

Spending Habits Scrutinized

CHAPEL HILL—North Carolina's method of financing public schools tends to equalize spending employment between school systems in high and low-income areas, but some systems, including many with relatively high per capita incomes, spend considerably less in local funds and have fewer employees per 100 students than others, according to a new study.

The study's author, economist Charles Liner of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, believes the General Assembly can help ensure more equal educational opportunity for the state's children by adopting the Basic Education Program it is now considering.

The program would enable the N.C. Department of Public Instruction to require that every school offer a minimum of courses in such areas as advanced mathematics, foreign languages and the arts.

A report on Liner's findings will appear in the May issue of the School Law Bulletin, a publication of the Institute of Government where he works.

It details how much money each of North Carolina's school units received from local, state and federal sources during the 1982-83 year and, for the first time, compares spending for education with per capita incomes within each unit.

"It is apparent from this study that if North Carolina relied heavily on local systems to support schools, as many states do,

serious disparities in spending for schools would arise," Liner said in an interview.

As an example, he said the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school unit, which ranks ninth in the state in per capita income, spent \$1,128 in local funds per student during 1982-83, the highest in the state. The St. Pauls school unit, however, ranking 138th in income, spent only \$287 in local funds.

State and federal appropriations brought total spending per student in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro system to \$2,553 and in the St. Pauls system, located in Robeson County, to \$1,889.

But some relatively wealthy units spent far less in local funds per student than relatively poor units, Liner said.

Union County schools, for example, where the per capita income ranks 25th in the state, spent only \$381 of its own money per student. Hyde County, however, which ranked 136th in income, spent \$627 for each pupil.

Ovall, Hyde County had the third highest total spending per student in North Carolina after the Durham and Asheville city units.

"The most interesting finding in this study is that the lowest spending systems tend to be counties that are not poor," Liner said. "They have incomes above the median level, and their problem is that they don't spend much from local funds, and because they are not poor, don't get much from the federal government either."

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NEW PRESIDENT—Dennis Chappell, right, was elected president of the Tyner Jaycees at the organization's Merchant of the Year and Installation Banquet held April 18. Pictured with Chappell are Jerry Wall (center), past vice president of N.C. Jaycees and Richard Bunch, Tyner's 1984 Jaycee President. The Merchant of the Year award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Timmy White, owners of M&R Market.

Rader Elected District Chairman

MOREHEAD CITY—The First Congressional District Republican Party, meeting in convention at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City Saturday, elected Steven P. Rader, 32, as District Republican chairman for 1985-1987.

Rader, a Washington, N.C. attorney, is chairman of the Beaufort County Republican Party. He was elected unanimously after two other candidates withdrew, one after completion of the roll call.

JoAnn Long of Carteret County was elected district Vice Chairman with out opposition. Mrs. Long has been active in North Carolinians against ERA and served as Vice Chairman of the Second district G.O.P. in the 1960's.

Other officers elected were Maxine McLemore of Craven County as Treasurer, and James R. Saunders of Carteret County as Secretary.

Elected to the state Republican executive committee from the First District were Dr. Barry

McCarty and Pete Lacy of Pasquotank County; Sandy Hardy of Beaufort County; Garvin Hardison of Pamlico County; Jerry Schill and Maxine McClatchey of Craven County; Ward Barnett of Dare County; Dr. Harold Zellar and Andy Andrews of Pitt County; and John Lambert, Billy Smith, Clifford Tilghman, and Jerry Hardesty of Carteret County.

Elderly Nutrition Program Menus

The following is a list of the menus for the Elderly Nutrition Program for the week of May 13-17, 1985 located at the Edenton Housing Authority, 115 Blade Street, Edenton:

Monday - May 13 - Smoked pork sausage (3 oz), Sweet potato fluff, Cabbage slaw, Roll, Oleo, Pear half, Milk.

Tuesday - May 14 - Sliced turkey w/gravy (3 oz), Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Whole wheat bread, Oleo, Fresh orange, Milk.

Wednesday - May 15 - Stew beef (3 oz), Frozen mixed vegetables, 1/2 C. Cranberry juice, Rice/bread, Oleo, Gingerbread w/lemon sauce, Milk.

Thursday - May 16 - Bar-B-Q Chicken (leg & thigh), Field peas w/snaps, Cabbage slaw, Roll, Oleo, Cookies (3), Milk.

Friday - May 17 - Sliced ham in raisin sauce (3 oz), Au Gratin potatoes (1/2 oz. cheese), Spinach, Cornbread, Oleo, 1/2 C. orange/pineapple juice, Milk.

Card Of Thanks

The Family of Geraldine S. Crummey would like to thank everyone for prayers, cards, flowers, food, phone calls and all the other expressions of love shown to us during the illness and at the loss of our loved one. The memories of your kindness will always remain with us.

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RiverSpree Craft Exhibits

More than 40 craftsmen and artists will display and sell their goods at RiverSpree '85, Elizabeth City's annual waterfront and street festival.

It's never too early to Christmas shop, and at the waterfront booths shoppers can choose from crochet dolls and computer portraits or paintings and photographs. It all begins on Friday, May 10 and continues through Mother's Day weekend, May 11 and 12.

Coming from North and South Carolina and the Tidewater Virginia area, artisan's booths will provide a colorful backdrop along the waterfront streets of this town.

All types of crafts will be for sale: duck decoys, stained glass, hand-painted wood items, jewelry, ceramics, and needle work.

"I think we have the finest assortment of crafts this year that we have had in the four year history of the festival," said Kern Ormond, who is co-chairman of the RiverSpree Crafts Committee.

Several organizations will provide information on a wide range

of subjects, learn about solar energy, sign up for swimming lessons, have your children take art lessons or improve your health at RiverSpree '85.

Headmaster's List Released

LAWRENCE ACADEMY is proud to announce its' Headmaster's List for the fifth six weeks grading period. This list includes those students who consistently scores 93 or better in all subjects. We are very proud of the academic progress of our students.

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6th Grade - Beth Anne Beach, Cathy Jeon, Jennifer Sawyer, Steve Frank, Amy Oliver

7th Grade - Tonya Baker, Barrett Mardre, Glen Taylor

8th Grade - Amy Cobb, Anissa Roberts, Elizabeth Thompson

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12th Grade - Barry Cobb, Robin Spruill

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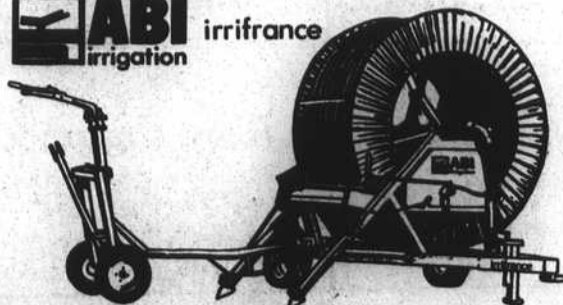
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