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On 20-20 Hindsight

Fortunately, the fiscal facts of life are catching up with Gov. Jim Martin earlier in his administration than they did with President Ronald Reagan.

When the legislature assembled 18 months ago, Gov. Martin handed the lawmakers a shopping list of tax "reforms" that would have cost the general fund about \$500 million revenue. But, unlike Congress, the legislature did not buy the whole package, holding tax cuts to about \$130 million.

Now, the governor is struggling with the problem of where to find the money with which to relieve prison overcrowding, rebuild our road system and construct much needed school facilities, not to mention aiding the cities and counties with water and sewer needs, the park system with modernizing its facilities and keeping the state's pay roll on a competitive basis.

All these, in one way or another, involve the general fund.

Right now, the governor is trying to make up his mind whether to recommend a three-cents a gallon increase in the gasoline tax or to seek to fund the half-billion needed in new revenue by the transportation department from other sources, such as shifting the highway patrol to the general fund, diverting sales taxes on

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APPRECIATION—Outgoing Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice-President Jerry Hendee received a plaque Friday for his "faithful and dedicated service" to the Chamber. Shown making the presentation are (l. to r.) Steve Robertson, Internal Vice-President; Hendee; Chuck Smith, President; and Tom Palmer, External Vice-President. (Staff photo by Gail Mize)

Hendee Leaves Chamber Position

The Executive Vice-President of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, Jerry Hendee has resigned his position. The Chamber has seen many progressive and positive accomplishments during his tenure according to its Board of Directors who passed a resolution at their March 13 meeting recognizing

his "faithful and dedicated service" since 1980.

The Executive Committee presented Hendee with a plaque on March 21, his last day as Chamber Executive. He is joining James C. Robison and Co., a local design and contracting firm.

Members of the Executive Search Committee of the

Chamber looking for a replacement are Chuck Smith, Steve Robertson, Beth Taylor, Tom Palmer, John Dowd and Jack Clark. Anyone interested in applying for the position may send a resume to Chuck Smith at Edenton Snack Foods, Inc., P.O. Box 888, Edenton, N.C. 27932.

Four-Laning Pushed

By Jack Grove

In a quiet, but determined manner, an area legislator intends to continue pushing the four-laning of two major arteries of transportation for the northeast.

State Senator Marc Basnight was among legislators honored last Thursday night at a first-ever Legislative Appreciation Dinner at the Albemarle Commission in Hertford.

Basnight said in an interview, that "We need a commitment of 120 miles of roads from the governor" in referring to four-laning of U.S. 17 from Winfall to Williamston, U.S. 64 from Williamston to Rocky Mount and 17 miles of U.S. 158.

Governor Jim Martin has pointed to the millions of dollars needed for a depleted highway fund and is considering several options in raising new money for additional highway needs around the state. Among them are transferring funding for the Highway Patrol Transportation

Department and into the general fund; raising the taxes on gasoline; and earmarking sales taxes on automobile and equipment for the highway fund.

With a set of his jaw, Basnight said, "Before I vote yes on tax increases (or other proposals) from the governor, I want a commitment on our roads" (in the northeast).

Basnight is also upset with hiring practices in the highway department. "You have to take politics out of it," he said. The senator said that "I would not ask an applicant for a job with my company if he was a Democrat or a Republican. I would hire the first qualified applicant that walked in the door."

He termed the department as "poorly run, wasteful and inefficient." Basnight said that he felt that the highway department was probably among the most poorly managed highway departments in the country.



Alice P. Jones



Lois E. Jordan

Board Candidates Profiled

(Editor's Note: This is a continuing series on candidates for the May 6 Primary.)

By Jack Grove

Alice P. Jones (incumbent) and Lois E. Jordan are vying for a First

Alice P. Jones

Alice P. Jones enjoys her work at People's Bank and Trust Co. in Edenton where she has been employed since 1954 (then the Bank of Edenton). She says that the hours of the bank have allowed her to be home for her children. She is employed as a Commercial Note Clerk.

She is married to Carroll W. Jones and they have three children.

A graduate of Edenton Jr.-Sr. High School (now John A. Holmes High School) she has pursued a program of college credits through the College of the Albemarle.

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Township position on the Board of Education. The term for this seat expires in 1988.

Since school board elections are non-partisan, balloting during the primary will determine the winners.

Lois E. Jordan

This is no typical day for Lois E. Jordan. For her there are numerous meetings to attend, and community obligations to be addressed. There are always individuals needing a helping hand she said. Jordan works throughout Chowan County where she was born, reared, attended the public schools and now resides.

Jordan, is making her mark in the community that has produced some very viable citizens. Over the past years, she has been involved with projects that project the "concern for mankind", whether it was or is a child

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PRICELESS LETTERS—Mrs. Cornelia Jones Privott, Chairman of Descendants Committee (left) and Mrs. J.A. Wright, Jr., President of the James Iredell Association, accept original letters of James Iredell, Sr. from Charles Iredell Ralfe, Ralfe, from Melbourne Australia, presented the letters to the association on behalf of his family, directly descended from Iredell.

Iredell Letters Brought From Australia

The James Iredell Association has received a treasure without price. Six original letters written by James Iredell, Sr. to his brother, the Rev. Arthur Iredell in England and his uncle, Thomas Iredell in Jamaica were presented to the association at a special presentation luncheon last Thursday.

The gift was made by an Iredell descendent, Charles Iredell Ralfe, of Melbourne Australia on behalf of his family. Ralfe was on his way to England to do further research on his ancestors and detoured to Edenton for the presentation.

Ralfe said that his family had carefully preserved the letters and much other family documentation through the centuries.

The letters were written by Iredell in the decade of the 1790's. Historian Marguerite McCall, who is transcribing the letters, said that they were clear and legible, written in a brown ink. She was experiencing difficulty with Iredell's penmanship, however.

Ralfe said that he had known

about the existence of the Iredell House in Edenton for years, but only recently learned about the James Iredell Association.

Receiving the letters on behalf

of the association were Cornelia Jones Privott, Chairman of the Descendants Committee and Mrs. J. A. Wright, president of the association.

States Form Joint Commission

By Jack Grove

North Carolina and Virginia are embarking on a cooperative effort to relieve pollution problems in the Chowan River. Through efforts of N.C. Senator Marc Basnight of the First District, legislation was passed in both states establishing a joint study commission "to study the uses and problems of the Chowan River and its tributaries."

Basnight, a Manteo businessman, sponsored the legislation that passed in the state legislature last summer. He was notified in a letter from the President Pro Tempore of the Virginia Senate, Edward E. Willey, that the legislation had passed in Virginia's Legislature recently.

The commission will consist of

sixteen members, eight legislators from each state, to study the Chowan river, agricultural practices along its course and any other uses and practices pertaining to it.

In a telephone interview, Basnight called it "landmark legislation." He said that this has "never been done to anyone's knowledge, not at the legislative level." In speaking of his joint cooperation between the two states, he said that it was "good that these two groups have opened a dialogue."

Basnight said that "no one can predict the outcome," but that the commission would look at the scientific research already done and at the history of the river.

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Body Is Recovered

A seven day search effort for a Perquimans County commercial fisherman ended Wednesday morning with the recovery of the body of Billy Corprew, 25.

The search began last Thursday afternoon when Corprew was reported missing after fishing his nets in Albemarle Sound off Holiday Island. Coast Guard air and surface units and area rescue squads, state agencies and volunteers scoured a 220 square mile area of the sound with facilities at Holiday Island and Snug Harbor being used for boat operations.

A boat's gas tank was found on the sound shoreline near Columbia over the weekend. Strong Northeast winds caused the Coast Guard to enlarge the search area.

Most of the participating agencies had suspended operations by Tuesday.

Perquimans County Sheriff, Julian Broughton said at mid-day Wednesday that the body was located at about 10:30 a.m. be-

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POLITICOS GATHER—The annual Albemarle Democratic Ball in Elizabeth City Saturday night drew Democrats from across the area and from across the state, as well. Speaking with N.C. Lt. Governor Bob Jordan (second from right) are Representative Vernon James, Judge Sarah Parker, N.C. Court of Appeals, and Senator Marc Basnight. More pictures from the ball are on page 1-B.