

Noted And Passed

People along the Public Parade are beginning to think politics. The Municipal Election will be held November 3. Our recent move to Yeopim has not gone unnoticed. "I didn't think you would ever do it, Amburn," was a recent greeting from a local merchant. "Just think you won't have the opportunity to vote against (Mayor) Roy Harrell and you have chosen to live next to Pat Flanagan."

Well, we plead guilty to having voted for and against Mayor Harrell. And Bill Black at Tee-Lok is building a new home which will shield us from Pat.

Anyway, while we haven't had the opportunity to visit the Flanagans at Sound Oak, there is nonetheless evidence of them. Pat brought by a bag of pine chips and I readily turned them over to the gardener of the family.

At the same time, Blair Stutzman is attempting to change his image. He has two lawnmowers, both of them were working Saturday. One was loaned to each of his neighbors.

Furthermore, he came over with a batch of crabs (already cleaned and steamed) and followed with a mess of bluefish (also cleaned).

We had heard about life in Yeopim but if what we are experiencing now is reality, bring on more!

Not Good Target

We read in our least favored morning newspaper of general circulation along the Public Parade where the Congressional Club is being courted by a man with political ambitions in Eastern North Carolina.

The report is that Navy Capt. Eugene B. (Red) McDaniel is staying with his parents in Nags Head as he weighs his chances in the political arena. The Kinston native has his sights on either Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District or Rep. Charles O. Whitley of the third District.

Rep. Jones is not a good target, either for Capt. McDaniel or the Congressional Club.

The Congressional Club is headed by Thomas F. Ellis who brought it to the surface as a power base for U. S. Sen. Jesse Helms. The organization was successful in obtaining independent funds for President Reagan and in backing U. S. Sen. John East.

Some of the Congressional Club's activities are not sanctioned by a lot of "Jessecrats" who meander along the Public Parade and throughout Eastern North Carolina.

The people of the First Congressional District, who live in 21 counties, have overwhelmingly supported Rep. Jones. He has an enviable record of service to the people of the First District and to the United States. He brought a signal honor to himself, as well as his district when he assumed the chairmanship of the House Committee on Merchant Marines and Fisheries in February.

Rep. Jones and Sen. Helms have cooperated in securing projects for Eastern North Carolina. The local one which stands out the

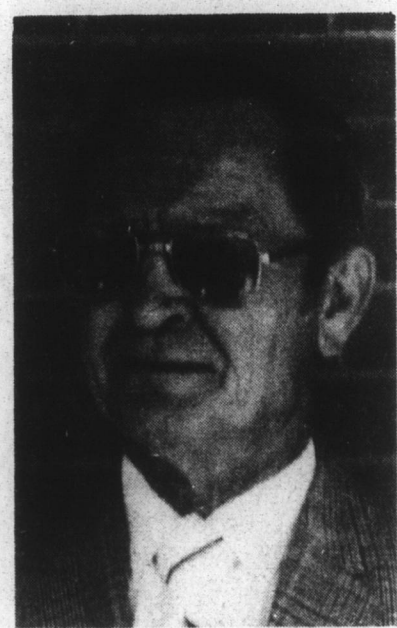
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GOVERNOR DRAWS ATTENTION — Leaders of a "love feast" at a meeting of the Northeast Caucus at Chowan Golf & Country Club last week are pictured prior to the event. Left to right are: Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., Shirley Pierce of Ahoskie, a member of the board of Virginia Electric & Power Company; T. Justin Moore, Jr., Veeco board chairman; Sec. D. M. (Lauch) Faircloth, of the State Department of Commerce; and William W. Berry, Veeco president. (Staff Photos by LFA).

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James P. Ricks, Jr.

J.P. Ricks Files For Re-Election

James P. Ricks, Jr., 4 Hawthorne Road, has filed for re-election to the Edenton Town Council from the Third Ward. Ricks filed Wednesday morning with Mrs. Marjorie Allen, election supervisor for the Chowan County Board of Elections.

Ricks was the only candidate to file prior to Wednesday's press time.

The period of filing for municipal offices opened at 12-noon last Friday and will end at 12-noon on October 2.

In addition to the Third Ward, seats to be voted on are mayor, councilman-at-large, and Fourth Ward.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell, Councilman-at-Large Gil Burroughs and Fourth Ward Councilman Willis Privott, Sr., are all expected to seek re-election.

Privott is completing the unexpired term of Harry Spruill, Jr., who resigned.

This will be the first election in Third and Fourth wards where the voters in the ward will select their councilman.

Councilman Ricks is completing a four-year term. Prior to that he served for 14 years on the old E&W Board.

Town Council Votes To Join CP & L

Electric customers of the Town of Edenton face a 21 per cent rate increase October 1 but Town Council took two steps Tuesday night to lessen the burden down the road.

Over the objection of Mayor Roy L. Harrell, the councilmen voted to become a part of N. C. Municipal Power Agency No. 3.

The agency has an agreement to joint venture with Carolina Power & Light Company on generating facilities.

Also, the town will contract with Southeastern Consulting Engineers for a method of demand control. This will create a savings of \$85,000 per year with the installation and equipment cost

being \$104,900. James Martin, director of utilities, pointed out that the savings will increase along with future rate increases.

Addressing the rate increase, Martin said it is in line with earlier town policy to track retail rates of Virginia Electric and Power Company. (The town now buys at wholesale from Veeco and retails it to local customers.)

Martin explained that the town's policy is as fair as a rate is going to be since Veeco's rates are controlled by the N. C. Utilities Commission.

Mayor Harrell objected to going ahead with action on the Power Agency agreement until after

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CHOWAN COUNTY	Gross Collections	Gross Retail Sales
1% Retail Sales	\$ 54,657.33	\$ 5,633,060
2% Auto, Planes & Boats	41,548.47	2,140,215
Apparel	24,435.22	847,752
Automotive	70,232.21	7,454,312
Food	397,534.03	14,513,300
Furniture	42,763.39	1,714,923
General Merchandise	250,471.93	12,390,952
Building Materials	51,724.46	6,749,654
Unclassified Group	166,460.14	9,408,781
Use Tax - 1% & 3%	37,535.45	
Licenses - Wholesale & Reg.	736.00	
TOTALS	\$ 1,138,098.63	\$ 60,852,949

Retail Sales Figures Released

Gross retail sales in Chowan County during fiscal 1980-81 totaled \$60.8-million, according to figures recently released by the State Department of Revenue. The total is four times the amount for fiscal 1964-65.

The report pegs gross collections for the past year at \$1.1-million which is some \$100,000 less than four times the 1964-65 figure of \$322,185.

An analysis of the report shows that food, with \$14.5-million in sales, lead the business groups. General merchandise was \$12.4-million. Automotive sales were \$7.5-million.

By comparison, 16 years ago food also led the groups with \$4.2-million in sales. Automotive sales were \$3-million with general merchandise third at \$2.6-million.

The analysis shows gross retail sales as reported monthly on Sales and Use Tax report forms throughout North Carolina were \$36.9-billion.

The food group led all others with \$8.7-billion while automotives were \$7.2-billion and general

merchandise, \$6.3-billion.

Gross retail sales for the fiscal year in other Albemarle Area counties totaled:

Camden, \$10,520,506; Currituck, \$46,432,333; Dare \$124,239,702; Gates, \$19,787,826; Hyde, \$20,052,898; Pasquotank \$176,858,962; Perquimans, \$31,937,391; Tyrrell, \$15,651,508; and Washington, \$66,258,510.

Edenton Aces Lose Conference Opener

In their conference opener against Roanoke Rapids, the Edenton Aces led in total offense (149 to 89 yards) and first downs (8 to 4), but not in the final score. The Yellow Jackets of Roanoke Rapids defeated the conference champion Aces 6-0, due mainly to turnovers.

Edenton will host the unbeaten Roanoke Redskins Friday. As coach Bass puts it, "Roanoke's going to be a big challenge, but I can guarantee one thing. We're not going to take 'em lightly."

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Veeco Explains New Strategy

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and Virginia Electric and Power Company have found common ground. It is economic development.

This was hailed last Wednesday night at Chowan Golf & Country Club as state and local elected officials, along with community leaders as a day for considerable significance for Northeastern North Carolina.

Request For Funds Denied By SBA

The U. S. Small Business Administration has denied a request for emergency assistance for the fishermen of Chowan County. County commissioners, who initiated action several weeks ago, received the notice during their monthly meeting Monday morning.

The request had gone from the county to Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., who endorsed it and sent it to SBA in Washington, D. C. The request was handled by the N. C. Department of Crime Control & Public Safety.

In a letter to Gov. Hunt dated September 8, Bernard Kulik, deputy associate administrator

Gov. Hunt and Veeco's two top officers were brought together via the new and loosely formed Northeastern North Carolina Caucus of the General Assembly. Members of the state senate and house of representatives have organized to "get together on programs" as a means of gaining more clout in the state legislature.

The governor made no apologies for his past harsh statements about Veeco, saying he has "raised issues when I thought it was in the best interest of the people of the Northeast for me to do so. I think spirited debate can result in some very constructive consequences."

Veeco Chairman T. Justin Moore, Jr., and President William W. Berry lauded Gov. Hunt and Sec. D. M. (Lauch) Faircloth of the State Department of Commerce for bringing the meeting about. Moore called it "an occasion for looking ahead" and emphasized that Veeco is proud to serve Northeastern North Carolina.

Berry explained new strategy by Veeco to bring electric rates in line with other major utilities operating in North Carolina. "We have carried out the nation's largest program of converting oil plants to coal," he noted. "We are now evaluating the feasibility of burning peat harvested right here in North Carolina," he continued. "Just two weeks ago, we successfully carried out a test burn of 20 tons of North Carolina peat at our Portsmouth Power Station."

Berry said Veeco is now set to

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T. Justin Moore, Jr.

Stan Hege



Jim Brown

Sec. Faircloth

Gov. Hunt

Gilliam Wood



Sandy McIver

William W. Berry

Rep. Vernon James



Sen. Julian Allsbrook

T. Justin Moore, Jr.

Clayton Gentry



Rep. Charles Evans

Sheriff Troy Toppin

Robert Williams

Bloodmobile Tuesday, Sept. 22, Edenton Methodist Church 12:30 - 6:30. Quota 125 Pints.