Smith, Jones, Faircloth Win In County Primary

Incumbents won handily in district and state primary elections as less than 40 percent of Chowan County's registered voters went to the polls Tuesday.

County Elections Board officials reported that 2,453 citizens cast ballots in the May 8 election.

Rep. Walter Jones was again the heavy favorite of county voters with 1,287 votes compared with 616 votes for his challenger, John Gillam of Windsor. The Associated Press Wednesday reported Jones leading Gillam in the 21-county district by a wide margin.

In the non-partisn Board of Education race, C.B. Smith had a final tally of 968 to Lois Jordan's 795 votes. Cecil Fry, board chairman, was elected without opposition.

Another race which drew considerable local attention was the battle for the governorship. County democrats distributed their ballots between Lauch Faircloth with 471, Rufus Edmisten with 414, Eddie Knox with 375, and Jimmy Green with 249. Although Faircloth carried Chowan County, news accounts showed that Edmisten and Knox had the advantage in statewide votes and will be contestants in the June 5 run-off.

State Rep. Bob Jordan defeated Carl Stewart three-to-one in East and West Edenton precincts and produced a, tally of 1,276 to Stewart's 474 in the county-wide vote. Jordan was also shown leading in state voting reports.

For the N.C. House of Represen-

tatives seat, incumbent Charles Evans received 1,004, and Vernon James received 831, while challenger Robert Wilkins received 631 votes. With all the 1st district counties reporting: Evans 11,748, James 11,896, and Wilkins 8,267.

County voters also showed their preference in the Democratic Presidential primary by choosing the Rev. Jesse Jackson by a wide margin over both Gary Hart and Walter Mondale. Votes cast were: Jackson 750, Hart, 607 and Mondale, 655. The Associated Press reported that Mondale won the North Carolina presidential primary, followed by Hart and Jackson.

Democrats in the county cast their ballots for U.S. Senate

nominee giving Gov. Jim Hunt 1,488

In other state-wide elections, Betty Ann Knudsen made an excellent showing in the county with 868 votes to incumbent Thad Eure's 948 votes in her challenge for the office of Secretary of State. Voters chose Jim Long, 711, over Billy Martin, 463, in the race for Insurance Commissioner. They also chose Dick Barnes, 716, over incumbent John Brooks, 618, for Commissioner of Labor.

Further, county democrats voted for Henry Frye, 862, over Raymond Taylor, 652, for Associate Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court. For Judge of the Court of Appeals voters chose John C. Martin, 709, over Robert

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PRIMARY ELECTION-38 percent of Chowan County voters went to the polls Tuesday. Elections officials above check voter registration at the West Edenton precinct polling place.

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Where's Report?

It has now been four years since a committee was formed to dig into the possibility of an administrative merger between Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and historic properties along the Public Parade. Where's the report?

Just last week Edenton Historical Commission was informed that the State Department of Cultural Resources budget will contain \$200,000 in new money to complete plans for the Ziegler property on Broad Street. Does this mean the community is any closer to an efficient, practical, cost-effective approach to utilization of resources?

Historic Edenton, Inc., was formed by legislation in 1968. The late W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., accomplished this while he represented Chowan County in the General Assembly. This was a tremendous fete of foresight.

Community and state leaders with bias on one side or another claim it is impossible to effect a merger because of either law, regulations or policy. This argument was used in 1968 when Rep. Earnhardt was acting instead of reacting. And we proposed a marriage that included the chamber.

Legislation could be the answer to the administrative merger issue. If so, the voters Tuesday re-elected two members of the State House who are reasonable in the area of local legialation. While someone is looking for a report from the committee formed in 1980, legislation could be drafted to move things forward along the Public Parade.

Community Spirit

The following epistle, submitted to us under the heading of "Letters to the Editor", accurately describes the community spirit that makes the Public Parade a vital and enjoyable place to work and

Good tun, good food, good fellowship, good festival- how else could May Play Day '84 be

For one enchanting day, all of us ared the carefree, playful joys of ing a child again. To sit in the sun and enjoy the beauty of our Chowan County countryside would be prize enough, but to enjoy the talents and creativity of so many gifted artist and entertainers gives this arts festival a charm like no other day

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AMERICA II DEDICATION-Congressman Walter B. Jones, flanked by NJROTC Cadets in their Dress Blues, leaves the America II after the vessel's dedication ceremony on Sunday, May 6.

Ziegler House Budget To Be \$200,000

By Maru Amburn

The State Department of Cultural Resources budget for 1985-1987 will include \$200,000 for the completion of Edenton's Ziegler House Project, a department spokesman said here Thursday night.

In remarks at the semi-annual meeting of the Edenton Historical Commission, Larry Misenheimer of the Historic Sites section of the Division of Archives and History, described future plans for the Victorian dwelling at the corner of Broad and Gale streets.

cooperative effort by the Edenton Historical Commission and the Division of Archives and History to strengthen Historic Edenton even

more," Misenheimer said. The Commission purchased the circa 1880 property in 1981 and promptly sold it to the state in the same

Misenheimer described the purchase as an attempt by historically minded citizens to save the structure from certain destruction. "The lot was zoned for commercial use and would surely be covered with "The Ziegler House project is a asphalt if the Commission had not

Site Investigation Requested

by Maru Amburn

County Commissioners agreed at their regular meeting May 7 that it is now appropriate to take action, since the Town of Edenton has officially selected a site for its \$6.8 million land application facility. The commissioners plan to address problems related to the selection of the C.H. Small site, northwest of Edenton, by contacting state officials who have review respon-

sibility for the project. The town has been ordered to convert to land application treatment to protect the nitrogen and phosphorus sensitive Chowan River and Albemarle Sound.

A thorough investigation of all potential sites, particularly the Champion site off Paradise road, should be completed before final

site approval is made, the Commissioners said. County Manager Cliff Copeland read from Amendment III of the 201 Facilities Plan, "The Champion site is considered marginally acceptable, but not enough study has been made."

"Our efforts were ignored by the Town Council," Advance Community spokesman Al Everson said at the Monday Meeting. "There was no deliberation between the public hearing (April 26) and the vote by the council."

Everson charged that due to lack of concern for the needs of Chowan County citizens, the "town has shifted the responsibility back to the county commissioners."

Alton Elmore, Chairman of the County Commissioners assured Continued On Page 4 preserved the site," he added.

Further, Misenheimer explained, "The Ziegler House is a larger structure than the Barker House and is more suitable to adaptive reuse."

Overhead costs now require a large part of the Historical Commission annual budget and the Barker House is being outgrown by the organization, according to Misenheimer.

When the Ziegler renovation is complete, Historic Edenton can move its operations to Broad and Gale streets, relieving the Commission of the expense of operating the Barker House. "The Barker House can then be used either as a special exhibit facility or leased for private use, however the Commission deems suitable," the cultural representative added.

Although the Department of Cultural Resources cannot request capital improvement funding during the short legislative session, there may be funds generated for the project during the short session in addition to the budget request for the upcoming fiscal biennum,

Misenheimer said. Physical plans for the Ziegler renovation project, which were developed by Rhode Island School of Design student Steve Jackman, include an L-shaped addition at the building's rear, handicapped equipped restrooms, additional office space, a sales area, audio-visual room and pathways and connectors to parking and the Iredell House.

America II Is Dedicated During Ceremony With Full Regalia

By Ron Anderson

During a crisp military ceremony at the foot of Broad St. on Sunday, May 6, the America II officially became the training vessel for the John A. Holmes Naval Junior Reserves Officers Training

The NJROTC cadets had plenty to be proud of as Congressman Walter B. Jones delivered the dedication address because out of 240 NJROTC units across the nation, the Edenton unit is the first to acquire its own training vessel.

The America II is a 65 ft. wooden ex-military Picket Boat. Built in 1954 by the Sound Boat Building Corp. in Long Island, NY, the vessel was used by the military as a patrol boat and to transport both passengers and cargo. The boat was released from active service in

Two General Motors 110 diesels power the vessel and it is equipped with a Marine VHF radio and Loran Charlie electronic navigational equipment.

The boat is to be used as a floating classroom. Commander

Board Discusses Walker Repairs

By Ron Anderson

Rennovations and repairs at D.F. Walker School were the main topics of discussion at the Monday, May 7 Board of Education meeting.

Larry Decker from George M. Smart Architects presented school board members with preliminary drawings of the rennovations to be performed at D. F. Walker School under the capital improvements

Decker's estimates of cost of the rennovations was \$394,386 which is under the \$421,000 budgeted for the project. But, he cautioned that, "this is just an estimate."

Board members did not make a decision as to whether or not they would approve the plans until they have had more time to study the drawings. If the plans are approved, the architects will begin preparing blueprints for the project. The work is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1985.

Next, emergency heating rennovations at the school were discussed.

This winter it was discovered that the steam heating system at D.F. Walker has deteriorated to the point that according to Superintendent Dunn "we have to solve the

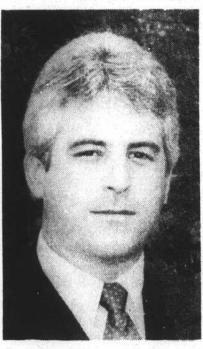
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James H. Ryan LCDR, USN, (ret.), Naval Science instructor at the high school, said that the areas of training on the vessel will be seamanship, navigation, engineering, communications, meteorology, and damage control.

Rvan and Chief Petty Officer Doug Campbell, assistant naval science instructor, will be taking the cadets on cruises.

"We will probably be cruising three out of four weekends per month," said Ryan. He explained that most of the cruises will be limited to 4 to 8 hours on the sound, but that one or two cruises per

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Gordon E. Allen, III

Allen Appointed As ESC Manager

Glenn Jernigan, chairman of the **Employment Security Commission** of North Carolina recently announced the appointment of Gordon E. Allen, III as the new manager of the Edenton Employment office. Allen's duties as manager became effective May 1.

A native of Henderson, Allen is no stranger to Eastern North Carolina. He grew up in Camden County where his father was a minister for several years. "I am really looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones," states Allen.

After graduation from high school, Allen served a tour of duty in the Army during the Vietnam Era and was a member of the Third Infantry's Presidential Honor Guard. He was involved in many

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