

The Big Three

Well, we went up to Raleigh last week to preside over portions of the Leadership Update of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service. It was attended by more than 600 leaders from throughout Tar Heelia, 500 of who are volunteers.

The importance of the group which assembled at the McKimmon Center, at the West Raleigh Branch of the Greater University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was put in proper perspective Thursday night. The banquet was attended by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, Speaker of the House Liston Ramsey and key legislators. It was the first time this writer had seen the "big three" at a public function.

In the past three years the Leadership Advisory System of the Agricultural Extension Service has captured the fancy of tens of thousands of men and women in this state. The system has also become one of the best in the entire United States.

The system is unique in that it is made up entirely of volunteers. And a very, very influential bunch of volunteers!

At the Raleigh meeting last week was assembled folks of every walk of life. Between 1 P.M. Thursday and 12:30 P.M. Friday they contributed some 6,500 person hours in meetings. For some about the same amount of time was spent in transit. And all at absolutely no cost to the taxpayers.

The State Advisory Council is composed of 10 members. During the past three years an average of only \$157 per member per year has been spent for travel and subsistence. Like others in the Leadership Advisory System these members are not paid per diem.

The more than 60,000 volunteers give more than 2-million hours of their personal time each year for the well being of North Carolinians through four major program thrusts of extension. In addition, some 14,000 volunteers serve in positions on the statewide system of Advisory Councils.

The volunteers support the program of the Agricultural Extension Service which reported 4,390,340 professional contacts with the people of the state in 1981. And as dollars shrink the responsibility and obligation of volunteers will become greater.

Chowan County has a strong Leadership Advisory System. And the county was represented by three members - Jimmie M. Parrish, Shirley Swain, and Mary Julia Parrish - and the county extension chairman - Mike Williams.

The volunteers of the Agricultural Extension Service are making a difference in North Carolina. We thought you would like to know.

Sound Industry

There is one "industry" along the Public Parade which defies inflation and recession. It is the N. C. National Guard.

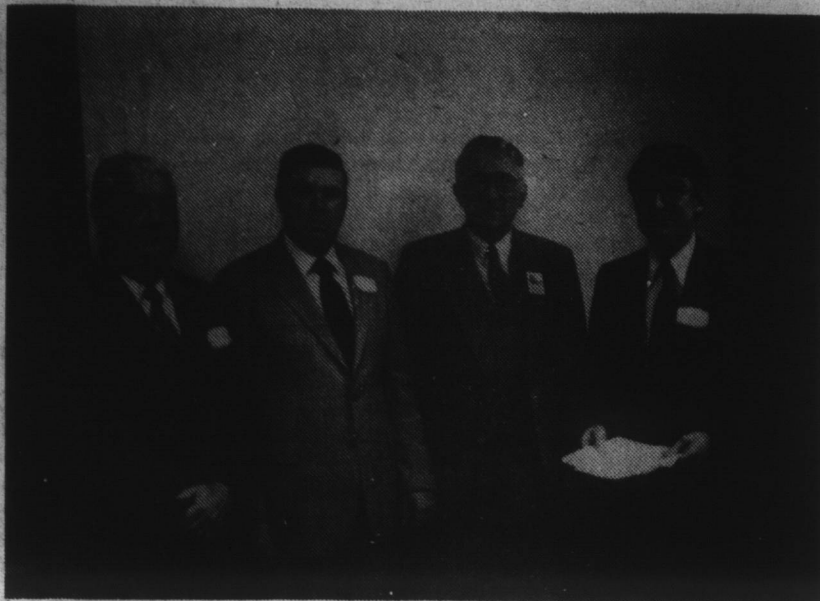
The National Guard is often times taken for granted. It was that way when the Armory was on heavily traveled North Broad Street. It will probably be worse now that the Armory is located on Base Road, adjacent to Edenton Municipal Airport.

While the National Guard has important missions, it's contribution to the community's economy is just as real. And the local financial responsibility is practically nil.

Gen. Emmett Ingram, the adjutant general from the Isle of Pasquotank, has succeeded in creating greater awareness of the National Guard throughout Tar Heelia, the rank and file of the citizenry still doesn't adequately appreciate the contribution the services makes to a community.

The economic contribution of the National Guard to the North Carolina economy for 1982 will be close to \$58-million in payroll, purchases and rents. In Chowan

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WATER QUALITY INVESTIGATED — Water quality in the Albemarle Sound was studied March 3 at a conference in Elizabeth City. Among those attending were, left to right, Capt. Alfred Howard, of Arrowhead Beach, chairman of the Chowan River Restoration Task Force; David Bateman, member of the Chowan-Albemarle Legislative Study Commission; D. G. Harwood of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service; and Dr. Parker Chesson, president of COA and chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission.

Investigation Launched To Determine The Quality Of Sound Water

ELIZABETH CITY — A full scale investigation of water quality in the Albemarle Sound was launched here March 3 at a conference attended by interested citizens from a dozen counties.

Recommendations from the conference are expected to influence public policy decision in the future. This can be accomplished, a spokesman said, by maintaining clear lines of communications among local, state and federal partners.

It was also noted that there has been a 74 per cent reduction in fish catches in the last 10 years. And only 10 per cent of that reduction has been in the Pamlico Sound; leaving the Albemarle to catch the brunt of the problem.

Dr. Parker Chesson, president of the College of The Albemarle

where the conference was held, and chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission, moderated the morning session. The conference began with a discussion of the area's history, specifically the Albemarle Sound. Historian David Stick presented a scholarly paper on the topic. (The entire text of Stick's presentation will be printed in The Chowan Herald next week.)

Dr. Leon Danielson focused on the economic and social importance of the sound, saying the clean up could produce a \$12.3-billion benefit by 1985.

"There needs to be a fine-line adjustment to have the Albemarle Sound run like new," it was stated by Dr. B. J. Copeland, head of the Sea Grant program in North Carolina. "And the Chowan River

ain't got the whole problem," he added.

It was reported at the conference that a network of stations has been set up from Edenton at the western end of the sound to Manns Harbor at the eastern end. These stations are being used to monitor levels of dissolved oxygen, nutrients and trace metals in the water.

Such a network was put into place three years ago on the Chowan River to find out what was causing algae blooms.

"The bottom line is that water quality is the key," stated Harrel Johnson, a scientist with the N. C. Division of Marine Fisheries. "Albemarle Sound as it stands now has very poor quality."

Mike Street, a marine biologist

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Blood Donations Rewarded

The Chowan County Commissioners met Feb. 26 in a regular session in the conference room of the Chowan County Courthouse.

First item on the agenda was a presentation by Bruce Wackelin, who is the Chairman of the Bloodmobile Committee, to Hazel Elliott, Director of Social Services, Sherry Jordan and Robin Hughes, who both work with Social Services. The presentation consisted of an award which goes to the County or Town employees, whichever donates the most blood

during the bloodmobile when its here. The Social Services department had a 100 per cent donation last time.

Next the Commissioners passed an item concerning child restraints from the Governor's Highway Safety Program. Chowan County will receive three child restraint devices from the program for use by the social workers with children under the age of five. These restraints will become the property of the County after a two-year period.

Next on the agenda was a request by the Health Systems Agency for \$629. This request was denied.

Clara Boswell appeared before the Board next to talk about the Positive Youth Development Awareness Day which will occur on March 25. A proclamation was also signed by Board Chairman C. A. Phillips.

Chowan Junior High School made a request for additional monies to grade, lime, fertilize and seed their new ballfields at school. This request was granted.

Following board appointments, the water system for Chowan County was discussed with the

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Heart Assn. Sets A Variety Show

The Chowan County Heart Association will sponsor a benefit variety show March 13 at Swain School from 7:30 - 10:00 P.M.

The show, entitled "Heart Beats", will feature a puppet show, clogging, and a variety of musical artists. Alton G. Elmore will emcee the event.

Admission price is \$1 for students and \$2 for adults. All proceeds will go to the Chowan County Heart Fund Drive.

Zoning Ordinance Amended

The Edenton Town Council met Tuesday night at 8 P.M. in a regular session. The meeting was one of the shortest in recent months, lasting only 30 minutes.

Following the approval of Minutes of the previous meetings, a public hearing was held concerning the Town of Edenton Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance was amended to permit family

health care homes for handicapped people in all residential and other zoning districts.

The Finance Committee report was next. They recommended that Memorial Day be declared a paid holiday for all Town employees. This recommendation was passed. Their recommendation that the current lease with Carolina Block, effective until April 1, be ter-

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NEW TREE IS PLANTED — Councilman W. H. Hollowell, Jr., left, along with Peggy Ann Vaughan, center, and Tex Counsel planted a tree Tuesday as part of Edenton's on-going tree program. Counsel, who is with the State Forestry Dept., and a fellow associate gave lessons in pruning and three care later during the day.



MULTIMEDIA FILMSTRIP UNIT RECEIVED — Peoples Bank and Trust Co. of Edenton presented a multimedia filmstrip unit entitled, "Banking Is ..." to John A. Holmes High School as a public service to the students. The program features an updated teaching method utilizing an audio-visual introductory approach. Each student receives a study guide book and a learn-by-doing workbook which they retain after classroom study. Evelyn B. Keeter, left, Assistant Vice President and Cashier, and Bruce Gilliken, second from left, Vice President and City Executive, make the presentation to Robert Boyce, school Principal, and Mrs. Marjorie Stutzman, right, Librarian.

Neville To Speak At AADA Meet

Dr. John D. Neville, executive secretary of America's Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee, will address leaders of the Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA) on Friday at the Western Steer Restaurant in Elizabeth City.

Serving in his present position since 1979, Dr. Neville has made numerous talks to various organizations and civic clubs across the state on plans for the 400th anniversary celebration.

A native of Nash County, he received his pre-doctoral degrees from UNC at Chapel Hill and his Ph.D from Vanderbilt University. He has taught at East Carolina University as well as UNC and Vanderbilt.

The author of many historical articles, Dr. Neville holds membership in no less than a dozen historical societies and associations. The Four Hundredth Anniversary Committee which he heads is a section of the N. C. Department of Cultural Resources.

AADA is a leader organization working to develop the 10 counties of the Albemarle Region. C. B. Smith of Edenton serves as president. AADA leaders and other interested citizens are urged to contact their local extension office so that plans can be made for this informative meeting which begins at 7 P.M.

Twine Gets Suspended Sentence

The following cases were heard in Chowan County District Court on March 9 by John T. Chaffin, the presiding judge.

Percy Linwood Twine, no liability insurance, 30 days suspended 2 years, \$50 fine and cost of court.

Norman Lee Hoard, DUI, not guilty. Hit and run with property damage, not guilty.

Freddie Lee Ferebee, driving while license revoked, 6 months suspended 2 years, \$200 fine and cost of court. Appealed.

Robert Bodamer, worthless check, 6 months suspended 2 years, \$50 fine and cost of court, pay restitution of \$177.74 to TG&Y.

Joseph Clifton Moore, larceny, voluntary dismissal.

William Isaac Coston, Jr., reckless driving, 60 days suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court.

Darrell Comer Smith, operating a motor vehicle left of the center line, voluntary dismissal.

Carl Patrick Russett, breaking and entering, voluntary dismissal.

Carl Jean Rea, Sr., unsafe

Meeting Slated

The Chowan County Commissioners will meet in a special session March 12 at 10 A.M. in the Commissioners room of the Courthouse on Broad St. The purpose of the meeting is to receive recommendations by the Hospital Board on the Chowan Hospital expansion program.

movement, \$10 fine and cost of court.

Sandra D. Prueett, two counts of worthless checks consolidated, 6 months suspended 2 years, \$50 fine, pay cost of court in both cases, and pay a total restitution of \$149.75.

James Wallace Owens, two counts of worthless check, consolidated, 6 months suspended 2 years, \$50 fine, pay cost of court in both cases, pay \$30 restitution to A&P, pay a \$40 restitution to S&R.

Emily Lou Rhoads, shoplifting, 6 months suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court, ordered not to go on the premises of Mack's for 2 years.

Donald Ray White, discharging a firearm in an occupied dwelling, probable cause was found and the case was bound over to Superior Court.

Bettie Mae Hassell, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury, probable cause was found and the case was bound over to Superior Court.

James Edward Byrum, trespassing and simple assault consolidated, 6 months suspended 2 years, \$100 fine and cost of court, restitution of \$245 to Richard Reed. Both cases were appealed.

Willie Lee Tann, hit and run with personal injury, probable cause was found and the case was bound over to Superior Court.

George Johnson, intoxicated and disruptive, 30 days suspended 2 years, \$25 fine and cost of court.

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Bloodmobile To Visit - March 16 From 12 Noon Til 6 P.M. At American Legion Bldg.