Prospects

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School - is currently working on a schematic design of the proposed facility - at no charge to the county. The facility will not be as high-priced as some other construction projects, said Copeland.

"It's not like building a hospital or office space, it's not that costly," he said, noting that such an open-spaced facility is inexpensive because of its limited design features.

Copeland said that no official size or cost for the facility has been brought to county officials.

Smith said Deckard's site plan could be completed by the end of the year.

"Hopefully we'll have that (design) in place in the next week or two," said Smith.

And then there's the issue of how the county will pay for the brand-new facility. Thanks to the recent leasing of Chowan Hospital, the county is in good financial condition. Copeland added that there would be no tax increase as a result of funding the proposed facility.

Copeland said that commissioners might decide to use earned-interest revenues from the leasing of Chowan Hospital to University Health Systems earlier this year. He said that the board could decide to include funding for the proposed recreational facility in a five-year spending plan associated with the $30 million windfall from the hospital deal.

"We have not expended the first penny yet (on the recreational facility)," Copeland emphasized.

The county manager also offered a step-by-step process by which the proposed facility may become a reality. If the grant is approved, said Copeland, the school board and county commissioners will hammer out a joint agreement. The approval of a final design will follow the agreement, with construction of the facility rounding out the plans.

Adams said that the middle school site will save the county in construction costs, as parking lots, water/sewer services, and baseball and football fields are already in place there.

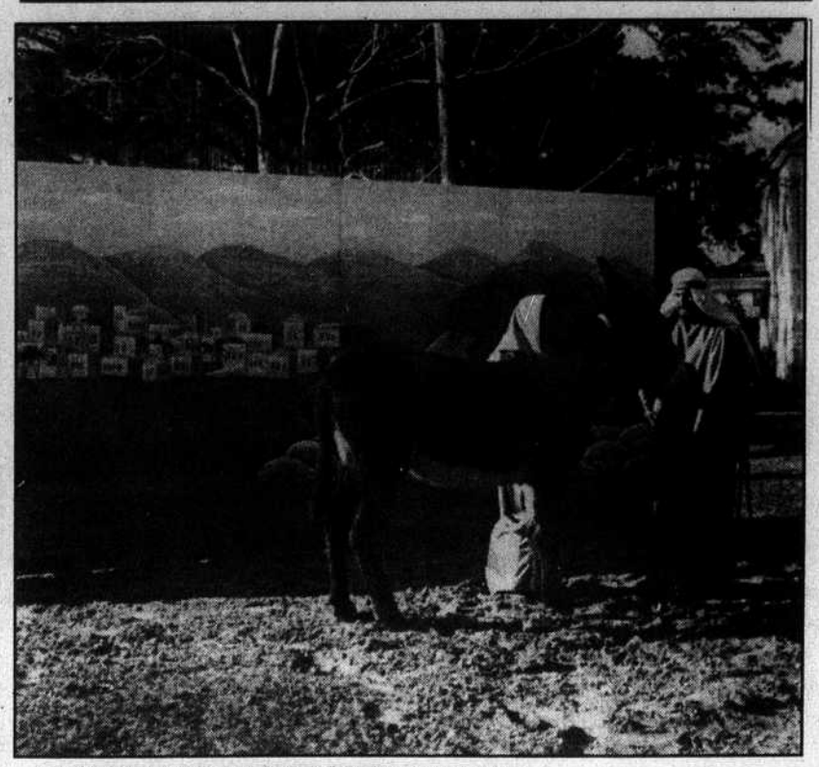
"We will also have the opportunity to offer some good after-school programs," Adams said. "It's just going to be a great project."

Smith said that the school board would address the issue at its January meeting.

Copeland said that the county commissioners' finance committee would look at the issue after the first of the year.

PREPARING CANDLES FOR THE LOVE FEAST

The Rev. Jane Love and members of her church, First Presbyterian of Edenton, recently decorated candles to be used during the church's Moravian Love Feast on Christmas Eve. The festivities begin at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to attend this annual event. (Staff photo by Sean Jackson)



CHRISTMAS PANAROMA PLANNED

"The Greatest Gift," a drive-through Christmas panorama featuring eight scenes depicting the life of Christ, will be held at Center Hill Baptist Church, Dec. 20-22, 6-8 p.m. nightly. Live actors and animals will be featured, and admission is free. (Staff photo by Mia Noble)

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- Family of two: an income of no more than $21,700;
- Family of three: an income of no more than $27,300;
- Family of four: an income of no more than $32,900;
- Family of five: an income of no more than $38,500;
- Family of six: an income of no more than $44,100.

Some allowances are made for child-care costs and other work-related expenses so those individuals who earn slightly more than the limit can still consider checking into the program.

Families well below the size-to-income ratio may be exempt from any out-of-pocket expenses.

The program is comprehensive, covering well and sick child doctor's visits, along with hospitalization, dental care - including x-rays and fillings, and vision care (including eyeglasses), hearing care (including hearing aids), and care for children with special needs and prescriptions.

Families with incomes near the maximum limit for their family size have to pay an annual enrollment fee of $50 for one child and $100 for two or more children. There is also a co-payment fee of $5 per visit to the doctor, and a $6 fee per drug prescription. A $20 fee is also levied for non-emergency

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