

## Labels

Barry Goldwater once said that, if he believed the things a lot of people said about him, he wouldn't vote for Goldwater either.

His complaint is a common one among 1984's political entourage of conservatives, liberals, democrats, republicans, neo-liberals, neo-conservatives, populists, neo-populists...

There are more labels being attached by the media elite than any political observer can or wants to describe.

The media can depict the characters on the political horizon with pre-sorted labels much more easily than their editors and producers can sort through voluminous issue-briefs.

Members of the media elite prefer to perpetuate this stereotypic nightmare because it more readily fits into their broadcast slots and political columns than does a lengthy probe into a candidate's beliefs.

This method of news reporting gives those candidates who have mastered the label game an advantage over those who may not have one-liners to summarize their candidacy.

The lack of responsibility shown by those accountable for news reporting challenges us to force ourselves out of our "CBS Evening News" trance state long enough to see for what the candidates stand.

We can learn a lot about the candidates by seeking the truth for ourselves, if we will coax ourselves out of our media trance.

Responsible voters can no longer rely on the media elite to do our homework for us.

## Future Shock

We certainly share the computer age "future shock" syndrome that Owen Bishop describes in this month's Carolina Country magazine.

The Herald has recently had more visits from the computer repair man than from any other humanoid.

The Daily Advance, our favorite afternoon newspaper, has also experienced computer disaster in recent weeks.

We are hopelessly bound to the typesetting computer so we can put the paper to bed before "Dynasty" airs on Wednesday evenings.

Bishop adequately assesses the paradox of our computer addiction: Computers have been much on my mind lately—due in part to our recent difficulties with typesetting.

Despite these problems, though, I recognize that we couldn't do very well trying to put out a publication without the little buggers, given today's advanced printing technology. The days of "hot type" from those fascinating linotype machines are long gone, never to return. And "cold type" comes from computer-based equipment.

Still, I get occasional pangs of computer-age "future shock". Friends and co-workers speak proudly of the many wonders they can perform on their home computers, while I'm at a loss to explain some of the functions on my simple hand-held calculator.

At least I have been able to master the basic operations of an automatic teller machine. That came only after I'd avoided it for years, scratching my head at the long lines in front of them even when the bank was open, offering the services of real live human-type people.

I managed to overcome my aversion a couple of years ago after a weekend emergency sent me to the neighborhood grocery with a please-cash-my-check plea the manager kindly accommodated.

That wouldn't happen again, I vowed. I'd learn to use those machines—just so I could get cash as needed after banking hours.

Now I routinely join the line waiting for my regular automatic teller "fix"—happily ignoring those human-type people who could help me if I'd just walk inside the bank.

I'm hooked, too. But I was still unprepared for the electronic thermometer the doctor stuck in my mouth recently while trying to stop a nosebleed. It offered quite a contrast to the hand-made trick he'd devised to shut off the flow of blood: two tongue-depressors held

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## Council May Nix Airport Sewage Site

By Maru Amburn

Town Council members agreed Tuesday to authorize the mayor and town manager to formally contact the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency to request relief from their 1980 contract.

The Council also focused plans

for the proposed sewage facility on the Small site in northwest Chowan County.

Mayor Roy Harrell described unreached projections, high salaried agency employees and an estimated \$39-million debt as cause for his disillusionment with the power agency.

"The Town of Edenton can no longer be at the mercy of lawyers, consultants and high powered staff to get electric current," the mayor said.

Harrell expressed the hope that if the town was relieved of its contract, one of the larger municipalities would assume the town's share at no cost to the taxpayers of Edenton.

"The agency is controlled by six or seven large town with voting power over small towns," Harrell noted. "If we ask out, I hope that a large town that has shown interest will see fit to buy Edenton's share."

Although Councilman Herbert Hollowell also expressed his displeasure with the operation of the power agency, he added that "(While with Electricities) we have been below the Vepco rates ... with the exception of two weeks in September."

The Privott motion to advise the power agency of the town's desire to pull-out passed unanimously.

In further business the Council heard from L. E. Wooten representative Buck Kennedy concerning the town's sewage disposal facility plan.

Kennedy suggested that the site near the municipal airport was not the most feasible site for the land

application facility because its application rate was found to be 20 percent higher than expected. This would require more land and less room for expansion.

The consultant advised that the town concentrate further soil, topographic, and environmental study on the Small site in northwest Chowan County.

"Kennedy said that the Small site ranks in the top 10 per cent of all sites observed for land application use.

Consultants ranked three Chowan County sites on their merit for the project by analyzing their application rate to determine acreage, storage requirement, site preparation and drainage.

The council authorized Kennedy to continued detailed study of the Small site and report to the Council at the planned April 26 Public Hearing.

The Town Council also voted to continue services of Christopher Bean and Peter Rascoe as town attorneys. The proposed rates that were submitted to the town for consideration were: Davis & Spivey \$25.00 out-of-court / \$40.00 in-court and Christopher Bean and Peter Rascoe \$40.00 out-of-court / \$50.00 in-court.

Councilman Fenner cast the decentering vote saying, "It looks fishy to the public when another attorney comes in with a lower bid."

Fenner also contended that legal documents could be transferred to new attorneys with no problem.

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## Chowan County Returned To First District By Court

By Maru Amburn

Redistricting plans which will again put Chowan County in the First Senatorial District were approved by state legislators last Wednesday in Raleigh.

Chowan was removed from the newly formed 2nd district in order to conform with court-ordered action to provide for equitable minority representation.

The State Board of Elections was ordered to set new filing dates for the revised districts in order to give prospective candidates an opportunity to seek election or to give candidates who filed under the original plan a chance to withdraw.

Legislators have been working on the redistricting plan to comply with a ruling handed down recently by a three-member panel of federal judges.

The federal judges on a suit brought by Black voters who charged that districts drawn last year in special session denied the opportunity for fair and equal Black representation.

The suit was brought under provisions of the Voting Rights Act. Black leaders suggest that the district lines were in violation of the Act because they dilute Black voting strength.

Chowan County elections officials have not yet announced revised filing dates for the senate primary.



LISTENING SESSIONS - U.S. Senate candidate Governor Jim Hunt listens to suggestions from farmers Friday at the Pasquotank County Courthouse.

## Hunt Views Economy, Jobs As Primary Campaign Issues

By Maru Amburn

"Voters should choose me over my opponent because my basic purpose is to improve the economy and jobs," says Gov. Jim Hunt, candidate for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Jesse Helms, "His (Sen. Helms) basic purpose is with a group of issues that do not have to do with the economy."

In an exclusive interview in Elizabeth City Friday, Gov. Hunt said that if elected to the Senate he would be part of a moderate, mainstream, bipartisan coalition. "Just about every bill I tried to put through the legislature during four years as lieutenant governor and seven as governor passed because I worked with people. We haven't had enough of that kind of leadership in Washington," Gov. Hunt said.

The two-term governor stressed that neither the right wing nor the left wing can get the job done in Congress.

## Beaman Hears Court Calendar

Chowan County District Court was held March 13, the Honorable Grafton G. Beaman, presiding over the criminal calendar.

Johnny Basnight has his probation revoked and was committed to 26 days.

Tracey Eugene Miller was found guilty of DWI and transporting an alcoholic beverage in a passenger area of a car. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended 2 years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$150 and cost of court. He is to attend ADET school and surrender his operators license.

Kenneth Wayne Bryant was found guilty of driving 65 in a 55 mph zone. He was fined \$5 and cost of court.

Leland Glenn Ward was found guilty of DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended 2 years on the condition that he pay a fine of \$125 and cost of court. He surrendered his driver's license and is to attend Albemarle Mental Health and is also to perform 48 hours of community service.

Tommy Joe King was found guilty of exceeding a safe speed. He paid a \$5 fine and cost of court.

James Earl Loftin was found guilty of trespassing. He received a 9 day commitment but received credit for the 9 days he spent in jail awaiting trial.

Edward Linwood Roach was found guilty of unsafe movement. He was fined \$30 and cost of court. He appealed.

Ted Mills was found guilty of simple assault. He got a prayer for judgement for 1 year on payment of cost of court.

Randal Lane Peterson was called and failed to show on a charge of expired registration.

Ting Ching Wong was called and failed to show on a charge of driving 70 in a 55 mph zone.

William Robert Cobb was called and failed to show on a charge of nonsupport of child.

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## Ingram's Wife Joins Campaign

John Ingram's candidacy for Governor got a boost this week as his wife, Gini, campaigned throughout Chowan County.

Traveling through North Carolina's eleven congressional districts is nothing new to this can-



Mrs. John Ingram

didate's wife, Ingram headquarters says. Throughout her husband's political career she has been involved in the political headquarters, appeared and speaking on his behalf and meeting the public.

Mrs. Ingram reiterated some of her husband's strong campaign issues including education, free enterprise and electing the Utilities Commission.

Married in September 1954, to John Ingram of Asheboro, a just licensed young lawyer who had graduated from UNC Law School with honors, Gini and John lived in Fort Benning, Georgia for three years where he was a First Lt. in the U.S. Army, before returning to North Carolina. She is the mother of four children, Gini Lynn, Randy, B B, and Michelle, and the grandmother of a four month old. Gini enjoys volunteerism, music, entertaining and especially politics.

Accompanying Mrs. Ingram was Mrs. Elsie Nuckles and Mrs. Mary Howell, Ingram's statewide Coordinators for Women for Ingram.



YOUNG ADMIRER - Holt Ellis, 5, was the youngest Helms supporter at an Edenton luncheon held to raise funds for the U.S. Senator's 1984 re-election bid. Over 60 area citizens attended the event. Holt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hood Ellis of Edenton. (Related photo on Page 4-A.)

The governor promised that as a U.S. Senator he would continue his agenda of bringing in jobs and improving roads in Northeastern North Carolina.

"Helms is the incumbent, he merely has to save his seat," he said, "I am the challenger, I must represent change to the people."

The Wilson County native noted his agricultural background as former president of the N.C. Future Farmers of America and as a N.C. State graduate.

Also, he expressed his desire to sit on the Senate Committee on Agriculture because of his farm background.

When asked about the high food stamp error rate in North Carolina during his administration, the governor said the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee should be more concerned with improving farm prices and markets than with waste and fraud in the food stamp program.

Sen. Helms has been unconcerned with environmental issues, according to his challenger. He cited several environmental votes to substantiate his claim. Sen. Helms voted against the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act and the creation of the EPA Super Fund, said Gov. Hunt.

"A senator who is dedicated to improving the environment can do a lot," the candidate said.

The fight to clean-up the Chowan River can be better fought at the Federal level, Gov. Hunt stated.

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## Arson Suspected In Trailer Fire

By Ron Anderson

A trailer fire which occurred around 7:14 P.M. Sunday, March 11 has resulted in an arson investigation by the Chowan County Sheriff's Department and the State Bureau of Investigation.

The trailer, located on Highway 32 South past the Bar-B-Que Barn, is owned by Lennie Copeland.

No one was injured in the fire and most of the damage occurred to the insulation and electrical wiring underneath the trailer.

Although Edenton Fire Department Chief Lynn Perry said, "the damage was light," and that "the fire was knocked out in minutes," he also said that, "the firemen suspected something wasn't exactly right."

That night both the Sheriff's Department and the SBI were notified and a preliminary investigation was conducted by light provided by fire department generators.

A more extensive investigation was conducted Monday by the Sheriff's Department, the SBI and SBI agent Brinkley, a Greenville agent who specializes in arson cases.

The investigation is continuing into what Sheriff Troy Topplin described as, "a very suspicious fire."