

our best bet - mitchener, godwin, taylor, hunt

An Endorsement

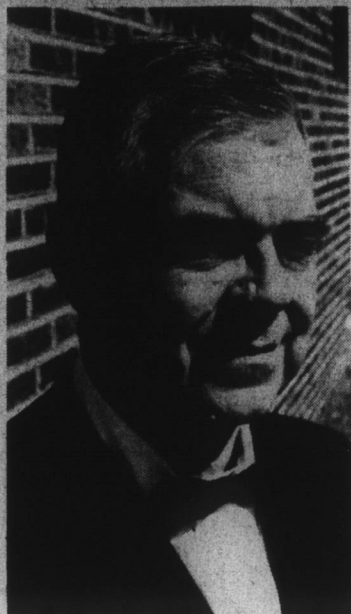
By L. F. Amburn, Jr.

"We have lost the voice we need to get things done in the Albemarle," said House Speaker Phil Godwin of Gates in a Monday speech in Elizabeth City. We agree!

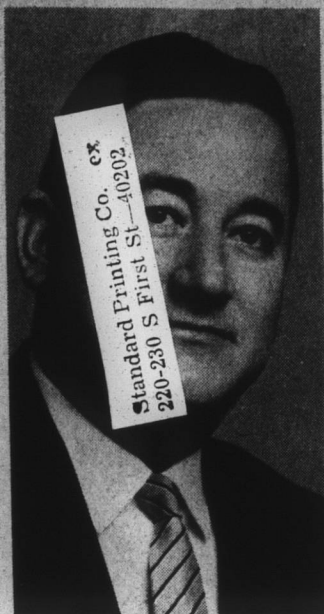
Speaker Godwin, who shares the stage with Secretary of State Thad Eure as being Northeastern North Carolina's most influential voice in Raleigh since Gov. Ehringhaus, later said:

"It is now more important than ever before that people in the Albemarle work together and plan ahead regarding the things we need from state government." Again, we agree!

What he didn't say outright is that the choice Albemarle voters make Saturday will determine whether or not our voice continues to be that of one crying from wilderness. By working together, by voting with reason, by impressing upon the candidates our seriousness about finding solutions to problems, we can experience progress on par with other sections of the state, while maintaining the rich heritage and beauty which makes this the best region in Tar Heelia.



John A. Mitchener, Jr.



Philip P. Godwin



Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor



James Hunt

Since this is election year the time is right to get something done about the neglected minority known as the Albemarle. On Saturday the voters along the Public Parade and throughout the state will go to the polls to

nominate a new state administration, to nominate district representatives to the General Assembly, all of who, collectively, can perform corrective surgery and restore the area to its just plateau. Two of the strongest voices we could

have in the General Assembly are in John A. Mitchener, Jr., of Edenton, a candidate in the First House District; and Speaker Godwin, who is seeking election in the First Senatorial District. And up in the sinful seat of govern-

ment, the two men most attuned to the Albemarle are Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, a candidate for governor and James Hunt of Wilson, a candidate for lieutenant governor.

John Mitchener and Phil Godwin can turn Pat Taylor and Jim Hunt on and a Taylor-Hunt administration would tune in on the Albemarle more than any other combination of candidates seeking their respective offices.

We may be motivated by selfish regionalism; nevertheless, we earnestly believe that what is good for the Albemarle is good for North Carolina. Therefore, The Chowan Herald endorses the candidacy of these four men in the Democratic Primary on Saturday.

Why?

Well, John Mitchener has compiled an enviable record of public service in local government, area planning and development, business, and as head of the N. C. League of Municipalities. He is the only candidate of four seeking two House seats who has published position statements in such important areas as beautification, housing, area development, regional communications, improved sports and commercial fishing and

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Public Parade

Election Extra Is Coming

It has now been four years since the first extra edition of The Chowan Herald appeared. It was in the form of a Sunday morning Election Extra which gave those meandering along the Public Parade the results of the primary.

Now it is time for a repeat performance. Not that we like to work all night, but being located in the section of North Carolina where first edition Sunday newspapers are distributed, the complete election story isn't available until several days following the balloting.

To our knowledge The Chowan Herald was the first weekly newspaper in Tar Heelia to provide such information to its readers on Sunday morning. The advertisers said Monday business demonstrated that our efforts were appreciated.

The Election Extra will roll off the press early Sunday morning and be distributed to every home in Edenton shortly thereafter. Boxholders throughout Chowan County will receive their copies through the mail Monday morning. So, by noon Monday we will have an informed public.

There are 4,699 registered voters in Chowan County and we encourage all of them to exercise one of their few basic rights remaining—that of casting a ballot for a candidate of their choice. And with our extra edition they won't have to wait long to find out how many folks agreed with them.

A Second Chance

Registered voters in the Town of Edenton will have the opportunity Saturday to restructure municipal government by merging the Board of Public Works with the Town Council. This is a progressive move which is long overdue.

There are many reasons why this newspaper supports the one elected board concept. Contrary to what has been said, none of them are personal.

It is just good, sound business for a town of 5,000 population to be operated by a single elected board.

First, with a mayor, six councilmen and five members of the Board of Public Works, you are spreading the talent too thin. It is becoming more and more difficult to get the best talent along the Public Parade to seek public office. With one elected board you would, therefore, concentrate available talent on Town Council and strengthen municipal government.

Secondly, the Edenton Town Charter allows for an awkward and somewhat dangerous municipal structure. The Board of Public Works can set rates and salaries in the operation of the electric and water department. The Town Council must come up with revenue for operating Edenton. Council's hands would be tied, therefore, if at some time the rates were lowered and the salaries increased to the point of bankrupting the town.

Also, such a dual board structure confuses the citizens. They often go to the wrong people about a problem or seeking service. They must then make a

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Wesley B. Cullipher

Cullipher Enters National Contest

By Patricia M. Arnold

Wesley B. Cullipher, executive director of the Albemarle Regional Planning Development Commission, has been nominated by the Employment Security Commission in Edenton for the Commander's Trophy Award for the Outstanding Disabled Veteran of 1972.

The award is sponsored by the Disabled Veterans Administration and is on the national level.

Cullipher is a 1941 graduate of Elizabeth City High School and worked with the Norfolk Naval Air Station until he joined the Army in 1943.

In 1945, while stationed in Germany during World War II, he received a scrapnel injury of the spine.

He was treated in a Paris, France hospital and then transferred to Old Contemnt Hospital in New York City. After his treatment there he was sent to Lawson General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., only to be transferred to the Paraplegic Center of McGuire Hospital in

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Jaycees Are Cited

The Edenton Jaycees held their 25th annual installation banquet on Thursday night and presented outstanding members with club awards. Guest speaker for the occasion was Jim Ollis, vice president, Jaycees International.

Woody Copeland was installed as club president.

Mac Privott, 1972 president of the club, made presentations of plaques for appreciation to several organizations for their efforts in promoting the Edenton Jaycees.

Receiving club awards were: Key-Man Award to Milton Stille; Spoke of the Year Award to Jimmy White, and Spark Plug of the Year to Wayne Ashley.

Receiving plaques were Edenton Town Council, Chowan County Commissioners, The Virginian Pilot, The Daily Advance, WCDJ Radio Station, Chamber of Commerce and The Chowan Herald.

Others receiving awards were Melvin Copeland, Wayne Sawyer, Roy Forehand, Carroll Forehand and Jim Blount, one year Spark Plug Awards; Bill Hamilton, Thomas Peele, Woody Copeland and Henry Overton, second year Spark

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Heavy Vote Anticipated For Primary

The 1972 primary election, which includes two state bond referendums and a special Town of Edenton vote on the question of abolishing the Board of Public Works, will be held Saturday. Polls will open at 6:30 A. M., and close at 7:30 P. M.

In two of Chowan County's six precincts voters will cast their ballots at new locations. In Wardville the voting will be done at Wardville Community Building on Highway 32 and in Rocky Hock at the new Edenton-Chowan Rescue Building near Earl Smith's Store.

Other polling places are: East Edenton, Chowan County Courthouse; West Edenton, Municipal Building; Center Hill, Community Center; and Yeopim, Airport Administration Building.

There are 4,699 registered voters in the county—4,346 are Democrats and 315 are Republicans with the balance being either American Party, Independents or those with no party affiliation.

Election buffs predict a record vote because of the number of candidates and issues in this election. Also, since there are so many ballots and the extra hour of voting it is expected to be into the early hours Sunday before the final unofficial returns are tabulated.

The Chowan Herald, as four years ago, will published an Election Extra on Sunday morning. It will be distributed

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Mitchener Would Support Groups

John A. Mitchener, Jr., a candidate for one of the two seats in the First House District, has pledged, if elected, to donate his salary as a representative in the General Assembly to three area groups.

In a statement today, Mitchener said he would contribute one-half of his salary to the College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City and one-fourth to each the Albemarle Firemen's Association and Albemarle Law & Order Association. He said he had expressed his desire to tangibly support these groups in

letters to their respective presidents—Dr. Bruce Petteway of Elizabeth City, Dennis Swain of Columbia, and R. L. Spivey of Hertford.

"I am well aware of the tremendous job these and many other organizations are doing in Northeastern North Carolina," he said. "Most of the people involved in these groups are either volunteers or who work without adequate compensation for the fine contribution they make to an improved life for all our citizens."



Housing Fair Opened—Doris Smith, "Miss Ahsokie," is shown here discussing the Albemarle Housing Fair with George W. Lewis of Edenton, left, fair chairman, and Rufus L. Edmisten of Washington, D. C., a staff director for U. S. Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. Edmisten made brief remarks Friday morning before the three-day exposition opened at 10 A. M.

5,000 Attend Area Housing Fair

The Albemarle Area Housing Fair last weekend was called an excellent example of local, state and federal participation in an education project of tremendous benefit to the general public.

"You are doing here what has made America great," said Rufus L. Edmisten of Washington, D. C., chief counsel and staff director of the U. S. Senate Subcommittee on Separation of Powers, Fri-

day morning.

This week Pete Thompson, county extension chairman, said an estimated 5,000 people from throughout Northeastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia visited the fair before it closed at 6 P. M., Sunday. Commercial exhibitors were well pleased with the attendance, according to Thompson.

Also, Thompson said the visitors were impressed with the helpfulness of exhibitors.

George W. Lewis, general fair chairman, called the fair "real successful" and thanked the scores of people who made it so.

The fair was sponsored by Albemarle Area Development Association, Agricultural Extension Service; and Bertie and Hertford counties.

Edmisten said he brought greetings from Sen. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., who has two Edentonians on his staff—Robert Smith and Bill Goodwin. Goodwin accompanied Edmisten on the trip.

The speaker said it is healthy to have organizations and agencies such as the Albemarle Area Development Associa-

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Hertford Says 'Thank You'—Perquimans County joined the Town of Hertford in hosting a banquet at Holiday Island Clubhouse Friday night to say "Thank You" to scores of people who assisted in obtaining a \$211,000 federal grant to improve the town's water system. Lester Simpson, left, commission chairman, and Mayor Bill Cox, right, are shown with James Campagna of Atlanta, Ga., Economic Development Administration planner, and Tom Brown, Perquimans Development specialist. Among those in attendance was Rep. and Mrs. Walter B. Jones. In the other picture Mrs. Brown is amused at one of the congressman's political stories.

