

Public Parade

Disturbing News

Monday was a big news day in Eastern North Carolina. The problem, though, is that most of it was disturbing news.

Example: A recently fired IBM Corp. employee shot and killed one person and seriously wounded another at the IBM building in the Research Triangle Park Monday.

Example: A 29-year-old Raleigh man was shot and killed Monday by Raleigh police in a boarding house less than 24 hours after he was turned away from treatment at Dorothea Dix Hospital.

Example: State Rep. G. Ronald Taylor, D-Bladen, pleaded guilty in Bertie County Superior Court Monday to two charges in connection with fires at warehouses owned by State Sen. J.J. (Monk) Harrington, a longtime business rival.

Example: The Propst Construction Co. of Concord and one of its executives pleaded guilty Monday to rigging bids on the \$8.3-million Pasquotank County water system.

Example: Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. Monday filed for a \$37.7-million rate increase that would raise the average residential customer's telephone bill about \$3.11 a month.

These lead paragraphs from headline stories in our least favored morning daily newspaper of general circulation in North-eastern North Carolina paint a pretty bad picture of events in Tar Heelia. If it's a sign of the times then we had all better busy ourselves with changing the times.

Three of the examples hit close to home. And the other two illustrate a sick society where little value and even less respect is generated for human life.

Naturally, these examples just happened to surface on a particular day. But day in and day out there is more disturbing news than good news.

And it is not going to change until a concerned public become disturbed enough to help do something about what is happening around them. The world is full of goodness, but it manages to be kept under cover.

A disturbed public, through action rather than reaction, can turn the tables toward a better community, state and nation.

More On Water

The need for North Carolina and Virginia to forge an agreement relative to water resources and their use may be closer than appears on the surface. Yet another document is being circulated along the Public Parade and throughout the region.

Sec. Joseph W. Grimsley of the State Department of Natural Resources & Community Development is calling for comment on the draft report of The North Carolina - Virginia Tidewater Area: Developing a Process for Resolving Water Resources Management Issues.

The report follows on the heels of a "let's get on with it" charge by Dr. Jay Langfelder, assistant secretary of NCRNC. Dr. Langfelder points out that time is of essence since the last session of the N.C. General Assembly that Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., will be involved with is next year.

In mounting the charge, Dr. Langfelder has placed the problems where it belongs - in politics. The answer to the problem will be a political decision, regardless of all the studies.

The big question is what North Carolina will give up to insure Tidewater Virginia an adequate water supply in the future? Dr. Langfelder believes the trade off can result in restoring water quality to the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound.

The Tar Heel official has put local concerns to Virginia thusly:

- 1 - Control of the amount of groundwater drawn up through wells in Southeastern Virginia. Wells in Northeastern North Carolina draw from the same aquifer as those in Tidewater, and Carolina officials are concerned that the underground supply not be depleted.

- 2 - Bi-state efforts to clean up the polluted Chowan River, which

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ARMORY DEDICATED — Mayor Harrell, General Ingram, and Al Phillips cut the ribbon officially opening the new Armory.

Harrell Speaks At Dedication Of New Edenton Armory

The Edenton National Guard Armory was dedicated last Saturday, Aug. 28. In attendance were local dignitaries, members of the Guard and many citizens of Edenton and Chowan County.

The local dignitaries who spoke on behalf of Edenton and Chowan County were Mayor Roy Harrell and Commissioner Al Phillips respectively.

Mayor Harrell, in his comments said, "The people of Edenton are extremely proud of each and every one of you (the members of the Guard) congratulations to the Guard and its members.

Al Phillips stated that, "The

people of "C" company help to make Chowan County what it is." He then congratulated them on their new Armory.

Maj. General Ingram the adjutant general for "C" company recounted a short history of the Guard in Edenton. Stating that the citizen-soldier has a long history in the area. Gen. Ingram continued by stating that the Guard now has a new role in the defence of the country being larger than the active army. He closed by saying, "without the local support the entire military structure would crumble."

CRC Act Is "Essential"

Natural Resources and Community Development Secretary Joseph W. Grimsley has told the Coastal Resources Commission that the coastal area management act is essential for protecting the natural resource base and preserving future economic potential of the coast. The remarks came during the Commission's regular meeting in Wilmington.

In prepared remarks, Grimsley

told the commission, "You don't have to look far to see the value of coastal management in North Carolina. Some states have left their coast and its resources to chance and now are over-crowded, polluted and at the mercy of the next big storm. The Coastal Area Management Act is not a 'magic wand' to make problems disappear. But it is an effective state and local government partnership for solving these problems. There are complex and conflicting issues in the coastal area - increasing density, public health and safety, property rights and environmental protection. These issues arise from the area's popularity and its delicate and productive system of land and water. With CAMA, North Carolina has a tool for finding answers to these and other important issues for our future."

Grimsley's comments were made during a discussion of the need to maintain a strong coastal management program in the face of massive federal budget cuts. The group also discussed ways to explain the value of CAMA to a legislative study commission which is reviewing the law for the General Assembly.

The study commission has scheduled public hearings on CAMA at three coastal sites this fall. The hearings will be held at the Marine Resources Center at Pine Knoll Shores on September 13, in the Chemistry Building at UNC-Wilmington on September 14 and on October 13 at the Marine Resources Center in Manteo.

"I hope the people of the coastal area--and all across North Carolina-- will take the opportunity to share their views on the need for coastal management with the members of the study commission at these hearings," Grimsley said.

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Telephone Co. Files Request For Rate Increase

TARBORO — Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company on August 30, 1982, filed a request with the North Carolina Utilities Commission for a rate increase of about \$3.11 a month for the average residential customer.

T.P. Williamson, Carolina Telephone's vice president-administration, said, "The company regrets the necessity to file for increased rates so soon after our last general rate increase but it has no choice if it is to continue providing the quality telephone service our customers expect and deserve. Despite our most stringent efforts to control and reduce the cost of providing telephone service, the additional revenues granted to the company in April of this year simply have not materialized. This is due in part to the Commission's overestimating the revenues which it anticipated that the company would receive from a statewide increase in long distance rates, coupled with the drastic changes imposed upon the entire telephone industry through federal deregulation, and the difficult state of the economy in general.

As a result, the company has no opportunity to earn the return found fair by the Commission in

Fish Regulations Are Approved

Regulations on king and Spanish mackerel, crab and eel pot buoys, gill net buoys, flounder nets, had rakes, endangered species, shrimp hand seines, trawl nets in the sound, and gill nets were passed by the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission at a meeting August 18 in Morehead City, according to Jerry Gaskill, commission chairman.

All changes will be effective January 1, 1983, except those for king and Spanish mackerel and flounder trawl, which becomes effective October 1.

Included are:

The area where the Roanoke River (including Middle, Eastmost, and Cashie Rivers) enters Albemarle Sound was redefined for use of gill nets with a minimum mesh length of three inches from January 1 through May 31. The area is now between the mouth of Roanoke River (including Middle Eastmost and Cashie Rivers) and U.S. Highway 64-264 bridges at Roanoke and Croatan sounds.

The same area in number one (above) will now have a minimum mesh length of three and one-half

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our last general rate case and continue to meet its service obligations."

The company is seeking a \$37.7 million increase in its annual revenues. Of this, \$4.8 million would be for increased Extended Area Service (EAS) rates; \$3.3 million would be for increased service connection, move and change charges; \$28.5 million would be for increased basic local

Business Center Developing On Mexico Road

Several small business have been moving to the Mexico Road area over the past year. The businesses that have already moved are Terry Jones Mobile Homes, L&G Heating and Air Conditioning, Parker Monuments, Ward's Garage and Dixie Auto Parts.

It was Mr. Terry Jones who developed the land for its owner by selling the lots to the various businesses.

Mr. Jones is also the owner of Terry Jones Mobile Homes which opened its doors last November as a Connor Mobile Home dealer. Recently, however, the dealership has become an independent dealer carrying such brands as Brigadier, Commodore and Parkway. The reason for the change Mr. Jones said was to "offer a greater

Vote Timetable Is Released

The Chowan County Board of Elections this week released a General Election Timetable, as issued by Alex K. Brock, director, State Board of Elections.

Important dates and events include:

September 3 - Starting date for absentee ballots.

October 4 - Registration deadline to vote in General Election.

October 5 - Starting date for 'one stop' voting.

October 28 - Last date for issuance of absentee applications. Also last date for 'one stop'.

November 1 - Deadline for receiving absentee ballots.

November 2 - General Election Day!

November 4 - Date on which County Boards meet at 11 A.M. to canvass returns.

Felix P. Chambers is chairman of the local board. Members are Mrs. Byron P. Kehayes, secretary; and Mrs. Novella Wilson. Mrs. Marjorie T. Allen is supervisor of elections.

exchange service rates; and \$1.1 million would be for increased charges for supplemental services and equipment. According to Williamson over half of the increased revenues would go to pay federal, state and local taxes.

If the requested increase is granted, the average residential customer in Carolina Telephone's smallest exchanges will pay \$2.50 more per month for basic service;

selection of floor plans and a greater selection of price ranges for our customers."

L&G Heating and Air Conditioning is located on the right after you turn onto Mexico Road and is already into its second phase of construction. Joe Lee and Lowell Gieseke have stated that it

County Unemployment Rate Shows Decline

Unemployment in North Carolina's 100 counties averaged 9.8 per cent in July, a rate which matched the national unadjusted average. Chowan County was one of 55 areas of the state to experience a decline in joblessness.

Chowan County had a 7.7 per cent unemployment rate in June, and a dip to 6.8 per cent in July. However, in July, 1981, the rate here was 5.9 per cent.

Unemployment in July increased in the Albemarle Area counties of Camden, Currituck, Gates, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

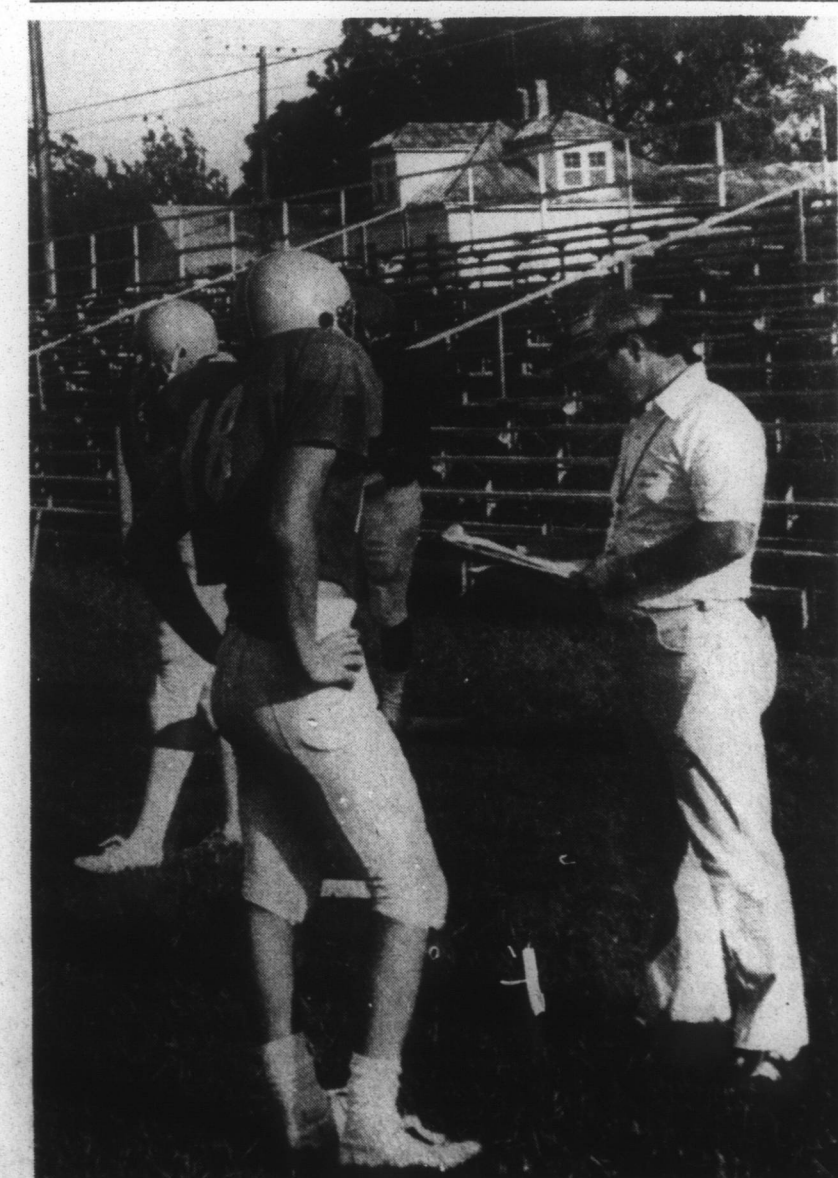
Dare County, with the state's lowest July unemployment rate of 3.8 per cent replaced Alleghany

Public Hearing Is Planned

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc., will conduct a public hearing in each of the 10 Albemarle Counties on the proposed Community Services Block Grant project scheduled to begin on November 1.

The purpose of the public hearing is to give the public an opportunity to review the proposed Anti-Poverty Plan and to receive comments on how the CSBG project is to operate within the Albemarle Area.

The public is invited to attend the public hearing scheduled in Chowan county at the New Courthouse, Broad Street on September 15, 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.



ACES PREPARE — Coach Addison gives instruction to his players as they practice for the up coming game with Roanoke Rapids. The game will be held on Friday, September 10.