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UNC-CH Chancellor talks with trustee Annette Wood and CAC Executive Director Ann Perry during his visit to the former Edenton Cotton Mill Tuesday morning. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

UNC-CH Chancellor visits here

Hooker emphasizes the importance of strong ties

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chancellor Michael Hooker believes that

educators can learn a lot from their students by seeing the places where they live.

With that in mind, Hooker recently set out on a tour of every county in the state. On Tuesday, he spent time in Edenton. During a visit hosted by UNC-CH trustee Annette Wood, Hooker had an opportunity to tour the former Edenton

Cotton Mill and hear from Chowan Arts Council Executive Director Ann Perry about the development of the Edenton Institute.

Hooker was also the guest of honor at a luncheon at the Dram Tree, where he talked about the importance of making visits all across the state. He said

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Council grants permit for subdivision project

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

The Edenton Town Council has granted a conditional use permit that will allow development of a subdivision creating 191 homes behind Chowan Crossing Shopping Center.

The RunnyMeade Corporation will oversee the creation of the development on 54 acres of land owned by Judy Earnhardt Adams of Edenton.

The development will provide for construction of approximately 78 townhouses, 37 condominiums and 76 single family units. No rental apartments will be included in the development, although individual units may be rented by homeowners.

RunnyMeade Corp. spokesman Andrew Fine said during a public hearing before the Town Council that his company has about 55 years' experience in developing and managing similar properties and is extremely sensitive to environmental concerns.

The Adams project, he said, "will provide a low-density, residential community that will remain true to the quiet, residential atmosphere of the town... We will, in effect, be creating a village within a town."

Subdivision housing will be in the \$85,000 to \$150,000 price range.

Fine noted that representatives of RunnyMeade have par-

abor as well as other greenery. It will also include an underground electrical system, and the roads will be privately maintained.

"Our designs will enhance the character of what is already in Edenton," he said.

The pace of construction, company officials said, would be dictated by the economy and the demand for housing.

Councilman Willis Privott said he thought the project was a good thing for the community, but he did have a concern before the vote about entrance and exit roads that would serve the subdivision.

He questioned the company's plan to have residents leave by way of a road next to the Duck Thru that would require residents to turn onto Hwy. 32. In accordance with the wishes of adjoining property owners, there are currently no plans for a back way out of the subdivision.

Privott said he thought that plan "looked like an accident waiting to happen. I think you

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Andrew Fine

participated in three public meetings and met at other times with private citizens to get their input regarding the proposed project.

"I think that all the concerns have been satisfied," he said.

Dwellings built in the subdivision, according to architect John Krause, will be constructed with architectural styles seen elsewhere in the community, and that the subdivision will feature a lake and

Chowan River water quality is discussed

By JEANETTE WHITE
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AHOSKIE — The overriding question at a meeting to discuss the quality of water in Chowan River Basin Monday was, "When is Virginia going to clean up its end?"

Participants said since 76 percent of the basin is in Virginia, North Carolina's efforts are worthless without help from the north.

The second most-often heard theme was that too much blame for pollution problems has been

placed on agriculture.

About 50 people gathered at Roanoke-Chowan Community College for a meeting called by the Division of Water Quality to look at the Chowan River Basinwide Water Quality Management Plan. It is the 14th plan being prepared for all 17 of the state's major river basins.

Primary goals of the management plan are to identify and restore full use to impaired waters; identify and protect highly-valued resource waters;

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Windmill Championships to be held here

By REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Edenton will play host for the first time next week to the Windmill National Championships.

The event, sponsored by The Windmill Class Association, will be sailing from the Edenton Waterfront Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Club member Herb Bodman of Chapel Hill came up with the idea of basing the race in Edenton in 1997.

"We were going to the Outer Banks one day, and took the northern route," he explained. "We stopped and had lunch in Edenton, and I felt that this was a good spot."

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Members of the Windmill Class Association will be sailing from the Edenton Waterfront Park next week as they hold their national regatta here June 24-26. Club members will be welcomed by the Edenton Yacht Club, entertained by the Chowan TDA, and hold an awards dinner at the American Legion building. (Submitted photo)

Couple facing charges

Drug charges were filed against an Edenton husband and wife June 9 following an undercover investigation by Chowan Sheriff's Office and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Charges were filed against Jeffrey Winston Diggs, 19, and Callie Aylesworth Diggs, 20, 317 East Queen Street.

Diggs was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver and sale of four doses of LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide);

possession with intent to sell/ deliver and sale of marijuana; possession with intent to sell and deliver and sale of 102.3 grams of marijuana; possession with intent to sell and deliver and sale of .5 gram of "crack" cocaine; possession with intent to sell and deliver and sale of 5.4 grams of marijuana; and maintaining a vehicle to keep a

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Few parents take advantage of chance to air views

By REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Few parents apparently wanted to be part of a focus group that would listen to the results of a recent series of

planning meetings by the local school system regarding the reorganization of student populations at White Oak and D.F. Walker Elementary Schools, and then offer suggestions on the proposals.

While there was a good turnout for the meeting last Monday night, most of those present were teachers or members of the school's administrative staff. Only a few parents were present.

One of those who was, John Dowd of Edenton, said the presentation offered by the school staff left him wondering what questions the school system had hoped to answer.

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Stolen truck recovered Wednesday

Edenton Police Department is continuing investigation into a break-in and stolen vehicle the night of June 10 at Twiddy Construction Company on West Queen Street.

Sgt. Bill Phillips said when Twiddy Foreman Billy Phelps arrived at work June 11 before 7 a.m., he found a broken padlock on the door.

Officers who responded to Phelps' call found locks off other doors and carpentry tools valued at \$2,400 were missing, along with a 1989 Chevrolet pickup truck.

Some of the tools were in the truck and some inside the building.

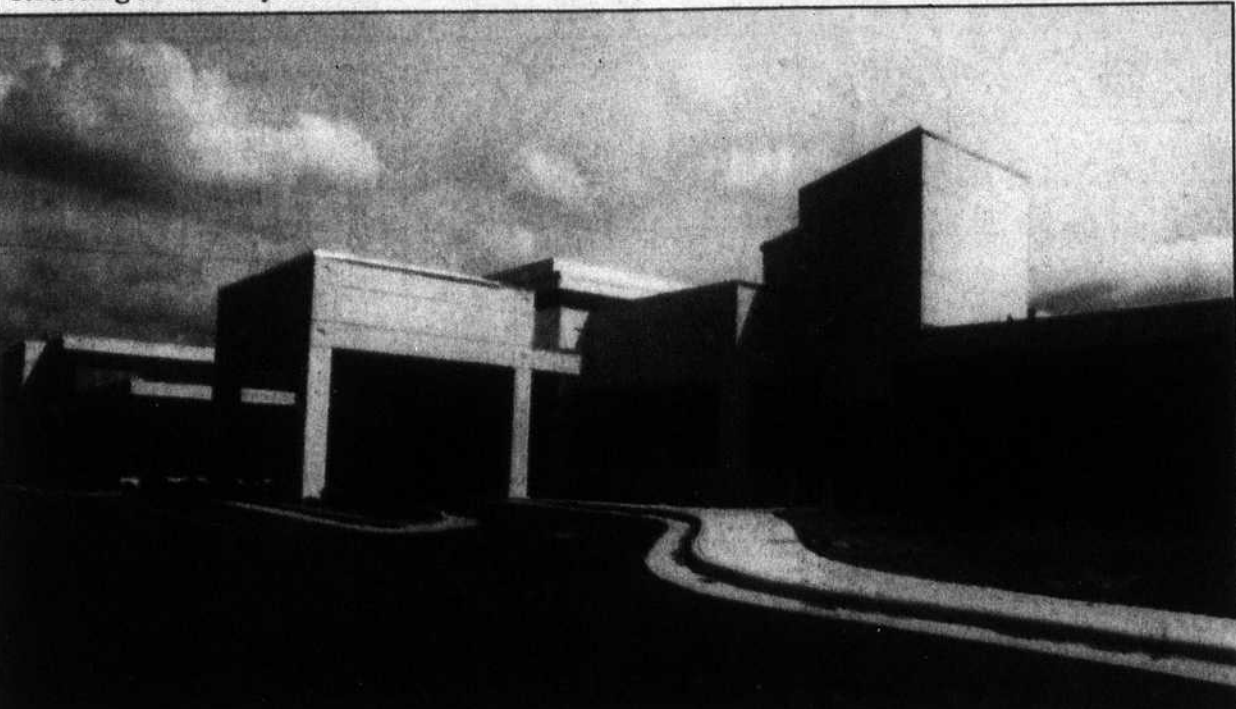
An officer with the NC Highway Patrol found the undamaged truck abandoned on County Line Road Wednesday morning.

Hospital Dedication Ceremony and Open House set for Friday

Aside from actually constructing an entirely new hos-

pital, which has occurred twice during Chowan

Hospital's 50-year history, this Friday's Dedication/Open



The newly completed Outpatient Surgery Suite and Specialty Clinic at Chowan Hospital will be dedicated Friday during an open house and commemoration of the hospital's 50th anniversary. The dedication ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. on the lawn adjacent to the back entrance of the hospital. Tours will be conducted until 4 p.m.

House ceremony is being characterized as the largest construction project that the hospital has undertaken.

Barbara Cale, hospital administrator, notes that the first step in planning for this project was "a community assessment in order to focus on what the public felt was needed. The outcome of the assessment, coupled with an internal financial feasibility study, has resulted in the 20,193 square foot project which officially began with a groundbreaking ceremony on March 28, 1995."

Cale added that "modern, expanded facilities for the performance of outpatient surgery and emergency care, as well as creation of more accessible space for specialty clinics, are the three major areas encompassed by this project."

The first phase of the construction project was a new Emergency Department and

General Stores area which opened in October 1996. The second phase includes the just completed outpatient surgery, recovery room, and specialized clinic space. New registration, waiting, and consultation areas are geared to create a more efficient, comfortable, and private process for patients and their families. The third phase, to occur during the coming weeks, will include renovation of the previously existing Operating Room area.

Following the Dedication/Open House ceremony, which is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. on the lawn adjacent to the back entrance of the hospital, tours will be conducted until 4 p.m.

Speakers for the ceremony will include Leonard Small, Chowan Hospital Board chairman; Dr. A. F. "Jerry" Downum, Jr., chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners; Dr. James F.

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