

# Raleigh Roundup: Budget Cuts

Continued From Page 1-B children. Her husband has custody of their only minor child. In spite of this startling news, Mrs. Pegg says she fully intends to stand up for her family issues as strongly as before and that she hasn't changed her mind about opposing ERA, either. "Divorce doesn't upset me like it does a lot of people," she was quoted as saying.

Former members of the General Assembly usually come back from time to time to greet their former colleagues. Once a member of the club always a member, seems to be their thinking. Monday evening Judge Judson David DeRamus former Forsyth representative was extended the courtesy of the floor by the speaker as were Ronald Earl Mason of Beaufort, who represented Carteret County and is now with the state office of Commercial Fisheries, and Neal Smith of Rowan County who last week was named to Commissioner of Insurance John Ingram's staff.

As the members gather in discussion groups the conversation generally turns to finances and means of raising funds for the necessary services. The suggestion that a tax be placed on tobacco has not come up that we know of. There is a bill pending in the Senate to place additional taxes on beer, wine and liquor and there are many plans for financing the highway projects as there are members in the General Assembly and practically all of them shy away from a gasoline tax. A feature story appeared recently in the local newspaper may have been a bit of propaganda. The headline read: "State officials love their

Leaf, Wouldn't be caught without it." We were interested to note that Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham and Attorney General Rufus Edmisten are not the only devoted leaf fans. Edmisten is a pipe smoker and collector and the commissioner sticks rather closely to his cigars.

State Sen. Conrad R. Duncan, Jr., buys his chewing tobacco by the case. But the acknowledged king of the tobacco takers is Sen. Harold W. Hardison of Lenoir. He admits to being hooked on cigars and pipes and likes to chew a little when playing golf. But when it comes to chews, Hardison is overshadowed by Duncan. He says he is such a devoted chewer he keeps a plastic cup hanging from the radio of his 1980 Cadillac. He is also the only member of the General Assembly who keeps a brass spittoon next to his desk. "That was a present from Rep. 'B' (Bertha) Holt. She used to be my seatmate in the House, and she saw me spitting into a cup all the time. So when I came over to the Senate (in 1979) she gave me a spittoon," the senator explained.

Rep. J. Howard Coble of Guilford says that he chews the weed while he plays tennis. "You know tennis attracts a lot of spitters. Well, I love to spit while I'm playing. It blows their minds," he chortled.

The day after the hostages were honored in Washington, Rep. John Bond Gillam, III, of Bertie, was distributing lapel buttons resembling small golden peanuts.

Rep. Jay Huskins of Iredell, who also has interests down in the peanut country in Northeastern North Carolina, pinned his button on his lapel and walked across the court. The

first person he met asked what the pin meant.

"To honor the hostages," the gentlemen from Iredell replied. "Oh, those just freed after 444 days in Iran?"

"No, those just freed after four years in the White House."

Rep. S. B. Lacey, Jr., of Avery, who likes to say his is the only Republican S. B. in the House, maneuvered his first piece of legislation through the house Thursday with a surprising lack of opposition.

He had introduced House Bill 11 to reconstitute the Burke County Board of Education, but the senate acted first on Senator Donald Kincaid's companion bill. So, Rep. Lacey moved that the house bill be displaced in order that the senate bill could be taken up. He then explained very briefly that the bill simply reduced the number of members on the Burke board from 12 to seven and urged its passage.

But it actually did far more than that. It created three election districts, with two members from each, and called for a seventh member to be elected at large. It provided for a "nonpartisan" board, serving staggered terms, with the chairman and vice chairman to be chosen by the board from among its members for one-year terms.

When no one responded to the

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environment; Mrs. Vivian Jordan, international; Mrs. Sue Parrish, health, food and nutrition; Mrs. Jean Roberts, recording secretary; Mrs. Johnnie S. Bass, public relations and treasurer; and Mrs. Ella Foxwell, family resource management.

Also Mrs. Eula Jordan, family relations and child development; Mrs. Shirley Swain, second vice president and citizenship and community outreach.

Not present were: Mrs. Daisy Benbry, first vice president; and Mrs. Gail Bunch, corresponding secretary.

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Speaker's call for questions or debate, the bill passed second and third readings on voice votes. Rep. Lacey breathed a sigh of relief and one member of the Mecklenburg delegation leaned over and remarked to another member, "There goes five Democratic jobs."

## Winning Essays To Be Read

Chowan County students who are winners of the American History Essay Contest, sponsored by the NSDAR, will read their essays to the Edenton Tea Party Chapter at its monthly meeting February 11, at Boswell's Restaurant.

Parents, teachers and interested friends will also be present.

The NSDAR has designated February as American History Month and, as part of its observance, has sponsored the American History Essay Contest since 1952. Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade children all across the country are encouraged to enter the contest. This year's subject, "A Military Leader of the Battle of Yorktown" was chosen because October, 1981, marks the 200th anniversary of that decisive battle.

Students who will read their winning essays are: Mary Copeland, fifth grade, White Oak Elementary; Eliza Vaughan, sixth grade, Swain Elementary; Stacie Ellen Self, seventh grade, Chowan Junior High; and Melanie Lynn Cale, eighth grade, Chowan Junior High.

## Graham Wins Service Award

PINEHURST — N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham was presented the N. C. Dairy Products Association's 1981 Distinguished Service Award here Friday night.

The awards presentation was the highlight of the annual banquet which closed the association's 47th Annual Convention at the Pinehurst Hotel. Elmer Dryden of Asheville was installed as NCDPA president at the same banquet.

Graham was appointed Commissioner of Agriculture in July, 1964, and has been elected to five four-year terms.

Raised on a dairy farm in Rowan County, Graham's life has been dedicated to North Carolina agriculture, with a special interest in dairying. He graduated from Cleveland High School and N. C. State University, leading to a career as a

Old COA Site

## Riverfront Land For Sale

Elizabeth City's choicest piece of riverfront property will go on the auction block this month. Last week, College of The Albemarle trustees, meeting for the first time in the new conference room at the North Road Street campus, established February 20 as the date for the sale of the college's Riverside Avenue property.

The 3.5-acre site, original home of the community college, was vacated two weeks before Christmas

when all instructional and administrative units moved into the new complex. Sanction to dispose of the property at public auction, as required by law, was given by the State Board of Community Colleges during its initial meeting on January 8 in Raleigh.

Buildings and Grounds Committee Chairman Joseph P. Kramer explained the mechanics of sale by public auction, beginning with the posting

of a notice of sale at the courthouse and publication of the notice for four consecutive weeks prior to the February 20 date. The event will take place at 12 o'clock noon on the front steps of the college gymnasium.

Trustees had agreed earlier that the old campus will be sold as one parcel. It is divided into two tracts which border the riverfront. Kramer said that following the auction, upset bids may be made for a period of 10 days. He said it is possible for this procedure to occur any number of times as long as the upset bid is filed within the 10-day limitation.

He also pointed out that if the trustees feel the highest bid for the property is not adequate, the board may reject the offer. Should that become the case, he explained, the board can then enter into private negotiations for the sale of the land for a one-year period.

## Road Funds Received

The N. C. Board of Transportation allocated \$10-million from funds authorized by the State Highway Bond Act of 1977 for improvements to the state's large secondary road system here last week.

Chowan County's share of the \$10-million allocation is \$19,237, based on a formula established by the General Assembly. According to the formula, each county receives a percentage of the total funds available, determined by the unpaved miles of secondary roads in the county in relationship to the total mileage of unpaved secondary roads in the state.

Chowan County has 37.05 miles of unpaved roads, while the total mileage of unpaved state maintained secondary roads in North Carolina is 20,000.

27.35 miles of unpaved roads, received less from the allocation than Chowan. There are 1,187.13 miles of unpaved secondary roads in the 14-county Division I, and the total allocation was \$616,377. Bertie County has 187.94 unpaved miles and received an allocation of \$97,581.

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