



Genie Out of Bottle

At the risk of elevating a few temperatures along the Public Parade, we feel constrained to point out that David Duke, the suburban New Orleans Republican just elected to the Louisiana legislature, is an overt chip off the covert block put together by GOP Chairman Lee Atwater during the recent presidential election campaign.

It's a little early, but already the chickens are coming home to roost.

All during the campaign, Atwater and his advertising hired guns kept putting out coded signals and slogans in a conscious effort to convert white southern males into closet Republicans.

Everybody outside the liberal eastern establishment understood what Lee Atwater was doing and George Bush and company were saying when they kept talking about law and order, capital punishment, welfare cheating and revolving-door prisons a la Willie Horton. These were code words for keeping the blacks in their place.

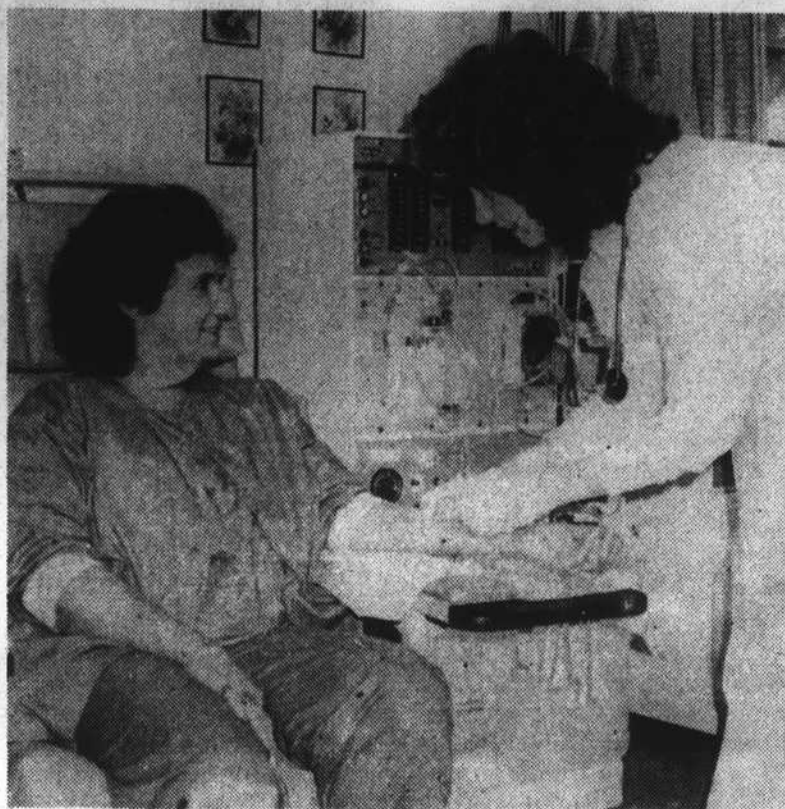
And they fell on fertile soil. What, with affirmative action, contract quotas, gerrymandered safe black districts and other legislated advantages, many white southerners and, indeed, others across the land had come to feel that things had gone so far as to embrace reverse discrimination. And they were frustrated by their inability to oppose this trend without being labeled in the media as racists or bigots.

Then, beginning with Ronald Reagan and carrying over into the Bush campaign, these voters began to discover that, in the quiet of the polling booth and with the secret ballot, they could fight back without risk of being stigmatized.

And they did. With Reagan it was easier because he was a very popular person, running on a platform to cut taxes, balance the budget and rebuild our military defenses. With George Bush, who had neither Reagan's popularity nor an identifiable program, it was not so easy. So Atwater and his strategists had to push their overt campaign to the upper limits of the 30-second sound bite.

The result was a massive white flight from the Democratic party, enabling George Bush to sweep the south with large majorities without ever having to speak out in an overt way.

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DEMONSTRATE DIALYSIS--Staff members of the Edenton Dialysis Center Tuesday demonstrated use of equipment. Staff members are (seated) Toni Gott and Darlene Winslow, RN.

Dialysis Gives Lease On Life

By JACK GROVE

Edenton, a town of 5,000 population, has something that many cities of 45-50,000 don't have. A dialysis center.

The Edenton Dialysis Center was set up in the former Unit B of Chowan Hospital and opened for patient treatment on January 19 of this year.

The center is operated by Nephrology and Associates of Tidewater, headquartered in Norfolk, Va. The medical director of the facility is Dr. Karl Brandspigel of Elizabeth City and is staffed by a re-use and patient care technician, three registered nurses and two licensed practical nurses. Supervisor for the center is Wayne Sawyer, RN.

The company also operates dialysis centers in Elizabeth City and Nags Head.

Webster's defines dialysis as "separation of substances by filtration" and this is exactly what the six dialysis machines at the local center do for patients whose kidneys have failed or are only marginally functional.

The patient is hooked up to one of the \$12,000 machines by tubes that transfer their blood to the machine where it is circulated through a fiber-filled filter, called appropriately, a "kidney." Uric acid and other poisons are removed from the blood and it is circulated back into the patient.

The procedure can take from two to four hours depending on individual body

characteristics.

The machine's kidney, housed in a plastic cylinder, is sanitized after each use. Each patient has his or her own assigned kidney that is never used for another patient. Toni Gott, re-use and patient care technician processes and accounts for these filters.

The center must use purified water in the machines. An elaborate water processing and storage system is housed in a separate room. Town water is processed with a reverse osmosis system involving a number of filters before it is pure enough to store in two large tanks for use when needed.

The center is now serving 25 patients, who range in age from 35 to 70 and who live in Edenton, Windsor, Columbia, Hertford and Winfall. They were formerly served in Elizabeth City.

Dr. Brandspigel visits the center once a week to examine each patient and make any required adjustment in treatment regimen.

Mrs. Gott said that with present equipment and staff, up to 10 additional patients could be cared for.

Dialysis for persons takes place three times a week and, unless they are candidates for kidney transplants, must continue for the rest of their lives. Saying that "for nine out of ten patients, this is their second life," Mrs. Gott stressed

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Centers Vie For Lessees

A new shopping center being built in Edenton has been causing some adjustments for existing shopping centers here.

The new Chowan Crossing Shopping Center on Virginia Road has four businesses committed to moving there.

Terry Reeves, whose Reeves Properties owns the soon to be opened center had previously announced that a Roses discount store, Cato's apparel shop, and Winn-Dixie supermarket had signed leases. Monday he announced that a Subway Sandwich Shop would also occupy space there. "They'll be a nice addition to the community," he noted.

Winn-Dixie will move from the Northside Shopping Center while Cato's will move from Edenton Village Shopping Center.

Reeves said that he still has from four to nine vacancies to fill at the new center. The nine spaces are for smaller shops that could be opened by

taking out adjoining walls for larger enterprises.

At Northside, Maxway will soon be vacating their store due to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy. They are currently conducting a going out of business sale. That will leave only Sears and The Wash House with Maxway and Winn-Dixie gone.

Edenton Village has a 21,000 square foot vacancy, the former site of Food Lion. Food Lion moved to a larger location in the same center. There are four shops currently vacant. Kelvin Anderson, of Lat Purser, Inc., owner of the center, said that when Cato's moves, a subsidiary apparel store of the chain will fill the void there.

While all three owners of the shopping centers face vacancies, all said that they were working on filling them and all expressed confidence in the viability of the business climate of Edenton.

Anderson said that a major furniture retailer, Heilig-

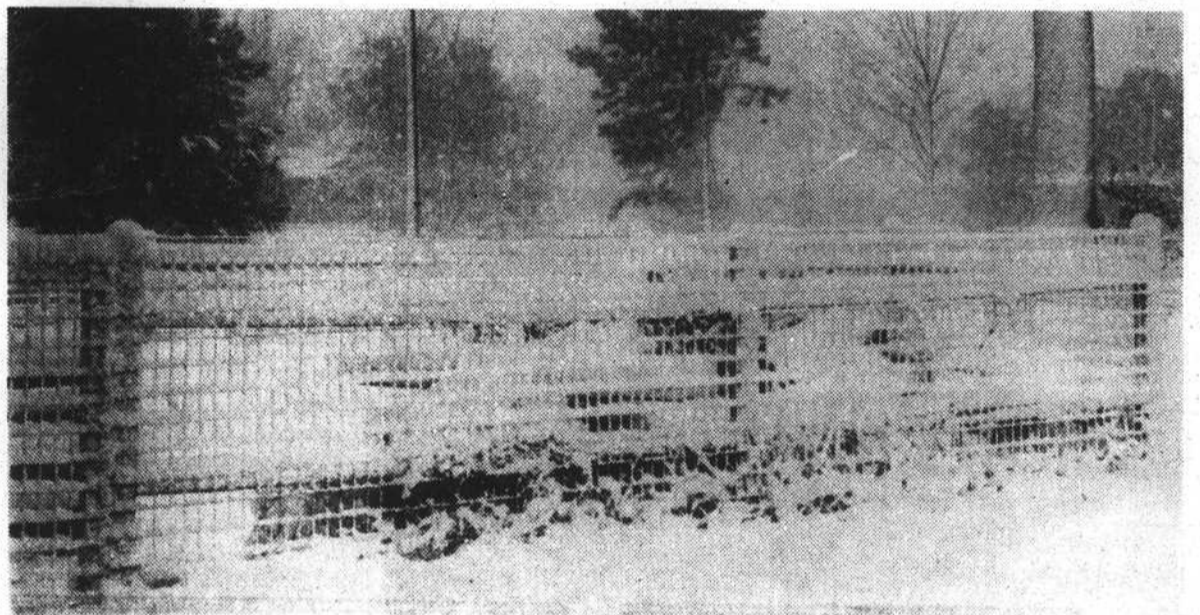
Meyers, made an eleventh-hour decision not to lease the former Food Lion space. Meanwhile, he said that "a couple of people have expressed interest," in leasing smaller business spaces.

Concerning the report that Ames Discount Store had planned to move to Edenton Village, "They keep leading us on." He expressed no confidence that Ames would locate there and that he believes "they have put off making a decision indefinitely."

Jesse Harris of Hertford, owner of Northside said Wednesday that Winn-Dixie had taken three years to decide whether they would remodel at his center or relocate. He said that store's relocation would cost more than double in square footage rental at the new center. "My rents are based on 1969 standards," he said.

Noting that Maxway still has ten months to go on their lease, he said that the com-

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WHITE LACE--Inches of wet snow accumulated on this wire fence in Perquimans County Friday, creating a scene of white lace. The snow also stuck to the trunks of trees and to power lines. Eight to ten inches fell in Chowan and over a foot in Perquimans.

Second Winter Storm Hits

Snow Causes Few Problems

By JACK GROVE

Local emergency officials have credited recent experience of residents and the timing of Friday's snow storm as factors in reduced accidents and problems in Edenton and Chowan County.

Area people gained the experience from the previous week's snow and stocked up Thursday with groceries and heating fuel. Many stayed off the roads Friday, avoiding possible accidents.

Unlike the previous week's storm that hit at the evening

rush hour, Friday's snow began after midnight and a significant amount was already on the ground and roadways by 8 a.m.

The snow kept falling throughout the day and reports indicate that Gates got as much as 18 inches, Chowan, 8 to 10 inches, over a foot in Perquimans and only 4 inches in parts of Pasquotank County.

The N.C. Highway Patrol had no reports of accidents on Friday and none were reported in Edenton.

Louis White, director of the

911 emergency communications center, said that the center received calls every two hours on Friday from the National Weather Service at Cape Hatteras for reports on snow accumulation. White took measurements in the building's parking lot and said the accumulation at 4 p.m. reached 7 inches. He said that snow drifted up to four feet in the county.

White praised advanced preparations of emergency service organizations for contingencies. He said that the rescue squad in Edenton kept five people at their building on standby, all paid firemen were at the Edenton Fire Dept,

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Highway 17 Blocked By Propane Tanker In Perquimans

Road conditions related to the weather were factors in accidents on U.S. 17 Saturday.

The N.C. Highway Patrol was called to the scene of an accident at the intersection of rural paved road 1204 and U.S. 17, south of Edenton, at 8:45 a.m.

Trooper W.F. Whitley reported that a 1988 Toyota pickup truck driven by Teresa Wood, 26, of Rt. 3, Edenton was approaching U.S. 17 on 1204 "at a greater than reasonable rate of speed." She skidded into the intersection and collided with a 1986 Ford station wagon driven by Alvin Smithson, Jr., 25, of Rt. 2, Moyock, which had been heading south on U.S. 17.

Both roadways were "completely covered with ice in the vicinity of the accident," Whitley's report stated. Both drivers were wearing seat belts and neither was injured.

Damage to Ms. Wood's vehicle was estimated at \$2,500 and \$1,000 in damage to the

station wagon.

Ms. Wood was cited for exceeding a safe speed.

In a second accident, a loaded propane tanker truck overturned on U.S. 17 in

Perquimans County at 4 p.m., approximately four miles south of Hertford causing a

highway blockage for several hours.

The highway patrol diverted traffic onto secondary roads until the wreck was cleared. The propane was pumped into a tanker provided by J.H. Conger and Son, Inc. before the overturned truck could be righted by a wrecker.

Investigating Trooper J.R. Strickland reported that the truck had been northbound when it pulled onto the shoulder of the road. The shoulder, covered by snow and ice, collapsed, along with the ditch bank, dropping the truck onto its right side.

The 1988 White tractor and trailer was driven by Joseph Hooker, 24, from Virginia Beach, Va. and is owned by Merritt Trucking of Greensboro, N.C.

Hooker was wearing a lap belt and was not injured. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$500. No citation was issued.



TOPPLED--The driver of this loaded propane tanker had pulled onto the shoulder of U.S. 17 in Perquimans County when the ice and snow covered shoulder and ditch bank gave way and dropped the truck on its side. The highway was blocked for several hours while the wreck was cleared.

Concert Tonight

The town and county will celebrate the grand opening of Swain Apartments, Auditorium, Chowan Arts Center and Senior Center beginning this evening with a concert sponsored by the Chowan Arts Council.

Tickets are still available for tonight's 8 p.m. concert of the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra at the auditorium. The "Big Band Sound" of the swing era is being kept alive by one of the most popular orchestras of modern times.

Official opening ceremonies for the apartment, auditorium and other facilities is 2 p.m., Sunday. Details on all the opening activities is on page 1B of this edition.