



Basnight Announces Plans For New Feasibility Study

Enough Is Enough

A few weeks ago we expressed the opinion that our global commitments are exceeding our resources. Now Alex McMillan, a Republican member of Congress from the Ninth North Carolina district, has fleshed out that position with figures in greater detail. Of the \$373.2 billion NATO and Far East defense spending in 1986, the United States bore 69.2 per cent, or \$258.2 billion, according to Rep. McMillan. The balance was made up by the following countries: Japan, \$13.7 billion or 3.7 per cent; Canada, \$7.6 billion, 2 per cent; Italy, \$9.7 billion, 2.6 per cent; France, \$20.8 billion, 5.6 per cent; Germany, \$19.9 billion, 5.3 per cent; United Kingdom, \$23.8 billion, 6.4 per cent; others, \$19.5 billion, 5.2 per cent.

Now, of course, that record was compiled prior to the attack on the U.S.S. Stark and our move into the Persian Gulf to keep the sea lanes open to oil shipments, which is not a NATO responsibility.

According to former Navy Secretary John Lehman, the United States is spending at the rate of \$40 billion a year to defend Persian Gulf oil shipments, from which we draw only 5.6 per cent of our crude oil supply. Western Europe, which receives 30 per cent of its crude supplies from the area, and Japan, which depends on the area for 59 per cent of its petroleum needs, are doing very little to help keep these sea lanes open.

The other side of the coin is that both Western Europe and Japan are, as a partial result of our military commitments, enjoying huge trade balances in their dealings with the United States. Safe under the protection of the Stars and Stripes, they do not have to worry about their energy needs, but can devote their full time to underselling us in the marketplace.

When we assumed NATO and Far East defense roles just after World War II, the economy of Western Europe and Japan was in a state of chaos and the United States was enjoying a huge trade balance around the globe. We did

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Sen. Marc Basnight of Dare County Saturday announced a new study to investigate feasibility of piping water to Virginia and four-laning U.S. 17 to the North Carolina border.

The study will determine if water used by Texas Gulf in Aurora could be treated and piped through North Carolina to Virginia, after cities in both states have experienced water shortages in recent years.

A proposal to provide water to

Virginia from Lake Gaston has met strong opposition in recent years, but Basnight said water used by Texas Gulf was being pumped into the Pamlico River and served no useful purpose.

Basnight said, "This is an offshoot from the Chowan River Study Commission set up between the two states. From that came the thought of roads and water together. We are announcing now the joint formation of an exploratory study group to look at

pulling water from Aurora Texas Gulf, a lot of water, pumping it up and sharing water with all my communities, be it Washington, Belhaven or Edenton. Whoever needs water, Winfall, Hertford, Elizabeth City, Currituck, could pipe the water off the major interstate water connector.

"So we all benefit from what's being spewed over into the Pamlico now and then at the same time complete (U.S.) 17 and 168,

just the Virginia portion, up to (U.S.) 64 (in Virginia).

This Aurora Texas Gulf wastes water, puts it out in the Pamlico. Right now it's about 35 million gallons per day. This will take the pressure off the Lake Gaston stuff. It's exploratory, just to find out if it's feasible.

"The road work is very important to me, it's important that we complete the roadway so people can get to and from. It's impor-

tant to me that people I represent have water. A lot of our communities are strained to get the funds to drop the wells and get the water in. If we had an authority to furnish it, if it's economically feasible, we just don't know right now."

Sen. Basnight said the study would be a joint venture involving cities, towns, chambers of commerce and legislators from both states.

Jordan Campaign Garner's Enthusiastic Supporters

By JEANETTE WHITE

The race to house Lt. Gov. Robert B. Jordan in the governor's mansion officially opened Saturday in the middle of a Dare County northeaster.

Heavy rains and strong winds buffeted more than 200 Democrats gathered at the waterfront home of Sen. Marc Basnight on Roanoke Island. A hot dog and watermelon feed planned on the spacious lawn was moved to a workshop and playground area underneath the house.

Party-goers rubbed elbows and shook hands with the gubernatorial candidate, many coming with checkbook in hand to contribute to the 1988 campaign.

More than \$52,000 in checks, cash and IOUs were submitted for the effort, which is expected to cost at least \$3 million.

The candidate met guests face-to-face, answering questions about his plans for northeastern North Carolina and speculation on other potential candidates.

As children stared wide-eyed at clowns and a juggler, Basnight wooed party members to support Jordan's bid. Some party leaders have adopted a noncommittal position until other potential candidates announce plans, saying a split race would weaken Democratic chances.

When questions Saturday about what he felt were areas of concern for northeastern North Carolina

and how he would meet the problems, Jordan said roads, agriculture and education were priorities.

Jordan said, "I think northeastern North Carolina has several problems and most relate to growth, or lack of growth in some areas. For example, we have to get a long-range plan for roads and widening roads, some bridge work needs to be done. The major issue has to be highways. In North Carolina, we've got to do something about U.S. 17.

"Because of the growth in a place like Dare County, because of fires in a place like Pasquotank County, we have some school problems.

"We have to look very carefully at the school construction plan. We have to do even more than we've done, so far as giving special help to schools.

"Dare County unemployment is 1.3 percent right now. So there's no question about jobs being available, but there is a question about roads, access, so other people can come in to get those jobs.

"Agriculture, as you get away from Dare County and get into some other northeastern counties, when you get into Currituck and get into other coastal counties, the agricultural problem is a problem of change. We're going to need to continue looking at ways to help these farmers, help work with

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EDENTONIANS JOIN JORDAN—Democrats from Northeastern North Carolina, including a contingent from Edenton, gathered in Manteo to celebrate the opening of Lt. Gov. Robert Jordan's campaign for governor. From left are Leonard Small, Sr., Tommy Leary, Sen. Marc Basnight, Ann Morgan, Jordan, Jean Leary, Charlotte Small, and, at right, Rep. R. M. (Pete) Thompson.

School Board Selects Newest Member

Mrs. Glorious Elliott became Chowan's newest school board member Tuesday night in an oath administered by Mrs. Margaret Hollowell, clerk of court.

Mrs. Elliott replaces Billy Nixon, who resigned this summer to accept the school system's director of transportation slot.

The newest member is fiscal officer with the N.C. Dept. of Corrections and handles all financial affairs with Martin County Division of Prisons. She is a graduate of old D.F. Walker High School, received an associate degree from Craven Technical Institute in New Bern and attended Elizabeth City State University, where she needs 22 hours to earn her degree in special education.

Mrs. Elliott is married to James Elliott, a Weyerhaeuser employer and former Marine, and the couple has one son, Stanley, a senior at J.A. Holmes High School.

She is a member of White Oak Baptist Church, where she serves as clerk, the Order of Eastern Star, Electra Chapter 28, Edenton, and is active in community affairs. The Edenton native and her family moved back to Chowan County about 15 years ago when her husband ended military service and they now reside in the Center Hill area.

Speaking of her seat on the board of education, Mrs. Elliott said, "I love people and children. I hope to be an asset to the board and to better education for the children of Chowan County."

Some of the school board's time was used in regular session Tuesday night to discuss buses and drivers.

The county has received a letter

from Thomas Bus Company, which sells buses on a state contract, that served as a reminder of a 1978 law saying that vans do not meet busing standards and cannot be used to transport students at any time.

The county has one such van, purchased in 1980 by band



Mrs. Glorious Elliott

students' parents. The van was used as an activity bus for students, but will not be used in the future.

Associate Superintendent of Schools, James Kinion, said the van failed to meet state guidelines for roll-over protection, fuel systems and seating.

The seats have been removed from the van and it will be used to transport equipment.

The Ford van was purchased from Albemarle Motors and school board chairman Cecil Frye said he felt the letter from Thomas Bus Company was sparked by an interest to sell buses.

In discussion on bus drivers, the board was told that the county has 40 buses, with 32 adult and eight student drivers.

The U.S. Dept. of Labor has refused to renew an exemption

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Development Attempt Thwarted By Zoning Laws

By JACK GROVE

Judy Earnhardt Adams lost another round in her continuing efforts to make commercial use of 40 acres of land that she owns at the intersection of Luke Street and N.C. 32 North.

Edenton Town Council members rejected her request to zone an initial 10 acres fronting on the highway as CH, highway commercial from its present R-20, residential-agricultural.

They feared that the zoning of CH would permit such uses as auto repair shops and service stations, despite a plan put forward by Mrs. Adams for construction of

a medical arts building, a restaurant, professional offices for doctors and medical technicians, and a rest home in a park-like setting.

Council discussed the inadequacies of the current town zoning ordinance which does not contain an appropriate category of zoning that would fit the type of development that Mrs. Adams proposes. The town is awaiting a grant of \$10,000 from the state to revamp the current ordinance.

Re-drafting and adopting a new ordinance could take from six months to a year. Mrs. Adams and her attorney, Troy Smith, told

the council that interest rates would not likely remain at the current low level and implied that a lack of action was costing her money.

In answer to a list of allowed uses for the CH zoning, read by Town Manager Phillip Whitaker, Mrs. Adams read a list of special uses allowed under R-20 zoning. Among the 19 listed were "cemetery, mobile home park, outdoor advertising signs, sand and gravel removal operations, and livestock and poultry farming".

A motion by Steve Hampton,

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PRESENTS PLAN—Judy Earnhardt Adams shows council members an artist's rendering of her development plan for property located across from the Golden Corral. She requested that council rezone her property from R-20, residential, to CH, highway commercial. "I've been working on this for 14 years," Mrs. Adams told the council. Council members shown (from left) are E. N. (Pete) Manning, Herbert Hollowell, Willis Privott and Marina Crumme.

Three Are Killed In Collision

Three local men lost their lives over the Labor Day weekend that saw 16 traffic fatalities state-wide.

Robert Lee Ward Jr., 23, Bobby Gene Mabine, 22, both of Edenton and Carl Kenneth Stallings, 28, of Jacksonville, were killed in a two vehicle accident on rain-slick U.S. 64 Saturday at 1:15 p.m. three miles west of Columbia.

Three occupants of the other vehicle were seriously injured and one, Gloria Taylor Edwards, 50, of Williamston, died as a result of the collision. Those injured and taken to Chowan Hospital were Charles Daniel Edwards, 54, the driver, Rebecca Edwards Moore, 29, of

Memphis, Tenn. and Susan Dowdy Dunlow, 29, of Williamston. Ms. Moore was the only passenger wearing a seat belt.

According to First Sergeant Steven Compton of the Williamston Highway Patrol office, the accident occurred when Ward, driving his vehicle west and exceeding the speed limit, lost control. The vehicle skidded sideways into the path of the Edwards vehicle.

The patrol report indicates that only Stallings was wearing a seat belt of the three fatally injured men.

Concert Band Performance Set

On Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. on the old courthouse green the Atlantic Fleet Concert Band will perform in a free public concert sponsored by the Chowan County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony.

The 23-piece concert band will offer all types of music and will include some patriotic songs. The director plans to encourage the audience to sing along on popular favorites and said, "All we ask is a warm-hearted response from Edenton."

Preceding the concert at 6 p.m. in the gardens of the Homestead adjacent to the Green, there will be an informal, bring your-own picnic supper. Beverages will be

provided. These two events represent the annual membership renewal night for the symphony's local chapter and the kick-off for its new season.

Those wishing to become new chapter members for the coming season are also welcome to the supper event. The picnic admission is a contribution of \$5 for an individual, \$10 per couple, or \$15 for any size family.

In the coming year, contributions and new memberships will help to produce a Symphony Discovery Program for all children in Chowan County, no matter what school system they attend. There will also be a special concert by members of the N.C. Symphony Orchestra in February or March.

Those who have contributed to the Chowan County Chapter for the coming season prior to or during the renewal night of Sept. 17, will participate in a raffle. The evening's surprises will reach a peak when the grand prize of one week's free stay at a Nags Head ocean-front cottage which sleeps twelve, is announced. This prize comes as a compliment of Wood Hall, Inc.

The free Sept. 17 Concert-on-the-Green welcomes all ages, so bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the sights and sounds of a memorable evening.