



Public Parade

Where Influence Counts

Members of the State Community College board recently received an update on capital funds expended or obligated by the 58 institutions making up the system.

A quick glance at the figures shows that citizens in the area served by the College of the Albemarle are more fortunate than those in many areas served by the other 57 institutions. They have borne less than 40 per cent of the approximately \$6 million spent on the COA campus to date.

At College of the Albemarle, a total of \$5,934,975 has gone into capital construction and equipment to date. Of that total, taxpayers of the area served have put up \$2,191,462, or 37 per cent. The state has put up \$1,033,073, of 17 per cent, and federal funds make up the balance, or 46 per cent.

Compare that with capital expenditures at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, for example. Total capital expenditures are comparable, \$5,122,307 at Mitchell and \$5,934,975 at COA. But at Mitchell local funds account for 80 per cent of the total, with state funds amounting to 10 per cent and federal funds the remaining 10 per cent.

This is an extreme case, of course, since no other institution in the state has received such generous local support. But there are several others which come close. At Cleveland Tech and Wake Tech, local support accounts for 79 per cent; at Randolph Tech, 78 per cent; at Alamance Tech, it is 77 per cent; at Cape Fear Tech, it is 76 per cent, and at Robeson Tech, it is 75 per cent.

For campuses on which local support has been at a lower level, Pamlico Tech is at the bottom with 18 per cent, and Carteret Tech and Mayland Tech are tied for second place, with 22 per cent each; and in each of these cases, federal support has been most generous. This is also true of Western Piedmont at Morganton and Haywood Tech at Canton, but with a difference. Haywood Tech, which is in the House Speaker's home district, has received most generous state support, while Western Piedmont, which is in the late U.S. Senator Sam Ervin's home town, has received almost half its total from federal funds.

What all this says, of course, is that those institutions which have influential people in Washington, such as Rep. Walter Jones or the late Senator Ervin, or in Raleigh, where Liston Ramsey of Madison is speaker of the house, have an easier time gaining capital funds than do many of the others.

There are also special circumstances which apply to some. Mitchell, for example, was a 125-year-old private junior college when admitted to the state system. It brought in an already established campus, valued at about \$3 million, and then was given almost immediately a million-dollar appropriation by the Iredell County commissioners.

Central Piedmont at Charlotte,

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Proposal Approved

The Edenton Town Council Tuesday night approved a recommendation from its Public Works Committee that the town participate in the right-of-way acquisition for new interchanges at Paradise Road and Albemarle Street where they intersect with U.S. 17.

The cost, negotiated with the NC Department of Transportation, would amount to \$29,585. The town is to reimburse NCDOT in three equal installments annually beginning in October of 1986. Chowan County will be asked to share 50 percent of the cost as being beneficial to the county as well.

The council conducted a public hearing concerning the shifting of excess funds in the amount of \$82,378 from the Oakum Street Community Development Area to rehabilitation efforts within the East Church Street Community Development Area.

The Rev. W.L. Wainwright presented a plea for the second time on behalf of a home owner on Oakum Street whose home has been omitted from these redevelopment areas. He asked that some of the surplus money be used for this home.

Councilman Willis Privott explained that the full amount in excess would be needed on the

Church Street "commitment." The extra funds are needed due to the historic nature of some of the structures in that target area.

Raleigh consultant David Holmes said that variances for individual homes outside target areas already approved could doom the receiving of future grants.

Wainwright's request was denied and the council voted to shift the entire amount to the East Church Street project.

J.P. Timberlake, III, CPA, presented an audit report of town funds to the council. He said that the audit found the "Town of Edenton is in a pretty good position." He noted that the general fund is to a great extent supported by the electric fund.

Timberlake recommended that the council tighten up its billing procedures for electric bills. He said that the town has an accounts receivable of 60 days in that fund due to a 30 day delay in billing after receipt of the power agency's bill. He said that Edenton had the longest delay in electricity receipts of any member of the power agency.

Town Administrator Sam Noble indicated that this would be corrected in the spring so as not to

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IN CHICAGO—Yates and Mary Julia Parrish, Rt. 2 Edenton, were chaperones at the 64th National 4-H Congress Nov. 30—Dec. 5 in Chicago, Ill. They are shown with Dr. Mike Davis, (right) associate state 4-H leader with the N.C. Agriculture Extension Service at North Carolina State University. Thirty-eight Tar Heel 4-H members from 28 counties attended the congress.

Death By Vehicle Charge Dropped

Chowan District Court was in session December 10, the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding over the criminal calendar.

James E. Jordan, charged with

death by motor vehicle (two counts) pleaded guilty to exceeding a safe speed and was sentenced to ten days, suspended, a \$50 fine and cost of court and reimbursement to the state for a court appointed attorney.

Keith Chris Christianson, Jr. was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle left of the center line. He was fined \$10 and cost of court.

Susan Emily Masten was found guilty of having no liability insurance. She received 20 days, suspended for one year, a \$40 fine and cost of court, and told not to operate a motor vehicle until she was in full compliance of the law. An appeal was noted.

Claude Ernest Small, III was charged with transporting an alcoholic beverage with the seal

broken. This case was dismissed.

He was also charged with DWI and improper passing. The prosecution elected not to proceed on the improper passing charge. Small pleaded guilty to DWI and was sentenced to 60 days, suspended for one year, a \$100 fine and cost of court; ordered to surrender his driver's license and to attend ADET school. He is to perform 24 hours of community service. He was allowed limited driving privileges.

Timothy Allen Lloyd Kane pleaded guilty to disobeying a stop sign. He received a \$25 fine and cost of court. An appeal was noted.

Wilbur Jackson Wilkins, 3rd pleaded guilty to intoxicated and disruptive behavior. He was

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Garden Club Prize Offered

The Garden of Eden club is again offering a prize to the home displaying the best Christmas decorations.

Judges will make their decision on Dec. 20, awarding prizes to the best contemporary and the best traditional decorations.

Bateman Shot In Accident

A hunting accident seriously injured an Edenton man Wednesday, December 4. Marvin Bateman of Route 2, Edenton was shot through the right upper arm with the 30-06 bullet then passing through his chest and existing his left side.

Investigating officer, Deputy Sheriff David Jethro said the accident occurred about 5:05 p.m., just at dusk. He said that apparently Kevin Bunch, 19, of Route 1, Edenton, was deer hunting from a tree stand when he spotted a deer that passed between Bunch and Bateman who was walking down a path toward the old town dump near NC 32 south. Jethro said Bunch "couldn't see Bateman at all." Bateman was also hunting at the time.

The accident was also investigated by Wildlife Enforcement Officer Jay Rivenbark. It was ruled that it occurred during legal hunting hours. Jethro said that no charges are pending since it "was purely accidental."

Bateman is listed in "satisfactory and stable condition" according to a Chowan Hospital spokesman.



HOUSE DAMAGED—The home of attorney Max Busby recently sustained major fire damage due to a short in a water pipe heater tape. Dormer windows are temporarily sealed against the weather by plastic and plywood while holes in the porch ceiling gape open where firemen gained access to the fire. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.

Fire Damages Busby Home

Chowan County has had its first major cold weather related fire of the season according to Edenton Fire Chief Lynn Perry. The fire occurred at the home of attorney Max Busby on Country Club Dr. Monday night, December 2. Perry said it was the "first major fire in

a couple of months."

Perry said the fire was caused by a short in a heating tape wrapped around the water pipe on the second floor of the structure. The fire was reported at 11:22 P.M.

Busby said that he and his wife were watching TV at that time when he heard water running upstairs. When he went up to investigate, he discovered a little smoke in the utility room behind the dryer. He went back downstairs to get a fire extinguisher and when he returned, smoke was heavier and smoke detectors went off.

At that point, Busby evacuated his two children, ages 10 and 13, and told his wife to call the fire

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Early Printing Deadline Noted

Due to the Christmas holiday, The Chowan Herald will be following a revised printing schedule for the December 26 issue. All classified, legal and display advertising must in the Herald office no later than 12 noon on Friday, December 20. Deadline for news articles and photographs intended to run in the Christmas issue will be 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 20. Those who can bring in ads and news items for the Christmas issue prior to Friday's deadline are encouraged to do so. The Chowan Herald's Christmas edition will be printed on Monday, December 23.

In order to enable employees to enjoy an extended holiday with their families, The Chowan Herald will close at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), and will remain closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26. The Herald office will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, December 27.

Your cooperation in observing these special holiday deadlines will be greatly appreciated. Merry Christmas!

Hospital Board Loses Three More

by Jack Grove

Chowan Hospital has lost three additional members of their Board of Directors for a total of 12 resignations in the last two weeks according to hospital director, Marvin A. (Johnny) Bryan. Resigning this past week were Mrs. Lucy Rhodes of Columbia; Thomas I. Sharpe; and H. Ivey Ward.

The resignations were as a direct result of the loss by the hospital of its directors and officers liability insurance which was not renewed on November 30 by Underwriters of Lloyds.

Remaining on the board are Alton G. Elmore, Daisy Bemby and Emily Byrum. Bryan said this week, "We still have a viable board." He said that as few as two members could constitute a working board of directors. However if only Elmore remains, (he is covered by county insurance as a county commissioner) board responsibilities would fall on the

shoulders of the county board of commissioners.

Bryan said that the hospital has been working to obtain the required insurance for the board. He said that he had contacted one insurance agent that "sounded very optimistic." However, concerning the cost, Bryan said, "I know it's going to increase." He said that he had received a quote last June of \$6,000 a year. The policy that was not renewed had an annual premium of \$2,500.

The administrator alluded to reports in the News and Observer of similar stories affecting municipalities and even ski resorts throughout the state. One story reported that State Insurance Commissioner James E. Long has warned the insurance industry that he will take punitive measures against further instances of companies levying drastic increases in rates or abrupt cancellations of coverage for categories of customers.



REFRESHMENTS—Otis Strother, Edenton Choral Society member, and Cornelia J. Privott admire holiday refreshments served at the James Iredell House on Sunday. Mrs. Privott was among the members of the DAR chapter that was instrumental in purchasing the house in 1948.



NO-TILL SEEDER—FERTILIZER—Han Steenmeijer with the Baldan Agricultural Implements Co. of Sao Paulo, Brazil readies his equipment for a demonstration that will be presented at the Hobbs Implement Co. this afternoon. This machinery makes its U.S. debut here in Edenton.