

Letter To The Editor: Council's Attitude Deplored

To the Editor:
I just returned from witnessing an event that brought tears to my eyes for two distinct, yet closely related, reasons. The first is Allen Hornthal who resigned from the Town Council tonight after seven years of serving our community. The second has to do with one of the most astounding displays of misuse of public funds ever recorded in the annals of local government anywhere.

Following yet another tie vote, Mayor Roy Harrell cast the deciding vote to refund a portion of the Vepco rebate equally, at a rate of \$50.00 per customer to all residential users. It made no difference if your bill was \$20.00 per month or \$200.00 per month, each user got the same \$50.00. It made no difference if you received a subsidy from the government or paid for your consumption totally from your earnings, you got the same \$50.00.

Noticeably exempt from the rebate were all businesses which use the greatest amount of electricity, provide the jobs, and

pay a high percentage of the taxes that enable this community to function. They were told by the Mayor and Steve Hampton that \$50.00 would make no difference to them without any apparent awareness of the principle being violated.

One must again ask, how long are the citizens of this town going to tolerate a government that is committed to self service and power, rather than to the betterment of the community and equal treatment of its taxpayers? Outside of Washington, I have never seen a more clear cut demonstration of the redistribution of wealth as what took place tonight, with political overtones so blatant even the most naive observer had to chuckle in disbelief.

Allen Hornthal, upon seeing this action take place before a packed meeting where no citizen was allowed to voice his opinion on the rebate issue, reached a saturation point whereupon he conceded his seat. Yet another dedicated public servant pushed out by "the unyielding machine"

that is calling all the shots, he joins Harry Spruill, Mike Johnson, Bill Gardner and Luther Parks who have publicly stated or implied that their abilities to function had ceased due to continued interference from the mayor's office.

You and I know how difficult it is to find and keep able leaders in any elected position and Allen is a perfect example of what we need. Doesn't it strike you as strange that he could be thought of in such high esteem by the leaders of other local governments to be appointed to serve on both the League of Municipalities and the Electricities Board at the state level, but is appointed to the Tree Committee in his own community? Isn't it equally strange to have the Mayor refuse his request to serve on other committees that have a more direct bearing on the effectiveness of our local government to which he can lend his insight based only on his own experience here in Edenton, but also from his ties to the above mentioned organizations? We can't afford to lose another person of this caliber, but we have.

This is sad folks! How long will we let the list continue to grow? Who is to blame? Are not we, the voters, responsible for our own fate? I appeal to your intelligence and just plain common sense to identify and get behind a movement that will overturn the iron grip of machine politics and elect people who will once again put service above self.

Status quo will not survive

in the competitive and complex situations that surround us today. We must entrust the welfare and progress of this community to farsighted leaders and end this era of in-fighting

and stagnation that has marked the Edenton political scene in recent years. Again, the decision is ours and the time for action is now.

Roland H. Vaughan

The Virginia Pops will be taking its show on the road when it performs in Franklin on March 10 and in Elizabeth City on March 11.

The Walter Noona Trio will be featured at the March 10 concert at Franklin High School in such popular pieces as Duke Ellington's "Satin Doll" and "New York, New York."

The March 11 concert at the S. L. Sheep Auditorium

in Elizabeth City will feature many of the same pieces plus a special section of love songs for piano and strings. Featured on piano will be Conductor Noona, playing such familiar songs as "Nadia's Theme," "Feelings," "Send in the Clowns" and French love songs.

Curtain time is also 8 P.M.

Accepted

MURFREESBORO — Marvin Darnell Moring of Edenton and a senior at John A. Holmes High School has been accepted for admissions to Chowan College for the fall semester beginning August 22, 1982.

The Belk Tyler Group Advertising Department recently won two prizes in an international competition sponsored by the Retail Advertising Conference.

The Best Ads of '81 RAC competition awarded Belk Tyler "Awards of Excellence-Print" for "Dingo Boots" and "Colors on Canvas". "Dingo Boots" was a campaign of ads run during the back-to-school season. "Colors on Canvas" was a half-page color ad on Heirsch shoes.

Harold Gosch, Vice President Group Advertising said, "It was an undeniable honor, in light of the entries representing

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PROMOTES TOURISM — Hope Tyndall, publications editor of the Travel and Tourism Division of the N. C. Department of Commerce, addressed the monthly meeting of the Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA) recently at Soundview Restaurant in Washington County. Tyndall pointed out to Albemarle leaders and Chamber of Commerce officers present that tourism is the 3rd largest industry in the state, representing \$2.6-billion in 1981. AADA has undertaken as a major program to promote tourism in the 10-county Albemarle Area it represents. Also shown are AADA president C. B. Smith, left, of Edenton, and vice president Bill Meekins of Elizabeth City.

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BASE RD — Brick, LR, kitchen, 3 BR, bath, carport, fenced back yard. \$35,000.

CHOWAN RIVER — This riverfront home features LR, kitchen, 3 BR, nice bulkheaded lot. \$48,000.

MORGAN PARK — This uniquely designed two-story home features LR, den, kitchen, 3 BR, two baths, garage. \$64,500.

ON CHOWAN RIVER — Two story brick home, featuring 4 BR, 3 baths, LR, kitchen, den with fireplace plus family room. Deck overlooking the water. \$80,000 with owner financing available.

W. HICKS STREET — Lot for sale. \$2,900 Owner financing possible.

MORGAN PARK — For Sale or Rent — Attractive brick home on larger corner lot featuring LR, den, kitchen, 3 BR, 2 baths, garage. \$61,900.

FOREST PARK — 3 BR, 2 baths, LR, den w-fireplace, kitchen, hardwood floors, screened back porch. Attractive assumable mortgage at 9 per cent. \$54,000

FOR RENT — 3 BR, 1 bath, Morris Circle. \$250.00. Available February 1.

BUILDING lot on Soundshore Dr., near country club; beautiful view of Sound. \$42,500.

COUNTRY CLUB DR. — With water privileges; features LR, Drt, kitchen, 2 full baths, 3 BR plus 4th. BR or den. Attached 2 car garage with AC workshop; cedar paneled back porch; super storage. \$85,000.

COLONY DR. — Neat 4 yr. old home on large lot. Features family room (fireplace), Florida room, 3 BR, bath, utility room, carport. This one is uniquely different. Call me. \$39,000.

FOR SALE OR RENT — Arrowhead; LR, kitchen, 2 BR, bath. Furnished, \$17,000.

HWY. 17 — Brand new! 1750 sq. ft. brick construction. Features great room with fireplace, DR, kitchen, 3 BR, 2 baths, utility room, deck. \$69,500.

HWY. 17 S. — Only 1 mile from town home with LR, kitchen, DR, bath, 3 BR, screened front porch. Nice lot. **SOLD**

HWY. 17 — Owner financing. 12 year old home on large wooded lot; features LR, den, dining area, kitchen, 3 BR, 1 1/2 baths. \$42,000.

\$339 PER MONTH will purchase this brick, 8 yr. old home on 1/2 acre lot featuring LR, den, kitchen, 3 BR, 2 baths. Located in Riverton. \$55,900.

COUNTRY CLUB DR. — 3 yr. old brick home located in prime residential area. Two stories features 3,000 ft. with LR, kitchen, DR, den w-fireplace, library, recreation room, 3 BR, 3 baths, double garage plus many extras. Beautiful wooded lot and ASSUMABLE mortgage at 9 1/2 per cent. \$115,000.

BERTIE COUNTY — Only 12 mi. from Edenton, 8 acres including fish pond; country home. \$40,000, owner financing at 12 per cent or \$35,000 cash.

SWIMMING POOL — 2700 sq. ft. brick home with LR, family room w-fireplace; kitchen, 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths plus a sewing room. Patio area. OWNER FINANCING. \$85,000.

MONTPELIER DR. WITH WATER PRIVILEGES — Brick construction on large lot. Only 2 yrs. old, features LR, kitchen-DR combo, den (fireplace), 4 BR, 2 baths, double garage. \$78,000.

ALBEMARLE SOUND — Brick ranch with LR, DR, kitchen, den w-fireplace, 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, double garage on large lot. Lots of tall trees. \$79,500.

CAPE COLONY — Shingle home on canal features: LR, kitchen, 3 BR, bath, garage. Private boat ramp. \$39,000.

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE — Commercial & Residential.

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<p>PILLOW KIT \$6.66</p> <p><small>COMPARE AT \$9.49</small></p> <p><small>LATCH HOOK TECHNIQUE IN 2 DIFFERENT DESIGNS. SIZE 15" x 15"</small></p>	<p>POP IN PILLOW \$2.66</p> <p><small>COMPARE AT \$3.29</small></p> <p><small>14" x 14" FORM FOR PILLOW MAKING. 100% POLYESTER.</small></p>	<p>QUILT BATTING \$4.47</p> <p><small>COMPARE AT \$5.19</small></p> <p><small>81" x 96", 100% POLYESTER. GET READY FOR YOUR NEXT QUILTING PROJECT.</small></p>	
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