

Sec. Lee pointed out, "This represents the final step in administratively combining three separate regulatory laws and procedures into one coordinated process. Most applicants will now have only one process and one contact person to coordinate the CAMA major development, state dredge and fill and Corps of Engineers 404 and Section 10 permits."

Sec. Lee cited the following factors which led the Corps of Engineers to conclude that the state could adequately address both state and federal concerns:

- Comprehensive standards developed by the Coastal Resources Commission for the CAMA and dredge and fill laws.

-Efficient and comprehensive field reviews of permit applications by the NRCD Office of Coastal Management.

- The state review process that allows for review and comment by all interested state and federal agencies.

Statewide land-use planning is desirable, yet it is too expensive at the present time. CRC has enjoyed major funding from federal sources; sources only aimed at the coastal region. It is questionable at this time whether or not the Reagan Administration will continue the program, yet along expand it to other areas.

The State of North Carolina and the U.S. Corps of Engineers have pulled off a first of its kind in the nation. The agreement is a sign of mutual trust and a strong point for CAMA, the CRC and CRAC. But more than all of that, it is a sign of property owners getting closer to a one permit system for development of fragile natural resources.

### Commission Seeks Increase In Funds

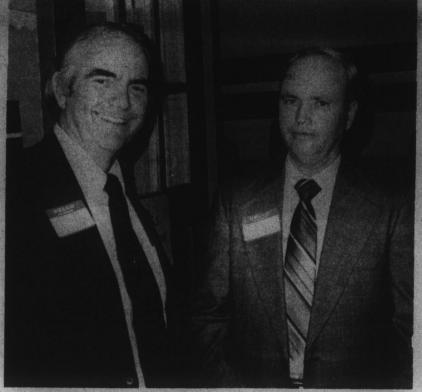
The Edenton Historical Commission is seeking \$235,000 from the General Assembly to acquire and rehabilitate the Ziegler House and property to be used as a new visitor center-museum. At the same time, \$43,863 is sought in each year of the biennium for operations.

George Alma Byrum, chairman

the state.

a great amount of expense.

Chairman C. A. Phillips noted that in the past. "We all have an awareness of what such a program means to the community," he added.



DISTRICT MEETING - Eugene Jordan, right, is shown with Dr. A. Craig Phillips, superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction, at a meeting at Chowan Junior High School on January 28. Jordan is president of District I. N. C. School Boards Association and chairman of Edenton-Chowan Board of



OFFICIAL IN AREA - Eugene Causby, left, executive director, N. C. School Boards Association, and Dr. J. H. Horton, vice chairman of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, were among those officials attending a district meeting here January

# State Superintendent Calls For \$600-Million School Bond Issue

The time has come to put up or shut up about a \$600-million statewide bond issue to improve school physical plants across North Carolina, according to Dr. A. Craig Phillips, superintendent of Public Instruction. He predicts a public adequately informed will vote for such an issue.

Dr. Phillips was answering questions during a press conference at Chowan Junior High School last Wednesday night. He was keynote speaker later at the District I meeting of N. C. School Boards Association.

A bill has been put into the

this time include the newly-

restored Bond House (1803), the

pre-Revolutionary Homestead,

the classic Victorian Leary House,

the Schenck House (ca. 1895), the

double-porched Littlejohn House

(late 18th century), the very early

Leigh House, and two magnificent

19th century dwellings- Pembroke

Hall and Wessington House. Local

young people, who have been

specially trained for the event will

Five historic public buildings.

including the Barker House

Visitor Center, the Cupola House

(1725), the Iredell House State

Historic Site, the old Chowan

County Courthouse and Jail, and

the Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F.

and A. M., will also be available

Three churches- the Gothic

Revival St. Ann's Roman Catholic

Church, and the Episcopal

Churches, St. Paul's (1760's) and

St. John's (from the late - 19th

century) are included in the

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legislative hopper in Raleigh. "If we can get it called we can get it passed," Dr. Phillips predicted. Some of this optimism is based on tradition--most statewide bond issues pass.

State Treasurer Harlan Boyles damage the state's finances. However, Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has not taken a stand, on when such an issue should be put to the voters.

The legislation now before the General Assembly would set a vote in November, 1981. Dr.

Phillips was quick to admit that the current problem with the transportation system could hurt in getting the issue called. "But we have potholes in schools too," he "The longer we put it off the

The cause has been aided by who has said such an issue will not

some schools," he said after pointing out that discussion about a bond issue dates back to 1979. While there is always a danger

with a formula, Dr. Phillips said the school bond money must go to help the smaller units. Therefore, Tyrrell County, with 800 students and the smallest in the state, would automatically receive \$750,000. From there the formula spreads the money on the basis of average daily membership in 1979-

sooner we will come to closing

Under the formula, Edenton-Chowan Schools would receive \$1,950,425.

Defending the formula, the school officials said what happens in the small counties has an effect on the large counties. "We have got to tap our resources where they are," he added.

Although exception is being

taken to the population totals

reported in the 1980 Census,

figures are "official" as they

pertain to counties in North

In another area, Dr. Phillips said county government is feeling the pinch financially and some changes need to be made at the state level. "The big issue is the partnership between the state and county," he said. One of the problems he noted is not being able to determine what the real costs are in public education.

He expressed concern over the fact that North Carolina ranks ninth in financial aid to higher education and 36th in elementary and secondary education.

Dr. Phillips said he came into Northeastern North Carolina with no promises. "We'll promise the people that we'll do the best job we can within the money we get," he

Eugene Jordan, chairman Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, is district chairman and presided at the meeting. The banquet followed an afternoon of workshop sessions.

Among those in attendance was Eugene Causby, executive director, N. C. School Boards Association.

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County To Host

Pork Conference

The 1981 Northeastern North Carolina Pork Conterence will be

held on February 5th at the

American Legion Building in

Edenton. This event is for all pork

producers and agricultural sup-

pliers in Northeastern North

The conference will bring to

pork producers the latest research

information and technology on

pork production. Registration

Topics to be discussed this year

are: Production Records On My

Farm, Hank Harvey; Feeding

Alternative Grains, Ralph Wilson; Feeding Recommendations,

Nutrients and Additives, Bob

Jones; Energy Conservation, Bynum Driggers; Update on Sow

& Gilt Reproduction, Jack Britt;

Ventilation and Respiratory

Problems, Charles Stanislaw &

Dick Dillman; and Diarrhea

Diseases of Pigs, Gene Nemechek.

Mr. Tom Farmer, Secretary N. C.

Pork Producers Association will

The N. C. Agricultural Ex-

tension Service, Ag Mark Inc. &

American Hoechst Corp. are

be the program moderator.

begins at 9:30 A.M.

Carolina.

Continued From Page 1 1980, stood at \$17,796,646, an increase of more than \$2.2-million over the previous year.

Total savings were at \$15,891,573, up some \$2-million. Dividend paid amounted to \$1,223,555, the largest ever for the association.

Dail said the association made 98 loans totaling \$2,777,300 which brought the mortgage loans to \$14,635,710.

"We expect to begin slowing in terms of savings flow and mortgage lending but hope improvements develop the seound half of the year," Dail said. "The longer term forecast depends on the new (Reagan) administration's success in bringing inflation under control."



**Randy McIver** 

of the commission, told Chowan County Commissioners Monday that the state is interested in improving the visitor center here but the Barker House has been determined to be inadequate.

Based on this information, Byrum said the commission obtained an option on the property at the corner of Broad and Gale streets. He pointed out that this property is adjacent to the Iredell House which is already owned by

Byrum said if the General Assembly passes the bill it will relieve the county, town and **Edenton Historical Commission of** 

The proposal calls for the center to have two tour guides paid from state funds.

In supporting the legislation, the state has been very generous

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### Pilgrimage Slated April 24-26 The spring tour of homes in tickets, registration, and in-Edenton, traditionally called formation about the Pilgrimage "The Biennial Pilgrimage", will be (open on Friday and Saturday at 9 held this year on April 24, 25, and o'clock and on Sunday, at 11 26. Points of interest will be open o'clock.

on Friday and Saturday, 10 A. M. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$4 to 1 P. M. and 2 P. M. until 5 P. M. per student for all buildings, and and on Sunday, from 1 P. M. until 5 \$2 per adult, \$1 per student for individual sites. Privately-owned homes on tour

In addition to the homes tour, there will be on the courthouse green an exhibit of local art work,, sponsored by the Chowan Arts Council and a demonstration of pottery-making by Sonny Fletcher, local Albemarle potter. Pieces of his pottery will also be offered for sale.

On Friday evening at 8 P. M. in the Old Courthouse, classical guitarist Michael Chapedelaine, musician-in-residence at the College of the Albemarle, will present a concert. (There will be no additional charge for this entertainment.)

The First North Carolina Volunteer Infantry will conduct an authentic living history camp on the lot adjacent to St. Ann's Catholic Church, Broad Street.

For more information, or advance purchase of group tickets. write: "Pilgrimage", P. O. Box 474, Edenton, N. C. 27932, or call (919) 482-3663.

## Cable System

Thompson also announced that the county's Rural Development Panel is to write a model land-use and water program. At the same time, he said economics played a big role in best management practice by farmers in 1980.

In another area, Commissioner Elmore said Edenton-Chowan Schools should be getting their priorities in order

Jones said: "There is not a department in county government that couldn't operate next year on this year's budget." In Disagreement Over Redistricting a district is split. "You don't gain anything," he was quoted this week as saying. "Now we have two people and twice the in-

Carolina and will be used in redistricting by the General Assembly this year. There are almost as many opinions on how best to handle the redistrictng chore in Northeastern North Carolina as there are people asked. It does not, therefore,

Senators Daniels And Harrington

promise to be a simple matter. While not much is being said publicly about the First House District, the two senators who represent the First Senatorial District are already at odds. Sen. Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., of Pasquotank, favors splitting the 14-county district into two. Sen.

cooperate with local officials by presenting drawings and accepting comments to assure that new structures will be in keeping with the architectural tone of the historical district at large and therefore a credit to the town.

However, Mitchener points out it is not practical for the property owners involved to market the individual buildings. He said a merged package would offer 10,000 square fect of space, including square feet not in curr

fluence."

At the same time, Sen. Daniels fears a 15th county may be added to the district and he calls that too many. As now constituted, the First Senatorial District covers counties which are already included in the First, Second and Fifth House districts.

Sen. Daniels indicates that he is frightened "to death" of a larger district with only two representatives. "We are just about as thin as we can be when you look at the state power structure and the amount of representation we have here," he said.

The First Senatorial District is the largest in the state with a population of 219,607 in 1980. In 1970 the population was 201,627. With approximately 840,000 new residents in the state, the requirement is approximately 273,500 to qualify for two representatives, according to the constitution. This would leave the 14-county district 54,000 people short.

Ten of the 50 senators will be on the redistricting committee. Both

estimated 15 per cent increase in the population statewide during the last decade, population in the Northeastern section ranges from a 77.3 percent increase in Dare County to a 5.4 per cent drop in Hertford County.



## Vepco Files Rate Decrease

ROANOKE RAPIDS-Virginia Electric and Power Company has filed a rate decrease with the N. C. **Utilities Commission which would** lower an average bill \$4.02 a month and bring rates in line with its neighboring utility.

If approved, the reduction of almost 7 per cent would lower a 1,000 kilowatt-hour per month residential bill from \$60.99 to \$56.97 based on present winter rates. Those customer's qualifying for the energy conservation rate would see a reduction to \$54.39.

Customers will receive the reduction during the April, May, June and July billing months in accordance with established commission procedures.

Randy McIver, vice president-Southern Division, said increased use of coal and nuclear power in place of oil produced lower fuel costs during the last four months of 1980. "Our efforts to reduce fuel costs, have resulted in lower."

Since August, 1980, Vepco has requested fuel factor reductions totaling \$6.58 or 10.35 per cent for the average North Carolina

package. An extra treat: Pilgrimage participants are in-J.J. (Monk) Harrington of Bertie Continued From Page 1 vited to explore Deerfield Wine disagrees. extension department. "We should Cellars, just south of town on Sen. Harrington maintains strenevaluate all areas where the Highway 32, for a sip of the ingth is lost in the Senate when county has direct responsibility in digenous Scuppernong! order to analyze the overall The Edenton Municipal Building ommendation county program," he said. on South Broad Street is Commissioner George Jones headquarters for purchase of Continued From Page 1 noted that the extension department is one of the most con-Chairman C. A. Phillips lauded The Chowan Herald (USPS 106-380) servative. "We may be starting at the program and Commissioner the bottom when we should he Alton G. Elmore said the Advisory Council link is an important one starting at the top," he said. P.O. BOX 207, EDENTON, N. C. 27932 Commissioner Barbara Ward Sens. Daniels and Harrington plan to seek appointment to the group. Although there was an especially in counties not adjacent joined in the discussion by Published every Thursday at Edenton by The Chowan Herald. to Pasquotank.. Inc., L. F. Amburn, Jr., Editor and Publisher, 421-425 South Broad suggesting that the board look at Demolition Plan Street, Edenton, North Carolina, 27932. the impact of programs as they Entered as second-class matter August 30, 1934, at the Post Office relate to how much it costs the of Edenton, North Carolina, under Act of March 3, 1870. Continued From Page 1