

Primary Scheduled Tuesday

More than 5,800 registered voters will be eligible to cast ballots in the May 6 primary. Both Democrats and Republicans will be deciding on their choice of candidates for President of the United States and Governor of North Carolina, while Republicans will vote for either of two candidates for state Attorney General. Democrats only will vote on candidates for eight state offices and the First Congressional District.

In the non-partisan Board of Education race, all registered voters will be able to participate except 17 year olds.

Polls will open at 6:30 A.M. and will close at 7:30 P.M. Curbside voting will be allowed from 7 A.M. until 6 P.M. only.

Voting will be conducted at the following locations: East Edenton, Chowan County Office Building; West Edenton, Edenton Municipal Building; Rocky Hock, the Rescue Squad Building; Center Hill, Center Hill Community Building; Wardville, Copeland and Sons Turkey Hatchery; and Yeopim, Edenton Municipal Airport.

Three candidates are competing for the First Township seat on the Board of Education, being vacated by Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, who will not seek re-election. They are Mrs. Patricia B. Downum, John A. Mitchener, III, and James E. Taylor. Eugene N. Jordan is running unopposed for another six-year term as Third Township school board representative.

Candidates will be elected to the school board by simple majority vote.

President Jimmy Carter will compete against Edmund G. Brown and Edward M. Kennedy for the Democratic Presidential nomination. On the Republican ticket, voters will have their choice of seven Presidential candidates including John B. Anderson, Howard Baker, George Bush, John B. Conally, Phillip Crane, Robert Dole, and Ronald Reagan.

Gov. Jim Hunt is being challenged for the Democratic nomination by Robert W. Scott and Harry J. Welsh, while Republicans will decide between C. J. Carstens and I. Beverly

Lake.

Republicans Harold A. Covington and Keith S. Snyder are the candidates for state Attorney General.

In the First Congressional District, incumbent Walter B. Jones is being challenged by a new-comer, Joseph B. Hollowell.

State senators Melvin R. Daniels and J. J. (Monk) Harrington are joined by Winnie Wood for a three way race, at the same time Leonard W. Overman is challenging incumbents Charles D. Evans and Vernon G. James for a seat in the N. C. House of Representatives. Democratic voters will elect two candidates in each of those races.

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5,801 Registered To Vote

There are 5,801 registered voters in Chowan County—2,724 of them in the Town of Edenton. The tally was made by the Chowan County Board of Election as of April 8, when the registration books closed for the forthcoming primary election.

E. N. (Pete) Manning, chairman, and Mrs. Harriett Sawyer, director of elections, said the registration figure is rapidly approaching 6,500, at which time the county must provide a system of fulltime registration.

The total added to the books since September 10, 1979, amounts to 469, of which 443 are Democrats. Blacks accounted for 310 new

voters on the books.

There are now 1,503 voters in East Edenton eligible to vote in municipal elections, and 1,221 in West Edenton.

There are 446 Republicans registered in the county, up from 25 last year. Also, there are 3,991 whites registered in comparison to 1,808 blacks.

Total registration according to precincts include:

East Edenton—1,696.
West Edenton—1,831.
Rocky Hock—630.
Center Hill—481.
Wardville—522.
Yeopim—641.



FORMER CHOWAN CHOIR MEMBERS — Mrs. W. J. White, Jr., of Columbia, is shown directing a group of her former choir members at Chowan High School during Sunday's Alumni

Weekend program. Several hundred people, some from as far away as Ohio, were on hand and agreed to meet again next year.

Chowan High Alumni Gather

The first Chowan High Alumni Weekend was such a success that Sunday afternoon the decision was made to duplicate the event a year from now. Jack Evans told the people gathered for the final event that next year's activities would be the weekend of April 25.

This year's activities were prompted by plans of Edenton-Chowan Schools to carryout a

consolidation plan which makes John A. Holmes High School in Edenton the senior high for the entire county.

Gilliam Underwood, former principal at Chowan who now heads the faculty at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School in Edenton, directed Sunday's program which was attended by several hundred people. He described coming to Chowan in 1957—his first teaching assignment. He described the community as being populated with the "most loving, gracious people in Northeastern North Carolina."

Alumni came from Ohio, Florida, Rhode Island, Tennessee and Virginia. Paul H. Cale, of the Class of 1927, spoke to the crowd. Cale was associated with Albemarle County Schools in Charlottesville, Va., for 38 years, serving as teacher, principal and superintendent.

Mrs. Emmett Jones spoke for the 1920's reading a capsule report prepared by Mrs. Mary Nixon, a resident of ElderLodge—Edenton. She noted that classes were held in a Lodge Hall while the school building was being constructed. The first graduation exercise was held in 1922.

The memories of the 1930's were

Hospital Earns Accreditation

Chowan Hospital has received a two-year accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. Notice of the action was received Monday.

The accreditation process is entirely voluntary and it represents a standard of quality that is well recognized in the health care industry, according to a spokesman.

"Because of the status of Joint Commission, insofar as its stringent criteria and the reputation of the organization, hospitals in general largely strive to attain an accreditation status," David L. Henson, hospital director said upon receiving the notification.

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Faculty Members Honored

Four faculty members with Edenton-Chowan Schools were recognized for 20 years of service and another was cited for her accomplishments upon retirement at Tuesday night's banquet of the local chapter of N. C. Education Association.

Saying the race is not swift, but long, Dr. J. H. Horton, vice chairman of the local board of education, recognized Mrs. Clara

Boswell, Mrs. Barbara Twine, Mrs. Carolina Banks for two decades of service. "We are all very grateful to you for you labored long and hard," he said. "The older you get the more rewards you receive."

Mrs. Marvis Hendrix was presented a gift by Eugene Jordan, board chairman. She is retiring after 24 years of teaching. Jordan told Mrs. Hendrix and the audience at D. F. Walker School that she had "touched, encouraged and helped kids to be better citizens and live fuller lives."

The banquet speaker, James Hamlett of the State Department of Community Colleges, pranced and shouted his way through delivery of a talk entitled "ain't We Beautiful." He characterized school folk as "people's people" with the bottom line being the children.

He called on the group to know where they are going and what they are doing; in doing so to say what they are thinking. Hamlett stressed that everyone has his own attitudes and values and have the privilege to express them so long as they do not violate the rights of others.

"Now is the time to take what you've got and do something with it," he said in one of the few serious moments in his entertaining presentation.

Ed Williams, NCAE chapter president, presided at the meeting where Dr. John Dunn, superintendent, recognized providers of health and allied services to the schools. They included: Chowan County Health Department, District Health Department, Chowan Department of Social Services, Edenton Lions Club,

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Grant Awarded

Economic Improvement Council, Inc. has been awarded a \$12,500 grant by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under their Comprehensive Housing Counseling program.

The grants are awarded to provide housing counseling to housing consumers - renters, home buyers and homeowners - under HUD single and multi-family programs.

The program is designed to assist housing consumers to become skilled participants in the housing market, including how to find suitable housing, to stabilize their neighborhoods, to find alternatives to displacement from their current housing, and to conserve energy. Also, the program assists consumers by providing information and guidance by which they can reduce rent delinquencies and mortgage defaults that cause evictions, foreclosures and subsequent losses to HUD's mortgage funds.

These awards are part of HUD's nationwide comprehensive housing counseling program delivered to consumers through local public and private housing agencies approved by the department.

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Public Parade

Tuesday's Primary

Tuesday is voting day along the Public Parade and throughout Tar Heelia. There are 5,801 registered voters in Chowan County—5,301 Democrats and 446 Republicans.

Interest here in the primary election on a scale of one to 10 would have difficulty getting out of the minus column. This, though, should not keep voters from exercising their responsibility of nominating candidates for the fall election.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has made one pit stop along the Public Parade this year. Former Gov. Bob Scott has been in the area twice on his campaign to unseat Gov. Hunt, but neither visit has generated much enthusiasm for the election.

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green nor Speaker of the House Carl Stewart have campaigned here. This is also true of the vast majority of other candidates on the Democratic ticket.

What could almost be called a local race is one which pits popular Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District and Joe Hollowell. Rep. Jones has stumped all 21-counties, as has Mr. Hollowell. There has been extensive personal campaigning on the part of both candidates, but Mr. Hollowell appears to have been unsuccessful in putting together organizations within the counties of sufficient strength to cut in the Jones faithful.

State Sens. J. J. (Monk) Harrington and Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., are candidates for re-election. Mrs. Winnie Wood is campaigning for one of the two seats.

Over on the House side of the State Legislative Building, Reps. Vernon James and Charles D. Evans want another two-year term. Leonard W. Overman wants to relieve one of the incumbents of their seat in Raleigh.

There is but one local race. Mrs. Patricia B. Downum, John A. Mitchener, III, and James E. Taylor are running for a First Township seat on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. The seat is being vacated by Mrs. Emily G. Amburn. Eugene N. Jordan is running unopposed in the Third Township non-partisan election.

Most of the candidates have conducted a low key media campaign, if any campaign at all, along the Public Parade. There are pockets of support here and there but not a sufficient amount to oust many of the incumbents, from the Court House to the White House.

The Hunt-Stewart combination is expected to be a favorite in balloting here. The fact that our least favorite morning newspaper of general circulation in Northeastern North Carolina has endorsed both of them won't damage them greatly.

Mr. Hollowell could be labeled a "favorite son" candidate along the Public Parade in a race with anyone other than Rep. Jones. The congressman has strong ties here

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Three Named To BNC Positions

RALEIGH — The Bank of North Carolina, N.A. has named James W. Ball, Jr., city executive of its Edenton offices, replacing W. Lawrence (Larry) Robertson who has been named city executive in Wilmington, it was announced by John F. Kabas, executive vice president.

Allan B. Asbell, a native of Chowan County, succeeds Ball as city executive of BNC's Hobbsville office.

A native of Elizabeth City, Ball joined BNC in 1979 as assistant vice president and city executive in Hobbsville. Prior to that, Ball

was associated with Albemarle Production Credit Association. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and served in the U. S. Navy from 1966 to 1969.

Active in civic affairs, Ball is president of the Cape Colony Ruritan Club and serves in official capacities for the Boy Scouts of America, and the United Fund.

He and his wife, the former Carolyn Medlin, have one son, Jay, age 6.

Robertson will replace Bruce A. Bryant, who will become the bank's Regional Development

Officer for New Hanover and Brunswick Counties.

A vice president of the Bank of North Carolina, Robertson comes to Wilmington from Edenton where he held a similar position with the bank. He has been with BNC since 1976, and prior to that with Central Carolina Bank and Southern National Bank. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and Campbell College. Robertson is also a graduate of the Carolina School of Banking and is currently enrolled in the School of Banking of the

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James W. Ball, Jr.



W. Lawrence Robertson



Allan B. Asbell

Food Stamp Cut-Offs Threaten 1,907 Locally

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has disclosed the major features of regulations to be used to suspend or reduce food stamp benefits, if the program runs out of money.

Bergland said the regulations, which spell out the procedures states must follow to reduce or cut off benefits, may be needed soon. Funds for the food stamp program will be depleted by the end of May, and legislation to provide additional money for this fiscal year still must clear a number of hurdles. If funds are not provided by May 15, Bergland must notify states to suspend June benefits.

The Chowan County Department of Social Services reports that suspension of benefits will affect about 1907 persons, locally, who are receiving about \$62,973 in assistance. With the current status of the economy and possible job lay-offs pending, that figure could

be considerably higher, a spokesman said.

Bergland said the food stamp program is running out of money because annual spending ceilings set in 1977 were not high enough to accommodate recent food price inflation, projected increases in unemployment, increased participation, and the fact that a large number of new participants are poorer than expected and qualify for larger benefits.

The initial food stamp appropriation for this year was limited to \$6.2-billion, according to Bergland, although the administration and lawmakers knew it would not be sufficient. He said additional funds cannot be provided until the \$6.2-billion ceiling is removed or raised.

USDA is requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$2.65-billion to fund the program for the last four months of the fiscal year, Bergland said.

Regulations authorizing a suspension of reduction of food stamp benefits were published in the April 1 Federal Register.

Savings Bond Figures Noted

As of December 31, 1979, approximately \$1,021,000,000, was being held in reserve in U. S. Savings Bonds by the citizens of North Carolina.

Of this amount, Chowan County residents hold approximately \$714,700.00.

This reserve has an impact on the over-all economy of every community in the state of North Carolina. From time to time Savings Bonds are cashed and some of this money is released on our local retail market areas. Sale of Savings Bonds in North Carolina during 1979 totaled \$116,386,000.