

3,807 Register To Vote In Chowan County

The new countywide voter registration ended Saturday with 3,807 citizens qualifying during the first such registration in decades in Chowan County.

Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, said 1,222 people registered in the six precincts Saturday. Up until then the registration stood at 2,585.

It was estimated that there were ap-

proximately 4,500 names on the old registration books.

Mrs. Hoskins said five persons registered with no party affiliation. These, however, will have to declare in order to vote in the May 4 Primary election. Then they will be registered either a Democrat or Republican.

Chowan County has been regarded over the years as a Democratic Party

stronghold. The new registration showed this when 3,546 people registered for this party with 241 registering as Republicans. There were 15 who registered as Independents. They will not be allowed to vote in the primary.

East Edenton led the list of registered voters with 1,262. Close on the heels of this precinct was West Edenton with 1,254 voters registered.

Mrs. Hoskins said there are now 2,789 white registered voters and 1,118 Negroes.

The board chairman expressed her thanks to everyone who assisted in the voter registration. She said she is pleased with the number of people who are

now eligible to vote in Chowan County.

People living inside the Town of Edenton will not have to register again for the municipal elections since the town and county books were combined with the new registration. The town participated in the cost of the new registration.

CHOWAN COUNTY'S TOTAL REGISTRATION

Precinct	White	Negro	Dem.	GOP	Ind.	No Affl.	Total
West Edenton	876	378	1,149	94	9	2	1,254
East Edenton	835	427	1,177	80	4	1	1,262
Center Hill	223	96	315	5			319
Rocky Hook	341	2	318	22	1	2	343
Wardville	355	21	343	33			376
Yeopim	159	94	245	7	1		253
Totals	2,789	1,118	3,546	241	15	5	3,807

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The Public Parade

Worthy Of Support

The drive for funds to support the American Red Cross program in Chowan County is currently in full swing under the able leadership of Wayne Ashley.

Wayne has selected a group of energetic workers to work on solicitation of the area to help realize the \$2,500 goal. They include: Mrs. Sarah White, Mrs. Sybil Harrell, Mrs. Betty Ward, Mrs. Marjorie Britton, Mrs. Fran Ward, Mrs. Daisy Bemby and Earl Jones.

Their cause is worthy of your support. Just this week the community's interest in the blood program was demonstrated when 159 people appeared at National Guard Armory to donate a pint of blood. This was the first time in several visits that the 100-pint quota had been reached and illustrates what can be done when a need exists and people like Bert Hughes take command.

Chowan Hospital depends on the blood bank and if the Red Cross did nothing else in this community but make free blood available to the hospital the local goal would still be mighty small.

This, however, is but one of many programs. They include life saving lessons for the youngsters, first aid courses, and services to our relatives and loved ones in uniform, to mention only a few.

If everyone in the community would respond with a generous contribution when a volunteer calls the goal could be realized in a few days. It is a drive worthy of community support.

Bob Scott's Campaign

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott has set a number of important goals in his campaign for the governorship. His program has been summed up as a "Partnership for Progress" with the people of the State.

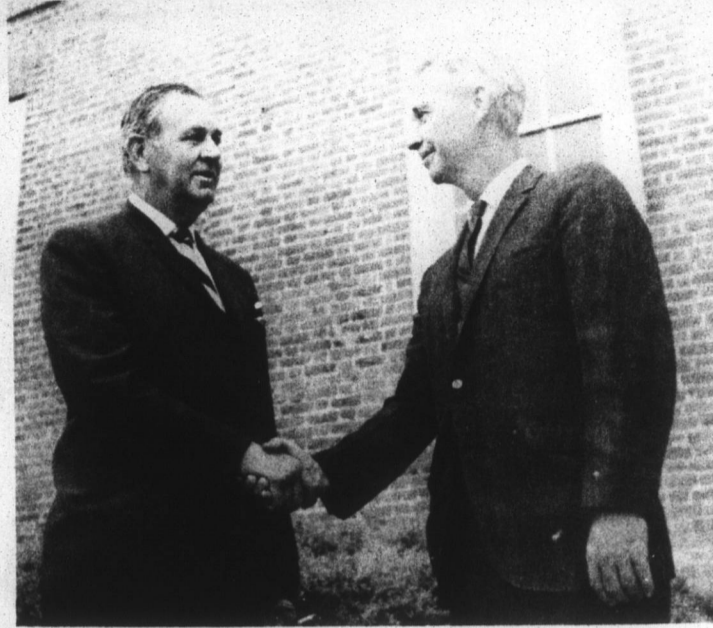
Scott's program includes bolstering respect for law and order through a concise 12-point program.

When he talks about roads, Scott states

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CAMPAIGN TRAIL—Candidates for public office in the May 4 primary are going down the wire in campaigning with two incumbents visiting Chowan County Monday. Appeals Court Judge Naomi Morris is shown with her uncle, A. C. Boyce, following her speech to the Edenton Lions Club. Judge Morris explained the new General Court of Justice in North Carolina with the different divisions. Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First District Monday met informally at a dutch breakfast with a group of supporters before campaigning in downtown Edenton. He is shown at left in picture at right talking with Cecil W. Fry, local school principal. Both Judge Morris and Rep. Jones are Democrats. No GOP candidate has visited Chowan County during the current campaign.



Board Holds Key To Plan For Center

Historic Edenton, Inc., will open a visitor center-museum and begin guided tours on June 9 if Chowan County commissioners approve a request for financial assistance.

W. B. Gardner, president of the non-profit group attempting to coordinate tourist activities here, said Thursday afternoon that if the county does not participate then it will be impossible to begin operation.

"We hope the county will give in the same manner that the town has assisted," Gardner told members of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Edenton Town Council has agreed to contribute \$5,000 toward the operating budget of Historic Edenton. Another \$4,500 has been contributed by Edenton Woman's Club from profits of the biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside.

Gardner has estimated that it will take approximately \$20,000 to operate the visitor center-museum as well as the guided tours. While the state has made available funds for renovations and displays in the Barker House, no money is available to pay operating expenses. He said at least \$5,000 annually is anticipated from the sale of tickets.

County commissioners tabled the funds request at their April meeting although three of the five members spoke in favor of the request.

Wallace Evans reported for the Down-

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Edenton-Chowan Jury Vote Favors Will Salute Is Planned

Edenton-Chowan Day at the North Carolina Museum of Art has been set for Tuesday and a chartered bus will take local citizens to Raleigh to participate in the function.

Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Jr., president of the sponsoring Chowan Arts Council, said a few seats remain on the bus. It will leave from back of the county office building at 8:30 A. M., and return at 6:30 P. M. Those who would like to go are urged to contact Mrs. Cheers or the County Extension office.

Dr. Justus Bier, museum director, declared the special day to help celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Legislative Act which created the museum. The local delegation will be extended all the courtesies of the museum's staff, its vol-

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Jury Vote Favors Will

A Chowan County Superior Court jury Tuesday morning held that a paper dated January 30, 1967, was the last will and testament of Rountree O. Blanchard and was executed in manner and form required by law.

The paper, which named O. M. Berryman executor and left a certain amount of the estate to Berryman, was contested by a number of nieces and nephews.

Judge Albert W. Cowper of Kinston

Mrs. V. T. Cheers

Mrs. V. Thomas Cheers, Sr., prominent Edentonian, died Thursday night in Chowan Hospital following an extended illness. She was 89.

She had lived all her life in Edenton and was a devoted member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by one son, V. Thomas Cheers, Jr., of Edenton, and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held in Beaver Hill Cemetery Monday afternoon with Rev. George Holmes officiating. Pallbearers were George Wood, Richard Hines, Logan Elliott, William Privott, Frank Holmes and Haughton Ehringhaus. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Banquet Planned

The Varsity Club of Edenton will honor athletes at John A. Holmes High School May 6 at the annual sports award banquet, according to Dr. A. F. Downum, Jr., president.

Dr. Downum said tickets are currently being sold to the banquet, to be held at Edenton Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. He pointed out that the definite deadline for the purchase of tickets is Monday.

A steak dinner is planned this year and the program begins at 7 P. M.

Speaker for the banquet will be Bob Lord, new head grid coach at Guilford College. Lord was an assistant coach at Wake Forest last year.

Lord is one of the state leaders in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This is expected to be the topic of his talk to the young athletes in Edenton.

The banquet will recognize athletes who participate in all sports at the local high school.

Jaycees Honored

Two members of Edenton Jaycees last weekend won high honors at a regional meeting held at Roanoke Rapids.

Louis Craddock won the district and regional spoke of the year award, thus becoming the first member of the Edenton club to take such a high spoke award. The award was presented at the Roanoke Rapids meeting.

Also, Jim Jenkins was elected area vice president of North Carolina.

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NEW FUNERAL HOME—Formal opening of Colonial Funeral Home on Highway 32 North will be held Saturday and Sunday from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. The new funeral home is described as one of the most modern in Eastern North Carolina. Built by Edenton Construction Company, the new establishment will be managed by Marvin Barham, one of two licensed funeral directors and embalmers on the staff.

New Funeral Home Opening Here

Colonial Funeral Home's doors will swing wide at 2 P. M., Saturday for the formal opening of the new Chowan County business. The handsome structure is located on Highway 32 North.

E. L. Hollowell, president, said the formal opening will be held from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M., Saturday and Sunday. Employees will be on hand to show visitors the facilities, described as among the most modern in Eastern North Carolina.

Dedication of the 300-seat chapel will be held at 2 P. M., Sunday with four rural Chowan County ministers participating. Rev. Lamar Moore, Rev. William Moore, Rev. Virgil Wilson and Rev. Meredith Garrett will be on the program. Mr. Garrett will deliver the address.

Hollowell said the beautiful chapel will

be dedicated to the community as a community service.

He said he feels the funeral home will be of great value to the citizens of Edenton and Chowan County.

Marvin Barham, who before coming to Edenton was with Wilkerson Funeral Home in Greenville, will manage the new establishment. He is a licensed funeral director and embalmer. Barham is serving a term as Chowan County coroner.

Serving as assistant manager is Kermit Carter, also a licensed funeral director and embalmer. Carter was with Willis Funeral Home in Wake Forest prior to coming to Edenton.

Miss Iris Hare is bookkeeper and part-time employees include Skinner White, H. Z. Moyers and Morris Small.

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Fred White, III, of Tyner, and Cindy Ward of Ryland showed the grand champion animals in the 14th annual Chowan County Junior Livestock Show last week.

The champion steer showed by White weighed 980 pounds and was purchased by First National Bank of Eastern North

Carolina. The animal brought 37 cents per pound.

Cindy Ward's champion individual hog weighed 195 pounds and M. D. Baker paid 43½ cents per pound for the animal.

Trophies, ribbons and \$372.50 in premium money was given by the sponsoring Chowan and Ryland Ruritan Clubs.

White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White, Jr., while Cindy's parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ward of Ryland.

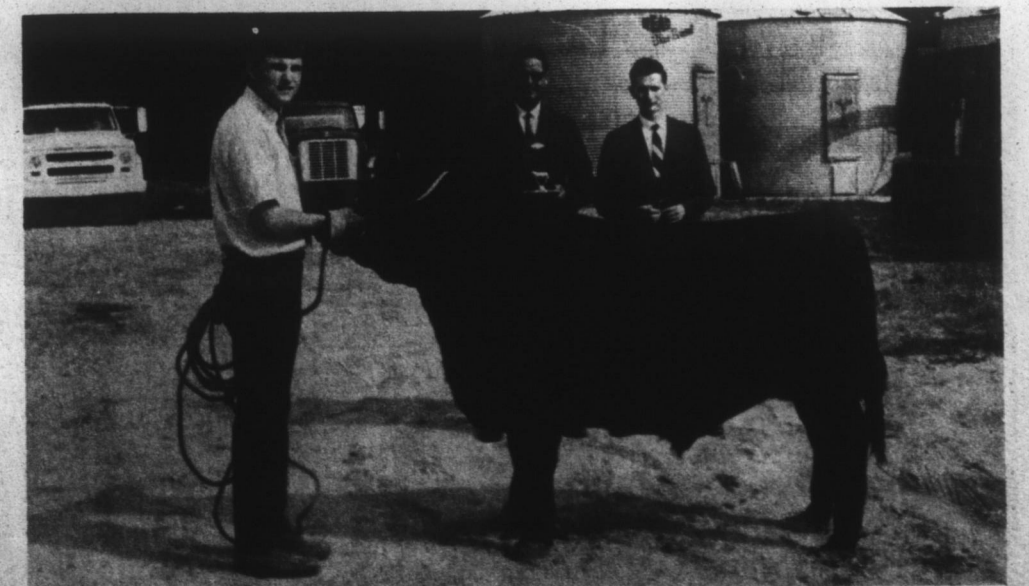
The reserve champion steer was shown by Gene Jordan, also of Ryland. Hobbs Implement purchased this animal and paid 34½ cents a pound for 940 pounds of steer.

Paul Copeland had the reserve champion individual hog and it brought 34¼ cents a pound. The hog weighed 230 pounds and was purchased by the Bank of Hobbsville.

The grand champion pen of three was entered by C. Y. Parrish while Emmett Winborne entered the reserve champions in this class.

Eleven of the 12 steers shown graded choice with the other one being judged

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GRAND CHAMPION ANIMALS—The individual grand champion steer and hog in the recently held Chowan County Junior Livestock Show and Sale are shown in the picture here. Cindy Ward displays her hog that was purchased by M. D. Baker, right. In the other picture, Fred White, III, proudly displays his steer purchased by First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina. Representatives of the bank shown are Chuck Benson, vice president, and Jack Padgett.