

## A Little Humor

Chowan County commissioners had a full agenda Monday morning. However the seriousness of the business was tempered from time to time with a little humor.

Take the appearance of Pete Thompson, who was a regular while serving as Agricultural Extension Service chairman. He represents Chowan on the North Carolina 2000 committee and invited commissioners to a meeting tonight (Thursday).

Friend Pete has learned well his new consultant role at Peoples Bank. "Come on over and open an IRA with your per diem," he said. "We don't make that much," was a reply.

"But we have them in all sizes," Pete retorted.

Later Dallas Jethro, Jr., tax supervisor-collector, fielded some hot comments about the values on automobiles. In explaining what the tax listers face, he told the story of a lady who was asked about her car.

"Is it running?" the lister inquired.

"No," was the reply.

The lady was watched as she left the office. She walked to the parking lot, got into her car. Got it running and drove off.

Some days even tax listers can't win!

## Goodbye, Grace

The Chowan Herald is losing a correspondent. Mrs. Grace Griffin has decided to relinquish her duties of providing society news.

When we arrived along the Public Parade some 17 years ago, the society column was being handled by the women of Edenton United Methodist Church. This relationship was fostered by J. Edwin Bufflap, editor emeritus of The Herald.

In recent years, however, Grace—a Methodist—has made her appointed rounds and telephone calls in an effort to expand the column beyond the church membership. We think she realized a certain degree of success, considering the small financial reward.

The Herald will not have a designated society columnist right now. Items of interest will still be welcomed. Just jot them down, mail or drop them by. Telephone calls will also be accepted.

## Touch Of Culture

There was a special touch of culture along the Public Parade on Thursday night of last week. The N. C. Symphony Orchestra, in concert with the John A. Holmes High School Concert Choir and the Edenton Choral Society, played to a packed house at Ernest A. Swain Auditorium.

The Chowan Chapter of the N. C. Symphony was spearheaded by Mary Rhea Gardner, community coordinator for Edenton-Chowan Schools. She had a whole bunch of help down the stretch and the appreciative audience witnessed a professional performance. The music and the audience wiped clean ugly memories of not so successful Symphony visits of a few years back.

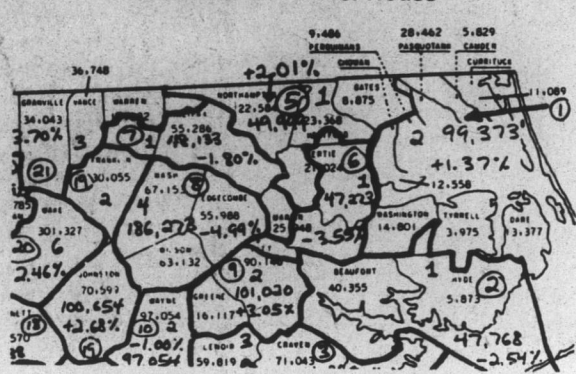
The following note from Joy A.

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**INTERIM REPORT FINISHED** — The long awaited Chowan-Perquimans soil survey is now in printed form and available for use. C. A. Phillips, left, chairman of Chowan County commissioners, is shown receiving a copy of the report from Stanton Harrell, of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service. At left is Lloyd E. Bunch, a long-time SCS booster who helped secure funding for the study.

Trial District Plan for House



Redistricting plans

General Assembly is considering

# Debate Continues On Redistricting Plan

The N. C. General Assembly faces another round of activity in redistricting the State Senate and House of Representatives, along with Congressional seats. The latest "trial district plan" surfaced last week and pot shots weren't long in coming.

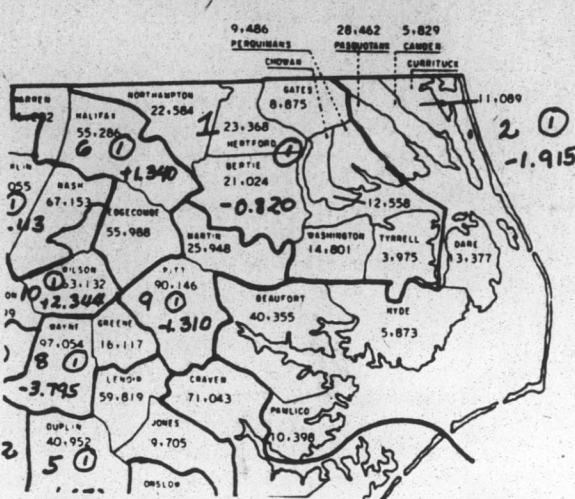
Redistricting plans have been turned back by federal agencies.

The trial plan on the House side continues the First District as a two-member area. However, the

district would differ from the current one by adding a Gates County township and removing a township in Washington County. Whole counties would be: Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Dare and Tyrrell. Reps. Vernon G. James of Pasquotank and Charles D. Evans of Dare have not officially commented on the plan.

Major surgery appears to be scheduled for the Senate. The

Trial District Plan for Senate



## County And Town At Odds Over Funding Of Airport

Chowan County and the Town of Edenton may be on a collision course over future funding of the Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission. Commissioners were told Monday that the council has tabled efforts to share ownership of the municipal airport with the county.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore, the county's liaison on the commission, said "it is quite obvious the (council) members were not aware of the history of the airport." This conclusion was drawn from remarks made at a joint council-commission meeting January 21.

"They (the town councilmen) didn't pay much attention while improvements were taking place," he continued. "Now the commission needs funds to operate."

Elmore said the county had been offered one-half undivided interest in the airport. "The county accepted the offer and now find this has been withdrawn."

County Manager Cliff Copeland added that he cannot see how a case can be made for funds without the county having some control.

Elmore took the opportunity to commend Capt. Al Howard, airport commission chairman, for the time, efforts and leadership he has demonstrated. "If you read between the lines there are personalities involved," he noted.

Elmore has been an avid advocate of joint county and town operations. He appeared provoked by the town's position on the airport.

The commissioners saw the other side of the coin in the Monday meeting when an interim

report of a Chowan-Perquimans Soils Study was distributed.

Stanton Harrell and Lloyd C. Bunch of the U. S. Soil Conservation presented copies to commission members. "The document is now complete and ready for use although it is not in the final form," Harrell said.

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First District would be split with Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties in one. The other would be composed of Beaufort, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico and Pasquotank.

Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Bertie and Sen. Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., of Pasquotank are the incumbents. Sen. Harrington is a member of the Senate Committee on Redistricting and admits that he picked the counties he wanted. Sen. Daniels disagrees with the split and has gained support of commissioners in Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank.

The First Congressional District remains as previously drawn -- adding Northampton while losing Jones. Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville has appeared satisfied with the minor change.

Considerable conversation is expected to be generated at a public hearing on the three "trial"

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**FUND RAISING CHAIRMAN NAMED** — Mrs. Ruth Rose, left, president of the Chowan County Heart Association, announced that Bruce Gillikin, right, has accepted the position of fund raising chairman. Mrs. Edith Nixon, center, is a Heart Association official.

## Gillikin Chairs Heart Fund

Mrs. Ruth Rose, president of the Chowan County Heart Association, has announced that Bruce Gillikin has accepted the role of fund raising chairman.

Gillikin is city executive with Peoples Bank & Trust Company here in Edenton, having assumed the position in December. He has been very active with United Fund and American Cancer drives.

Mrs. Evelyn Keeter serves as treasurer and also handles memorial gifts. Mrs. Carolyn Ricks is secretary.

Mrs. Dorothy Graham is special gifts chairman; Mrs. Charlotte Patterson and employees of WBXB are handling special events.

Bruce League and Edenton Baptist Church youth are in charge of Balloon Day sales Saturday, February 13 and Ann Hare is schools chairman.

Business Days, which are being observed during the first week in February, are being directed by Howard Collins and Heart Sunday - February 28 - by Mrs. Ann Edmundson, Mrs. Peggy Voigt and Mrs. Delois Sanford.

Rural Heart Fund directors are Fran Ward, Murray Goodwin, Mabel Jordan and 4-H clubs and leaders.

Mrs. Betty Bunch will handle solicitations from corporations and industries.

Mrs. Rose emphasized that the Heart Association is a volunteer agency, composed of volunteers who are interested in preventing premature death and disability from diseases of the blood vessels. It is the only volunteer agency devoted to this mission.

"There are other agencies working in the fight against heart disease, but ours is the only volunteer agency concerned with the problems of heart disease in our community," Mrs. Rose stated.



Yvonne A. Smith

# Emergency Appropriations Approved By Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congress approved an emergency appropriation Tuesday that will allow North Carolina to keep Employment Security Commission open. Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District said the measure would allocate \$210-million to the states for Job Service offices.

Employment Security Commission and local governments have been searching for ways to keep the offices open, including the one in Edenton, since cuts at the beginning of the federal fiscal year, October 1, 1981.

The appropriation is part of a \$2.3-billion package President Reagan sent to Congress on Monday. The plan won unanimous approval by a House Appropriations subcommittee.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., said: "I'm glad the president has apparently responded to the nation's governors and members of Congress who realize the impact of unemployment in their respective states and districts."

It was not immediately known what effect Tuesday's action would have on proposed reduction in force. (Earlier story follows.)

## Three Incumbents Facing Opposition

Filing for election in Edenton's upcoming primary is now over, with several of the positions being opposed.

Sheriff Troy Toppin will be unopposed for re-election, as will the present Clerk of Court, Lena M. Leary. There will be competition, however, for all other seats available.

Incumbent George Jones of the First Township will be opposed by Joe Hollowell. Incumbent C. A. Phillips, present chairman of the County Commissioners, of the Fourth Township, will be opposed by Warren Twiddy. And incumbent J. D. Peele, the Vice-Chairman of the Commissioners, will be opposed by Clara M. Boswell.

The competition for the two School Board seats is hot and heavy. The available seat in the First Township is sought by Jane Underkofler, John A. Mitchener, III, Gerald Perry and Allen B. Harless.

Billy R. Nixon and Yvonne A. Smith are both seeking the Second Township seat.

Yvonne A. Smith, a native of Chowan County now residing in Rocky Hock with her husband, Marvin (Ray) Smith, and son, has been employed at Chowan Hospital, Inc. for 14 years as a Licensed Practical Nurse and Senior Pharmacy Technician.

A graduate of Holmes High School and The College of The Albemarle School of Nursing, she received her license in nursing from the State of North Carolina in 1965. She has received extra credit hours in continuing pharmacy education through courses sponsored by COA and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Smith is a Red Cross nurse with the Tidewater Chapter, an active member of White Oak Elementary School PTA, and a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church, where she was former director of Sunday School for pre-school children. Currently she is a member of The American Society

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Billy R. Nixon

It is still "business as usual" at the Job Service office on North Broad Street. Mrs. Alice Bond, office manager, said Tuesday things are not expected to change prior to March 31.

The office, which serves Chowan, Perquimans, Gates, Tyrrell and portions of Hyde, Washington and Bertie counties, has been targeted to close. A cut in federal funds also threatened to reduce staff by 30 per cent.

In a related area, unemployment rose in 86 per cent of North Carolina's 100 counties from November to December. Unemployment in Chowan County was 6.2 per cent, while the state average was 6.8 per cent.

Tyrrell and Dare counties in the Albemarle Area were among 15 which experienced double-digit unemployment in December.

Unemployment in other area counties was reported as: Camden, 5.9 per cent; Continued On Page 4

## 2000 Committee Meeting Tonight

The North Carolina 2000 Committee meeting in Chowan County will be held tonight (Thursday) at John A. Holmes High School Auditorium. The meeting was originally scheduled for January but was rescheduled due to bad weather.

R. M. (Pete) Thompson, former Agricultural Extension Service county chairman and now an executive at Peoples Bank & Trust Company, is chairman of the local effort. He said a great deal of interest was expressed in the earlier meeting and encourages people to attend.

In a brief presentation to Chowan County commissioners Monday morning, Thompson said he hoped to steer clear of extended discussion about highways. "I hope we can stay off highways," he said. "It has been heavy in discussions since 1954, to my knowledge. We should address human concerns... something we can do something about."

The format for the meeting will include four discussion groups according to predetermined topics. "This way we hope to get a lot of interaction and participation," he said.

## Tobacco Hearings On February 16

Rep. Walter B. Jones stated today he had been advised by Rep. Charlie Rose, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Tobacco, that hearings would be held in Kinston, on Tuesday, February 16 at King's Barbeque Restaurant, located on U.S. 70 in Kinston.

In a joint statement, Reps. Rose and Jones said that the meeting will start at 10 A. M. and conclude at approximately 12:30 P. M. Following this, a dutch luncheon will be available.

The purpose of the meeting is to entertain suggestions or ideas as to how we might strengthen the present tobacco program to eliminate current criticism.

Anyone wishing to testify should contact the office: Rep. Walter B. Jones, 241 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515, AC 202-225-3101.