

Letter To The Editor

(An open letter to Governor-elect Bob Scott).
Dear Gov.-Elect Bob Scott: We, here in Northeastern North Carolina, read in the newspapers that Mr. Joe Hunt, Jr., chairman of the Highway Commission, says that he knows as much, or more, about the highway needs of the people of North Carolina as any successor chairman that you might appoint, and therefore has no intention of resigning prior to the expiration of his term, June 30, 1969.

Now, Governor, we know that beginning January 3rd you're going to be a right busy man, especially during your first few weeks in office, so we don't really expect to get one of those fine, new Interstates that are going all over the rest of North Carolina right off the bat (by the way, Governor, did you know that Mr. Hunt proposes to give our good friends down in Southeastern North Carolina two parallel Interstates—hot, ziggy dog!—two Interstates in every pot—Mr. Hunt's pot, that is).

To tell you the truth, Governor, that doesn't worry my generation too much, because we were brought up on corduroy roads and Model T's and we've been able to make it up to Norfolk, that's in Virginia, Governor, whenever we've had a little shopping to do, a little business to attend to, wanted to hear a little music or see a show, or just go up for sightseeing.

As I say, Governor, that really doesn't make much difference to us old folks, because we've voted the straight Democratic ticket

since time immemorial and we've heard gubernatorial candidates promise straight, wide and modern highways to Northeastern North Carolina for generations (by the way, Governor, 'tis said that it all started right here in Edenton when Charles Eden, one of the Royal Governors, shortly before his death in 1722, promised an irate crowd of local freeholders that he would allocate funds for improvements to the old Williamsburg Post Road—and to think, we named the town after him) and we've seen Highway Commission chairmen come and go—but seldom east of the Chowan River except, maybe, to shoot ducks and to gather up a few country cured hams to take back to Raleigh) but certainly not for the fulfillment of promises. And as I say, Governor, although we feel like we've been kinda put upon, we arn't as impatient as we used to be and we've sort of learned to live with it, so to speak.

But, you know, Governor, things are perking up around these parts; we've got a lot of young folks here in Northeastern North Carolina and they've got keen, inquisitive minds and fine, strong young bodies and they're ambitious and have just got to get up and go; and just right now, Governor, they are beginning to be involved in all sorts of things, and to ask a lot of questions about things and to have all kinds of ideas and notions about things.

And believe it or not, Governor, most of these young folks have a feeling that these answers should be found right

here in North Carolina and that the best place to begin the search is in our own universities and colleges and educational institutions. And, you know, Governor, they'd like to go out and attend these places and to get some education and maybe find the answer to some of these things they are so involved in so that maybe they could stay right here and make a decent living, raise their families and become good, successful and worthwhile citizens.

But, Governor, you know these young folks today; they've got to be where the action is; and where the action is, is where opportunity is, and, Governor, everybody knows (except Mr. Hunt) that the Interstate brings the opportunity. And, how in the world, Governor, are we going to keep our young folks here in Northeastern North Carolina when we're only 50 miles from the Interstate, Virginia, that is, and once you get on that Virginia Interstate, Governor, you don't usually wind up in North Carolina. You go West and North, Governor, where all the pastures seem so much broader and so much greener. Come to think of it, Governor, why do you suppose there are two east-west Interstates, Virginia, that is, that run from their capital city to the seacoast; and we have none?—Mr. Hunt, front and center, please. (Gracious me, I'd almost forgotten about Joe!)

But seriously, Governor, as we said, knowing how busy you'll be those first weeks, we have a suggestion that would save you time and endear you for as many terms as you would care to run for Governor, to the hearts of those thousands of Northeastern North Carolina voters who cast their lot with you in our late election.

Therefore, we respectfully suggest that you write Mr. Hunt the letter set forth at the end of this note. Enclosed is a six-cent postage stamp for expeditious handling. Hopefully and faithfully yours,

THOS CHEARS, JR.
Edenton, North Carolina, (N. E., that is).

Raleigh, North Carolina
The Governor's Office
January 3, 1969.

Executive Communique No. 1.

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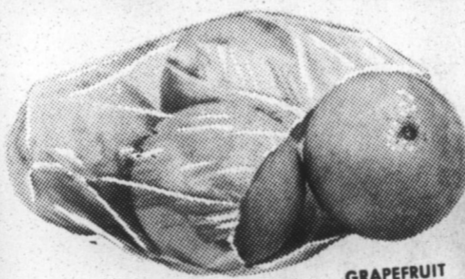
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