

# Commissioners Hear CP&L Report

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## Leaders Advance

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., recently appointed Tom Bradshaw chairman of the state Environmental Management Commission and Dean J. E. Legates of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences at N. C. State University chose Dr. Chester D. Black director of the state Agricultural Extension Service.

It was a case of two good leaders selecting two seasoned professionals for important posts in Tar Heelia.

In the case of Mr. Bradshaw it was a lateral movement from one hot seat to another. Until only recently he was secretary of transportation.

And in the case of Dr. Black it was a well deserved promotion for he paid his dues many times over as associate director to Dr. T. Carlton Blalock, who retired yesterday.

Gov. Hunt pointed out that Mr. Bradshaw "has shown a special sensitivity to environmental issues." The most vivid case which immediately comes to mind is his approach to access of the Currituck Outer Banks. As secretary of transportation he was firm but fair and sent forward a recommendation based on fact, not emotion.

The new EMC chairman is accustomed, then, to handling hot issues. He was the first to respond positively when an odor of corruption over private sector bids on construction projects surfaced. He handled Gov. Hunt's increase in the gasoline tax with the same vigor.

Gov. Hunt pretty well summed up the caliber of leader he has in Mr. Bradshaw with this statement: "I know that Tom Bradshaw's background in local and state government will be great assets in his work as chairman of this important board."

People over in Ricks Hall on the West Raleigh Branch of the Greater University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill cheered Dean Legates' selection of Chet Black as extension director.

These have been difficult times financially for the Agricultural Extension Service, primarily because the Federal Government has not adequately supported the three way partnership with local and state governments. As associate director for the past two years, Dr. Black's primary responsibility has been in the area of budgets. And he has proven himself man enough for the job.

He has been prudent while never missing an opportunity to put in worthwhile licks for strengthening, not merely maintaining, the partnership of governments.

Dr. Black has strongly supported Dr. Blalock's top priority - reintroduction of a new advisory leadership system. They, along with Dr. Paul Dew, have consistently supported recommendations of the State Advisory Council, which has caught fire because of administrative leadership.

But Dean Legates put it all into proper perspective when he announced his selection. He said: "Dr. Black moves to the position from a proven record of performance. His dedication, fair-mindedness, high sense of personal values and leadership ex-

WILSON — The Board of Commissioners of North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 3 (NCMPA 3) heard a report here last week that Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) has cancelled the construction of Harris Units 3 and 4, and delayed the projected commercial operation dates for Harris Unit 2 and Mayo Unit 2 by one year each.

CP&L had previously indicated that the cancellation of two of the four units at its Harris Nuclear Plant was a possibility, and the Power Agency's negotiating team was aware of that during the purchase negotiations with the company.

In its preliminary engineering report, adopted by the Agency's board July 30, the effect of having Harris 3 and 4 cancelled was projected. In general terms the cancellation is expected to reduce annual power cost savings by the Agency from 11 or 12 per cent to 7 or 8 per cent per year. However, the cancellation will also reduce the total amount of bonds to be issued by the Agency from about \$5-billion to about \$2.8-billion. The projected cumulative monetary savings through the year 2003 will be reduced from an estimated \$1.7-billion to an estimated \$1.2-billion.

Additional studies will have to be run by the Agency's engineer on the effects of the one-year delay in two of the seven other generating units in which the Agency will acquire an ownership interest. Those studies will incorporate more recent operating cost estimates and current financing cost projections. The results should be available in early January, said Ralph W. Shaw, the Agency's general manager.

"The result of the cancellation of two Harris units is that the size of our ownership is reduced so,

## Services Are Held For Mr. Heckstall

WINDSOR — Graveside services were held here Saturday for William Cadmus (Brother) Heckstall, owner of Coastal Concrete Corp. The 2 P. M. services were directed by Rev. Jack Byrd in Edgewood Cemetery.

Mr. Heckstall, 41, died Friday in his home.

Coastal Concrete Corp., had plants in Windsor, Edenton, Plymouth, and Nags Head. Mr. Heckstall also owned a large amount of farmland.

He was a native of Windsor and the son of Mrs. Doris Jenkins Heckstall and the husband of Mrs. Jane Peele Heckstall.

In addition to his wife and mother, surviving are two sons: W. C. Heckstall, Jr., and Edward Gatling Heckstall of the home; a sister, Mrs. Barbara Proctor of Charlotte; a half-sister, Mrs. Ray Betts of Charlotte; and two half-brothers: John F. Williams of Pine Bluff and Donald Williams of Chapel Hill.

Mr. Heckstall was a member of Cashie Baptist Church.

periences fit him uniquely to lead the service."

The Environmental Management Commission and the Agricultural Extension Service are in good hands. We predict the leaders who have advanced will draw on the past and continue on a course of sound progress in the future.

naturally, our savings potential is reduced, but there is no question that this is a very good project and one that will save the participating cities billions of dollars in future power costs," Shaw said Wednesday in a prepared news release. "Given future load growth projections, we believe CP&L's decision to cancel was one that will directly benefit the company and its customers."

The Power Agency will now acquire undivided ownership interests in Brunswick Units 1 and 2, Roxboro Unit 4, Harris Units 1 and 2 and Mayo Units 1 and 2. The elimination of Harris Units 3 and 4 (in which the Agency would have purchased a 16.5 per cent ownership) will reduce the Agency's project by about 24 per cent, from an aggregate 1222 megawatts to 925 megawatts.

In other business, the Agency board adopted an interim all-requirements power rate for the 11 Northeastern North Carolina municipalities in the Virginia Electric and Power Company (Veeco) service area that will begin receiving power from the Agency at 12:01 A.M. on December 30. The rate is expected to remain in effect until the Agency closes on its purchase of ownership interests in CP&L generating facilities. The first closing is projected to occur on February 25, 1982. NCMPA 3 has estimated that the participants now served by Veeco will realize a savings of about 3 per cent between December 30, and first closing with CP&L.

NCMPA 3's other 21 participating municipalities, all of which are now wholesale customers of CP&L, will begin receiving Agency power at the time of the first closing on the project. The Agency's bulk power rate for those 21 municipalities will likely be set in early February, at the time when the Agency meets to sell its first issuance of electric revenue bonds.

All 32 municipalities in the Agency's joint-ownership project with CP&L will begin paying the same rate for all requirements bulk power in early 1984.

The board also approved a name change for the Agency at the advice of their managing underwriter, who will supervise the marketing of the Agency's bonds. The board adopted the name, North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency. The change was made to eliminate any potential investor confusion between the

## Ratify Contract

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president, said: "I am pleased with the ratification. While there has been some public comment on the size of the increase, I am confident that our continuing increases in productivity will demonstrate to our customers that the wage increase is warranted."

Carolina Telephone serves some 560,000 customers in 50 of the state's 100 counties, mostly in Eastern Carolina. It is a subsidiary of United Telecommunications Inc., headquartered in Kansas City, Mo.

Agency and other public power agencies.

Kinston Mayor Simon C. Sitterton Jr. was re-elected chairman of the Agency for 1982, Laurinburg City Manager Peter G. Vandenberg was re-elected vice chairman, and Tarboro Town Manager David R. Taylor was renamed secretary-treasurer.

## Hog Breeding Decline Noted

All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms December 1, totaled 1,980,000 head, a decrease of 20 per cent from a year earlier, according to the N. C. Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This inventory consisted of 275,000 head kept for breeding purposes, 19 per cent below last year and 1,705,000 market hogs, down 20 percent. North Carolina ranks 7th in the nation in the total number of hogs and pigs.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 105,000 sows during the next three months—December, 1981-February, 1982—12 per cent below the same period a year ago. March-May 1982 farrowings are expected to total 100,000, down 17 per cent from March through May, 1981.

During the past three month period, September-November, North Carolina producers farrowed 100,000 sows down 23 per cent from the comparable period a year earlier. Litters averaged 7.5 pigs-up from an average of 7.3 a year ago. The pig crop totaled 750,000 head, down 21 per cent from the previous year.


United States: Hogs and pigs on farms December 1, in the United States are estimated at 58.7 million head, down 9 per cent from a year earlier and 13 per cent below December 1, 1979. Hogs and pigs kept for breeding are estimated at 7.8-million and market hogs and pigs are estimated to total 50.8-million head.

Nationally, producers intend to farrow 5.8-million sows during the December, 1981-May, 1982, period. If realized, farrowings will be 11 percent below the same period last year.

The U. S. pig crop September-November, 1981 totaled 22.6-million head, down 9 per cent from the previous year. The average litter size was 7.39 pigs compared with 7.26 a year earlier.

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# Hwy. Improvement Updated

RALEIGH — Among items approved by the North Carolina Board of Transportation recently was the update of the state's Highway Improvement Program.

Marc Basnight of Manteo, a member of the N. C. Board of Transportation, said money is in the program to complete the U. S. 17 project from north of Elizabeth City to the Virginia line. Total allocations for FY 82 and 83 total \$12.8-million on the 16.2 mile stretch.

Basnight pointed out that the total project cost is nearly \$42-million with more than \$30-million already allocated.

Another U. S. 17 project is also in the program. It is \$410,000 for a section between NC 45 and Windsor.

While no funds are now available, the replacement of the Highway 32 bridge across Albemarle Sound is contained in the program. The cost is expected to be excess of \$37.5-million. Money is being sought from the Federal Aid to Bridge Replacement program, but no such funds are now anticipated for

## District Splitting

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decision is what changed his mind, he said. He described his change of attitude as "biting the bullet." Harrington is a member of the Senate Committee on Legislative Redistricting that will be drawing any new plan that is needed. He said he expected the 1st Senatorial District to be divided.

Told in a telephone interview Wednesday of Harrington's comments, Daniels laughed. "You don't want to give me a heart attack before Christmas, do you?" he said. The two senators had not recently discussed the matter, he said.

Daniels said he had "no problem" representing any or all of the counties now in the district. He emphasized that he was not trying to get rid of any particular ones.

"But I have felt all along two things," he said. "One is that if reapportionment ever went to court, that single-member districts would be required. The other is the difficulty of representing a region of 14 counties."

"Monk and I work together beautiful," he said, handling opposite sides of the Chowan River in the north and working together in the south.

But, he thinks, it would be more effective representation to work it with 20 municipalities instead of 40 and seven or eight county boards instead of 14.

Harrington's position has been that a district with two senators gives the area the advantage of two spokesmen with different interests and experience.

Harrington said the Justice Department's position was that minority constituents might stand a better chance of dominating the vote in one of the districts when a large district is divided. He said that in the division of the districts he would expect to be representing an area roughly balanced racially, while Daniels would be in an predominantly white district.

Harrington was not specific on his vision of the two districts. But he said that a division might give Daniels the coastal counties and his own area would encompass the inland counties.

Neither of the senators was involved in the meeting this week where recommendations were made for the next steps in handling the Justice Department's decision.

Daniels complained about what he called an "inner power play" by legislators he wouldn't name. "The leadership" in Raleigh has gone beyond what a lot of us would like in making decisions for us," he said.

He said he was not alone in that opinion. It was a topic of discussion, he said, at the recent annual political and social get-together hosted by Harrington.

The committee meeting here this week included Sen. Ken Royall, D-Durham; Sen. Harold Hardison, D-Lenoir; Rep. Al Adams, D-Wake; Rep. George Miller, D-Durham; Sen. Julian Allshook, D-Halifax; Rep. Bob Jones, D-Rutherford; and others.

the immediate future.

"The new program," explained Secretary of Transportation Bill Roberson, "is the result of hard work by our board of transportation members who have been representing the transportation needs and establishing priorities for the areas they serve. It also is the result of public meetings across the state on a highway division-by-division basis to receive the public's input."

"The effects of soaring inflation and declining revenues are reflected in the update. Many projects scheduled for construction in the previous program have become inactive or substantially delayed. We have tried to put available money in those places where it is most vitally needed for reasons of safety, economic development and equity."

"We have emphasized highway maintenance because it is through maintenance, of course, that we protect the public's huge investment in North Carolina's existing 76,000-mile highway system," Roberson said.

He added, "That system is being protected thanks to the additional highway maintenance funds being provided by Gov. Jim Hunt's 'Good Roads' program which was passed by the 1981 General Assembly."

Gov. Hunt commented, "Bill Roberson and the board of transportation have worked hard to make our highway program more efficient and to put every dime and dollar to the wisest possible use. They, as well as transportation personnel, should be commended for their efforts and a job well done."

Other items on the agenda, which the board approved, involved 10 highway improvement contracts totaling \$17-million. Four of those contracts called for work on US 17 in Camden and Pasquotank counties, the I-40 extension in New Hanover County, I-85 in Davidson County and US-23-441 in Jackson County.

## NCDOT Retains Kimley-Horn

The N. C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has retained Kimley-Horn and Associates to study US-17 from Virginia to the South Carolina line and prepare a guide for use by the State Board of Transportation in programming future improvements.

Kimley-Horn and Associates has developed alternative improvement concepts for US-17 and is actively seeking public input and comment on these alternatives. A series of public meetings at strategic locations along US-17 has been scheduled. Three of these public meetings are scheduled in the Albemarle region as follows:

Tuesday, January 12, 1982 - Williamston Town Hall, Assembly Room (2nd Floor), E. Main Street, 7:30 P.M.

Wednesday, January 13, 1982 - Edenton Municipal Bldg. Council Chamber, S. Broad Street, 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, January 14, 1982 - Elizabeth City, Knobbs Creek Recreation Center (on Ward Street), 7:30 P.M.

Presentations at each meeting will focus on the county and adjoining counties where the meeting is held. Comments on any part of US-17 will be appropriate however.

For more information, interested citizens should contact Mr. T. L. Waters, Manager of Planning & Research, North Carolina Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 25201, Raleigh, NC 27611 or Jim Zimmerman, Kimley-Horn and Associates, P. O. Box 33037, Raleigh, N.C. 27606.



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