

Nutrition On Top

The budget process of governments is not a happy experience, be it on the local, state or federal level. Along the Public Parade elected officials are beginning to assemble departmental budgets as a framework for establishing the spending requirements for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1.

However, the nation's biggest shell game is being played in Washington. Participants include President Carter, and members of the Senate and House. In the background is an abundance of kibitzers who lobby for particular interests.

President Carter applied the machete to this country's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, and is seeking to rearrange some numbers in the current budget. Committees in the Senate and House, with members on the firing line back home, have differences with the administration.

Cooperative Extension in North Carolina, for example, stands to lose 35 positions if President Carter's numbers are adopted. On the other hand, the nutrition program appears headed for a budget bonanza. A \$4.1-million increase is in the making, bringing the total to \$55.9-million across the country.

Closer home, the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program in Northeastern North Carolina is a model for the entire state. Mrs. Ila G. White of Hertford, who is headquartered in the County Office Building, is area specialist. Two EFNEP aides working part-time in Chowan County—Johnnie Bress and Margie Harrell—work with nearly 100 families.

Activity Day, scheduled for Saturday at John A. Holmes High School, is a foods and nutrition education program for youth which gives opportunity for personal development, improved diet and nutrition of the total family, leader development and parent participation. Last year some 55 exhibitors from the district participated and more than 250 people were involved. It is expected that this year's program will be equally as successful.

Program aides reach families who otherwise go lacking. The program opens many doors which otherwise would remain shut. Leadership development is a byproduct of the program.

Nutrition is being compared to motherhood and apple pie. Few people are stupid enough to knock it; those smarter attempt to identify with it to make further inroads to clients which equal only 10 per cent of the target population in Tar Heelia.

At a recent regional meeting in Atlanta, Ga., on New Initiatives for Home Economics, some discussions centered around building successful programs in the territory being blazed by EFNEP. Nutrition, as the budget recommendations indicate, is a rediscovered star; as old as mankind; one where a tad of education can blossom into fruitful fields.

It has been proven that demonstrations are an important part of teaching. And EFNEP believes in starting with children; attempting to make the next generation contributors to the solution rather than being a part of the problem.

If you wonder whether or not it is working in North Carolina you can find out for yourself Saturday morning at Holmes School, beginning at 9:15. Who knows, you might learn something constructive.

Review Returns

This newspaper has always attempted to provide readers with a wide range of news each week. There is only a certain amount of space for news in a weekly publication. Therefore, the editor combs through countless submissions to arrive at what is eventually printed.

There are more "causes" per square mile along the Public Parade than any area we have encountered; each with a

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Council Defeats Rezoning Petition, 3-2

Efforts to have two 20-acre tracts on either side of N. C. 32, south of U. S. 17 by-pass, rezoned from Highway Commercial and Residential-Agricultural to Shopping Center, were defeated by 3-2 vote of the Edenton Town Council, Tuesday night. The action followed a two hour public hearing in which the council chamber was filled to near capacity as citizens turned out to voice their opinions over the issue.

It was the fourth time in five years that the request from developers Bernard P. Burroughs and W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr. has been turned down.

Burroughs presented a petition bearing 400 signatures of people favoring construction of a shopping center.

Larry Johnson, a resident of Robin Lane, cited figures from the 1980 ARPDC Land-Use Planning Survey showing that a majority of respondents favored a shopping center over a grocery store, discount department store or restaurant.

Johnson said a new shopping center could produce up to 100 new jobs, increase local retail sales by \$331,000 and would be equivalent to a non-polluting, "smokeless" industry.

Ben Lucas, vice president of the J. J. Chretien Co., a developer for the K-Mart Corp., with emphasis on possible future development of the west side tract adjacent to Edenton United Methodist Church and Chowan Hospital.

Pending rezoning and upon completion of tests to determine the suitability of the land, he said K-Mart would begin construction within one year of a \$3-million facility that would employ some 60 persons alone. He said the center would include, besides K-Mart, a grocery store, a drug store, and some other shops.

Concerning use of the land, should K-Mart decide not to locate in Edenton, Lucas said the council could rezone it to whatever designation they chose after the option had expired.

Lucas produced a 1975 letter from Mrs. E. L. Ward to C. B. Smith, chairman of the Edenton United Methodist Church administrative board, saying it was understood at the time the land was deeded to the church, that commercial development was planned for the adjacent and fronting sites. The church, also went on record as being neutral over the issue of rezoning for a shopping center.

He also said it was his experience that commercial development would not adversely affect Chowan Hospital.

When quizzed by councilman Steve Hampton about locating K-Mart at one of the existing shopping centers in north Edenton, Lucas said they were turned down because of being on the wrong side of town, and because of the by-pass offering better availability.

"This is one of the best commercial sites I've seen", Lucas said of the land in question.

Mrs. Grace Griffin, a property owner near the by-pass, was first to speak in opposition to rezoning and presented a petition bearing 125 names including eight members of the Methodist Church board.

Mrs. Griffin's opinion was that Edenton does not need an ad-

ditional shopping center, that the economy would not support it and that it could result in the loss of downtown businesses. In addition she felt many people had moved to Edenton to get away from urban congestion.

Concerning future use of the land adjacent to her property, Mrs. Griffin commented, "When we bought the land from Mrs. Ward, she said 'this land will

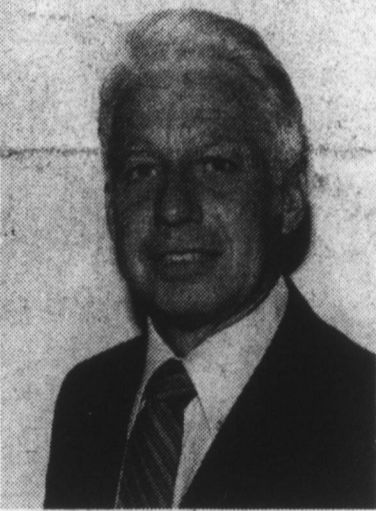
never be commercial'. She put it in the neighbors deed that she would not allow it to be commercialized."

Lucas countered that in a conversation Tuesday, Mrs. Ward denied ever having made such a statement.

Claude Griffin, a downtown merchant, said he had supported commercial and industrial growth

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Hendee Named Chamber Of Commerce Executive



Jerry Hendee

Jerry Hendee, 110 Kimberly Drive, Edenton, will assume duties as new director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, July 1, succeeding Robert W. Moore, who is retiring after 15 years at that post and 30 years as a member of the chamber.

Hendee, his wife, Barbara, and their 14-year old daughter, Nancy, have resided in Edenton since

1977. They moved here from Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, where Hendee operated an industrial instrumentation business. He is semi-retired, but has responded to a call by a neighbor at 2:13 A.M. who said a man had been cut. They learned upon

Hendee is a native of Ohio and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati.

"Our decision to move to Edenton was based on a number of things, including the Chamber of Commerce's efforts," he commented. "The chamber has been instrumental in seeing that the community is as inviting as it is."

In accepting the chamber position, Hendee said he "wanted to be part of the effort to promote Edenton."

Chamber president Wallace B. Evans commented, "We are very fortunate to have someone already living in our community capable of assuming the director's duties. We look forward to having Jerry direct our organization for many years to come."

He said the search committee met for about 16 hours conducting interviews and setting the criteria for selection.

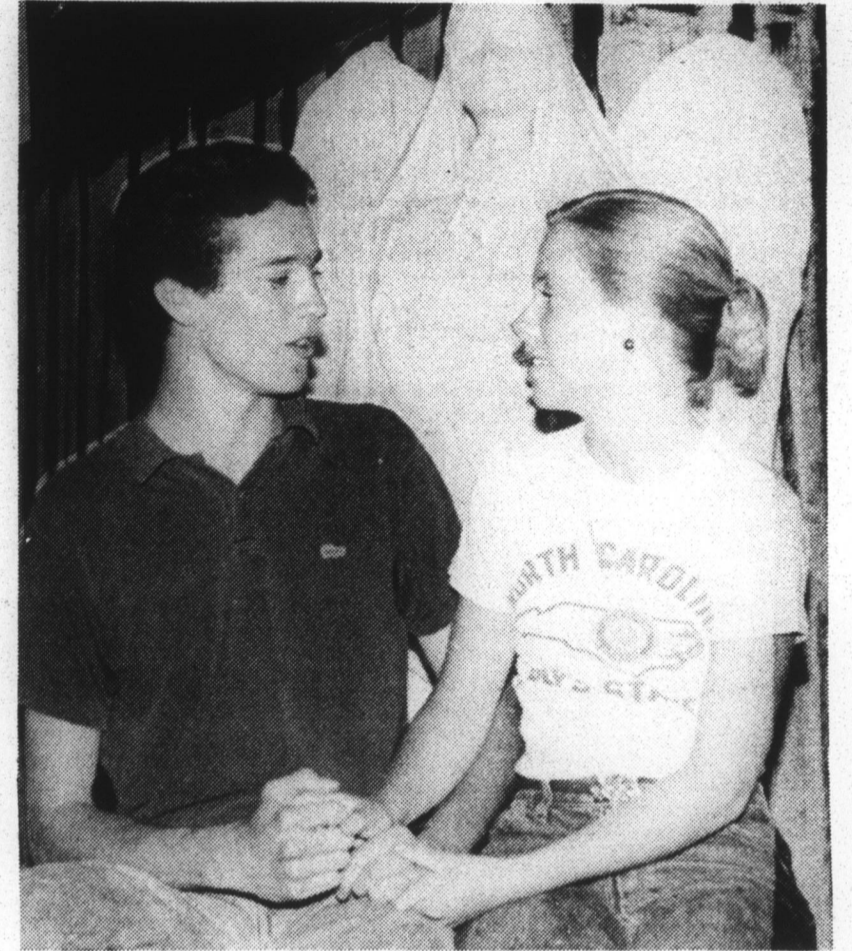
Husband Shot; Wife Is Charged

An Edenton woman is in Tri-County Jail in Elizabeth City under \$10,000 bond for the shooting of her husband, early Monday morning. Charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill is Cynthia Williams, 24, of 306 North Granville St.

Edenton Police report that Walter Williams, 27, is in Chowan Hospital in stable condition after being shot in the chest, leg and arm with a .22 caliber pistol during a domestic dispute.

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PLAY BEGINS FRIDAY—Jim Chesson and Alease Moore, cast members of the Holmes High Drama Club's production of "Look Homeward, Angel" are shown rehearsing for the drama, to be staged Friday and Saturday nights at the Holmes High School auditorium. It is based on Thomas Wolfe's world-famous novel of the same name.

Drama Club Production Begins Friday Night

There are still many angels brooding over cemeteries in North Carolina, any one of which might have been the one of stone referred to in the title of Thomas Wolfe's world-famous autobiographical novel, "Look Homeward Angel", which was turned by Ketti Frings into the Pulitzer Prize play to be given by Holmes Drama Club. This is the spring production, May 16-17, at 8 P.M.

"Frozen in hard marble silence," Wolfe wrote of the figures his tombstone-cutting father created. In the play, one of these angels represents all of the aspirations of the picturesque old father who had the aura of a lost

artist. One of the outstanding scenes of the play, at once poignant and hilarious, shows the town madam trying to buy this favorite angel for the grave of one of her girls, who has died -- "a dear, young girl, in the flower of her life" -- and the lusty old man's stubborn refusal to sell it.

After Thomas Wolfe attained world-wide fame as a writer, everything about his past that he had so vividly remembered in his books was enshrined and documented almost as if these had been the artifacts of a Shakespeare. The real boarding house in Asheville that Wolfe's mother had run as "The Old Kentucky Home", and Wolfe

immortalized under the name of "The Dixieland" (scene of most of the action in the play), is today a literary shrine visited by thousands of tourists.

Similarly many of the stone angels cut by Wolfe's lusty, frustrated father have taken on greater immortality through their having been created by him, than might ever have been planned by the mourning relatives who bought them from him for their departed dear ones. One particular angel over the grave of a man named Buchanan in Asheville is considered to be the best example of his stone-cutting art. Photographs of it have ap-

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REFLECTIONS—Liz Wright, John A. Holmes High School student, pauses for a moment to reflect upon the information she is receiving during a recent open house at College of The Albemarle. The event was sponsored by the college's business club, Phi Beta Lambda, to introduce area students to COA's secretarial and business programs. Miss Wright is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wright of Route 3. Other Holmes High students who were accompanied by instructor Teresa Kerber were Deborah Coston, Liela Maglione, Jackie Perry, Lisa Shaw, Gail Wiggins, Angela Wilder, Donna Boston, Edna Brown, Wilma Capehart, Sharon Cooper, Emily Coston. (COA Photo).

Poaching At Fish Hatchery Is Violation Of Federal Law

Five people have received heavy fines, since the beginning of April, for illegally taking frogs from the Edenton Fish Hatchery, reported Elliott Atstupenas, director. Each person received a \$125 fine and cost of court for the violation.

Atstupenas said in an interview Wednesday, that persons caught poaching rock bass from their brood stock can expect an even heavier fine and risk having their vehicles and equipment confiscated.

Strict enforcement of the federal law is the result of declines in the brood stock, beginning last spring, that could not be attributed to natural causes. Since then, special agents with the Fish and Wildlife Service have assisted in enforcing the regulations.

Prior to this year, Atstupenas said frog gigging had been allowed on a small, limited basis at the Edenton hatchery. The policy was changed however, because of a law suit filed by a citizen injured at a location elsewhere in the country.

With the assistance of the Edenton Police Department, three persons were caught early in April and fined. One week later, two more violators were apprehended. None were from Chowan County, and two of them were from out of state.

The fines imposed included \$25 for trespassing and \$100 for endangering aquatic animals.

"Every hatchery has poaching", Atstupenas commented, "but during the spring, it has gotten out of hand."

Six of the brood stock have turned up missing from ponds not located near residences. He said each of the fish is valued at about \$100. The were mature and weighed from 8 to 10 lbs. a piece.

His concern for the loss of the fish goes beyond their monetary value. "It takes five years for them to grow, and they are treated with hormones to induce spawning", he said. "I, personally, would not eat them."

Atstupenas warns that the hatchery is patrolled 24-hours a

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