

# Commission Appoints Beckler As Director

ELIZABETH CITY—Ray Beckler of Raleigh has been named director of the Human Resources Division of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission.

The action was taken here last Thursday night at a meeting of the ARPDC Executive Board. Beckler will assume the position on September 2.

At the present Beckler is unit supervisor of Chronic Disease with the Department of Human Resources in Raleigh. His salary as head of the Human Resources Division will be \$18,000 per year.

At the same time the board terminated the employment of Roy L. Harrell, who has been acting director since the resignation of Harold E. McKinney. McKinney followed

James E. Lewis in the post.

Earlier the board had adopted a resolution naming Harrell acting director but stating that he was not qualified to apply for the directorship. His employment was to be terminated when a "qualified" director was named.

The board relieved Harrell of his duties as of August 15 but paid him for salary accrued through August 31 as well as annual leave.

The motion to pay Harrell was promoted by Mayor John Bell of Elizabeth City who was quoted as saying, "Roy has done a good job".

The board also adopted three motions which Chairman T. R. Spruill of Washington County said he hoped would permanently end the conflict between ARPDC and

the Human Resources Advisory Committee.

According to news accounts, the motions carried that future grievances will be considered only if directed to the ARPDC chairman, and that all mailing and news releases must be cleared through the executive director's office.

The board responded to grievances outlined by the advisory committee but did not act on an addendum, stating that it had not passed through the committee.

Russ Langley of Dare County, vice chairman of the advisory committee and an ARPDC board member, abstained from all votes stating it was a "direct attack" on the advisory board.

## Return To Basics

The State Department of Administration is the latest up in Raleigh to get logo fever. The two-color envelope piece looks more like a pawn shop sign than something to adequately identify a state agency.

It would appear from all that is coming from state departments that a great deal of money is being wasted in an effort to gain status and identity. The graphic artists are the only ones benefiting.

The best logo to designate an agency of Tar Heel government is the state seal. And it is free.

And so are state maps which clearly illustrate that the "Henderson-Oxford" corridor is not in the Albemarle Area, as was stated in the news release sent in the fancy envelope.

All this would indicate there are two basic courses needed—geography and common sense, but not necessarily in that order.

## State Of The Region

We have read in our favorite daily newspaper of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina that the Executive Board of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission has answered grievances from its Human Resources Advisory Committee. If what we read is accurate reporting, and we have no reason to believe that it is anything less, it is the greatest white wash since Tom Sawyer.

While counties and municipalities contemplate withholding funds from the Lead Regional Organization it appears that elected officials and others on the ARPDC board continue to refuse to face up to the fact that something is amiss within the organization.

The state of the region is really a sorry state of affairs. Those who along the Public Parade have enjoyed the greatest benefits now stand to lose the most. Yet the lack of genuine concern is almost deafening.

Through the now defunct Albemarle Human Resources Development System the region got more than \$2-million in programs which didn't cost the taxpayers a red cent. And furthermore, wise administration and management had left more than \$30,000 in undesignated funds which became the property of a commission that had absolutely no hand in generating them.

In the past we have lauded elected officials in Region "R" for putting aside jealous ways and petty complaints in order to have a smooth operation. By the same token, we have hearded the region, even before legislative committees, on how we have a partnership of cooperation and life in an area where regionalism gives more than lip service.

And to the living end, we were among the minority who convinced the majority on the AHRDS board that we could live within a system with elected officials at the helm.

But this was long before personnel policies were ignored as well as recommendations of the advisory committee. This was long before people, in order to get back, started tampering with employee paychecks. And this was long before people had their salary cut retroactive, only to have it reinstated retroactively once the heat was applied.

It is obvious that regionalism is on trial in the Albemarle. It was obvious to some extent when AHRDS was used by the folks in mental health to start three programs which just at a time they were beginning to "fly" were sent back because of some trumped up regulations. They haven't functioned since.

It was even more obvious when ARPDC and ARHDS made those dedicated to regionalism and the delivery of service to the people choose up sides through a power grab unprecedented in those parts. But it appeared to be getting back in course for a short period after April 1, only to come down in recent weeks like a house of cards.

The payment of a bonus to one employee when a plea of poverty was being broadcast didn't do

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FIBERFORM OFFICIALS—Representatives of Fiberform from the Spokane office were among the numerous persons attending the Dealer Boat Show held here on Monday. Evening hours were set aside for pig picking and dancing. Shown above are several of the officials on hand for the event. They are, left to right: Bill Bongers, executive vice president; Dick Standiford, division engineer; Shirley White, Edenton plant office manager; Harold Mueller, sales representative; Laurie Gordon; Jack Walters, advertising director; and Donald K. Barnes, president.

## Morgan To Sound Out Issues

U. S. Sen. Robert Morgan will be in Northeastern North Carolina Monday to visit with constituents in an effort to find out "how the people feel about today's problems and issues."

Sen. Morgan will be at the Pasquotank County Courthouse in

Elizabeth City from 9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. to hold office hours and will see as many persons as possible. He is scheduled to meet with representatives of the news media from 9 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

He will be in Ahoskie at the Tomahawk Restaurant Monday afternoon and at the Town Hall in Williamston on Tuesday morning. These are stops in this area on a swing through the eastern section of the state that Sen. Morgan will take during the final week in August.

The visits to the various communities will be informal and persons wishing to see Sen. Morgan may do so on a first-come, first-serve basis. No previous appointments are necessary or are being made, his office announced.

"Sen. Morgan just wants to keep in touch with the people he represents," an aide said, "and he feels he can do this by getting out and talking and listening to as many people as possible."



CECIL T. PARKER

## Joins BNC

Cecil T. Parker has been transferred to the Edenton office of Bank of North Carolina, it was announced recently by Verne E. Cayton, vice president and manager. Parker will assist Cayton and be responsible for the installment loan department serving BNC's two Edenton branches.

Originally from Jacksonville, Parker began his banking career with Branch Banking & Trust Co. in Wallace. He joined Bank of North Carolina in 1974 as loan officer in Farmville with considerable experience in credit and lending.

He is married to the former Phyllis Sykes of Enfield. She will be working for the Chowan County Department of Social Services as an eligibility specialist, transferring from a similar position with the Pitt County agency.

## Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will pay a regular visit to Edenton Monday with a quota of 125 pints having been set.

The bloodmobile will be at the Edenton Baptist Church from 12-noon until 6 P.M.

"Blood is desperately needed at this time of the year," said Gary Anderson, Jaycee volunteer chairman. "Please make it a point to donate at this visit."



VISITING "SUPER FARM"—Former Gov. Bob Scott was the guest of Albemarle Area Development Association last Thursday for a tour of First Colony Farms. He is shown in picture at left with G. Irvin Aldridge, Manteo attorney who is a former state official; Cy Rich, Jr., president of First Colony; and Phil Quidley

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## Attorney Says Action Was Legal

A general discussion of the Town of Edenton's zoning ordinance was held Tuesday night during a called meeting of Town Council.

At the meeting some expression was made as to the legality of last week's action which dealt with a 10-acre tract of the Ward property on Highway 32, next to the U. S. 17 by-pass.

W. T. Culpepper, III, who had been retained by the town for legal advice relative to the rezoning of the property from R-20 to highway commercial, stated that in his opinion the action was legal.

A public hearing will be held next Tuesday night on a petition to rezone another section of the Ward farm for a shopping center. At this time the council will make a determination as to take no further action on last week's vote or to vote on the question of rescinding the action.

## Mr. Elliott Buried

Graveside services were held at Beaver Hill Cemetery at 11 A.M. Friday for W. O. (Cap) Elliott, 78, 102 Blount Street.

Rev. Robert E. Gray and Rev. Raymond Storie officiated.

Mr. Elliott died August 13 at Chowan Hospital following a brief illness.

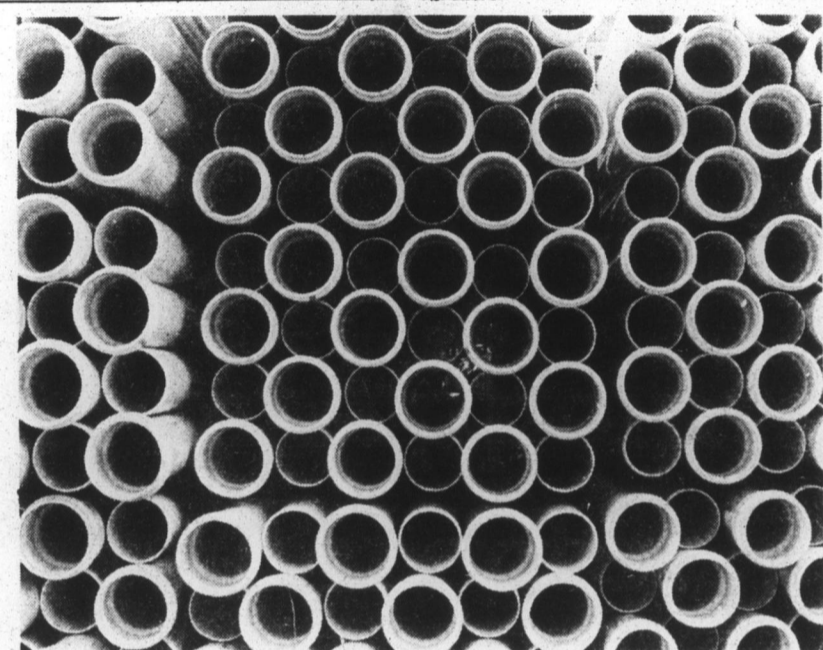
William Oscar Elliott was born in Chowan County on March 24, 1897, son of the late W. O. and Addie Shannonhouse Elliott. He was married to the late Mrs. Deborah Rawlinson Elliott.

Surviving is a son, Logan Elliott, of Edenton; and two grandsons.

Mr. Elliott, a retired mechanic, was a member of Edenton Baptist Church and a past member of Unanimity Lodge No. 7.

Pallbearers were: W. H. Wells, Larry Skinner, Murray Byrum, Frank Holmes, West Byrum, Jr., James Bond, Dr. Edward Bond and Bill Pruden.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



PLASTIC HONEYCOMB—Camera's eye provides a honeycomb view of plastic pipe that will become part of the county-wide water system soon. Bryant Utilities Construction Company of High Point has begun stockpiling the 150 miles of pipe at the old W. D. Holmes Warehouse on Church Street as the unique project swings into action.

## Teachers Report For School

Like the swallows of Capistrano, approximately 170 teachers, aides and support personnel of the Edenton-Chowan School System returned to the roost Monday to begin their duties for the 1975-76 school year.

During an opening session for teachers, which was also attended by County Commissioners, Nick George, and Eugene Jordan, Dr. Ed Bond, Mrs. Emily Amburn, and T. P. Griffin, school board

members, Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, extended the challenge for teachers to "make the classrooms the place where children want to be" discussed 1975 legislation and local school policies affecting teachers, the introduction of 17 new teachers, the explanation of a new Exceptional Children's Program, internal changes and expansion of curriculum and existing programs were highlighted topics during the opening session.

## Superior Court Set

Judge John Webb of Wilson will preside over a criminal term of Chowan County Superior Court which opens here at 10 A.M. on August 25.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk, this week released the calendar arranged by Dist. Atty. Thomas Watts of Elizabeth City. Asst. Dist. Atty. D. Keith Teague, also of Elizabeth City, will prosecute the docket.

Schedule for trial is James Junior Biggs on capital offenses of first degree murder and first degree burglary.

A total of 51 cases have been calendared for trial.

This first day found principals and teachers in their individual schools going over an intensive in-service plan which will involve most teachers for the 10-day period prior to the arrival of students on August 28. In-service workshops will be conducted by respected consultants in the areas of assessment and evaluation, teaching reading to slow learners, social studies mini-courses programs, techniques of teaching mathematics and elementary economics.

Other important meetings being conducted were a presentation of elementary textbooks by a consultant from Prentice Hall and a workshop for instructional aides, who will assist teachers during the year.

## Support Level

The support level for 1975-crop peanuts is \$21.80 per ton more than last year, according to an announcement today by H. O. West, executive of the Chowan County ASCS Office.

West said the support price for Virginia type peanuts has been set at \$393.80 per ton. Last year the price was \$372 per ton. Therefore, the support price per pound is \$19.69 and \$18.60 respectively.

West added that the level, established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is based on the \$394.50 per ton minimum national average support level.



of Manteo, AADA president. At right, Dr. George Hiatt, director of the N. C. Extension Service, and J. C. Jones, district extension chairman, third from left, are shown with representatives from Chowan and Perquimans counties.

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