

## A Decade of Effort

Duke Power Company has just received a low-power operating license for its Catawba 2 Nuclear Station and expects to put it into full service by next fall. Thereby hangs an interesting story of innovative financing and broad-based cooperation involving the industry, the legislature and local government units.

When Duke Power applied for a construction permit July 4, 1972, it fully intended to complete not only Catawba 2, but several other nuclear generating stations out of its own resources. After all, it had already built Oconee Nuclear Station down in South Carolina and had McGuire well on its way in Mecklenburg County. Still other bigger, more powerful stations were on the drawing boards.

Soon clouds began to appear on the financial horizon. Oconee had been built at a cost of \$194 per kilowatt, but it was costing \$849 per kilowatt to bring McGuire on line. By the early 1970's, high inflation and high interest rates were making it almost impossible for Duke to finance the construction of Catawba 1 and 2 on its own. Its bond ratings were down and its stock was selling below book value.

So Duke began looking around for a method of financing that would get the plant built and keep the electricity generated within its service area. Municipalities and co-ops in the Duke service area, which owned their own distribution systems, had for a decade or more been interested in developing their own generating capacity so as to make them less dependent on the large utilities.

These municipalities, through the sale of tax exempt revenue bonds, and the co-ops, which had access to low-interest federal funds, seemed a likely solution to the problem. Duke suggested that they buy into Catawba station, and they seemed amenable to the suggestion.

These cities then organized themselves into the North Carolina Municipal Power Agency and the co-ops became the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation. But for a group of municipalities to become joint owners with another agency of a nuclear generating station required not only an amendment to the state constitution but passage of an enabling act by the General Assembly.

As a member of the legislature at that time, we were asked by the electric cities group to handle the legislation they needed. We had bills drawn submitting a constitutional amendment to the people and setting up the NCMPA and pushed them through without too much trouble. We ran into a little difficulty in the senate, where one senator was peeved because he had not been asked to handle the legislation.

The bills passed and, after a good selling job by both Duke and the power agency before the various city councils, the sale was made. Now the NCMPA owns 75 percent of Catawba 2 and the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency of South Carolina owns the other 25 percent, while the NCEMC owns 56.25 percent of Catawba 1, Saluda River Electric Co-op owns 18.75 percent and Duke owns the remaining 25 percent.

Under the terms of the purchase agreement, Duke will buy from the agencies unneeded surplus power generated at the Catawba stations and, in case of an outage at either, Duke will supply power at cost from its other stations.

But none of this was easy. Construction was started on the two Catawba units in 1974. Unit 1 produced its first electricity in January, 1985. Unit 2 produced its first power in February, 1986, and will be in full service by fall. Construction cost was \$3.7 billion, \$200 million less than had been estimated, or \$1,632 per kilowatt.

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## Local livestock show held

The thirty-second annual Chowan County Junior Livestock Show and Sale took place Tuesday at the American Legion show barn. The event was sponsored by the Advance, Chowan, Rocky Hock and Ryland Ruritan Clubs in cooperation with the Chowan County Extension Service.

Young exhibitors and animals were in abundance during the afternoon show and evening sale. Extension Chairman Mike Williams said that this year saw the most lambs entered (16) in three years of showing.

Taking home trophies and awards from the show were:

Jason Ward (Grand Champion Lamb); Lori Lichtenwalner (Grand Champion Steer); Valerie Copeland (Grand Champion Hog); and Curtis Byrum, Jr. (Grand Champion Pen of 3).

Also, Robin Lichtenwalner (Reserve Champion Lamb); Donna Howell (Reserve Champion Steer); Curtis Byrum, Jr. (Reserve Champion Hog); and Donnie Copeland (Reserve Champion Pen of 3).

And, Lori Lichtenwalner (Third Place Lamb); Crystal Stallings (Third Place Steer); John Lowe (Third Place Hog); and Valerie Copeland (Third Place Pen of 3).



LAMB JUDGING— Young exhibitors show their lambs at Tuesday's Junior Livestock Show and Sale in the American Legion show barn.

## Chief of Police resigns



John D. Parrish

By Jack Grove

The Town of Edenton must begin looking for a new police chief. The present Chief of Police, John D. Parrish submitted a letter of resignation to the town on Tuesday. He has resigned in favor of early retirement.

Chief Parrish said the resignation is effective May 2, at which time he will begin his accumulated paid vacation. Town Administrator Sam Noble said that this would amount to 30 days or less.

The chief joined the Edenton Police Department in 1961 and

was appointed to his present position in 1967.

Parrish said of the resignation, "It's been a hard decision. I've enjoyed this job." He cited family reasons for the move. He said that his parents are elderly and not in good health and that he has been helping on the family farm in his spare time. "I find I need more time out there," he said.

The chief said that this was not a snap decision. He said that he had "been thinking about this for a couple of years. I'm retiring off this job and going to another one."

Noble said that the town will begin advertising immediately for a replacement. He said that ads would be placed in the "News and Observer", the N.C. League of Municipalities newsletter, "The Daily Advance" and "The Chowan Herald."

Applications will be accepted through April, Noble said, and that the town hoped to have a new chief no later than June 1. "Chief Parrish has done an extremely good job for the town," Noble said, adding, "He's going to be hard to replace."



Carroll Smith (with microphone) presents award for Grand Champion Pen of 3 to Curtis Byrum, Jr.



Valerie Copeland receives a trophy for her Grand Champion Hog.



The Grand Champion Lamb trophy went to Jason Ward.



Lori Lichtenwalner holds her trophy for her Grand Champion Steer.

## Board candidates reveal positions



James E. Taylor

(Editor's Note: This is a continuing series on candidates for the May 6 Primary.)

By Jack Grove  
James E. Taylor (incumbent) and Frank E. Cox are running for a First

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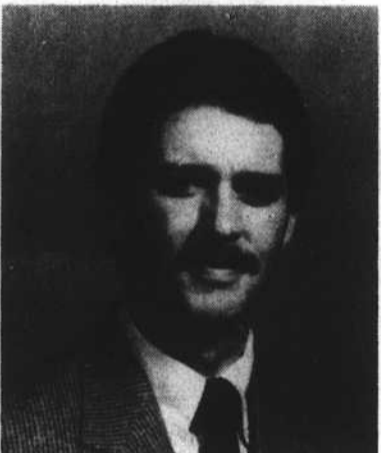
James E. Taylor, 38, is currently a member of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. A native of Chowan County, he is married to the former Catherine Ward and has four children, all of whom attend the public schools of Chowan County.

Taylor graduated from D.F. Walker High School in 1965 and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Shaw University in Raleigh. After completing a Business Internship at the University of Michigan, he did graduate study at the Atlanta University School of Business.

Currently employed in student financial aid at Elizabeth City State University as an Administrative Assistant, his work experience includes four years in banking, a year in insurance sales and twelve years at ECSU.

Active in the community, Taylor is president of the Edenton-Chowan Civic League; executive committee member of the First Congressional District Black Leadership Caucus; District 36 membership chairman of the State Employees Association of North Carolina; member of

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Frank E. Cox

Township seat on the Board of Education. The term for this position expires in 1992.

Since school board elections are non-partisan, balloting during the primary will determine the winner.

Frank E. Cox

Frank E. Cox, 32, is a newcomer to the political arena. A native of Chowan County, he lives with his wife, Toni, and two children, ages 14 and 11 in the Riverton subdivision.

A Vice-President and Assistant City Executive of People's Bank and Trust Co. in Edenton, Cox attended Elizabeth City State University and the University of Wisconsin with a major in music.

Cox attended the N.C. School of Banking at Chapel Hill where he graduated from courses in mid-management and advanced management.

An active participant in the community, Cox is the treasurer of the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club; president of the D. F. Walker PTA; is a director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce; and a member of the Edenton Baptist Church.

He is a past president and director of the Elizabeth City Downtown Business Association and is a past director of the Elizabeth City Boy's Club.

Cox was asked what he feels the challenges are facing the Board of Education.

Funding was first on his list.

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## Brown presides over calendar

Chowan Superior Court was in session March 24, the Honorable Frank R. Brown presiding over the criminal calendar.

Millard Fernando Robertson had his probation revoked due to a probation violation. The probation stemmed from a conviction for larceny of a firearm. An active sentence of three years was invoked.

Robertson, during this session, also pleaded guilty to a charge of hiring with the intent to defraud. He was sentenced to six months with work release recommended as a condition of parole. If work release is authorized, he is to pay restitution of \$195.52 to S&R.

George Edward Wilkins had his probation revoked due to a probation violation. The probation was as a result of a conviction for breaking and entering. An active sentence of three years was invoked.

William Lee Wilson had his suspended sentence on a conviction of DWI and failure to dim headlights revoked. An active sentence of 60 days was invoked.

William Charles Turner's suspended sentence on a conviction of DWI was revoked. An ac-

tive sentence of 90 days was invoked and modified to 72 hours. He was ordered to pay jail fees, a fine of \$250 and cost of court of \$119, a \$50 community service fee and a \$50 ADET school fee.

Darnell Hayes was given until 5 p.m., March 28 to pay \$110 previous court costs or a 30 day sentence will be invoked.

Valola Roberts Rountree's case concerning failure to use a child restraint system was remanded to the District Court judgment for compliance.

Arthur Donald Wiggins pleaded guilty to speeding 69 in a 55mph zone and DWI (level two) which were consolidated for judgment. He was sentenced to a minimum of one year and a maximum of one year, suspended, and he was placed on supervised probation for one year. As a special condition of probation, he was ordered to serve a 15 day active sentence. He was ordered to pay a \$250 fine, cost of court of \$103, and to surrender his operator's license.

Freddy Ferebee pleaded guilty to misdemeanor larceny. He was sentenced to one year, suspended, and he was placed on supervised

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SMOKEY—A highlight of the third annual Chowan County Family Fair at the American Legion last Thursday evening was an appearance of Smokey The Bear. Under all that fur is Samuel Copeland, of the N.C. Forest Service. Copeland has been with the Service for eight years and also has been doing his Smokey routine for that period of time. He said, "My mother just found out three years ago who Smokey The Bear was."

## Doctor to speak

Dr. Candace Corson will be the keynote speaker at the Chowan County Democratic Convention on Saturday, April 5 at 1 p.m. The convention will be held at the new court house in Edenton.

Dr. Corson, a resident of

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