



The Public Parade

Brief, But Important

Economists have calculated that 100 new factory jobs mean the following:

296 people make the community their home.

Four more retail businesses open.

107 more passenger cars are registered.

74 jobs are created in addition to the 100 factory jobs.

There is \$590,000 more in personal income per year.

There is \$270,000 in bank deposits and \$360,000 in retail trade.

But beyond that, new industry means more young people will find employment and advancement in their hometowns.

Close Up Public Records?

When the United States became the "Land of the Free" so many years ago, the Founding Fathers decided on a pretty good method of keeping it that way. They insured that all public records would be open to the public—period.

No extra special breed of person had any kind of fancy rights that any of the rest of us didn't have. Information on births, deaths, land rights, marriages—whatever was needed to insure public order was right there where every citizen could look it over. No secrets.

But now the bureaucrats seem to think that too much information about ourselves may be bad for us. There's a big move on in a number of places to close up the public records letting only the privileged few have a peek at them when somebody with a title says it's all right.

The idea behind it seems to be that by hiding all information, the state can protect us from direct mail firms who provide information on new products, new services, new industrial techniques.

When someone starts "protecting" us by locking up the public records—for whatever purported reason—beware!

To give someone the right to say what part of the public record will be revealed and what will be hidden is giving away part of your American birthright.

When someone decides to shut up sources of public information—for our own good—we're in trouble. Watch out!

An Independent, Yes!

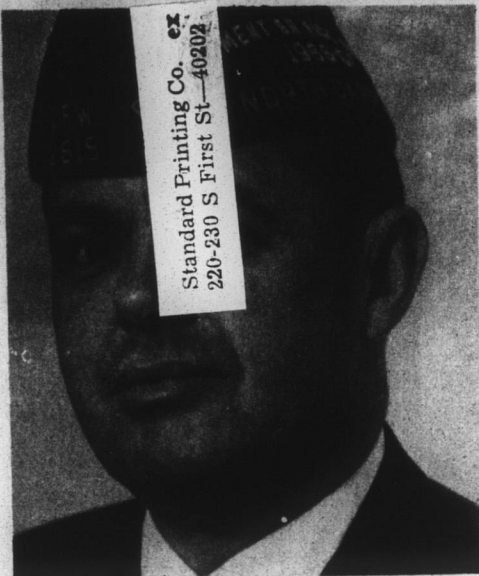
The morning newspaper of general circulation in this area which we least admire has done it again. They have reached into the rumor mill for an idea.

However, it didn't end there. Some enterprising columnist went to work interviewing his typewriter. The theory on which he expounded was quite accurate while his conclusions were way out in left field.

Anyone who has followed the political career of Rep. Walter B. Jones is quite aware of his ability to be an independent thinker. He established such a reputation in three sessions in the N. C. House of Representatives and one term in the State Senate.

And it was while serving his state with distinction that he raised the ire of the Capitol City press and they have been

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Conway Newsome

VFW Commander To Visit Sunday

North Carolina Department Commander Conway Newsome of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will preside at a First District meeting here July 23.

The meeting will be hosted by William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280 and the event will be held at the post home on old Hertford Road.

With several district meetings going on over the state on this date, Commander H. E. Bass says it is a great honor to have the state commander choose the local post for a visit.

Commander Bass said the local post and Ladies' Auxiliary will serve a barbecued chicken lunch and all First District VFW members and their wives are invited to attend.

The commander said this is a good time for all VFW members to meet the new State Commander and he hopes a large crowd will attend to show Commander Newsome that all are with him for a great year which is just starting.

Gilliam Placed On Probation In Obscene Phone Cases

Kenneth Lee Gilliam, 16-year-old Bertie County Negro, was sentenced in Chowan County District Court Tuesday for making telephone calls to various women in Edenton in which he used obscene and vulgar language.

Gilliam still faces three counts in Bertie County.

Judge W. S. Privott sentenced the Route 1, Merry Hill resident to two years in one county. However, the sentence was suspended and Gilliam was

Rains Continue

Rain in the last week has dumped 3.49 inches of water on the area, according to J. H. Conger, Sr., local weather observer.

For the first 10 days of July, Conger recorded 2.56 inches of rain so the total measured this month is 6.05 inches. This is nearly six times the total rainfall for the months of March and April. In May 2.91 inches was recorded.

Town Hears State Plans For Projects

Property owners along the proposed Virginia Road and East Church Street road projects will be contacted this week and asked to sign right-of-way agreements.

State Highway Commission officials told Town Council Tuesday night that the two projects are being advertised jointly and if one is deleted then another call for bids would be necessary.

Councilmen expressed a desire to move ahead with the long-delayed Virginia Road project which includes the Triangle intersection. However, Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., and Councilmen Tom Shepard and Leo Katkaveck argued for a delay in the East Church Street widening.

Other councilmen questioned the logic of widening the street and then allowing parking on the north side. No parking is allowed on this street at present.

Highway officials stated that by widening the street to 36 feet now parking could be eliminated in the future to accommodate heavier flows of traffic.

There has been objection from some that widening the street, which would require cutting all trees, would harm the Iredell House as well as injure the beauty.

It was pointed out that careful consideration had been given the historic Iredell shrine and councilmen were guaranteed it would not be harmed in any way.

They were warned, however, that Edenton has \$174,800 in Urban Bond Funds which must be spent within the

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PLAN SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES — Edenton Fire Department's new home at the corner of Park Avenue and North Broad Street will be dedicated Sunday afternoon and an open house will follow. Making plans for the activity, which begins with a ribbon cutting at 1:30 P. M., are, left to right, Town Administrator W. B. Gardner, Councilman J. D. Elliott, and Fire Chief W. J. Yates. The public is invited to view the new station Sunday afternoon.

Fire Station Dedication Set Sunday

Dedication ceremonies of Edenton Fire Department's new home on North Broad Street will be held Sunday at 1:30 P. M., with Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., cutting the ribbon.

Mayor Mitchener will speak briefly prior to the ribbon cutting.

Open house at the handsome new fire station will be from 1 P. M., to 6 P. M. Refreshments will be served.

Rev. E. C. Shoaf will give the invocation.

In addition to space for six pieces of equipment, the station has a spacious lounge, alarm room, chief's office, kitchen, and dormitory space for six men on the first floor.

There is an attractive recreation room on the second floor.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner, Councilman J. D. Elliott and Fire Chief W. J. Yates have made arrangements for the dedication and open house at the fire station which was completed in December, 1966.

Snipes In Iredell

J. P. Snipes, former principal at Chowan High School, has accepted the position as principal at Ebenezer Elementary School in Iredell County. Snipes was principal at Union Grove High School prior to coming to Chowan several years ago.

Mrs. Snipes will also teach in the Iredell County School system.

The Snipes' have a daughter attending Appalachian State University in Boone.

Kenneth L. Stalls has been employed to replace Snipes at Chowan.

Rep. Godwin Sees Need For Additional Revenue For Localities

(Editor's Note: This is the first of two articles on the 1967 General Assembly as seen by the representatives of the First House District. An interview with Rep. W. T. Culppepper, Jr., has been arranged for next week.)

The 1967 General Assembly has been labeled an "education legislature" by one member who admits that a continuing problem facing lawmakers is to find tax relief programs for counties, cities, and towns.

Rep. Philip P. Godwin of the First House District, settled back in his Gatesville law office last week to reflect on highlights of the 1967 session, what it did and what it didn't do.

He was ready to admit that while a lot of progress was made on many fronts, the problems of counties, cities and towns wasn't one of them. Beginning in 1969 municipalities will be refunded a portion of the franchise tax, but Rep. Godwin said this was just a "token" measure.

"I recognize the fact that counties and cities definitely need some help," he went on. "These folks have got to get coordinated with some tax relief programs that the people will be able to accept."

Because of the burden being placed on property ownership via taxes, Rep. Godwin believes relief measures can be used as a platform plank by future candidates for governor.

"People in small municipalities cannot expect to continue to get the services demanded and let the property owner pay all the bill," he said.

Being appointed to the Tax Study Commission, Rep. Godwin is confident that one area which will get a lot of study between now and the next session is a tobacco tax. While the legislator doesn't advocate such a tax he has some definite feelings on the matter.

"We have held off all these years on a tobacco tax," he explains. "It is very unpopular to even mention such a thing. However, I don't think it would hurt the farmer or manufacturer if it ultimately came to be taxed."

Because of the absence of a tax on this commodity, Rep. Godwin says there is a big bootleg operation in cigarettes.

He is pleased with the way the District Court system is working in areas switched over thus far and sees this as a relief to counties.

Turning to education, he said this is a big, big budget item. "Seventy cents out of every General Fund \$1 went to education on various levels," he said.

In higher education, the legislature was faced with trying to meet the growing demands to capital improvements. The cost of construction is up to the point that some projects approved last session had to be funded anew this time.

Too, the state has to compete with other institutions for personnel. And then administration comes at a high cost, he relates. "It would, however, be use-

less to build buildings and equip them if they were not equipped with qualified professors," he said.

The community colleges and technical

institutes are a great benefit to the state, Rep. Godwin states, and he thinks they are doing a good job—but they are costly.

He cited the work being done in this area for students not wanting a four-year higher education course but want to learn a trade. "These facilities are a boost to industry and work hand in glove with the state's efforts to expand in this field," he concludes.

In the realm of secondary schools, Rep. Godwin points out that in addition to handsome raises for teachers and other personnel, the legislature made available \$3,283,495 to eliminate high school book rental fees; set up \$7,500,000 to meet requirements of revised federal wage and hour laws; and established a better retirement program.

Rep. Godwin said since this was the first "redistricted legislature" many representatives from the urban areas attempted to make a name for themselves by introducing certain bills. Because of this, he feels the session was drawn out.

During the session he detected a trend in urban voting.

Rep. Godwin does not feel that annual sessions is the answer to the legislative problems. "It would be a great deal more expensive and less inducement for anyone to offer as a candidate," he

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State Rep. Philip P. Godwin In His Gatesville Office