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for our citizens to comply with the regulations."

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 NRCO 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.

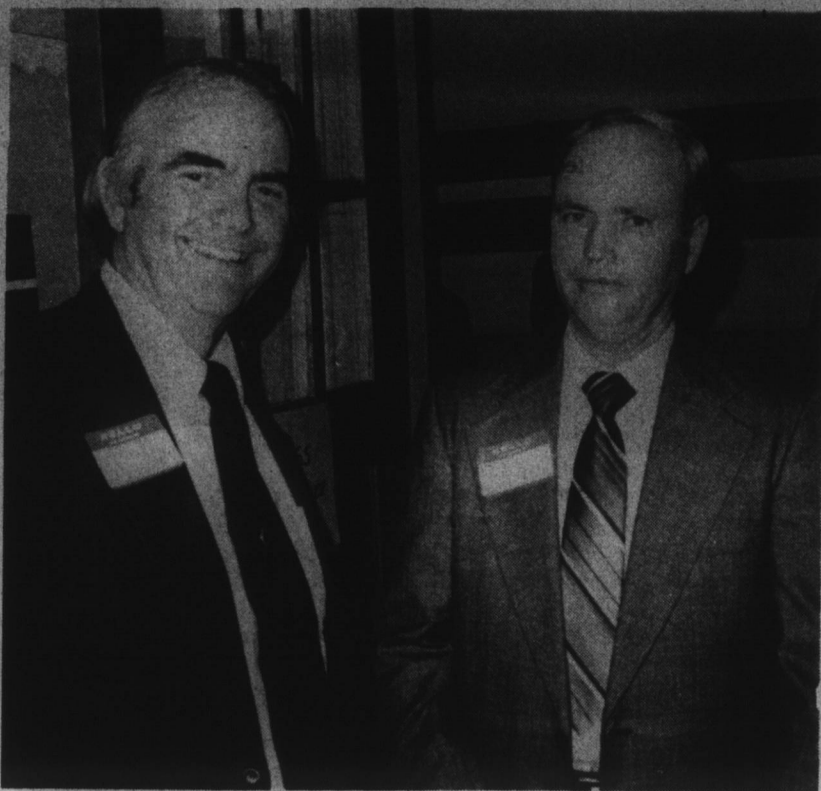
George Alma Byrum, chairman of the commission, told Chowan County Commissioners Monday that the state is interested in improving the visitor center here but the Barker House has been determined to be inadequate.

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 the state.

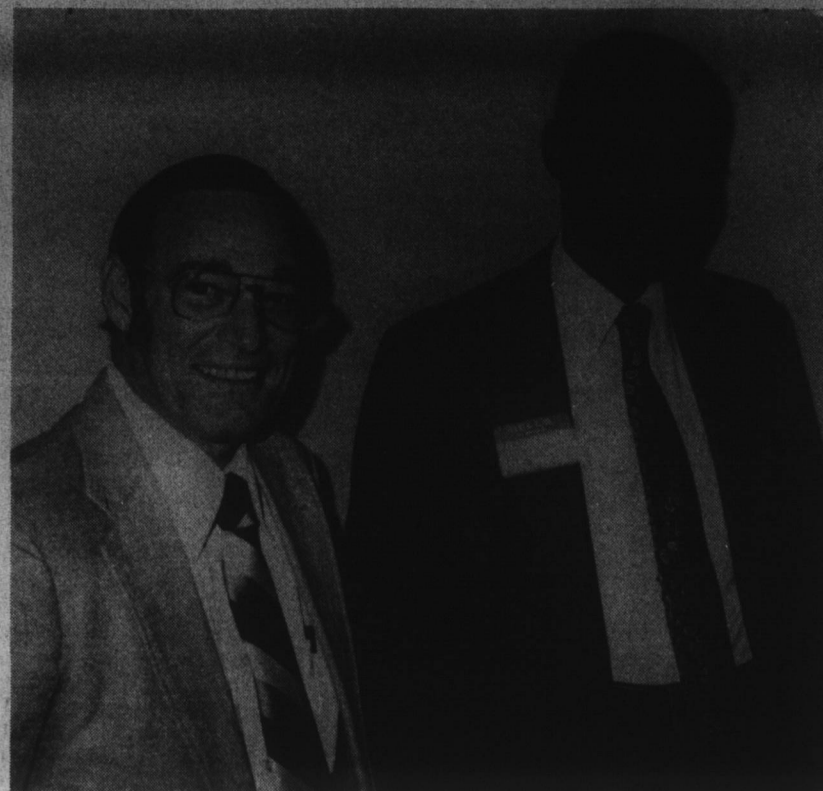
Byrum said if the General Assembly passes the bill it will relieve the county, town and Edenton Historical Commission of a great amount of expense.

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

In supporting the legislation, Chairman C. A. Phillips noted that the state has been very generous 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 Education.



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 28.

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

Pilgrimage Slated April 24-26

The spring tour of homes in Edenton, traditionally called "The Biennial Pilgrimage", will be held this year on April 24, 25, and 26. Points of interest will be open on Friday and Saturday, 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. and 2 P. M. until 5 P. M. and on Sunday, from 1 P. M. until 5 P. M.

Privately-owned homes on tour 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 be your guides.

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 for touring.

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 package. An extra treat: Pilgrimage participants are invited to explore Deerfield Wine Cellars, just south of town on Highway 32, for a sip of the indigenous Scuppernong!

The Edenton Municipal Building on South Broad Street is headquarters for purchase of

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.

The cause has been aided by State Treasurer Harlan Boyles who has said such an issue will not 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 added.

"The longer we put it off the sooner we will come to closing 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 1979-80.

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 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 redistricting chore in Northeastern North Carolina as there are people asked. It does not, therefore, 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. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Bertie disagrees.

Sen. Harrington maintains strength is lost in the Senate when

Commendation

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Chairman C. A. Phillips lauded the program and Commissioner Alton G. Elmore said the Advisory Council link is an important one especially in counties not adjacent to Pasquotank.

Demolition Plan
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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 feet of space, including 2,000 square feet not in current use.

Jones said: "There is not a department in county government that couldn't operate next year on this year's budget."

County To Host Pork Conference

The 1981 Northeastern North Carolina Pork Conference will be held on February 5th at the American Legion Building in Edenton. This event is for all pork producers and agricultural suppliers in Northeastern North Carolina.

The conference will bring to pork producers the latest research information and technology on pork production. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M.

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 be the program moderator.

The N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, Ag Mark Inc. & American Hoechst Corp. are sponsors of the 1981 conference.

All pork producers are invited to attend.

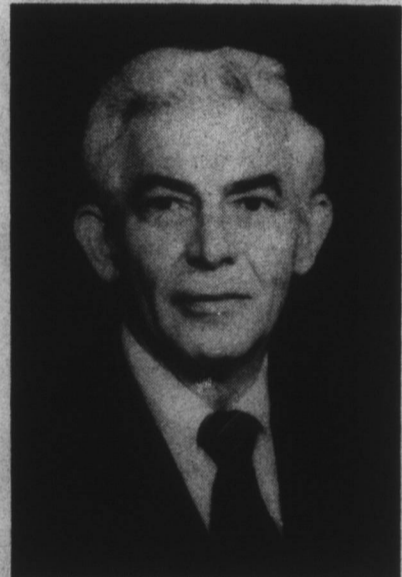
Savings And Loan

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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 second 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

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 rates."

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

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