

# making of a candidate

By L. F. AMBURN, JR.

Hugh M. Morton of Wilmington and Linville is a super salesman of North Carolina who is huckstering for himself. He is traveling throughout the state testing the political waters as a potential "dark horse" candidate for Democratic nomination for governor in 1972.

Hugh M. Morton, vowing in earnest a desire to "put North Carolina back together again," hoisted his campaign flag Tuesday — his 69th stop on his way to touch bases in the state's 100 counties. Hugh M. Morton, legal pad and pen

Democrats who represent a cross section of party philosophy in Chowan what they would like included in the next governor's platform. He says, always carefully pre-facing his comments with "My" phrase, when his tour of the state is complete he will have a "people's platform" the like of which has never been developed in political annals.

Hugh M. Morton's eyes brighten, his smile widens when he reports, after a sip of iced tea, that he has heard nor seen nothing in visits to 68 counties previously which would deter him from seeking the nomination in May, 1972.

Hugh M. Morton is frank to admit that now he is a real underdog. By Christmas he could be third. By May he could be second. In a second primary he could be nominated. And in November, 1972, he could lick the Republican opposition. All, of course, through "hard work and good luck."

Hugh M. Morton is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina in May, 1972. The visits to the remaining 31 Tar Heel counties and the results of a statewide poll by a national concern won't supply adverse feelings in sufficient quantities to keep him out of the race.

Apologetic for a five-minute late arrival to Edenton Restaurant, the soon-to-be candidate explained his helicopter was completely socked-in at Ahoskie earlier in the day. This left Richard D. Dixon, a friend who served on the USS North Carolina Battleship Commission with Morton and George W. Lewis, waiting at Edenton Municipal Airport for a helicopter that didn't come until time to transport its prize passenger from Edenton to neighboring Perquimans County.

Escorted by Wayland Sermons of Washington, a man of political note in his own right, Morton touched a local note by reporting that a roommate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill had been Dr. J. W. Davis, Jr., of Edenton, now practicing in New Bern. He was quick to get a political jab into the leftwingers by saying former Gov. Terry Sanford allegedly roomed with everyone in North Carolina. "I only roomed with two men, and one of them was 'Sonny' Davis," he said

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## Regional Meeting

The Mid-Atlantic Regional meeting of the Children of the American Revolution will be held in Edenton Friday and Saturday. The Penelope Barker Society, C.A.R., will be host with the N. C. State Society.

About 100 members are expected from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

National and regional officers will include Jane Elizabeth Hardy of Stratford, Conn., national president; Mrs. Robert Hudgins of Charlotte, senior national president; Joe Mathias of Lynchburg, Va., regional president; and Mrs. J. Marion Bailey of South Charleston, W. Va., senior regional president.

Mrs. R. Jack Grant of Statesville, president, will head the state delegation.

Activities Friday will include a swim party at 4 P. M., at the Eden Motel and a Coke party at 9 P. M., at the home of Betty B. Dixon.

Saturday's activities will be at the Chowan Golf and Country Club beginning with a business session at 9 A. M., followed by a luncheon at 12:30.

In the afternoon the group will tour Historic Edenton and take waterfront boat tours.

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## Car Divided By Tree; Counts Filed

A two-car accident on Paradise Road Sunday afternoon made a basket case out of a 1965 Ford Mustang and resulted in three charges being lodged against the driver of the second vehicle. Damage was estimated at \$1,700.

The Mustang was being operated by Willie Joe Cecil Leary, 27-year-old Negro, of Edenton. Leary was pinned underneath the back section of the car after it struck a tree and was sliced into two pieces. He is a patient at Chowan Hospital.

James Sharpe, 28-year-old Negro, also of Edenton, was identified as the driver of a 1967 Chevrolet involved in the 2:30 P. M., mishap, just north of Edenton town limits.

State Trooper R. H. Allen has charged Sharpe with hit and run driving, making a false report of a stolen vehicle, and driving after his license had been revoked.

The trooper stated that both vehicles were headed north on Paradise Road when the Sharpe car struck the Mustang in the rear. The Mustang went



Hugh M. Morton

## Feeder Pig Sale Rule Is Relaxed

RALEIGH — Beginning on August 1, feeder pigs sold in North Carolina were no longer required to be vaccinated with Hog Cholera Anti-serum at sales. They must continue to be tagged for identification and be inspected by a veterinarian at the market.

The vaccination has cost 85 cents per pig to be administered. This fee will no longer be required, but the amount has been lowered to 10 cents per head by most markets in the state to cover the cost, mainly labor, of the continued tagging and record keeping which will be required by state and federal regulations.

The 10-cent fee was agreed on by representatives of most markets in the state in a meeting with John Parker, livestock marketing specialist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture and Dr. David Spruill, N. C. State University Extension Animal Husbandry Specialist.

"This will represent quite a savings for feeder pig producers," said Parker. "The price of pigs has been so low recently that the 75-cent savings just may represent his profit."

The markets who have agreed to the 10-cent charge are Rocky Mount, Dunn, Wallace, Chadbourne, Norwood, Fayetteville, Rich Square, Statesville, Hillsborough, Greensboro and Asheville.

## Board Meet Nil

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education went through a lengthy no official action session Monday night. They lacked a quorum.

The regular monthly session began at 8 P. M., in the conference room on the third floor of the County Office Building. Chairman Eugene Jordan, Morris Small and Mrs. Emily G. Amburn were the only members who answered the roll call.

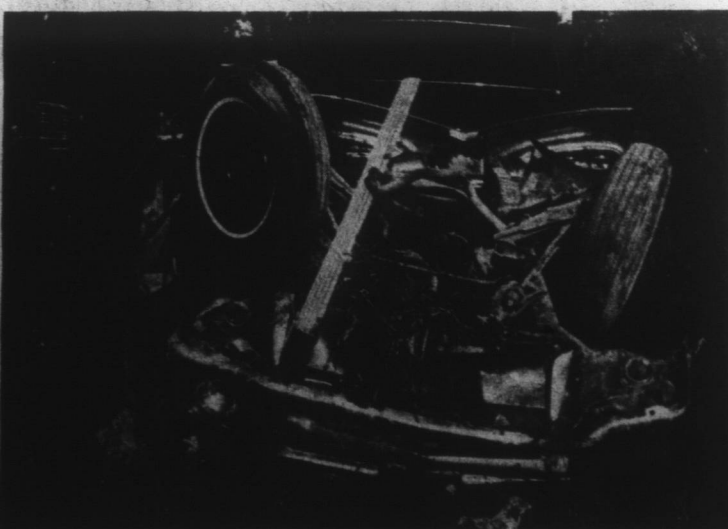
The members spent more than two hours discussing important school business but no action could be taken because of the lack of a quorum. (Four members of a seven-member board).

out of control and struck a tree. The Sharpe car then continued until it stalled, according to the investigation.

Sharpe allegedly telephoned Edenton Police Department to report that his car had been stolen.



Part One



Part Two

## Public Parade

### Volunteer Service

Recognition for volunteer service is not always forthcoming. But were it not for volunteers throughout the community, some of the services of public agencies and organizations along the Public Parade would go wanting.

The volunteer services offered Chowan Hospital by the Hospital Auxiliary have saved the community untold thousands of dollars over the years. All the volunteer work, however, hasn't been annealed throughout the auxiliary.

We have just learned of Mrs. Alwin's contribution to the renovation program now underway at the hospital's unit B (the old hospital) where care is provided for extended term patients.

Mrs. Schie, a resident of Arrowhead, wanted to contribute to the community. She volunteered her sewing talent to the hospital. During the past couple of months she has stitched up drapes for the extended care unit. And they add greatly to the overall renovation project.

The community should be grateful to the Mrs. Schies in the area. You might say they are the desert of the community.

### Former Mayor Living In Past

Elsewhere in today's newspaper is a letter to Edenton's municipal officials from former mayor Leroy H. Haskett. Mr. Haskett made a copy of the letter available to The Chowan Herald.

It is difficult for us to believe that a former chief executive of the Town of Edenton could be so misinformed on some things and so status quo in his thinking on others. In the past we have had the impression that Mr. Haskett was a progressive, rather than a retrogressive. His letter has caused us to re-read our thinking.

Writing about sidewalk construction in the downtown area, he states no mention was made about labor which will equal the cost of materials. It was explained at Town Council meeting last month that the only labor not included was for tearing up existing sidewalks. This won't be much of a chore since the sidewalks are in such a deteriorated state. Also, the work can be done by street department personnel who are employed year around.

No, Edenton doesn't have a Rockefeller or the like. Thank goodness for it! What we do have is a majority of citizens willing to roll up their sleeves and go to work rather than stick their head in the sand. We have ingenuity and imagination. With the aid of a Rockefeller or the like Edenton could be turned into a town as stereotyped as Williamsburg, and God forbid it to happen.

The former mayor isn't at all familiar with public housing. All it has cost the Town of Edenton in more than three years of development is the paper it took to write a resolution establishing Edenton Housing Authority. When sites were selected the local authority took particular care in picking ones where water and sewer was available or in the planning stage.

Property owned by the housing authority is exempt from taxes. However, the authority makes a payment to the municipality in lieu of taxes to cover the cost of essential services, such as police and fire protection and garbage collection.

Also, the local authority argued with federal officials in Atlanta for eight months before gaining approval of a total electric project in order that the town could profit from the sale of electricity. What the town is getting at absolutely no cost is 100 units of public housing at a cost of nearly \$2-million and the electric business which will be

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## Rain, Rain, Etc.

It didn't rain Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. That almost set a record for July when Chowan County experienced more successive rainy days than in the memory of many citizens.

One of the heaviest rains to fall on Chowan County dumped 2.11 inches of water on Edenton in a 30-minute period last Wednesday, according to J. H. Conger, Sr., local weather observer. There was considerable flooding but little damage reported.

Conger also measured water on July 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 27, 29, 30 and 31.

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## State Asks Refund

# County Is Overpaid

An error in reporting salaries for reimbursement has resulted in an overpayment in excess of \$12,500 in state and federal funds to Chowan County. The Department of Social Services has been notified to repay the money.

Chowan County commissioners discussed the problem at length Monday morning with Social Services Director Robert Hendrix. Later they approved a repayment plan offered by Mrs. Pansy A. Elliott, county accountant, which

would spread over the next 24 months. Hendrix said the excess reimbursement began in February, 1970, when forms for reporting salaries changed. He explained that when the reimbursement was approved in Raleigh he assumed the reporting was accurate.

Commissioner N. J. George called it an "honest error" which hadn't cost the county money. Other commissioners agreed after Hendrix and Mrs. Elliott assured them that employees in the department had not received salaries over and above what was budgeted.

## Holidays Set

Official holidays for Chowan County employees were established Monday by county commissioners.

During the 1971-72 fiscal year the following holidays will be observed:

July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, two days at Christmas, New Year's Day, and Easter Monday. Employees will be granted two days of petty leave to be supervised by the department heads.

Stricken from the list of county employee holidays was Veterans Day and Confederate Memorial Day.

Mrs. Elliott said the reimbursement had built up a surplus in the department which now exceeds \$17,000. She said some of the surplus was budgeted for fiscal 1971-72.

She then proposed that the county repay the over reimbursement to the state at the rate of \$500 per month. This way, she explained, it would not be necessary to amend the budget at this time.

Hendrix said there was sufficient money in the 1970-71 budget to repay the money. "Now it will be more difficult since we have gone into another

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Samuel Johnston's Grave—The fence around the cemetery at Hayes Plantation frames the grave of Samuel Johnston, North Carolina's first U. S. Senator who built Hayes in Edenton.

## Samuel Johnston: Famous Chowanian

By H. G. JONES, Director N. C. Dept. Archives and History

RALEIGH (AP) — Samuel Johnston, first trustee of the University of North Carolina, the state's first United States senator and its governor from 1787 to 1789, was elected president of the Continental Congress in 1781. But his fellow delegates were informed the following day that he declined to serve.

He was the subject of recent attention in the nationally syndicated newspaper feature "Ripley's Believe it or Not," because of his supposedly short tenure as president of the congress.

Johnston was born in Dundee, Scotland, but moved as a child with his family to "Onslow Province," North Carolina. His older brother, Gabriel, had preceded the family to this country and served as governor of the colony from 1734 to 1752.

Johnston's political career began in

1759 with election to the General Assembly. Other highlights of his record prior to the Continental Congress included service as clerk of court in the Edenton district, deputy naval officer of the province, delegate to the first four provincial congresses (he was president of the third and fourth), and senator in the General Assembly.

Johnston is also noted for his role in the government's reaction to the Regulator movement, a series of violent pre-revolutionary protests by some Piedmont citizens against the eastern-dominated government. When the Regulators in 1770 broke up the court in Hillsborough, Johnston led a group in the assembly in enacting sweeping legislation to remove many of the causes of discontent. But he also introduced a bill which came to be known as the "Bloody Act," under which Gov. Tryon suppressed the uprising by force. It gave the accused Regulator leaders 60 days to surrender and stand trial or else be considered guilty, declared outlaws and shot on sight.

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## New Kindergarten

A fourth kindergarten will operate in Edenton-Chowan Schools during the coming school term. Edenton-Chowan Board of Education has decided to have a pay kindergarten for five-year-olds.

Interested parents should call 482-4436 and leave their name and address. A planning meeting is scheduled next week at which time schedules and costs will be discussed and determined.

ESEA holds kindergartens at White Oak and Walker schools. EIC will have a Headstart program for five-year-olds at Walker School.