

Robert Bemby

Robert Bemby died November 28 at his home on Padradise Road. His death, at age 70, removed a strong, highly respected Negro voice from along the Public Parade.

Buddy Bemby learned early in life that there was no such thing as a free ride. He worked hard all of his life, more than paying his dues at every station along the route. Therefore, he had little patience for those who tried to get something for nothing.

Buddy Bemby was retired from Parker-Evans Hardware. He was a fixture along Broad Street and until his health prohibited it completely, he could be found meandering thereabouts.

Buddy Bemby made friends easily. He was sincere, cordial, and considerate. His laugh came easy and he was as accommodating as anyone it has been our pleasure to know.

Buddy Bemby was no message carrier. He had a mind of his own, even bordering on the stubborn at times. But once convinced, his support was unwavering: And what made it so pleasant was that he was full of logic and common sense.

Buddy Bemby was a church and lodge man. He was a foremost family man. And his family can now find comfort in all his goodness, with which he was so generous throughout his life.

CAMA Scores Again

The Coastal Area Management Act last week survived another test. A legislative study commission turned back recommendations for weakening the act which has proven time and time again to be in the best interest of coastal property owners as well as the general public.

CAMA has been under constant fire since it was enacted back in 1974. It was the most amended piece of legislation in North Carolina history, but the amendment which kept it close to the people was one which resulted in the formation of a 48-member advisory council. This council has managed to rise above politics and recommendations are encouraged and welcomed by the 15-member Coastal Resources Commission.

The fact that the council has measured up to its role of local participation most assuredly rendered useless the recent recommendation by a study commission member that the politically appointed commission be enlarged. Each of the 20 counties covered by CAMA has at least one representative on the council with members being named by locally elected officials. This close tie to local government has been respected by the CRC.

CAMA was difficult to implement because of the manner in which the legislation was written. It has, at the same time, been proven to be something more than a "no development" act and this is where some of the special interest folks get tripped up.

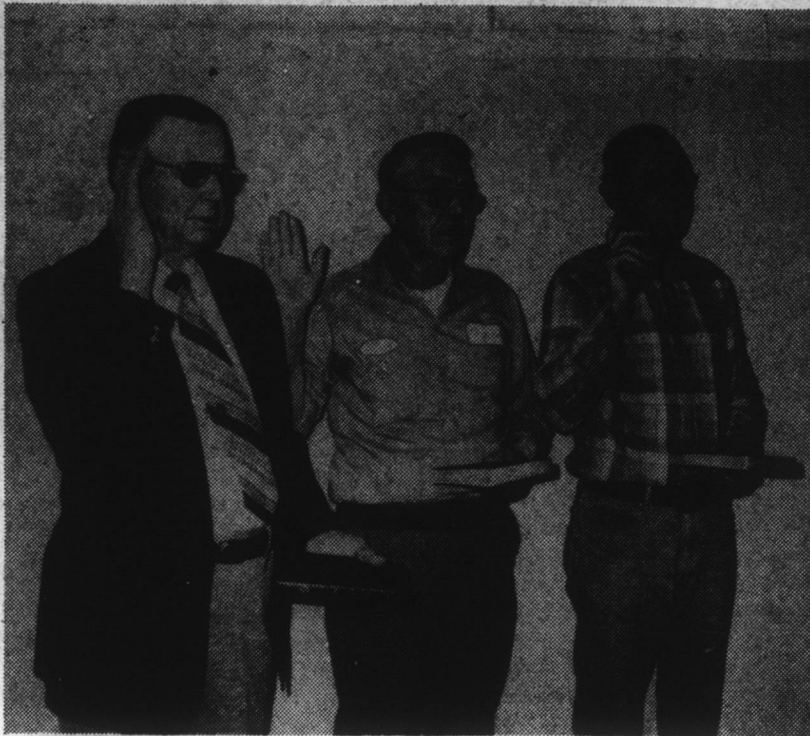
CAMA will remain valuable so long as it is kept as far away as possible from petty politics in Raleigh. The study commission was wise to maintain the structure and regulations in the existing form.

Lift Freeze

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., is asking legislators to lift the freeze now in place on pay raises for teachers and state employees. The lifting of this salary freeze is absolutely necessary.

When the General Assembly members enacted the freeze they meant business. They wrote a masterpiece which the greatest minds in the state have been unable to break. The fact that the freeze was so all encompassing has cost

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SUPERVISORS TAKE OATH—Three members of the Board of Supervisors of the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District were sworn in Monday by Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court. They are: Lloyd C. Bunch, Fahey H. Byrum and Robert Harrell.



COMMISSIONERS SWORN IN—Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, administers the oath of office to three members of Chowan County Board of Commissioners. They are: C.A. Phillips, who begins his 15th year; Mrs. Clara Boswell and Joe Hollowell, newly elected members. The three were seated Monday for four-year terms.



NEW LEADERSHIP—The new leaders of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners are Alton G. Elmore, chairman, and Mrs. Barbara Ward, vice chairman. They were unanimously elected Monday during reorganization of the board.

New Members Take Oaths And New Leaders Are Unanimously Elected To Board Of Commissioners

Alton G. Elmore and Mrs. Barbara Ward were elected Monday as chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners. The new leaders were elected unanimously after two new members were seated in a county which is now in excellent financial health.

Elmore, a commissioner for the past 10 years, succeeds C.A. Phillips, a 14-year veteran who has served as chairman for much of his tenure. Mrs. Ward replaces J.D. Peele, who was defeated by Mrs. Clara Boswell in the May primary election.

Peele, who had served on the board for eight years, and George Jones stepped down. Jones completed a four-year term before being unseated by Joe Hollowell.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, administered the oath to Phillips, Hollowell and Mrs. Boswell. The clerk also sworn in three supervisors of the Albemarle Soil and Water Conservation District. They are: Lloyd C. Bunch, Fahey H. Byrum

and Robert Harrell.

When the board was reorganized, as is done each December, Mrs. Ward nominated Elmore. She said Phillips had been an excellent chairman, but she felt more people should be given the opportunity to use their talents in the position.

Phillips then nominated Mrs. Ward for vice chairman. After her unanimous election, Mrs. Ward said she was "amazed and surprised" by the nomination. "I am pleased with the confidence Mr. Phillips has placed in me."

Elmore, who had lost previous attempts to get the chairmanship rotated among the membership, said it is a high honor to be elected to the position. "I value the opportunity to serve as chairman," he said. The new chairman praised the leadership of Phillips, saying the past chairman had served "nobly and well." He went on to say he will "lean on the county manager strongly" and challenged his colleagues to continue to do things in the county without caring who gets the credit.

Mrs. Boswell and Hollowell said they will serve all the people of the county with the best of their ability.

At the request of Mrs. Boswell, her pastor, Rev. George Cooke, offered a prayer.

Prior to the seating of the new members, Phillips cited Peele and Jones as exemplary commissioners. "no two people are more dedicated or interested in the future of the county than these men," he said. As members of the Finance Committee, they were cited as chiefly responsible for restoring the county to sound financial status. "They have been good stewards of the county's wealth," Phillips added.

In presenting Peele and Jones with silver trays, Phillips told them they helped make this the best county in the state.

Jones called his four years "precious" to him and said he is thankful that the people allowed him to have a part in the county's progress. Peele said his too had

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Board Of Education Elects New Chairman And Vice Chairman

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in a regular meeting on Monday, December 6.

The first order of business at this meeting was the swearing in of the new Board members. John Mitcheener III and Billy Nixon were sworn in first by Mrs. Lena Leary. Jerard Perry was affirmed into the office by Mrs. Leary.

The next order of business was the nomination and election of a chairman and a vice chairman of the Board of Education. The nominations for chairman took place by straw vote as the names of nominees were written down on a piece of paper and passed to John Dunn, the Superintendent of the Edenton-Chowan Schools. The

Annual Christmas Concert On Thursday

The John A. Holmes High School Music Department will present its annual Christmas Concert on Thursday night, December 16th at 7:30 P.M. in the school auditorium.

Featured on the Concert will be the Concert Band, Mixed Chorus I, Mixed Chorus II, Treble Ensemble, and the Concert Choir. Make your plans to attend and support the youth of our community. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for all students.

nominees were Cecil Fry and Eugene Jordan. The Board then took a public vote to decide on the chairman. The winner of the vote was Mr. Fry.

The election of vice chairman followed a similar format. Dr. Horton was the only nominee and subsequently won the position.

Walt Noneman reported on the good things happening with the school system's "Courtesy is Contagious" Campaign. He noted that several school systems have been studying the Edenton-Chowan Schools campaign.

He also presented for viewing, the video-tape used in the recent School Board conference in Charlotte.

The School Board considered the policies for making up "snow days", deciding on the following:

The school calendar, designed by the Board, reflects the importance of maintaining the 180 day school term for pupils in that for several years the calendar has included four makeup days on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following Easter. A review of the Edenton-Chowan School System's recent history regarding the need to make up "snow" days reveals that the school system averages three days per year. Therefore, it appears that adequate time within the

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Judge Beamon Presides Over Court Session

The District Court of Chowan County was in session last week with the Honorable Grafton G. Beamon presiding.

Decrease In County's Unemployment Rate

Unemployment decreased in Chowan County in October to 6.3 per cent which is 3 per cent below the North Carolina average for the month. Chowan was one of but 16 counties in the state to experience a decrease in unemployment for the month.

Chowan's unemployment in September was 7.1 per cent. However, the October figure was up about half a percentage point from the 5.6 figure in the same month of 1981.

Perquimans County also recorded a slight decline in unemployment for the month while the rate in the eight other Albemarle Area counties was higher than September.

Tyrrell County led the list in area counties with 12 per cent unemployment, followed by Washington with 11.7 per cent. A year ago, unemployment in the two counties was 8.3 per cent and 6.6 per cent, respectively.

The statewide figure of 9.3 per cent was up from 8.7 in September while the figure for October, 1981, was 5.9 per cent. The national rate for October was 10.4 per cent.

Local S & R Robbed Sunday

The S&R Supermarket, located on business 17 near Westover Heights was robbed sometime between 11 P.M. and 6:30 A.M. Sunday night.

The robber or robbers gained entry through a vent hole in the rear and used a ladder to get up to it. The ladder was taken from neighbors behind the store, according to Police Chief John Parrish.

The safe, located in the office was ripped in order to get the money. The amount missing is undetermined, said Parrish.

No further details are available at the present time.



S&R ROBBED—An undetermined amount of money was stolen from the ripped safe. The SBI and the Edenton Police Department are continuing to investigate. (Photo by Clay Roberts)