



KICK RETURN—Aces Thomas Harrell returned two, short Eagle kick-offs. He also grabbed the first Northeastern fumble to inspire the Aces to their moral victory against the Elizabeth City team Friday night. (Jim Reid photo)

Aces Tie Eagles In Season Opener

Edenton Aces gained 102 yards rushing and 95 passing Friday night in the season opener against Northeastern High Eagles in Elizabeth City.

Northeastern's size couldn't compensate for the four lost fumbles and 125 yards in penalties that allowed Edenton to accomplish the 7-7 tie.

The Aces marked the tie in the victory column; they were the visiting squad and it was the first varsity start for quarterback John Downum.

Following a Northeastern recovery of an Aces fumble on the 36, the Eagles converted the turnover to a score from the 20 yard line with 9:14 showing on the clock.

Thomas Harrell recovered the first Eagles fumble on the Aces 48 and the squad moved to the Northeastern six with runs from Kelvin Wright and Art White.

Edenton failed to convert a drive to the side to a score as Tully Ryan missed a field goal attempt.

Game score at half-time was Eagles 7-Aces 0.

Ben Rinehardt recovered the second Northeastern fumble at the

opening of the third quarter. Mark Hollowell nabbed the third Eagle fumble on their 43.

Quarterback John Downum connected with Brian Bunch to take the Aces to the Northeastern 23. Downum hit Bunch two plays later for a touchdown with 3:27 on the clock to tie the match 7-7.

Downum added insult to injury during the last series of the traditional rivalry when he completed a 45 yard pass to the Northeastern 40 for the final play of the contest.

Edenton hosts Roanoke Rapids in their first home game of the season tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 p.m.

Emergency Services On Alert

Officials Watching Diana

Chowan County officials are keeping a wary eye on hurricane Diana, the season's first hurricane, but as of Wednesday morning had made no decision to evacuate local residents.

"We are watching it closely and we are ready for action," said Emergency Management Coordinator Douglas Belch. "Tuesday night we had a shelter open at the recreation center on Broad Street in case of possible flooding."

Belch said the county and town are operating according to the county hurricane evacuation plan. "I am very pleased with the cooperation between the town and

county."

Belch is responsible for deciding what steps would be taken to respond to the hurricane threat.

Deputy Sheriff Glen Perry and Police Chief John Parrish indicated they were on watch waiting to see what the storm was going to do.

Chowan County School officials responded by closing schools in the county Wednesday and local businesses taped windows in anticipation of a bad blow.

Diana was upgraded from a tropical storm to hurricane status Monday when sustained winds of up to 90 miles per hour were recorded.

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Public Parade

Another Debate Yet

Both sides scored some points in the latest debate between Gov. Jim Hunt and U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, broadcast Sunday evening over most North Carolina television stations. But we would give the edge to the challenger.

We thought the governor a little weak in his explanation of the made-work case of Mather Slaughter, the former Department of Public Safety employee whose job was abolished by the legislature.

Slaughter was one of two employees whose jobs were abolished by the legislature during the 1983 session; but before the lawmakers were out of town both of them were back on the public pay roll. Slaughter's job with the state ports authority was — and still is — made-work. He was first said to be in charge of security at the Morehead City port. Then he was said to be connected with safety measures, a job which a ports authority spokesman said had been abolished before Slaughter was appointed to fill it.

That, as we understand it, is the situation right now. But Gov. Hunt failed to deal with the question head on, saying he had asked the director of the ports authority to look into the matter and advise him further. We doubt that the ports director has time to devise jobs as fast as Mather Slaughter is being shifted around. If the governor wants to deal with this situation in a straight-forward manner, he will already have directed the ports authority to either find a full-time job for Slaughter or get him off the pay roll.

Senator Helms failed to explain his Social Security stand in a very satisfactory manner. He lost his cool on one or two issues and evaded another question or two by trying to equate Jim Hunt with Walter Mondale and himself with Ronald Reagan.

That did not necessarily reflect

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Chowan Fair Starts Monday

The thirty-sixth annual Chowan County Fair will be held September 17-22 at the American Legion Post 40 fairgrounds.

This year's fair promises to be an exciting one with more amusements, performers, and exhibits than ever before.

"We're expecting a big fair with a lot of new items," said William A. Perry, President of the Chowan County Fair Association.

A new event this year, the "Queen of the Fair Contest," has organizers particularly excited. The beauty contest will be held Wednesday, September 19 at 8 p.m.

Other highlights of the fair include the Northeastern Pork Queen Contest; concerts by the Hollanders; the 4-H Regional Talent Show; and the hog and cat shows.

The fair is sponsored each year by American Legion Post 40.

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Edmisten Greets Supporters In Edenton

By Maru Amburn

Attny. Gen. Rufus Edmisten, Democratic candidate for governor, included Edenton in his campaign tour Saturday greeting an audience of 50 supporters at a "Meet the Candidates" forum at Holmes High School. The event was organized by the Chowan Democratic Party.

Edmisten focused his remarks on themes of education, highways, law enforcement and Democratic party strength.

His wife, Linda, told Chowan Democratic Women Friday that her husband "is a third generation Democrat who believes in the principals of the party."

Mrs. Edmisten told the luncheon gathering that the candidate is "from the Mountains, lives in the Piedmont and understands the problems of the East."

A Watauga County native, Edmisten expressed support for the entire Democratic ticket and reiterated his pledge to fight for the needs of smaller counties.

Edmisten acknowledged he has a tough battle ahead with Republican gubernatorial candidate Jim Martin, but added, "I'm used to toughness."

He said Democrats are the party of the future for the rich and the poor. "The man who works under

the car is just as important as the man who is president of the largest corporation in America, Edmisten stated.

Other Democratic candidates attending the forum were Rep. Charles Evans and Rep. Vernon

James, candidates for re-election to the N.C. House, and Marc Basnight, highway commission from Dare County running for N.C. Senate.

"Everyone ought to have the

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Remaining Redevelopment Funds May Be Transferred

Work on Oakum Street redevelopment is over half-way complete, according to David Holmes, of Anderson and Holmes, consultant to the Town of Edenton on the project.

Holmes reported at the regular monthly council meeting Tuesday there may be an estimated \$100,000 remaining after work is complete. Because consultants anticipated purchasing 16 dwellings and only purchased 11; anticipated relocating 13 tenants and only relocated 7, there will be a fund balance.

With one property remaining to be acquired and two families left to be relocated, the project should be complete by April 1985, said community development director Lorenzo Carmon.

Remaining funds may be transferred for use on East Carteret Street or East Church Street, accor-

ding to Holmes.

Also remaining is \$68,000 to be applied to street and water improvements in the project area, Holmes reported.

Redevelopment efforts began in January 1983 when a \$627,000 Department of Natural Resources and Development grant was awarded to Edenton.

In other business, the town council:

—Opted to continue their insurance policy with Blue Cross and Blue

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Board Passes Loan Request

By Ron Anderson

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Monday authorized Superintendent John Dunn to begin the process of applying for a loan from the State Literary Fund.

Needed repairs to a leaky roof in the John A. Holmes Library-English building promoted the decision. Dunn said the roof has required constant patching since it was built fourteen years ago.

Both the school board and the Board of County Commissioners must apply for the loan of \$57,833, two third's of the previous fiscal year's net debt reduction. The loan must be paid back within ten years at an interest rate of eight percent.

School board member Dr. J.H. Horton expressed concern that the loan might not cover the cost of a new roof and said it would be prudent to get a guarantee for any additional costs from the county commissioners.

Dr. Dunn said that if the loan and any additional money from the county commissioners come close to the estimated cost of repairing the roof, he will submit the application to the State Board of Education as soon as possible.

Also at Monday's meeting, the board approved a report prepared by Dr. Dunn which stated that \$12,141,694 is needed to renovate and replace school facilities in the county.

Long range needs to replace obsolete facilities, renovate buildings which are suitable for long-range use, and new or renovated facilities for exceptional children are included in the report.

School systems throughout the

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GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN—Rufus Edmisten was at Holmes High for a "Meet the Candidates" day on Saturday, September 8; pictured in the background is A.C. Hudson.

N.C. Peanut Growers Urged To Support Industry Coalition

In his address before the annual meeting of the N.C. Peanut Growers Association last Thursday, Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham said he was still a firm believer in agriculture as one of the state's most valuable economic resources. The commissioner also announced minor changes in peanut inspection procedures. There will now be a \$10 inspection fee on all lots of farmer stock inspection peanuts, whether the peanuts are sold or not.

Graham concluded, "Roasted, toasted, fancy or plain a day without N.C. peanuts is like standing in the rain."

Holding its annual Peanut Field Day at the Peanut Belt Research Station outside Lewiston, association members and others in the peanut industry were told the key to the future for peanuts is a partnership between all facets of the industry.

Over thirty Chowan County growers, agribusinessmen and agriculture extension chairman Mike Williams heard keynote

Donors Needed To Give Blood

Edenton Jaycee leaders say they need 150 donors to meet area needs at their bloodmobile Tuesday, September 18.

An immediate public response is needed for type O and type B blood, but organizers say that any eligible donors are urged to come to the Old Armory (Recreation Center) on North Broad Street from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Through Labor Day week, the American Red Cross had successfully met all emergency and surgery blood needs of area patients, but lack of collections have now made inventories low, with no relief in sight.

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speaker William A. Spain, Jr., president of Birdsong Peanuts say, "the peanut industry today faces the greatest turmoil ever found in the peanut market."

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James B. Hunt

Hunt Begins Eastern Swing

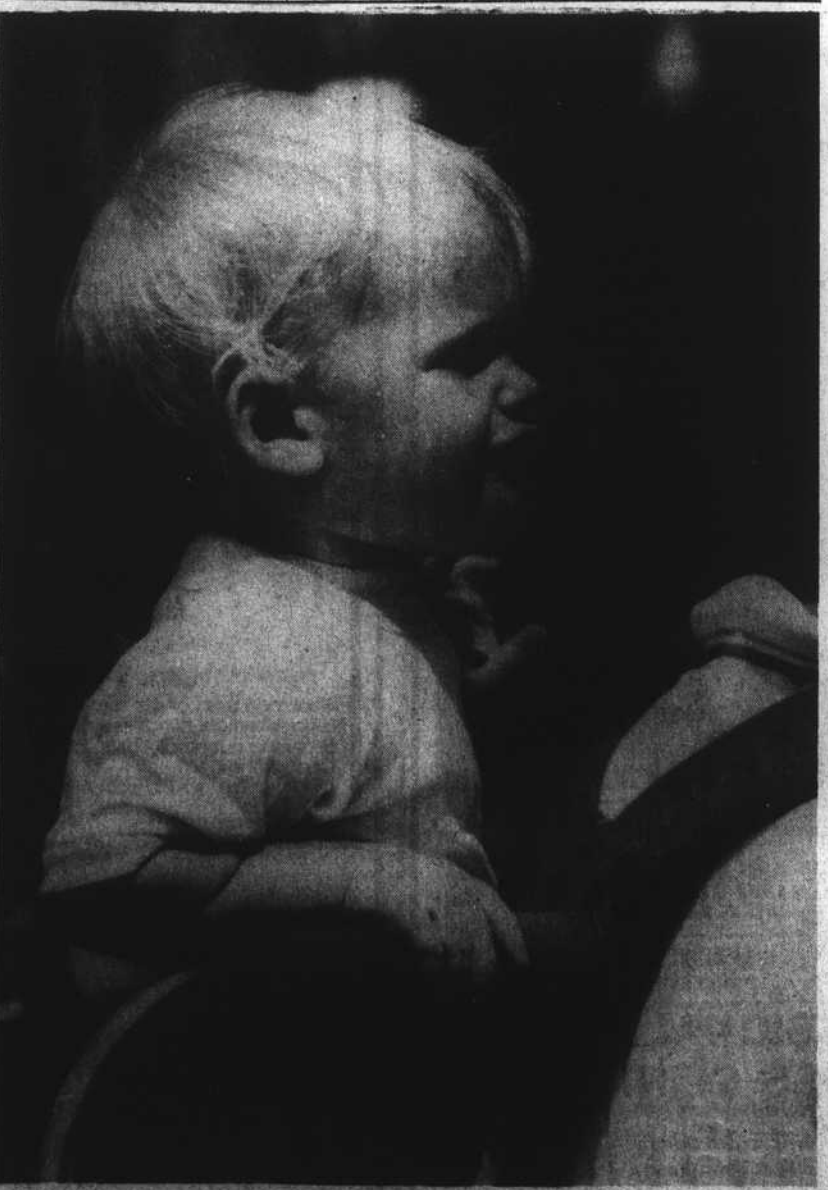
"Northeastern North Carolina today is a growing, prospering, promising section of our state," said Gov. James B. Hunt, candidate for the U.S. Senate before embarking on a campaign trip to Edenton and Elizabeth City.

"I think the future of the great Northeast can be even brighter if we continue our partnership of teamwork, new ideas and fiscal responsibility," the governor added.

Democratic candidate for the senate seat held by Senator Jesse Helms, Hunt will be in Edenton Monday, September 17 at John A. Holmes High School new cafeteria for a rally and fundraiser.

Hunt said he plans to thank voters personally for their past support and ask for continued work and efforts between now and the

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SHRINER PARADE—Audra Leigh Noble had a great seat on her father's back for the Shriners Parade on Saturday. Audra is the daughter of Town Administrator Sam Noble.