

Edenton Council

Dr. James Fenner and Erwin Griffin took the oath of office Tuesday night and took their seat on Edenton's Town Council. Both men are to be congratulated for victory in the November 3 Municipal Election.

Mr. Griffin, elected from the Third Ward, said throughout the campaign that he would listen to the people. That's a noble stand. The problem comes not from his willingness to listen (as certainly every politician must) but from the willingness of the people to speak.

Regardless of the claims, both newly elected councilmen ran with the blessings of Mayor Roy L. Harrell's organization, which is said to be able to field some 800 townwide votes anytime the polls open.

If the new councilmen "go to school" on the defeat of Gil Burroughs they won't lose the mayor's favor. Mr. Burroughs' election four years ago was the result of Mayor Harrell's assistance. But Mr. Burroughs voted his conscience not his politics and the Harrell loyalists got restless to the point of unseating him.

The election of Dr. Fenner and Mr. Griffin gives Mayor Harrell undisputed control of the Town Council. Two things must happen if the Town of Edenton is to rise above petty politics. First, the people must start speaking. Then, the Harrell boys on Town Council must attend Mr. Griffin's class in listening.

Wholesale Changes

"Throwing the rascals out" was pretty much the theme along the Public Parade and throughout Tar Heelia during the November 3 Municipal Elections. If there is any comfort in a crowd, Gil Burroughs and Jim Ricks have plenty of it.

The wholesale changes in elected municipal officials caught the N. C. League of Municipalities in a difficult situation. Voters upset established procedure of "going through the chairs" to gain leadership in the league. John A. Mitchener, Jr., of Edenton, did it several years ago and brought much credit to this area through distinctive leadership.

Things were different after the November 3 elections. Not a single elected official prepared to move up were re-elected. While their colleagues were willing to move them up, the voters back home simply moved them out.

At the Charlotte meeting, Oxford Mayor Hugh Currin was elected League president. Seventy-one times prior to this historic event, who would be elected was settled long before the annual session.

The statewide organization of towns and counties selected Mayor Currin and a new slate at the top. The 1,500 municipal officials attending the convention also chose a new board of directors, representing 12 districts. Dr. Allen Hornthal of Edenton was re-elected to head District 1. If he was the only board member who survived, Leigh Wilson and his crew at the N. C. League of Municipalities weren't circulating the fact.

Noted and Passed

Some interesting information was left in our unattended typewriter recently. It deals with sales and use tax distribution along the Public Parade.

Local option sales and use tax distributed to Chowan County and the Town of Edenton for the quarter ending September 30, 1981, totaled \$103,249.09. Chowan County received \$82,197.67 of the total with the balance going to the town.

During the same period of 1980, a total of \$86,554.54 was distributed along the Public Parade, with \$67,467.85 going to the county coffers.

"Interesting what some new businesses like FoodTown and TG&Y can do to make a dif-

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New Town Councilmen Are Sworn In

The Edenton Town Council met on November 17 in a regular session, with a capacity crowd present.

Following the opening prayer by Councilman Willis Privott, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as prepared.

Incumbents Mayor Roy Harrell and Councilman Privott were administered the oath of office. Both were unopposed in the Nov. 3 Municipal Election. Newly-elected Councilmen Erwin Griffin and James Fenner were also sworn

into office by the Clerk of Superior Court, Lena M. Leary. Councilmen giving up seats were James Ricks and Gil Burroughs.

The first order of business was the nomination and election of a Mayor Pro Tem. A motion was made by Councilman Fenner that Steve Hampton be named to this position. No other nominations were made and Hampton was elected unanimously.

The appointments of committees by Mayor Harrell was

next. Appointed to the Committee on Finance and Revenue was Steve Hampton, Chairman; Councilman Privott, and Councilman Griffin.

Appointed to the Committee of Utilities was Councilman Privott, Chairman; Hampton and Councilman Hollowell.

Appointed to the Committee on Public Works was Councilman Fenner, Chairman and Councilman Griffin.

Appointed to the Tree Committee was Councilman Hollowell, Chairman and Councilman Hornthal.

Town Administrator Sam Noble was named to the Airport Commission Liaison and the two Council representatives appointed to the Recreation Advisory Committee were Griffin as Chairman and Fenner.

Mayor Roy Harrell recommended that the Administrator set up at least one meeting per month for each committee.

A public hearing was held concerning the Coastal Area Management Act Land Development Plan Update for the Town of Edenton. The update was

prepared by John Ferren of Ferren Planning Group in Greenville, N.C., and the update was approved by the Council.

The Administrative and Departmental reports, along with a committee report from the Utility Committee was heard and approved by the Council.

In new business, George Howe, a representative of the International City Management Association Retirement Corp., discussed his firm's deferred compensation plan.

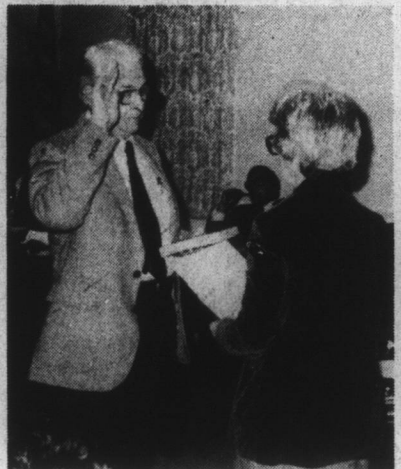
Edgar Johnson, a CPA with Johnson and Miller, Certified Public Accountants, presented a detailed report of the Town audit for 1980-81. The expenditures were \$130,000 under the budget. Johnson commended the Town bookkeeping system, and was high in praise of the tax collection ratio of 95 per cent.

Stan Hege, the representative on Operation Overcharge, discussed the recent electrical wholesale rate refund to the Town of Edenton by Veeco, and also talked about Operation Overcharge's budget for the next fiscal year.

A motion was made by the Council and seconded that Chris Bean be appointed as Town Attorney.

The Council approved the awarding of bids for a SCADA (peak load amangement) system.

In the final item of business, the Council approved the final subdivision plans presented by Thomas Francis on land located on Mexico Road just west of the Albemarle Street overpass.



Erwin Griffin



James Fenner

Commission Head Names Committee Members

W. B. Gardner, newly elected chairman of Edenton Historical Commission, has recently named committee members and plans a meeting of the various chairmen at 8:30 A. M. Tuesday at the Barker House Visitor Center Museum.

"Under the fine leadership of George Byrum, we have made significant progress in straightening out the finances of the commission," he noted in a memo to commission members. He said one of the most significant steps was the establishment of the Edenton Historical Foundation, Inc.

Miss Spruill Receives FFA Honor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Diana Joy Spruill, of Roper joined an elite group of Future Farmers of America November 12. She received the highest FFA degree of membership — that of American Farmer. Along with 779 other outstanding FFA'ers, the Creswell chapter member was honored at the 54th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Always a highlight of the convention, the American Farmer Degree ceremony included the presentation of a certificate and gold key to Diana as she walked across the convention stage in

front of thousands of FFA members. Immediately following the ceremony, the members heard an address by farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson.

The American Farmer program is sponsored through the National FFA Foundation by J. I. Case, A Tenneco Company; Federal Land Banks; the Chevrolet Division, General Motors Corporation; Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; and Production Credit Associations. Their contributions made possible cash travel awards to Kansas City, a special breakfast to honor the recipients, and the gold key.

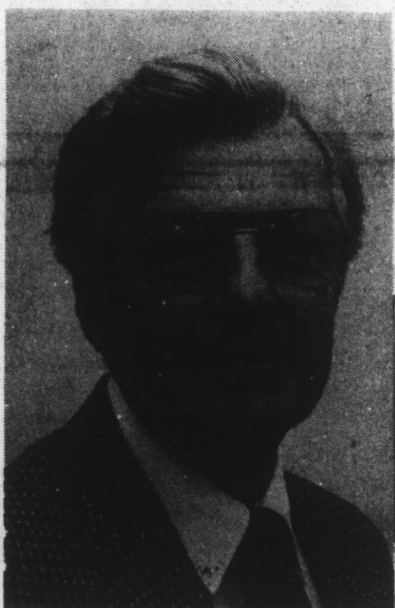


STUDENT HONORED — Bob Quick, National Secretary of the Future Farmers of America, congratulates Diana Joy Spruill of Roper on her achievement of the American Farmer Degree. The degree was awarded in a ceremony at the 54th National FFA Convention, held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 12-14.

planning the protracted celebration.

The chairman is passing up usual form in not appointing officers to chair standing committees. He feels this will increase participation from those members who are not officers. Also, in order

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West W. Byrum, Jr.

West Byrum, Jr. Gets Re-Elected

ELIZABETH CITY — West W. Byrum, Jr., of Edenton, has been named to a new four-year term on the board of the Albemarle Mental Health Center. Also, at a meeting last week, he was re-elected board chairman.

Byrum, an Edenton insurance executive and community leader, has been active with the area center board for a number of years.

Another Edentonian, George Jones is board treasurer. Jones is a member of Chowan County commissioners.

Jack Harris, Elizabeth City executive with Peoples Bank & Trust Company, is vice chairman of the board. Sam Shaw of Camden is secretary.

Charles Franklin of Elizabeth City is director of the multi-county mental health program.

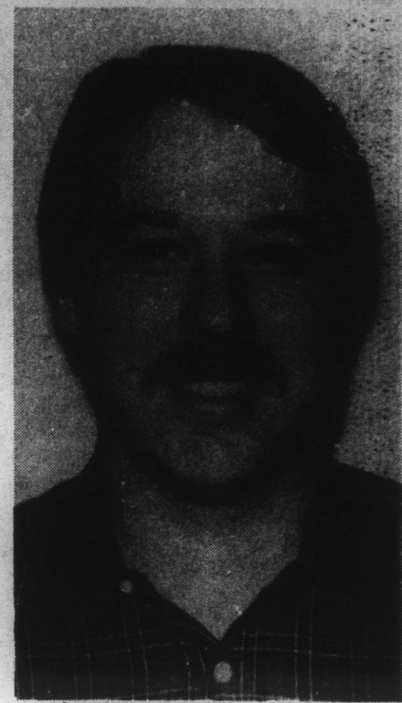
Toll Free Line Is Established

Beginning November 16, anyone observing a Marine Fisheries violation, anywhere along the coast, can call free to report the incident.

The toll free number is 1-800-682-2632, it will be in operation 7 A. M. to 11 P. M., seven days a week.

The calls will go to the Division

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Tom Cross, Jr.

Cross Joins Local Firm

Tom Cross, Jr., a native of Edenton, this week was named general manager of Portfolio Specialists, 913 North Broad Street. The announcement was made by W. B. Gardner, senior partner of the firm.

Gardner said Cross has worked for the company for the past few months and his achievement record has been such that he was considered to be good management potential. "We feel Tom will add new vitality to Portfolio Specialists," Gardner said.

The company is a sales representative for vinyl and related products manufactured by Northeastern Printcrafters, Inc. Also, in recent months Portfolio Specialists has expanded to offer imprinted wearable and related products.

Cross was a sales representative for several firms and was based in Raleigh. He is a graduate of John A. Holmes High School and College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cross, Sr., North Broad Street.

Penalties Are Assessed

Three individuals and two corporations in Northeastern North Carolina have been assessed \$9,250 in civil penalties for violating air and water regulations of the Division of Environmental Management.

Ocean Acres Utility, Inc., in Dare County was assessed \$4,000 in civil penalties for violating effluent limitations. C. F. Industries, Inc., of Tunis was assessed \$2,000 for violations of their wastewater discharge permit on the Chowan River.

The three individuals were cited for violation of open burning regulations. Larry Larabee of Perquimans County was assessed an \$1,800 penalty. Fred Suter of Tyrrell County received an \$1,400 assessment and \$50 was assessed to Harold Lawrence of Bertie County.

The Ocean Acres assessment was for eight violations of discharge permit limitations on solids, bacteria and oxygen demand in March and June, 1981. The assessment followed an April letter from the Division to the utility which spelled out needed repairs and a 60 day completion schedule. All repairs are not yet completed.

The penalty for C. F. Industries is for four violations of monthly and daily limits on total nitrogen

discharge. The two violations in November, 1980, occurred as a result of a cracked boiler coil which introduced nitrogen-rich water into the cooling system which is eventually discharged to the river. This problem resulted in 1,503 pounds of nitrogen reaching the river on November 21 and 22. The two April, 1981, violations were the result of an error by a pump operator which caused the discharge to be 45 pounds over the daily permit limit and 19 pounds over the monthly allowance.

The blanket permission for land clearing burning was revoked for Northeastern North Carolina in December, 1980. Standards for issuing burning permits for land clearing in this area were established on January 22 to control air pollution from the burning of organic soil by regulating the scheduling, concentration and composition of land clearing fires in northeastern counties. Lawrence was cited for a February 26 fire on his property. No permit had been sought.

On two dates in June, Larabee added debris and filled breaks in a

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New Rec Director To Assume Post

A new Parks and Recreation Director was named in Edenton at a Town Council meeting held on Nov. 12. Robbie Loughton, previously employed as the Recreation Director in Granite Falls, N.C., was named for the position.

According to Edenton's Town Administrator Sam Noble, there were 27 applications for the job. Five of the applicants were interviewed, and of these "Loughton had the most experience as Director and in working with programs."

Loughton, who has a BA degree in Recreation Administration, has had four years of administrative experience in his field.

Printing Early

As is the custom, The Chowan Herald will go to press a day early next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The deadline for both news and advertising will be 12-noon on Monday. The newspaper will be distributed to local outlets Tuesday night and circulated to subscribers by mail on Wednesday.

News items not received by the deadline will appear the following week.

Bloodmobile To Visit Tuesday, Nov. 24 - Edenton Methodist Church, 12 Noon Til 6 P.M.