

### Who Is Eligible

In news stories over the past couple of weeks we have tried to help the Chowan County Board of Elections get the message to voters concerning the second primary Tuesday. But the question about who is eligible keeps coming up.

Here it is again, the same answer worded differently: "It does not matter whether you voted in the first primary or not. If you were registered in time and in the right precinct you can vote in the second primary."

### Dual Reign

If they had voted on the Citizen of The Year along the Public Parade late Friday night, David Holton would have won. In a close second would have been Otis Strother.

David coached the Edenton Aces to a 16-13 win over Northeastern High School. Otis directed a band that lacked numbers but made it up in superiority.

The Aces maintained an Edenton tradition. What was missing in size was compensated for with desire, pride, and the ever-present thirst for victory.

The band, on the contrary, had everything to gain and nothing to lose. In his third year as director, Otis put on a marching group that brought cheers from the fans second only to John Norris' field goal at the buzzer, that brought victory.

Representatives of John A. Holmes High School displayed the balance which makes the hub of the Albemarle a focal point for progress. Whether the talent is behind a football, a block or a kick; whether the talent is behind a drum, a horn or a flag, it excelled.

It also spoiled the opening of the Northeastern High School Athletic Complex about which so much has been said, and for much which can be said.

The Aces and the band gave the homefolk enough to cheer about that standing was in vogue. Their performance relieved some of the numbness of sitting on the steel understructure of the yet to be completed bleachers.

Both the Boosters Club and the Band Parents Association can go about their respective chores with a new sense of pride. The kings—David and Otis—are in full command.

### Fathers And Boys

While cleaning out our "in" basket recently we came across a piece which should have been "out" a long time ago. It was a "Wayside Pulpit" column by the late Rev. D. E. Earnhardt which never got into print.

There is a message for those who meander along The Public Parade and tardy as it is we pass it on to you as it came to us:

Blessed is the father whose eyes are in front. It is not good for a man to be his own grandfather.

Blessed is the father who is not a lightning bug. It is not good to tell the time by turning the clock back.

Blessed is the father who can hold his dogs. His dogs are named Temper, Appetite and Affection.

Blessed is the father who can hear what his boy says. His boy may see through his tears and hear through his desires.

Blessed is the father who is not a toadfrog or a sapsucker. A freight train ran over him but he still did not believe in engineers. The lightning struck a tree and tore it

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## Bass On Manpower Council

Gov. James Holshouser has appointed 19 members to the N. C. Balance of State Manpower Planning Council. Among them is H. E. Bass of Edenton.

The members serve at the pleasure of the governor, rather than for fixed terms.

The Council is responsible for advising the governor on matters related to the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 (CETA), as it concerns the 86 counties in the state which deal through the governor for funding from the Department of Labor.

The CETA program is designed



BACK IN CHOWAN—Lt. Gov. Jim Hunt, second from left, was in Chowan County on Wednesday of last week. It was his first campaign jaunt since he won the Democratic nomination for governor, and he is pictured here with W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., left; George Alma Byrum, county party chairman; and J. Clarence Leary, Jr. Earnhardt headed Ed O'Herron's efforts in this county while Leary was George Wood's campaign manager. Hunt said "we are all Democrats" and he was pleased to campaign in the area where he launched his bid for the nomination several years ago.

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## Local Schools Open Smoothly

Principals, teachers, parents and administrators, alike, agreed that the opening of school this year was, generally, the smoothest experienced in several years.

In making his report of the School Board members Tuesday night, Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, expressed how good he felt about schools opening. He attributed this to the "good work by principals and teachers in preparing for the first day and the students return."

Dr. Dunn stated that he was "extremely proud of the principals and teachers."

Agreeing with Dr. Dunn, but from a different point of view, Gil Burroughs, Holmes science teacher, felt that the unhandcapped beginning was a result of teachers having uninterrupted time two weeks prior to school to get in the classroom and to mentally and physically organize for the year.

Speaking as a parent, and not as a board member, Mrs. Emily Amburn said that for whatever the reason, this was the first year in many that her children's excitement over returning to school had not vanished after the first two days.

Plans for additional school board meetings in each school during the year were also finalized. The first of these meetings for the purpose of

establishing a more personal contact with the individual school communities, will be held at White Oak School on September 30 at 7:30 P.M.

Pending funding of the Public Works and Employment Act of 1976, board members requested that a project proposal for renovations of the athletic facilities at John A. Holmes High School be continued. The proposal will include a track field, which board members have felt the need of for some time.

The early release of school students at 2 P.M. on September 28 and February 22, 1977, was approved. This action will allow

### Safe Holiday

The observance of Labor Day in Edenton and Chowan County was without a major incident, according to law enforcement officers.

The long weekend saw only routine activity by both the Chowan County Sheriff's Department and Edenton Police Department. And there were no serious accidents reported.

Some rain fell in the Edenton area Thursday afternoon but the general weather conditions remain the same—warm days, cool nights and dry land which is beginning to damage some crops.

## Second Primary Set Tuesday

Party nominees for four state offices, and the Democrat for Chowan County Register of Deeds will be determined in a second primary election Tuesday.

Mrs. Byron P. Kehayes, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, reports that polls will open at 6:30 A.M. and close at 7:30 P.M. in precincts throughout the county. Curbside voting will be allowed during the hours from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. only.

The race between Mrs. Anne K. Spruill, deputy register of deeds, and Mrs. Jean A. Bunch for the register of deeds' post is expected to bring out a bigger than usual second primary vote here. Mrs. Spruill was top vote getter by a

substantial margin in the August 17 election but did not get a majority over Mrs. Bunch in a four person race.

House Speaker Jimmy Green and Howard Lee will battle to become the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor. State Auditor Henry L. Bridges is being challenged for his post by Mrs. Lillian Woo.

Mrs. Jessie Rae Scott lead the first primary battle for commissioner of labor but John Brooks, a Raleigh attorney, called for a runoff.

On the Republican side, David T. Flaherty lead in the race for governor. Rev. Coy C. Privette was close behind and called for a runoff.

Anyone who was properly registered to vote on August 17 can cast a ballot in the second primary Tuesday. This is limited to Democrats, Republicans and those with no party affiliation. The last group can declare a party on election day and vote on the declared party ballot.

Mrs. Joseph M. Thorud, executive secretary of the elections board, said Tuesday that the requests for absentee ballots has been better than average. The majority of those requesting to vote absentee (the deadline to apply was noon Wednesday) are students, according to Mrs. Thorud.

to aid the unemployed, underemployed, and economically disadvantaged citizen through a variety of programs aimed at providing the participant with the skills and knowledge necessary for permanent, unsubsidized employment.

The planning council advises the governor in the setting of basic goals, policies and procedures for the CETA program. The council also makes recommendations for program plans and provides for continuing analysis of the needs for employment, training and related services.

# Board Pushes Project Work

Chowan County commissioners Tuesday night authorizes preparation of final plans and specifications for a new courthouse, but put the jail portion of a complex on the back burner.

J. Everette Fauber, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., architect for the project, told four board members attending a called meeting it would take about 30 days to prepare the documents.

Commissioners agreed that Fauber had "captured the mood" of the board with his preliminary sketches of a building to be placed on a one-block tract downtown. There are, however, some differences over proposed space allotments and the architect stayed in Edenton Wednesday to talk with various officials.

The board is not going ahead with the jail at this time, having made application to join in the Tri-County Jail in Elizabeth City. Local prisoners are now being transported to the Tri-County Jail.

The urgency of the capital improvements project has been brought about by a new Public Works Act which requires that construction begin within 90 days of approval of an application. Fauber said he felt the program was far enough along that such a timetable could be met.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore

said progress is being made in obtaining options on the site which is bound by Broad, Church, Court and Queen streets.

The county will go after 100 per cent funding for construction. If this is realized, Elmore stated, the county could go forward without a bond referendum. "We can swing the cost of the land," he noted. George agreed, saying this would speed up the project.

A \$600,000 price tag has been placed on the building. Fauber agreed to work on a cost-plus arrangement rather than a percentage of the construction contract.

Chairman C. A. Phillips emphasized that the board wanted to have an adequate courthouse, one "we can sell to the public; one we can pay for."

George, at the beginning of the meeting, suggested that the board go into executive session to discuss "where we are with the land, and go from there." Then he added: "How much do we want to be public?"

Phillips responded: "Everyone is aware that we are sitting on go."

While the purchase of the property was discussed in general terms there was no mention of the potential cost.

## Aces Defeat Eagles, 16-13

Senior fullback John Norris booted a 20-yard field goal to boost the Edenton Aces to a 16-13 victory over the Northeastern High School Eagles last Friday night, in the opening contest of this grid season.

This week the Aces will host Perquimans County High School, who in their season opener, defeated the Plymouth Vikings, 56-16.

Edenton was first on the scoreboard, capitalizing on a 60 yard effort that was punctuated by long carries by halfbacks Charles

Watford and Gerald Moring. Quarterback Ray Tew then hit paydirt from one yard out.

The Aces widened the margin to 13-0 when quarterback John Felton pitched out to Moring, who scampered 70 yards to score with a little less than seven minutes in the first half remaining.

It was then the Eagles turn to score. An 11-yard touchdown pass capped a 72-yard drive that put Northeastern on the scoreboard just prior to the closing of the first half.

The Eagles' second and final touchdown occurred on the first play from scrimmage of the second half when fullback Frank Beasley went up the middle for 65 yards.

Until the final four minutes of action when the Aces drove 82 yards to set up the Norris field goal, it was mostly a battle of defenses.

The Eagles' defense sought to bottle up Edenton's outside running game while the Aces worked on limiting Beasley's effectiveness.

The Aces' winning drive began with an eight-yard effort by Norris, bringing Edenton to their 32 yardline. Edenton hit Northeastern territory as Tew passed to Richard Jackson who raced 38 yards to the Eagle 30-yard line.

Norris and Moring fought down to the two yardline, and as Norris prepared for the field goal attempt Watford positioned the ball in the middle of the field. As the contest's final two seconds ticked off the clock, Norris split uprights to hand the Eagles their first defeat in Northeastern's new athletic complex.

"I think we played extremely hard," said head coach Dave Holton. "We made some football mistakes, and we still have a long way to go."

Of the upcoming contest with the Perquimans Pirates, he said, "They have an exceptionally tough football team. They have speed. They are both fast and quick, and they have experience players. We know we are going to have to stop their offense."

## Still Openings

Working mothers who qualify can enroll their four or five year old in the Chowan County Child Development Center at Chowan High School. There are still several openings.

The center provides transportation, lunch and two snacks daily as well as pre-kindergarten training.

The project is sponsored by Chowan County Department of Social Services and those interested should contact Jimmy Bond at 482-7441.



PREPARE FOR ADDITION—Workmen were busy this week at Chowan Hospital on the site of the new Health Education Center and new emergency department entrance. Thomas M. Surratt, president, is pictured here viewing the work which will cost \$317,106. The bulk of the funds for this project came in the form of a grant from Eastern Area Health Education Center. Chowan County commissioners have agreed to provide loan monies to complete the project.