

Public Parade

Tuesday Election

Tuesday's municipal election along the Public Parade hasn't generated much conversation in the community. We hope this is not another sign of lack of interest in the affairs of Edenton.

The biennial election, like every one held, is important. The outcome of the election will determine the course of municipal government along the Public Parade.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell and Councilman Willis Privott, Sr., are getting free rides. The lack of opposition automatically gives Mayor Harrell a ticket for two years. Fourth Ward Councilman Privott will have handed to him a four-year term.

The two contested council seats are now occupied by Gil Burroughs and Jim Ricks. They are opposed by Dr. James Fenner and Erwin Griffin, respectively.

Members of the existing Town Council have not distinguished themselves as first class leaders. They have experienced a great deal of adversity and an almost constant squabble with Mayor Harrell. Neither of these situations are good for the town, especially in the uncertain times such as now being experienced.

Dr. Fenner is making his second bid for public office. Erwin Griffin is a newcomer to the scene. They are both honorable men and are to be applauded for this expression of interest in the public policy arena.

Councilmen Burroughs and Ricks have repeatedly been on the side opposite of Mayor Harrell. Therefore, it doesn't take a deep thinker to draw the conclusion that their opponents will lean in the other direction. In fact, a regular Harrell back room signal caller has predicted a smashing victory (of some 15 per cent) by Dr. Fenner and Mr. Griffin.

The Town of Edenton has a new administrator. Because of this and other circumstances it would not be healthy to have a radical change in membership on the council at this time.

The best interest of the town and the people can best be served by the re-election of Councilmen Burroughs and Ricks.

From Other Eyes

Our love affair with this community began 17 years ago. During this tenure we have been consistent in our enthusiasm for the people and events along the Public Parade.

It is well to step back now and then and let the Public Parade be seen from other eyes. This is especially fine when those eyes belong to Jay Huskins, our favorite retired journalist from Statesville. "Another Tea Party" is the title he gave the following piece:

Edenton does a better job packaging and selling its long history than any other town in North Carolina. For that reason, we are always glad to help, especially when they make us a part of the package.

This year it was the 207th anniversary celebration of the Edenton tea party, and this time the town's Historical Commission gave it an unusual twist.

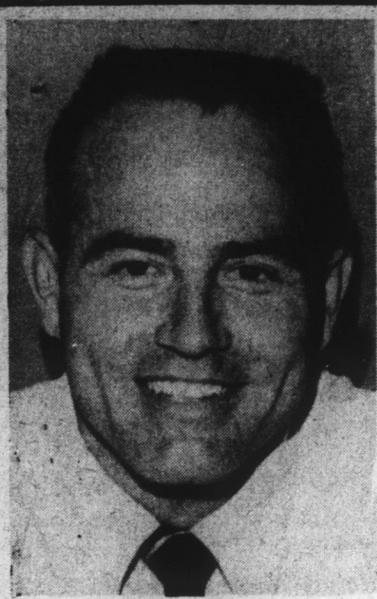
It was on October 25, 1774, that the ladies of Edenton turned up their collective noses at King George's tea tax and set the example for other demonstrations at Boston and elsewhere.

Well, a lot of things can happen in 207 years. One of them was the introduction during the 1981 session of the legislature by Rep. Chris Barker of Craven of a bill to tax tea, co-sponsored by Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank.

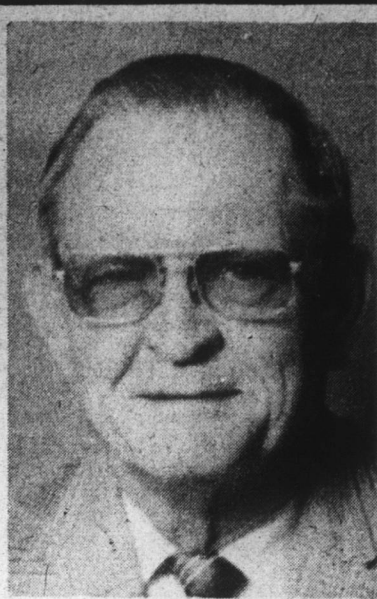
Since the women of Edenton couldn't do much with Rep. Barker who does not represent their district, they turned to Rep. James, who does. They threatened to throw him into the Albemarle Sound, along with the first tax collector, if he didn't do something about "that bill to tax tea."

With that sort of fate hanging over his head, it was not difficult for him to convince Rep. Barker the best thing he could do with his bill would be to put it to sleep during the short budget session in October. Then, to placate the women of Edenton, he agreed to let them witness the burning of the measure on the courthouse lawn on the anniversary of the October 25, 1774, Edenton tea party. What's

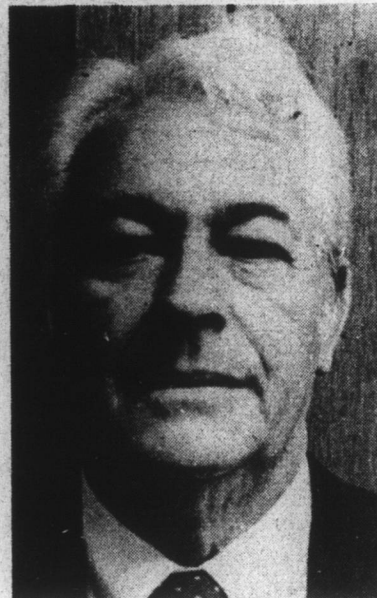
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Gil Burroughs



James P. Ricks



Erwin Griffin



Dr. James Fenner

Municipal Election Set For Next Tuesday

The biennial Town of Edenton election will be held Tuesday with two council seats contested.

Mrs. Marjorie Allen, supervisor of elections for Chowan County, said there were 2,542 voters registered in May to vote in the municipal balloting. The board of elections has not counted those who have registered since that time, nor deducted those who have moved.

Mayor Roy L. Harrell and Councilman Willis Privott, Sr., of Fourth Ward are unopposed.

Councilman-at-Large Gil Burroughs is being challenged by Dr. James Fenner. In Third Ward, incumbent James P. Ricks, Jr., is opposed by Erwin Griffin.

Burroughs is on the faculty at John A. Holmes High School. Dr. Fenner is pastor of Providence Baptist Church.

Some 643 residents of Third Ward were registered to vote Tuesday. Ricks, a local businessman, is running for re-election for the first time since ward voting was approved. Griffin, who is a retired federal employee, is taking his first plunge into the political arena.

Polling places will be open from 6:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. Curbside voting will be allowed from 7 A.M. until 6 P.M. only.

Voters in East Edenton will vote at the Chowan County Office Building where Mrs. Andrew Whitson is registrar. East Edenton includes Second and Fourth Wards.

Mrs. Carroll W. Jones is registrar in West Edenton where voters from the First and Third Wards will vote at the Municipal Building.

Felix P. Chambers, chairman, Chowan County Board of Elections, has announced that voting machines will be used. Canvas Day is November 5.

Rose Is Morehead Award Candidate

Eric Stephen Rose, a senior at John A. Holmes High School, was nominated by the Chowan Morehead Award Committee as a candidate for a Morehead Award at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the son of Mrs. Ruth Caudle Rose, 105 West Gale Street, Edenton.

The district competition will be in December.

Rose has been active in the Sailing Club, guide for the Edenton Pilgrimage and work with Edenton Little Theatre. His hobbies are sailing, acting, tennis

Two Are Arrested For Break-In

The Chowan County Sheriff's Department arrested two young men at approximately 8:30 P.M. on October 27 for breaking and entering the new Farm Bureau building on N. C. 32.

Jimmy Stallings had gone to the building to meet a customer and saw the two suspects when he turned on the light. He was able to hold one while the other managed to run off. Officers from the Edenton Police Dept., the Sheriff's Dept. and the Highway Patrol responded to the call and spread out to search the area for the second suspect. He was picked up by Sheriff Toppin approximately six miles away on U. S. 17 Bypass.

Arrested were Raymond Lee Silverthorne, 17, of Route 3, Edenton, and David Wilson Brabble, 17, also of Edenton. Arresting officer was Deputy Sheriff Linda Terry.

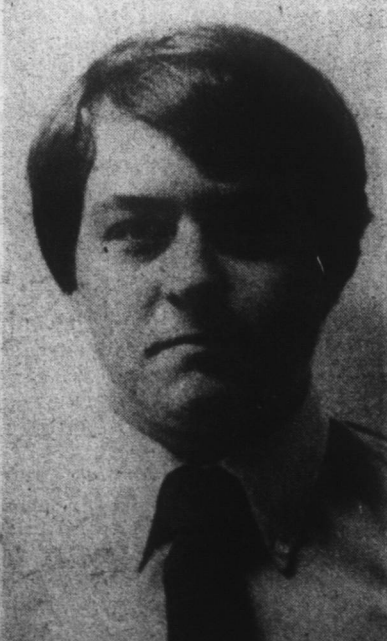
Both are now being held under \$5,000 bond.

and chess. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Drama Club and attended Boys State.

Harriett Abbe was nominated as alternate.

The Morehead Awards Program was established in 1945 by the late John Motley Morehead, a native of North Carolina and an 1891 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Awards are presented each year to high school and independent school seniors selected on the bases of leadership, academic standing, character and physical vigor. Since the awards are based solely on merit, financial need is not considered.

The value of the Morehead Award is \$3,750 per year for four years.



Eric Stephen Rose

Veeco Granted Rate Increase

Virginia Electric & Power Company's "dirty linen" of poor management was a primary factor in a N. C. Utilities Commission decision Tuesday granting the Richmond-based utility company about 50 per cent of a residential rate increase.

Veeco was granted a 15.66 per cent increase on residential users, which is calculated to increase revenues by \$12.9-million. The application asked for a \$24.6 million increase.

The company has been collecting at the higher rate since August. Now, the monthly bill for a residential customer will decline and a refund of between \$4.50 and \$7 will be made until billings reflect the full force of the increase allowed by the commission.

Tuesday's decision does not affect Veeco's rate to the Town of Edenton.

The decision, according to commission officials, took into

consideration poor management of Veeco power plants.

Also, the decision is believed to affect other rate requests, including a pending proposal by Carolina Power & Light Company. CP&L has recently entered into an agreement with N. C. Power Agency No. 3 to purchase pieces of generating facilities. The agency represents 32 municipalities, including the Town of Edenton. The switch from Veeco to the agency and CP&L is expected in December.



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Lucas Indicted On Fraud Charges

Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr., a Chowan County physician who has until recently maintained a medical practice just across the line in Perquimans County, has been indicted in Tyrrell County. He is charged with submitting false Medicaid claims to the state while he directed a clinic in Columbia.

A spokesman for the Medicaid Investigations Unit of the State Attorney General's Office, said the indictments allege that between November, 1978, and May, 1979, the physician billed the Medicaid system for treatment that was unnecessary or never performed.

"He is charged with overutilization of treatment, medically unnecessary treatment and inappropriate treatment for Medicaid patients," stated John Kirsch, of the State Department of Human Resources.

Dr. Lucas posted bond and the cases will probably be called for trial at a January, 1982 session of Tyrrell County Superior Court.

Parker Hears Court Cases

The following cases were heard on Oct. 20 in the Chowan County District Court by the presiding judge, J. Richard Parker.

Joseph Ronald Warren, 67 MPH in a 55 MPH zone, \$25 and cost of court.

John Scott Harrell, Jr., DUI, 60 day suspended sentence, \$100 fine and cost of court, and ordered to surrender his operator's license. Appealed.

Robert Taylor, trespassing, 60 days suspended for one year, \$50 fine and cost of court, and ordered to stay off the premises of George

Bertie Defeats Holmes Aces

The Edenton Aces, in a game which may have cost them their bid for post season play, were defeated by the Bertie Falcons Friday night 19-0. This Friday Edenton will travel to Tarboro.

The game, a fumble-filled affair, remained scoreless until the second quarter, when Bertie quarterback Warren Mizzelle hooked up with Jerome Burden on a 21-yard pass.

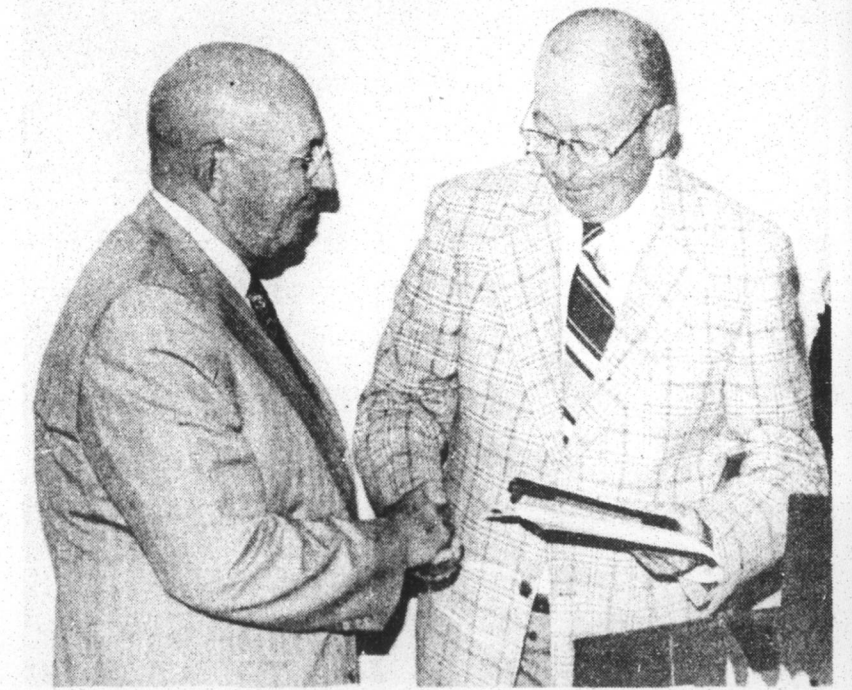
In the final period of play Willie Ryan of the Falcons turned a trap play into a 60-yard scoring run.

The final points of the game came with 2 seconds left when Mizzelle scored on a keeper. Mizzelle also proved his defensive ability when he intercepted an Edenton pass in the last quarter.

"When you have two good defenses like that on the field," said Bertie coach Chip Williams, "I think the fumbles can be attributed to a good defense, not offensive mistakes." There were 7 fumbles in the game.

"Edenton has some good backs," said Williams, "they're the best offensive line we've seen."

The Aces only managed 70 yards in total offense, compared to 249 by Bertie. Tony Creecy had 33 yards in 17 attempts, Bill Whichard had 29 yards in three carries, Joe Hollowell had one completion in five attempts for one yard on Robert Cofield was 4-6 for 29 yards.



RECEIVES AWARD FOR SERVICE — W. P. (Spec) Jones, left, is being presented an award by George A. Byrum for Outstanding Continuous Service. The award was presented at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on October 26.

Postal Increase To Begin Sunday

The cost of mailing a First-Class letter will rise to 20-cents beginning Sunday when new postage rates go into effect, Postmaster James M. Bond reminded

customers today.

The 20-cent First-Class rate and increases for other classes of mail, approved last month by the Governors of the Postal Service, take effect at 12:01 A. M. local time on November 1.

"However," Postmaster Bond said, "customers should not wait until next month to make their stamp purchases. Now is the time to buy to avoid unnecessary lines once the new rates become effective."

A new "C" stamp is on sale at the main post office and all stations and branches. The stamp bears the letter "C" instead of a denomination and has a postage value of 20 cents, the new rate for one ounce of First-Class domestic mail.

The brown and white stamp features an eagle with the legend "US Postage" beneath it. The letter "C" appears beside the eagle.

Also included in the design are the words "Domestic Mail" to remind mailers of its intended use.

"The 'C' stamp cannot be used on international mail," Postmaster Bond cautioned. "Mail destined for foreign countries and bearing 'C' stamps will be returned to senders."

The "C" stamp is available in sheets, coils, and booklets. Embossed stamp envelopes, bearing a "C" in lieu of the 20-cent denomination, also are on sale. A nondenominated postal card, also available, sells for 13 cents, the new postal rate.

"Any remaining supply of 18-cent stamps that mailers have on

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Duroc Breeders Show And Sale

The N. C. Duroc Breeders fall show and sale will be held on Tuesday at the 4-H Livestock Arena in Elizabeth City. The show will be in the afternoon and the sale at 7 P. M.

Bred gilts, open gilts and boars will be offered for sale by Duroc Breeders from throughout North Carolina.

According to Jack Parker, area extension swine specialist, this will be an opportunity for pork producers from throughout eastern North Carolina to buy top quality breeding animals to get into their herds.