



Public Parade

A Dog In The Fight

We doubt that Mayor Roy Harrell needs our help in defending his position on operation of the North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency. Whether Julian F. Warren's letter was an over-reaction to the mayor's statement we are willing to leave to the judgment of those along the Public Parade.

But, in a way, we do have a dog in the fight, since the public interest will be affected by the outcome of Edenton's dispute with the power agency.

We were in the legislature when legislation was passed enabling North Carolina municipalities to become joint owners with the public utilities of power generating stations. Up until then, the constitution prohibited cities from being anything other than the sole owners of such facilities.

We handled the legislation for the group of western cities which had formed the first municipal power agency and sought authority to purchase 75 per cent of a nuclear power station then under construction by Duke Power Company.

Members of the legislature were told by spokesmen for the western agency that, although they would own 75 per cent of the station, they would not try to manage it, but would contract with Duke Power for its management skills to keep the station going. The agency then would take the electricity at cost and distribute it through its municipal systems directly to the customers.

But soon after the purchase was completed and the contract became operative, the agency began loading up with engineers, attorneys, accountants, rate analysts and public relation experts, many of them duplicating services already being performed by Duke Power. And now, every time Duke puts into effect a wholesale rate increase, the agency has to call its experts together to see how this can be passed most profitably on to its customers. Obviously, the retail municipal consumer is still tied to the rate structure of the former owner of the generating facility; and all the experts and administrative overhead added at the agency level merely tend to push up the cost of current to us all.

We want the agencies to stick to their original plan. We want them to pay the power companies to manage their facilities, take the electricity at cost and distribute it to their customers without adding another layer middlemen between generation and distribution.

If this is what Mayor Harrell is talking about with respect to the eastern agency, he would seem to

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PILGRIMAGE— Members of Edenton's Woman's Club travelled to Raleigh recently to meet with Rep. Vernon James and appear before the Senate and House to promote the 17th Biennial Pilgrimage to be held on April 12, 13 and 14. Pictured are: (from left to right) Mary Peele, Terry Waff, Vernon James, Ruby Leary and Cyndy DeVine.

Boyce Participates In Management Course

Rob Boyce, John A. Holmes High School, is among a group of public school principals from throughout the state who are participating in a new professional-level management course for principals. The Principals' Executive Program, which began in September 1984, is offered by the Institute of Government at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The program is designed to teach the skills and provide the knowledge that will help public school principals in managing their schools. The curriculum is organized around thirteen major phases of school management, in-

cluding such areas as long-range planning, leadership, personnel management, effective communication, policy-making, curriculum analysis, and financial management.

The current course is the third one offered and is being taught in Chapel Hill during four week-long sessions from March through June. Another identical course will be provided during the summer. The principals will attend 103 sessions during the twenty days and several evenings they spend in the class-room. The program is the longest in-service residence program for principals in the United States.

The program is being taught by a faculty of fifty-five including instructional staff from the Institute of Government, the School of Business Administration, the School of Education, and the College of Arts and Sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill as well as experts from the Department of

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Area Permits Cancelled

Effective immediately, the State Forestry Service has cancelled all burning permits in Chowan County due to low rainfall, high winds, and low relative humidity. These are all factors which are conducive to making fires very easy to start and very difficult to control.

With this in mind, the Forestry Service will appreciate the public's cooperation in refraining from doing any type of burning until after the next rainfall occurs.

Anyone having questions concerning burning permits is urged to contact Forest Ranger Roger Spivey at 482-4554.

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Dryer Causes Brithaven Fire; Forces Residents' Evacuation

An early-morning fire in a local nursing home Tuesday caused little structural damage, but 30 residents in C wing were moved to the ambulatory wing to escape heavy smoke conditions and a nurse was taken to the hospital and treated for smoke-inhalation.

Edenton Fire Chief Lynn Perry said an employee at Brithaven Nursing Home on Paradise Road was drying sheets in a large clothes dryer at 2:41 a.m. when she noticed the sheets were on fire.

George Robertson, a licensed practical nurse, attempted to put out the fire with a fire extinguisher while another employee notified the Edenton Fire Department by pulling the direct alarm system connected to the fire department.

Robertson was not able to extinguish the fire, but the building's

sprinkler system kept the fire from spreading.

The smoke was so heavy when firefighters arrived, they called in the Centerhill Crossroads Fire Department and the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad.

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County District Court Session

Chowan County District Court was in session April 2; the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding over the criminal calendar.

Stewart Elliott Anthony was found guilty of DWI. He was sentenced to 90 days suspended for 1 year on the condition he pay a fine of \$125 and cost of court. He is to perform 48 hours of community service, attend ADET school and surrender his

operator's license; he appealed.

Grace Holly was pleaded guilty to two counts of passing worthless checks. She was ordered to pay court costs in each case and pay \$90 in restitution to A&P stores; she appealed.

Brenda Coston pleaded guilty to a charge of passing worthless checks. She was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 1 year on the condition she pay cost of court and make restitution of \$ 15 for the benefit of S&R.

James Carroll Fleming was found guilty of driving 56 in a 35mph zone and reckless driving. The two charges were consolidated for judgement and Fleming was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 1 year on the condition he pay a fine of \$75 and cost of court; he was ordered to surrender his driver's license.

Edward Lane Beals was called but failed to show on a charge of improperly loading his truck.

Charlie W. Paylin pleaded guilty to two counts of passing worthless checks. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 1 year on condition he pay court costs in each case and make restitution of \$175 to Winn Dixie; he appealed.

Mathew Albert Cooper was found guilty of shoplifting. He received a 4 day commitment, but received credit for 4 days spent in jail.

Luewlyn Blount was found guilty of communicating a threat. He was sentenced to 30 days suspended for 1 year on the condition he pay court costs; he is not to assault, harass, or intimidate Lillie Lightfoot for a period of 1 year.

Gov. Gives Support

Gov. Jim Martin said he's committed to the construction of two interchanges that will connect Highway 17 with city streets in Edenton and pledged that the project will be completed as scheduled, according to two Edenton men who talked with the governor last week.

Concerned with the twice-delayed interchange project, Edenton attorney Peter Rascoe and agribusinessman John Wood met with the governor, Sen. Marc Basnight, D-Dare, and Transportation Secretary James Harrington on Tuesday, March 26.

Rascoe said Martin realized the project had been delayed under the previous administration but, "is committed to seeing it not delayed again." He said the governor realizes the importance of the interchanges which will improve access to existing businesses and help attract new industry to the area.

Local residents became alarmed in February when a state Department of Transportation property acquisition deadline had not been met. The DOT had also failed to meet other deadlines.

But Rascoe said the governor's commitment to the project should "allay any fears people around here have about it." Rascoe added that Martin is looking forward to coming here to dedicate the interchanges when they are completed.

Construction of the project that will connect Albemarle Street and Paradise Road to the bypass and eventually be cloverleaf interchanges at the two crossovers is scheduled to begin the first part of 1986. Total cost for the project is \$6.7 million.

DOT officials said the first phase of the project - the acquisition of land and construction of the first quadrant - will cost approximately \$800,000. Land acquisition is to begin in May.

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Farless Elected Vice President Rural Water Association, Inc.

Graham Farless, director, Chowan County Water System, was elected vice president of the North Carolina Rural Water Association, Inc., at the organization's annual meeting held in Raleigh last week.

"I consider it an honor," said Farless. "When you get elected by your peers, it means a lot to you."

This is not the first time Farless has been honored by the organization. For the past two years he has been director of the Northeast section of the association and in 1981, he was named Operator of the Year.

The North Carolina Rural Water Association, Inc., made up of 310 members, is an association of non-profit water works agencies working together to improve operations of public water systems throughout the state.

The North Carolina association is a division of the National Rural Water Association headquartered in Duncan, Oklahoma. Thirty-three states are represented in the national association's membership.

Farless said the rural waterworks association was formed "because a need existed in the 1970's when counties started getting into the waterworks business."

As director of the county water system, Farless is in charge of the department's three water plants, 208 miles of pipe and 6 employees. But he is more than just director of the system; he is a licensed B well water plant operator. Farless said there are two other licensed water plant operators in the county department - Merrill Perry and Bill Perry, who both hold C well water plant operators licenses.

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Sandy Webster

Local Youth Program Set

Perquimans-Chowan Partners with Youth, a Governor's One-on-One program which uses adult volunteers to work with troubled children, officially began in the two county area on February 1. It is the thirty-third program of its kind in the state.

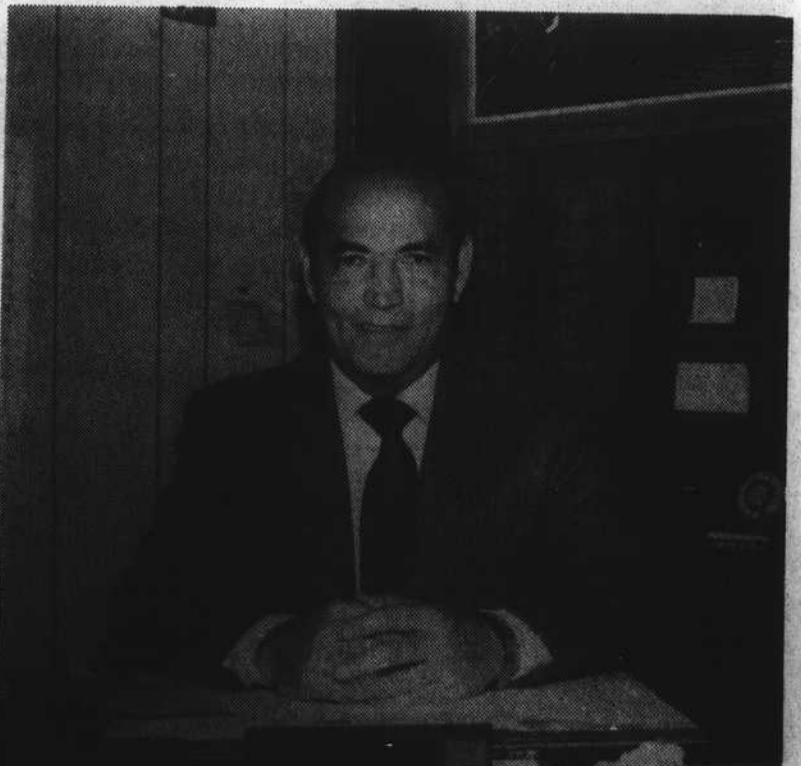
The One-on-One program had its beginnings in 1981 when Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. began working on a plan to promote and expand the existing one-on-one court volunteers program. The recent program has been called one of the state's most successful community based alternative efforts.

Heading up the program locally is executive director Sandy Webster, a Washington state transplant who recently moved to the area when her husband, Glen, became production manager at Edenton's Bayliner plant. A Western Washington College graduate with a degree in special education and physical education, Webster worked two years as a child welfare worker in Washington.

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GRAND OPENING—A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Tuesday, April 2 at Quality Shoe Revue, South Broad Street, Edenton. The new store will carry brand name shoes and will be opened from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturdays. Cutting the ribbon (second from right) is store owner Lenny Hopkins. Next to Hopkins (extreme right) is Carolyn Jones, assistant manager. Also pictured (from left to right) are: Jerry Hender, executive vice president, Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce; sales personnel Janet Chappell, Paula Miller and Beulah White; and Teresa Hopkins, co-owner.



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