

## Sans Sawdust

By L. F. Amburn, Jr.

ELIZABETH CITY—"I bring you greetings from your sister," the political figure said as he greeted us in the lobby of the Holiday Inn on the Isle of the Pasquotank at 8:10 A.M. Tuesday.

"From where?" we inquired.

"Saw her at a rally in Alexander County last night," he replied.

Alexander County and our meeting ground? Just under 350 miles apart!

But Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt looked as if he had just stepped out of a band box. One would hardly recognize that 10 months ago he started campaigning hard for the Democratic nomination for governor in the same locale.

More than two years ago he promised, in a local speech, that he would not forget the Albemarle Area. He, as unusual as it is for political animals to do so, has kept his word. He hasn't passed up an opportunity to meander along the Public Parade and its environs.

He relates that Tar Heelia is made up of communities and some of the best of the lot are found right here in the Albemarle, of which the Cradle of the Colony is the hub.

Sitting across the table from us was Dist. Atty. Thomas Watts. When the frontrunner for the state's top elective office mentioned Alexander County the DA's attention quickened. It is his homeland.

State Sen. Melvin Daniels said the gathering showed the "power of the Albemarle" as he explained that the early breakfast grew from an original 20 participants to 40, then to more than 100.

Lt. Gov. Hunt alluded to this later when he stated that such a group of people could not carry the Albemarle Area for him, but could guide him to victory in any county in the state. This is evidence that his nearly four years in Raleigh as the second in command hasn't shaded his perspective as to the quality of Eastern North Carolinians.

After Sen. Daniels noted that this campaign hereabouts is difficult

"due to area politics... but we candidate reiterated his "peop Jim Hunt for Jim Hunt's sake, North Carolina moving again. Democrats in this state are tired And such a victory is within the 13 per cent of the "undecided" vot can relieve the voters of the n candidate says his interest in this i bit—he too needs a vacation.)

His untiring love for the Albemarle continues. He recognized people of past factions, not only here but throughout the state, joining together. In this regard he compared the Hunt campaign with that of Jimmy Carter.

Carter, as president, wants to maximize the potential of America; Hunt wants to do likewise with the state—"once again."

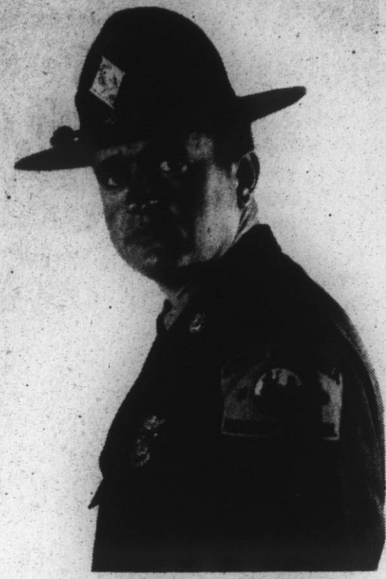
He recognized that with George Wood of Camden in the race there is "more competition" than before. This "makes me want it even more" and makes "each vote a little sweeter," he relates.

Jim Hunt restated his position on education, prevention of crime, the court system, utilities, jobs and agriculture. And he realizes one can't go in and "boss it" as governor. (He has 80 of 100 sheriffs' in his corner — including one Republican.)

He has a huge PLUS. He won't have to go through the learning process. As lieutenant governor he will have had four years of experience. The first two years of "learning the ropes" can be short-circuited and he can go about the task of "getting the state going forward again."

Representatives from Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck, heard Mayor John Bell say in his welcome that the program was to "re-dedicate ourselves to Jim Hunt's election as governor."

The sawdust was missing. So was Mildred, the sister.



Trooper R. H. Allen

## Trooper Allen Taken In Death

Robert Hoke Allen, a retired State Trooper who resided on Route 3, Edenton, died Monday morning following an extended illness. He was 35.

Mr. Allen, a native of Kinston, died in Chowan Hospital.

He served on the State Highway Patrol for 10 years until his retirement due to his health.

Mr. Allen was the son of Mrs. Ethel Barrow Allen of Kinston and the late Rufus J. Allen, Sr. He was married to Mrs. Majorie Taylor Allen, who survives.

In addition to his mother and wife, surviving is a son, David Shane Allen, of the home; two brothers: Rufus J. Allen, Jr., of Kinston; and Willard C. Allen of Decatur, Ga.; and three sisters: Mrs. Joe Casey of Kinston; Mrs. John Butch of Hampton, Va.; and Mrs. Alan Carlson of Vienna, W. Va.

He was a member of the Edward G. Bond Post, American Legion, and Immanuel Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 2 P.M. Wednesday in Immanuel Baptist Church with Rev. Ashby Browder officiating. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Y. Z. Newberry, J. D. Leitschuh, R. W. Rawls, Tommy Miller, R. M. Potts and M. J. McArthur.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## O'Herron Stumps In Chowan

By Flynn Surratt

Ed O'Herron, a Charlotte businessman and Democratic candidate for governor, told a group of people in front of the courthouse here last Wednesday, that his campaign consists mostly of "listening to what the people have to say and what they are concerned with."

He remarked, "In running for governor, I have no axes to grind and I do not intend to use the governor's office to seek some other political office."

O'Herron held true to his word. He didn't grind any axes and no campaign promises were made. Instead, through fielding questions from observers' he addressed the issues of capital punishment, roads improvement and construction, education, and economy.

On capital punishment, O'Herron stated, "One of the first orders of business should be to enact legislation along the lines of Texas and Georgia. I believe capital punishment can be a deterrent to crime."

Another priority, he listed in response to a question, is

## County, Firm In Agreement On Pipeline

Chowan County commissioners and Dickerson, Inc., have come to terms so that water pipes can be laid across certain highway right-of-way which will speed up completion of the county-wide water system.

Chairman C. A. Phillips talked with Harold Shirley, Dickerson board chairman, Monday morning during a break in the commissioner's meeting and received verbal approval. Bryant Utilities was informed and work is now underway.

Chairman Phillips said if the work is not done within two weeks then it could be as much as four months before the pipe could be installed along portions of U. S. 17 near the new by-pass.

Prior to the telephone call, Commissioner N. J. George suggested as an alternate that the line be tied into the Town of Edenton's system until such time as the county system could be completed. "We want to serve as many people as possible as fast as possible," he said.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, reported that 2,003 people had signed up for water and the county will serve as many of these as humanly possible. He reported that all the tanks were filled and water should be flowing by August 15.

"We hope to get the east side

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## Call Issued

Coach David Holton, head coach of the Edenton Aces, has issued a call for young men who want to play football this season.

Coach Holton said prospective players should report to the Chowan Medical Center at 8 P.M. Tuesday for physical examinations. This includes both candidates for the varsity, junior varsity and Walker players.

The first formal drills will start August 2 at 6:15 P.M. at Hicks Field.

Coach Holton, a former star for the Aces, was recently employed to replace Coach Jimmy Addison who has moved to West Forsyth.

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## Public Parade

### Prosecutor Retires

Weldon A. Hollowell retired July 15 as Chief Assistant U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. He had held the Federal Court post for the past 15 years.

With his retirement the court lost a able, dedicated prosecutor. The fact that his tenure survived political changes is itself one of the best illustrations of the distinguished service he rendered.

Anyone who can transcend politics deserves more than a silver platter. He proved that all politics is neuter gender once inside the courtroom.

Mr. Hollowell was Judge of the Recorders Court of Chowan County in 1960 when he moved into the federal judicial arena. He proved himself as having exceptional knowledge of the federal criminal statutes in quick order and soon earned the reputation of being a prosecutor almost without peers.

All the time he traveled the Eastern District circuit he maintained his home along the Public Parade. This community has now regained a distinguished citizen, who fought the battles of criminal prosecution with a considerable degree of success.

Our gain can only be considered a loss to the team in the U. S. Attorney's office that represents the people of this great country in the Federal Court.

### Robert H. Allen

State Trooper Robert H. Allen lost his last earthly case early Monday morning. Death, which he fought with such vigor, overtook him as for 10 years he did motorists who were violating the law.

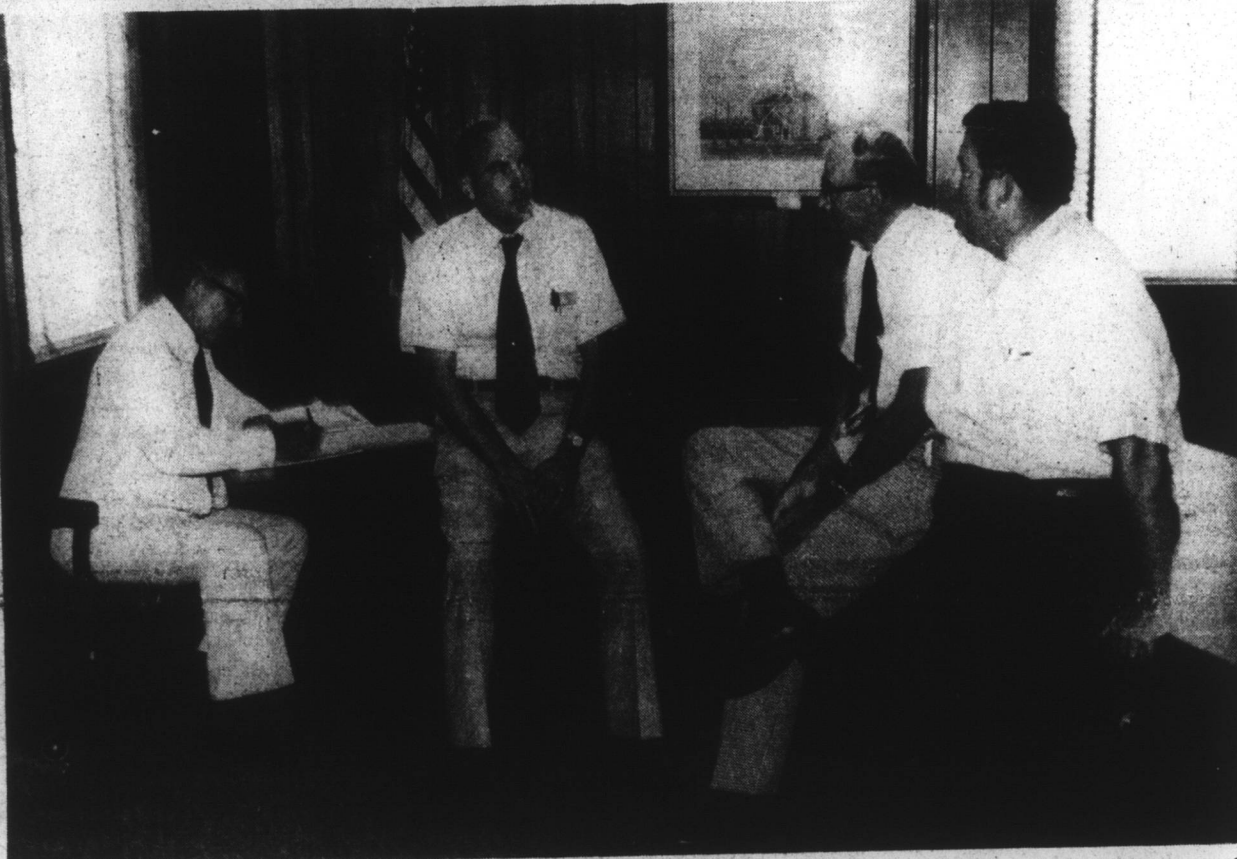
At 35, he has now gone on to his Heavenly reward. His mother has lost a proud son; his wife has lost a faithful husband; his son has lost a loving father; the community and State Highway Patrol has lost a trustworthy and dedicated officer; we have lost a friend.

Trooper Allen was not popular among those who violated the law. This is evidence of his ineffable belief that no one is above the law, that the law applies to everyone, and it applies to the same degree. The ability to rationalize as far as the law was concerned was not one of his virtues. This dedication to his chosen profession made him popular among his colleagues.

During his extended illness, Trooper Allen had many brushes with death. Except for Monday's fatal bout, he managed to bounce back and return to his shift work. In all of it he never lost his faith in the Supreme Being.

Also, he never lost his desire to help his fellow man. He

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WATER QUALITY MEETING—Dr. Arthur Cooper, second from left, and Everett Knight, second from right, were among three state officials who attended a meeting here Monday afternoon to discuss the Chowan River problem. At right is W. B. Gardner, town administrator. Seated is C. A. Phillips, Chowan County commissioners, who arranged the meeting.

## Waverly Akins Here On Monday

A former FBI agent, county commissioner chairman, state association chairman, who is a lawyer and family farmer brings his bid for the lieutenant governorship back to Northeastern North Carolina next week.

Waverly Akins of Fuquay-Varina, in Wake County, is booked at the Rotary Club in Elizabeth City at 1:30 P.M. Monday and will move westward to Edenton later in the afternoon.

At 4:30 P.M., the Democratic candidate will be at Chowan County Courthouse, according to W. T. Culpepper, III, his county campaign chairman. Akins is one of a number of people seeking the state's No. 2 elective position.

Culpepper has encouraged people from throughout the area to take advantage of this opportunity to visit with the candidate.



Waverly Akins

## State Pushes River Inquiry

State officials said here Monday they are more concerned with what they can't see than what is visible to the eye with regards to Farmers Chemical at Tunis and the recent algae bloom in the Chowan River.

And if exploration of what they expect, then the state will require corrective measures regardless of the costs.

Everett Knight, director of the State Division of Environmental Management, told an anxious audience he feels the "problem of seepage is solved" but that he is "more concerned about what we cannot see."

### Escape Injuries

Seven young people escaped serious injury last Wednesday when swings they were riding at an amusement park at Northside Shopping Center overturned into a ditch.

Police Chief J. D. Parrish said it has not been determined what caused the accident. "It was fortunate the swings toppled into the ditch," he said. "It was the safest possible area they could have fallen."

It was speculated that distribution of the riders might have caused the swings to be out of balance.

The rides were set up on a paved parking lot at the shopping center.

Those treated at Chowan Hospital and released were: Sharon Gilliam, Andrae Green, Robert Ward, Joyce Ward, Martha Owens, and Randy Green, all of Edenton; and Gary Patrick, a resident of New York who is visiting here.

In answer to a question from W. B. Gardner, town administrator and a member of the Coastal Resource Commission Advisory Council, Knight said: "If we find they (Farmers Chemical) are polluting then the state is ready to require corrective measures."

Knight said that through wells the state is trying to determine if discharge is through the lower strata or groundwater. He fears that the entire area around the plant was saturated with nitrogen only weeks after operations began several years ago.

The state official said because it could not be determined the extent to FC's role in the latest algae bloom he levied a \$15,000 fine against the company. Page Benton, head of the water quality

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CANDIDATE IN CHOWAN—Ed O'Herron, right, is photographed as he entered Chowan County Courthouse last Wednesday afternoon during a campaign trip to Northeastern North Carolina. With him is W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., a local attorney and O'Herron booster in the area.