

Planning Not Evil

We will be in Nags Head a couple of days this week, representing Chowan County on the Advisory Committee of the Coastal Resources Commission. It will be an interesting meeting because of legislation introduced to mandate land-use planning throughout North Carolina.

Also, Tuesday night the first public hearing on Areas of Environment Concern was scheduled in Manteo with regards to the Dare County plan under the Coastal Area Management Act of 1974. (The Chowan County-Edenton plan will be up for discussion on May 10.)

While opposition has developed from some quarters with regards to CAMA, and it is being tested in the courts as well as the General Assembly, the fact that a western legislator introduced the latest bill in the House of Representatives should go a long way to prove that more consideration should be given with regards to natural resources and what one does with one's property.

It was heartening to read that some \$1-million in federal money is available for land-use planning in areas beyond the coast. Some \$3-million has already been spent in the 20 coastal counties under the CAMA umbrella with little state monies needed and NO local funds. This is a service available to the people at no cost.

The protection of "big brother" is not a popular subject, yet it is necessary. There are those who not only will use his neighbor, but abuse him, if there appears to be an avenue to enhance his own position. Proper land-use planning and enforcement can prohibit this.

We are probably the most over planned people in the world. However, those plans are only as effective as their implementation and enforcement. Everyone has something at stake in the process and as long as we live among others it must be compatible.

We subscribe to the theory that every man's home is his castle, but when it affects others then they have a right to meander, to the same degree thereabouts.

While we may feel that we reside in a world that is over regulated, we have a responsibility not only to ourselves but to our neighbors. And, in simple terms, this is what land-use planning is all about. So long as the ultimate authority rests at the grassroots then our gripes should be minimized. But if that authority is not held in check, nor exercised, then big brother is as certain as death and taxes.

In The Classroom

Well, we went over to Swain Elementary School last Thursday afternoon to "dialogue" with the Fifth Grade students of Mrs. Betty Bissette. It had been some nine years since we had been afforded such a privilege so there were three Amburns in between.

The initial statements from the students indicated that they spent more time in front of the boob tube than in reading our favorite newspaper published along the Public Parade.

However, as we got into the thing, we realized that either students are smarter or editors dumber than a decade ago. They asked intelligent questions, which indicated they possessed a genuine interest in the media, which shapes public opinion.

In fact, they are interested in publishing their own newspaper. Fifth graders, yet! The Chowan Herald will assist in any way possible, since their sincerity was impressive.

The classroom is the proper place to start motivation of this nature and we are not only pleased, but impressed, with their willingness to tackle such a project. We were afraid at 32.

New Commander

Gov. Jim Hunt is to be commended on his selection of Capt. John T. Jenkins of Greenville as the new commander of the N.C. State Highway Patrol. It is, in our opinion, one of the best appointments the governor has made thus far.

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Area Study Traces Development

"This study can be the beginning of a reawakening of regional awareness and the beginning of renewed pride of who we are where we're going," said historian Dr. Thomas C. Parramore in his description of the current study of the Albemarle region.

Parramore, chief historian for the project, detailed what the project was in an information meeting at the Municipal Building here Friday.

The meeting followed the awarding of a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to the conductors of the study, Alliance For Progress, Inc., The Consolidated University System of North Carolina, and Meredith College. Past and proposed activities of the project were disclosed during the gathering of area teachers, students and government officials.

The goals of the project, which was begun last year, is to follow the "pattern of development which occurred in this area during the earliest years of development of the region," explained Parramore.

"We want to know everything we can about the region," Parramore added.

Until recently, Parramore said, there has been little attempt to construct a social or demographic history of North Carolina.

The Albemarle region is the northeastern section of North Carolina, bordering on the Albemarle Sound and its tributary streams. The area was first settled by Europeans who intruded upon the various tribes native to the region.

"Historians know about Virginia and South Carolina but very little about North Carolina. This state is

the missing link in studying colonial society," assistant project historian Barbara Lathroum explained the value of the study.

Currently, the study is focusing on tracing the earliest period of development in this region from 1663, when the colony of North Carolina was founded, to 1730 when the colony came under British rule.

The study is expected to take several years.

As a result of the project it is hoped work can begin on several historic reconstructions in the state, such as constructing an early fur trading post, a ship landing site and an Indian village, Parramore said.

"Another possibility as a result of our study may be that both blacks and whites will be able to trace their roots well into colonial



PROGRAM EXPLAINED — Dr. Julian F. Keith of Winston-Salem, center, explained the Bowman Gray Medical Center Challenge Program at a regional Alumni Association meeting last Thursday night at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant. Pictured with him are Dr. William A. Hoggard of Elizabeth City, left, and Dr. LeRoy C. Hand, Jr., of Pecan Grove, hosts for the meeting.

Expansion Plan Outlined

A program which includes an \$18-million expansion at Bowman Gray Medical Center in Winston-Salem was outlined at a regional meeting of the Alumni Association last Thursday night here.

Dr. Julian F. Keith outlined the Medical Center Challenge Program at the meeting held at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant.

The Challenge Program is a plan designed to enable the Medical Center to meet two primary objectives — to implement programs that will assure improved access to proper health care in medically underserved areas of North Carolina and to meet increasing demands for patient services at the Medical Center.

It includes an \$18-million expansion program, the major elements of which are a four-story, 112,000-square-foot Family

Practice Building and a six-story, 96,000-square-foot Focus Building. Alterations to existing Medical Center buildings also are planned.

During the meeting Pat Kelly, Medical Alumni Association director, gave a brief report.

Co-hosts for the meeting were Drs. William A. Hoggard of Elizabeth City and LeRoy C. Hand, Jr., of Pecan Grove.

Sale Prices Set Record

Businessmen supported the sale of prize 4-H and FFA animals at the highest prices in the 23 year history of Chowan Junior Livestock Show last week. The 10 steers in the show averaged 94 cents per pound.

"We are very grateful for the fine support our businessmen gave our show, which resulted in the highest prices ever in the sale," said Murray L. Goodwin, 4-H coordinator. Total amount paid for ten steers was \$10,361. The 38 hogs sold for \$5,808. This makes the total of the sale \$16,169.

"These prices should encourage more boys and girls to take part in livestock projects in 1978", Goodwin concluded. The champion steer, exhibited by Jill Copeland, sold for a record high of \$2.25 per pound and was purchased by C.A. Perry & Son and Central Fertilizer of Shawboro. The steer was a Charolais cross, heavily muscled, had a beautiful gold color and weighed 1215 pounds.

The hogs sold separately in the show sold at an average price of 98 cents per pound. The champion again sold at a record high of \$2.05 per pound and was purchased by Weyerhaeuser Corporation of Plymouth. The champion pig was a trim, muscled Hampshire and was proudly shown by Debbie Ward.

Registration Continues

The Community Life Program is continuing registration for its Telephone Reassurance Service.

The Community Life Program, which serves the Senior Citizens of Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and Chowan counties, is providing a Telephone Reassurance service to interested Senior and disabled persons.

The service, which is free of charge, allows participants to be reassured by daily telephone contact with the staff at the Community Life Center in Elizabeth City. All the participant agrees to do is call the Community Life Center at 335-0711 between 8:15 A.M. and 3 P.M., Monday thru Friday. If a call is not received, the Community Life Center staff investigates to see that all is well.

Community leaders, law enforcement officials, and other concerned citizens agree that the Telephone Reassurance Service is one that is needed in the area.

Senior Citizens and others who would like to learn more about the Telephone Reassurance Service, and about the Community Life Program, are asked to call the center at 335-0711.

McKnight Visits Edenton On Campaign Tour

Dave McKnight of Fayetteville, a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in 1978, arrived in Edenton last Thursday morning on the 13th day of a walking campaign that began on the steps of the Dare County Courthouse and will end on October 1 in the mountain town of Murphy.

McKnight declared his candidacy in January and after a great deal of consideration and planning, decided that the most effective way of meeting people was on foot.

Since his April 2 starting date, he has visited such towns as Manteo, Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton, but the bulk of his campaigning has taken place in small businesses, country stores and along the roadside in com-

munities such as Hancock, Belvidere, Center Hill, Tyner, Rocky Hock, Valhalla and Small's Crossroads.

"I wanted to take a route to smaller cities and towns even if it meant detouring larger cities," McKnight commented. "I've talked to about 3,000 individuals in less than three weeks of walking. It's a wonderful way to meet people at work, in stores and businesses."

With one of his main campaign points being the re-vitalization of small businesses, his choice of the Albemarle area as a starting point was a logical one that turned out to

involve several unanticipated advantages. One advantage was the free-flow communication from community to community. People know who he is and what he is doing before he arrives, a situation of "you must be the fellow a friend of mine was just talking about."

Another advantage is being able to hear about the problems of the small businessmen first hand.

McKnight sees a lingering high unemployment rate in the private sector. He believes that most people would like to see federal dollars create jobs there as well as

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Miss Robin Harrell

Student Earns Scholarship

GREENSBORO — Miss Robin Lynn Harrell of Edenton has been awarded a Katharine Smith Reynolds Scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro this fall.

The Reynolds Scholarship winners were announced by the UNC-G Competitive Scholarships Committee, which selected 42 recipients from the 94 finalists in the competition. Overall, there were approximately 325 applicants from throughout North Carolina for the awards.

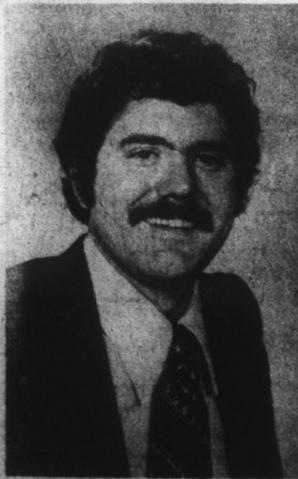
Miss Harrell is a senior at John A. Holmes High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Harrell, Route 1, Edenton.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, senior class president, is president of the high school band and is secretary of the Modern Music Masters.

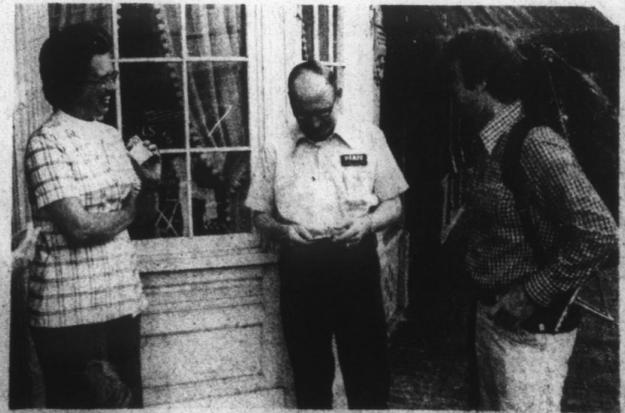
Miss Harrell was a Governor's School nominee in 1976, was junior head marshal, was voted Homecoming Queen in 1976 and has served as a tri-captain of the basketball team. She has won various sports awards and has also won honors serving as a member of the band.

She was very active in church work, is a member of the church Handbell Choir and has been on a mission trip to serve the Navajo Indians.

The amount of a Reynolds Scholarship ranges between \$500 and the total amount of money needed by an individual student. In some instances, this can go as high as \$2,200 per year. The scholarships are renewable for three additional years of undergraduate study beyond the freshman year. Thus, over four years the range of a Reynolds Scholarship would be between \$2,000 and \$8,800.



Dave McKnight



CAMPAIGNS IN EDENTON—Dave McKnight, right, candidate for U. S. Senate chats with Mrs. Bessie Perry and Guy Topplin during his campaign stop in Edenton. McKnight's campaign walk began in Dare County and will cover over 1,000 miles to Murphy in the N. C. mountains.

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