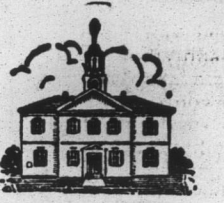




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The Public Parade

A BALLOT MARKED — By the time the presses roll again the voters along The Public Parade will have expressed themselves on issues which are vitally important to the growth and development of our beloved community.

Two of the big, important questions deal with partisan politics, the third being as far removed from the political arena as anything on the ballot should.

We refer to the election of a congressman, members of the state house, and the hospital bond referendum.

BRIEF INTERMISSION — With the announcement last week of the resignation of Councilman J. D. Elliott from the Town Council, Edenton lost a tireless public servant, if but temporarily.

Since it befell our lot two years ago to report on happenings at the Municipal Building, we have grown to admire the dedication of Councilman Elliott. If ever a public servant took his job seriously it was this man.

As a member of this important municipal governing body, he listened to all sides of an issue, weighed the arguments, spoke his mind and voted his conscience. What more can you ask of a public servant?

While the town has lost, if but temporarily, the services of a good man, this writer has gained a neighbor. Just as soon as he gets all the furniture in place, the floors polished, and the curtains in place, we intend to pay him a visit and personally express our gratification of having him in the neighborhood. Until then, this note will have to suffice.

MORE ON TREATS, LESS ON TRICKS — Another Halloween has come and gone. Thank goodness!

Those along the Public Parade who dished out more treats to teen-agers than small fries are undoubtedly wondering what will be the end of the Halloween season.

At our place there appeared more students in the John A. Holmes High School and D. F. Walker High School than in the elementary grades. But obviously some of them did not restrict themselves to the residential district as the replica of Edenton's Tea Pot turned up Tuesday morning a bright red. It had become a victim of the paint can.

In the eyes of our youngsters, Halloween is second best to Christmas, with the pumpkin next in line to Santa Claus. Because of some thoughtless prankster, three children on Gale Street went to bed in tears. It was discovered that their pumpkin had been stolen.

So, from all available reports this Halloween along The Public Parade was longer on treats than tricks. The only victims uncovered amounted to the tea pot and the Amburn pumpkin. And that's a pretty good average, if not a record.

Everyone, not just the privileged few, but everyone has a right to his own opinion on these and other issues. We hold no brief for a man who would deny this right to his fellow citizen. Therefore, we feel you would grant to this writer the same right as you enjoy.

Tuesday you will go to the polls and exercise one of the few fundamental rights left. That is, the right to vote. You will go through the customary procedure of securing your ballot and going behind the canvas to mark it in secrecy. This is as it should be.

But for us, we feel an obligation to "stake" ourselves out, tell how we are voting and relate why. We do this with full realization that our stand on an issue might cost it some votes. Nevertheless, we want to make our position crystal clear.

In recent days this community has witnessed a marriage of three parties. Rep. Walter Jones, the hospital bond issue, and our serious school situation have been welded together. As a citizen, voter and school patron you should not be duped into this marriage. On the other hand, the Jones-East race, the hospital bond issue and the school situation should be able to rise or fall on its own.

The need for a new hospital in Chowan County cannot be over stressed. If we want to keep pace with surrounding communities we must not allow our medical facilities to become second class. To keep pace we are going to have to pick up the check in the form of additional taxes. When it is done we can all look with pride at our accomplishments while not appreciably feeling the pinch in the hip pocket.

The voters of Chowan County must, on Tuesday, express their desire for a hospital and their willingness to pay their fair share for such a facility. At the same time they will be expressing their faith in the elected officials of this county, whose sworn duty it is to work in the best interest of the citizenry in selling the bonds and fixing the tax rate.

Yes, we will vote "for" on both issues in the hospital bond referendum.

Walter B. Jones was a favorite of Chowan County even before the death of Rep. Herbert Boner. Now there are those who turn tail and are lulled into dreamland with the expensive blue and white

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KING HENRY VIII AND GROUP — Glen Mabe plays the single male role in Edenton Little Theater's production this week of "Royal Gambit" which premieres at the John A. Holmes High School at 8 P. M., tonight (Thursday). Playing King Henry VIII, Mabe is surrounded by his six wives. Shown in the foreground are Snooky Bond and Catherine Aman. Standing are, left to right, Jane Holmes, Gahl Stevens, Corinne Thorud and Judy Earnhardt. "Royal Gambit" will play a two-night stand, tonight and Saturday, and it promises to be one of the best productions of the amateur theatrical aggregation.

Treat In Store

Cast Ready To Present Production

Today (Thursday) and also on Saturday at 8 P. M., Edenton Little Theater will present "Royal Gambit" at John A. Holmes High School Auditorium.

This ambitious undertaking by the local amateur group has been in rehearsals for many weeks and is a play most worthwhile to see.

Here is a portion of the plot, as set forth by Director Ross Inglis: King Henry VIII ruled England between 1509 and 1547 and during those years was married six times. He annulled two of his marriages, he beheaded two of his wives, one died in childbirth and the sixth wife outlived him. During his reign Europe was in a religious turmoil. Martin Luther was precipitating the Reformation and Henry himself broke with the Pope to establish the Church of England.

The play uses Henry as an example of modern man and examines his principle and ideas in his relationships with his wives. We see him using the church and even God for his own purposes, and we see that his confidence in discovery and progress does not satisfy him, because it does not fill the void modern man has created by using God instead of letting God use him.

We find that King Henry's problem really is one of modern man's, one of today's. That God is not dead but that the search for him is in the wrong direction. If modern man has at last realized this then perhaps his age had ended and hopefully a new age begins with an honest search for God in another direction.

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School Action Awaited

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District has been advised that the federal government will re-evaluate the assignment of students in Edenton and Chowan County schools.

Rep. Jones announces from his office in Farmville that a "high ranking" official of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare is being sent here to survey the situation and the original plans of pre-school enrollment and to re-evaluate the entire situation.

Pete Labassa, a special assistant to HEW Secretary Gardner advised Rep. Jones last Thursday morning the department would consider alternate proposals from the school boards of Edenton and Chowan County.

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Tuesday Is Election Day; Chowan County Voters Facing Important Issues

Will Chowan County voters approve a \$1½-million hospital bond issue? Will Rep. Walter B. Jones be given a full term in Congress from the First District of North Carolina? These are two of the ques-

tions to be answered Tuesday when voters in Chowan County go to the polls for the 1966 General Election. The county board referendum and the hotly contested race for Congress are expected to bring out a big

vote in this off-year election here. Chairman West W. Byrum, Jr., chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, would not estimate the number who will go to the polls, but it is predicted in many circles that the turnout will be sizeable.

Other than the congressional race, the only Republican opposition is in the State House of Representatives, where A. W. Houtz of Elizabeth City is seeking one of the two seats. Veteran Rep. Philip P. Godwin of Gatesville is a Democratic nominee along with a newcomer to the political arena, W. T. (Bill) Culpepper, Jr., of Elizabeth City.

Rep. Jones has enjoyed a good vote in Chowan County in the past and while Dr. John P. East has made some inroads into the predominantly Democratic county, he is not expected to upset the Jones machine.

In recent weeks the hospital bond referendum has brought on added conversation in most parts of the county. The question has not been so much the need of a new medical facility, but whether or not the taxpayers could afford the new institution.

While the bond election is for \$1½-million dollars, supporters of the issue claim only about \$800,000 will be needed to finance the project once funds are obtained from Medical Care Commission and private foundations. However, it was required that the vote be on the total amount of the estimated cost, with the county to sell only those bonds necessary to pay the actual difference between grants and the construction and equipment costs.

The bond issue has been endorsed by individuals, clubs and other organizations throughout Chowan County as representatives of the hospital board, medical staff and county commissioners have made up speaking teams to explain the issue to the voters.

If the voters approve the sale of bonds for hospital construction it is planned that a new 60-bed facility will be erected.

Chairman Byrum said the election machinery was ready for balloting on Tuesday. The precincts, voting places, registrars and judges in the county are:

EAST EDENTON — Court

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Death Claims Mrs. Jones, 68

Funeral services were held at 11 A. M., Monday for Mrs. Ida Gard Jones, prominent Edenton woman. She was 68.

Rev. R. N. Carroll was in charge of the services held at Edenton Baptist Church, where Mrs. Jones had been an active member for many years.

Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones, the widow of W. B. Jones, was born in Elizabeth City, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gard. She had made her home in Edenton for the past 21 years.

She died at 3 P. M., Saturday at Chowan Convalescent Home after an illness of 15 months.

Surviving is a son, Bruce F. Jones of Edenton; a daughter, Mrs. William N. Wildridge of Rochester, N. Y.; a sister, Mrs. Thomas Baum of Norfolk, Va., six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Tom Hopkins, Luther Parks, Robert Ashley, George Alma Byrum, Gilliam Wood, Graham White, Claude Griffin and Tom Shepard.

BANGLE SALE

Edenton Lions Club will conduct a bangle sale in downtown Edenton Saturday. Lions Club members will man tables in front of the banks and drug stores on this day.

Vet Reunion Planned Here

Tar Heel members of the "Old Hickory Division", one of the U. S. Army's most respected infantry units, will converge on Edenton Saturday for a meeting.

E. L. Hollowell, president of the Tar Heel Chapter, 30th Infantry Division Association, said registration for this meeting will begin at noon at Edward G. Bond Post, American Legion, on U. S. 17 south.

Among the 125 special guests expected for this meeting is Fletcher King of Durham, president of the national association.

During the business sessions Saturday afternoon plans are to be discussed for the National 30th Division Association meeting to be hosted by the Tar Heel Chapter and scheduled for Durham July 4-6, 1967.

While the veterans are in session, a tour of Historic Edenton and Countryside has been arranged with several points of interest scheduled for the wives and children of those in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams are in charge of the tour.

Charlie McCullers of Kinston, an outstanding and well-known speaker, will keynote the banquet which begins at 8 P. M.

Hollowell said Bill Perry and W. E. Mills have been co-chairmen of this reunion and have arranged an interesting and worthwhile program. He encourages all area members of the association to attend the reunion.

The "Old Hickory Division" is now an active N. C. National Guard Unit and rated by the historians as being the Number One infantry division during World War I and World War II.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Minton Small, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Small of Edenton, has accepted a position as assistant county farm agent in Currituck County. Small is a graduate of N. C. State University.



BOOST GIRL SCOUTS — Mrs. David Wright is shown with representatives of Edenton's Girl Scout and Brownie troops as plans are made to kickoff a fund raising drive for the young girls. Left to right are: Mary Helen Dail, Westover Heights; Mrs. Wright, Hillary Shoaf, 100 West Gale Street; Lou Ann Bunch, Route 1, Edenton; and Pam Colombo, 217 South Oakum Street. Between now and November 15 the local committee hopes to raise \$500 in this area for Girl Scouts.

Registration Begins For Big Autorama Prizes

Twenty-seven Edenton business establishments are participating in Autorama Trade Days to be held here November 9-12.

Claude Griffin, chairman of the Merchants Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said registration for valuable prizes to be given away at 9 P. M., November 10, began Tuesday. Persons 18 and older can register with any merchant participating in the Autorama Trade Days through Thursday.

Griffin said while the downtown showing of 1967 model automobiles will be limited to next Wednesday and Thursday, the merchants of Edenton will conduct their sale through Saturday.

"This is planned as one of the biggest promotions of Edenton as a good place to do business ever undertaken," Griffin said.

The chairman lauded the efforts and cooperation of the four automobile dealers, members of his committee and the participating merchants. "The cooperation of our merchants in this undertaking has been most gratifying," he said.

Merchants participating include: Griffin Musicenter, Hollowell's Drug Store, Rose's Stores, Western Gas Service, Hughes - Parker Hardware, Belk-Tyler, Edenton Furniture, Western Auto and

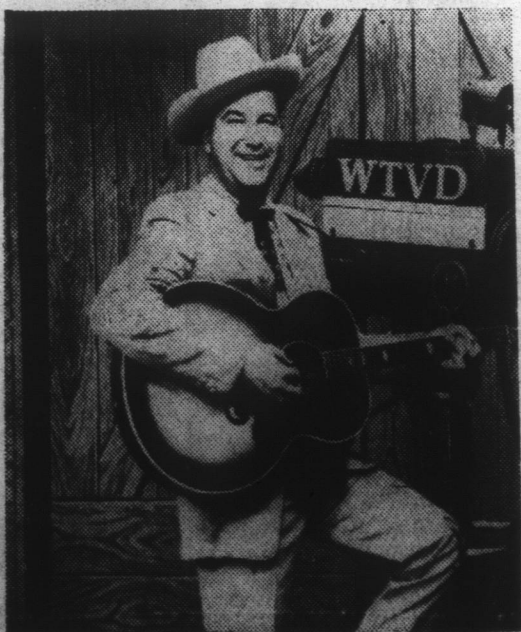
Edenton Savings and Loan. Also, Mitchener's Pharmacy, P & Q Super Market, Cuthrell's Department Store, Byrum Hardware, A & P, Gene's 5 and 10, Peoples Bank & Trust Company and Elliott Company.

And, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, Ross Jewelers, Quinn Furniture, Goodyear, Cato's, Albemarle Motor Company, Montgomery - Ward, George Chevrolet, Edenton Motor Company and Colonial Motor Company.

People can register with the above mentioned merchants for a color TV, Browning automatic shotgun and clock radio. These are the three grand prizes to be awarded from the stage in downtown Edenton November 10.

A special attraction for this event is the appearance of Grand Ole Opera and TV star Homer Briarhopper and featuring Clyde Moody. Homer has a regular TV show in the Durham area in addition to special appearances throughout the east coast. The musicians will perform from 6 P. M. to 9 P. M. Wednesday and Thursday nights.

A check with local merchants indicates that they will remain open next Wednesday and Thursday nights until 9 o'clock for the convenience of people coming to Edenton for the Autorama events.



HOMER BRIARHOPPER