



Roy L. Harrell

Leo Katkaveck

# Harrell Is Winner

Roy L. Harrell won easily Tuesday in a four-man race for councilman-at-large in the Edenton Municipal Election. In the only other contest, Incumbent Leo Katkaveck was re-elected.

Harrell, who had tried unsuccessfully three times to become mayor, polled 391 votes. The nearest challenger was

D. F. Walker with 220 votes, followed by Thomas M. Surratt, 139; and Gilbert H. Johnson, 102.

Harrell's candidacy was interrupted for one week when he withdrew from the race only to re-file at the last minute.

Mayor George Alma Byrum, running without opposition, polled 760 votes. Mayor Byrum defeated Harrell two years ago when John A. Mitchener, Jr., declined to run.

Mitchener, J. D. Elliott, Rudolph Dail, Bill Peer and Gilbert Johnson each received write-in votes for mayor.

Treasurer James M. Bond, also running without opposition, received 762 votes.

First Ward Councilman W. H. Hollowell, Jr., was unopposed and received 729 votes.

Katkaveck won easily over Oscar F. Blair, 569 to 240.

There was also no opposition for the three seats up for election on the Board of Public Works. Incumbents Jesse L. Harrell and J. H. Conger, Jr., received 568 and 567 votes respectively and a newcomer, James E. Darnell received 568 votes. Thomas C. Byrum, a veteran board who declined to seek re-election, received a write-in vote.

Mrs. George C. Hoskins, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, said unofficial returns showed 389 ballots cast in West Edenton while 483 voters went to the polls in East Edenton. There were 2,104 registered voters in the municipality.

Mrs. Hoskins said several ballots were not counted due to voters not marking for a sufficient number of candidates or marking for two candidates running for one office. "Single shot" voting is not allowed in Chowan County.

## New Store Opens

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wells of Durham have opened The Hub of Edenton in the Habit Building on South Broad Street.

The Wells are making their home at the old Cason House on Granville Street.

The Hub of Edenton is an exclusive men's store with all types of men's apparel. Wells hopes to extend his line of clothing to include high quality and fashionable women's apparel in the fall.

The Hub will honor Master Charge, Bank Americard and some selected store accounts.

Wells was formerly with Hub Stores as buyer, manager, and clothes consultant in the Durham-Chapel Hill area.

He and his wife, Ruth, are interested in young people and it is their hope to make a teenage club in the attic of their home.

Mrs. Loretta Brinson of Weeksville is the Hub of Edenton's bookkeeper and Lee Harrell of Edenton is already employed as part-time help. They also will be hiring three full-time and two more part-time employees.

## ECU Plan Backed

The Albemarle Area Development Association's board Tuesday night endorsed the plan for a two-year medical school at East Carolina University.

"If the legislature can't give us a two-year medical school, then just forget it," stated Willie Ainsley of Hertford, who sought AADA endorsement of the plan of ECU President Leo Jenkins. Ainsley said a one-year school wouldn't help Eastern North Carolina.

The AADA endorsement, considered a boost for coordinating efforts by Eric Haste, Jr., of Hertford, followed a similar action by the executive committee of Chowan Hospital. Other county support is expected within the 10-county area.

Chowan County commissioners Monday passed a resolution pointing out the need for additional doctors in

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	Mayor	Treasurer	Councilman at Large				Councilman First Ward	Councilman Second Ward	Board of Public Works			
	Byrum	Byrum	R. Harrell	Johnson	Surratt	Walker	Hollowell	Katkaveck	Blair	J. Harrell	Conger	Darnell
East Edenton	407	408	263	57	34	120	382	303	139	280	279	280
West Edenton	353	354	128	45	105	100	347	286	101	288	288	288
Total	760	762	391	102	139	220	729	569	240	568	567	568

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# Man Is Held For Murder Here Friday

Denny Junior Freeman, 27, of Elizabeth City, will remain in Chowan County Jail until his preliminary hearing on May 11. Freeman is charged with first degree murder in the death of George Thomas Smith.

The shooting occurred Friday night around 10:45 o'clock on South Broad Street, according to Edenton Police Chief J. D. Parrish.



Freeman

Chief Parrish stated that Capt. C. H. Williams and Patrolman G. W. Mizelle were on routine foot patrol in the business district when they heard someone make a threat.

The two policemen walked out from Taylor Theater when they heard a gun fire, then they saw Freeman with the gun and Capt. Williams told Freeman to lay down the gun.

According to the report, when Freeman laid the gun on the sidewalk it was cocked and ready to fire again.

Freeman allegedly fired twice—one bullet hit Smith in the neck and one bullet went into the door of Pickwick's Billiard Parlor.

Capt. Williams and Officer Mizelle placed Freeman under arrest. No bond has been set.

Smith was taken to Chowan Hospital and then transferred to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. The police department was notified at 1:40 A. M., Saturday that Smith had died.

Chief Parrish commended the two policemen on a job well done. He remarked it was an incident that shows how dangerous a routine foot patrol can be.

Smith was 42 years old and a former employee of Edenton Cotton Mills.

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## Violations Noted

Forty-four persons owning property in the Cape Colony development, Edenton, were recently forwarded notices of sewage disposal violations. All violators were from the Virginia area.

The action was the result of a sanitary survey conducted by W. E. Pierce, Sanitarian, District Health Department, and Alton Clark, president of Cape Colony Association. This survey revealed 44 residences without either unapproved or no sewage disposal facilities.



**Thunderbirds Are Coming**—Among the top attractions at the Jaycee Memorial Day Air Festival, May 28-30, at Edenton Municipal Airport will be the Thunderbirds. Starting their 19th year as the official aerial demonstration team of the U. S. Air Force, they are, from left: Capt. Tom Gibbs, slot pilot; Capt. Joe Howard of Ahsokie, right-wing; Lt. Col. Tom Swalm, commander/leader; Maj. Bob Jackson, left-wing, and Capt. Steve Dwelle, solo pilot.

# Chowan Halts COA Plan

Chowan County commissioners Monday refused to act on a proposed resolution to establish a seven-county community college district for College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. Dr. Bruce Petteway, president, said without all seven counties supporting the resolution the district could not be established.

N. J. George was the only member of the Chowan board to support the COA request, which included a pledge of financial support for the community college. On a per capita basis, the maximum Chowan participation in the administrative budget would be \$21,400.

George's motion for adoption of the resolution died for lack of a second.

Commissioner C. A. Phillips quickly assured Dr. Petteway the board's decision in no way illustrated the lack of support for the college. "It means we just aren't in a position at this time to make a decision," he said.

Commissioner David Bateman was most vocal in his opposition to the request. He stated he would not vote for taking on new projects, especially those outside the county, until local departments, including the schools, are improved. "We have got to think about getting out children out of high school first," Bateman said.

George said education is a very necessary part of our human fiber and the only means to relieve poverty. He said the COA proposal was a real bargain and that the county "can't expect them to show benefits to Chowan County without us showing them our support."

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## Funds At Work

Chowan County had nearly 60 per cent of its money invested on January 1, 1971, according to a report released this week by the Local Government Commission.

The report showed the county had a total of \$305,221 on January 1 with 59.24 per cent, or \$180,800 invested. The other \$124,421 was on demand deposits.

The percentage of funds invested on January 1, 1970, was 59.48 per cent.

Investment earnings for the year ending June 30, 1970, amounted to \$7,809, or the equivalent of three cents on the tax rate.

The uncollected portion of 1970 tax levy at the time of the report was \$291,180, or 51.91 per cent of the total levy.

# Peeles Typical Fishermen-Farmers

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**ROCKY HOCK LANDING** — The herring are running in the rivers of Eastern North Carolina, which means that

farmer-fishermen are doing double duty these days.

They are planting their spring crops like other farmers and they are catching fish as fast as they can. But doing both jobs at once "can be rough," according to Wallace Peele.

Peele is one of about 50 Chowan County farmers who supplements his income by pulling herring from the Chowan River each spring.

"We start putting out our nets in February," Peele explained. "The herring start running about Easter, and the season lasts until about the middle of May."

Peele, who also grows certified sweet potato seed, operates a fishery with his two brothers, J. D. and Loyd, and Loyd's son, Carroll. Before the season is over, the Peeles hope to have about 1.7 million pounds of herring frozen and ready for sale.

The Peele Fishery has been in business for a long time on the shores of the Chowan, but the idea of freezing fish for later sale is relatively new.

The Peeles built their first cold storage unit three years ago. Another unit was added two years ago and a third unit was added last year. The three units can hold a total of 17,000 100-pound boxes of fish.

Wallace explained that the fresh market price of herring is about one

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## Public Parade

### Mother's Day Thought

A mother is a unique mixture of love and understanding, kindness and patience, dedication and hard work.

When asked which child she loves most, the answer is instinctive: the one that is ill until he gets well, or the one that is away until he gets home. At any particular time the one she loves the most is the one who needs her love the most.

Like the father of the Prodigal Son, the one that's in trouble is the one she loves best.

All our lives she has been our companion and our counselor. If your mother is still living, be mindful while you have her. She loves you as ever, neglectful though you may be.

If she is still on earth, keep in touch with her more regularly. If she has passed to her reward, that was the only thing she ever did that caused you to suffer.

Whether she is with you or whether she has passed on, honor her in the best way possible, by imitating her example.

### Two "Fantastics"

The First Congressional District has again been enlarged by the General Assembly. With the addition of Carteret and Greene, Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville now represents 21 of the 100 Tar Heel counties.

Before the ink dried on the bill ratified by Speaker Phil Godwin of Gates, another favorite son of our neighbor to the north dubbed the district the "Fantastic First." As usual, Secretary of State Thad Eure had the statistics to back up his claim.

Rep. Jones now represents one-fifth of the counties with a total area of 12,244 square miles. Nine of the United States have total areas less than

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Murray Goodwin

## Goodwin Hired

Murray Goodwin, a native of Chowan County, and an employee of the extension service in Tyrrell County for the past 17 years, has joined the staff in Chowan as county agricultural agent.

He will begin work on June 1. The position as agricultural agent has been open for several months after Harry Venters began work in Craven County.

Goodwin is a graduate of N. C. State University, a bachelor, and will reside in Edenton.



**Fisherman-Farmer**—One of North Carolina's fisherman-farmers, Lloyd Peele, gets ready to unload another boat of herring.