

Weekly Perspective

Pressure may lessen bills

Gubernatorial hopeful Bob Scott labeled the Virginia Electric and Power Company issue a false one during campaigning in the area last week, and Scott is probably right.

There isn't much chance that North Carolina officials can force the utility to sell out its Northeastern North Carolina concerns unless the utility decides such sale would be in its own best interest.

First, their is the problem of finding a willing buyer. Secondly, there is the complication of the long term contract held by VEPCO. Scott rightfully pointed out that even a sale to which both parties agreed would be tied up in the courts for several years.

Scott said Hunt is using the utility as a "whipping boy" to further his own re-election efforts.

This may or may not be the case. We submit however, that there may be more good in the move to oust VEPCO than Mr. Scott would care to admit.

Just because a pig is inevitably bound for market doesn't mean he can't squeal a little along the way. And our squealing about electric rates may do more than just exercise our vocal cords.

What little pressure we can bring against VEPCO may cause the utility to re-examine its operating procedures and rate structures and save us a penny or two down the road.

If VEPCO officials' future predictions are accurate, the company is experiencing temporary difficulties that will be resolved within the next few years.

By the time a sale could be forced through, the firm's rates would be in line with other utilities.

The question is, can the utility solve its problems as easily as it says it can?

Our continued protests may at least pressure VEPCO into making a stronger effort, thereby having a downward impact on our light bills in the future.



My turn

NOEL TODD-McLAUGHLIN

The federal government recently issued a formal statement deeming this "a mild winter." Thanks. We wouldn't have known otherwise.

I will say, however, that I had my suspicions. For example, I have noticed that my dog, in mid-January, is still shedding a bushel of fluff daily.

I took my winter coat to the cleaners and forgot where it was.

And I haven't even thought of digging out my long handles yet.

But I'm not alone in my astute inklings of the slight season. One girl I know said she began to have her doubts about the "rage of winter" when she noticed daffodils and croci sprouting in her back yard.

And area hunters began to get suspicious when they couldn't find any ducks to shoot. Apparently, the ducks, too, had an idea of the incimate weather because they haven't come down for the winter yet. They're still waiting for it.

But I must say that the biggest clue of the "mild winter" came upon examination of my monthly heating bill, which has been surprisingly low.

Which reminds me of another formal statement issued by the federal government shortly after their provocative disclosure of seasonal observations.

Because of the moderate winter, we haven't had to rely on the old fossil fuel quite as much as had been anticipated.

This in turn has created somewhat of a surplus in our oil reserves and the predicted shortage appears unlikely at this point.

But there is still no chance of the oil prices dropping.

Maybe the federal government will issue a formal statement sometime explaining that one.

Taking a look backward

by VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU
JAN. 1942

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9: Daylight Savings Time will again become effective throughout Perquimans County Monday, February 9. Congress passed a bill making the fast time effective and President Roosevelt signed the bill on Monday of this week. Unlike the daylight savings time of last summer, all government activity, such as post offices, etc., and inter-state commerce will come under the set-up this time and there should be little of the confusion that prevailed before. The new time will become effective at 2 a.m. on February 9, and will continue until six months after the war ends, unless Congress revises the law.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Johnny White, of New Hope, announce the birth of a son, born Monday, January 19, 1942.

ASHLEY-DAVIS: Miss Lois Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Davis, of Upper Chowan County, and Thomas L. Ashley, son of Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Ashley, of near Edenton, were married on Wednesday, January 14, 1942, at the Baptist

parsonage at Center Hill, The Rev. Frank Cale performed the ceremony.

ARCHIE LANE RESIGNS FROM DRAFT BOARD: Archie T. Lane, a member of Perquimans Draft Board since he was appointed to fill the position left vacant by the resigning of W. G. Hollowell, has tendered his resignation as a member of the board, effective immediately. A successor to the place has not yet been named.

SUGAR RATIONING ESTABLISHED HERE TO CONSERVE SUPPLY: Another war-time rationing hit Hertford last week when several of the grocers of the town began the rationing of sugar to conserve the supply now on hand. Some merchants are issuing sugar in amounts pertaining to other purchases and most are limiting each customer to five pounds per week. The action was made necessary through the extra buying on the part of customers, and although it is now deemed possible that no actual sugar shortage will occur during the coming year, there is the fact that continued heavy buying and hoarding of the commodity will cause such a shortage, thus the merchants acted in an effort to protect their customers.

Center closer

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governor, telling him that the grant application had been funded.

An 11-person committee made up of teachers, counselors and administrators has already begun work on drawing up a curriculum for the center, Stallings said.

The committee met on Jan. 9 and came up with a list of program areas that might be included in the center curriculum.

In the vocational field, these program areas included: automotive; woodworking (construction, building trades); electronics (air conditioning, refrigeration); data; graphics; health careers; cosmetology; metals; food; agriculture; and business office occupations.

In academics, the areas included: languages; science; art; reading and classrooms;

Stallings said that each program area is a broad heading under which several courses could be taught. He stressed that the committee meeting only initiated the curriculum planning process.

"This was the starting point," Stallings said. "Now we want to take it to the teachers (representing each of the subjects within a program area) and let them study it," he said.

The final curriculum will be based, at least partially, on Employment Security Commission figures that project employment needs in the area through 1985, he said.

Stallings said that state, federal and private organizations have shown an interest in the Tri-County concept, but want finalized information on curriculum, facility design and cost before making a decision.

Library offers tax forms help

Information on how to fill out a federal tax return, prepared by the Internal Revenue Service on audio cassette tapes, is now available at the Perquimans County Library.

The tapes are available at no cost and can be checked out just like other library materials. The tapes play on any standard cassette tape player. A tape player is also available for loan from the library.

The tapes explain step-by-

step the preparation of both IRS short Form 1040A and the longer Form 1040, along with instructions for completing schedules A and B, used to report itemized deductions and income from interest.

To make best use of the tapes, users should have their tax forms and instructions available. If needed, forms and instructions can be obtained by calling the IRS toll-free number (1-800-822-8800) or can be picked up at any local IRS office.

Letters...

Governor right in refusing petition

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY,
The column "My Turn", in last week's paper sounded very good. However I do wish to disagree with the part about Governor Hunt refusing to sign the Vepeco petition.

Since he is not a resident of this area his name on this petition would be fraudulent. We don't expect a man of his high moral standards to be a fraud. Also his signature would be redundant since he had already, on more than one occasion openly stated that Vepeco should leave the area.

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Reflections on Doctor Davenport

Editors, THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY,
Bucky Carlton, as I always called my uncle Dr. C. A. Davenport, was my idol as far back as I can remember.

Not an extremely large man, he was to my childish evaluation the strongest man around.

He had very firm convictions which I readily shared because of my great admiration for him. I could never understand why he took so much time with me, and made it his concern to see that I had fun.

We were so very different in our make up. He was totally fearless and very agile. I was tall for my years and awkward and afraid of many things, but if I had fears, I didn't lack in enthusiasm for all kinds of boyhood fun.

His patient and gentle manner helped me lose much of the natural fear that I had. He never pushed me to do things that I feared but in his quiet way coaxed me to do them.

Bucky Carlton was studying medicine during my years in grade school and our summers were spent on the Albemarle Sound which ran in back of my grandmother's home.

Bucky Carlton was not ambitious to the point of fanaticism but had no patience with short cuts. To him the only way to succeed was by hard work. He believed a man should work hard, but should not neglect to enjoy the fruit of his labors.

Bucky Carlton seemed in his quiet way to enjoy everything about life immensely, and his enthusiasm for it seemed contagious.

One of the characteristics of Dr. Davenport was his fondness for the fair sex. I was always welcome to come along when it was a fishing date. He felt that girls should enjoy fishing as much as he did, and they surely seemed to.

The years passed by quickly and Bucky Carlton finished medical school. When his internship was over, he brought home a new bride when he came to look for a location to practice. He looked for and found a small town situated on the water, thinking more about living than making a living.

That same stubborn determination to do his work well that carried him through medical school made for him a reputation as an excellent physician. I have heard him say many times if you want to be something, try to be good, even if you choose bootlegging.

Bucky Carlton was not a brain by any stretch of the imagination, but was a wonderful doctor who had completely mastered his profession. Just a visit with him in his office would restore hope to most of his patients.

Once in his adopted community, he settled down to the business of living and making a living. He was able to make many of his boyhood dreams of yachts and pretty automobiles come true. Along with this he put more in his profession than he expected to get out of it. Always a kind hearted man willing to help anyone, his life was not to be a long one but truly a rich one in accomplishments. He often said life will be no pleasure when I am no longer useful. And so he was useful to the end dying as he had lived—quietly.

Herbert Chesson
Nephew of the late Dr. C. A. Davenport
Washington, NC

In Hertford

Housing subsidization sought

The Hertford Town Council moved to add rent subsidization for 40 existing Perquimans County struc-

tures to its housing assistance application following a public hearing last week.

The action was taken after a recommendation from Lewis Taylor, a representative of Howard Capps Redevelopment Firm.

The existing structures would have to comply to standards established by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Housing Assistance Plan falls under Section 8 of HUD, which provides rent subsidy for low income families.

Included in the existing plan is also the projected con-

struction of 32 new units which would provide housing for 16 elderly and 16 low income Perquimans County residents.

Possible locations for the 32 units were discussed by the council. Apparently, community housing specialists have deemed the King Street area, presently under renovation, as unsuitable.

The Wynne Fork area has also been under consideration but Hertford Mayor Bill Cox said that housing specialists did not seem enthusiastic about that sight either.

It was noted that because of elderly inhabitants, HUD would require the structures to be within walking distance of banking, shopping, etc.

The possibility of locating the 32 structures at several locations was considered but rejected as impractical from a management standpoint.

The town would have two options as to who would manage the new structures. They could elect to appoint the developer of the units to own, manage, and pay taxes on the units, or the Hertford Housing Authority could manage them and pay the town of Hertford an amount in lieu of taxes.

Cox was in favor of giving full responsibility to a developer. "Let a reputable developer manage them," said Cox.

Taylor was in accordance, saying that it would be dif-

ficult for the town to profit from the added responsibility. Taylor also noted that it would be to a developer's advantage to properly maintain the complex and further cited attractive units in both Edenton and Elizabeth City that have been well managed by developers.

It was finally decided that the question of management should be made by both the town council and the Hertford Housing Authority.

The Housing Assistance public hearing was held as a requirement by HUD for completion of an application for subsidized housing in Hertford and Perquimans County.



Heart Fund week

Suzanne Haste, president of the Perquimans County Heart Association looks over a document signed by Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, (l), proclaiming February as Heart Month. Cox joins Mrs. Haste in urging all residents of Perquimans County to support the 1980 Heart Fund Campaign. The latest

statistics from the U.S. Public Health Service show that heart and stroke deaths in the U.S. continue to decline, a fact which leading medical scientists have credited to the educational efforts of the American Heart Association.

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