



Mitchener Wins; Re-Count Monday

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BULLETIN!

A re-count of the votes cast for mayor in Tuesday's Municipal Election will be held Monday morning. Roy L. Harrell, who trailed incumbent Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., by 39 votes in the unofficial returns, asked for the re-count.

E. L. Hollowell, elections board chairman, said a canvass of the 1,250 ballots cast in the election did not show a change in the unofficial returns.

However, Harrell asked for the re-count and based his request on, not returns filed by the registrar, but a telephone call to the elections board which had his final vote and Mitchener's switched.

Hollowell said Monday's re-count will deal only with the mayor's race.

Edenton voters Tuesday re-elected Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., to another two-year term by a 39-vote margin and voted against abolishing the Board of Public Works.

Roy L. Harrell came 90 votes closer to being elected Mayor as he threw a real scare into the incumbent in his second bid for the top town elective office. Two years ago, Mitchener defeated Harrell by 129 votes.

The special election concerning abolishing the Board of Public Works was equally as close. A mere 33 votes kept the town charter intact with regards to a separate elected board to run the electric and water department.

J. D. Elliott, a former First Ward councilman, defeated former Mayor Le-

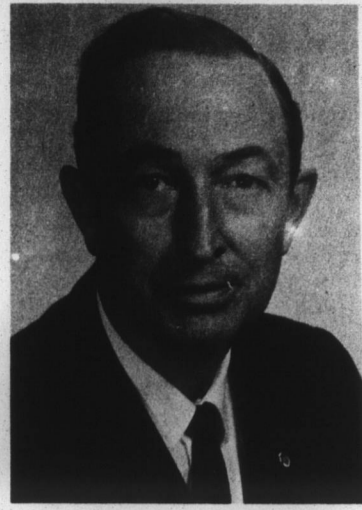
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Results of Edenton's Municipal Election

	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Total
MAYOR:					
John A. Mitchener, Jr.	252	115	194	78	639
Roy L. Harrell	88	264	153	95	600
TREASURER:					
James M. Bond	316	312	321	147	1,096
COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE:					
J. D. Elliott	214	164	234	103	715
Leroy H. Haskett	125	190	102	61	478
COUNCILMAN FIRST WARD:					
Tom H. Shepard	302	283	281	130	996
Jacob Hobowsky	30	54	43	27	154
COUNCILMAN SECOND WARD:					
Leo Katkaveck	237	143	196	79	655
Ray Ward	92	227	125	84	528
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:					
Jesse L. Harrell	264	243	252	108	867
Tom C. Byrum	265	242	255	108	870
Joseph H. Conger, Jr.	264	242	255	107	868
ABOLISHING BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:					
For	151	176	176	85	588
Against	188	173	173	87	621



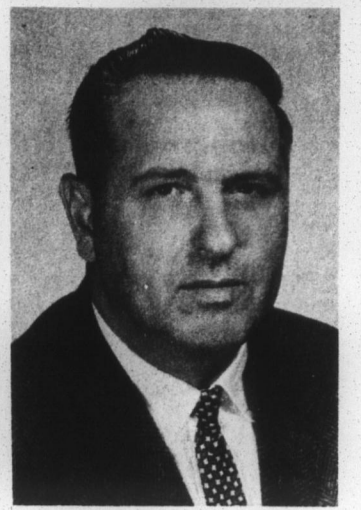
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J. D. Elliott



Tom H. Shepard



Leo Katkaveck

Vote Scheduled May 16

Merger Of School Boards Encouraged

A "Committee For Better Schools" this week launched an educational campaign directed at obtaining an affirmative vote in the May 16 election to merge the Edenton City and Chowan County

boards of education.

Alton G. Elmore, local business and civic leader, is chairman of the group actively promoting a favorable vote in the referendum.

Elmore announced that four co-chairmen had been chosen. They are: Mrs. B. Warner Evans, Mrs. Elmira Fleming, Earl Jones and Benbury Wood.

Elmore said the purpose for merging both boards of education is to provide better schools for all the children of Edenton and Chowan County and save on administrative costs.

"More courses of instruction could be offered to the students, and better qualified teachers could be employed," Elmore said if the two units are merged.

He described other benefits as being in the field of guidance, library, vocational and art facilities as well as music being offered to the students. Too, he said additional adult education courses would be possible for all people.

"Better understanding and working conditions would be made available to the people of Edenton and Chowan County for solving the educational problems and providing better schools for our children and adults," he said.

It was pointed out that all members of both existing boards of education have unanimously endorsed the merger.

If a favorable vote is realized on the question, both boards would merge into the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education June 5. The combined membership

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The Public Parade

Be A Sport

A last call is being sounded by Edenton Varsity Club for the sale of tickets to Monday's Sports Award Banquet. Since no tickets will be available at the door, now is the time to step up and purchase one, two or more.

The Varsity Club's banquet to honor athletes at John A. Holmes High School is one of this community's most worthwhile undertakings. It is so for many reasons.

First, it pays tribute to those who have participated in various sports at the school. These young men and women sacrifice a great deal to put together a winning combination on the field and court. They deserve everything the community can give them.

Second, it brings into the community a sports figure of note. This year it is Coach Vic Bubas of Duke University.

Third, it gives the adults an opportunity to break bread with the younger set that before you know it will be leaders in the community, not just in athletics.

We have never gotten around to cheering for the Blue Devils in the ACC conference. But we are now pulling for a capacity turnout Monday for Coach Bubas and the youngsters at Holmes High.

The Machine Age

A telephone call to the court house Tuesday night in which returns from Third Ward were inaccurately reported has proven costly to the taxpayers of Edenton. As a result of the call, a re-count of ballots cast for mayor will be held Monday.

The call came in that Roy L. Harrell had beaten Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., by 41 votes in this ward. This would have given Harrell a 43-vote victory. In fact, when the registrar brought in the unofficial totals, it was learned that the Mitchener-Harrell figures had been transposed.

So, it would appear that Mayor Mitchener was elected to another two-year term by a margin of 39 votes, as he was two votes behind when the final ward reported.

Harrell has demanded a re-count of the ballots on the basis of the telephone call which was in no way official. It is

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Concert Dates Set

The John A. Holmes High School Band will present its annual Spring Concert on May 7 in the school auditorium at 3 P. M.

Band Director Stuart Patten will direct.

The highlight of the concert will be an arrangement composed by Leroy Anderson entitled "Bugler's Holiday". The arrangement will feature the band's three solo cornet players: Larry Privott, David Copeland and Malcolm Dixon.

The concert will be presented for the enjoyment of the entire family—no admission is charged.

Also, a spring concert will be given Friday by the Ernest A. Swain Elementary School and the John A. Holmes High School choral groups. The concert will begin at 8 P. M., at the Ernest A. Swain Elementary School.

The music will be conducted by Mrs. Irene Patten.

The music will be presented by the

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DIRECTS JAYCEES—Joe Roberson of Plymouth, second from right, Thursday night installed Frank Habit, left, as the 20th president of Edenton Jaycees. Shown with them at the installation banquet are Mrs. Habit and Bob Waller, outgoing president.

Jaycees Install Habit; Give Awards

Frank Habit was installed Thursday night as the 20th president of Edenton Jaycees. He succeeds Bob Waller.

At a banquet held at the Jaycee Building on Base Road, Waller gave the Key Man, a top Jaycee award, to John Jethro. This award is given annually by the club president to the person he considers to have been of most assistance

to the organization during his administration.

Sam Cox won the Spark Plug award and the Spoke Award, to new members, went to Dr. A. F. Downum, Jr. A special award, the first such honor voted by the club, went to Waller.

Eight men who joined the ranks of Exhausted Roosters, those who age out of the Jaycees, were recognized as:

Tom Perry, Jack Leary, Van Small, Jack Habit, Jim Yates, Caswell Edmundson, Leo LaVoie and Johnny Owens.

Joe Roberson of Plymouth, an active Jaycee on many levels for many years, installed the new officers.

Roberson cited the justified public service work of Jaycees and said members of the organization are "laying the foundation of leadership" in the community.

"Thank God," he said, "for men with the foresight and willingness to work for a better community."

He called the Jaycees a "proud organization" and said he is proud to be a part of the movement. Roberson is a candidate for state president.

Habit, in his acceptance remarks, said this is his first elective office in the club and he will give it his best.

In addition to Habit, new officers in-

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Hotel Will Close

Chowan County commissioners voted again Monday to get out of the hotel business.

By unanimous vote, board members instructed Chairman W. E. Bond to inform Haughton Ehringhaus that his lease for the top two floors of Hotel Joseph Hewes would be terminated on July 1. Ehringhaus is being advised to vacate the building by that time.

Commissioners expressed grave concern over the manner in which the hotel has been operating in the past and said future use would be restricted to offices.

The first and second floors of the building are now used as offices by county agencies as well as one suite leased to Earnhardt & Evans, attorneys.

Discussion of the situation at the hotel

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MR. CHAIRMAN—Pictured in a downtown Edenton beauty spot is Dr. R. N. Hines, Jr., chairman of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee. Dr. Hines poses in the Confederate Plaza at the foot of Broad Street and contemplates improvements which could be made throughout Edenton to make it more attractive. His committee works closely with the Tourist Committee and Downtown Committee in making Edenton a more beautiful place to work, and play as well as visit.