



The Public Parade

Whipping Wrong Horse?

Whether Senator Terry Sanford did the right thing switching his vote to help override President Reagan's veto of the \$88 billion highway bill is something we are willing to leave to him and his conscience. But we do agree with the result - the bill needed to be passed.

Of course, there was some "pork" in so large a bill, just as there is pork in many of the President's massive defense proposals, as was shown only recently when his staff went to the trouble of assuring members of Congress that subcontractors in 35 states would share in a big ship building project for the navy.

But the president was wrong in describing the bill as a budget-buster. This money, by and large, comes from the highway trust fund, which is maintained by taxes paid by the motoring public. It was never intended that these funds be used to reduce a general fund deficit. The money was paid in from the several states and should be returned as fully and as speedily as possible.

For that reason, we think Gov. Jim Martin was wrong in urging Senator Sanford to help sustain the veto and then criticizing him when he did not. The trouble the governor complained of is not with the bill, but with the administration of the funds. An equitable distribution formula is spelled out in the bill, guaranteeing that each state will receive in return 85 per cent of the highway taxes its people paid in.

We have always thought of U.S. Rep. Martin Lancaster, who went up to Congress from the North Carolina legislature, as a man who did his homework. Lancaster says that from 1981 through 1985 North Carolina paid into the federal highway fund a total of \$1.227 billion and in return was allocated a total of \$1.252 billion under the congressional formula. So we were not shortchanged there.

Under the bill just passed over the veto, the 1987 allocation amounts to \$323.3 million, while under the Senate-passed bill favored by the Martin administration the state would have received only \$320.9 million.

But Lancaster's figures do not tell the whole story, according to James T. Sughrue, a state Department of Transportation spokesman. He says Congress

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Anti-Litter Campaign Conducted

The Town of Edenton is participating in an anti-litter campaign this month encouraging people to help keep the town clean.

"It's a joint effort with the state and county to keep our town and North Carolina beautiful," said Linda Edmundson, acting town manager.

Letters have been mailed to schools asking for support in the campaign and to businesses which

have had problems with litter around dumpsters, especially when the site is adjacent to a residential area.

Mrs. Edmundson said the campaign is aimed at utilizing all community services for cleaning the town of trash and reinforcing the importance of everybody helping in the effort.

The county sponsored an anti-litter campaign Saturday after a statewide effort was proclaimed

by Gov. James Martin for the month of April.

Civic groups, church groups, Cub Scouts, school groups and individuals worked in areas of interest to clear litter Saturday.

Trash bags filled with litter were left at targeted areas for collection by Dept. of Transportation workers. Two dump truck loads were collected.

As an added inducement for the cleanup, a drawing, using names of participants, was held by the county. Winners were Gina Swanner, \$25; Samuel T. Williams, \$20; and Terri Cole, \$15.



ROCKY HOCK EFFORT—Chowan Beach residents Jeanie Butera, Jeremy Evans and Robert Taylor pitch in to clean roadsides between their community and Whiteman's Grocery. Another effort was underway within Chowan Beach at the same time Saturday morning.

Peaking Generators Endorsed For Edenton

By JACK GROVE

An engineer with Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. advised Edenton Town Council to proceed with a plan to build peak shaving generators to promote huge savings in purchase of elec-

trical power for the town and its customers.

Ray Cohn presented detailed data that he said showed that Edenton could save over \$3½ million by installing town-owned generators to produce extra power during peak load periods instead of buying reserve power from CP&L. These savings would accrue over a 14 year period beginning in 1988.

The recommended two 1,250kw generators would normally operate at from 10 to 20 hours a month with an output of 1,000 kilowatts per unit. Installation of a peaking plant with the generators was estimated to cost \$1,132,000.

Cohn said that the demand cost of electricity from CP&L during peak periods would be 95 percent higher than the fuel and maintenance costs of town generators.

Council was told that Elizabeth City had approved a peak load project Monday night and that, in

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Safe Easter Holiday Plan Announced

The State Highway Patrol plans to use every available trooper to make the highways as safe as possible during the long Easter holiday weekend.

Mrs. Faye Gray at the Elizabeth City highway patrol office said every trooper in District III will be on the highways in Chowan, Perquimans, Camden, Currituck, Dare and Pasquotank Counties.

The N.C. Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety says Easter is one of the most dangerous holiday

periods of the year. Last year, there were 1,266 traffic accidents on the state's highways during the Easter holiday weekend, causing 16 fatalities and 999 injuries.

"Speeding and driving while impaired are the two leading causes of accidents and fatalities on our highways," Highway Patrol Commander Colonel J. F. Cardwell said. According to Colonel Cardwell, troopers will strictly enforce all motor vehicle laws with special emphasis on the detection and apprehension of speeding and impaired drivers.

"A good way to reduce fatalities and injuries is to drive at the posted speed limit, obey traffic laws, wear your seat belt and if you drink, don't drive," said Colonel Cardwell.

The Easter holiday weekend begins at 6 p.m. Friday, April 17 and ends at midnight on Monday, April 20.

Area Public Employee Pay Schedules Are Compared

By JEANETTE WHITE

Most salaries received by Chowan County employees are comparable to those received in the surrounding area, based on population and tax base for last year.

Estimated population for Chowan County in 1986 was 13,357 people, with a tax valuation of \$306

million. In Bertie, population was 21,480 and tax valuation was \$525 million. Gates reported 9,272 people last year and tax valuation of \$200 million.

Perquimans County had 10,725 people in 1986 and a tax base of \$252 million. Tyrrell's population was 4,236 people paying on a \$134 million tax valuation.

For comparison, Mecklenburg was the most densely populated county in the state with 446,236 people and a tax valuation of \$20,051 million.

Some county officials and employees receive compensation based on per mile travel in addition to quoted travel. Many employees have automobiles assign-

ed for their use.

Chowan's manager in 1986 received \$31,973 salary and \$2,400 travel. Chairman of the county commissioners received \$60 per meeting and \$720 travel. Other commissioners got \$60 per meeting.

Bertie paid \$38,628 to its manager, \$1,980 salary and \$1,200 travel to its commission chairman and \$1,584 salary and \$1,200 travel to other commissioners.

Gates paid \$25,666 salary and \$2,625 travel to its manager, \$71 per meeting to its commission chairman and \$65 per meeting to other commissioners.

In Perquimans County, the manager received \$23,088, \$600 salary and \$50 per meeting was paid to its commission chairman and \$50 per meeting to other commissioners.

Tyrrell has no county manager and paid \$1,800 salary and \$25 per day to its commission chairman and \$840 and \$25 per day to other commissioners.

Mecklenburg paid \$86,690 plus \$7,200 travel to its manager, \$10,800 salary and \$4,800 travel to its commission chairman and \$8,400 plus \$4,200 to other commissioners.

Chowan County sheriff received \$22,500 salary in 1986. Average salary for a chief deputy was

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Officials To Attend League Meeting

How municipal issues are faring in the 1987 session of the General Assembly will be a major topic of discussion of the upcoming North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) regional meeting in Edenton.

The meeting will take place at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 22 at the American Legion building,

U.S. 17 South Business. Officials from Edenton, Winton, Plymouth, Kill Devil Hills, Murfreesboro, Creswell, Roper, Nags Head and Severn are expected to attend.

The Edenton meeting is one of a series of 12 regional meetings the NCLM is conducting across the state to update municipal officials on key state and federal

issues.

Edenton Mayor John T. Dowd and the Edenton Town Council will host the League's regional meeting. Councilman Herbert Hollowell serves on the NCLM Board of Directors and Councilman Allen Harless, Jr. serves on the Board of Trustees of the NCLM Risk Management Services.

The NCLM is a non-partisan federation of 479 cities, towns and villages in North Carolina. The League serves as advocate for municipal interests at the state and federal level, as well as providing services to member municipalities.

Registration for the Edenton Regional Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. Prior to the lunch, there will be presentations on the League's strategic planning efforts and updates on the NCLM risk management services.

Health Advisory Is Issued

Physicians and health officials say an outbreak of scarlet fever in Chowan County should not cause major alarm since modern antibiotics negate its debilitating affects.

Several cases of scarlet fever have been diagnosed in the area, but treatment most often means just keeping the child indoors and administering antibiotics. Most children show signs of recovery within 24 to 48 hours.

Dr. Lance Potocki at Chowan Medical Center emphasized that the fever is not the dreaded

disease it was many years ago.

Scarlet fever is characterized by fever, strep throat, tender or swollen glands in the neck and usually a fine, red rash on the face and trunk, but the rash can occur anywhere on the body.

Dr. Potocki said he had seen many patients recently with a sore throat and rash, but only one-half were scarlet fever. He said it could be hard for the layman to differentiate between actual scarlet fever and another virus.

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Donation Boosts 'Build The Park' Fund Toward Ultimate Goal

Almost half of the money needed to "Build The Park" on Edenton's waterfront has been collected.

Gil Burroughs, chairman, and Arch Edwards, publicity chair-

man, of "Build The Park," said \$9,000 of the \$20,000 needed has been collected through varying efforts by volunteers committed to seeing a park on a section of waterfront property once ear-

marked for an inn.

Door-to-door solicitations garnered around \$7,500, including \$5,000 raised when 50 feet of bulkhead was sold for \$100 per foot. Another 50 feet of bulkhead

remains unsold.

A letter campaign will give local businesses opportunity to donate funds. The Chowan Herald donated \$1,000 and another \$330 as part of a promised commission on subscriptions renewed from March 9 through April 1.

Work is continuing at the park site. Last weekend about 30 large dump truck loads of dirt were spread at the site after a community service worker provided by the county operated a front-end loader to move dirt where it was needed. The dirt came from installation of the town's sewer main.

Burroughs said, "One of the things that's gratifying to me is that we've gotten some real positive response from some local businesses whose first preference was for an inn on the waterfront."

"The people - even when they disagree - when a decision is made, everybody pulls together. That's the kind of thing that makes Edenton the place it really is. A large number of people who bought a foot of bulkhead probably won't even use the park."



PARK SUPPORT—A gift of \$1,000 was presented to "Build The Park" committee members Tuesday by J.P. Huskins, publisher, on behalf of the Chowan Herald (right). The publisher and E.N. (Pete) Manning, general manager, make the check presentation to committee chairman Gil Burroughs as publicity chairman Arch Edwards looks on. According to Burroughs, the fund-raising thermometer at the foot of Broad St. needs updating since some \$9,000 as now has been contributed toward building the new waterfront park.