

Public Parade

On Being Abused

Newspapers are designed to be used, but not abused. And the line which separates the two is quite distinguishable.

This newspaper has been used more than any other business, organization or individual along the Public Parade, and we are pleased that people look to The Chowan Herald as a competent media. If this was not the case we would not be worthy of the support we enjoy.

Recently, though, we can't help but feel we were abused. But as it turned out it was not our face that had cause to be flushed.

This newspaper has supported the cooperative efforts of farmers to the extent of being highly criticized. In other words, we have spoken out for what we believe to be in the best interest of the entire citizenry and not the selfish interest of a few. At times it hasn't been easy, but nothing really worthwhile ever is.

For two months we had discussed the latest progress of Albemarle Cooperative Association with the local representative of N. C. Rural Fund For Development, the parent and funding organization. We were assured that when the time was right we would be given the story.

One can imagine our feeling last Thursday morning when a story appeared in a morning newspaper published outside the state that has a general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina. The story read more like a promotional piece for the spokesman than for the cooperative about which he spoke.

It has now turned out to be a story with few facts, all created by "misunderstanding" between the source and the reporter, via telephone. If people brought pigs to Edenton to sell Tuesday they found a vacant field not owned by the cooperative, but on which the organization has an option.

There is probably more news gathered over the telephone than by any other means. And an equal amount of "misunderstanding".

Sometimes it is quite difficult to support people and their cause. This newspaper has supported the cooperative movement not because of the people involved, but in most cases in spite of them. It is for this reason that we feel we were abused.

Just one case in point. It appeared at one time that the N. C. Department of Agriculture was giving the local cooperative an option.

Store Purchased

Phthisic's Super Market changed ownership on January 1 with Sam Roebuck of Elizabeth City, owner of S & R Super Markets, as new owner.

The store will now go by the name of S & R and a new feature will be the store hours. The S & R will be open seven days a week from 8 A. M., to 10 P. M.

Managing the store is Max Mercer, also of Elizabeth City.

Roebuck stated that it is his intention to hire local people for all types of employment.

The store will carry the same stock as Phthisic's Super Market.

Roebuck owns three other S & R Super Markets and they are located in Elizabeth City. He plans to open more stores in Eastern North Carolina.

The Phthisics are no longer associated with the store.



Rep. Walter B. Jones

Jones To Address AADA Meeting

U. S. Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville (D-NC) will speak at the regular monthly meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association to be held Thursday, January 13. The meeting will begin at 7 P. M., at Edenton Restaurant.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., AADA president, said he is especially pleased that Rep. Jones has agreed to speak at the first meeting of the new year. "I feel the appearance of a man who has demonstrated such a keen interest in the total development of Northeastern North Carolina will set the tone for a banner year for this organization," the president stated. He pointed out that space at the restaurant will be limited and those who desire to attend should make reservations with their AADA chairman in their respective county.

Executive committee members as well as members of division and county committees are encouraged to attend since information relative to the AADA program for the coming year will be explained.

The congressman has served as mayor, Recorder's Court jurist, and representative in both the State House and Senate.

County chairmen and representatives from this region include:

Chowan: Wallace Evans, chairman; Mrs. E. N. Elliott, Carlton Perry, James C. Dail and Jimmy Ward.

Gates: James Wright, chairman; Mrs. R. W. Humphries, John F. Willey, E. B. Huggins, R. E. Miller, Jr., and Mrs. Clinton James.

Perquimans: Lester Simpson, chairman; R. L. Stevenson, Floyd Matthews, Rev. Edwin Williams, Mrs. J. T. White, Sr., and Mrs. T. T. Harrell.

W. P. (Spec) Jones is AADA vice president for this three-county region of the 10-county association.

Banquet Planned

A ladies' night program of Albemarle Area Beef Cattle Association has been set for Tuesday at 7 o'clock at the American Legion Building here. Al Hubers, president of AABCA, made the announcement this week.

A steak dinner will be served. Mrs. Joan Austin, wife of Bill Austin, secretary of N. C. Cattlemen's Association, will be the speaker.

Agnew Firm On Decision Of Farm Aid

Eastern North Carolina farmers whose crops were damaged by Hurricane Ginger won't get special emergency aid, according to an announcement by Vice President Spiro Agnew.

Vice President Agnew has informed Gov. Bob Scott that no additional federal aid is available. Therefore, the request for lower interest rates and a \$2,500 Farmers Home Administration write-off will not be forthcoming.

Gov. Scott, Sen. B. Everett Jordan and Rep. Walter B. Jones have been working for several months to obtain disaster designation which would be most favorable to the farmers, including those in Northeastern North Carolina. Gov. Scott wrote the vice president earlier asking for an immediate reassessment of the crop damage and the disaster designation.

The governor said the vice president told him that federal officials had acknowledged crop losses in North Carolina might exceed \$50-million.

He also noted that 45 counties had been designated for regular FHA emergency loans and pointed out that the Disaster Relief Act of 1970 requires

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CD Shelter Plan

The Chowan County Community Shelter Plan, which is described in a supplement of today's newspaper, indicates that public fallout shelter protection for all people living in Chowan County has been located, Murray D. Ashley, Civil Defense director, said today.

"There is public fallout shelter protection for all 11,500 of the people living in Chowan County. The problem pointed up in our Community Shelter Plan is that not all of this shelter is located where it is needed," the director said.

According to the director, the short-range solution to this problem lies in the use of home fallout shelters by citizens for whom travel to shelter is more than a few miles. The long-range answer to the problem lies in the Department of Defense-sponsored fallout protection in new buildings with practically no increase in cost and extremely minor modifications in building design.

"The time to include this fallout protection in buildings is when they are in the design stage. Then it is possible

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Morton Hard On Young Democrats; Displays Talent

Armed with miniature Morton's salt shakers and postcard perfect pictures, Hugh Morton campaigned here this week in his bid for the Democratic nomination for governor. Like in other areas, the Wilmington and Linville businessman-promoter played it low key.

The only waves he made was at a breakfast Tuesday morning in nearby Hertford when he lashed out at Young Democrats for their recent convention stand on drugs and abortions. (The YDC called for the legalization of marijuana and abortion without consent). The candidate said he couldn't communicate with people who entertained such actions.

This was Morton's section trip into Northeastern North Carolina since his 100-county fact-finding tour during 1971. He took numerous color pictures and showed the slides at a meeting of Edenton Lions Club Monday night.

Twice during the presentation he indicated his position as a candidate. When showing a picture of idle school buses, he remarked that this was before the current school year. "Now they are being over-used," he stated with direct reference to his position on forced bussing.

Later he showed a state historic marker, telling how he pulled weeds from around it for some time in order to get an acceptable picture. "If you send the right man to Raleigh this time maybe we can do something about it," he quipped.

In preliminary remarks, Morton told his audience he feels by taking the 100-county tour, asking people what he would like to see done in North Carolina, he has a better idea than anyone of what people are looking for in state government.

Also, he noted that the only governor to see Tidewater from his window was the late Gov. J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Elizabeth City. "I am from New Hanover County and I can see Tidewater,"



New Manager — Gene Nixon, seated, has assumed his duties as manager of Albemarle Cooperative Association. He is shown with Wayland Spivey, left, secretary, and Jack W. Parker, area livestock specialist. ACA is a swine producing and management cooperative headquartered in Edenton.

Nixon Is Co-Op Manager

Albemarle Cooperative Association, an 11-county feeder pig organization, has a new manager and plans are progressing for a permanent market to be located in Chowan County.

Gene Nixon, 26, of Lake City, Fla., assumed the managerial post Monday.

The announcement was made by Wayland Spivey of Edenton, secretary of ACA. Nixon replaces Marcus McClanahan, who resigned October 15, 1971.

Nixon is a native of Perquimans County and was educated there and at Pitt Technical Institute. He was assistant manager and later manager of Farmers Mutual Exchange, a cotton producers affiliate, at Lake City, Fla., from 1968 to 1970. He has since been employed by Purina Feed Company in Lake City.

VEPCO Pays Tax

Checks totaling \$1,374,278 were presented Friday by W. R. Black and J. R. Haden, North Carolina district managers for Virginia Electric & Power Company, to county, city and town tax collectors in the 22 counties that VEPCO serves in this state.

Chowan County's check was in the amount of \$11,693. The largest check of \$375,696 went to Northampton County.

The Town of Edenton received a check for \$2,112. Elizabeth City received a check for \$4,205 and the City of Greenville a check for \$4,202.

VEPCO's total taxes for 1971 are estimated to be \$42,960,000. North Carolina state and local taxes total \$3,003,000, including \$1,383,700 for property taxes and \$1,552,000 for taxes on gross receipts.

Young Democrats; Displays Talent

he stated.

In an earlier interview, Morton said he is much encouraged by the direction his campaign is going. He said his efforts were boosted by the withdrawal of Atty. Gen. Robert Morgan from the race. "Robert and I enjoy many of the same friends and I feel most of the Morgan votes will become Morton votes," he said confidently.

He said he is an easterner with western ties, something no other candidate has. And he made it emphatic that he was not a sectional candidate. "I am for North Carolina and my past accomplishments will bear this out," he said.

Traveling with the candidate were Wayland Sermons of Washington, a former state legislator and owner of The Carolinian at Nags Head, and Wilson Woodhouse of Raleigh and Currituck County.



Without A Roar — Hugh Morton, left, Democratic candidate for governor, Monday night visited Edenton Lions Club while on a tour of Northeastern North Carolina. He is being welcomed by Caswell Edmondson, president. At right is George W. Lewis who introduced Morton.



New Owner — Sam Roebuck, left, is the new owner of the former Phthisic's Super Market as of January 1. Standing beside Roebuck is McKay Phthisic, the former manager. The new store is S & R Super Market.