

By Maru Amburn

Home Federal Savings and Loan Association, a Greenville-based bank with assets of \$75-million, will open an Edenton branch this summer.

The bank has offered Chowan County \$75,000 for the Rescue Squad Building and lot at the corner of Broad and Queen Streets.

Following a 10-day bidding period which ends on March 5, the County intends to sell the lot to Home Federal.

County Manager Cliff Copeland explained that, "In 1974, the County purchased the lot and building for \$27,500, eight years later, we are selling for \$75,000."

Copeland described the advantages of locating a financial institution in downtown Edenton as: improvement of the appearance of the corner and relocation of emergency medical services to a more pragmatic area.

"The Commissioners intend to allot funds from the sale toward

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## ElectriCities' Attorney Fees Increased Over Half-Million

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Town officials met with ElectriCities representatives Monday in Wilson to discuss a proposed legal services fee increase.

The Town of Edenton was among six member municipalities who voted against the adjustment which will result in a \$536,100 increase in legal fees for the agency over the next ten years.

The increase calculates to 30 cents per \$1,000 of the face amount of indebtedness on all bond financings in which a legal opinion on contract validity is rendered.

"This amount applies only to legal work in connection with bond issuance, a power agency spokesman stated.

The Board of Commissioners of North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA) delayed action on the proposed change at its February 22 meeting.

"It appears that we are spinning our wheels and spending a lot of potential savings on attorney and engineer fees," Samuel Noble, Edenton Town Administrator said.

In a February 10 letter to NCEMPA, DeWitt McCotter & Spruill, Lane, Carlton, McCotter & Jolly, of Rocky Mount and Raleigh, described the necessity for review

of the arrangement made with the agency in May, 1981.

McCotter said, "In today's climate, more emphasis is placed on our opinion than at any time in the past and its importance has taken on new significance."

The legal counsel emphasized at the meeting Monday that the exposure to a law firm involved in the issuance of municipal debt has changed dramatically over the last three years.

The decision of the State of Washington Supreme Court in June 1983, concerning the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) and the ultimate default on WPPSS bonds has placed consultants in a more exposed position, according to the law firm.

The effect of increasing the rate on financial activities is to provide legal counsel with compensation should their opinion be challenged in court.

The opinions and certificates rendered by North Carolina counsel are a requirement for the marketing and sale of the NCEMPA debt.

The power agency currently has \$1.3 billion in outstanding debt and.

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### Another View

It has been our policy along the Public Parade for nearly two decades to use this column for discussion of local, regional and state matters. Seldom, if ever, have we branched into the national arena.

The reasoning behind this general policy has been that the "boob tube" commentators, and editorialists in the Ivory Tower of the daily press give you an adequate dose of the big picture. It may be contradictory, then, that we have picked TV editorialists as our guests here this week.

Things have been running in Russia faster than the presses of candidates for public office in the state and nation. Therefore, because of the importance of our relations with this world power, we need to know as much as we can about the leadership. Some of the best we have read were written by two commentators at WRAL-TV, Channel 5 in Raleigh.

J.D. Lewis wrote the piece on Andropov while his colleague, Joel Lawhorn presented the overview of Chernenko. Here they are:

The many weeks of speculation concerning the whereabouts and physical condition of Soviet President Yuri Andropov have finally ended. The official announcement of his death lays to rest that concern. His short, 15-month tenure as president of the Soviet Union held little promise for the de-escalation of the nuclear arms race and any hopes for our long-term, peaceful co-existence. His background as the former head of the KGB portrayed him to be a staunch communist, rigidly conforming to the Soviet ideology.

Now, speculation begins as to his successor and whether Andropov's death provides the opportunity for President Reagan to make overtures to effect some improvement in U.S. - Soviet relations. President Reagan has indicated his willingness to negotiate and we applaud his position.

But forgive us our lack of optimism. The Soviet Union has shown that it is rarely, if ever, influenced by the opinion of the free world. The Russian Communist philosophy is committed to world domination. Russia's history of being invaded by Hitler, Napoleon Bonaparte and other armies, dating back to the year 990 A.D. and beyond, has influenced its hardline position.

Andropov's predecessors, Lenin, Stalin, Malenkov, Khrushchev and Brezhnev, all seemed to have been cut of the same communist cloth. Andropov's replacement is likely to be a carbon copy.

But "Hope springs eternal" and as long as there's life, we live in the hope that the next Russian leaders will recognize the wastefulness and futility of nuclear escalation and war, and come to the peace table in the interest of all humanity.

Constantine Chernenko is the new leader of the Soviet Union. Chernenko is 72 years old.

His counterpart in the United States is President Ronald Reagan, age 73.

For better or for worse, this may be the last time that two veterans of the World War II era head up Russia and America.

So what can be expected in the future, with both nations led by men in their 70's?

We think a short answer would be: more of the same. Older men are inclined to be conservative in terms of change. Neither Reagan nor Chernenko is apt to move very far away from the basic philosophies that distinguish and separate the two countries.

It is unlikely that the two will reach any new compromise that would usher in a new era of peace.

On the other hand, neither is apt to push the panic button. Instead, both are apt to follow the pattern set by all the other old timers who have headed up the United States and the Soviet Union since World War II: the pattern of avoiding outright war with each other.

Considering the diametrically opposed philosophies of the two nations, continuing to avoid war will be no small accomplishment.

## Hayes Manuscript Collection Given To UNC-CH

CHAPEL HILL— One of North Carolina's oldest and most valuable manuscript collections has been given to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by John

Gilliam Wood and his family of Edenton.

The collection is made up of more than 20,000 loose manuscripts and 164 manuscript volumes covering

the period 1694 to 1928. It has an appraised value of approximately \$200,000.

Announcement of the gift was made Friday by University Chancellor Christopher C. Fordham III.

"The Hayes Collection, covering nearly 250 years of North Carolina history, is probably the longest running manuscript collection of its type in the United States," Fordham said.

"Though long known to scholars," he said, "it is regarded as one of the most significant privately-owned groups of manuscripts for the study of American history in the late 18th and 19th centuries."

"The University and the people of North Carolina are indebted to John Gilliam Wood and his family for this rare and outstanding gift," Fordham said, historians will find these manuscripts of exceptional value because the Hayes Collection and the Johnston and Wood families are so deeply rooted in the soil and drama of early North Carolina.

Fordham said copies or parts of the Hayes Collection have been us-

ed in historical research, but until now the full body of original manuscripts has not been accessible to scholars.

The topics with which the collection deals include the economy and politics of the colonial era, the American Revolution, antebellum plantation management (including agricultural reform and the slave labor system), the Civil War Reconstruction and farm and fishery management in the second half of the 19th century.

The collection is named for Hayes Plantation near Edenton, which was owned and operated by two families, the Johnstons and later the Woods.

It includes papers of Gabriel Johnston (1699-1752), the surveyor-general of the colony; Samuel's son Samuel (1733-1816), a lawyer, delegate to the Continental Con-



HAYES PAPERS—The Hayes library (wing on right) formerly housed the collection of historical papers which will now be a part of the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

## Doctors Vaughan, Williams Are Honored

Dr. L. Polk Williams, Sr. and Dr. Roland H. Vaughan, Sr., two physicians who provided a total of 88 years of dedicated care to area citizens, have been posthumously honored by Chowan Hospital, hospital officials announced Tuesday.

At the suggestion of the hospital medical staff, names of the two nurses' stations at the hospital were

recently changed to Williams Station and Vaughan Station.

Dr. Williams moved to Edenton in 1922 and opened a general practice of medicine which he operated until his retirement in 1976 at the age of 82. Following retirement, he remained active and for several years was Medical Director for the skilled nursing unit of the hospital. Dr. Williams died in 1983 at the age of 91.

During his 54 years of active practice, Dr. Williams treated many patients and was responsible for the delivery of an untold number of babies; hence, the reason for naming the nurses' station adjacent to the hospital's nursery Williams Station.

Dr. Vaughan came to Edenton in 1938 as a general practitioner. At the time of his death in 1972, he was 60 years old and was senior partner at the Chowan Medical Center. He had practiced for 34 years in Edenton's medical community.

Immediately following his death, a memorial fund was established and the contributions received were utilized to establish the Vaughan Respiratory Care Center at Chowan Hospital.

For this reason, the nurses' station on the hallway to the respiratory therapy department has been named Vaughan Station.

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Dr. Roland H. Vaughan, Sr.



Dr. L. Polk Williams

## Burger Denies N.C. Request

By Maru Amburn

U.S. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger Friday denied North Carolina's request for a stay of a federal court order to redraw seven state legislative districts.

Burger denied the appeal, but did not issue a written opinion.

The court order which instigated the Supreme Court decision was issued by a three-judge federal panel last month. The judges ruled that the districts diluted black voting strength under the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The order directs the General Assembly to redraw the districts by

March 16 or submit to new boundaries drawn by federal judges.

House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey has made preparations for a special redistricting session at 10:00 A.M. on March 7 if the full court rejects the appeal or does not hear it in time.

The legislature, in its petition to the high court, requests that the districts be allowed to stand until the ruling can be appealed. According to the State of North Carolina, a stay is necessary because the legislature does not have sufficient time to redraw the districts and also have orderly elections.

Chowan County is part of the 2nd District Senate seat which is effected by the ruling.

Senate District 2, with one senator, was drawn to cover most of Northeastern North Carolina north of Pamlico County and east of Edgecombe and Halifax counties.

## Local Sales Tax Figures Released

Collections from the local option sales and use tax in the 10 Albemarle Area counties for December, 1983, were nearly \$28.8-million, according to a report released this week by Sec. Mark G. Lynch of the State Department of Revenue. In Chowan County, the net collection totaled \$61,358.81.

In the area, only Dare County does not collect the extra one-half of 1 per cent authorized by the 1983 General Assembly for local governments. Collections in Dare amounted to \$111,579.92.

Net collections in other counties included:

Camden, \$7,930.55; Currituck, \$27,863.30; Gates, \$15,834.13; Hyde, \$14,435.13; Pasquotank, \$195,021.04; Perquimans, \$15,437.54; Tyrrell, \$10,244.75; and Washington, \$49,010.14.

## Chaffin Presides Over Calendar

Chowan County District Court was in session February 28, The Honorable John T. Chaffin presiding.

Michael Wayne Jones was found guilty of disobeying a stop sign. He paid a fine of \$50.

Probable cause was found in the case of William Jennings Edwards, Sr. who was charged with discharging firearms into an occupied vehicle. The case was bound over to Superior Court.

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## Chamber Appoints Senior Committee

Bruce Gillikin, President of the Edenton Chowan Chamber of Commerce, recently appointed a Senior Economic Development Committee.

Gillikin said, "The purpose of this committee is to assist, in an advisory capacity, those chamber members who have the need of their services."

According to Gillikin, this service is being offered to chamber members free of charge and should be very helpful to the business community in Edenton.

The committee is composed of eleven Retired Business Executives who live in Edenton and Chowan County.

Their collective years of experience and expertise is extensive. Some of the areas of expertise available are in marketing, manufacturing, finance, personnel, legal, communications, agriculture and utilities.

Members of the committee are: Charles H. Shaw, Jr., Chairman, E. L. Hollowell, West Leary, Alice

Bond, Lena Leary, A. C. Hudson, Walter Hege, Walter Abbe, Bob Beaumont, Pete Dulaney, and Bill Pierce.

Committee Chairman Charlie Shaw is an accredited representative of SCORE (Active Corps of Executives), which is sponsored by the Small Business Administration.

Gillikin urged all chamber members to take advantage of this new service. He also requested the membership to submit the names of other senior retired business executives.



RETIRED EXECUTIVES—The recently appointed Senior Economic Development Committee met Tuesday to organize their efforts. Members pictured (l to r) Lena Leary, Pete Dulaney, Alice Bond, Walter Abbe, Bob Beaumont, West Leary, Charlie Shaw, Chairman, Walter Hege, E. L. Hollowell, and A. C. Hudson. (Not pictured: Bill Pierce.)