

Public Parade

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people of Eastern North Carolina need Tom Willis. It ain't right and there is something rotten on the Pitt County side of Denmark.

If Tom Willis possesses a single ingredient it is integrity. By the very nature of his charge at the Regional Development Institute he was political. There are more fatalities in politics than in any other arena, but there should always be room for compromise; room for disagreement without being disagreeable.

The annual reports told the story of the Regional Development Institute. No one, no where was coached to build an empire for Tom Willis. He was humbled to the point of embarrassment when the decision was made to name the Regional Development Institute Building in his honor. Is Don Lemis, vice chancellor, Institutional Advancement and Planning, going to get the assignment from Dr. Brewer to scrub the name?

We have pointed out time and time again of a growing indication that an attitude is developing in the State of Pitt that doesn't include us in the hitherlands. Tom Willis doesn't share this attitude and it could very well have contributed to his demise.

Tom Willis is a practical man. He has paid his dues in the school of hard knocks; he has more logic in his little finger than all the egg heads in the entire University of North Carolina system.

The bitterness Tom Willis expressed in the following memorandum to Dr. Lemis is out of character. It should sound a warning, raise a flag, or whatever, and for that reason we are passing it along as it came to us:

Because of your persistent harrassment of me and interference in the day to day management of the Regional Development Institute, I hereby submit my resignation. Although I realize that this action will interrupt my retirement plans, life insurance and hospitalization, the constant stress has adversely affected my health and I consider this of paramount importance.

You have constantly called me negative and a prophet of "gloom and doom" whenever I did not agree with you or the administration. My record of public service and accomplishment throughout Eastern North Carolina is well known and will be acknowledged by my people, I am sure.

I look forward to having the next several months to observe the policies and philosophies of the administration of East Carolina University as they relate to public service in Eastern North Carolina. I had looked forward to being a part of the continuing development of our great state through the Regional Development Institute and sincerely regret that this now impossible.

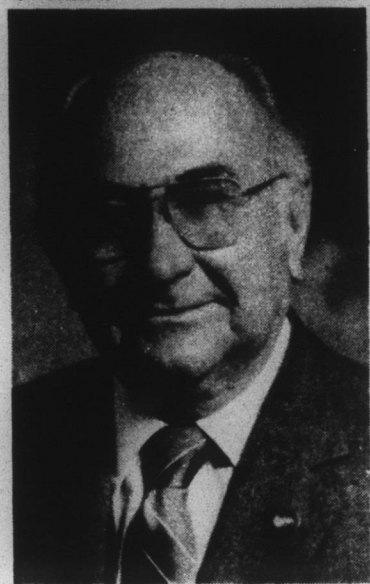
Welcome

Although a bit tardy, we want to welcome TG&Y and Shoe Show to the business community along the Public Parade. Soon they will be joined by Food Town and Catos. Revco Drugs has been in the Edenton Village Shopping Center for some months.

Tarheel Bank & Trust Company, headquartered in Gatesville, and Pizza Hut were the first tenants on

James Makes Visit To Japan

Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank was among the 34 agri-business people who left on July 14 for the People's Republic of China.



Rep. Vernon G. James

This is one of the first agri-business groups to visit the People's Republic of China. They will visit farms, talk with producers and purchasers, have meetings with government leaders and potential importers.

They plan to visit the Great Wall before they return on August 2.

This trip was arranged by the N. C. Soybean Producers Association in cooperation with the N. C. Department of Agriculture. The trip was planned to stimulate agricultural and agri-business trade between North Carolina and the People's Republic of China.

Rep. James is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee in the N. C. General Assembly.

Resignation

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two previous high schools and described Todd's action during this period as "exemplary".

When announcing Todd's resignation; Dr. Dunn stated that James Kinion, Assistant Superintendent, will serve as acting principal at Holmes until a successor is named. The school system will be accepting applications for this position through July 31 and expects to name a replacement by August 14.

A native of Bertie County, Todd expressed mixed emotions about leaving Chowan County as a principal and beginning in Bertie County as a superintendent. "I'm looking forward to the definite challenge which faces me in this position, and" he said, "I'm going home."

Prior to his arrival in Edenton, Todd was principal at North Edgemore High School for eight years. Before that he was employed for one and a half years as a teacher and two years as an assistant principal at Bertie Senior High School, his alma mater.

Todd acknowledged that his new role as superintendent would be totally different from having his own campus, which he will definitely miss.

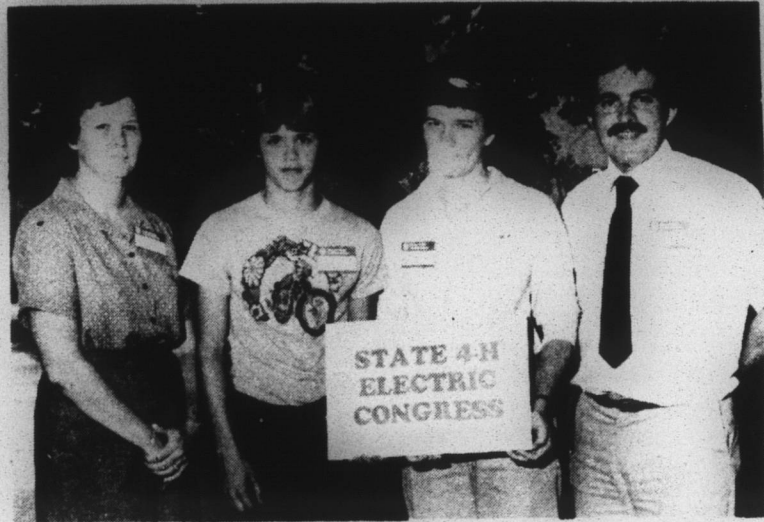
As Superintendent of Bertie County Schools, Todd will have the responsibilities involved with ten schools. There are five thousand students enrolled in the one senior high school, one junior high school and eight elementary schools in Bertie.

Wins First Place

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has given over two and a half million dollars in scholarships to the youth of all races.

Sherrod plans to attend the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill this fall.

Accompanying Sherrod on Sunday of last week were his mother, Mrs. Carolina Banks, and brothers; Dr. Kenneth Banks and Darryl Banks, along with many Elks supporters from District II.



ATTEND 4 - H ELECTRIC CONGRESS — Chowan County 4 - H members Mike Pippins, Route 1, Belvidere, second from left, and Colleen Jordan, Route 1, Tyner, were delegates to the State 4 - H Electric Congress at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, July 13-15. Ann Jordan, Colleen's mother and a 4 - H leader and Brady Martin, Virginia Electric and Power Company marketing services representative, accompanied the delegates. The 4 - H'ers were selected for achievement in their electric projects. Virginia Electric and Power Company sponsored their trip. The Congress was conducted by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Rec. Director Gets The Axe

Mike Johnson, director of Parks and Recreation in Edenton, was fired last week during an executive session of Town Council. A highly reliable source said Mayor Roy L. Harrell cast the decisive vote after council voted 3-3 on the motion.

Johnson had submitted his resignation earlier in the month, to be effective September 1. In the letter he cited "Political harrassment" in the operation of

Revaluation Firm Appearance Slated

At the July 13 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the following things were discussed.

It was decided that the revaluation firm will appear before the Board on September 1 to present an update on the progress of the revaluation for the county.

The county water system was discussed, along with new ways to enhance treatment capacities. Authorization will be needed before the treatment capacities can be expanded.

Dallas Jethro, his two-year term as County Tax Supervisor having ended, was reappointed for another term.

Marjorie Allen has resigned from the Edenton Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals since her employment with the election board. There have been no replacements yet to complete her term, which runs through June 30, 1983.

There was also talk about the NCACC Annual Conference. This will be held in Winston-Salem on August 13-16. The possibility of appointing a voting delegate was also discussed.

the department.

The Chowan Herald has learned that Mayor Harrell had requested Johnson to provide him with specifics to the charges made in the letter of resignation. The mayor reported that Johnson had not complied with his request.

Councilmen Steve Hampton, James P. Ricks, Jr., and Willis Privott allegedly voted to give Johnson a two-week notice, beginning July 20. Councilmen Allen Hornthal, W. H. Hollowell, Jr., and Gil Burroughs opposed the motion. It was then, according to the source, that Mayor Harrell voted to fire Johnson, if he refused to resign.

Mrs. Janet Boswell, acting finance officer, said Tuesday afternoon that the council had been meeting in executive session to discuss applications for the position of town administrator, vacated by W. B. Gradner on July 4. She said more than 30 applications had been received and were being reviewed by the entire council.

Graham Requests Reagan Support

RALEIGH — N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham has written President Reagan asking his support for the continuation of the peanut program.

In a recent letter, Graham told President Reagan that "administration proposals will essentially ruin the operating procedures which have been developed since mandatory price support loans and marketing quotas were established for peanuts in the Agricultural Act of 1938.

"As recently as 1979, 80 per cent of the banks surveyed in the North Carolina - Virginia peanut producing area indicated that growers would have trouble obtaining financing in the absence of the price support system for peanuts," Graham stated in his letter.

"In summary, I am opposed to the approach that is being taken by the administration because it will be a dramatic departure from the existing peanut program and will inflict economic injury on North Carolina peanut farmers," the letter concluded.

Wiggins Ordered

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following other action taken:

Robert Wayne Sharples, no operator's license, \$50 fine and costs.

Richard Welch, assault on a female, 120 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

James Ervin White, motor vehicle violation, costs.

Thirza Shields, worthless check, called and failed.

Adah Leary, worthless check, dismissed. James Henry Leardy, husband of the defendant, was convicted of passing the check. He was sentenced to 10 days, suspended upon payment of court costs and make restitution.

Curtis Holley, uttering and forgery, probable cause found and cases bound over to the September 24 term of Chowan County Superior Court.

Grace Holley, worthless check, three days, suspended upon payment of costs and make restitution.

Dan Junior Benbery, assault with a deadly weapon, probable cause found the case bound over to the September 24 term of Chowan County Superior Court.

Latjerome Harris, trespass, 20 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Kenneth Harris, assault, dismissed.

Alice Holly Roulac, assault with a deadly weapon, six months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs and make restitution.

Isaac Taylor, assault by pointing a gun, 120 days, suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs. The was ordered confiscated and sold by Sheriff Troy Toppin.

Dina Fleming, larceny, six months, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs and make restitution.

John Phillip Lawrence, trespass, 30 days.

Joseph Keith Byrum, larceny, dismissed.

Elmer Elsworth Beatty, shoplifting, six days. He was given credit for time served awaiting trial.

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