



Opposes Mitchener Again

Harrell Runs For Mayor

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A race developed today for the position of mayor in the May Municipal Election with the announcement by Roy L. Harrell, 200 South Oakum Street, that he will seek the office.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., announced several weeks ago that he will run for re-election to the post he has held for six years.

Thus, the second Mitchener-Harrell contest became a reality. It has made the rounds of the rumor mill since the challenger came within 129 votes of Mayor Mitchener two years ago.

The 1965 campaign was one of the hardest-fought in memory of most local political observers. Mayor Mitchener carried three of the town's four wards and Harrell polled a heavy vote in his home box—Second Ward.

Harrell, 37, is manager of Sears, Roebuck & Company's store in Edenton. He has held this position for the past six and one-half years.

In announcing his candidacy, Harrell issued the following statement:

"I would like at this time to announce my candidacy for election as Mayor of the Town of Edenton.

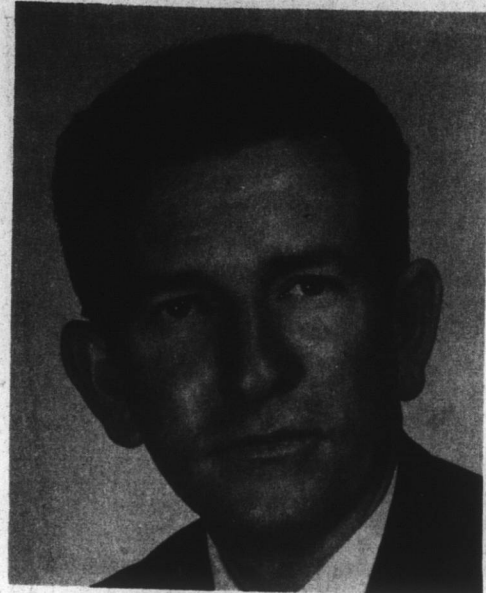
"I have attended all the council meetings held by the Town Council for the past three years, and I find a definite need for a new and fresh approach.

"I find that too many times we are so eager to do for the town that we forget the people.

"In the next two years this town will be faced with moving its city limits. How far out, we don't know, but this will call on the town to furnish these new areas with many services; including sewer, water, garbage pick-up, streets, and many others. In the past, the present administration has been highly unsuccessful in this area of charging for these services. In all too many cases a different price (was collected) from different citizens.

"It is my contention that when one taxpayer is treated different from another it is only asking for a great deal of unrest.

"These are only a few of my feelings as to holding office in the Town of Edenton."
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Roy L. Harrell

The Public Parade

BUGS, BUGS, BUGS

During the past week many favorable comments have been made on the new look of The Herald. They are appreciated and convince us that all the time and effort has been worthwhile.

However, there are still some bugs in our operation that will take several issues to swat. Our gang is learning each week and before long it will be routine, just like in past years.

While we are learning the new process the paper will be delayed. To those who on Wednesday afternoons peck on the front counter with their dimes or purchase a newspaper at one of our several newsstands, we apologize.

But we ask your patience and understanding. It is quite an undertaking for old printers to learn this new process, but as we said, The Herald employees are doing an admirable job.

Nevertheless, there are plenty of bugs, bugs and bugs in our procedures.

... 'THE OLD BALL GAME'

Baseball is a game TV has about put out to pasture as a spectator sport. The message doesn't seem to have reached Bill Herman who is spearheading a drive to revive a semi-pro brand of baseball along The Public Parade.

A local team has been organized and a league formed with Edenton joining Williamston, Colerain, Robersonville, Windsor and Jamesville in the loop. Half of the games will be played on Sunday, the other half on Wednesday.

The league opens April 23 with Edenton hosting Robersonville.

But we are getting ahead of ourselves. What we set out to do was commend Bill for his efforts and say it will be good watching for area fans. Also, the complete schedule will be printed in The Herald next week in a form you can clip and save for the remainder of the season.

Book In Making

"Cradle of The Colony," Dr. Thomas C. Parramore's history of Chowan County and Edenton, is being published in booklet form by Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

Upon recommendations of the Tourist Committee of the chamber, the board of directors last week authorized publication of the first complete history of this county. Two years ago, Dr. Parramore's manuscript was printed in a special section of The Chowan Herald.

George Alma Byrum, tourist group chairman, told the directors by publishing the book at this time it could be available next month during the biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside.

More than 25 illustrations will be included in the booklet to supplement the manuscript.

First printing of the booklet will be 5,000 copies.

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Surplus Corn Here For Area Farmers

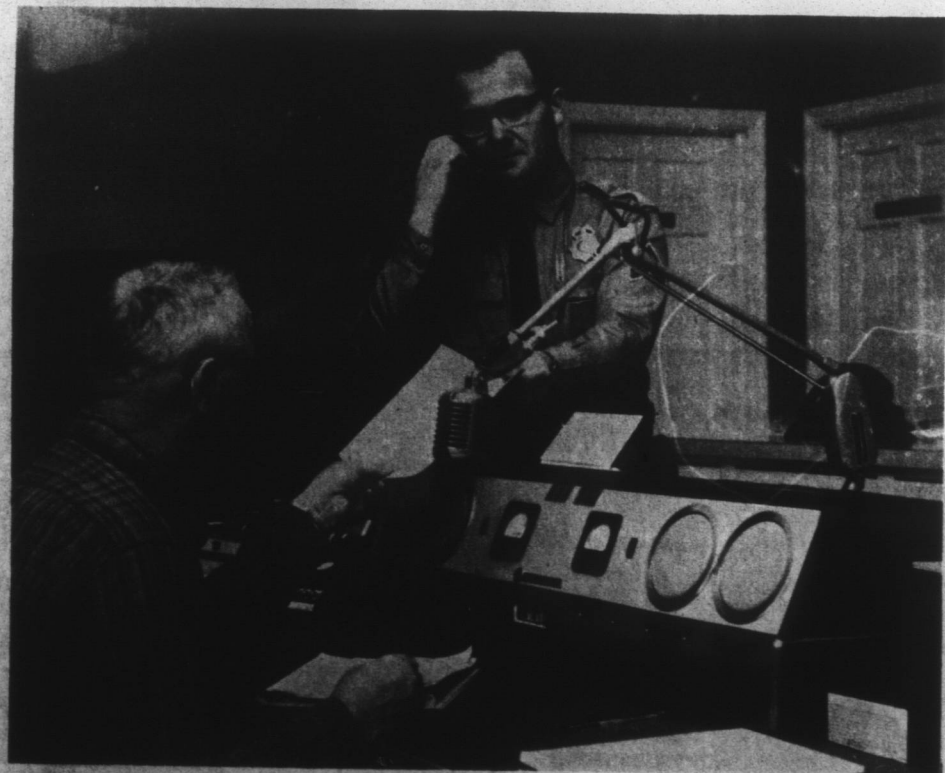
Eighty-seven thousand pounds of government surplus corn still remains to be distributed to Chowan County farmers at a greatly reduced price.

H. O. West, Chowan ASCS office manager, said little interest has thus far been shown in the program here. He said farmers have until April 3 to apply at his office to purchase the corn.

At mid-week, only three orders had been processed locally. They were for a total of 30,198 pounds.

Purchase requests have to be filed with West and approved by the local ASCS committee. Any farmer in livestock production is eligible to request a purchase order for this corn.

West said 117,600 pounds (2,100 bushels) of sample grade corn was shipped to Chowan. It is selling for \$1.4835 per bushel. The corn can be inspected at Edenton Feed & Livestock.



NEW RADIO EQUIPMENT—A new base radio unit has been installed in Edenton Police Department, giving the community one of the finest communications systems in the area. Sgt. C. E. Williams is pictured as he takes a complaint over the telephone and passes it to Dispatcher Al Owens for broadcast. The new base operation ties in the police, fire and ABC units throughout the county as well as connecting Edenton to other communities and the State Highway Patrol.



NOTED SYMPHONY DIRECTOR HERE—Dr. Benjamin Swalin of Chapel Hill, second from left, was the center of attraction at a reception-lunchon which preceded a free children's concert by his N. C. Little Symphony here Friday. Left to right are: Mrs. L. P. Williams, Jr., secretary, Chowan Arts Council; Dr. Swalin; Mrs. Stuart Patten, director of music in Edenton City Schools; Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., and Mrs. Thomas Cheers, arts council president.

The local concert, attended Friday afternoon by 1,000 area students, was sponsored by Chowan Arts Council with contributions being made by community, civic and business groups. Dr. Swalin, father of the first state symphony in the United States, said he is gratified by the support his group is given from communities such as Edenton.

Students Get '67-'68 Choice

Nearly 900 students attending two Chowan County schools will be given a "freedom of choice" to attend not only these schools but the three schools in Edenton.

Chowan County Board of Education has set March 10 through April 10 as the choice period for rural students. Supt. Hiram J. Mayo said letters to parents explaining the plan for desegregation will be sent from his office Friday.

The county board is committed to the "freedom of choice" plan for compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This is the main point in a plan for 1967-68 which last week was submitted to Federal Judge John D. Larkins.

A discrimination suit against the county board is pending in U. S. District Court in Elizabeth City and Judge Larkins is studying the plan offered. His pre-trial conference has been set for June 17. The school board is going ahead with plans to follow the compliance plan

as sent to the jurist.

It was decided some time ago that when freedom of choice forms were sent to rural children they would be given a choice of all schools in the county, not just those administered by the county school board.

County board members, in agreement with the city boards, are proceeding on the theory that the merger vote in May will be successful. Therefore, there will be just one administrative unit when the

Board Will Vote On New Position

Chowan County commissioners will vote in April on the creation of the position of electrical inspector. Board members Monday heard details of setting up the office and Chairman W. E. Bond said he will call for a vote on the matter at the next regular meeting.

At least one commissioner, C. M. Evans, expressed disagreement with the proposal to establish a system of electrical inspections here.

David Madrey, assistant state electrical inspector with the Department of Insurance, spent more than an hour explaining existing statutes and how the office would operate. Discussion centered around the minimum requirements.

"Electricity is like fire," Madrey said. "It is a service to use but when it is not safe it can do a lot of damage."

He said someone is required to be responsible for electrical inspections in towns of 1,000 or more but this is not the case in rural areas. However, he asserted that such inspection is needed in every county.

He said a qualified person, not engaged in the electrical business, is needed to do the inspections.

Madrey said there are ample laws on the books to accomplish the safety features of proper installation of electrical wires, but more local enforcement is needed.

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Hollowell Named

E. L. Hollowell, president of Chowan Veneer Company, has been elected chairman of Chowan County Board of Elections. Hollowell's promotion on the board came at a re-organizational meeting Friday.

Claude Griffin, newly appointed member of the board, was named secretary, replacing Hollowell.

Both nominations were made by J. L. Chestnutt, Republican member of the board.

Hollowell is serving his second term on the elections body.

During the meeting the board members put into operation machinery for the May Municipal Election in Edenton. A call for the election is expected to be issued by Edenton Town Council next week.

school session begins this fall.

However, it was pointed out, should the merger referendum fail, students residing outside the county administrative boundary would be given another freedom of choice. In the case of Negro high school students not currently attending D. F. Walker High School, they would automatically be assigned to Chowan High School since that is the only high school in the county unit. Elementary students could choose between Chowan and White Oak Elementary School.

Board members delayed action of conducting a pre-school summer program in the county. Supt. Mayo said guidelines require that this program, if conducted, be held at Chowan High School and that the faculty be integrated. He said all students entering the first grade would have an opportunity to attend.

Dr. A. F. Downum, the only board member favoring such a program, said he believed parents in the county should be given the privilege of sending their children to the summer school. "They do not have kindergartens like we have in Edenton and I feel they should be the ones to decide if they want their children to attend," he added.

The board last year approved the program for White Oak but rejected it when

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New Post Filled

E. N. (Pete) Manning, 216 West Eden Street, has been named mechanical superintendent at The Chowan Herald.

Announcement of Manning's promotion was made today by L. F. Amburn, Jr., president and general manager of the newspaper.

Manning became associated with The Herald January, 1946. He worked in various phases of newspaper makeup before taking up linotype operation and has been continuously employed in this position ever since.

Amburn pointed out that the position of mechanical superintendent is a newly created post at the newspaper and the need for such a slot resulted from the

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