

Success in this country is becoming more and more an alphabet game. The ABC keeps Chowan County taxes down; the E&W does likewise for the Town of Edenton; AADA works for a better 10-county area; EIC assists the poor.

A newest abracadabra or configuration circulated along the Public Parade is ARPDC, i.e., Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission. In a meeting in Municipal Building today (Thursday) discussions will be held on gaining designation of the Town of Edenton as a growth center by Economic Development Association.

Edenton could become one of two designated growth centers within ARPDC's 10-county service area. The benefits to be derived from such designation are greater than most local minds can comprehend.

To be so designated would be tremendous. But to have ARPDC headquartered in Edenton is equally as beneficial to Ye Ole Towne On Queen Anne's Creek.

Chowan County has a highly effective representation on ARPDC's executive board. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, succeeded Wesley Cullipher as chairman; Cullipher became executive director; N. J. George and C. A. Phillips of the county commissioners; and Dr. J. H. Horton, head of the Good Neighbor Council, a member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, and one of this community's greatest leaders, worked tirelessly to make this commission not only a reality but one responsive to the needs of the area.

Because of their leadership, the headquarters was established here. And because of this administrative decision, Washington County abandoned the Mid-East Association, a going outfit, to continue association in a 10-county Albemarle Area.

To maintain superiority in the community, area, region, and state, we must continue to develop leadership such as was demonstrated in establishment of another alphabetic youngin' along the Public Parade. Singularly we fail, or maybe merely survive; while collectively we prosper.

Since there ain't many of us number-wise, it behooves us more than anything else to play the alphabet game to the hilt.

Birthdays, Notwithstanding!

The Democratic Party of our time — What? Where? When? Why? Who?

Well, we went down to Wrightsville Beach Saturday to the Young Democratic Clubs' Summer Luau, before we aged out, to seek the answer and/or solution to these questions.

We would be less than frank to those who regularly meander along the Public Parade if we did not enumerate, not necessarily in order of priority, our reasons for heading south to the beaches instead of east. It reads like:

To see if the Holiday Inn was as terrible as it was on an earlier visit with the farm appraisers;

To lend support to friend Phil Godwin of neighboring Gates who comes closer and closer every day to testing the waters as a candidate for lieutenant governor;

To try to find out if Atty. Gen. Bob Morgan is really as coy as he would tend to have you believe about running for more lofty political office;

To support Charlie Winberry of Rocky Mount, ex of Statesville, who is YDC prexy and candidate for governor in 1977;

To see if the advance man Sen. Sam J. Ervin "loaned" Sen. Henry Jackson could be an Edentonian—i.e., Bobby Smith or Bill Goodwin;

But mainly because Saturday was the birthday of the lady member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and mother of our five children.

We found answers to most of these wonderings and among other things that Roy Sowers, the Sanford business executive who is director of the prestigious Board of Conservation and Development, had joined Travel and Promotion Director Chuck Barbour in using the lofty office of Governor of North Carolina to further his own ambitions.

Mr. Sowers has taken advantage of his position and friendship with Gov. Bob Scott by accepting the first secretaryship in the state's reorganization program, knowing he would announce for lieutenant governor in five months. It's a damn shame!

Sen. Jackson, the Washington State conservative, did a tremendous job in his swing through Tar Heels. We'll admit to being "down home", even to the verge of being "corn pone", but we think we can test the North Carolina political waters better and more accurately than a New York Times syndicate man.

While the editor of our least favored daily of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina professed to be on vacation, it appeared obvious he had scribbled the notes or at least told the Times representative who to talk with in order to give Sen. Jackson a bad press.

If any man who talks horse sense in North Carolina, as well as elsewhere in this great nation, is destined to political oblivion, then someone is guilty of allowing the tail to wag the dog.

The power structure notwithstanding.

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Board Asks Town Park At Waff Site

Edenton Planning Board has recommended denial of a rezoning request for the Waff property on the waterfront and strongly suggested that the town purchase the tract for a community park.

Town Council received the recommendation at a regular meeting Tuesday night and called for a public hearing on the Waff's request at the next scheduled meeting, September 14.

The town has taken steps to condemn the old fish house on Edenton Bay along with the old freight station, in which Mayor George Alma Byrum has interest, and the Hobowsky building on East King Street. When the Waff property was discussed last month, owners asked the town to either purchase it or change the zoning from residential to downtown commercial.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner reported that Mayor Byrum is discussing removal of the freight building with a contractor. Since no word has been heard from the Hobowskys, council instructed W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., town attorney, and Building Inspector Sam Long to proceed with proceedings to get the building removed from East King Street.

Mayor Byrum asked members of the Finance Committee if they had discussed purchase of any waterfront property. The answer was negative.

In calling for the public hearing, the mayor again asked the Finance Committee to consider purchase of the property.

Council increased the rate for grave spaces in Beaver Hill Cemetery from \$50 to \$75 for residents and continued the policy of doubling the rate for out-of-town purchasers.

Councilman Herbert Hollowell said

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Growth Center Designation Sought

A possible request by Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission to have Edenton designated one of two growth centers in the 10-county region will be discussed at a meeting here today (Thursday). Wesley Cullipher, ARPDC executive director, said the meeting will begin at 9:30 A. M., in the Municipal Building.

Once designated by Economic Development Administration, the town will become eligible for federal work grants, loans and other benefits that will upgrade job opportunities and make the area more attractive to industry, it was pointed out.

The discussion will include what needs to be done in Edenton to make

it more attractive to industry; such as housing, health and medical facilities, educational facilities, recreational facilities, establishment of an industrial park, improvements to fire, police and emergency services, and water and sewer services, etc.

Cullipher said thought also needs to be put to the area outside the town which may be potential industrial development areas, which thereby should be included in the growth center.

John Frailey of Huntington, W. Va., EDA regional planner, will be in attendance at the meeting to assist the local group.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, is chairman of the ARPDC which has offices at 102 East Queen Street.

Sen. Jackson Finds Prospects Good In Tar Heel State

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH — House Speaker Phil Godwin of Gates County was among platform guests here Saturday night at a summer luau sponsored by the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina. Charlie Winberry of Rocky Mount is YDC president.

Featured speaker at the supper was U. S. Sen. Henry M. Jackson of the State of Washington, a possible candidate for the Democratic nomination for President.

Introduced by U. S. Sen. B. Everett Jordan, the keynote declared: "A Democratic President would not sit by and watch this nation's economy deteriorate."

Sen. Jackson, who was warmly received by the audience of some 500 party faithfuls, also stated:

"This Administration has managed to raise unemployment and inflation. Under its policies money flows out of the country and imports flow in. And their only response is to put out another optimistic press release."

"The Democrats will act to spur economic growth, cut unemployment, reduce poverty — just as we did in the 1960's. The Democrats in Congress have already passed new legislation to curb inflation, to cut taxes, to increase public works, to provide confidence — but these bills have been vetoed or ignored by the White House."

"Don't let anyone tell you there's no difference between the two major parties. Just look at the record: three recessions in eight years under Eisenhower-Nixon, compared to America on

Patrol Move Is Reversed For Chowan

Chowan County will be returned to the Elizabeth City District of the State Highway Patrol, effective September 1, The Chowan Herald has learned.

Several months ago, in a surprise move which wasn't made public until two months later, Chowan was assigned to the Ahoskie District. When questioned as to the reasoning behind such a move, SHP officials said it was to give the two districts a better balance in terms of number of counties served.

Law enforcement officers and court officials protested. They contended it was done for political reasons and it was in the best interest of all Chowan citizens to be aligned with Elizabeth City.

At its annual meeting here recently, Sheriff Troy Toppin introduced a motion to Albemarle Law & Order Association requesting Chowan be changed back to the Elizabeth City District. Later Sheriff Toppin and Clerk of Superior Court Lena M. Leary requested assistance of Chowan County commissioners. The board passed a motion requesting reversal of the former action.

House Speaker Phil Godwin of Gates said he was happy to learn the change was being made. "You folks down there work closely and every effort should be made to keep Albemarle Area counties together, especially where services such as law enforcement are concerned," he noted. "It is definitely in the best interest of all the good people in Chowan County to be under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Patrol office in Elizabeth City."

Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston, was also said to be helpful in getting the change made back to Elizabeth City.

District Court Judge Wilton Walker, Jr., of Currituck, one of the first to protest the SHP action, said upon learning of the September 1 switch: "I'm delighted. Everyone can work together better now."

Guard In Training

Major elements of North Carolina's 30th Infantry Division departed the state last weekend for two weeks of annual field training at Ft. Stewart, Ga.

A truck convoy departed from the local National Guard Armory Saturday morning, as did convoys from units throughout the state. Although the multi-column vehicular traffic crowded the highways, no major accidents were reported.

The 'Old Hickory' Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Dan K. Edwards of Durham, has units in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. The majority of the division still is located in the Tar Heel State, however. Troops from the three states usually converge on Georgia or at Ft. Bragg for summer training.

The Tar Heel Guardsmen are scheduled to return to their home station during the weekend of August 21.

4-H'ers At Camp

Twelve Chowan County 4-H'ers are attending 4-H Camp at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center in Reidsville this week.

They are: Wayne Chappell, Randy Chappell, Dean Allen Wills, Al Ward, Gerald Hall, Keith Hall, Cindy Ricks, Vickie Chappell, Jackie Perry, Jeanette Ward, Margie Rayner, and Arlene Monds.

Mrs. Daisy Bembry and Murray Goodwin, extension agents and Mark Thompson, adult leader are accompanying the group.



Democrats At Luau—Some 500 Democrats gathered in Wrightsville Beach last Saturday for a YDC luau. House Speaker Phil Godwin of Gates County is shown at left with Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton, and Charlie Hodgson of Chapel Hill, state American Legion commander. At left the Speaker is with U. S. Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington and YDC President Charlie Winberry of Rocky Mount. Mrs. Amburn is pictured above talking with Bill Goodwin of Edenton and Washington, D. C.

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