

Complaints

The Chowan Herald received three letters from subscribers along the Public Parade regarding our lack of coverage of post-206th Anniversary of the Edenton Tea Party. While we devoted considerable space prior to October 25-26 we admit to falling down on coverage of the actual event.

This newspaper did have a photographer on the scene October 25. Between the camera and the finishing department the film was destroyed. Efforts to obtain pictures for newspaper publication were unsuccessful.

The comparison of news coverage between a weekly and daily is not valid. A weekly must cover a seven-day period in one edition where an afternoon daily like the one of general circulation along the Public Parade has six editions during the same time span.

During the week just past we received another type of "complaint." This one had all the appearances of being quite legal. Earnhardt & Busby, P.A., was the plaintiff and the publisher individually and trading as The Chowan Herald was listed as the defendant.

The exhibit attached to the "complaint" showed one Charles T. Busby's picture next to a story headed: "Milkshake Bandit Escapes With Drugs." His brother, Max, short circuited usual methods of serving such a "complaint" by delivering it to us himself. This way he saved the Sheriff Troy Toppin is entitled to collect.

We accepted the "complaint" in the good natured manner in which it was delivered. If Max wondered why we weren't more concerned it is simply because we had kept our promise to Charles. We told all the females within our boundaries of circulation that he is single. On that we rest our case.

From The Chairman

Terry Wackelin, chairman of the Edenton Tea Party Celebration, left a letter in our unattended typewriter Tuesday. Since we feel it deserves more than routine play it is being printed in full in this column. Here it is:

So many people contributed countless hours to our 206th Anniversary Celebration of the Edenton Tea Party that I hardly know where to begin recognizing their efforts. Just a list of their names covers pages in the souvenir program, and we do have copies of that booklet available at the Barker House for those who did not pick up one during the Street Fair.

There were, however, many people whose efforts were not mentioned in the program, and I would like to say a special thanks to them.

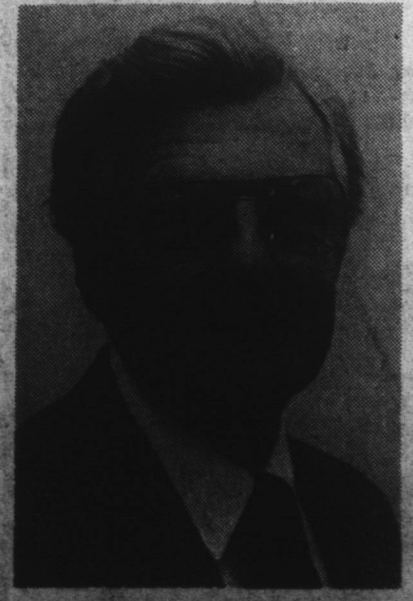
When there was a problem in bringing the speakers' stand to the park, Blake Harmon stepped in and took care of it.

When the weather turned somewhat less than favorable, the personnel of Swindell-Bass Funeral Home stepped in and began setting up seven tents at 5:30 A.M. in the rain so the ac-

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Byrum Is Chairman-Elect

West W. Byrum, Jr., 119 Pembroke Circle, has been chosen chairman-elect of Albemarle



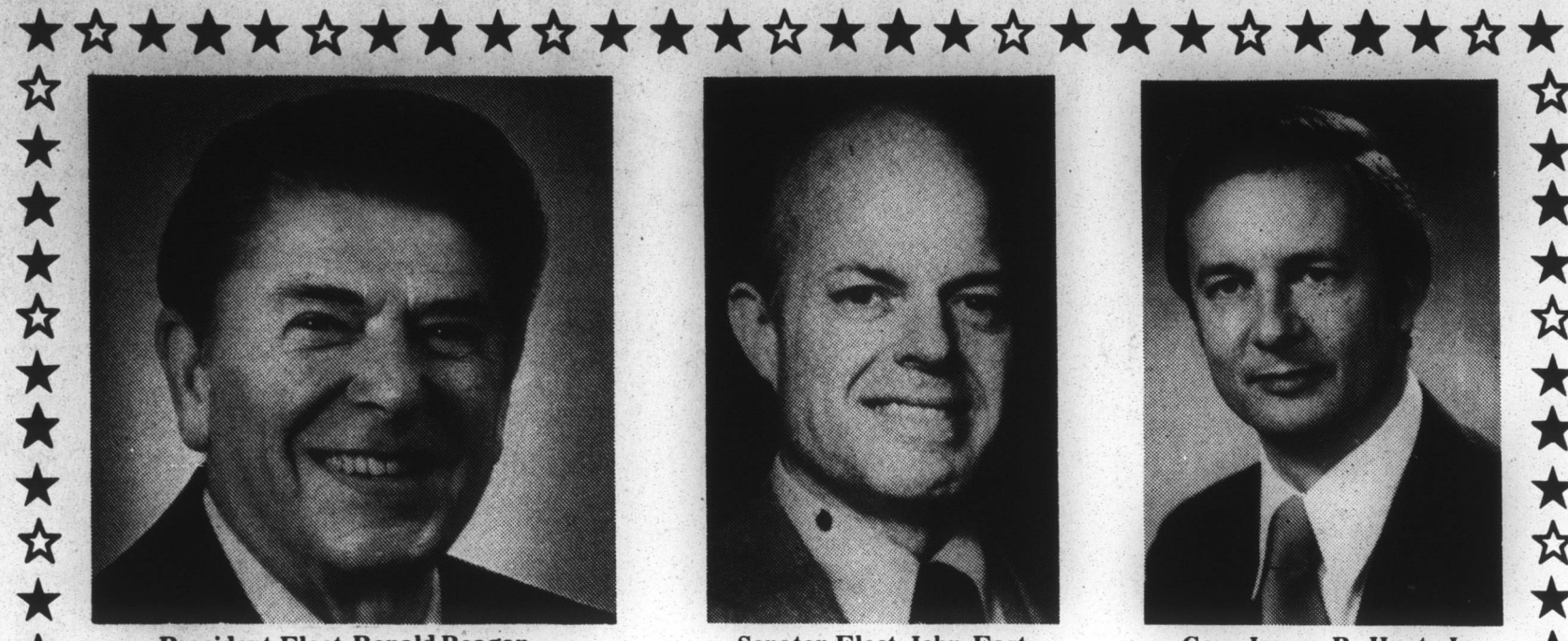
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Mental Health Center. The Edenton insurance executive and community leader has served for the past year as vice chairman. George Jones, a member of Chowan County Board of Commissioners, was elected treasurer. He was secretary this year.

Jack Harris of Elizabeth City, a former Edenton banker, was elected vice chairman; and Rex Mann of Pasquotank County, secretary.

The election of officers was held during the October 30 board meeting. They assume their duties January 1.

Albemarle Mental Health Center is headquartered in Elizabeth City and serves six Northeastern North Carolina counties. Charles Franklin is executive director.



President-Elect Ronald Reagan

Senator-Elect John East

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr.

Reagan, East, Hunt People's Choices

BY L.F. AMBURN, JR.

Santa Claus came early Tuesday for Republicans in North Carolina and through the United States. Voters, casting ballots in record numbers, demonstrated that they will split a ticket in a heartbeat.

The GOP received more from its shopping list than even the most optimistic political hack could have dreamed off. Republican Ronald Reagan is president-elect; John East is senator-elect; and the GOP picked up seats in two of North Carolina's congressional districts.

Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., is the first chief executive in Tar Heel history to be elected to two successive four-year terms. He crushed his opponent, State Sen. I. Beverly Lake, Jr., a former Democrat, in Chowan County as well as the vast majority of counties across North Carolina.

Gov. Hunt, the undisputed golden boy of North Carolina politics, was unable to carry Sen. Robert Morgan and President Jimmy Carter on his coattails. Sen. Morgan beat John East by a 2-1 majority in Chowan County (2,270-1,104) but the well-financed East unseated by the first-term senator.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District was unopposed for re-election. East ran unsuccessfully against him twice in one year early in the Jones dynasty.

Rep. Richardson Preyer of the Sixth Congressional District didn't do so well. He was defeated by Eugene Johnston of Greensboro, an attorney and corporate executive William M. Hendon, a manufacturing plant manager in Asheville, unseated Rep. Lamar Gudger in the 11th District. North Carolina now will have four Republicans in the 11-man delegation.

East and Lake were hand picked by the Congressional Club as GOP hopefuls. The club, a political arm of Sen. Jesse Helms, was responsible for raising money for the candidates and exercised tight control over their campaigns.

The Congressional Club appeared to give up on Lake late in the campaign. Heavy emphasis was placed on getting East elected. It has been reported that every voter in North Carolina was exposed to East as many as 50 times in the past 30 days.

The Congressional Club's blitz caused Democrats to redirect their efforts. The byword became "unity" Gov. Hunt, Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green and members of the Council of State stumped for Sen. Morgan. At a Greenville rally in mid-October, the party faithful charged that supporters were attempting to buy the senate seat for East. They called for supporters of Sen. Morgan to dig deeper.

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LINES FORMED — Voters went to the polls in record numbers Tuesday in the General Election which resulted in many surprises. This photo was taken at the Municipal Building where lines formed as in the other five Chowan County precincts.

Commissioners Warned Of Fund Balance

Chowan County commissioners have been alerted of a dangerously small unappropriated fund balance in the General Fund on June 30. The county could be in deeper financial trouble if Federal Revenue Sharing is not continued by Congress.

Notice of "only \$28,707" in unappropriated fund balance at the end of the past fiscal year was noted in the management letter from Timberlake & Sykes, P.A.,

auditors. The letter noted further that \$21,960 of the balance was unexpended revenue sharing money.

"This is an extremely small reserve for a \$2.7-million budget for 1980-81," it was noted. "It is recommended that extreme budgetary control be maintained and that an effort be made to increase the amount of reserves."

County Manager Cliff Copeland warned that the county could experience serious cash flow problems later in the budget year.

Commissioner Alton G. Elmore said extremely tight budgets over the past few years had not included enough "float". Commissioner George Jones observed this is quite difficult since the county must raise taxes to create adequate reserves.

The county has budgeted some \$250,000 this year from the Federal Revenue Sharing. This equals some 14 cents on the tax rate per \$100 valuation.

Chairman C. A. Phillips noted that the problem has developed over the years with state and federal mandated programs where sufficient funding is not included. "The jobs the county funds are not the problem," he said. "They are not responsible for inflation caused by government overspending and lack of funding of state and federal mandated programs."

The chairman expresses concern over the future of Federal

Revenue Sharing to counties. "Congress usually controls in areas where money is given," he said. "The county then becomes dependant .. primarily due to action of the federal government which puts costly requirements to local government."

John Ferren reported on the Land-use update and considerable time was spent with Keith Painter, a state planner, discussing proposed zoning of property around Edenton

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Reserve Seat Tickets Available

There are 60 seats available in the reserved seat section for the Edenton-Ahoskie football game. These tickets may be purchased at the Holmes High School office at a cost of \$3 each.

These are tickets which were not sold during the regular season. Only spectators with reserved seat ticket stubs will be allowed to sit in this area. These tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

For the convenience of the public, regular admission tickets for \$2.50 will be on sale at Hollowell-Blount Drugs and at Mitchener's Pharmacy in the downtown area. They will also be on sale in the school office. These tickets went on sale Monday.

Taylor Joins School Board

James Taylor was seated as a member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Tuesday night in a session where the principal business item was adoption of a policy concerning the Alternative School.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, Chowan County clerk of Superior Court, administered the oath to Taylor, an official at Elizabeth City State University. The board unanimously appointed him last month to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, who resigned.

Mrs. Amburn, a veteran of 10 years on the board, did not seek re-election in the May Democratic Primary. Taylor was elected to a full six-year term Tuesday as the Democratic nominee.

A resolution of appreciation to Mrs. Amburn was adopted at the meeting. The resolution cited her "distinguished, outstanding and faithful service along with "her integrity which manifested itself through an ability to question. It was further stated that she "accepted challenging responsibilities and showed far reaching vision for re-organization and consolidation."

The board had on several occasions delayed establishment of a policy concerning relationship of

Edenton-Chowan Alternative School to other schools in the unit. When it was presented by Chairman Eugene Jordan, Dr. Edward G. Bond asked that the document be discussed thoroughly.

After close scrutiny the policy was adopted. It covers items such as admission, subject credits, activities and diplomas. The policy does away with the requirement of committee action for enrolled students from John A. Holmes High School and Chowan Junior High School to pass on admission to the Alternative School. That authority is vested in the principals.

Disenrolled students must wait a minimum of six weeks to be enrolled at ECAS, unless special consideration is given by the superintendent of schools.

The policy provides four methods for students to obtain a diploma or certificate from the schools.

In other business, the board budgeted \$109,234 in CETA funds, agreed to sell surplus equipment through the Chowan Ruritan Club's benefit auction, and were informed a professional staff study committee structure was partially implemented.



WHAT TO DO — Police Chief J. D. Parrish is shown here giving instructions to local merchants and employees regarding the safe way to act in case of an armed robbery. Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and the Police Department jointly sponsored two such meetings following two recent robberies.