

Public Parade

Statewide 'Systems' Can Be Harmful

Gov. Bob Scott is opposed to any trend or effort toward establishing a state police force in North Carolina. He is to be commended for thinking along these lines.

North Carolina is already pretty deep in the law enforcement business via the State Highway Patrol.

And we would fear another statewide law enforcement system capable of moving state services further from the people. That is exactly what has happened along the Public Parade in recent months.

Chowan County had long enjoyed inclusion in the Elizabeth City SHP District. But for some reason, yet to be adequately explained, Chowan was suddenly moved into the Ahoskie District.

Citizens who desired to transact business with the highway patrol, not to mention court officials, could communicate directly to Elizabeth City via the toll free telephone facilities of Norfolk & Carolina Telephone Company. Although the toll rate to Ahoskie isn't excessive, it is a matter of principle.

Government officials express alarm at the lack of respect for law enforcement officials and the lack of obedience to the law in general. They are desirous of "citizen involvement" and a greater understanding of the importance of law and order.

Playing politics with law enforcement agencies isn't exactly the tool to use to tighten the nuts and bolts of a restless society. It is extremely more difficult to "involve" citizens in something when it has to be accomplished via long distance.

Hail! The Road Builders

The State Highway Commission will have come into Northeastern North Carolina and gone by this time next week. Therefore, we hope it won't be considered premature to welcome them now into the most historic and progressive area of Tar Heelia.

This visit to neighboring Elizabeth City on the Pasquotank, is unusual. The proposals to be made by the Highway Committee of Albemarle Area Development Association are likewise unusual.

Levin Culpepper, the genial EC postmaster who is quite knowledgeable about the needs of this area, has done his homework. And his efforts to keep secret his committee's recommendations have been successful. He did share them with AADR county representatives last week and if a leak developed we missed it. The board endorsed his proposals.

AADA, a 10-county organization whose sole purpose is a united effort to improve life in the entire area, is co-hosting the meeting Wednesday and Thursday with Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce. There are those skeptics who felt our neighbor to the northeast would hog the show. Levin Culpepper is too big a man to let this happen.

Basically, what will be presented to the SHC Thursday morning are the recommendations of the AADA Planning Committee, which Edenton's John A. Mitchener, Jr., guided so expertly. This is only as it should be, since it was on

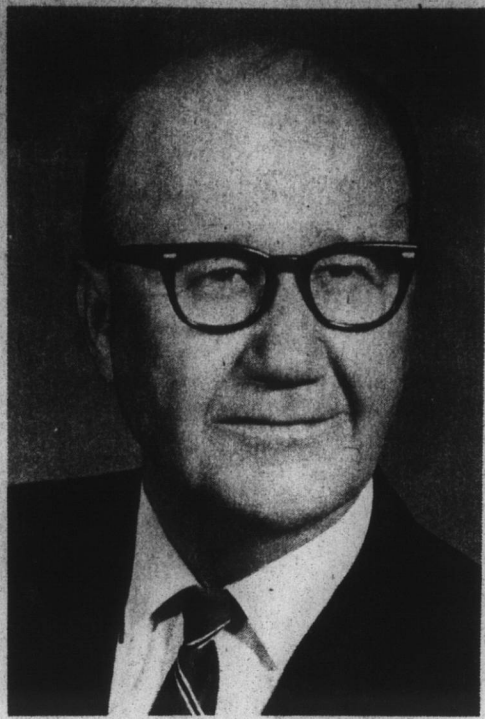
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Wheels Are Taken

A night nurse at Chowan Hospital got a real shock Sunday morning when she went to her car in the parking lot to go home and found it setting on blocks with the rear wheels missing.

Mrs. Eugene Jordan, Route 1, Tyner, reported to Edenton Police Department that sometime between midnight and 7 A. M., Sunday thieves made off with the two rear wheels of her Dodge Dart. The car was parked on the south end of the employee lot, almost directly under a street light.

Police were continuing their investigation at press time but no arrest had been made.



Archie T. Lane, Sr.

Archie Lane Keeps Record, House Tidy

By Mildred A. Huskins

RALEIGH — Archie T. Lane, Sr., has a scrapbook which would send TV's Ralph Edwards rushing to organize a "This Is Your Life" program.

Lane, who is a native of Perquimans County and who still operates the family farm there, is currently sergeant-at-arms for the House of Representatives. He has served in that capacity since 1967. Prior to that time he served three terms in the General Assembly as representative from his district.

The genial, slight, balding man generously shared his fat, brown leather scrapbook which is tooled in gold and bears his name. Like the man whose life it depicts, the book is orderly, well indexed and organized.

The TV showman was organizing the production of Archie Lane's life, as seen in his scrapbook, he would call in a section of this state's political

leaders during the past decade. There would be Senators Sam Ervin, Jr., and Everett Jordan. Prominent on stage would be Gov. Terry Sanford, Gov. Dan K. Moore and Gov. Bob Scott. There would be Joe Hunt, Jr., speaker of the House of Representatives in which Lane served his first term in 1961. This session was the last one held in the old chambers in the capitol building. Then there would be Clifton Blue, who was speaker during Lane's second term in 1963 when the first session was held in the new State House of which the sergeant-at-arms is so proud.

Speaking of this State House, Lane has included the formal program for the dedication of this building November 20, 1964, and handsome color photographs of the various parts of the

building. The gentleman from Perquimans feels so close to the handsome legislative building that the "This Is Your Life" program really should be staged there in the hall of the House with its brilliant red carpeting and Lane should be seated just to the left of the speaker.

Then Pat Taylor, Jr., would be called. The current Lieut. Gov., who has been presiding over the Senate during the 1971 session of the General Assembly just recessed, was House Speaker during Lane's third term in 1965. It might be difficult and require some pulling of national political strings but Vice President Spiro Agnew could be invited to say in person what he said in a letter to Lane after he made his appearance before a joint session of the 1971 General Assembly. This letter, includ-

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Report Says Food Plans Miss Target

RALEIGH — Food programs for the poor have had "no demonstrable beneficial effect" on the low-income nutritional picture in North Carolina, according to a State Health Department survey made at the request of Gov. Bob Scott.

This is but one of several findings of deep concern to Gov. Scott, he emphasized in a release Monday, dealing with the survey which he authorized because of his deep concern over nutritional inadequacies of the poor which he noted during his campaign for governor, he reported.

Of the federal surplus commodity and food stamp distributions, Gov. Scott commented that "it appears that these programs should receive careful study to determine how they can be made more effective."

Diet of 27 per cent of the more than 1,300 families checked was considered inadequate for proper nutrition and less than 60 per cent of pre-school children included in the study are getting adequate nutritious diets, according to the report.

Gov. Scott noted that the staff conducting the survey "was frequently amazed at the consumption of soft drinks by very young children at the expense of more nourishing foods and beverages" — a finding particularly distressing to the governor, in the face of evidence that children consuming proper diets are growing at a faster rate than those who are not, he commented.

Too, Gov. Scott pointed out "there is suggestive evidence that early malnutrition has an adverse effect on eventual intellectual attainment."

Inadequate dietary intake occurred with the highest frequency in Eastern North Carolina, where the finding was that lower average household income and larger average family size occurs, Gov. Scott pointed out.

The survey findings were released in a 103-page booklet published by the N. C. State Board of Health and the survey was undertaken at the governor's request after a national nutritional survey by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare declined to include North Carolina in its study of malnutrition among the American poor, the governor reported.

Details as to the findings by counties are not included in the report.



Bibles For Hospital Patients—G. B. Potter, right, has sponsored through Edenton Baptist Church, the placing of Bibles in patient rooms at Chowan Hospital. Potter and Rev. Robert Gray are shown presenting two sizes of the New Testament to Thomas M. Surratt, hospital administrator, left. "Good News For Modern Man", is the name of the texts with large print editions being made available for patients in the extended care facility. This is the American Bible Society translation. Surratt said sufficient copies were made available so each patient could have access to the Bibles.

Copeland, Godwin Get New Terms

RALEIGH — Two special superior court judges from Northeastern North Carolina were reappointed Monday by Gov. Bob Scott. They are: Judge J.

William Copeland of Murfreesboro, and Judge A. Pilston Godwin of Raleigh, formerly of Gatesville.

Judges Copeland and Godwin were among eight special judgeships which expired June 30. Gov. Scott filled four of them, leaving the remainder in abeyance at the present time.

Two special judges appointed by Gov. Dan Moore were not given new terms, a third was named a resident judge and a fourth post was vacant due to death.

Both Judges Copeland and Godwin have strong ties in Chowan County.

Judge Copeland is a former legislator and aide to Gov. Terry Sanford. He was first named to the bench by Gov. Sanford and reappointed by Gov. Moore.

Judge Godwin, brother of House Speaker Phil Godwin, went to Raleigh as Commissioner of Motor Vehicles under Gov. Moore and was later tapped for a special judgeship by the governor.

Tax Is Reported

Net collections from the 1 per cent local sales tax reached \$1.8-million during June in the 26 counties where the tax is levied.

In Chowan County, net collections amounted to \$11,611.95.

Collections in other Northeastern North Carolina counties included: Camden, \$1,488.38; Currituck, \$3,574.47; Pasquotank, \$36,222.35; Perquimans, \$4,451.36; and Tyrrell, \$2,448.80.

Mecklenburg County, which has had the tax for two years, collected \$625,232.52.

According to Commissioner I. L. Clayton of the State Department of Revenue, total collections amounted to \$1,819,230.30.

Site Grants For Edenton Are Funded

The North Carolina General Assembly has appropriated \$30,000 for three sites included in Historic Edenton, Inc. The request was for \$65,000.

Rep. W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City, introduced legislation requesting funds for the Barker, Iredell and Cupola house during the next biennium. The legislation, as ratified, calls for state funds to be matched by \$15,000 in local funds.

It has been reported to W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., chairman of the local historical group that restoration funds were granted as follows: Barker House, \$10,000; Cupola House, \$8,000; and Iredell House, \$12,000.

The Iredell House is state owned and the state furnishes an historic sites technician to Historic Edenton, Inc., and a visitor center-museum is operated in the Barker House.

Barringer Given Suspended Term

A felony charge against a young Edenton man for drug law violation was reduced in Chowan County District Court Tuesday but Judge Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck, dealt firmly in passing judgment.

Jerry William Jay Barringer, 20, 16 Hawthorne Road, was charged with possessing marijuana seeds and growing marijuana, the latter charge a felony. On this count, Solicitor Tom Watts of Elizabeth City accepted a plea of guilty to possessing less than one gram of marijuana.

Judge Walker gave the defendant identical sentences in each count—two years in prison, suspended for three years and placed on probation for three years upon payment of \$150 fine and costs and not drive for 12 months.

Edenton Police Department, after an intensive investigation, had arrested Barringer after finding two small marijuana plants growing in plastic cups on the front porch of his home. The officers also found a quantity of marijuana seeds.

In other cases tried Tuesday, Judge Walker took the following action:

John Willis Simmons, inspection violation, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$35 fine and costs.

New College Campus Takes Shape

The framework of the occupational education building — the first structure on the College of The Albemarle's new campus, is completed.

The front wing will house technical occupational programs such as drafting, business - secretarial, and electronics. There is even space provided for a data processing lab for instruction in this highly specialized field of the business world. With more businesses and industries using computer systems, the decision for moving ahead with the training of data-processing technicians has become necessary.

The rear wing will house vocational education programs such as automotive

mechanics; machinist; and cosmetology (beauticians to most of us).

According to the general contractor, Mid-South Construction Co., the project is "a little ahead of schedule at the present time." This is attributed to a good start and good working weather when the bids were let.

This building represents a real bargain to the Albemarle region in that the entire project is being built without using any local tax funds. Funding was obtained through grants of \$140,000 (private foundations); \$135,000 (N. C. State Board of Education); and \$742,000 (U. S. Dept. of H.E.W.). College offi-

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First Building On New College Of The Albemarle Campus Takes Shape