissioners. He was told the public hearing would be on the closing of a high school and not the consolidation plan.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn reminded her colleagues that they are committed to consolidation. She added that the committee wanted to do as little as absolutely necessary to accomplish it at this time since it was the feeling that the best way is through a new school.

Tough Approach

Chowan County commissioners are taking a "hard line" on area water quality problems and will spearhead organization of a task force of locally elected officials to pressure state and federal officials for corrective action.

This decision was made at a meeting here Monday where Commissioners J.D. Peele and C.A. Phillips were named to serve on a steering committee with County Manager Eddie Dick to form the task force.

While no decision was made at the meeting, it was expressed that the involvement of locally elected officials from the Virginia line to Oregon Inlet would be invited to participate.

Earlier efforts by Hertford County to form a four-county group — Hertford, Chowan, Gates and Bertie — never materialized.

The involvement of locally elected officials was stressed by Edenton Chamber of Commerce which has "exhausted about all avenues of citizen effort" regarding the algae bloom in Chowan River and Albemarle Sound this summer.

Commissioner Peele reported that Sunday the river in the vicinity of Rocky Hock Creek was

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In the report, the only basic deviation from a May, 1978, decision for consolidation would be to leave Sixth Graders in the northern end of the county at Chowan Junior High School, because of space limitations at White Oak.

Ernest A. Swain Elementary School would be used only for the Alternative School and COA Learning Resources Center.

J.P. Timberlake, CPA, touched on highlights of the 1977-78 audit and commended the staff for an outstanding job, especially with investments.

A resolution of appreciation was presented to Morris Small, who did not seek re-election.

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Two Fronts

Elected officials along the Public Parade this week launched attacks on two important fronts.

Chowan County commissioners agreed Monday morning to spearhead the establishing of a task force to do battle with state and federal officials over water quality in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound.

Ten hours later, Edenton-Chowan Board of Education accepted the mechanics of a plan "to provide the best education possible for all students of the county and to do so as inexpensively as possible."

Neither the algae in our waters, nor the need for school consolidation are new topics of discussion. Both assaults now being mounted are bold efforts on the part of our elected officials and deserve the support and cooperation of everyone.

The condition in which our greatest natural resource along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina has been allowed to develop is shameful. The unequal opportunities now afforded our children is equally as bad.

To do something about both is going to take patience, understanding and money; probably in that order. If all of us exercise the first two the third can be found.

Touching Base

It was in August, 1977, that a group of men and women gathered in the board room of Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Hertford. It was a representative group of citizens concerned about voids in health care in pockets of Northeastern North Carolina.

Out of that, and subsequent meetings, grew the Northeastern Rural Health Development Association. Significant progress has been made by the association and signs on the horizon indicate great accomplishments for the citizens in our area in the near future.

The concept developed by NRHDA, with the aid of providers in medicine and dentistry, was to establish satellite clinics in rural unserved communities. These clinics would be backed up by a base facility with sufficient flexibility and diversity to provide a multitude of services under the same umbrella.

Those associated with NRHDA shared the excitement of this concept with the innovative providers. The area's Health Systems Agency also liked the

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PLAN OBSERVANCE—Representatives of local government here pledged their support to the Farm-City Week observance, November 17-23. Oscar White, center, chairman of the annual banquet — set for November 20 — is flanked by Mayor Roy L. Harrell and Alton G. Elmore, vice chairman of the board of county commissioners, as Farm-City Week is formally proclaimed here.

Shepard Heads Observance

Thomas H. Shepard has been named Chowan County chairman for the 1978 observance of Farm-City Week. The appointment was announced by J. Wilbur Cabe of Statesville, state Farm-City Week Chairman.

Serving with Shepard as co-chairman for the county committee is Pete Thompson, county extension chairman. Oscar White is chairman of the banquet committee.

Farm-City Week will be observed across the nation on November 17-23, ending on Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of the event is to help create a better understanding between rural and urban people. The theme for 1978 is "Farm and City — Partners in Economic Progress."

The annual banquet, set for November 20, is planned by the

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Civil Court Set

Judge David I. Smith of Burlington will preside over a civil session of Chowan County Superior Court here next week. Motions will be heard beginning at 10 A.M. Monday.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk, said the trial of cases had also been set for Monday. Several contested cases are expected to keep the court in session much of the week.

On the motion docket are three cases in which E.H. Wiggins is the plaintiff in which he is requesting a new trial on the basis of newly discovered evidence. The defendants are Edward Z. Evans, Miles E. Bunch and Willie T. Bunch.

The cases involve property in the Rocky Hock section of the county.

ALOA Honors Former Leader

NAGS HEAD — Albemarle Law & Order Association honored the late Melvin E. Bunch of Edenton at its fall meeting here Friday night. U.S. Sen. Bob Morgan was the keynote speaker.

Bunch served as planning director for the association from 1971 until his death late in October.

Robert L. Spivey of Perquimans County, past ALOA president, said the event was dedicated to Mr. Bunch who made it outstanding in all of North Carolina. "We are all proud of the work he did that will live after him," he added.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Lena M. Leary of Edenton accepted a plaque on behalf of Mrs. Bunch, who attended.

In his prepared remarks, Sen. Morgan said he believes that the association "represents a basic understanding that many law enforcement problems are best managed through cooperative efforts which avoid needless duplication and waste."

"I don't believe, however, that federal money should be used to encourage or discourage local actions," he continued. In other words, the LEAA motto should be assistance, not control."

Sen. Morgan encouraged officers to continue to focus attention on improving the criminal justice system within each locality and within the state.

Elizabeth City Police Chief W. Clarence Owens, ALOA president, presided

Balloting Close For Jesse Helms

U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms picked up support in Chowan County Tuesday but failed by 90 votes to top Insurance Commissioner John Ingram in extremely light voting.

However, Sen. Helms won reelection to a six-year term in statewide balloting.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the first Congressional District was elected to another two-year term, outdistancing Republican James M. Newcomb 959 to 253 in the six Chowan boxes.

The two U.S. Congress races were the only ones to draw much attention of local voters. There were no local contests.

A total of 1,750 votes were cast, including 28 absentees. This represents but 32.1 per cent of the 5,441 registered voters. Sen. Helms received 45.4 per cent of the votes cast in his race with Ingram.

In 1972, a year in which both a president and governor was on the ballot to create interest, Sen. Helms got 42 per cent of the votes cast in his bid against Nick Galifanakis. At that time the GOP

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Sen. Morgan
 Mrs. Leary
 Bob Spivey



Mrs. Lena M. Leary
 Glenn Hassell
 Sheriff Troy Toppin



Sheriff Troy Toppin
 Nags Head Mayor Don Bryan



THAT LOCAL FLAVOR—Edenton and Chowan County were well represented at Friday night's fall banquet of the Albemarle Law & Order Association held at Nags Head. In picture at far left,



Mrs. Melvin E. Bunch is shown with U.S. Sen. Bob Morgan and State Sen. Melvin Daniels. In the center photo, Howard Kramer of the State Attorney General's office is greeted by Mrs. Juanita



Cozzens and F.M. Godwin. At far right, W.B. Gardner chats with Charlie Winberry of Rocky Mount, who is expected to be named by President Carter to a federal judgeship.

Bloodmobile Visit — Monday, Nov. 13 — American Legion Building
12 Noon Until 6 P.M. — 150 Units