



point of view

BY BILL NIXON

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panies and doing the research? Congress, so far, has done a fairly effective job of protecting the student-aid programs from the administration's budget-cutters. But much of that aid is delivered in the form of loans, which means that young people emerge from four years of college with substantial burdens of debt. As public policy, that practice grows larger. A more useful and elevated example can be found in North Carolina, where the state keeps the threshold costs low and collects its interest in the broad benefits of a rising level of education.

...And the response... Dear Editor: "Tuition, Fees and Quality" (November 21) was an outstanding reflection of North Carolina's preeminent goal since 1900 -- providing accessible, quality education to its young people.

Further, this is a perfect example of why tuition tax credits to those who choose to send their children to private schools is totally off-base. Support of education should extend beyond "user fees" if only because the product of financial support to public education is an improved quality of life which reverberates throughout an entire society. Elitism has no place in setting priorities for education.

Public education can work given proper attention and can thrive given inspired leadership, as witnessed in North Carolina since the days of Governor Charles B. Aycock.

Sincerely,
Maru R. Amburn
Alexandria, Va.

Merchant Of The Month

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Commissioners. In addition to his service as a County Commissioner, he has been involved with numerous church and civic organizations.

He is a member of the Edenton Baptist Church where he serves as a deacon. He is the Area 1 representative to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and is also a trustee for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. When Mr. Elmore talks of civic organizations, he has a long list of credits to his name. He is a Rotarian and was the past president of the local Rotary Club. While president of the club, he received the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award for 1965.

He was also a president of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of the Mental Health Board and Historic Edenton.

As for the future, Mr. Elmore is optimistic.

"I look for a turnabout in the economic situation starting this spring," he said.

Besides his optimism for the economy, Mr. Elmore is optimistic for the town and the county:

"Edenton is a small town and Chowan County is the smallest county in the state," he said.

"We do things in a big way here and as long as we continue to look ahead we will be a leader in the Albemarle Area," Mr. Elmore continued.

Mr. Elmore married Miss Elizabeth Hofler of Sunbury and has two children by the marriage; a son, Kel Elmore and a daughter, Mrs. Kim Campbell of Greensboro. He also has two step daughters: Mrs. Carol Bass of Route 3, Edenton and Jeanette Floyd of Route 1, Hobbsville.

Mr. Elmore enjoys his life here in Chowan County, as he says, "I've had several opportunities to leave the area, but I've chosen to stay." "I must love it here!"

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Editor's note: Nixon, an Edenton native, is vice-president of Parker Brothers Newspapers of Abbeok. His column appears weekly in a number of that group's publications.

From time to time, we find an item of interest that seems to be worth sharing. Such is the case with the following story. The flow of events, which occurred in my hometown of Edenton, N.C., offer a humorous view of daily living in a time gone by.

Mrs. George Wood, now deceased of Chowan County, had a mule who was named Horace. One evening she called up Dr. Satterfield in Edenton and said to him, "Doctor, Horace is sick, and I wish you would come and take a look at him."

Dr. Satterfield said, "Oh, Fannie Lamb, it's after 9 o'clock, and I'm eating supper. Give him a dose of mineral oil, and if he isn't all right in the morning, phone me, and I'll come and take a look at him."

"How'll I give it to him?" she inquired.

"Through a funnel."

"But he might bite me," she protested.

"Oh, Fannie Lamb -- You're a farm woman and you know about these things. Give it to him through the other end."

So Fannie Lamb went out to the

barn, and there stood Horace, with his head held down, and moaning and groaning.

She looked around for a funnel but the nearest thing she could see to one was her Uncle Bill's fox hunting horn hanging on the wall. A beautiful goldplated instrument with gold tassels hanging from it.

She took the horn and affixed it properly. Horace paid no attention.

Then she reached up on the shelf where medicines for the farm animals were kept. But instead of picking up the mineral oil, she picked up a bottle of turpentine instead, and she poured a liberal dose of it into the horn.

Horace raised his head with a sudden jerk. He let out a yell that could have been heard a mile away. He reared up on his hind legs, brought his front legs down, knocked out the side of the barn, jumped a five-foot fence, and started down the road at a mad gallop.

Now Horace was in pain, so every few jumps he made, that horn would blow.

All the dogs in the neighborhood knew that when that horn was blowing, it meant that Uncle Bill was going fox hunting. So out on the highway they went, close behind Horace.

It was a marvelous sight. First,

Horace -- running at top speed, the hunting horn in a most unusual position, the mellow notes issuing therefrom, the tassels waving, and the dogs barking joyously.

They passed by the home of Old Man Harvey Hogan, who was sitting on his front porch. He hadn't drawn a sober breath in 15 years, and he gazed in fascinated amazement at the sight that unfolded itself before his eyes. He couldn't believe what he was seeing. Incidentally, he is now head man in Alcoholics Anonymous in the Albemarle section of the state.

By this time it was good and dark. Horace and the dogs were approaching the Inland Waterway. The bridge tender heard the horn blowing and figured that a boat was approaching. So he hurriedly went out and uncranked the bridge. Horace went overboard and was drowned. The dogs also went into the water, but they swam out without very much difficulty.

Now it so happened that the bridge tender was running for the office of sheriff of Chowan County, but he managed to poll only seven votes.

The people figured that any man who didn't know the difference between a mule with a horn up his rear and a boat coming down the Inland Waterway wasn't fit to hold any public office in Chowan County.

Numerous Seminars Slated To Ensure A Safer Holiday

The upcoming Christmas Season is notoriously the worst time of year for the occurrence of armed robberies and burglaries in North Carolina. The Edenton Chowan Chamber of Commerce and area law enforcement agencies are planning to present numerous one hour seminars between December 6 and December 16, to assist local merchants in lowering the risk that their business will become the target of a robbery attempt. Additionally, information will be available concerning what the employees of a business might expect should they become a robbery victim. The seminars are designed to teach merchants, their

employees, and possibly their customers how to help the responding law enforcement officer minimize the characteristic hazards facing the officer while simultaneously having reduced their own risk.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice-President Jerry Hendee and North Carolina State Trooper Mike McArthur have contacted the eight major lending institutions in Chowan County and have obtained tremendous encouragement and financial support to provide these seminars to the

business community and sincerely interested area consumers at no expense.

Chowan County Sheriff Troy Toppin and Edenton Police Chief J.D. Parrish will have representatives at several of the seminars to assist the public in obtaining a better mutual understanding of what their departments and the businesses can do to ensure a safer holiday season as well as the rest of the year.

The seminars will include a 30 minute film and a question and answer session. They will be held at the Edenton Municipal Building at the following dates and times. If necessary, additional showings may be scheduled by contacting either Mr. Hendee or Trooper McArthur through the Edenton Chowan Chamber of Commerce at 482-3400.

Dec. 10, 1982	12:00 noon
Dec. 10, 1982	1:00 P.M.
Dec. 13, 1982	5:15 P.M.
Dec. 14, 1982	2:30 P.M.

Grant Awarded For Local Film

ELIZABETH CITY--Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow has been given \$1,500 from the Dare County Tourist Bureau as announced by Don Bryan, chairman of the bureau and Mayor of Nags Head.

The funds will be used as part of a match of a \$10,000 grant from the N.C. Department of Commerce and which is to produce a film and brochure highlighting the 16-county northeastern quadrant of the state.

"We hope to encourage other counties and groups to contribute to this worthwhile project," Bryant said. "We are all going to benefit from the film and brochure and it is the best investment we can make cost-wise."

The film has already been targeted for the new 400th Anniversary Visitor's Center at Manteo and for use in six other centers on the Albemarle Historic Tour. The brochure will augment the film and highlight most activities in the region.

The presentation of the award was made by Bryan to Joe Parker, Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow chairman, during the recent NNCT Fall Board Meeting held in Washington, N.C. "We are exceedingly grateful to the people of Dare County," Parker said. "This film and brochure should be one of the good investments for their county as will the other 15."



Banks Fund Educational Loans For Students

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the central lender for the N.C. Insured Student Loan Program (formerly the N.C. Bankers Student Loan Plan).

Loans are insured against default, death and disability by the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority. During the 20 years of bank funding, the foundation has made 126,000 loans to 61,000 student borrowers for a total of \$185-million. Of this amount, \$37 million has been repaid.

Loan funds are available for the spring term of the current school year, and applications may be obtained by contacting College Foundation, Inc., 1307 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, N.C. 27605. Parents of dependent, undergraduate students may also apply for loans for the spring term. The College Foundation, Inc., will be able to provide information and applications in early December.

Survey To Understand The Needs Of Elderly Citizens Is Underway

Church and State Unite in Coalition

by Ernest Messer
The Interfaith Coalition on Aging is starting a statewide survey designed to better understand and fulfill the special needs of North Carolina's 600,000 older adults.

The coalition is a cooperative effort among the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Aging, churches, religious organizations, and the Salvation Army. It includes representatives from the Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant faiths.

The goal of the coalition is to provide a comprehensive range of services to older citizens through their local churches and communities. The Division of Aging will provide technical assistance.

The statewide survey is part of a proposed education program for the Interfaith Coalition on Aging.

When the survey is completed, local congregations will then be able to evaluate the needs of the elderly in their communities, and determine what resources are available. Priorities will be established and a workable program will be developed to meet those needs.

Prior to working with older adults, educational programs on aging will be presented to members of churches and synagogues. They will focus on three groups: the older adults, families of the older adults, and the general congregations. These programs will offer information about the basic needs of the older adult.

In addition to providing technical services, the Division of Aging will publicize information about the general well-being of the elderly, and provide specialists to conduct workshops on specific topics. Educational programs will be organized in such areas as physical fitness, myths and stereotypes about aging, as well as issues surrounding rest home and nursing home care.

Special information will be available on education and training opportunities for the elderly through the Statewide Aging Conference and the Summer School of Gerontology, which is sponsored by the Division of Aging.

Reverend Phillip Brown, director of the Penick Memorial Home in Southern Pines and chairman of the

coalition, said the survey will give churches, synagogues and community service groups a clear insight into both the spiritual and physical needs of older citizens.

The Reverend Brown said older adults will benefit by the expansion of existing programs such as friendly visiting; telephone reassurance; senior clubs; adopt a nursing home, older person or family; and home delivered meals.

The Interfaith Coalition on Aging, an historic link between church and state in North Carolina, was formed last spring. The White House Conference on Aging recommended the formation of similar coalitions in all the states represented at the conference in December, 1981.

The Interfaith Coalition was officially endorsed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., in a ceremony held at the Capitol Building in Raleigh this past July 29.

Mr. Edmisten To Oppose Southern Bell's Proposals

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten announced that he would formally oppose approval of Southern Bell's optional local measured service tariff which is scheduled for hearing by the Utilities Commission in Raleigh on Tuesday, December 7, 1982.

Attorney General Edmisten states, "Local measured service is not just another innocuous option which should be routinely approved by the Utilities Commission and offered to Southern Bell's customers in North Carolina. To the contrary, the long-term social and economic consequences which measured service may ultimately have in this State are so great and of such importance that implementation of local measured service must be carefully and cautiously considered by the North Carolina Utilities Commission prior to its approval. This is particularly true when it is recognized that implementation of Southern Bell's proposed service would essentially amount to nothing more than the establishment of 'local long-distance service.' Is that an acceptable long term plan? In this case, the proposed plan should be denied."

The bases for Edmisten's opposition to Bell's current proposal are contained in the expert testimony of Dr. Lee Richardson, Vice President of the Consumer Federation of America, which was filed by the Attorney General today and include:

1. Concern that the measured service tariff which Southern Bell today promotes and advocates as "optional" in nature may not retain its optional character with the passage of time and may in fact ultimately become mandatory. This is founded upon the declared nationwide system goal of the Bell network to charge nearly all business customers and a preponderance of residential customers for local service on a measured service basis by the year 1985.

2. The apprehension that, in upcoming general rate cases, Southern Bell would propose significantly higher rates for the present flat-rate service than for measured service, thereby in effect forcing many consumers to abandon what would at that point be expensive, "premium" flat-rate service.

3. The possibility that local measured service may eventually tend to isolate individuals such as the elderly and handicapped who presently depend upon their telephones for daily contact with the world.

4. The chilling effect upon the willingness of people to use telephones for charitable, church and volunteer purposes.

5. The effect on low and fixed income consumers who may well be more in need of flat rate telephone service than any other segment of society.

6. The four essential criteria used in determining the charge for a local call (number of calls, duration, time of day and distance) under the proposed plan are unsupported by cost studies.

Cotton Quality Rated Superior

FLORENCE, S.C.--The quality of North Carolina cotton through mid November is superior to last year's except for grade, according to Warren Deviney, area director of USDA's marketing services office here. Leaf and trash have caused grades to be lower. Reports indicate similar problems in most other rain grown, cotton producing areas in the United States.

Deviney said that 26 per cent of the 56,200 samples classed this year were grades 41 or higher. During the same period last year, 55,500 samples were classed with 46 per cent grade 41 or higher, Grade 50 increased from last year's 8 per cent to 14 per cent this year. Grade 51 and 42 also showed an increase from 30 per cent last year to 45 per cent this year.

Staple lengths were considerably longer this year. About one-half of the samples this year were staple 36, compared to 32 per cent last year. About 20 per cent were staple 37, up from 4 per cent a year ago. Staple 35 accounted for 25 per cent this year compared to 40 per cent last year.

Mike is much better this year with about 99 per cent in the 35-49 range. Last year 75 per cent fell in the 35-49 range with all but 1 per cent of the remaining in the 50 and higher range. Fiber strength this year averaged over 25 grams per tex, while last year's average was 24 grams per tex.

This has been a fast paced harvest in spite of interruptions by rain on several occasions, said Deviney. Sample receipts accumulated in the USDA's cotton marketing services office in Florence, faster than they could be classed. During most of the season the classing service was two to six days behind. Budget restrictions have kept overtime work to an absolute minimum.