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Elizabeth
City Speed
Note

Note: Herbert Mullins in his introduction is going to refer to the work of the office in the Seed case. You might want to refer to this.

Millard gave me the following information:

"One of the 10 largest seed companies in the U.S. was found to be deliberately misrepresenting some of it's seed corn as hybrid seed corn resistant to the Southern leaf blight and it was not resistant. It was being sold at hybrid prices at least twice as expensive as non-hybrid seed corn. Investigators of the Consumer Protection Division and the Department

of Agriculture were able, with the efforts of the editor of the Goldsboro News-Argus, Mr. Price and interested farmers, in developing enough evidence, after a hearing, to cause the Commissioner of Agriculture to revoke the 1971 license of the seed company to sell not only seed corn, but all other seed in N.C."

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It is a pleasure for me to join you for your annual Farm Supper. I wish that Katie and my girls could be here to enjoy the festivities of this traditional family gathering.

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I recently read with a great deal of interest of the ~~establishment~~ establishment of the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission. This Commission, made up of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington Counties has as its purpose the overall planning on the environment, building needs, roads, hospitals,

promoting industry and educational needs. I applaud the inception of this Commission and hope it will prove to be a useful and worthwhile tool in the future development of northeastern North Carolina.

H. Russell

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It is a step in the right direction for this area needs planning in order to cope with the problems you have faced in the past. The out-migration in these 10 counties has been heavy over the past 50 years. In the most recent decades, 1950 to 1970, over 20,000 people migrated from the area. In Camden and Currituck counties, it is estimated that one-half of the labor force work in the Tidewater area of Virginia and here in

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Pasquotank County many workers are also lost to Virginia. A recent survey shows that ample numbers of these individuals would be willing to work in their home counties.

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How can we get our people to live and work in this area?

In order to settle our rural areas, it is not enough just to be able to provide our citizens with jobs. We must also provide them with essential services, good schools, good medical facilities, efficient means of transportation, and the means for good entertainment and recreation.

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We must, in short, plan and prompt a resurgence of the small town as the solution to our rural problems. We must do something to improve the small town, to sufficiently equip it with programs and services to make it attractive to industry and people. There is no reason why the small town cannot be a strong economic force in the future.

Population Statistics - N. C.	Total
4 Towns - 100,000 and Over	641,960
4 Towns - 50,000 to 100,000	269,888
8 Towns - 25,000 to 50,000	274,282
22 Towns - 10,000 to 25,000	348,926
31 Towns - 5,000 to 10,000	208,724
47 Towns - 2,500 to 5,000	168,442
102 Towns - 1,000 to 2,500	169,930
253 Towns - Under 1,000	114,356
68 Unincorporated Towns 1,000 or more	288,765
98 Unincorporated Municipalities	

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Government in a free society, however, cannot alone solve society's problems. The solutions to our problems require the cooperation of our people. We in government must realize that we cannot legislature our problems away. We must resist the idea that another state agency, that bigger government or centralized control is all we need. What government can and must do, is distribute opportunity and educate our people to take advantage of it.

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If we are to distribute opportunity equally, State government must do a number of things: First, it must engage in comprehensive planning. Every Service that the State operates must be planned and continually replanned. The State in conjunction with our Regional Planning Commission must draft comprehensive land use plans that allot certain areas of our State for residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational uses.

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Only such planning will put an end to haphazard development and the piece-meal approach to our problems.

The need to set aside land for future recreational use is especially urgent. We must anticipate our recreational needs, acquire and set aside sufficient space for them while it is still available. If we wait until the need becomes obvious, available recreational sites will in all likelihood be too small

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and too inaccessible to large segments of our population.

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Next, the State must allot its resources in order to implement this comprehensive planning. We must put opportunity where there is none and discourage the overdevelopment of any area. We must tie the States' enterprises into communities in ways that aid rather than hinder controlled growth.

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Third, industries must be offered economic incentives to locate in underdeveloped areas. Such areas already offer many advantages. They are not congested, large plant sites are available at reasonable cost, and unspoiled environment offers attractive residential areas for their employees. But, the most attractive motive to any industry is the profit motive. If we can make it more profitable for industries to locate where we want them, we will get the industries we want.

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Unless we are successful in distributing opportunity equally throughout our State, we cannot expect to ever avoid the adverse consequences of over and underdevelopment. And, if we do not avoid these, we will have failed to fulfill the promise of tomorrow.

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Successful government in the last quarter of the 20th century will be government which solves the problems of the present by anticipating those of the future, which gives all of its citizens equal protection under the laws, and which equally distributes opportunity.

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If we fail to do any of these, we will fail to do all of them, and neither North Carolina nor the United States of America can afford that kind of failure.

ADDRESS BY: MRS. ROBERT MORGAN
TO: SAMPSON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN
DATE: OCTOBER 14, 1971

POSITIVE GOVERNMENT - A DEMOCRATIC PARTY TRADITION

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TRADITION

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME HOME ! AS THE SONG GOES, "MID PLEASURES AND PALACES THOUGH WE MAY ROAM, BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME."

PLEASE NOTE, I SAID PALACES - NOT MANSIONS - IN CASE SOME OF YOU MIGHT INTERPRET THIS TO BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

I OWE MUCH TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY. THEY WERE THE BEARERS OF GIFTS - A GIFT OF THEIR HIGH IDEALS; A GIFT OF THEIR PROGRESSIVE GOALS; A GIFT OF THEIR SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT; AND A GIFT OF THEIR CONCERN FOR HUMAN DIGNITY. IF A CHILD HAS THIS TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT AS HE IS GROWING, THEN NO MATTER HOW MUCH SUCCESS IS ACHIEVED IN LATER LIFE, THE LARGER PART OF ANY CREDIT MUST BE GIVEN TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO FIRST KNEW HIM AND GAVE HIM THE GOALS BY WHICH TO LIVE.

MY TEACHERS CONTRIBUTED TOWARD THESE GIFTS FOR I RECEIVED MY PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION HERE, AND I AM HAPPY TO SEE SOME OF THEM HERE TODAY.

WHILE I AM BESTOWING CREDIT, I MIGHT ALSO HAVE TO BESTOW BLAME. THEY WERE MY FIRST INSTRUCTORS IN PUBLIC SPEAKING. SOME OF THEM, BY THE TIME I GET THROUGH, MIGHT LIKE TO DISCLAIM SUCH FAME, AND WISH I HAD ADHERED TO THE DEFINITION THAT A GOOD SPEAKER IS ONE WHO RISES TO THE OCCASION AND PROMPTLY SITS DOWN. BUT, BEING MY TEACHERS, THEY ALSO KNOW THAT I HAD, AND STILL HAVE, ONE BIG WEAKNESS - I LIKE TO TALK!

AND, I PARTICULARLY LIKE TO TALK TO PEOPLE FROM MY HOME COUNTY, AND, EVEN MORE PARTICULARLY, TO THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF MY HOME COUNTY.

THE WORDS DEMOCRATIC WOMEN IMMEDIATELY CONVEY TO ME A VIBRANT, INTERESTED AND POSITIVE GROUP. YOU HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD, YOUR INFLUENCE FELT, TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY PROGRESS, AND TO ASSURE YOURSELVES THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WILL BE DONE TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF LEADERSHIP IN GOVERNMENT.

YOUR PRESENCE INDICATES THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT POSITIVE, EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT DEMANDS THE INTEREST AND PARTICIPATION OF EVERY CITIZEN, INCLUDING THE HOUSEWIFE, THE MOTHER, THE BUSINESS AND THE CAREER WOMAN.

I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR POSITIVE APPROACH. IT WOULD BE MUCH SIMPLER FOR YOU TO LOSE YOURSELVES IN THE DUTIES OF YOUR OCCUPATION, YOUR HOMES - OF RAISING CHILDREN AND KEEPING HOUSE - TO IGNORE THE PROBLEMS ABOUT YOU, AND LET YOUR SOLE CONTRIBUTION BE A LOUD COMPLAINT IN A LETTER TO ANN LANDERS!

BUT, THIS IS NOT THE APPROACH OF THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN - NOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN GOOD GOVERNMENT. THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.

IN 1935, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MADE A STATEMENT ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. THIS STATEMENT IS JUST AS APPLICABLE TODAY. IN IT, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID THE GOALS OF OUR PARTY ARE:

"... TO INCREASE THE SECURITY AND THE HAPPINESS OF A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN ALL OCCUPATIONS OF LIFE

AND IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY; TO GIVE THEM MORE OF THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE; TO GIVE THEM A GREATER DISTRIBUTION, NOT ONLY OF WEALTH IN THE NARROW TERMS BUT OF WEALTH IN THE WIDER TERMS; TO GIVE THEM PLACES TO GO IN THE SUMMERTIME - RECREATION; TO GIVE THEM ASSURANCE THAT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO STARVE IN THEIR OLD AGE; TO GIVE HONEST BUSINESS A CHANCE TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE A REASONABLE PROFIT; AND TO GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO EARN A LIVING."

TO SEE A NEED AND TAKE A POSITIVE APPROACH - AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF A POSITIVE APPROACH TAKEN BY A DEMOCRAT OF WHOM I AM VERY FOND - IN FACT MY FAVORITE DEMOCRAT.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, ROBERT HAD OCCASION TO VISIT DOROTHEA DIX HOSPITAL TO INTERVIEW A DOCTOR ABOUT A CLIENT OF HIS. IT WAS AN UNUSUALLY HOT DAY, AND THE INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE WHICH WAS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A LARGE CLOSET. IN THE CORNER WAS ONE SMALL ELECTRIC FAN HUMMING. THIS OFFICE WAS ALSO THE ROOM WHERE THE DOCTOR TALKED WITH HIS PATIENTS - GAVE THERAPY.

THE INTERVIEW TOOK QUITE AWHILE, AND BY THE TIME THEY GO THROUGH, ROBERT WAS SOAKED WITH PERSPIRATION. HE QUESTIONED THE DOCTOR AS TO AIR-CONDITIONERS, AND THE DOCTOR SAID THAT FUNDS WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SUCH LUXURIES.

AFTER THE INTERVIEW, ROBERT RODE THROUGH THE GROUNDS AND NOTED JUST A SMALL NUMBER OF AIR-CONDITIONERS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE COMPLEX. HE THEN RODE DOWNTOWN IN RALEIGH AND NOTICED THAT PRACTICALLY EVERY WINDOW IN THE STATE BUILDINGS HAD AIR-CONDITIONERS IN THEM.

BEFORE THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED, HE DID SOME CAREFUL RESEARCH, BROUGHT THE PROBLEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND MONEY WAS APPROPRIATED WITH WHICH TO BUY AIR-CONDITIONERS.

CONDEMNATION COMES CHEAP, AND IT ALONE SOLVES NO PROBLEMS. IF FAULT IS FOUND, SOLUTIONS MUST BE OFFERED.

OUR 1971 DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY SAW A NEED AND ACTED! THEY PASSED A BILL REORGANIZING THE

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL ON MENTAL RETARDATION. IT WAS APPARENT TO MANY THAT THE SCOPE OF THE COUNCIL WAS NOT BROAD ENOUGH TO COVER THE MANY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THAT OCCUR - SUCH AS CEREBRAL PALSEY, EPILEPSY AND OTHER NEUROLOGICAL PROBLEMS. THE NAME OF THE COUNCIL WAS CHANGED BY ADDING "AND DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES."

IN ADDITION, CHARGES FOR LONG-TERM PATIENTS OVER THE AGE OF 21 HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED. THIS IS A GREAT STEP FORWARD. THE ACTION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE THERE WAS A NEED TO ALLEVIATE THE FINANCIAL BURDENS OF PARENTS WHO HAVE RETIRED AND HAVE SMALLER INCOMES, BUT STILL MUST SUPPORT A CHILD IN ONE OF OUR STATE MENTAL RETARDATION INSTITUTIONS.

IN ANOTHER AREA OF HELP FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT SO FORTUNATE, \$400,000 WAS PROVIDED FOR COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION FUNDS. THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR GROUP HOMES IN COMMUNITIES. HOUSING FACILITIES FOR THE RETARDED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL HAVE LONG BEEN A CONCERN AND GROUP HOMES SEEM TO BE PART OF THE ANSWER.

FOR INSTANCE IN WAKE COUNTY AND THE RALEIGH AREA, THERE ARE 200 CHILDREN KNOWN AS SEVERELY AND PROFOUNDLY RETARDED CHILDREN. O'BERRY WHICH IS THE INSTITUTION THAT SERVES THIS AREA TAKES ONLY ONE SUCH CHILD A YEAR. AND WHEN THEY DO TAKE SUCH A CHILD, IT IS USUALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CHILD WILL REGRESS AS THEY DO NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO GIVE THE CHILDREN THE INDIVIDUAL CARE THEY NEED.

THESE FUNDS CAN BE ADDED TO, AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, TO PROVIDE DAY CARE FOR THESE SEVERELY AND PROFOUNDLY RETARDED CHILDREN - PARENTS CAN TAKE A DAY OFF OCCASIONALLY TO BE AWAY FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES FROM THEIR AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY - PERHAPS EVEN A VACATION FOR A FEW DAYS. MANY OF THESE CHILDREN ARE HANDICAPPED TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT PARENTS CANNOT LEAVE THEM - AS YOU DO - WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD BABYSITTER.

AGAIN, YOU DEMOCRATIC WOMEN SPOKE FOR CHILDREN THROUGH YOUR DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN THE 1971 GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY ENACTING A CONSIDERABLY BROADER CHILD ABUSE LAW.

THE 1971 CHILD ABUSE LAW REVISED THE PREVIOUS LAW WHICH PROVIDED ONLY FOR VOLUNTARY REPORTING BY PHYSICIANS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND CERTAIN SCHOOL PERSONNEL OF CHILD ABUSE CASES. IT NOW PROVIDES FOR COMPULSORY REPORTING BY ANY PERSON WHO KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO KNOW OF CHILD ABUSE AND COVERS NOT ONLY THE PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE MENTIONED, BUT WOULD ALSO COVER A NEIGHBOR'S OBSERVANCE OF SOMETHING WHICH WOULD LEAD TO A REASONABLE SUSPICION OF CHILD ABUSE.

THE CRIMINAL PROVISIONS WERE STRENGTHENED AND OTHER MEASURES WERE ADDED WHICH, HOPEFULLY, PROVIDE GREATER PROTECTION FOR THE CHILD. IT IS PREDICTED THAT THE NUMBER OF CHILD ABUSE CASES DETECTED AND REPORTED MAY RISE FROM ABOUT 3,000 A YEAR ACROSS THE STATE TO 5,000 OR MORE, AND THIS IS A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW THINGS THAT WERE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH CITIZEN DEMAND AND POLITICS AND THE NAME OF POLITICS TODAY IS PARTICIPATION. AND LET ME REMIND YOU THAT POLITICIANS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN CITIZENS EXERCISING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CITIZENSHIP. YOU ARE A POLITICIAN AND PROPERLY SO.

IF WE ARE TO HAVE A DEMOCRACY, WE AS INDIVIDUALS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE RUNNING OF OUR COUNTIES, CITIES, STATE AND NATION. OUR AMERICAN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT HAS COME TO BE KNOWN AS REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY BECAUSE IT IS A GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE PEOPLE, THE CITIZENS, REMAIN SUPREME.

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT WE SHOULD CEASE TO TAKE OURSELVES SO SERIOUSLY AND BEGIN TO TAKE OUR POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY SERIOUSLY. LADIES, I AGREE AS I AM SURE YOU DO.

WHAT IS A NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRAT TODAY? A NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRAT TODAY HAS BEEN DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

"HE IS THE SAME PERSON WHO PICKED THIS STATE UP BY THE BOOTSTRAPS BACK IN 1900 AND LAUNCHED IT INTO AN ORBIT OF STEADY PROGRESS.

"HE IS THE SAME PERSON WHO NURSED THIS STATE THROUGH THE BITTER DEPRESSION OF THE THIRTIES, WHO RESTORED HOPES, DREAMS, AND, EVENTUALLY, RECOVERY.

"HE IS THE SAME PERSON WHO HAS FOUGHT BRAVELY, AND TO THE FINISH, HIS NATION'S WAR.

"HE IS THE SAME PERSON:

- WHO HAS HAD THE WILL AND THE WAY TO SEE THAT THE PUBLIC'S NEEDS ARE MET IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD.
- WHO HAS SEEN THAT EDUCATION, A GOOD EDUCATION, AND HEALTH SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL.
- WHO HAS SEEN THAT THE UNFORTUNATE AMONG US, SUCH AS THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE RETARDED, ARE GIVEN A RAY OF HOPE IN THEIR DARK WORLD.

"HE IS THE SAME PERSON WHO HAS GIVEN NORTH CAROLINA A SYSTEM OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TRADE SCHOOLS - A GRASSROOTS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY OF TREMENDOUS PROPORTIONS.

"ABOVE ALL, THIS IS THE PERSON WITH FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF NORTH CAROLINA - A FAITH THAT IS UNFLINCHING AND REMAINS CONSTANT NO MATTER WHAT CROSS CURRENTS BLOW.

"THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRAT, TO USE AN ILLUSTRATION YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, LOOKS AT A GLASS AND SAYS, 'IT IS HALF FULL.' HIS APPROACH IS POSITIVE. HE IS NOT WILLING TO SAY IT IS HALF EMPTY.'

"HOPE, FAITH, LOVE. THESE ARE THE TRAITS OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRAT.

"YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW - THE NORTH CAROLINA
DEMOCRAT IS A PERSON WITH A HEART, A PERSON WHO CARES,
A PERSON WHO, WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, GETS GOING."

I THINK THAT NO OTHER THING ACCOUNTS MORE FOR THE
REPEATED SUCCESS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THIS STATE
THAN THE FACT THAT WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY OFFERED
CANDIDATES WHO PUT THEMSELVES TO THE TASK OF SOLVING
PROBLEMS, AND REACHING GOALS.