



Rep. Walter B. Jones



Lt. Gov. Bob Scott

The Public Parade

We Like Them Both

The Chowan Herald considers it a rare privilege to have an opportunity to make a double-barrel endorsement of candidates in the general election. It comes in the form of support for Lt. Gov. Bob Scott for governor and Rep. Walter B. Jones for re-election to Congress.

Without reservation, we believe that only with men like Bob Scott in Raleigh and Walter Jones in Washington can we continue to enjoy the good life along The Public Parade.

Both candidates are independent thinkers with wide experience and background in government. It takes more than a "Huskie" or a building contractor to keep the wheels of progress turning.

Those who think otherwise have attempted unsuccessfully to tie every un-

popular cause around the neck of these two candidates. While they appear to be talking a language sweet to the ear, their verbal blasts are being received as more of an insult than an indictment.

The people of Northeastern North Carolina won't buy this. They are intelligent, hard-working citizens of Tar Heelia who want a self-made man and not one who will endorse this or that in a last-ditch attempt to ride someone else's coat-tail.

The editor of a national newsweekly magazine just this week warns against the danger of obstructing progress of government with a Congress of one party and a President of another. This holds true in Raleigh where the legislature is certain to be predominantly Democratic. A Republican on Blount Street would be ineffective, to say the least.

Bob Scott and Walter Jones are men who say what they think and think before they speak.

For instance: Bob Scott said he was going to make the office of lieutenant governor mean

something. This he has done. He has said he won't make any campaign promises he can't reasonably keep. This he has done. He has said he recognizes the needs of Northeastern North Carolina. This he does.

Walter Jones has said he will vote the way the people in the First District want him to. This he has done. He has said he will fight from the court house to the White House the good causes of his constituents. The record proves he has done it. He has said he would make himself and his office available to the people regardless how petty their problem. This he has done.

We could continue to wax as eloquent as the dissenters. But what's the use? The people along The Public Parade know both candidates and how they stand head and shoulders above their opponents.

North Carolina and the First Congressional District can ill afford anything short of the best. It is found in Bob Scott and Walter Jones. In other

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Britt Report Is Released

Membership in the Edenton-Chowan Schools this year is 63 per cent non-white, according to a report sent to Federal Judge John Larkins, Jr.

Supt. Bill Britt released the figures Monday night at a board of education meeting. They showed 3,036 students in the five schools with 1,716 Negroes and 1,320 whites.

There are 542 students in grades one through three at Walker School—335 Negroes and 207 whites. In grades four through six at Swain School there are 571 students—337 Negroes and 234 white.

In the rural area, White Oak has 199 students in grades one through four—132 Negroes and 67 whites. Chowan has 313 in grades five through eight—142 Negroes and 171 whites.

The figures show the greatest imbalance is in the first grade at White Oak where there are 45 Negroes and 12 whites.

Supt. Britt said achievement tests have been given in grades one through eight and are now being scored.

He explained that these tests are designed to strengthen the instructional program.

Eugene Jordan, a board member, said he knows there needs to be a lot done. "I hope you get on them (the changes) as soon as possible," he said.

Board members, by a 10-1 vote, approved preliminary plans for additions to Holmes and Walker schools.



Ralph Ross

Address Planned By VFW Official

Commander Ralph Ross, Department of North Carolina, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will address those attending a district meeting here October 13.

H. E. Bass, commander of the local post, said this marks the second year that William H. Coffield Post, No. 9280, has hosted the district meeting and had been addressed by the department commander.

Col. Bass has issued an invitation to all VFW members and their wives to attend the function.

Lunch will be served at 1 P. M.

Road Work Under Fire

Edenton Town Council is seeking a conference with division highway officials, including Commissioner Don Matthews, to discuss the four-laning of Broad Street.

Prompted by a letter from Edenton Methodist Church and a petition presented by Leroy Haskett, councilmen generally agreed an extra effort should be made to secure a by-pass.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner read an ordinance to be passed by the state highway commission and said it would be enforced whether or not a local act was passed. "The four-laning of Broad Street is a stop-gap measure," Gardner said in explaining that the street has a traffic count of 8,000 vehicles per day.

Council approved new rules and regulations for Beaver Hill and Vine Oak Cemeteries. Grave spaces at Beaver Hill will be \$50 each and \$25 at Vine Oak. The price will be doubled for people from outside town.

Gardner was authorized to advertise for two new police cars.

Also, council instructed Gardner to take necessary action to collect Schedule

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"SWEET SIXTEEN"—First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina Friday celebrated its 16th birthday with special events in branches from Boone to the coast. In Edenton, Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., a bank director, cut the birthday cake and served up the first piece to Friday's first customer, James Reel, center. At left is Chuck Benson, local bank executive.

County Tax Levy Exceeds \$500,000

For the first time in history, the tax levy in Chowan County has exceeded \$500,000.

Chairman W. E. Bond reported this Monday at the monthly board of commissioners meeting as the lists were turned over to Sheriff Earl Goodwin to collect.

The levy for this year is \$503,852.20. The budget for 1968-69 was set at \$458,500 based on a tax rate of \$1.55 per \$100 valuation and an assessed valuation of \$29-million.

At the same time, the board gave Sheriff Goodwin, who doubles as tax collector, the authority to attach personal property to satisfy taxes against it.

In other tax matters, the board passed a motion that any building removed prior to July 1 could be considered for relief from taxes.

Also, Tax Supervisor Sherlon Layton was given permission to employ an additional person during January to assist in listing taxes in Edenton.

Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, register of deeds, who prepared the tax notices, said there are 7,100 this year.

Chairman Bond read the recent grand jury report which was critical of the condition of the county office building, formerly Hotel Joseph Hewes.

During the discussion, Commissioner Dallas Jethro, Jr., said the second floor needs work. He inquired about the cost

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Poll Is Taken

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott and George Wallace are leading in Chowan County in their bid for governor and president, respectively.

However, a big percentage of those contacted in Monday's telephone poll are still undecided.

The poll, conducted by the Governmental Affairs Committee of Edenton Jaycees, included 2 per cent of the registered voters in the county.

Lt. Gov. Scott had 33 per cent; Jim Gardner, 26 per cent, and 41 per cent were undecided.

Wallace, the third party candidate, had a clear majority over Vice President Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon. He polled 53 per cent to 12 per cent for Nixon and 6 per cent for the veep. The remaining 29 per cent were undecided.

Handicap Week

This is Employ the Handicapped Week throughout the nation and Edward G. Bond Post, American Legion, is joining in the observance with a special program Tuesday night.

Charles A. Burgess, Jr., supervisor, program of services to the handicapped with Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, will speak. A special invitation has been issued to members of the Hertford post to attend the

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Chowan Peanut Harvest Surprising

Farm officials in Chowan County are optimistic about the current peanut crop, now being harvested.

C. W. Overman, county extension agent, says the crop is much better than many anticipated. The dry weather is expected to knock as much as 300 pounds per acre off the average.

Local Plant Sold

Coastal Concrete Company, Inc., of Windsor, has purchased the J. D. McCotter operation in Edenton and plans to expand in the Chowan area.

W. C. Heckstall of Windsor, in announcing the purchase of the plant, said new equipment has been ordered and Coastal plans to re-open the facility as soon as possible.

Heckstall said local customers for rock, sand, ready-mix concrete and custom paving will be serviced out of the Windsor plant until the new equipment is delivered.

"We are looking forward to serving the residents of Edenton and surrounding area," the official said.

The agent said maturity is about normal and there will be some 3,000-pounds per acre fields. He is anticipating a 2,400 pound average.

Howard M. McKenzie, Charlotte regional director, Small Business Administration, says Chowan and Perquimans counties have been designated as disaster areas by the Department of Agriculture. This is because of substantial damage to 1968 crops due to periods of extreme drought and high temperatures.

Any small business firm located in Chowan and Perquimans counties is eligible for consideration for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan provided it can show it has suffered substantial economic injury as a result of injury sustained by farmers affected by the unfavorable weather conditions.

Farmers and stockmen are not eligible for financial assistance from SBA under this program; but, instead, should apply to the Farmers Home Administration. The authority to accept applications under this program will expire on September 30, 1969.



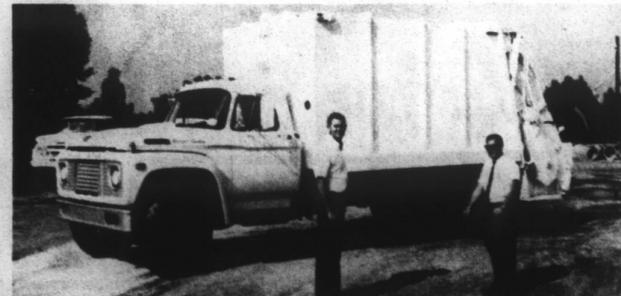
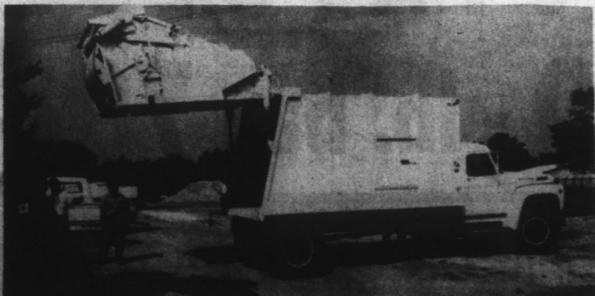
PROUD TROPHY WINNERS—William H. Bunch and Mrs. Peggy Benson Saturday night were presented handsome trophies for winning the golf championship at Chowan Golf & Country Club. The proud trophy winners are shown here prior to the presentation at the annual golf banquet.

Scott Rally Slated

Lt. Gov. Bob Scott, Democratic candidate for governor, will deliver a major address in Elizabeth City October 16 during a six-county rally.

James C. Dail, Chowan County manager, said the event will begin at 6 P. M., with a free barbecue dinner. The rally will be held at National Guard Armory.

In addition to Chowan and Pasquotank, participating counties include: Perquimans, Gates, Currituck and Camden.



PREPARE FOR CONTAINERIZED COLLECTION—The Town of Edenton Tuesday accepted delivery of a \$12,000 packers truck, designed to handle containers, soon to be put in use by a majority of local merchants. In the photo at right, Councilman David G. White, street commissioner, is shown with Joel Price, Baker Equipment Company representative. The center photo shows how the machine automatically dumps the big

containers. At left the back is open ready for unloading. Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said the containers have been shipped and will be put into use as soon as possible. The town soon hopes to discontinue garbage collection in open trucks.