

More On Hospital

The Duke Endowment has issued its 1982 Annual Report which is of interest along the Public Parade because of the support given Chowan Hospital.

Forty-one Tar Heel hospitals were given capital funds during the year with Chowan Hospital getting \$150,000 toward an expansion and renovation project.

The Duke Endowment also assists hospitals in the Carolinas for free days. Between October 1, 1981, and September 30, 1982, Chowan Hospital received a total of \$9,441 for the free days in the short-term and long-term care facilities.

The endowment report showed that the short-term care facility operated at 83 per cent occupancy while the long-term care unit operated at 88 per cent occupancy. And during this period the hospital had 23.14 per cent of free days—the greatest percentage of any of the 119 assisted hospitals in the entire state.

All of the free days are not for patients who reside in Chowan County. Chowan Hospital is becoming more and more a regional facility as this county becomes the mecca for health care at all levels throughout the western Albemarle Area.

The Duke Endowment is but one benefactor of Chowan Hospital. The biggest and the one with the most potential are the citizens who reside in the area who support the facility when they are in need of health care. Sophisticated procedures are not beyond the capabilities of the staff of the local hospital now that improvements have been made. The hospital deserves the best we can give in return for the best that can be received.

Tobacco Dog

Our least favorite morning daily of general circulation along the Public Parade is making a big deal over the discovery of a couple of letters U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms authored in an attempt to get President Reagan to keep a campaign promise in the tobacco arena. The "discovery" was given two front page stories and an editorial one day, then made it "Under The Dome" the next.

On the third day, State Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham said some kind words about the Tar Heel senior senator. It was reported on Page 33A. In between, a spokesman for Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., was quoted as saying the state's chief executive didn't have a dog in the fight between Sen. Helms and President Reagan.

And somewhere along the line it was mentioned that former President Jimmy Carter, in a vain effort to help the cause of former Sen. Robert Morgan, promised to do what President Reagan hasn't done. An assistant secretary of agriculture was added to the program of the First Congressional District Democratic rally in Greenville and bored an already weary audience with a lengthy statement from President Carter on the scrap tobacco import issue.

Sen. Helms and others say that importers, in an effort to get lower tariffs, thresh quality of 16.1 cents a pound, while regular quality flue-cured tobacco has a duty of 35 cents per pound. Sen. Helms has attempted to get the U.S. Customs Service, through Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan, to reconsider a 1977 ruling on the scrap tobacco tariff question.

Commissioner Graham was quoted as supporting Sen. Helms in any use of politics to resolve the scrap tobacco issue. And he used his usual political savvy in defending Sen. Helms, rather than revert to become a participant in a make-believe dog fight.

The tobacco dog is getting kicked to death in Washington, D.C., and the least we can do in Tar Heels is not play politics with such an important economic issue.

It is obvious from the publicity given the issue that the editors of the previously referenced newspaper were so excited over the discovery of the Helms to Regan letters that they needed a super absorbent pad. All the time they use every vehicle at their disposal to

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Baccalaureate Program To Be Held At Edenton Baptist Church Sunday

The Baccalaureate Program for the 1983 graduating class at John A. Holmes High School will be presented at the Edenton Baptist Church at 7:30 P.M. on Sunday, June 5th. The invocation will be given by Sharon Hollowell with welcome by Principal J. Robert Boyce. Emily Evans will introduce the first speaker, the Elder Jerald I. Perry, Sr., pastor of the Community Temple Church of God in Christ of Windsor, NC.

Mr. Perry is a graduate of John A. Holmes High School and the Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, NC. He is an elected member of the Edenton-Chowan School Board and serves as Vice Chairman of the Edenton Housing Authority. He received the Outstanding Young Man of America Award in 1979 presented by the National Jaycees of America.

Yolanda Banks will introduce the second speaker, Reverend Larry R. McClure, area Missionary, Northeastern NC Baptist State Con-

vention of NC. Rev. McClure previously pastored the Rocky Hock Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Valedictorian this year is Marvin Baccus, son of Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Baccus and the Salutatorian is Eric Strother, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Strother. Honor Graduates are: Marvin Baccus, Yolanda Banks, Emily Evans, Albert Everson, Patricia Halsey, Sharon Hollowell, Ginger Ober and Eric Strother. The Marshals are: Garry Copeland, Martha Edwards, Susan Elks, Chief, Danny Hogan, Elizabeth Hornthal, Willene Jernigan, Bobby Jones, Angela Lewis, Vickie Nelson, and Carol Voigt.

The senior class executive council is chaired by Pam Spruill and Kenneth Valentine, Co-Presidents. The council members are Kim Baker, Emily Evans, Martha Harless and Lillie Leary.

The benediction will be given by Patricia Halsey.



Elder Jerald I. Perry Sr.



Reverend Larry R. McClure

Local Woman's Life Claimed In Two-Car Collision With A Tractor Trailer In Bertie Co. Last Thursday

Mrs. Alice Faye Bunch Harrell of Edenton died as a result of an accident May 26 on U.S. Highway 17 in Bertie County, near Jeff White's Store.

According to the Highway Patrol report, the accident occurred when a 1977 Kentworth tractor trailer, driven by Noah Edward Brittain, from Gastonia, swerved to avoid hitting an unidentified vehicle that was making a right hand turn. The southbound tractor trailer, owned by Carolina Western Express, in avoiding this unidentified vehicle, jackknifed into the northbound lane. A 1978 Lincoln Continental, driven by Alice Faye Bunch Harrell, was traveling north on U.S. 17, unable to avoid hitting the tractor

trailer, struck it in the left front. A second car, following Mrs. Harrell and driven by James Leroy Sanderlin of Edenton collided head on with the tractor trailer.

Mrs. Harrell, along with her son, Percy Lee Harrell, Jr., who was a passenger in the car, was rushed to the Chowan Hospital.

Mr. Sanderlin and Mr. Brittain were rushed to Bertie Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Harrell was pronounced dead upon her arrival at Chowan Hospital.

A native of Chowan County, Mrs. Harrell, 41, was the daughter of Mrs. Addie Bunch and the late Joseph Bunch. She was born January 16, 1942.



JERSEY RETIRED—The John A. Holmes Athletic Department has retired the jersey number of Steve Underkofler in his memory. Steve died in a tragic auto accident earlier this year. Tom Bass is shown giving Steve's parents a plaque commemorating the retirement of the jersey.

Booster Club Presents Awards At Semi-Annual Banquet

The Edenton Aces Booster Club held its second semi-annual Sports Awards Banquet on May 24 at the American Legion Building.

The banquet opened with Terry Williams, President of the Booster Club, welcoming everyone and Gil Burroughs delivering the invocation.

Special guests of the Booster Club were introduced by Allen Harless and the honor of introducing the guest speaker fell on Joe Hollowell.

The guest speaker, Jim Bollman, is the Assistant Football Coach at North Carolina State University. After a few short comments about the weather in North Carolina Mr. Bollman opened his talk by stating, "I wonder if some of these high school coaches really know of the impact that they have on you."

He related several experiences from his own high school days. Included in these was one where he was injured and told to get up and go to the sidelines on his own because the coach did not want to use a time out.

He then congratulated the athletes on the time and sweat they have had to give up in order to participate in sports.

Mr. Bollman then went into the main body of his speech by asking the students, "What do you want to do in the future?" He then related that all people want to be a success but that success can be defined in two ways. First, it can be defined by wealth and fame. But, he stated not everyone can be rich and famous. Success, he continued, has another meaning, "... satisfaction

Unemployment Down Slightly

Unemployment in Chowan County was down slightly in April from the March figure but the 8.8 per cent mark is identical to the rate in April, 1982, according to figures released by the N.C. Employment Security Commission.

In April the unemployment rate decreased in 94 counties, increased in four counties and remained unchanged in two counties, according to figures released by Glenn Jernigan, chairman of the ESC.

The statewide total unemployment rate was 8.7 per cent in April, down significantly from 9.7 per cent in March. The national unadjusted rate was 10 per cent in April, down from 10.8 per cent in March.

Jernigan said, "The improved county unemployment rates are significant positive changes which represent a broad based economic recovery complimented by expected seasonal adjustments."

In April, 1983, 49 counties recorded double digit unemployment. In the same month a year ago, 39 counties had unemployment rates of 10 per cent or more.

Swain County registered the highest unemployment rate, 25.1 per cent which meant that 1,010 were unemployed in a labor force

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Carl J. Stewart, Jr.

Stewart To Be Guest Speaker

Carl J. Stewart, Jr. former state legislator and Speaker of the House of Representatives, will be commencement speaker Friday at Lawrence Academy in Merry Hill. He will be introduced by State Rep. John B. Gilliam, III, of Windsor.

The exercises begin at 8 P.M. with Headmaster Cullen Dunstan giving the invocation. Susan Hassell is valedictorian and will also address the audience.

The headmaster will also present honors and awards while Cheryl Pierce, class president, will make a special presentation from the seniors.

Diplomas will be presented by Webster Daniels, chairman of the board of trustees.

The welcome will be presented by Mary Dee Caraway, salutatorian. The commencement exercises followed Sunday's baccalaureate service at which Rev. Thomas Hayes of Cool Springs Baptist Church was the speaker.

Marshals are: Lindley Michelle Chappell, chief; Jonathan Stokes Powell, Bradley Carroll Brown, Kim Eileen Daniels and Annalisa House Carawan.

The commencement speaker, who is an attorney in Gastonia,

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Balanced Budget Is Presented

The Town Administrator of Edenton, Sam Noble, in a special session on May 31, presented the budget for fiscal year 83-84 to the Town Council. The budget presented was balanced, as required by law, and represented no increase in the tax rate for the citizens of Edenton. The proposed budget also reflects expenditures totaling \$8,193,727.

The employees of the Town of Edenton can look forward to a five per cent cost-of-living adjustment once their performance has been evaluated, according to the proposed budget.

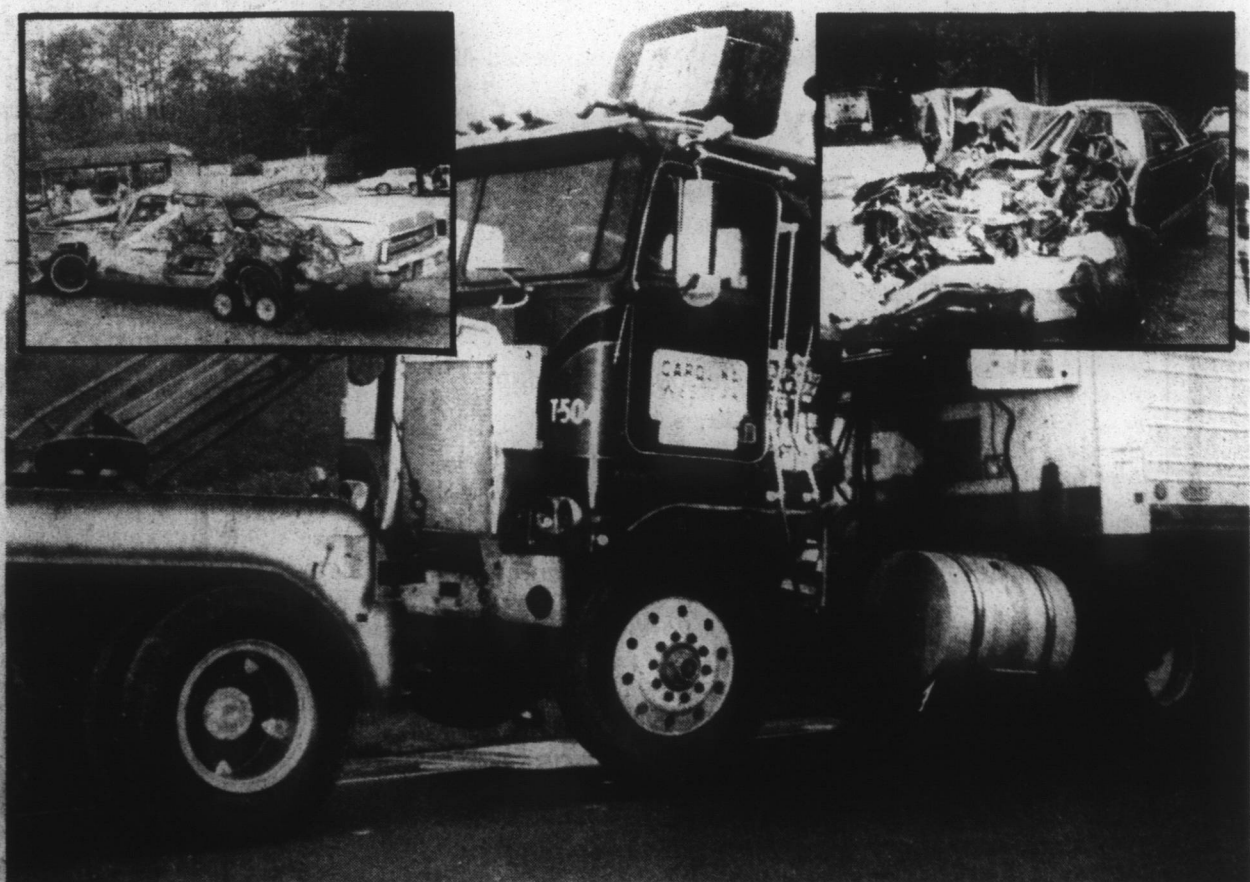
The Electric Fund's budget reflects a decrease in expenditures in an effort to keep electric rates as low as possible. In addition one laborer position, which exists currently, will not be budgeted for next year. The Electric Utilities revenues in the budget were set by current electrical sales. However, should VEPCO or Carolina Power and Light increase wholesale rates to the Town, the Town will have to increase electrical rates to recover budgeted amounts.

The water and sewer fund also reflects a decrease in expenditures over the previous year. One laborer's position within this utility has also been deleted in an effort to keep these utilities rates as low as possible.

The Town in the proposed budget will take over operation of the airport. Through increased hanger fees and aviation fuel sales, the Town intends for the airport to be a self-sufficient fund along with the Electrical fund and the Water and Sewer Fund.

In other action taken by Council, it approved amending the salary grades of two positions. Purchasing Agent, Salary Grade 14 was amended to Purchasing Agent, Salary Grade 11. Utilities Office Secretary, Salary Grade 6 with a salary range of \$9,336 to \$11,915 was amended to Utilities Office Secretary. Salary

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FATAL ACCIDENT—The three vehicles shown above were all involved in the accident which took place on May 26 on Highway 17 in Bertie County near Jeff White's Store. The Lincoln was the car of Mrs. Faye Harrell, who was the victim of the wreck. The second car is that of Mr. James Leroy Sanderlin of Route 3. The tractor trailer rig, which jackknifed causing the accident, was driven by Noah Brittain of Gastonia.