

Hospital Bond Referendum Defeated By Voters

Jones, Other Democrats Elected

Chowan County voters turned out in record numbers in Tuesday's off-year election to soundly defeat the sale of bonds to construct a new hospital and gave Democrats a wide margin of victory.

Unofficial returns showed 1,936 ballots were cast in Chowan's six precincts and in every box the voters against the hospital bonds and maintenance tax were in the majority.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District lost two Chowan precincts but piled up a surprising number of votes in the two Edenton boxes to carry this county over Dr. John East, 1,339 to 601.

In the race for two seats

in the First State House District, incumbent Rep. Phil Godwin of Gatesville and W. T. Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City won easily. Rep. Godwin led the ticket with 1,527 and Culpepper was close behind with 1,511. A. W. Houtz, the lone Republican on the district ticket, polled a mere 222 votes.

Chowan voters gave incumbent U. S. Sen. B. Everett Jordan nearly a 1,000-vote margin in his bid for re-election. Sen. Jordan polled 1,332 votes to 399 for John Shallcross.

Chairman West W. Byrum of Chowan County Board of Elections said this was a record number of votes cast in an off-year election. The spirited contest between

Jones and East for the local hospital issue was credited with out the voters.

The polls closed at 6:30 P. M. Tuesday. The election was open for 12 hours. 7:52 before the first box was reported. The call came from Wardville, in the northern section of the county.

Rep. Jones fell eight votes behind in this box and the hospital bond issue was defeated 64-123, while the vote on the maintenance was 66-127 against. While the tide turned in favor of Rep. Jones, the bond issue was never ahead.

Yeopim, a precinct East claimed by two votes in the February special election, was turned around by Rep. Jones

as he claimed 67 votes to 39 for East. From then on it was Chowan County for Rep. Jones until Rocky Hock posted a 103-80 vote in favor of East.

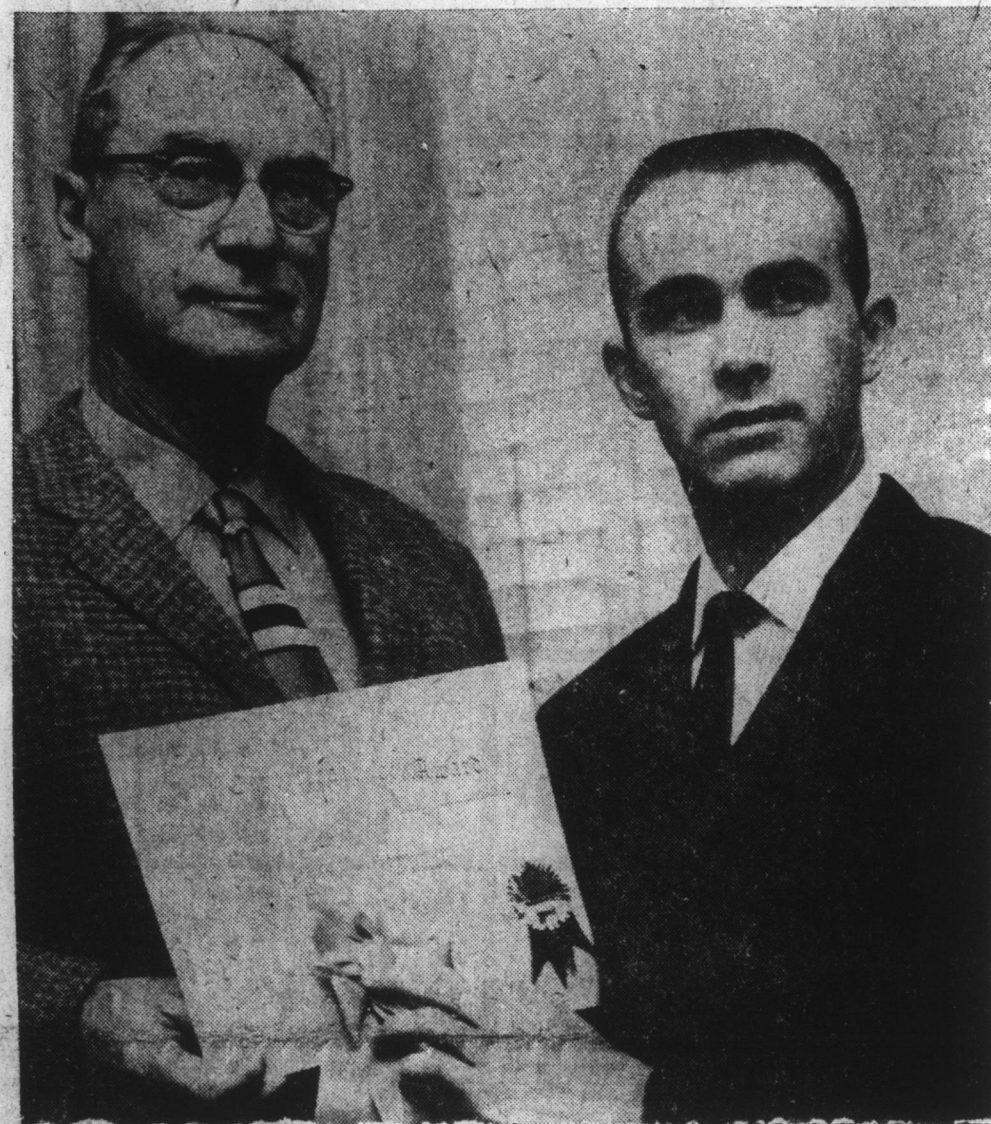
Center Hill had gone to Rep. Jones, 141-37, and West Edenton gave the incumbent a comfortable lead, 515-173. East Edenton followed hours later with a vote of 444-149 favoring Rep. Jones.

The hospital bond issue was expected to have difficulty in the rural boxes but those favoring the issue were hopeful that the West Edenton precinct would off-set opposition in these areas. Boosters of the issue accepted defeat when West Edenton reported 363 against the issue

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HOW CHOWAN COUNTY VOTED IN GENERAL ELECTION

	1st District Congress		State House of Representatives			U. S. Senate		Hospital Bonds		Hospital Tax	
PRECINCT	JONES	EAST	GODWIN	CULPEPPER	HOUTZ	JORDAN	SHALLCROSS	FOR	AGAINST	FOR	AGAINST
East Edenton	444	149	492	485	70	438	102	250	333	210	315
West Edenton	515	173	577	582	74	527	126	307	363	289	321
Rocky Hock	80	103	108	102	21	81	49	66	116	61	109
Center Hill	141	37	149	145	15	135	26	61	112	52	103
Wardville	92	100	121	118	32	92	68	64	123	66	127
Yeopim	67	39	80	79	10	59	28	37	60	33	57
Totals	1339	601	1527	1511	222	1332	399	785	1107	711	1032



A WINNER! — Wallace Evans, right, president of Rocky Hock Community Development Organization, and C. W. Overman, Chowan County farm agent, hold the certificate of award presented to the community in county competition earlier this week. Rocky Hock will represent Chowan in the Albemarle Area Development Association judging later in the month.

Award Is Won By Rocky Hock

"In community development all participating families and communities are winners."

This quotation has been proven many times and was especially brought to mind during the 1966 community development judging held on Monday. As the judges visited each of the five participating council type communities their praise of the progress made by these communities grew.

Rocky Hock Community was selected as the first place winner in view of their many church and civic achievements, especially in the area of youth development. One of their major goals was to help provide lights for the Little League ball park.

Their community center, bought with funds raised through community development, is a center used by many organizations in the area. Two thousand dollars

Veterans Day Closings Set

County, federal, state and municipal offices will be closed Friday in observance of Veterans' Day.

Also, financial institutions in Edenton will be closed for this holiday. They include Edenton Savings & Loan, Peoples Bank & Trust Company's main office and Consumer Credit Branch, and First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

The Municipal Building will be closed as will the Court House and other county offices.

The U. S. Post Office will be closed as will the ASC Office and other federal offices in the county.

Downtown business establishments do not close for this holiday.

Club, Merchants Set December 1 For Yule Parade

The annual Christmas parade will be held in Edenton Thursday afternoon, December 1, 1966, at 4:00 P. M.

The Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club will sponsor the parade, along with the help and co-operation of the Edenton merchants.

Plans are well underway for this gala event, with Miss Edna Snell serving as chairman, and Mrs. Ida Waff as co-chairman.

According to present plans, there will be floats, bands, marching units, majorettes, twirlers, Tom-Tom Girls, cheerleaders, and clowns. This seasonal affair will also display a taste of the beauty present in our town and county when the schools' Homecoming Queens make their appearance.

Of course, the outstanding feature will be Ole Santa Claus himself, in person, who will talk with all the kiddies in an effort to try to fulfill their wishes on Christmas morning.

Pat Flanagan and Robert Dail of Radio Station WCDJ will be on hand to M. C. the parade. Judges will be present to select the outstanding float, with cash awards to be presented ranging from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Each year much effort is made to make this an outstanding event. This year will be no exception.

Seven Fire Calls Answered Here

Seven fire alarms — two outside the town limits — were answered last month by the Edenton Fire Department. Damage was estimated at \$2,600.

In a report filed this week by Fire Chief W. J. Yates, it was reported that two false alarms were answered and on one call firemen snatched a cat from a tree.

Edenton Romps Over Plymouth

The Edenton Aces, paced by Tony Twiddy, turned back Plymouth Friday night to close out another successful season. The score was 40-14.

With Twiddy scoring four touchdowns, one on a brilliant 64-yard kickoff return, the Aces got their offense into high gear as Quarterback Wes Chesson directed a fine game.

For the Aces of Coach Marion Kirby, the 1966 season is now history and the second place 2-A Albemarle Conference goes to Edenton. The Aces had a 7-1-1 conference mark while the overall was 7-2-1.

Ahoskie, who defeated Edenton two weeks ago, has sewed up the conference crown and go to Pasquotank Central this week to close out the season and protect a 9-0 record.

Twiddy, 155-pound senior back, accounted for three Edenton scores with short runs. Then he picked up the kickoff after Plymouth scored its first TD and raced 64 yards into the end zone untouched.

Aided by a 28-yard run by Bill Wallace the Aces moved 44 yards in five plays early in the first quarter to get on the scoreboard. Twiddy carried it over from the five.

Both teams were hurt by costly fumbles on chilly Hicks Field. Plymouth's first fumble came after they had driven to Edenton's six. The Aces recovered to halt the threat.

Bill Wallace and Darrell Parker got single tallies for Edenton and Chesson kicked the extra points.

For nine seniors on the Edenton squad this was the final game of their high school career. Each was given a good hand by the sparse crowd who braved the cold weather to cheer the Aces.



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The Public Parade

STILL HOPE—As this is being written 11th hour efforts are being made by Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., to resolve the local school dispute. While on every quarter he is being wished well in this commendable undertaking in the best interests of the total community, few along The Public Parade expect a miracle.

What started as a "friendly suit" to determine the legality of a simple agreement between two boards of education has now developed into a complicated, bitter dispute which could have far reaching consequences. The wedge separating the school boards, and yes, even the people of Edenton and rural Chowan County, was being meticulously extracted has now been given a lethal blow.

It is common knowledge that it has all come about through a third party—the U. S. Office of Education.

The 1931 agreement, signed in good faith by both the city and county boards, has worked to these many years. It has resulted in the establishment of an accredited, highly respected D. F. Walker High School here as well as John A. Holmes High School, bearing the name of a fine gentleman and of such educational quality to do the man justice.

The Office of Education in Washington dictated to Edenton City Board of Education in such a manner as to leave no room for negotiation on the local level. Over the past two years the local board has become welded to the opinion that compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is greater than local desires, principles and agreements.

Therefore, the Chowan County Board of Education had no other choice but to test the 1931 agreement in the courts of North Carolina.

Shortly after an injunction was granted allowing the 26 Negro ninth grade students from the county to attend from the school of their choice, a surprising step was taken by the city board. That was to petition to have the case removed from the Chowan County Superior Court to the Federal Court.

The mere fact that the case is now before a federal judge is of no surprise to those who have been close to the issue. The element of surprise is that the city board took it upon themselves to have the federal authorities intervene rather than let the issue take its course in state courts until the U. S. Office of Education petitioned to become a party to the suit.

The transfer of the case to federal court is a costly maneuver and one which finds the taxpayers of Chowan County in the middle. They are now forced to pay excessive attorney fees to have the city board to carry the load for the federal government.

It could also mean something more costly than tax funds. It could mean the schools of Edenton and Chowan County will be required to operate under the direction of a federal judge. This would be an unhealthy situation that actually takes

the operation of our schools out of the hands of those entrusted by law to carry on these duties.

Patrons of the county schools have expressed themselves on the issue and the elected board of education responded accordingly.

While the hour is late, it is not too late for the patrons of city schools to become familiar with the questions involved and to speak up. While the city board is a self-perpetuating group not required to face the test of the ballot box, they should be no less interested in how the taxpayers feel on this and other issues concerning the operation of Edenton City schools.

The public will not be invited to Mayor Mitchener's conference. Any discussion and the result will not be official. However, there is still hope this matter can be satisfactorily resolved short of further widening of a gap which, once closed, would provide a better education for all the children in this county.

And it is high time all those in responsible positions rediscover the primary function of our schools, the education of those in attendance.

BIG TIME FOR ALL—Auto-Rama Trade Days in Edenton are well underway and the promotion is being well received by people throughout the Albemarle Area.

A block of downtown Edenton was turned into a giant showroom Wednesday as local auto dealers proudly displayed their 1967 model cars.

Twenty-seven business establishments have joined together to promote Auto-Rama Trade Days, billed as this area's most interesting promotion. Participating stores are remaining open until 9 P. M. Wednesday and Thursday for the convenience of shoppers in this pre-holiday season event.

Persons 16 years of age and over

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Hearing Slated Thursday In Local School Dispute

In a surprise move Thursday afternoon, Edenton City Board of Education petitioned for removal from Chowan County Superior Court to Federal Court legal action brought by Chowan County Board of Education to force

the board to adhere to a 1931 agreement between the two groups.

Receipt of notice of this action prompted the county board to meet in special session and request the resignation of Supt. Hiram J.

Two Women Selected

40 Drawn For Jury Duty

Chowan County commissioners Monday drew a list of 40 prospective jurors for a term of court here later in the month. Included on the list were two women.

Until this time it had been the practice of the county board not to select women

taxpayers for duty on the Superior Court jury.

Both those selected as prospective jurors are from the Second Township. They are Mrs. Jack D. Leary and Mrs. Hutchings Winborne.

Judge William J. Bundy of Greenville is scheduled to preside at the November term of Superior Court which opens here on Monday, November 28. Mrs. Lena Leary, clerk, was preparing the calendar this week.

Those selected for duty on the jury are:

FIRST TOWNSHIP: James E. Johnson, C. Lloyd Lane, Orval G. Williams, Sylvester Ambrose, Harold Parrish, Leo G. LaVoie, Frank W. Elliott, Haywood Lee, Jr., and Shelton B. Rogerson.

Also, William O. Bonner, William D. Harris, Cecil W. Alexander, Norman E. Lane, Sr., Kenneth L. Armstrong, Raymond B. Bunch, James M. Davenport, W. R. West, Delbert M. Bryant, Richard L. Lovett, James R. Byrum, F. H. Cale, E. L. Hollowell, Jr., Douglas W. Cale, and Clifford V. Bond.

SECOND TOWNSHIP: Mrs. Leary, Mrs. Winborne, Henry T. Lane, Herman W. Nixon, John H. Valentine, Sammy E. Morris, Johnny F. Chappell, T. Stillman Leary, Melvin Harrell, J. S. Bunch and Norman C. Hollowell.

THIRD TOWNSHIP: M. D. Baker and H. M. Bunch, Jr.

FOURTH TOWNSHIP: Joseph Outlaw, William A. Granby, and E. Morris Small.

Mayo from his position with the county unit.

Supt. Mayo responded to the request by relinquishing his duties with the county board on November 6.

It was erroneously reported in the state press Tuesday that Supt. Mayo had resigned his position with the county unit.

In his letter to O. C. Long, Jr., chairman of the county board, Supt. Mayo said his action was taken "because of

Federal Judge John Larkins will hold a hearing on the local school situation at 2:30 P. M. November 17 in Washington.

In Edenton, Mayor John A. Mitchener met informally with members of the Chowan County and Edenton City school boards in his Municipal Building office Wednesday night. Mayor Mitchener said the meeting was arranged to locally seek a solution to the existing problem.

The court order having been brought between the Chowan County and Edenton City Administrative Units and therefore producing a conflict in serving as superintendent to both boards of education.

Supt. Mayo's letter came little more than a week after he had written Long of his "willingness and desire to render service to you, Mr. Earnhardt, each board member and the citizens of Chowan County." This letter, dated immediately after the county board had received an injunction to forbid the city unit from denying 26 Negro ninth grade students residing in the county the right to attend D. F. Walker High School.

He said litigation between the two boards make his position "a little more difficult but not impossible." He went on to say his position was "one of service and to work entirely with facts and not prejudice, gossip or hearsay."

Supt. Mayo earlier this year took on the added responsibility of head of the Chowan County schools after Supt. C. C. Walters resigned to take a position in Perquimans County.

The city and county boards earlier had agreed to conditions for merger of the two units and have moved

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Tax Collections Big In October

Nearly one-fourth of the 1966 Chowan County tax levy was collected during October.

Sheriff Earl Goodwin, who also serves as tax collector, reported to county commissioners Monday that \$91,408.91 of the \$446,85, 56 tax levy was collected during the month. Discounts amounted to \$1,027.60.

At the same time the report from Sheriff Goodwin showed \$2,398.21 in delinquent taxes was collected during the month with penalties on these taxes amounting to \$225.42. The sheriff also collected \$88.03 in taxes for the year 1966.



VETERANS WELCOME SPEAKER — Charles McCullers of Dunn, second from right, was principal speaker Saturday night at a banquet held by the Tar Heel Chapter, 30th Infantry Division. He is shown here with officials of the chapter from Edenton. Left to right are, E. L. Hollowell, chapter president; W. E. (Monk) Mills and Bill Perry, co-chairmen of the chapter reunion. Chapter members from across North Carolina met here Saturday as plans were made for the national division convention slated for Durham next summer.