

Public Parade

Opportunity Missed

The N.C. Agricultural Extension Service this week announced the appointment of Dr. Tom Hobgood as the new chairman of the 17-county Northeastern District. Dr. Hobgood is an excellent selection and because of his past experience as specialist in charge of Community Resources Development he is certainly no stranger to the district.

Dr. Chester Black, director, missed a golden opportunity, however, to expand decentralization of the Ricks Hall staff when he chose Dr. Hobgood, whose office will remain in Raleigh.

The Agricultural Extension Service for the past several years has experimented with decentralization in the form of specialists in the field. More of them have been assigned to Northeastern North Carolina than any other area and they have proven to be beneficial.

Then in more recent years the service went a step further when the Western District Chairman's office was placed in the location he serves. The Northeast would have been a splendid opportunity to expand this decentralization, and put the chairman closer to the people he is responsible to, and vice versa.

But Tom Hobgood will make an excellent district chairman, regardless of where he is headquartered. He has sterling credentials and, as we said already, has paid his due in Northeastern North Carolina. This is fortunate since he follows Mrs. Josephine Patterson, the first Negro district chairman who charmed those with whom she was associated with and encouraged them to gain heights well beyond expectations.

Mrs. Patterson followed J.C. Jones who was lured into politics by the Hunt Administration. He now serves with distinction as director of the Office of Marine Affairs. In this post he works closely with many agencies, not the least of which is the Agricultural Extension Service.

Mr. Jones, as district chairman, and Dr. Hobgood joined with R.M. (Pete) Thompson, then along the Public Parade, to get us involved in volunteer service to Agricultural Extension Service. We are a product of the system starting as chairman of the Albemarle Area Development Association more than two years. Because of their encouragement we were chosen by former director Dr. Carlton Blalock to become chairman of the State Advisory Council, a new organization we headed for more than three years and on which we still serve as a member.

And it was through the same encouragement that we played a role in the formation of the National Extension Advisory Council, which we now serve as chairman after a two-year term as secretary. NEAC can identify some one and one-half million volunteers in 42 states who last year gave time valued at more than one and one-quarter billion dollars.

The secret of the Agricultural Extension Service has been to remain close and loyal to the grassroots. The service is an educational delivery service without peers. Nevertheless, sometimes there is a tendency to expand the Ivory Tower rather than move closer to the people.

In the case of Hobgood, the administration chose to maintain a tighter control at the central office. And in doing so a good opportunity was missed to get closer to the people and personnel in positions of influence.

Tar Heel Thinking

North Carolinians, for the most part, do not believe in evolution.

But they do think that doubling the federal tax on tobacco will hurt the state's economy, and they think the insanity plea should be made more difficult to use in criminal trials.

They take a middle road on abortion, and they doubt that the rise in the incidence of genital herpes is affecting sexual activity.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL TALKS POLITICS—Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten, center, is shown at a "Friends of Rufus" gathering Tuesday night with W. B. Gardner of Edenton, left, and Former Superior Court Judge Walter Cahoon of Elizabeth City. Some 75 people turned out for the event in Elizabeth City.



Chuck Sherman

Radio Station Is Renovated

If you had not noticed, there is a new sound on the radio coming from Edenton. The sound is being generated at WZBO the newest FM station in Northeastern North Carolina. It went on the air on March 14.

The station itself is located at WCDJ's old studios. But, the studios have been totally redone. The renovation includes everything from a new studio decor to new

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Investigation Continues Into Break Ins

The Edenton Police Department has been investigating a series of burglaries and break ins that have occurred over the past two weeks.

The first break in occurred on March 19 at Cuthrell's and The Betty Shoppe. A person, or persons unknown, gained entry through the upstairs back door by use of physical force. The person, or persons, then proceeded to take some

mens clothing and a large quantity of meats that was stored in the freezer upstairs. The loss in cash value has been estimated at around \$490.

The Edenton Police Department may have recovered part of the stolen goods according to Chief Parrish but the owner was unable to give a positive identification of the goods.

Swine Specialist Met With Edenton Rotary Club To Discuss Production

Jack Parker, Swine Specialist of the Agriculture Extension Office met with Edenton Rotary Club on March 24, to discuss swine production in Chowan County.

Murray Goodwin introduced Mr. Parker by giving the Rotarians present, a brief resume of Mr. Parker's educational and professional career.

Mr. Parker began his talk by stating that agriculture is either directly or indirectly related to everyone's welfare. He continued that in Edenton, agriculture is directly related to the welfare of the business that exist here.

Swine, according to Mr. Parker, are beautiful, particularly to the producers of pork in North Carolina. North Carolina has in fact moved from 16th place to 17th place in hog production nationally. Income to North Carolina from pork is at \$400-million from 26,000 producers of pork.

In Northeastern North Carolina, some 105 million pigs are sold yearly.

Mr. Parker not only addressed the economic side of pork production, but also the ecological side of pork production or the handling of the waste to prevent the pollution of the Chowan River. The problem of pollution by hog waste is important to area farmers, according to Mr. Parker. Dealing with pollution, farmers have spent a great deal of

money to reduce waste from the hog farms. One method used by the farmers is the construction of large holding ponds to hold the runoff and waste from the hog houses. Another method of reducing pollution mentioned was to recycle the waste by using it to enrich the soil.



Jack Parker

Supporters Of Edmisten Convene

State Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmisten wants to be Governor of North Carolina. And he wants it to come about in 1984. He said as much to about 75 people who gathered at a "Friends of Rufus" meeting in Elizabeth City Tuesday evening.

Many of those in attendance were in some manner connected with law enforcement. Sheriff Troy Toppin of Chowan County was one of three top County law enforcement officers from the six-county district covered by the meeting.

The attorney general made but one promise. "If you elect me your governor in 1984 you won't be ashamed of me." Earlier he said in brief remarks that there was no better training ground for governor than as attorney general and to this he added the 10 years he spent on the staff of former U.S. Sen. Sam J.

Ervin, Jr.

Also, the attorney general admitted that he had grown in his job since being elected in 1972. I have learned that you had better treat people fairly and "never has my door been shut to anyone," he continued.

"One thing Sen. Sam taught me is that all humans deserve dignity," he said at another point.

In a special pitch to Northeastern North Carolina, he reminded his audience that he is from Boone in Northwestern North Carolina, an area which is also tended to be forgotten by state government. This would not happen in an Edmisten Administration, he promised.

The speaker paid special tribute to two men in attendance—Herbert Mullen of Elizabeth City and

George Alma Byrum of Edenton. They were members of the state executive committee who nominated him for attorney general.

He was introduced to Mullen as "Gov" Edmisten and the audience gave him a standing ovation. To this he remarked: "I could get used to both."

Charles Smith and John Elmore of the Edmisten staff said the attorney general has made a commitment to be a candidate in 1984. It is now up to the people to support him and one area of support needed right away is money.

A fund raising fact sheet passed out said "Within the next 60 days we must raise \$200,000 in critical campaign seed money to launch the Edmisten Gubernatorial campaign." They picked up at least \$1,000 Tues-

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COA To Begin First Annual Fund Drive In April

Chowan County, along with six other Albemarle area counties served by College of The Albemarle, will be asked to make an "Investment in Quality" next month when the COA Foundation begins its first annual fund drive April 1st.

An overall goal of \$30,000, to be met through donations and pledges by May 11, has been set for the IQ campaign, according to Dr. J. Parker Cesson, Jr., COA president. Chesson said he feels that foundation directors have established a realistic goal for the drive, adding that with participation from each of the seven counties served by the community college, the total amount can be easily realized.

Woody Foreman, drive co-chairman with Andrew Williams, said the success of the campaign will depend in large part upon personal contact with individuals and businesses by teams led by foundation directors in their home counties. Five teams, each consisting of

six members, will work in Pasquotank County, heaviest-populated of the seven counties served by the college.

The Chowan team will be led by Gilliam Wood, who will work with members Annette Wood, April Lane, Terry Wackelin, Jim Hare, and Judy Earnhardt. The quota for the county is \$2,500.

The campaign slogan, "Investment in Quality," was selected because it symbolizes the major purpose of the foundation, the drive chairmen said. They explained that the money raised during the 41-day event will be used to improve the quality of services at COA that cannot be provided with funds from traditional county and state sources.

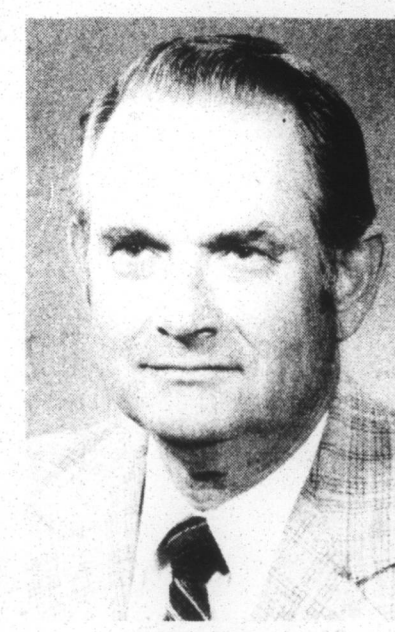
Williams said there are a number of ways the tax-deductible gifts will benefit the college, students, and citizens of the region. Among these are included additional student scholarships, library books and periodicals, improved instructional

equipment, and a number of cultural activities.

The chairment said the IQ goal for Pasquotank County, location of the COA home campus, is \$18,000. Quotas for other counties are proportionately set at: Camden, \$1,600; Currituck, \$1,600; Dare, \$3,000; Gates, \$1,300; and Perquimans, \$2,000.

Campaign progress will be measured during the month by an IQ thermometer that will be placed near the U.S. Highway 17 North entrance to the campus. It will be updated each week as the drive moves closer to the \$30,000 mark.

"This is an opportunity to take part in an event of great importance to COA and the region it serves," Chesson said. "With the support of the college community—businesses, students, college employees, and individuals—our first fund drive can be a solid success."



Tom Hobgood

Northeast Region Impresses Hobgood

Two things about Northeastern North Carolina impress Tom Hobgood—the area's agriculture and history.

As the new chairman of the 17-county Northeastern District of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, Dr. Hobgood is learning the region quickly.

Certainly, it is one of the most important agricultural areas in the state," he said "Gross farm income in the 17 counties reached about \$683-million in 1982. Further growth in agriculture is going to depend largely on markets and our ability to envision what can be."

Hobgood notes that people in the Northeast are proud of their heritage. Settlement of the state began in the area, as recognized in the upcoming 400th anniversary celebration of the Lost Colony.

"Of course, we can't overlook the area's marine resources. You know that North Carolina ranks second only to Louisiana in square miles of sounds and estuaries."

Hobgood also observed that people in the Northeast are very receptive to extension programs. "They work closely with our agents and seem appreciative of what extension does."

"And I believe we have a good staff of agents in the district," he added. "They are well trained and sincerely interested in working with people."

As the new district chairman, Dr. Hobgood succeeded Mrs. Josephine Patterson, now retired. He is a native of Granville County with 29 years of extension experience. He was an extension agent in Person County and an extension chairman in Surry, but most of his career has been spent as a community development specialist.

As district chairman, his main job is to see that the 17 counties have a staff of agents who can carry out educational programs in agriculture, home economics, 4-H, and community and rural development.

His office is located at N.C. State University, state extension headquarters, but he spends much of his time traveling in the district.



George Hoskins

Former Treasurer Taken In Death

George Coke Hoskins, 82, 310 South Moseley Street died Wednesday morning in the Chowan Hospital following an extended illness.

A native of Chowan County, he was the son of the late Dr. Thomas J. and Mrs. Elizabeth Coke Hoskins and the husband of Mrs. Sadie Hobbs Hoskins.

A retired assistant cashier of Peoples Bank and Trust Co., he was the former Chowan County treasurer, having served in that position for 44 years. He was a former member of the Edenton Lions Club and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Surviving besides his wife are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday (today) in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church by Rev. Raymond Storie at 2 P.M. Burial will follow in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

The family requests that flowers be omitted and contributions be made to the St. Paul's Episcopal Church or to the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

Willford-Barham Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

COA Extends Registration

The College of the Albemarle has extended registration for its Adult Basic Education Class at the Learning Lab located at Swain Elementary School. The class is a perfect opportunity for both men and women to conveniently study for their High School Diploma. No fees are charged at the Learning Lab for this class and the class emphasizes individual needs and interests.

The classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday nights between seven and nine P.M. at the Learning Lab. For more information please contact Mrs. Ann Lennon, instructor, at 482-8564.

Special Olympics

Saturday, April 2 10:00 A.M. Hicks Field