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Melton Says State Outlook Is Good

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degree that it once was."

region." He adds that tourism factors. is the third major force in the Agric

Tourism, retail trade, and the agricultural industry the housing industry all have istorically has been the driv- shown significant increases in ng force of the economy in business. And, as much of the he eastern part of the state. state's economy is dependent To a great extent, this is still on a spinoff effect of the housthe case, although not to the ing industry, the textile, furniture, lumber and transpor-The character of our tation sectors have felt the efmanufacturing base is chang- fects of a startup of housing. ng, Melton explains; "we are Textiles and transportation. seeing an increase in more however, have not shown technologically based in great improvements yet lustry locating in the eastern because of other influencing

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Agriculture is very complex in Eastern North Carolina. Melton says it may be a few years before farming again shows a profit. He adds that farmers and agriculture department officials predict

ing efforts. A number of eastern counties reported to Melton an increase in inquiries for new industry in the area. The most impressive industrial growth has been in Durham County's unemployment one of the lowest in the state.

Unfortunately, unemployment is not the norm for the region. "The darkest shadows in the economic recovery continue to be in the area of unemployment," says Melton. Much of North Carolina is seasonally affected, with some sectors of the economy subject to flutua-

tion based on the time of year. Melton concludes his report saying "our outlook for the rest of this year depends to a great extent on how well the agriculture sector of our economy performs. For now, however, we can look for the housing industry and the related support industries to enjoy the benefits of an upswing in the economy.

In 1982, a difficult year for all businesses, employment among small firms declined less than employment among large corporations. A major reason for the relatively good performance of small companies in a recessionary period was careful cost control by small business owners, preventing an accumulation

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Continued From Page 3-A nce with the Supreme Court decision which states islators cannot serve in executive policy making roles. The bill changes the function of the ABC from a policy making board to that of 1983 will be a year of stabilizan advisory board.

Beatty traced the concentration of power in the leadership to succession which gave the Lieutenant Governor an opportunity to serve eight years, adding, "it should only have been expected that the Speaker of the House would want to do the same." The next obvious move would be for the appointees to legislative committees who sit on the ABC to also remain in place.

Beatty calls for the total removal of legislative membership on the Advisory **Budget Commission saying** that it creates an atmosphere of intimidation to the agency heads who come before them in the preparation of the budget. He supports the Committee on Constitutional Integrity recommendation that the ABC be made up of nonlegislators appointed by the Governor.

He also urges that the meetings be open to the public, stating that "this type of secrecy has no place in our open society."

The Committee on Constitutional Integrity, headed by Tom Gilmore of Guilford County, was organized as a private, non-profit group of political, business, and community leaders to look into the issue of separation of powers in state government.

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Preparations for the 1984 Miss Vogue/Mr. Esquire

Pageant will begin soon. New contestants will then be notified and fundraising ac-tivities and clinics will begin.

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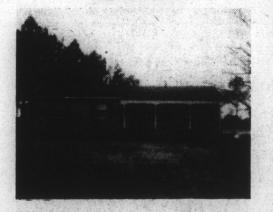
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