

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

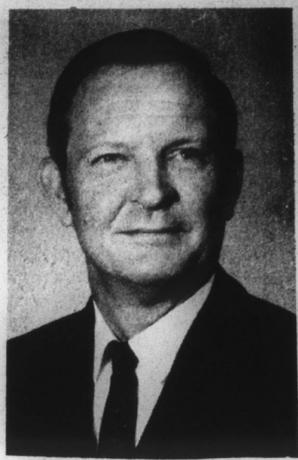
	E. Edenton	W. Edenton	Ab.	Total
For Mayor				
Roy L. Harrell.....	541	332	17	890
Allen L. Hornthal.....	229	342	19	590
For Treasurer				
A. B. Harless, Jr.....	455	530	37	1022
For Councilman-at-Large				
Gil Burroughs	410	316	20	746
James C. Dail.....	308	338	17	663
For Councilman, Third Ward				
Errol Flynn	261	224	18	503
J. P. Ricks, Jr.....	416	419	18	853
For Councilman, Fourth Ward				
Harry Spruill, Jr.....	482	477	36	995
Ward Voting				
Yes	426	239	18	683
No	221	369	19	609



Roy L. Harrell



Gil Burroughs



James P. Ricks, Jr.

Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.

Voters in the Town of Edenton have re-elected their mayor who carried a politically unknown into office with him; unseated an incumbent by electing a highly knowledgeable person in utilities; and changed the system of electing four councilmen.

We opposed three of the four candidates and - or issue approved but will be among the first to congratulate and compliment those who applied the muscle to get elected and get their issue approved.

It is called the decision process. But will the Town of Edenton benefit from decisions of the majority Tuesday's election? We doubt.

The voters decided to have town revert to the "ward system" of electing four of the six councilmen. The town will be strongly pressed to align the ward boundaries along lines of the "One man, one vote" doctrine which could prove disastrous to those who felt it would be beneficial.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell hung his shingle on the "ward voting" question, and won. If it backfires, he must absorb the blame.

If councilmen are elected via wards, then they must insist that the mayor be elected from the council, and not at-large. To do otherwise would be double-standard which we are confident Mayor Harrell would oppose. You just can't have your cake and eat it too.

Tuesday's vote is now a matter of history. What develops as a result of it will be a matter of current events which we will report objectively, but comment on here as we see fit.

Four years ago we pledged our support for positive programs by a mayor we did not endorse, but who was elected. Today we can do no less and our critics can expect no more.

Triple Decker

A treat is in store for those along the Public Parade who go out to Holmes Auditorium tonight (Thursday). The Cultural Arts Department has put together a triple decker program which offers something for everyone, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The art classes will display examples of their talent; the drama classes will present selections from a popular play; and the music classes will entertain in the form of the Concert Choir.

In the past various sections of the Cultural Arts Department have exposed their talent individually. When you put them all together it is bound to be a hit and you won't want to miss it.

Ducks In Packs?

It is difficult to determine which can be more unpleasant, a Wolfpack Club member who is a duck hunter or one who talks duckanese and has tickets to sell. We don't know in which category to put Charles Creighton but he managed to play both roles at lunch Tuesday.

We are at a loss as to what James Boswell did to deserve simultaneous meetings of athletic supporters of the West Raleigh Branch of the Greater University of North Carolina and the Albemarle Chapter, Ducks Unlimited. But he should have known better than to place them back to back.

It would be a good assumption that "good time" Charlie made the arrangements so he could play the role of participating in both.

It is not known what he contributed to the meeting of Chowan

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Retail Sales Rank Third

Chowan County ranked third in the Albemarle Area in gross retail sales in August, according to a report released by the N.C. Department of Revenue. Sales here were placed at \$4,481,082, just above Washington County's \$4,215,424.

Gross sales in Dare County during the month led the 10-county area with a total of \$12,767,106. In

Pasquotank County the total was \$11,134,313.

Other area county totals included:

Camden, \$781,230; Currituck, \$3,584,370; Gates, \$1,274,333; Hyde, \$1,315,043; Perquimans, \$2,214,568; and Tyrrell, \$894,558.

Gross retail sales in North Carolina for August amounted to nearly \$2.3-billion.

Harrell Re-Elected; Voters Pass Ward Issue

Mayor Roy L. Harrell easily won re-election Tuesday as Gil Burroughs unseated veteran James C. (Pete) Dail in a councilman-at-large race and James P. Ricks, Jr., defeated Errol Flynn, incumbent in the Third Ward.

Voters also approved a charter change which will return the town

to ward voting for four of the six councilmen. This was heavily promoted by Mayor Harrell and Burroughs.

Mrs. Joseph M. Thorud, supervisor of elections, said complete but unofficial returns showed 1,500 voters cast ballots in the municipal election. This was 62 per cent of the registered voters,

down more than 2 per cent from the tally in 1973 when Mayor Harrell defeated incumbent George Alma Byrum.

County-wide, 427 more votes were cast giving a total vote of 1,927 or 38.24 per cent of the registered voters.

Chowan County voters, with heavy margins in the town boxes,

favored two bond issues and five constitutional amendments. The issues passed state-wide.

Mayor Harrell polled fewer votes in his stronghold, East Edenton, than he did against Byrum, but for the second consecutive time with opposition he closed the gap in West Edenton. The difference between Mayor Harrell and Dr. Hornthal in West Edenton was 10 votes, but the incumbent ran away with the vote on the east side.

The mayor received 890 votes as against 590 for the Second Ward councilman.

In the ward voting referendum voters in West Edenton did not follow Harrell's lead, defeating the question 369 to 239. But in East Edenton the issue was favored 426 to 221 and coupled with absentee votes it passed 683 to 609.

Burroughs was given a hefty margin in East Edenton in his bid to upset Dail, who is mayor pro tem. Dail carved out a slight edge in West Edenton, with the final tally being 746 for Burroughs and

663 for the incumbent.

Ricks, a former member of the defunct Board of Public Works, enjoyed a big majority in both boxes to unseat Flynn, who is completing his first four-year term. The final vote was 853 for Ricks and 503 for Flynn.

A. B. Harless, Jr., ran unopposed for treasurer and received 1,022 votes. Harry Spruill, Jr., was unopposed for re-election in the Fourth Ward and polled 995 votes.

Chowan County voters cast ballots as follows on the state ticket:

\$300-million highway bonds: For, 961; Against, 498.

\$230-million clean water bonds: For, 1,263; Against, 231.

Amendment No. 1: For, 1,277; Against, 124.

Amendment No. 2: For, 1,279; Against, 114.

Amendment No. 3: For, 904; Against, 519.

Amendment No. 4: For, 1,084; Against, 268.

Amendment No. 5: For, 1,146; Against, 198.

Position On River Declared

Joining other area governmental units, Chowan County commissioners have expressed strong opposition to the withdrawal of water from the Chowan River to aid Virginia municipalities.

A resolution citing the critical condition of the river at this point

Yield Falling

The peanut yield is falling and soybeans are endangered by recent rains and unseasonably warm weather, according to Pete Thompson, county extension chairman.

Thompson said soybeans will rot and sprout unless the area experiences cool, low humidity weather with drying winds. "Early varieties have already been damaged," he told Chowan County commissioners.

The chairman said less than 1 per cent of the soybeans in Chowan County have been harvested. Local farmers, who experienced a bad corn crop had banked on soybeans.

H.O. West, executive director, ASCS, said with 73 per cent of the farms reporting, the peanut yield is 3,006 pounds per acre. The average yield last year was 2,896.

West said 14,231,695 pounds had been reported from 4733.7 acres.

was unanimously adopted at a meeting Monday and will become part of the record at a November 21 public hearing of the U. S. Corps of Engineers in Roanoke Rapids.

The alternative water sources being considered by the engineers are also opposed by Jim Hunt and state agencies, as well as the Coastal Resources Commission.

During the meeting the board also discussed a problem being experienced by United Piece Dye Works. Water is drawn from the river by the industry and when the tide is low sufficient amounts of suitable water cannot be obtained.

The commissioners said at the present they see no way the county can assist the industry but pledged to give full cooperation.

Chairman C. A. Phillips said the

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Night For Arts

On Thursday night (tonight) the divisions of the Cultural Arts Department of John A. Holmes will join together for a presentation for the public beginning at 7:30 P.M. in the Holmes auditorium.

Several paintings, sketches, and crafts will be on display representing the work of the Art department in the foyer of the auditorium.

The Music department will feature its Concert Choir.

The Dramatic Arts classes will present two selections from "Love Is Better Than the Next Best Thing", a play that will soon be taken on tour to several schools in Northeastern North Carolina.

Admission will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Meeting Slated

There will be a production meeting for the Edenton Little Theatre's Christmas plays tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Municipal Building.

Anyone interested in helping with sets, lighting, costumes, publicity, props or any other facet of production, please come and lend your support. No previous experience is necessary.

It is very important for everyone involved with the upcoming presentation to be present at this meeting.



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County Manager Post Is Created

Chowan County commissioners Monday established a new position, that of county manager. The vote was 3-2 with those voting against the motion expressing no opposition to the concept but to the timing.

Commissioner N. J. George

expressed the opinion, just before the end of the regular monthly meeting, that it was time for the board to come to grips with the question. Commissioner Alton G. Elmore added that he had felt for some time it was something to be considered.

Commissioner Lester T. Copeland added what to be a third and deciding vote for the program.

Chairman C. A. Phillips said he did not resist the concept but questioned whether or not the commissioners were willing to sacrifice their individual prerogatives to attend to matters of county interest and concern.

Commissioner J. D. Peele said he would not question the need for such a position but felt it should not be dealt with in a time of a budget crunch. The commissioner said he felt the county was rushing into something which needed much more study.

George said there should be no hurry in filling the position, but it should be created so the board could move whenever the right person is found for the job.

Chairman Phillips said he felt professional management should be sought and it would be costly. "If we vote to go into this then we must be prepared to do it with the best professional person available to us," he added.

George estimated it would cost about \$40,000 to establish the office. Elmore added that he felt a county manager would pay his own way.

Chairman Phillips said he would have to be shown that such an added budget item could be saved through the establishment of the office.

Those favoring the change to the county manager form of government praised Phillips for his dedication and contribution of time and effort on behalf of the county. "But we should be able to pay our own way," George added.

The motion was to seek a county manager with no strings attached.

Church Plans Are Approved

Final plans for the new Edenton United Methodist Church were unanimously approved Tuesday night at a congregational meeting conducted by Rev. Norwood Jones, district superintendent.

The Building Committee and Trustees were empowered to proceed with advertising for bids on the project which has an estimated cost of \$700,000. The new structure will be located on Virginia Road, adjacent to Chowan Chowan Hospital.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., chairman of the Building Committee, presented the plans to the congregation, saying they were

merely an extinction of schematics approved earlier by the church.

During the past week the plans had been approved by the Building Committee, district committee and endorsed by the Church's official board.

The architect, Pendleton, Leonard & Krider of Statesville, will advertise the project for bids which are expected to be taken in January, 1978. Construction could start almost immediately thereafter on at least the fellowship hall-classroom portion of the building since sufficient money is believed to be available for the work.

Although the congregation voted earlier to build the new structure in two phases, the architect was instructed to design a complete facility in order that a determination could be made as to the total cost.

Mr. Jones said the district committee was impressed with the beautiful and functional fellowship hall-classroom portion of the church as well as the beautiful, function and worshipful sanctuary.

Rev. Richard L. Blankenhorn, pastor, reported at the conference that the church membership now stands at 364.

Conference Representative

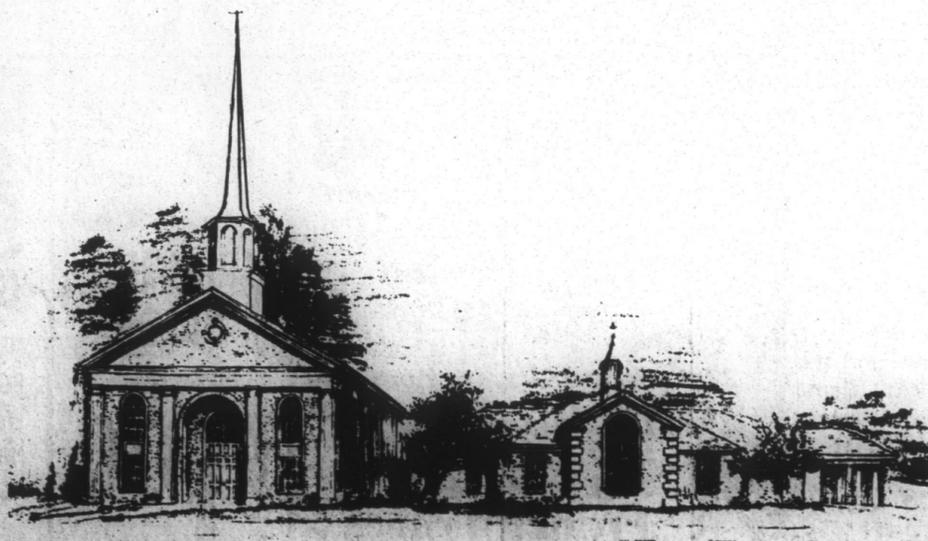
Billy Rose, administrator, Department of Transportation, will represent state government at an economic development conference here tonight (Thursday). The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M. in Chowan County Courthouse.

This is one of 100 conferences called by Gov. Jim Hunt to give citizens a chance to say how they think state government can help get better, high paying jobs in the state.

The purpose of the county conferences, which are open to the public, is to allow citizens to tell state government what they believe the economic problems are in their own communities and what local, state and federal government should do to help solve them.

The conferences are forerunners to a larger state-wide gathering on balanced growth and economic development set for

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Architect's Sketch of Proposed Edenton United Methodist Church