

Budget Ordinances Adopted



Phillip L. Twiddy

Twiddy Seeks House Seat

Phillip L. Twiddy of Manns Harbor is a candidate for the House of Representatives for the First District of North Carolina. Twiddy is a life long native of Dare County.

Twiddy attended the Elizabeth City High School and the University of Pennsylvania. He is 42 years of age and a merchant seaman.

"I want to represent the views of the people of the First District," Twiddy said.

"My main point of issue is insurance and welfare, I would like to see an end to the discrimination of young people in insurance.

I do not think it fair for a young person who has received all kinds of training to have to pay through the teeth for car insurance. I feel that our insurance system needs a change.

I would also like to see those that need aid for public assistance receive it, however I feel that the State of North Carolina needs to look into the public assistance program; let those that need assistance get it but not the able body person who can work.

Also I think that state employees need to have their pay raised with the high cost of living with additional taxes. I think this can be done by looking into unnecessary spending the state is doing.

If elected I will put all my effort into supporting the wishes of the people of the First District, not just what I want."

Bids Opened For Facility

Bids were to have been opened yesterday (Wednesday) for an addition to Chowan Hospital. The medical facility has been granted \$167,000 by Eastern Area Health Education Commission for the project.

Initial bids were opened last week and only two general construction prices were in. The law required that three bids be received.

Thomas M. Surratt, president of the facility, said the project was immediately readvertised and it is hopeful that the bids would be within the money. If the money was not "nailed down" by June 30 it would have to be returned.

There was no word, however, as to the status of funds for an addition to the emergency room at the hospital. It was hoped that it could be constructed at the same time as the education annex.

No local money is being requested for either project.

the 1975-76 budget in line. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, advised the councilmen that although the town had developed several costly projects during the year it had been a good year "financially" for the municipality.

Also, the town held a public hearing on sewage extension on Oakdale Drive. At the conclusion of the hearing a contract for the work was awarded to Bryant Utilities.

The council also approved certain streets to be paved with Powell Bill funds.

minutes to make budget adjustments for the prior year and call a meeting for this week to discuss acquisition of land for the courthouse-jail complex.

Chairman Phillips told representatives of the press who were present that Tuesday night's meeting would be in the form of an executive session since the purchase of property is the only item of business on the agenda.

The Town Council held a public hearing on a \$3-million budget at 5 P.M. Thursday and adopted it without disagreement. The council also made amendments to bring

opposed the adoption of the budget with Commissioner J. D. Peele and Alton G. Elmore voting affirmatively.

The two members of the Finance Committee had earlier deleted some \$60,000 from the budget in order to maintain a tax rate of 70 cents. Later, the board put the items, such as recreation, Historic Edenton, etc., back into the budget over the objections of the committee members.

There were little signs of harmony at the brief meeting. It took five minutes to pass the ordinance, another few

Budget ordinances for the Town of Edenton and Chowan County were adopted last Thursday by the respective governing boards. The tax rate in Edenton remains at 64 cents per \$100 valuation while the county tax rate was set at 75 cents, up five cents from the 1975-76 fiscal year.

Meeting in called session Thursday morning, Chowan County commissioners adopted a budget of \$2,079,799.60 on a 3-2 vote. Chairman C. A. Phillips broke the deadlock after Commissioners N. J. George and David Bateman, Finance Committee members,



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Rate Increases Set

A 4.5 per cent increase—or \$5 per day room rate—in patient care charges will go into effect July 16 at Chowan Hospital. The decision was made by the Executive Committee Thursday following much discussion.

At a meeting of Edenton Town Council later in the day, Mayor Roy L. Harrell said he had questioned the action because of several unanswered questions. "I think it is ridiculous," he said, "considering the information given the committee."

The mayor, who is a member of the Executive Committee, said he had suggested a delay in action on the Finance Committee's recommendation until the committee could be supplied with additional information.

He said Wesley Chesson, Finance Committee chairman, stated that the hospital needed additional cash flow. However, the mayor went on to say the problem seemed to be in Unit B and he did not understand why an across-the-board increase was necessary to solve the problem in one phase of the hospital's operation.

Wilbur Pierce was quoted as agreeing with Mayor Harrell. He was said to have noted that the Unit B problem should be "cleaned up" and not put added costs on all beds.

The vote was 3-2 with board chairman Thomas Shepard voting in favor of the committee report.

Thomas M. Surratt, president of the medical facility, which has more than 100 beds, released the following over the weekend:

After much discussion, the

Executive Committee of Chowan Hospital, Inc., in their meeting of June 24 approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee of the board of directors for a 4.5 per cent increase in patient care charges.

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Holiday Schedule

Monday will be a general holiday throughout Edenton and Chowan County. It will be an extended observance of July 4.

Most stores in the area will be closed. All local county, state and federal offices will be closed. There will be no trash collection but there is a delayed schedule printed elsewhere in today's newspaper.

Chowan County commissioners, who traditionally meet on the first Monday of each month, will not meet until July 12.

The Chowan Herald will not be open Monday in order to give employees a much deserved holiday. However, the newspaper will be published on Thursday as in the past.

There is a special message from the N. C. Department of Transportation concerning holiday traffic. A release from the Division of Motor Vehicles follows:

Edward L. Powell, commissioner, reminded North Carolina motorists that the upcoming July 4 holiday is one of the most dangerous of the year on our streets and highways. The

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USS EDENTON

USS Edenton In Naval Review

NEW YORK—The U. S. Navy salvage tug "Edenton", namesake of the shipbuilding city of Edenton, N. C., will be one of 57 naval ships from 27 nations assembling in New York for the International Naval Review July 3-6. Her crew will be among the 25,000 sailors visiting New York as part of the U. S. Navy's major contribution to the bicentennial celebration.

"Edenton" will pass under the Verrazano-Narrows bridge in a ceremonial column at approximately 8 A.M. July 3. On July 4, the naval vessels will be joined by the sailing ships of Operation Sail. That afternoon, all the ships will be reviewed by President Gerald R. Ford.

There have been three U. S. Navy ships named "Edenton". The first was a cargo ship commissioned in 1918. She carried one load of cargo before she was decommissioned at New Orleans

in 1919. Built as a submarine chaser, the second "Edenton" was commissioned at Portland, Ore. in 1942. Serving as a patrol and escort ship, she worked out of Pearl Harbor for two years during World War II. In 1960 "Edenton's" name was struck from the Navy list and she was turned over to Venezuela under the Military Assistance Program.

The third and present "Edenton" was laid down at Lowestoft, England in 1967, she completed all operational testing in 1971. Her primary mission is to provide towing and submarine salvage service to the fleet. "Edenton" is equipped with a unique diving system to aid in submarine salvage. Commanded by Lt. Cmdr. Robert S. Beckett, the "Edenton" will be open to the public for general visiting on July 5-6 during the International Naval Review.

Wood Supporters Number 2,000 At Saturday Rally

CAMDEN—George Wood came home Saturday night.

During the past few months, he has been shaking hands, speaking to groups, chattering with newsmen and trying to get his message spread across the state of North Carolina.

But Saturday the candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor was back where it all began—in his hometown of Camden.

Over 2,000 people from The Albemarle Area gathered at Camden High School to eat fish and to express their support.

They didn't hear a formal speech—and they didn't want to. "Instead they learned about the rewards and rigors of seeking the

governorship.

"I'm proud to be the first candidate from this part of the state since 1932," Wood told the crowd. "And I'm going to be proud to be the first governor from here since then."

Wood, who represented the area in both the N.C. House and Senate, said his campaign was "going great."

"It's people like you who are getting out there and letting others know what we stand for. It's people like you who are making it possible for me to enter this race and achieve the progress I'm achieving," he added.

It was a friendly group. This was their neighbor, their fellow farmer, their business associate.

"I've been talking about the need for a constitutional convention. I've been taking about improving public school education and about raising teacher salaries to the national average," Wood said.

"I'm concerned about the low per capita income of our people. I want high-paying industry brought to the state. I'm concerned about the ever-increasing cost of state government; it's gone up over 300 per cent in just a little over 10 years. We need a sunset law to insure that the sun will set on any program that can't be justified," he added.

"These are some of the things I'm saying as I meet the voters."

These are some of the issues about which I want to do something," Wood noted.

"When I leave the office of governor in four years, I want to be able to feel that I accomplished what I set out to do. I want to be able to get up in the quiet hours of the morning, to look out at the Pasquotank River and say to myself: 'North Carolina is a better place because you were there.'"

This is my vision. This is my mission as Governor of North Carolina," he concluded in a soft voice.

Wood supporters at the rally apparently think he's well on his way to fulfilling that mission.

What's Wrong..?

"What's Wrong With a Farmer For a Governor? Nothing!"

That is the heading on a hand-out distributed in a downpour Saturday night at the George Wood fish fry at Camden. The rally started at 5 o'clock and so did the rain. For nearly three hours the heavens provided a "not needed" rain which failed to dampen the spirits of Wood enthusiasts.

Had the elements not been so abundant there probably wouldn't have been sufficient quantities of fish to go around.

While the event was billed primarily as a homecoming for Wood, it drew many, many people from along the Public Parade, including Lynn Perry and his crew of cloggers.

But back to the hand-out. Our rainsoaked copy reads:

George Wood is INDEPENDENT—He's his own man. He's not tied to any political group. He doesn't owe anybody anything.

George Wood is a HARD WORKER — Like any farmer, he's used to working from dawn to dusk. He knows what it's like to be hot and tired. He doesn't quit until the job is done.

George Wood is a BUSINESSMAN—Experience in organizing and running a large business is essential in knowing how to handle state government. George Wood has that experience.

George Wood is a man of INTEGRITY — Many politicians tell you what they think you want to hear. George Wood is plain spoken and outspoken. He tells you what he believes. He follows through on what he tells you.

George Wood is INNOVATIVE — On his own farm he's been the originator of many ideas which have made that operation successful. He'll do the same for the state. He's looking for the best way, not the easiest way.

George Wood is a CHANGE — He's not professional politician. He's not a lawyer. He's a working man who knows what working men and women need and want.

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Biggs On Trial

In Gates County

James Junior Biggs, an Edenton charged with first degree murder is being tried in Gates County Superior Court, this week. He had been scheduled to appear in Chowan County Superior Court this week for re-trial, but District Attorney Thomas Watts and prosecutor J. Richard Parker agreed to the transfer the case.

The defendant's attorney, W. T. Culpepper, III, filed a motion before presiding Judge Elbert S. Peel on Monday for a change of venue, which was denied.

Culpepper submitted copies of news articles relating to previous coverage of the Biggs trial, stating that pre-trial publicity would deny the man a fair and impartial trial.

Witnesses for the state, however, testified that in their opinion the publicity was a factual account of what happened during the trial and was non-inflammatory in nature. It was also agreed by the witnesses that "street talk" had not been so widespread as to make jury selection here difficult or impossible.

Before the judgment was overturned by the Supreme Court, Biggs had been convicted of first degree murder, here, by an

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WOOD SUPPORTERS—George Wood of Camden chats with Lynn Perry from Edenton in the above left photo; during a fish fry and informal rally held Saturday at Camden County High School. The candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor is pictured in the center photo with Buck



Leary, chairman of the Camden County commissioners, and at right Wood inspects one of his campaign buttons worn by an unidentified supporter.

