

A New Mess

All Northeastern North Carolina needs is another controversy. And we appear to have it in the form of yet another commission. It is the Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow group which was formed recently.

Even before the new group was formally organized, the chairman-to-be Joe Parker of Ahoskie threw the fat in the fire over Gov. James B. Hunt's statements regarding Virginia Electric & Power Company.

The legislators have recently organized the Northeastern North Carolina Caucus, with Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington as chairman. And if any group, old or new, expects to enjoy any degree of success it must have the support of elected officials.

However, before the minutes of the Tomorrow group's minutes could be compiled, Joe Parker and Rep. Vernon James got involved in a shoot-out. Mr. Parker, the newspaper baron out of Ahoskie, had published in his newspaper an editorial critical of Gov. Hunt, along with Rep. James.

(Rep. Vernon James' letter can be found on Page 10-A. A recent news item on the subject being discussed here can be found on Page 10-A.)

Gov. Hunt held a news (?) conference recently in Raleigh to restate his stand on Vepco. In our estimation it was a "non-news conference" because the reports we read didn't differ all that much from what he said here in Edenton on September 9.

Our favorite morning newspaper circulated along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina headlined the account: "Hunt Keeps Vepco Stand." We didn't know, except for Mr. Parker's editorial, that Gov. Hunt had ever made gestures to let his stand against Vepco go.

At an earlier meeting of area leaders which developed into the Tomorrow group, it was evident that Mr. Parker would become chairman. The only trouble we have with that is his being head of Operation Overcharge, a anti-Vepco citizen movement which has been very successful.

There was no question in this writer's mind about the tact Gov. Hunt was about to take. If Mr. Parker's representative at a July 10 meeting at the Governor's Mansion had reported to him sufficiently, neither should there have been an element of doubt in his mind either.

And the thing about the role of Rep. James in a bill to establish a study commission that very day aimed Vepco, could have been reported differently if more than one source had been contacted. We were in the Legislative Building that morning and participated in a conversation with Rep. James and Rep. Charles Evans of Dare County. And Rep. James did his bit in public to delete "Northeastern North Carolina" from the measure.

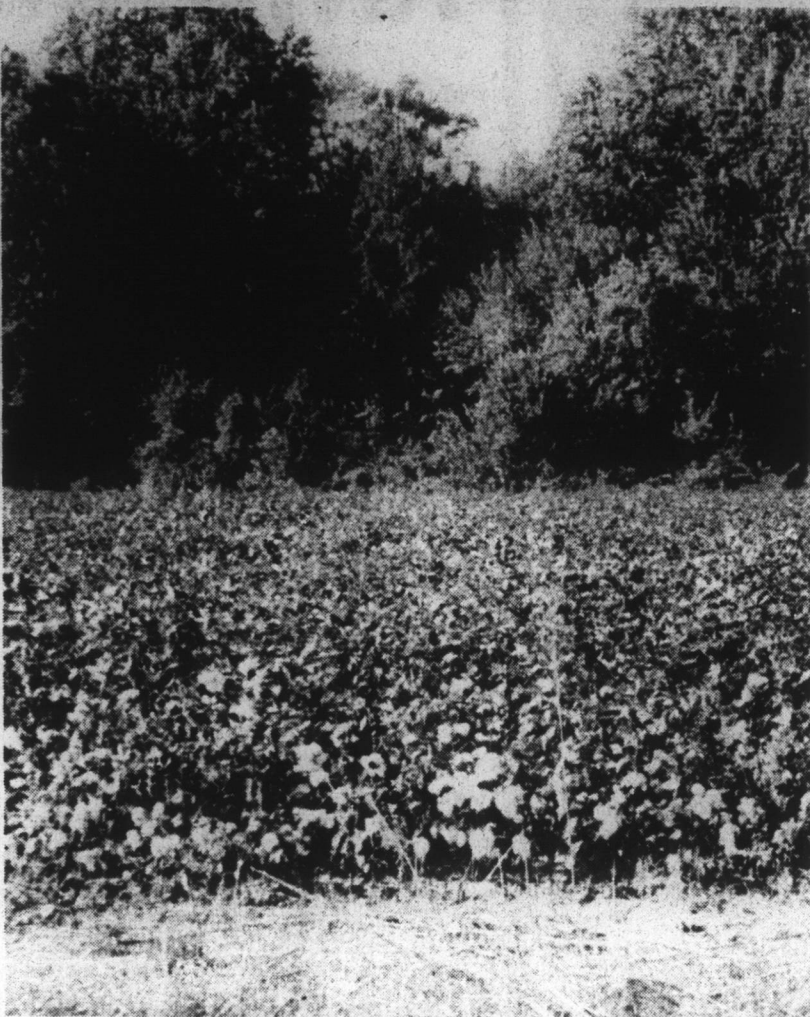
Gov. Hunt has mellowed somewhat on Vepco. This is justified. Vepco didn't get in the shape its in over night and it can't reverse things in a like span of time. Steps, in fact great strides, have been taken by the utility company to reverse the trend of having the highest electric rates of the three suppliers in North Carolina.

Gov. Hunt has recognized this fact, and rightly so. Another thing which has happened in Northeastern North Carolina which has drawn little or no publicity is the fact that industrial expansion in the region during 1980-81 either created or will create 7,167 new jobs and will have an investment of nearly \$670-million. Not enough of them are in the Albemarle Area.

Something must be done to curb utility rates across the state, not just in the Albemarle Area. This is what the bill in the General Assembly is meant to do.

While we question the need for yet another commission - like the Tomorrow group - everyone associated with it in leadership roles must be something more than half-hearted. It will take the

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THE COTTON HARVEST IS ALMOST HERE — Now that harvest time is here, care should be taken to control the cotton boll weevil, pest control officials from the N. C. Department of Agriculture say. Moving of used harvesting equipment, unginning cotton and cotton plants is prohibited without a permit.

Boll Weevils Are Big Concern

RALEIGH — Keeping the cotton boll weevil out of the weevil-free area north and east of Fayetteville is a major concern of N. C. Department of Agriculture pest control officials.

"Now that cotton harvesting is well underway in the state, it is most important that growers, ginners and cotton researchers take extra care in moving articles capable of carrying the boll weevil such as unginning cotton and used cotton harvesting equipment into the weevil-free area from points outside the eradication zone," said Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham.

The commissioner said that

Ducks Unlimited Holding Banquet

The Albemarle Chapter of Ducks Unlimited has announced that its 9th annual banquet will be held at The American Legion Building on October 28 at 6:30 P.M. Chapter Chairman Jim Brown of Peoples Bank & Trust Co. feels the fund-raising function should be marked on the calendar by anyone who is interested in the future of North America's waterfowl.

"The Ducks Unlimited success story," said Brown, "is really starting to spread around. Banquets much like our chapter event held throughout the country last year contributed towards Ducks Unlimited's national fund-raising effort which raised \$20-million during 1979 alone.

Tickets, which are \$35, include a one-year DU membership and a subscription to the organization's magazine. Call John Woolard, Jr., at 482-3384 for tickets and further details.

Low Rainfall Prevents Algae Bloom Occurrence

Major blooms of blue-green algae did not occur on the Chowan River this year due to below normal rainfall and river flow. The drought conditions allowed salt water which reduces growth of blue-green algae to move as far up the river as Winton.

However, high levels of nutrients which trigger algae growth still exist in the Chowan and could cause future blooms, reports the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Robert F. Helms, director of the NRC Division of Environmental Management, says that levels of nitrogen and phosphorus still entering the river are too great for the river to escape future blooms under normal spring and summer weather conditions.

A cooperative North Carolina - Virginia effort to control algal growth is now underway in the Chowan River Basin. This effort, entitled the Chowan River Restoration Project (CHORE), focuses on a short-term action plan to reduce the amount of nutrients entering the river to the lowest practical levels.

A long-term Chowan River quality management plan is also being prepared by the two states. As the volume of nutrients entering the river is reduced and the level of nutrients already in the river gradually

from 1978 through 1980 a trial weevil eradication program was carried out in eastern North Carolina which eliminated the destructive insect.

"Our pest control specialists are concerned that the boll weevil could be reintroduced into the free area if precautions are not taken to prevent it," Graham said.

Under the regulations of the Boll Weevil Eradication Act, movement of used harvesting equipment, unginning cotton and cotton plants is prohibited without a permit.

Persons moving any of these articles into the eradication zone should contact their local agricultural extension service or the N. C. Department of Agriculture, Post Office Box 27647, Raleigh, N.C. 27611; phone 919-733-6930.

Democratic Resolutions Get Cool Response

Chowan County's Democratic Executive Committee is pushing county commissioners for action on two of three resolutions adopted at the party convention in April. They involved the composition of the county board as well as the method of electing the members.

The resolutions call for the nomination and election of candidates in townships in which they live and that the county be divided into electoral townships of as near equal in population as possible.

Another resolution from the convention on April 19, dealt with spreading out appointments by the board among the different townships.

At the present time, candidates must reside in certain township but are voted on countywide.

Town Council Gives Approval To Mr. Noble

The Town Council of Edenton met Oct. 13 in a regular session. First on the agenda was the appointment of Town Administrator Sam Noble to the position of Town Clerk.

The meeting was continued with the authorization that Mayor Roy Harrell sign and certify all necessary documentation related to the Edenton Area Complex 201 Facilities Plan.

There was further discussion concerning the discharge of waste water fluents into the Sound rather than proceeding with the Land Application Study.

A meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 20 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss the East Edenton Drainage Project and talk with engineer L. E. Wooten and associates concerning the 201 Facilities Plan.

The Town Council also tabled the subject of Community Identification Signs and referred it to the Finance Committee. The council decided to send a letter to the Department of Transportation to request a distance sign between Windsor and Edenton.

The November Council meeting scheduled for Nov. 10 has been changed to Nov. 17, due to the League of Municipalities meeting that will be held during Nov. 8 through Nov. 10.

In other business the Council refused Caley Jasper Rountree's request that they grant him a permit to operate a taxicab in the Town of Edenton, due to his previous driving record.

Judge Hears Variety Of Court Cases

The following cases were heard in the Chowan County District Court on October 13 by the presiding judge, Grafton G. Beamon.

William Hardy, suspended sentence invoked, committed.

James Henry Leary, no operator's license, \$25 fine and cost of court.

Gladys Harvey Hill, failure to report accident, voluntary dismissal. Hit and run and DUI consolidated, 6 months suspended for 3 years on unsupervised probation, \$400 fine, and pay cost



CANCER CRUSADE — Pete Thompson, left, who works as the Agri-Business Consultant with People's Bank & Trust Co., and is the President of the Cancer Crusade is shown with Pam Stallings, the Crusade Chairman. The Cancer Crusade began Oct. 1.

Cancer Crusade Activities Encourage Participation By County Residents

Chowan County's annual Cancer Crusade began October 1. The first event of the Crusade was the Business Week Drive that is coming to a close. During the month, and beyond, events will be scheduled that allow each resident of Chowan County to participate and donate as they see fit.

Car washes, radio telethons, balloon sales, and door to door canvassing, which are now under way, are some of the ways the crusade workers will reach citizens. As in any other year, memorial gifts will be added to our goal of \$6,500.

Crusade workers for the year are: Pete Thompson, President, Agri-Business Consultant with People's Bank and Trust Co.; Pam Stallings, Crusade Chairman; Spec Jones, First Vice President; Carolyn Bunch, Secretary; Pat Jordan, Treasurer; Pete Dail, Ser. Ch.; Claire Mills, Prof. Ed.; Chris Bean, Legacies; Marvin Barham, Loan Closet; Lola Bass, Uterine Task Force; Sally Blount, Public Education; Deanna Darnell, Publicity; Ruth Frinks, Black Task Force; Annette Woglom, Ed. Woman's Club; Fran Ward and Mary Julia Parrish, Extension Clubs; Cindy Devine, Special Events; Sarah White, Bus. Ch.; Carrie Earnhardt, Memorials; and Judy Hughes, Contact Person.

of court in each case. Mary Jordan, seven counts of unemployment insurance fraud consolidated, 6 months suspended 4 years on unsupervised probation, \$100 fine, and cost of court in each case. Raymond Brown, larceny, 60 days suspended for 2 years, \$50 fine and cost of court. Appealed. Ann Fleming, shoplifting, 90 days suspended for 3 years, \$50 fine and cost of court, and ordered to remain off the premises of Roses for 3 years. George Wesley Wheeler, improper equipment, dismissed.

Mrs. Goodwin Is Recognized

CHARLOTTE — Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, Jr., Route 3, Edenton is one of 12 Tar Heel women to receive a leadership award for her work in cooperation with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

The awards, made each year to the two top leaders from each of six districts, are sponsored by A&P.

Based on their efforts in Extension Homemakers, Community Development and 4-H programs, the women are scored on their organizational work, project work and participation in club activities.

In addition, each woman writes a narrative describing the values she has received from her leader work.

Mrs. Goodwin has held numerous offices in the Exterprise Extension Homemakers Club. She has served as president of the Chowan County Extension Homemakers Council, and corresponding secretary for the Northeastern District Council.

Mrs. Goodwin has been active in her church and in Colonial Squares.

As a leadership award winner, Mrs. Goodwin received a silver tray. Awards were presented at the fall meeting of the North Carolina Extension Homemakers Association held here October 14-16.



Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, Jr.