

# Candidates In Contested Races



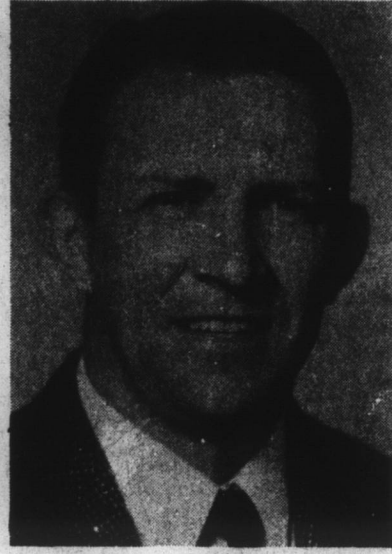
N. J. George



George E. Jones



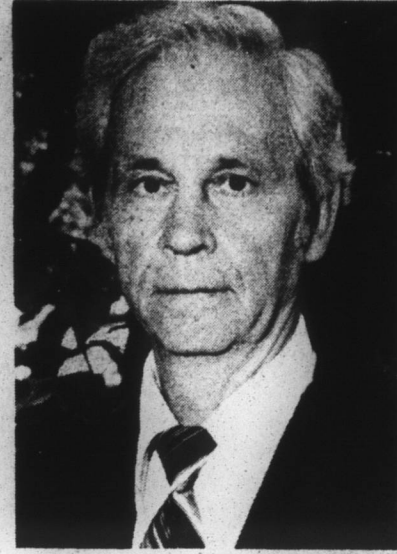
Harry Spruill, Jr.



C.A. Phillips



Lueta C. Sellers



Cecil W. Fry

## Public Parade

### Tuesday's Happening

Democrats along the Public Parade and throughout the state will go to the polls Tuesday to nominate candidates for a multitude of elective offices. Republicans and others will be restricted in their balloting, therefore, only a few of them are expected to exercise their right to franchise.

In 1970 we broke from our policy as a registered Democrat, to endorse a candidate in a local race. It was because we wanted to publicly support our wife for the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

She was one of the fortunate candidates we have endorsed. She won!

Our track record in the political arena, admittedly, leaves a great deal to be desired. Therefore, while we otherwise would advocate changes here and there, we are reluctant to do so for fear of putting the "kiss of death" on our personal choices.

However, we will continue to speak out on district and state races. In this manner, we endorse Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank and Charles Evans of Dare County for the two First District House of Representative posts.

And of course, Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District deserves re-election because of the splendid manner in which he handles the most difficult position of public service, save the presidency.

The First House District is now served by two men of retirement age. They have built seniority, of course, but they cannot be expected to serve with the same vigor as a man of Mr. Evans' qualities. He is young enough to spark new leadership, old enough to project mature judgement, and experienced enough to mold them together.

Mr. Evans, who is Mayor of Nags Head, an officer of both the Albemarle Law & Order Association and Albemarle Area Development Association, is a new star on the regional horizon. He has been tested and found to be true. He is the Albemarle Area's brightest star and if he is shot down now it is doubtful that another will appear rapidly.

While he is ambitious, he is not self-centered. He recognizes the value of the whole rather than the pieces. He has conducted a highly visible campaign and he will be an equally visible representative. He possesses both the desire to be a good public servant as well as the capability of contributing to the solution rather than being a part of the problem.

Vote your choice Tuesday...BUT VOTE!

### Welcome, Henry

Henry E. Dick of Greensboro will soon become Chowan County's first professional manager. He, according to a story elsewhere in today's newspaper, will report to work prior to June 15.

While we have not had the opportunity to meet Mr. Dick, we have read his resume and are inclined to be impressed with his credentials. The \$22,000 annual salary was certain to interest a number of people, but apparently the administrative assistant to the

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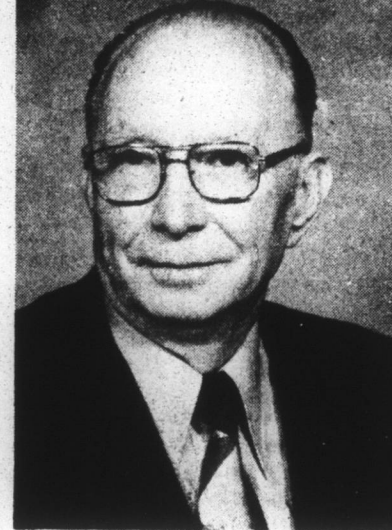
T. Gwen VanDuyn



Thirza B. Shields



Rep. Vernon G. James



Rep. W. Stanford White



Charles D. Evans

## Voters To Decide Issues On Tuesday

Nomination of two Chowan County commissioners, a six-year term on Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, along with two seats in the First House District will be among those races in Tuesday's Democratic Primary election.

The polls open at 6:30 A.M. and will close at 7:30 P.M. Curbside voting will be allowed between 9 A.M. and until 5 P.M.

Incumbent N.J. George, board chairman since December, 1977, is being challenged by Town Councilman Harry Spruill, Jr., and George Jones, a prominent livestock farmer who is making his first bid for public office. They are running for a First Township seat.

C.A. Phillips, a second incumbent who served for several years as chairman, is being challenged for his Fourth Township seat by Mrs. Lueta Sellers.

Commissioner J.D. Peele has no opposition in the Second Township. Dr. J.H. Horton, incumbent school board member who is seeking his last consecutive six-year term, also does not have opposition in the non-partisan election.

However, Morris Small chose not to seek re-election from the Fourth Township and there are three candidates—Cecil Fry, Mrs. T. Gwen VanDuyn, and Mrs. Thiraza Shields.

Mrs. Corinne F. Thorud, supervisor of elections, said if one of the three candidates for county commissioner in the First Township does not get 51 per cent of the vote a second primary can be called. This must be done

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## Incident At Fishery Nets Jail Term For Leary

Clyde Leary, Jr., 38, Route 1 Tyner, was given sentences totaling nine months in Chowan County District Court Tuesday in what courthouse buffs labeled the "almost pickled Negro" case.

Judge John T. Chaffin found Leary guilty of trespass and carrying a concealed weapon, but dismissed a count of communicating a threat.

Lennie Perry of Colerain, an official of Perry-Wynns Fish Company at Cannon's Ferry, testified that on the morning of April 15 the defendant came to the fish house and caused a disturbance.

Perry said he escorted Leary out and told him not to return. Later he was notified that Leary was back in the building. He testified that Leary used abusive language and threatened which resulted in Perry hitting the defendant.

When Leary still resisted, Perry stuck the defendant's head into a tank of fish. This exercise was repeated when Leary continued to resist, according to Perry, and Leary then left, threatening "to kill" Perry when he returned.

Deputy Sheriff Melvin Evans was called. He said he saw Leary walking toward his home, picked

him up and drove him the balance of the way. He said Leary's head was white where salt had dried.

The deputy said Leary said he was going back to kill Perry. On three different occasions the deputy said he stopped Leary and advised him not to go back to the fish house. When the defendant did return he was arrested for trespass.

Enroute to Tri-County Jail in Elizabeth City, Deputy Evans said he saw Leary take a butcher knife from under his belt, and the concealed weapon count was filed.

Leary testified that he did not threaten the prosecuting witness. "The first thing I knew he hit me and put my head down in the fish tank," he said. "Mr. Perry put my head in that tank just like I was a fish."

Defense Attorney W.T. Culpepper, III, asked Leary if he hadn't "been in court a whole

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## Net Collections

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in North Carolina in March exceeded \$12-million, with \$27,294.14 coming from Chowan County.

Collections in other Albemarle Area counties amounted to:

Camden, \$5,898.64; Currituck, \$12,917.91; Dare, \$30,179.24; Gates, \$8,293.10; Hyde, \$5,701.75; Pasquotank, \$78,923.70; Perquimans, \$13,597.68; Tyrrell, \$5,576.54; and Washington, \$26,778.75.

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## High Court Reverses Zoning Ruling

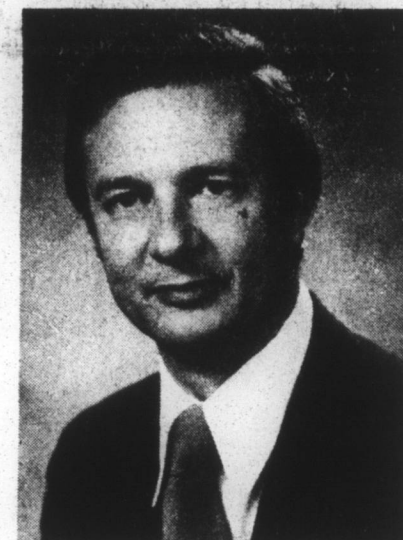
The Supreme Court of North Carolina has reversed a lower court's decision which held valid a Chowan County Superior Court judgement affirming action taken by the Town of Edenton to rezone a parcel of property on Virginia Road, adjacent to U.S. 17 by-pass.

The state's highest court held that the Town Council violated the procedural provisions of the town's zoning ordinance in rezoning a tract of land less than six months after having denied an application for the same change.

Since the case has been pending in court, W.J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., and Bernard F. Burroughs, developers, have made application in accordance with the new ordinance and council has a second time approved the

rezoning of the north tract.

What effect the Supreme Court's decision on the earlier council action will now have on later action has not been determined.



**AADA SPEAKER**—Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., will speak at a meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association at Angler's Cove Restaurant at 1 P.M. on May 4. Wayne Ashley of Hertford, AADA president, said next month's meeting was rearranged to fit Gov. Hunt's schedule. In Chowan County, tickets to the luncheon have been allocated by the county AADA committee.

N.J. George, his wife, Mary B., Loraine Burns, John A. Mit-chener, III, James G. Blount and Byron P. Kehayes brought suit after the council rezoned 10 acres from residential-agricultural to highway-commercial. This is what is known as the "north tract" and Judge E.S. Peel, Jr. of William-son, found that the council had acted within its rights in changing the zoning classification when adopting an ordinance update.

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## New Contractor

J. J. Barnes, Inc., of Fayetteville, has been signed as the new plumbing contractor of the Chowan County Courthouse-Detention facility.

N.J. George, chairman, signed the contract for Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

The Barnes firm assumes the \$91,618.60 contract of Bullock Plumbing & Heating Company of Raleigh, which recently defaulted on its contract for the work.

The new contractor, working with Barnhill Contracting Company of Tarboro, the general contractor, went to work last week. The change in the plumbing contractor is not expected to delay the job.

## Dick New County Manager

Henry E. Dick of Greensboro has accepted the position as Chowan County's first manager. N.J. George, chairman of the county commissioners, made the announcement this week.

Dick, 31, will fill the \$22,000 post on or before June 15. Since 1974 he has been administrative assistant to the manager in Guilford County.

The manager will maintain offices in Room 415 in the County Office Building.

The employment of Dick resulted from a 3-2 vote several months ago to move the county manager form of government here. There had been discussion of the move over the past several years but only recently did the board of commissioners take affirmative action to establish the position.

George said he had been looking forward to this announcement. "It is a step forward," he said, "and one which will move the county off dead center and toward more active growth."

Dick is a graduate of Guilford College and completed a course in county administration at the Institute of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is currently enrolled in the master's program in public administration at UNC-Greensboro.

He worked for six years with WFMV-TV in Greensboro and spent two years as a commercial photographer and producer for WBTV-Charlotte.

He has extensive experience in community development. He was responsible for organizing and coordinating groups of citizens in 15 different areas of Guilford County for the identification of local problems.

Dick also was responsible for developing legislative proposals for action by county commissioners and worked with the local delegation during the General Assembly to keep them informed of issues facing the county and the anticipated impact of pending legislation and county services and programs.



**DECCA AWARD WINNERS**—Wallace Evans, second from right, was named Boss of The Year by DECCA at an annual banquet held at National Guard Armory. He was nominated by Carroll Skinner, right. Johnny Dowd, teacher, sits in a new chair given him by his students. At left are Melvin Lane and Pam Griffin, named students of the year.