

Not so many years ago, dam building—flood control, irrigation and hydro-electric power generation—became virtually a national craze. Billions of dollars were spent by the taxpayers building dams to generate "low cost" electricity. Now the story is different.

A nationally known radio and television performer has said that all dams on all rivers in the United States should be removed. He did not estimate how many billions of dollars of tax money this would require nor did he indicate what should be done about the floods, power shortages, loss of irrigated lands and other disasters that would follow such action. Here is a perfect instance of the inconsistency of human nature and of environmentalism gone berserk.

Christmas Comes Again

That most significant of all times for the Christian world—Christmas—is once again just around the corner. The hectic days of Christmas shopping and those last minute errands as the deadline approaches should not be permitted to obscure the wonder of Christmas. That wonder can be seen in many ways—in children's faces as they gaze at a Christmas tree; in the tinkling of cheerful Salvation Army bells on street corners; in special church services; in the colorful glow of thousands of American cities as they don the mantle of Christmas lights.

This season that marks the birth of Christianity surmounts with ease the trials and tribulations of the previous 12 months. For a few brief hours, the Christmas spirit of goodwill and good cheer prevails. The good in man is manifested most strongly demonstrating the validity of the Christian epoch that came into being nearly 2,000 years ago.

Yes, There Are Welfare Cheats

Every try to tell a liberal that there are at least a few people on the welfare rolls that shouldn't be, only to be answered with a claim that this or that study has shown virtually everyone on welfare is beyond hope?

Next time, tell him that since New York State began requiring employable welfare recipients to pick up their checks at state employment offices (and perhaps be given jobs as a consequence), 20% of the recipients have decided that they could survive without their checks after all. At first shrugged off by bureaucrats as attributable to the confusion of a new system, the rate has consistently stayed the same since July 1, when it began.

Scott — Simmons Matter

Gov. Bob Scott knew when he appointed Eugene Simmons of Tarboro to fill the top post in the Department of Commerce & Industry he would be grist for the mill of political hopefuls and the more gliberal press. He hasn't been disappointed for they have done everything short of tar and feather him.

Earlier this year he told state employees to shape up or ship out. He campaigned on a platform of being a four-year governor and he, through his actions, is making every effort to carry through on this plan.

An editorial writer for the neighboring Gates County Index pretty well sums up our feelings about the Simmons matter:

Time For Easterner At C&D

It's unfortunate that one of the few Easterners ever named to a responsible position in the commerce and industry structure of state government should come in for a torrent of criticism before he ever set foot inside his new office. This is the situation that greeted the appointment of Eugene Simmons of Tarboro to head the C&D portion of the new Department of Economics and Natural Resources.

Among those voicing disapproval have been Republican candidate for governor Jim Holshouser and Democratic candidate for the same office Reginald Hawkins. This takes the criticism out of the realm of partisanship but it may also say something about the attitudes and intentions of the critics. There is some evidence that the critics don't fully understand that which they oppose. Their motives are even more open to question.

At issue seems to be the legislative intent in the reorganization of state government enacted by the General Assembly this year. The Legislature combined some 300 agencies of state government together in a basic structure of 19 overall umbrella type departments. With minor exceptions no existing agencies other than the Department of Local Affairs was abolished in the reorganization. The Local Affairs Department was split up (but not its separate agencies) with most of its parts being added to the existing C&D structure.

Somewhere between the legislative intent and implementation, the C&D organization went awry. This was, perhaps inevitable in that the original appointee to head the umbrella agency, Roy Sowers, had been head of one of the parts—C&D. Apparently some of

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By-Pass Hit Rough Spot In Guideline

Initial contact for the purchase of right-of-way along U. S. 17 by-pass of Edenton begins next week, but it may be early 1976 before the highway is completed. This was information given Chowan County commissioners by officials of the State Highway Commission.

D. W. Patrick of Ahoskie, division engineer, said he did not expect right-of-way acquisition to delay the project. He said new relocation and other federal regulations cause projects to move at a slower pace.

The engineer said right-of-way people will start making initial contact with property owners early next week, following final ground surveys. However, there are now so many federal regulations the project could be prolonged six to 12 months, he noted.

When pressed by Commissioner N. J. George for a projection as to when the by-pass would be completed, Patrick said "late 1975 or early 1976."

All public hearings have been completed.

Commissioners urged SHC officials to be as considerate with property owners as possible.

State Highway Commissioner Joe Nowell of Winfall said Chairman Lauch Faircloth assured a local property owner just last week he could expect only the fairest of treatment from highway representatives.

The by-pass has been in the works for several years. It has been endorsed by Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Edenton Town Council and Chowan County commissioners. The project is also considered a major link in a proposed north-south expressway from Norfolk, Va., to Georgia.

Commissioner Nowell told county commissioners improvements are to be made on Highway 37 near Perquimans County line and also on the two-mile stretch from Indian Trail Road to Nixon Beach.

County commissioners urged officials to approve a request that Bayview Trail in Cape Colony be added to the state system. Representatives from the area said the short connector road has six houses and 14 automobiles and is considered a thoroughfare between Country Club Drive and Base Road.

Commissioner Nowell said he was aware of the heavy traffic. It was explained that Chowan had \$15,000 in secondary road funds for this fiscal year. Commissioners agreed not to designate these funds for any particular project.

Hunt Brings Campaign Into Area

Jim Hunt of Wilson brought his campaign for the Democratic nomination of lieutenant governor into Northeastern North Carolina today (Thursday), speaking out strongly for better discipline in public schools and a mandatory "mini course" in basic criminal law.

Hunt, a youthful attorney who was certified upon graduation from N. C. State University to teach vocational agriculture, said the lieutenant governor, among other things, has a responsibility to be concerned with schools and education.

He said in the past some holders of this office haven't been concerned enough about the subject to even attend meetings of the State Board of Education, of which the law makes him a member.

In a statement to The Chowan Herald on the subject he said:

"Hundreds of teachers and thousands



Jim Hunt



All-East Players—Named by The News and Observer as Class 2-A All-East football player was Lewis Brothers, right. Named on the second team was Joe Bunch, left. Marion Kirby, center, has coached the two players during their high school career.

Brothers, Bunch Get All-East Honors

Lewis Brothers of John A. Holmes High School has been named on The News and Observer Class 2-A All-East football squad. Named to the second team was Joe Bunch, also from Holmes.

Marion Kirby, coach of the boys throughout their high school career, stated that no two more deserving boys could have been chosen.

Kirby stated that Brothers is the best down-field blocker he had ever coached and one of the finest defensive players.

Brothers has three high school letters and has been a starter for two seasons. He received honorable mention in his junior year for the All-East team and was voted most valuable player by his team mates in 1970. He was captain of the football team this year.

Kirby stated that Bunch has been the leading scorer with over 200-point totals in three years, since he had been coach at Holmes. He remarked that Bunch is a real hard-nosed player and is an excellent offensive and defensive player.

Bunch has been a starter for three

Dedication Slated

Rocky Hock Baptist Church will dedicate a new pastor's home in a special service Sunday at 2 P. M., at the home.

A year of planning and construction resulted in a very beautiful and adequate pastorium consisting of living and dining rooms, family room, pastor's study, kitchen, four bedrooms and three baths.

Immediately following the dedication service, the home will be open for viewing by the members of the church.

of parents have complained to me about inadequate discipline in our schools. Teachers cannot teach, and students cannot learn unless we have order in the classroom.

"We as parents must discipline our children at home and we must insist on and support our teachers and administrators in doing the same thing in our schools. I believe the old adage 'spare the rod and spoil the child' may still apply.

"Discipline must be fair but firm. Unruly students should be punished appropriately and not allowed to continue interfering with others who want to learn.

"Also, I share the concern that I see throughout North Carolina about the increase in crime, drugs and disorders in our communities.

"The solution to these problems requires more law enforcement personnel, firmer courts, and an insistence on a speedy trial of those accused of breaking the law.

"But, I believe that in the long run, we will improve the situation by properly teaching our young people today.

"The incidents of crime among teenagers today is alarmingly high. From my own experience as a lawyer, I know that many young people do things which they know are wrong but do not realize are crimes.

"I propose that we teach a 'mini-course' in basic criminal law to every student in North Carolina. This should be taught by regular teachers who are specially prepared. They could receive help from lawyers, law enforcement officials and others.

"The material used should be in a paperback form so that every student could retain his own copy and it should set out what constitutes various crimes, the punishment for them, and the implications for the lives of young people who violate the law."

Town Okay Given Plan For Benefit

Edenton Town Council Monday night added another fringe benefit for municipal employees—group life insurance. Total cost of the program, all of which is borne by the town, is \$1,443.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner explained that the coverage would provide \$3,000 in life insurance for each employee. There is also an accidental death rider. Employees can also choose to have dependent coverage.

Seven companies offered bids on a program but the contract went to Shenandoah Life.

At the beginning of the current fiscal year, the town also instituted a retirement plan for employees.

The administrator also reported on a meeting Thursday with Richard Barnwell of Greensboro, HUD area director, and members of his staff relative to local projects. He said there appears a good possibility for a grant for downtown beautification as well as historic preservation—the Cupola House Gardens.

Council supported the efforts of Edenton Housing Authority in development of a park on the east side of property on West Gale Street Extended, along Filbert's Creek. The authority is seeking HUD assistance in the development which includes some three acres.

Also, council awarded a contract to C&L Concrete for curb and gutter along West Gale Street in the housing authority site.

Councilman Roy Harrell led a discussion about an annual informal appreciation function for town employees. He said this would be a good time to honor those who retire during the year from town employment.

Council approved the concept of an Edenton-Chowan Judicial Center. Mrs. James Kinion, representing Albemarle Law & Order Association, presented the proposal to the council.

Louis Francis appeared to protest payment of a peddler's license fee unless everything selling from vehicles in town paid the fee. Gardner said the law was being enforced impartially.

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Griffin Re-Elected

A. C. Griffin, a prominent Chowan County farm leader, has been named chairman of the ASC County Committee for a three-year term. Griffin has been on the committee for more than 25 years.

The nomination came Monday at the Chowan ASC county convention.

H. O. West, executive in charge of the county office, said Ray Byrum has another year to serve on the county committee and Ernest Boyce has two more years of his present term.

At the same time West announced the results of a peanut referendum conducted by ASC. Farmers here approved peanut marketing quotas. The preliminary returns from the December 6-10 growers' referendum show favorable votes by 99 per cent of the 324 peanut growers who voted. At least two-thirds of the growers voting had to approve marketing quotas in order for them to be in effect.

West said more than 1,000 ballots were mailed from his office.

Approval of the quotas by peanut growers means that (1) acreage allotments and marketing quotas will be in effect for the next three crop years, (2) marketing penalties on peanuts grown in excess of the farm allotment will be in effect for the 1972-1974 crops and (3) loans to growers who comply with their farm peanut allotments will be at the full level available under the law.

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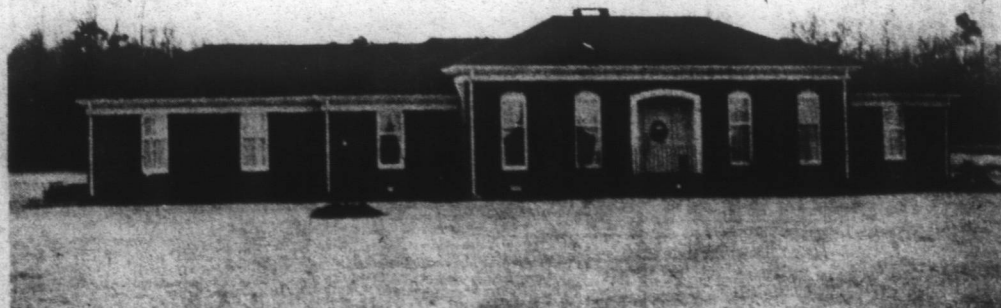
Office Is Moving

The Consumer Credit Branch of Peoples Bank & Trust Company is moving down South Broad Street to the main office building vacated by the bank Wednesday.

William Easterling, vice president in charge of the Consumer Credit Branch, said Saturday has been designated as moving day for the branch. He said the branch would open at its new location, 400 South Broad Street, at 9 A. M., Monday.

Since being established in Edenton, the branch has been located at 210 South Broad Street, next to Taylor Theater.

Renovations are planned at the former main office building and will be made during the coming months.



New Rocky Hock Parsonage