

Public Parade

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The Battle Cry

Survey, study and plan are rapidly becoming dirty words along the Public Parade and elsewhere in Northeastern North Carolina. And until the leadership becomes bold enough to stand up and say "enough's enough" seed money will continue to be wasted in our fertile soil.

In the past, too many have been complacent, taking token amounts in our area of Tar Heelia in the form of grants for surveys, studies and planning. Meanwhile, other areas have prospered from the literally millions of dollars to implement screwy programs set afloat by simple dreamers. But it is not too late for citizens of the Albemarle to change the direction of the past. It is not too late for us to demonstrate initiative and a desire to seek the better things of life; not in the name of the familiar refrain of "our fair share" but in the name of what is best for our citizens.

We live in an area where the expenditure of a widow's mite will make terrific impact. Therefore, we can become the showplace of the East Coast if we are provided the opportunity.

By the same token, however, we cannot demand this opportunity. As was said recently, we must be farsighted enough and possess sufficient intellect and energy to become so disturbed about our problems that we react, not negatively, but objectively and yes, positively. The area must speak in a unified voice, putting aside petty jealousies and prejudices.

Those with authority on the outside looking in must be impressed with the mere fact that in the Albemarle our neighbor is like our brother. Our objectives should be so outlined and constructed that we do not erect further barriers or fences but build something more attractive—a healthy climate for every citizen to progress in the business of enjoying a better life.

This cannot be done with the acceptance of additional surveys, studies and planning. At a recent meeting it was noted that questionnaire forms in a survey were slow in being returned. This may be those being surveyed speaking back to the surveyors. So, perhaps our people are tired of

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a bit personal, but...

From The White House To Our House



Luke Amburn, at Four, With Picture Of His Friend

Unfortunate as it may be there is nothing like death to stir a memory. This was the case Monday night when the news was circulated that former President Lyndon B. Johnson had died at his Texas ranch.

It was in October, 1964, that we put a 10-gallon hat, purchased at a Democratic campaign rally, on the head of our four-year-old and snapped his picture for the Statesville Record & Landmark. The caption read: "HI PODNER! -- From the expression on his face it would appear that Luke Amburn had just been named chairman of the Nursery Set for LBJ. This four-year-old is all set to go on the campaign trail--Texas had, sparkling eyes, and a ready smile. However, he does most of his campaigning for cookies and apples--with an occasional fight--near his home, 425 Walnut Street."

On a lark, a clipping went to President Johnson. Some two weeks later the following letter was received with the accompanying photograph:

"President Johnson asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter.

"He was pleased to see Luke's picture in the paper in support of his candidacy, and trusts he will continue to merit the confidence and good will of his friends throughout the North Carolina Piedmont.

"It occurred to him that Luke might like to have the enclosed photograph as a memento of this campaign.

"With the President's best wishes,

Ivan Sinclair
Assistant to the President"

Mail from The White House is hard to come by, but Luke Amburn has his and is mighty proud of it. LFA.



Best wishes to Luke Amburn
LBJ

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FHA Housing Loans On Ice

The Department of Agriculture has announced today its rural housing credit program, administered through the Farmers Home Administration, will continue on an unsubsidized basis.

The department said several Federally-subsidized loan and grant programs for rural housing will be subjected to an 18-month evaluation study, during which the processing of new applications will be temporarily discontinued. This is a part of a government-wide program, previously announced by Secretary George Romney of Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Farmers Home Administration (FHA) will confine its subsidized housing loan program this fiscal year to loans that were approved by January 8.

Unsubsidized home ownership loans will continue to be made. It is estimated that there will be more than 100,000 housing loans for the fiscal year. The current interest rate on unsubsidized loans is 7-1/4 per cent.

The department said the suspension in subsidized housing will be in effect for 18 months to allow time for a comprehensive evaluation of the programs.

FHA housing programs are administered in rural areas, including the countryside and towns of up to 10,000 population, and serve people of low and moderate income who find no other housing credit available.

New Schedule

Teachers, not students, will work on Saturday to make up for time lost during the "snow holidays", January 8-12.

Dr. Eddie West, superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools, said a decision has been made for students to attend classes February 2 and four days previously set aside for Spring vacation—April 24-27.

Exams will be held in schools February 1 and February 2 and teachers will work on February 3.

The make-up schedule was decided by a vote of the faculty members.



Thad Stem, Jr.

Poet To Teach

The students and faculty of John A. Holmes High School are looking forward to experiencing a special program being offered February 5 - 9 by the State Department of Public Instruction, "Poetry in the Schools," which is a program designed to acquaint students with contemporary poets and to teach them to develop an appreciation for poetry and to write poetry creatively.

Edenton is one of the 68 schools to participate in the one week programs being offered throughout the state, and Thad Stem, Jr., will be the poet-in-residence at Holmes.

There will be four classes held each day. Students who are participating signed up voluntarily, and the classes will include students from the ninth grade through the twelfth.

Each student will be writing poetry throughout the week; and with the help of Stem and Freddie Powell, the coordinator of the program at Holmes, the students will publish a poetry booklet consisting of their work done during the week. The booklet will then be sent to Raleigh, where Mrs. Ardis Kimzey, poet and coordinator for the State Department, will then compile poems from all the poetry booklets presented from all over the state into an anthology.

and Lem Cohoon, treasurer. The board of directors for 1973 include the four officers and Mrs. Marion Walston, Mrs. Willie Harvey, Clay Ferebee, Shadrach Booker, Dr. Ernest Ferguson, Mrs. Naomi Hester, and William Miller.

Four new members were appointed to the Council. They are William Miller of Hyde County, Mrs. Pat Parker of Washington County, Mrs. Marion Brinkley of Gates County and Dr. William Romm of Currituck County.

Health System Eyes New Grants

The Albemarle Human Resources Development System (AHRDS) plans to initiate programs totaling \$1.2-million this year. Thus far grants in the amount of \$591,000 have been initiated with a Family Planning Program already funded at a level of \$300,000.

This goal for the year was made public Tuesday night by James E. Lewis, AHRDS program administrator, at the system's board meeting at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

Lewis said the system anticipates approval this month of

a Speech and Hearing Program in the 10-county region. Funding is asked at the \$86,000 level with an additional \$34,000 already assured to make it operation almost immediately. He predicted that if approval comes on January 31 the program could be in operation by March 1.

Also, Lewis said AHRDS and Dr. Charles Franklin, director, Albemarle Mental Health Center, have signed a letter of intent to write a comprehensive Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Service Program for the region.

Lewis reported progress on a Permanent Birth Control Program proposal.

Earlier, Howard Campbell, AHRDS board chairman, cited the success gained through the Family Planning proposal as "not an easy method of planning but an effective manner of planning."

In explaining the system's approach to meeting the health needs in the Albemarle, the chairman said much emphasis is being placed on inter-agency cooperation to deliver the best service to as many clients as possible.

Considerable time at the meeting was spent with a discussion led by Bill Porter of The Institute on Human Ecology in Raleigh on progress of a planning study for the system.

Counties Feel State Action

Counties are reaching a "saturation point" in attempting to maintain programs launched and funded by the state and federal governments and then shifted back to the county for continued operation, according to C. A. Phillips, chairman of

Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

Phillips said Monday the state is shifting more and more on the counties. "We are reaching a saturation point" and some relief is going to have to be realized."

The chairman said a lot of times it is not understood as to how this "relates to the ad valorem situation" in the county.

The discussion came up when Commissioner Alton G. Elmore pointed out that much thought should be given to the long range planning of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education toward a new central high school. He called education "one of our most pressing needs" and felt the state should provide the relief.

Commissioner N. J. George said there are several ways to solve the problem and that he will soon propose some alternatives. He said it appears that the Title

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Clark Moves

Peoples Bank and Trust Company today announced the appointment of Alton R. Clark as assistant manager of the Consumer Credit Department and assistant cashier at their offices here.

The announcement was made by George W. Lewis, executive vice president, Peoples Bank of Edenton.

A native of Greenville, Clark graduated from Belvoir-Falkland High School in 1959. He joined Great Southern Finance Company, Greenville, in 1962 as Loan Office Manager. Prior to joining Peoples Bank, he was loan office manager for Atlantic Credit Company in Edenton.

Clark is a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church. He is married to the former Gail Garris of Greenville. They have two sons, Allen Ray, seven and Howard Jason, four.

Julie Suk Popular At Swain

"Tomorrow is Julie's last day," the youngster pondered aloud. There was a definite trace of sorrow in his voice.

"But who's Julie?," the parent asked. The reply was quick, as if the question had been anticipated.

"Oh, she's Julie Suk. She has been teaching us poetry this week."

When admonished for referring to a teacher by her first name, the kid said with much sincerity: "She asked that we call her Julie, daddy. She said that way we could be more personal."

Mrs. Julie G. Suk of Charlotte was Poet In Residence at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School here last week. She was participating in the "Poetry In The Schools" project of the N. C. Department of Public Instruction. And she was as wrapped up in what she was doing as the children were in what she was inspiring them to do.

This is the second year of the innovative program which puts Tar Heel poets in the classroom. It is Mrs. Suk's first participation and she finds it quite rewarding.

The poet hopes the program will be an on-going one. "Anyone having gone in and seen the response of the youngsters couldn't help but realize how much it (the poetry program) enriches their lives," she said in a brief interview.

She does have some constructive criticism for the program, however. She would like to see it broken down into two weeks. The cram course—five straight days—gets too much of it jammed into one week, she thinks.

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VISUAL AIDS—Mrs. Julie Suk of Charlotte "primes" a fifth grade class at Swain Elementary School for a poetry-writing session. Mrs. Suk was a popular addition to the Swain faculty last week.

Council To Develop Regional Health Plan

The main order of business for the coming year for the Albemarle Comprehensive Health Planning Council will be a major effort to develop a full, broad plan for the betterment of the health of the Albemarle's citizens. The Council, at its annual meeting held on January 15, at the Edenton Jaycee building, felt that without such a plan, coordination of health services and health needs of this region will be nearly impossible.

Herbert Chalek, the council director, informed the group that

very few regions in the state have undertaken this most important task, but that the Albemarle, due to its history of regional cooperation, smaller population, and less complex health system is in an advantageous position to do so.

Election of officers and board of directors of the Council took place also. The officers for 1973 are Thomas M. Surratt, chairman; Dr. Jerry Pickrel, vice chairman; Mrs. Jean Lassiter, secretary;