



Albert G. Byrum

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This community suffered a great loss on Tuesday evening of last week. Albert G. Byrum lost a hard fought battle with leukemia. But when the win-loss recorded is by the Great Scorekeeper, we predict he will be declared one of the biggest winners to meander along the Public Parade.

Mr. Byrum was 72 when he was called to higher rewards. And until the painful blood disease got the upper hand he could have passed for many years younger.

He loved the Albemarle Area. He especially liked the Outer Banks when he had the company of his grandchildren.

Mr. Byrum had probably the keenest financial mind of anyone in the area. He was a retired local board member of Peoples Bank & Trust Company and served on the board of Edenton Savings & Loan Association for a number of years, a seat he held at the time of his death.

While he didn't put much trust in labels he was a Conservative of considerable note. In a rare instance he survived two terms in the N. C. General Assembly without having his label tarnished.

One of his former colleagues was John R. McLaughlin of Statesville, a mutual friend. He had a storehouse full of "Cousin John" stories which started when "he met me and Ruth and showed us how to get around Raleigh."

Mr. Byrum had a pleasing personality and hit as straight a golf ball as we have seen. He married a nice lady, the former Ruth Pruden, and raised a nice family, a boy and a girl.

We join them in the feeling of great loss in Mr. Byrum's death.

Moving South

The State of Georgia has lured one of the strongest voices in community and rural development and agribusiness out of Eastern North Carolina. There will be no rejoicing over the news that John W. Pou is moving to Athens.

Dr. Joe Pou has been appointed professor of community resource development and assistant director of community and rural development for the State Extension Service in Georgia.

For the past 14 years he has directed the marketing and agribusiness office of Wachovia Bank & Trust Company in Greenville.

He takes with him a wealth of extension experience. He served as director of the University of Arizona's Extension Service from 1958 to 1961. He was head of the Department of Animal Industry at N. C. State University and head of the dairy department at the University of Maryland.

His expertise in community and rural development and agribusiness made him one of the most sought after speakers in Eastern North Carolina. His friendly persuasion, his "down home" manner, his exceptional leadership qualities made him the target of every "cause" to come down the pike. And he seldom could muster the excuse to turn them down.

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Counties Get More Authority

The N. C. Coastal Resources Commission recently has taken action to give local governments a much larger role in the identification of areas of environmental concern under the Coastal Area Management Act.

Development within areas of environmental concern (AEC's) will require a permit prior to construction.

Previously, only the commission could designate AEC's. Now local governments will be able to include recommendations for AEC's as part of their land-use plans.

The commission has also given the local governments a stronger hand when it comes to determining which dunelands are areas of environmental concern.

Commission guidelines had defined dunelands as extending "from the inland perimeter of the ocean beach to the line of estuarine water encroachment on the south side of the Outer Banks." That definition took in the entire Outer Banks.

The commission has eliminated that definition and is asking local governments to propose what constitutes dunelands in their own area.

Thomas Eure, chairman of the Coastal Resources Commission, said the commission had made the change to increase local government participation based on recommendations of the Coastal Advisory Council.

The commission has requested that local governments submit drafts of their land use plans by November 23. That date had been the deadline for submission of final land use plans. Action by the General Assembly this year moved the deadline for final plans to May 21, 1976.

Eure said the extended deadline will give the public time to review any recommended changes by the commission in drafts of local government land-use plans.

School Budget Is Approved In Committee

Committees from Edenton-Chowan Schools and Chowan County commissioners Tuesday night reached an agreement on the school budget for 1975-76. The schools will receive \$538,000 for current expenses, the same as last year.

It was agreed that commissioners will be asked to approve capital outlay projects as they develop.

The amount of current expense money approved is \$2,000 less than the revised budget presented at Tuesday night's meeting. It is \$20,000 more than the commissioners approved in the county budget and \$52,000 more than was included in the county's draft budget.

The school board's original request was for \$646,545, which included \$34,000 for capital outlay and \$50,000 in supplementary funds.

Attending Tuesday's meeting were N. J. George and David Bateman, members of the Finance Committee of the county along with Chairman Eugene Jordan, Dr. J. H. Horton, Thomas Paul Griffin and Supt. John Dunn of the school board.

Merchants To Buy Decorations

Merchants in downtown Edenton are being asked to contribute 70 cents per front foot toward the purchase of new Christmas decorations. The decision was reached Tuesday morning during a lengthy meeting at the Municipal Building.

The decorations, made specially for Edenton by Carpenter Decorating Company of Hickory, will be rented for three years at a total cost of \$1, 173 per year.

George Alma Byrum, Merchants Committee chairman, explained that the Cupola House property as well as Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad was not figured in the per foot price. He said 51 decorations would be rented, one for each of the proposed street lights between Queen and Water streets.

The Town Council recently informed the Merchants Committee that the town would no longer be able to furnish street decorations.

There were several among the 18 merchants attending the meeting who felt the entire community benefited from the decorations in the downtown area, therefore the town should continue to furnish them.

There were also suggestions that maybe the town could improvise something this year in order to wait and see exactly what is required rather than get locked into a three-year rental contract.

Wallace Evans expressed the opinion that the merchants would



CHANGING OF GUARD—Bill Goodwin, right, retiring after 36 years with the U. S. Postal Service, congratulates his successor, Larry Knox who will become the assistant postmaster in Edenton.

Goodwin Quits; Knox Named

Bill Goodwin, assistant postmaster, began retirement last Thursday after 36 years with the U. S. Postal Service. He had served in that position since 1966. Succeeding him is Larry Knox.

Goodwin's career began in 1939 when the post office was still under Congressional control. His job was substitute clerk-carrier or

as he termed it, "wherever the work is you go". In those days, he said, mail arrived in Edenton by rail and city carriers delivered the mail on foot two times a day. Today it arrives through highway transportation, star routes, and the post office is an independent business, a change made two years ago.

In terms of what he plans to do with all of his free time, he said that he plans to live just one day at a time. He plans to indulge in a few hobbies, continue his work with civic organizations, travel a bit, and generally enjoy a little rest and relaxation.

He noted that what he will miss the most is working with "the crew."

Named To Post

George Alma Byrum, chairman, Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee, has appointed Mrs. James A. Kinion of Edenton as the county's pre-telethon chairperson to organize its fund-raising efforts to meet North Carolina's share of the \$1.6-million advance cost for staging the 1975 National Democratic Telethon.

The 22-hour telecast, originating from Los Angeles, Calif., will be the longest continual entertainment program in TV history.

Board Feared

The Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission was pictured here Monday as moving toward becoming "another level of government" and its executive director was accused of destroying regional programs.

The charges were made by Commissioner N. J. George at the meeting of Chowan County commissioners. George served as secretary-treasurer of ARPDC for three years and said in the past year he has signed checks he was ashamed of.

George said he believes in regionalism but it is "high time we take a look at ARPDC". He asked that the county withhold funds until "definite goals have been set and the organization follows its charter."

"I'm ashamed to be a member of it," he added.

Later he said the problems at the commission have been "managed and not solved." He also charged that the elected officials on the commission board have not done their job.

Chairman C. A. Phillips, also a board member of ARPDC, said the commission is not designed to be another level of government. "I don't have the serious misgivings that you apparently have," he told George. He said he did not know an incident where the commission had preempted the county commissioners.

"Regionalism is here to stay," he declared.

He defended some of the problems experienced by the regional organization as developing because "things have happened so fast no one has been able to get a handle on it."

Instead of getting out of the organization or withholding fund, Phillips said the elected officials of the region should work to strengthen it.

Hearings Scheduled On Zoning Changes

Edenton Town Council voted Tuesday night to hold separate public hearings next month on petitions to rezone two tracts of the Ward property on Highway 32 near the U.S. 17 by-pass.

Both petitions ask that the property be zoned for a shopping center while developers admitted they would be satisfied with having 10 acres on the north side of the highway zoned highway commercial.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell objected, strenuously to holding hearings on the two petitions the same night. He said as presiding officer of the council he would not even entertain such a request.

Since consideration on such requests can be held during certain months, he agreed to have one public hearing on August 12 and another on August 26.

The public hearing on the zoning ordinance update developed into a debate on the Ward property. Councilman J. H. Conger, Jr., was successful in his motion to get the

Move Ahead

The county-wide water system and a new courthouse-jail for Chowan County moved a step closer this week with actions taken by county commissioners.

The board will give the contractor on the water system a notice to proceed on the project next week.

While the board decided not to enter into discussion of the courthouse site because of the absence of Commissioner David Bateman, authorization was given to have a study made which is required before any development within the Edenton Historic District.

Bateman and J. D. Peele has expressed some concern over getting adequate parking on the Broad Street site.

Everette Fauber of Lynchburg, Va., architect, has conducted a feasibility study of the site and Peele said Monday there appears to be room for adequate parking.

The site is the block bound by Broad, Church, Court and Queen streets.

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north tract zoning changed to highway commercial before the update is approved. This will be decided at the August meeting.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., a developer of the Ward property, said the update places a great deal of hardship on local developers who will be required to go to considerable expense meeting requirements before his property is actually considered for rezoning. He added that he was not opposed to "reasonable control" over developers.

It was decided that a study be made of the requirements with some of them being shifted from the zoning ordinance to the subdivision ordinance.

Mayor Harrell and other councilmen agreed that the town should not place undue burden on developers.

Earnhardt, town attorney who has asked to be relieved of his duties during the rezoning matter in which he is involved, admitted that the north tract of the Ward property was being sought as shopping center only because it had been two months since the highway commercial zone request had been denied. (A property owner cannot petition for rezoning

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Frinks Is Jailed

Golden Frinks was arrested in Thomasville Friday on a capias from U. S. District Court to begin serving a six-month sentence from Chowan County Superior Court in 1973, according to Chowan County Sheriff Troy Toppin.

Frinks' appeal to the State Court of Appeals was denied and he made an appeal in federal court. He was sentenced following demonstrations in Edenton. He was convicted of blocking traffic.

Interviewed this week from the Green County Unit at Maury, Frinks vowed that his time in prison would be short lived. He said U. S. District Court Judge John Larkin of Trenton was being petitioned to free him pending an appeal to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va.

He has served 21 days of the sentence pending earlier appeals.



COOKING AND EATING—The second annual Fourth of July fish fry at Murray Nixon's Fishery in Rocky Hock was a sizzling success. Between 1 P.M. and 5 P.M. more than 2,000 men, women and children consumed 2,700 pounds of fish with all the trimmings. Nixon is shown at right center in the picture at left as he supervised the big undertaking. At right, Marvin Smith pauses from his frying pan long enough to answer a question about what kind of fish he is cooking. Dishing up the plates is an assembly line operation which is shown at bottom left. Fahey Byrum is shown bottom right as he helps make sure there will be no leftovers.

