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To the Pitt County Development Commission

From - C. Sylvester Green, Executive Director

An accelerated activity has marked my own work and the work of my office during the past four weeks.

I have handled 38 entirely new prospects, seven of which have been into Pitt County for exploratory visits, and two of these for conferences. There is not too much information available on any one of these at the moment, but because of the sources of the inquiry in each instance, I am certain there will be further contacts.

The week end following our April meeting, the Board of Conservation and Development held its Spring meeting in Greenville. It was a privilege to work with Mr. John R. Hardy, president of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, in developing details and administration of that meeting.

On April 24, a representative of C&D came to Greenville with an excellent prospect in the paper manufacturing business. I am expecting a subsequent visit within a few weeks.

April 28-30, I attended the Second N.C. Trade Fair in Charlotte, and there made numerous contacts with state and out-of-state industrialists, as well as representatives of C&D. I have already had some follow-up correspondence with those contacts, and hope some active interest will develop among them in the months ahead.

Several days of detailed work, including a two-day trip to the New York area, have been related to the plastics fabricating prospect with which I have been working since last December. This development is most encouraging, and we have every reason to believe there is a better-than-average possibility this plant may be secured for Pitt County.

I am sure you would join with me in congratulating Tom Willis and the Farmville Economic Council on two projects successfully culminated within the last two weeks: namely, the prizery, an 18,000-square foot building for the use of the Ex-

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port and Imperial Tobacco Companies in Farmville; and, a new motel to be built just outside Farmville at the intersection known as Marlboro, on Route 264. Both of these will be increasing assets for Farmville.

Collins and Aikman Company has begun construction of its large plant on US 264 near Farmville. Union Carbide Consumer Products Company broke ground May 14 for its new plant here in Greenville. Word comes from the United Nursing Home Associates, who expect to be building a nursing home, and ultimately perhaps a rest home also, that the group has been encouraged to proceed immediately with plans and the possibility of FHA approval for their program.

The new quarters for the Commission in the Rivers Building should be ready by June 1. The Greenville Chamber of Commerce vacated the area this morning, and this afternoon the owners have begun the renovation and refurbishing for our occupancy. This will provide excellent facilities for our work.

I have found it very interesting to cooperate in the preparation of two surveys: a wage survey summary, under the auspices of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company; and the listing and data on Pitt County industries for the 1964 North Carolina Directory of Manufacturing Plants.

The work on the OEDP for the ARA study has been slowed because of the pressure of the other duties outlined above, but I have every confidence that I can "wrap up" this complete report within the next two weeks. At least, I am working toward that goal.

I am particularly pleased that developments, even today plus an anticipated visit from a C&D representative and client on tomorrow, indicate a special interest in several of our Pitt County communities, specifically Ayden and Bethel. I have great hopes something concrete will come from these contacts.

Please share with me any ideas, suggestions, or opinion you may have on my work, and count on my being continuously aggressive in the effort to bring new industry to Pitt County.

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