

ARPDC To Take New Direction

The board of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission put past financial problems in the background Tuesday night in accepting audit reports for fiscal 1975 and 1976 as well as a lengthy management letter.

Lead by C. A. Phillips, chairman of Chowan County commissioners and a veteran ARPDC board member, the decision was made not to "draw unusual attention to an unusual situation" but to move forward "with a fresh start."

The board voted over-

whelmingly against a motion by Macon Johnson of Camden County to turn the audit reports over to Dist. Atty. Tom Waits for further investigation. Earlier, Herbert Mullen, attorney for the board, had said in his opinion no ARPDC funds had been embezzled.

Bill Miller, director of Hyde County Department of Social Services and chairman of the defunct Albemarle Human Resources Development System, said: "If our intent is to move forward then good for the 10-county area. Revenge is our

motive then we are on the wrong course."

In his management letter, W. Speight Burrus praised Bob Whitley, executive director, and the new bookkeeper. He said Whitley had been successful recently in getting some \$24,000 owed the state Manpower Program forgiven which puts the commission in the black.

R. S. Monds of Perquimans County, ARPDC chairman, also lauded Whitley for his dedication and accomplishments.

At the end of the meeting,

Whitley sounded a positive note. He said he felt the board's action puts the commission "on track to make this one of the greatest regional organizations in the state."

One of the big contentions in the audits was the development of Edenton-Chowan Day Care Center at Chowan High School. Burrus claimed it was not authorized and that ARPDC sustained a deficit of some \$19,000. However, he said the recent manpower action wiped this out.

Speaking of the audits, Monds
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ATTENDED ELECTRIC CONGRESS — Chowan County 4-H members Joseph Goodwin and Anna Goodwin were delegates to the State 4-H Electric Congress at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, July 11-13. Theresa Turner, assistant home economics extension agent and Dick Pond, Division marketing services manager with Virginia Electric and Power Company accompanied the delegates. The 4-H'ers were selected for achievement in their electric projects.



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Public Parade

Back To Regionalism

Demolition of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development was so swift that board members, a majority of who are elected officials along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina, couldn't get a handle on it. The results have been painful for them, commission staff, and to a greater extent the ordinary citizens of the area.

Indications are now those in command are taking a page from Gov. Jim Hunt's "new beginning" speech. If the result of Tuesday night's board meeting is an indication, positive steps are being taken to re-establish a viable regional organization.

"It might not sound too good to you but it is sorta water over the dam," was the statement of R.S. Monds of Perquimans County, board chairman as he presented the auditor who had just completed reports for fiscal 1975 and 1976.

When discussions later got heated, and names began flying, cooler heads prevailed. C.A. Phillips of Chowan County, a staunch advocate of regionalism, cautioned fellow board members against "drawing unusual attention to an unusual situation."

And Bill Miller of Hyde County added: "If revenge is our motive then we are on the wrong course." To those who gave so much toward the regional concept of delivery of services, etc., the destruction of the system has been nothing short of agony.

The cancer started when ARPDC tackled program implementation and operation, something about which it knew nothing, something about which it was unable to learn anything, something which was sure to prove fatal.

When a proven system falls like a house of cards as the result of jealousy and greed it is extremely difficult to reconstruct something viable. All what was done over a period of time was undone in rapid order, but it appears ARPDC is taking a new direction which deserves the support of the people in all quarters.

The executive director has said for a year that ARPDC is getting out of the program operation business, acknowledging that it should never have gotten into it.

And by following his direction, he believes ARPDC is "on (the) track to make (it) one of the greatest regional organizations in the state."

That is what we had, but lost.
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Holley Faces Forgery Charge

Probable cause was found in Chowan County District Court Tuesday morning in the case where Louis Holley is charged with forgery.

Holley was arrested by Edenton Police Department recently after he allegedly forged the signature of Miss Gladys Simpson on a government check. The check was discovered at S&R Super Market shortly after a break-in at Edenton Post Office.

No arrests have been made regarding the break-in.

In other cases called by Asst. Dist. Atty. David Blackwell,

County To Stick To Own Funds

A Chowan County commissioner Monday called on his colleagues to authorize tax anticipation notes in order to remedy a cash flow problem rather than borrow from various county funds.

Lester Copeland expressed the opinion that it would be more businesslike to authorize the notes. Also, it would allow for

immediate extension of the county water system.

However, Chairman C.A. Phillips said the board had decided some time ago that the best option available to it was the use of money already in hand.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore agreed, saying it would be a lot of work and cost a lot of money to

change directions "when we have money we can borrow from ourselves."

Copeland's primary concern was the use of Water Department funds within the county's general fund "when there are water lines that need to be run." To borrow from that fund and not run the lines would be an "injustice to those who want and need water" in Copeland's opinion.

Phillips said the county is awaiting a final audit of the Water Department account in order to obtain some \$30,000 in additional state money. "We are right on schedule," the chairman said with regards to installing lines.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., county coordinator, had suggested at an earlier meeting that the county lease a trenching machine so lines could be installed more cheaply. He was authorized to pursue this matter while advertising bids for a new machine.

Jethro also told board members the county had been authorized 20 CETA slots and \$57,775 from another public works employment program. The State Board of Education had requested four teacher aides to work in the new Primary Reading Program and it was the general feeling of the board that they would be approved.

However, Jethro was instructed to inform all agencies within the county of the availability of the slots and request written requests.

During the special meeting, the Albemarle Area Resource Conservation & Development Plan was accepted. Commissioner N.J. George, who objected to acceptance of the plan a week earlier, said he didn't find anything in it that "locked" the
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FIELD REPRESENTATIVE—Robert S. Marsh, above center, is the new field representative for the Albemarle Feeder Pig Cooperative who will be assisting area swine producers with management problems. He is shown with Jack Parker, left, area livestock specialist, and Gene Nixon cooperative manager.

Marsh Assisting Hog Farmers

Albemarle Feeder Pig Cooperative on Paradise Road has employed Robert S. Marsh of Roper as a field representative to assist area swine producers with various management problems, reported Gene Nixon, manager of the cooperative.

Marsh, a retired Washington

County extension agent, will be working with producers in 15 counties in areas from record keeping to housing breeding stock and expanding health practices, as well as working to increase the cooperative's level of business, said Jack Parker, area livestock specialist.

The new position is made possible by N. C. Rural Fund For Development, a federally funded-state administered grant. Nixon reported that the position will be an on-going one after the grant funds are used.

Albemarle Feeder Pig Cooperative is an area market now operating on a weekly basis with a sale each Thursday.

Downtown Study Goes To Council

An architectural study of the downtown area as well as a tree survey in Edenton has been completed by the N.C. State University School of Design. Results of the study will be presented tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 P.M. at a special meeting of Town Council.

The extensive study, the first of its kind in Edenton, was done without major cost to the town.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said he would particularly like to see the downtown merchants in attendance to view the presentation.

Gardner said he understands an excellent job has been done and he personally looks forward to receiving the results of the study.

Hospital Programs

The Medical Staff and administration of Chowan Hospital announce the addition of Consultant services from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in the field of gastroenterology and pulmonary medicine beginning July 14.

The two groups will rotate visits on a monthly basis every second Thursday. The consultants will fly to Edenton via the "UNC Air Force". Each visit will be highlighted by a Continuing Education session from 8 A.M. til 9 A.M. in the hospital Conference Room. Interesting case studies will be presented with the medical student on rotation at Chowan Hospital for the month doing the workup. Area physicians and appropriate health professionals are invited to attend these sessions.

Following the Continuing Education session grand rounds will be made with the consultant seeing appropriate hospitalized patients. In addition, outpatients will be seen by appointment in the Emergency Department of Chowan Hospital.



AGRICULTURAL PERSON — Instructor Everett White of Chowan County explains a point from the text used in the Farm Forest Management course which he is teaching this summer at College of The Albemarle to Marsha Powell. Miss Powell, a junior at N.C. State University, is taking two courses offered in the Veterans Farm Training Program to expand her knowledge of agricultural operations. (COA Photo)

School Post Goes To Presley

James Sanford Presley, currently a consultant with the State Department of Public Instruction, Division of Development, will become director of instruction for the Edenton-Chowan Schools on August 1, according to Dr. Dunn, superintendent.

Presley will be filling a position vacated by the resignation of Don Lassiter, who has accepted the post of assistant superintendent of



Presley

Nash County Schools.

Presley is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and holds a Ph.D. in educational administration. In addition, he attended the Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to working with the state, Presley was superintendent of secondary education with the Harnett County Schools. Before that he was a classroom teacher and assistant principal at Greenwood High.

As directed of instruction here, he will be responsible for curriculum development, instruction, and personnel.

Presley is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is married and the father of one child.

Miss Powell Future Farmer

It's more rare than not that one can find a lovely young woman who has the interest to sit in class to learn more about the intricacies of housing livestock and how to better manage farm forestland. Most 21-year-olds are thinking about sun and sand, rock concerts or perhaps a summer wedding at this time of the year.

Pretty Marsha Powell is not too far removed from the pleasures enjoyed by her peers but, in a sense, she does hear a different drummer. Two nights each week from 5 until 10 o'clock, she attends the Veterans Farm Training Program classes at College of The Albemarle. On Tuesdays, she learns about livestock housing and equipment from Carroll Davis, and each Thursday, Everett White teaches his course in farm forest management.

Miss Powell is something of a guest student at the community college. She is regularly enrolled at N.C. State University and has a double major in animal science and agricultural business. When

she returns to Raleigh this Fall, she will begin her junior year. The 1974 Peace College Associate in Arts graduate will receive her Bachelor of Science degree from State in the Spring of 1979.

Her interest in farming and animals is a natural one. She comes from an agricultural family, likes to be outdoors and has helped around the family farm in Shawboro since she was nine years old.

Marsha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Powell. Her father farms and is engaged in a swine raising operation involving a herd of between 2,500 to 3,000 hogs.

Woman Chosen

Mrs. Yates Parrish, Edenton, Rt. 2, is representing North Carolina at the National Extension Homemakers Council meeting in Columbia, Mo., July 17-22.

The over-all conference theme is "Gateway to New Frontiers."

At the convention, North Carolina homemakers will receive six national first-place awards: three for International projects, two for Safety programs, and one in Civil Preparedness.

Tar Heel homemakers will also receive honors for their cultural arts, citizenship, Bicentennial and energy conservation efforts.

"Mrs. Helen Bell, of Dallas, a member of the Extension Homemakers organization for 50 years, will also be honored during the national meeting," added Mrs. Frank Phillips, Sr., of Newland, president of the 25,000-member state association.

Power Warning

As forecasts call for continued hot and dry weather, concern is being expressed over the danger of electricity in all parts of North Carolina exceeding the available capacity for generating power.

The N. C. Utilities Commission Tuesday called for conservation of peak electric usage. Virginia Electric & Power Company reported the customers established a one-hour peak demand of 7,700,000 kilowatts between 4 and 5 P. M. Monday.

The Veeco peak exceeded by some 9 per cent an early record established July 6.

A Veeco spokesman urged all customers to use electricity wisely during this continuing period of high electrical demand.

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