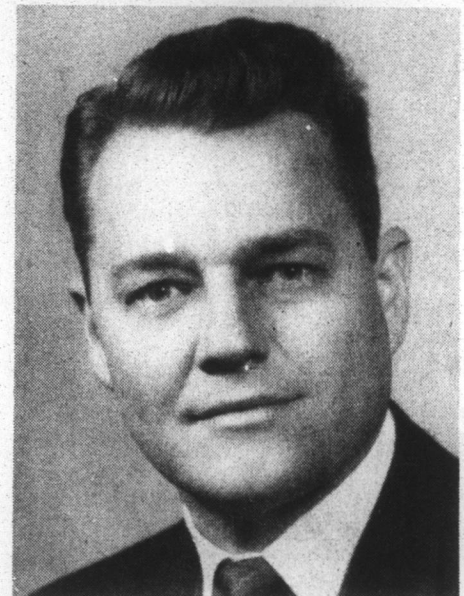


Sen. J. J. Harrington



Sen. George M. Wood

Plans Are Told By Two Senators

In simultaneous announcements Wednesday, State Sens. George M. Wood of Camden and J. J. (Monk) Harrington of Lewiston revealed plans to seek reelection in the First Senatorial District.

Sen. Wood, 41-year-old farmer and grain dealer, will run for seat No. One in the 10-county district. Sen. Harrington, who is 49, is seeking reelection for Seat No. Two. He is president of Harrington Manufacturing Company, Inc., machinery manufacturers.

Both senators served in the 1967 General Assembly, representing the counties of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Washington.

Sen. Wood, a veteran of two sessions in the House of Representatives, will seek his second term in the Senate. Sen. Harrington, first elected to the Senate in 1962, will be going after his fourth term.

Both men cited their prior experience in the General Assembly as qualifying them for reelection.

Sen. Harrington was chairman of the Senate Roads committee in 1967 and the labor and commerce committee in 1965. He served during both of the last two sessions on the powerful Senate-House subcommittee on appropriations. He currently is serving on the Local Government Commission which is studying possible need for reforms in local government structure in the state.

In announcing his candidacy, Sen. Harrington said: "I feel I can now serve the people of the First District better than I ever could. I have served all of them before and I think I know the people."

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Registration Set

The first completely new voter registration in Chowan County in many years begins March 30. Persons who desire to vote in the May 4 Democratic Primary must register prior to April 20.

The new registration will see the county go to the loose-leaf system as well as allow for consolidation of the Town of Edenton and county voter books.

Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman, county board of elections, said registrars will be at the polling places in the six precincts from 9 A. M. to 6:30 P. M., on Saturday, March 30, April 6, 13 and 20.

In order to make it as convenient as possible in East and West Edenton Precincts, where registration is much greater than in the other four boxes, the board has established four additional days for the registrars to work. On Mondays and Wednesdays, April 1 and 8, and April 3 and 10, respectively, the registrars will be on duty.

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The Public Pays

Welcome, Taxpayers!

Town Council's regular monthly meeting Tuesday night was one of the best attended general meeting this writer has experienced in several years.

Citizens interested in at least two projects—off-street parking and Historic Edenton, Inc.—displayed their unity by going out in foul weather to voice their opinions.

Mayor John A. Mitchener told those present: "Your interest in town business is greatly appreciated." He said their interests centered around but two items in the progress of "our" town.

If more people would attend more of these public meetings and become better informed about more of the town's business there would be more community-wide cooperation and understanding and a lot less drug store gripe sessions.

Usually the audience is limited to department heads, the press corps and two or three citizens.

So, we join Mayor Mitchener in saying: "Welcome, taxpayers!" And remember, those council chamber seats were made to be sat in.

We're For Frederick

Frederick College in Portsmouth has been gobbled up by the State of Virginia and will take a backward move in higher education this fall.

When the state accepted the college, lock, stock and barrel, from the Beazley Foundation, they said the four-year institution would be integrated into the state's two-year community college program.

Editorial writers in our favorite morning newspapers continue their campaign to convince the students at Frederick that they got a fair shake in the recent Beazley-Godwin deal.

They are making about as much headway as the marching students and faculty in getting Gov. Mills Godwin to change his plans. As a "lame duck" governor he won't budge.

The State of Virginia took the initiative in this deal and in our opinion this is a reflection on the Commonwealth. For Beazley not to be able to make a go of his pet and close it down is one thing. For the State of Virginia to be a party to a deal that has more than a faint odor is quite something different.

We're for Frederick.

The Fact Sheet

For current operation of Edenton-Chowan Schools, exclusive of capital investment and debt retirement, Chowan County spent \$82.73 per pupil in average daily attendance during 1966-67, which is just 17.5 per cent of the total cost of running the schools.

Federal participation in schools is about the same as is local with the remaining 65 per cent being paid by the state.

Chowan County's contribution toward current expenditures, as well as the

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WHEE! REAL SPRING-LIKE WEATHER—Although officially Spring is still a week in the future, the recent change in the weather has caused many to shout with joy. Too, a change in seasons, especially to Spring, brings out the shutterbugs and for many the favorite subject is children. So, the subject for this bit of photojournalism is Emily Greer Amburn, 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Amburn, Jr., 104 West Gale Street. You'll have to agree with her parents that she makes a much more pleasing picture than all the snow and ice experienced hereabouts during the past months.

Council Receives Project Requests

Requests for additional off-street parking in the central business district here and the town's financial support of Historic Edenton, Inc., were tied together in separate presentations to Town Council Tuesday night.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator

Sign-Up Advised

Chowan County cotton farmers have only until Friday to sign up to participate in the federal cotton program this year, according to H. O. West, ASCS office manager.

West said everyone who does not sign up prior to the deadline will not get a government payment.

There are presently 460 farms in Chowan County with a total allotment of 2,700 acres of cotton. West estimated that about 100 farms have not yet entered the 1968 program.

"There is absolutely no advantage to a farmer growing cotton and not signing up in the program," West stated. "Those who do not either plant or release their cotton will lose part of their allotment," he explained. "This affects not only the farmer but the local and state allotments in future years."

Chowan County farmers were paid approximately \$125,000 through the ASCS cotton program in 1967.

At the same time West reminded farmers that they have until March 22 to release their cotton allotment and until April 12 to request additional acreage.

and president of Historic Edenton, told councilmen financial assistance from the town is needed to make the organization a reality.

Councilmen were asked to initiate action to purchase the Hobowsky property at 103 West King Street for conversion into an off-street parking lot. The request came from Alton Elmore, chairman of the Downtown Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

In his presentation, Gardner said local support must be forthcoming in order to continue to get state funds. He pointed out that the 1967 General Assembly alone appropriated \$36,000 for historic sites here.

He said it is estimated that the operating budget of Historic Edenton will be \$25,000. He asked the town to contribute \$5,000 toward this budget.

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5 Are Held For Break-In, Larceny

Five Elizabeth City teenagers waived preliminary hearing in Chowan County District Court Tuesday and now face trial in Superior Court on charges of breaking, entering, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Judge W. S. Privott set bond at \$1,500 for each defendant.

Those involved are:

Lathan Forbes, Jr., 18; Dennis R. Lane, 19; Calvin S. Winslow, 18; Michael Hayman, 19; and Bobby Joe Womble, 19.

All defendants are charged with break-

Free Choice For Schools Begins Here

The 30-day period for students in Edenton-Chowan Schools to state their preference of schools for the 1968-69 term began Tuesday.

Copies of the board of education's desegregation plan and Freedom of Choice forms were distributed by the 3,154 students in the system. The "choice" period ends April 12.

This is the first time the information has been allowed to be distributed by the students. In past years the forms have been mailed to parents.

Supt. Bill Britt said today parents are encouraged to make an early choice and return the forms. "This information is greatly needed in planning for next year's program," he stated. However, no preference will be given for choosing early during the choice period.

In a cover letter to parents, Supt. Britt said the purpose of the desegregation plan is to "eliminate the dual structure of separate schools for children of different races."

It was pointed out that a student cannot be enrolled at any school next year unless a choice of schools is made. "It does not matter which school the student might have attended before, and it does not matter whether that school was formerly a white or a Negro school," the superintendent wrote.

Once a choice is made, it cannot be changed except in cases of serious hardship.

The desegregation plans shows that bricklaying and construction industry courses are offered only at D. F. Walker High School while metals industry and technical drafting are limited to John A. Holmes High School. Both schools offer introduction to vocations and Walker and Chowan High School offer agriculture courses.

Swain Elementary, Walker and White Oak Elementary offer special education in the elementary grades.

Students in the elementary grades can

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Alertness Of Police Results In Apprehension Of Men

A rookie policeman's suspicion early Thursday morning resulted in the arrest of four Suffolk, Va., Negroes and recovery of merchandise valued at \$2,000 taken earlier in the night in Bertie County.

Too, Police Chief John D. Parrish said Patrolman McCoy Parker's action probably prevented break-ins at local establishments.



LOOT RECOVERED—Merchandise valued at \$2,000 was recovered following a high-speed chase through Edenton early Thursday morning and four Suffolk, Va., Negroes, three in the car shown in the background, have been arrested in connection with a break-in and larceny in Aulander. Bertie County Sheriff Ed Daniels is shown inspecting some of the clothing and other items taken from Taylor's Store sometime Wednesday night. Alert Edenton policemen chased the vehicle and arrested two of the suspects near Wildcat.

Taylor's Store in Aulander was entered sometime Wednesday night and articles of clothing, watches, clocks and other items taken.

At approximately 2:05 A. M., Thursday a car occupied by three Negroes was seen in downtown Edenton. Patrolman Parker, with dispatcher Ralph Williams in his patrol car, stopped the car for a routine check. The driver, Clifton Silver, 26, did not have an operator's license.

The motorist was instructed to drive to the police station. Instead of stopping at the headquarters, he sped up Granville Street and the chase ended near Wildcat. Silver and Marion Lee Stokes, 19, were arrested. The third person escaped.

Investigation of the car disclosed the merchandise. It was recovered before the break-in had been discovered by Bertie authorities.

Sheriff Daniels said Pernel Ricks and Robert Thompson have also been arrested in connection with the case. Other arrests may be made. Ricks allegedly was the person who escaped from local police.

Items have been found in Suffolk that allegedly were taken earlier in the week from Alton's Clothing Store in Colerain.

Chief Parrish commended Patrolmen Parker, W. A. Satterfield and Williams for their alertness and manner of handling the incident. "They prevented one or more local merchants from experiencing a loss," the chief said.

ing into M&R Service Station at Tyner on the morning of February 28. Missing from the store was numerous cartons of cigarettes, cash and other items.

Chowan Sheriff Earl Goodwin said the cigarettes were taken to Maryland and sold at a discount price.

Assisting in the sheriff's department in the investigation, were SBI Agents O. L. Wise and Charles Ray.

All five defendants were arrested in Elizabeth City Monday, following the extensive investigation. None of the stolen merchandise or money was recovered.

Two of the teenagers earlier in February were given a hearing before Judge Privott in Hertford for breaking into an establishment in Perquimans County.

Other cases called by Solicitor Wilton Walker during the lengthy session of court included:

Walter Lewis, Sr., larceny, six months, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs and payment of \$9 for Clarence Copeland.

Percy Leary, assault with a deadly weapon, 30 days, suspended upon payment of costs.

Less Perry and James Anthony, trespass and injury to timber, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs. Notice of appeal was given to

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Bishop To Visit

Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, residing in Wilmington, will be in Edenton Sunday.

The bishop will make his annual visitation to St. Paul's Church and several candidates for confirmation will be presented by Rev. George Holmes.

Young Churchmen of the parish will be a special choir for the occasion and all members of the Acolytes' Guild will serve.

Following services an informal reception will be held in the Parish House in honor of the bishop and the confirmation class.

All members of the congregation are requested to be present and visitors are cordially invited to participate.