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Record Vote Predicted On Tuesday

Tuesday is election day across North Carolina. In Chowan County voters will cast their vote for or against five constitutional amendments and two bond issues. Voters in the Town of Edenton will elect a mayor, three councilmen, a treasurer and vote on a charter change which affects the election of councilmen.

Between the state issues and the "local" ticket, the town could set a new record for the number of votes cast.

There are 5,039 registered voters in Chowan County of which 2,419 are eligible to vote in the municipal election, according to Mrs. Corine F. Thorud.

The deadline for applying for absentee ballots for Wednesday and those out must be returned by 5 P.M. Monday. However, if a person becomes ill after Wednesday there are provisions

whereby they may vote by applying or having a near relative apply for them and having a physician's signature.

The polls open at 6:30 A.M. Tuesday and close at 6:30 P.M. Voting in Chowan County is by machines.

The largest number of voters to cast ballots in a municipal election was in May, 1969 when 72.19 per cent of those registered went to the polls in East Edenton and 76.46 per cent cast ballots in West Edenton.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell and Councilmen Allen L. Hornthal have engaged in a spirited campaign for Mayor of Edenton. Two other contests are on the ballot: Incumbent James C. (Pete) Dail is being challenged for his at-large seat by Gil Burroughs; and Incumbent W. Errol Flynn is opposed in the Third Ward by James P. Ricks, Jr., who is a former

member of the defunct Board of Public Works.

Councilman Harry A. Spruill, Jr., is running unopposed in the Fourth Ward. Treasurer Allen B. Harless also has no opposition.

The charter question regards the method of electing four councilmen. If approved, only those residents residing in a particular ward would vote on councilmen from that ward. There would continue to be two at-large councilmen.

The state ballot has bond issues for highways as well as clean

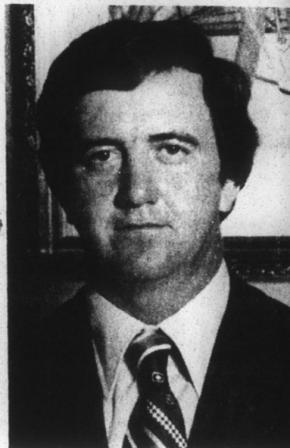
water. The highway bonds are for \$300,000,000 while the clean water issue is for \$230,000,000.

The constitutional amendments range from allowing a married man to claim a homestead exemption, etc., to allowing the governor and lieutenant governor to succeed themselves in office. Of particular importance in this area is the amendment which would allow municipal electric cities to own a portion of an electric generating system.

Sample ballots for the election can be found on Page 6-B.



Allen B. Harless



Harry A. Spruill, Jr.



SHERIFF TOPPIN HONORED—Sheriff Troy E. Toppin received statewide recognition last Saturday night when he was presented the award of Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of North Carolina for 1977 by the N.C. Department of the American Legion during a conference in Asheville. In the photo above, Sheriff Toppin displays the plaque which will join another similar award presented to him in 1976 for Chowan County by American Legion Post 40.

Sheriff Toppin Awarded

The N.C. Department of the American Legion, during its Fall Conference held in Asheville October 28-30, honored Chowan County Sheriff Troy E. Toppin with its award of Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of North

Carolina for 1977. The presentation was made Saturday night.

Sheriff Toppin's nomination for the award was placed by Post 40 on May 13 in a letter from then Commander E.C. Toppin and Adjutant George Stokes. It read in part:

"As a law enforcement officer for 22 years, sheriff for the past nine, he has demonstrated by example and cause what law enforcement should and can do for the citizenry. Post 40 and the citizens of Chowan County are extremely proud to be in the position to nominate Sheriff Toppin, not because he has been physically wounded or worse in the line of duty but because of his dedication to his profession and the citizens of Chowan County."

In 1976 Sheriff Toppin received a similar honor in being named Chowan County Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer. In addition the Chowan County 4-H Club presented him a Service and Support Appreciation Award. Chowan County commissioners

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Public Parade

Fame Spreads

The fact that Sheriff Troy Toppin is a "top drawer" law enforcement officer and humanitarian along the Public Parade is not news. The fact that his fame has spread throughout Tar Heelia also not news to us, but will be to some of our readers.

Sheriff Toppin was named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by the N.C. Department, American Legion, at a conference in Asheville last weekend. Therefore, his fame has spread from the 10-county Albemarle Area clean across the remaining 90 counties of the state.

It couldn't happen to a better man! In our opinion, all rookie law enforcement officers should be required to serve an internship with the likes of Troy Toppin. They would, in our opinion, become better officers.

Sheriff Toppin is understanding, compassionate, and dedicated to the proposition that law enforcement carries a responsibility greater than the power of arrest. He would rather have one convert than a million in jail.

Too often we take the likes of Sheriff Toppin for granted. We do not have the capacity to recognize the sterling qualities he possesses.

Sheriff Toppin is a graduate of the school of hard knocks. If he had better credentials we, nor apparently the N.C. Department of American Legion, couldn't stand him. He's something!

Election, 1977

Tuesday is election day along the Public Parade and throughout North Carolina. There are good people running for office and good questions facing the voters. There are some in each category better than others.

In some areas we feel there is adequate cause for a change. In others we subscribe to the saying "if it ain't broke, don't fix it."

But before we get into that, let us urge you to go to the polls Tuesday and exercise one of your basic rights, that of voting your convictions. We may not agree with your conclusions but we won't argue with your right to express

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GRANT PRESENTED—A federal grant to fund an alternative school program in Edenton-Chowan Schools was officially presented here Tuesday. Pictured here are, from left, Chief W.C. Owens of Elizabeth City, senior member of the Governor's Crime Commission and chairman of Albemarle Law & Order Association; C.A. Phillips, chairman, Chowan County commissioners; Gordon Smith, director, Division of Crime Control, Department of Crime Control and Public Safety; and Supt. John Dunn. Chowan County contributed \$5,000 toward the \$100,000 program.

White Takes Authority Post

Bruce N. White, 109 Morris Circle, has been named executive director of Edenton Housing Authority. He will succeed L.F. Amburn, Jr., on November 15.

White's selection from among six applicants came Monday night during a special meeting of the five-member board, headed by A.C. Hudson.

Amburn, who has held the post for 10 years, resigned September 1.

Amburn was named to the local agency in October, 1967, by former

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr. He first served as temporary secretary and later was named the first executive director.

The housing authority operates 100 units of low-rent public housing which is located on four sites in Edenton.

Water Withdrawal Opposed

PINE KNOLL SHORES — The Coastal Resources Commission lined up behind friends of the Chowan River here Thursday morning is supporting a resolution to oppose any proposal which would allow withdrawal of water from the river for the benefit of Virginia cities.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., is expected to send a strong letter of opposition to four alternatives being considered by the U.S. Corps of Engineers at a Roanoke Rapids hearing late this month. This is in line with prior positions taken by water quality people at the state level.

W.B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator, and L.F. Amburn, Jr., the Chowan County representative on the CR Advisory Council, brought the matter to the commission here.

Gardner said the algae blooms in the Chowan have been partially blamed on the slow flow of the river, which fails to create a flushing effect. "To take any quantity of water out would certainly lessen this flow and could create further problems," he said.

Amburn told a CRC committee earlier that the Chowan alternatives, which number three, are popular because they are the least expensive. "While they may appear to be less expensive for our Virginia neighbors they could prove disastrous for those who either earn their living or enjoy recreation in the Chowan River," he said.

The Roanoke River is also involved in one of the alternatives. This has drawn fire from Roanoke Rapids Mayor William Massey. Instead of

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Bloodmobile Monday At Edenton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
12:00 Noon Til 6:00 P. M. Quota 175 Pints.