

**With Crossover Dressing**  
When Judge Woodrow Jones ruled in U.S. District Court that the state law voiding crossover voting on straight tickets in 1982 was unconstitutional, he unintentionally bestowed on voters following such a practice the best of both worlds.

The case arose out of the heated 11th district congressional race in which state Rep. James M. Clarke, a Democrat, narrowly defeated U.S. Rep. William M. Hendon, a Republican.

In a federal suit brought following the election, Hendon contended that numerous voters marked the straight Democratic ticket at the top then crossed over to the Republican side and voted for him. Under the state law then in effect, election officials were required to count the straight ticket and ignore the crossover.

While the litigation was making its way through the court, Clarke was sworn in and took his seat. Judge Jones threw out the law as unconstitutional, but did not void the election. With the straight ticket law off the books, Hendon regained his seat in 1984.

But Judge Jones had failed to take into account the effect of his ruling on elections where multiple seats were involved, such as boards of county commissioners, the state house and senate. As is often the case, Republicans do not field a full slate of candidates when multiple seats are involved.

Under the order requiring the crossover votes on straight ballots to be counted, what happens when you have three Democrats running for the three seats on the board of county commissioners and only one Republican? If you are required to count the crossover vote, then against which of the three Democratic candidates will it be charged? If it isn't charged against either of them, then doesn't this give this particular voter four votes for three candidates?

It was in an effort to resolve this dilemma that the 1984 General Assembly enacted a law voiding conflicting votes on ballots that include both straight and crossover votes, effective with elections held after March, 1985. But that act is now under challenge.

Attorney General Lacy H. Thornburgh has asked the U.S. District Court in Asheville to validate the 1984 state law; but State Board of Elections Chairman Robert N. Hunter, Jr., Greensboro, a Republican, contends that crossover votes should be counted.

We suspect the new state law will be upheld, but nobody can be sure until the court hands down its ruling. Whatever the outcome, we cannot help feeling a little impatient with voters who want to have their partisan cake, with crossover dressing. A certain amount of intelligence, whether the law requires it or not, ought to be brought to the exercise of the right of suffrage at the ballot box.

**Blood Drive**

A Bloodmobile sponsored by the Edenton Jaycees will be held Tuesday, August 20, from noon until 6 p.m. at Chowan Hospital; the goal for this drive is 100 units.

"We're urging all donors to come and give," said Jaycee Bloodmobile Chairman Mark Stever. "The Tidewater American Red Cross has informed us that there is a blood crisis for type O blood."

Stever said that in Fiscal Year 1984-85, Chowan Hospital used 698 units of blood. During the same time period, blood drives in Chowan County collected a total of 599 units.



Dr. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was the keynote speaker for a back-to-school breakfast attended by teachers and other Edenton-Chowan School System personnel.

**School System Praised**

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Craig Phillips praised the local school system and the Basic Education Plan on Monday during a keynote address at a back-to-school breakfast held in the John A. Holmes High School cafeteria.

Phillips congratulated teachers and other school personnel, gathered to kickoff the new year, for Edenton-Chowan Schools' recent accomplishments which include: possessing the lowest dropout rate of any school system in the state; being awarded the Governor's Program of Excellence in 1983 and 1985; John A. Holmes High School's recognition in the nationwide 1984-85 Secondary School Recognition Program; and being one of sixteen school systems to pilot test the North Carolina Career Development Plan.

He said the local school system has managed to create "an atmosphere of achievement" and added that Superintendent John Dunn is looked upon as a creative superintendent throughout the state. "I wish other school systems were like yours," he said.

Adoption of the Basic Education Plan by the General Assembly has provided "a time to move into high gear," said Phillips. "I don't think there has ever been a moment with so great a potential for education in North Carolina."

**Byrum Elected**

West Byrum of Edenton was elected to serve a three-year term on North Carolina Association of ABC Board's Board of Directors at the association's 1985 Summer Conference held recently at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville.

Speakers at the two general sessions of the conference included Governor James G. Martin and Lt. Governor Robert B. Jordan III. Both received commemorative 50th Anniversary mugs and baseball caps with the 50th Anniversary logo.

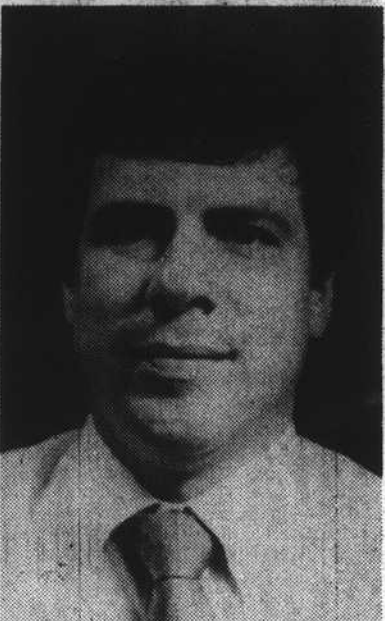
Also speaking to the group were NABCA President Kenneth Wynn of Utah, and Daniel Zeluff, Ph.D., who spoke on the subject of conflict management.

The conference ended with a birthday party celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the ABC system in North Carolina. Representatives of the original 16 ABC boards were recognized and applauded, as well as past presidents of Association. Special recognition was given to Frances Davenport (Edgecombe County) and Barbara Thornton (Greensboro) for their work on behalf of the Association.

wide North Carolina public school students with the same quality of education regardless of where they attend school. Funding for the first two years of the \$620 million program was approved by the General Assembly. The program is expected to be implemented over the next eight years.

Calling the plan "a complete education program," Phillips said that it explains what children should be learning and spells out ways to go about teaching them. The plan also addresses the facilities and materials needed to accomplish its goals.

"If I sound excited about it, it's because I am," he said. "It is very important that everybody in the business know that a commitment has been made and a target has been set."



Dr. Lance Potocki

**Potocki Joins Medical Staff**

Dr. Lance Potocki, Family Practitioner, recently joined the staff at Chowan Medical Center.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Potocki did his undergraduate work at Georgetown University and attended medical school at The University of Maryland. He completed his family practice residency at The University of Cincinnati.

Potocki, who is in his second year of practice, spent his first eight months as a physician working with Project Hope on the Caribbean Island of Carriacou, one of the three islands of Grenada.

The island had a 50-bed hospital with a delivery suite plus five clinics. The clinics rarely had running electricity and there were no X-ray facilities on the island. "Most of the time I was the only doctor on the island; I was on call the entire eight months," he

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**Rezoning Unanimously Passed: New Plant Plans Fall Opening**

A new Edenton industry will be in operation this fall producing baked snack foods and initially creating nine new jobs for area workers.

The go-ahead was given to the new endeavor Monday when Edenton Town Council unanimously passed a resolution granting a request made by local businessman C.B. Smith to rezone the area surrounding the old A&P store from SC, Shopping Center to IW, Industrial Warehousing. The change was recommended by the Planning Board.

The change in zoning will allow Smith and his partners, Bill Bravener and Chuck Smith, to begin converting the building which once housed the grocery store into a plant for Edenton Snack Foods, Inc. Plans for renovating the building include removing the large grocery store windows and painting the front of the building beige.

When the plant is in operation - the projected opening date is set for November 1 - it will produce snacks such as cheese curls, cheese balls, crunchy cheese curls (all made with corn meal) and buttered and cheese popcorn. The products will be marketed by Tracy A's Marketing, Inc., a business based in Edenton.

The company plans to begin with one shift and eventually add another. "We estimate its going to take nine people on a shift at full

production," said Vice President of Operations Chuck Smith.

At a public hearing concerning the zoning change, Edenton resident Marsha Crandall asked, "Is industry wise on Broad Street?"

Crandall said she wants to preserve the quality of life enjoyed by Edenton residents and expressed concern that the new plant might emit unpleasant odors.

C.B. Smith, president of the new company, said, "The amount of odor would almost be nil." He added that renovating the building will greatly improve its appearance.

In an interview Wednesday morning, Smith said that plans for the plant have been in the works for eighteen months. "We appreciate that we have received the full support of the Planning Board and the Town Council; it's impor-

tant to a new business," he said. "We hope to make the business something the whole town can be proud of."

In other business, Council members approved:

- the East Church Street Community Redevelopment Plan.
- the purchase of four full-sized cars under state contract.
- a \$3 a day, \$20 a month, tie-down charge for airplanes at Edenton Municipal Airport and a \$25 charge for the water used in washing airplanes.
- a physical fitness requirement for police officers.
- new parking regulations for the parking lot behind the County Office Building.
- the employment of C. Christopher Bean as the attorney for the East Church Street Development Project.

**Summer Vacation's Over Schools Begin New Year**

Rob Boyce, Principal of John A. Holmes High School, announces that the first day of school is Monday, August 26th. Students interested in reviewing their schedules prior to opening day are invited to come by the school, beginning August 19th. Following this schedule:

- Monday, August 19 — Seniors only, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 20 — Juniors only, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 21 — Sophomores only, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Thursday, August 22 — Freshman and new students, 12 noon until 6:30 p.m. There will be an orientation assembly in the cafeteria for freshman, new students and their parents.

Please follow the schedule as listed to alleviate any conflicts.

**Invitational Tennis Tournament Winners**

The Fourth Annual Colonial Invitational Tennis Tournament was held August 9th, 10th, and 11th at the Edenton City Courts. It was a big success as there were 81 players from 23 cities.

The Chowan Tennis Association and the Edenton Parks and Recreation Department wants to thank everyone who helped in making this tournament so successful. Below is a listing of the winner in the different categories:

18 and under Girls Singles: Cari Smith (Greenville) defeated Jill Rogers (Tarboro) 6-2, 6-1.

18 and under Boys Singles: Lang Hornthal (Elizabeth City)

defeated Chen Chin (Elizabeth City) 6-2, 6-2.

Womens Open Singles: Susan Maxwell (Moyock) defeated Mandy Peebles (Edenton) 6-1, 6-4.

Mens Open Singles: Kermit Nixon (Edenton) defeated David White (Hertford) 6-3, 6-0.

Womens Open Doubles:

Mary Sawyer & Mandy Peebles (Edenton) defeated Mollie Thorn & Susan Maxwell (Moyock) 6-1, 7-5, 7-6.

Mens Open Doubles: David White (Hertford) & Mark Noneman (Edenton) defeated John Sweitzer & Richard Anderson (Tarboro) 6-2, 6-4.

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**Legion Honors Its Athletes**

American Legion Post 40 honored its athletes on Friday, August 16, at the Post's Sports Award Banquet.

Department Commander Pat O'Donnel was the keynote speaker for the evening; he spoke of American Legion Baseball as a builder of character and leadership for today's young men.

The following Legion baseball player received trophies: Todd Hunter and Brian Bunch, outstanding offensive players; Mike Byrum, outstanding defensive player; Glenn Hardison, outstanding pitcher; Jeff Simson, most improved player; and Richard Thach, most dedicated player.

Members of the Legion Little League team were also honored.

Rusty Atstupenas received the most valuable player award and Clay Rouson received the outstanding player award.

The 1985 "Gashouse" Parker Award was presented to Hoke Roberson Jr. for his outstanding contributions to American Legion Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball. Roberson was commended for the time and efforts he puts into these programs.

Also at the banquet, E.C. Toppin announced that Jim Criddle has been appointed as American Legion Baseball Commissioner for Division I (extending from Raleigh to the coast) and Wallace Evans was appointed Post 40 Athletic Officer for 1985-86.

**Church Page Alterations**

Regular readers of The Chowan Herald will notice that the church page, located on 2-B, has undergone a transformation effective with this week's issue.

A new layout has been devised, which will better enable readers to take note of the local businesses supporting religious services in the community.

The church directory, a listing of county churches, pastors, and worship services, remains on the page with only some minor alterations made.

"Words of Faith", a religious column written on an alternating basis by area pastors, also continues. Rev. H.E. Mallinson, who until recently served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, contributed the first articles in the series. This month's copy is being written by Dr. Ralph Epps, pastor of Edenton United Methodist Church. Other ministers who will be writing include Dr. Kenneth Word, Edenton Baptist Church and Rev. Ashby Browder, Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Response to these articles has been extremely positive so far, and any Chowan County ministers who are interested in contributing copy for "Words of Faith" should call Chowan Herald staff member Rebecca Bunch at 482-4418 to obtain further information.



AWARD—Hoke Roberson Jr. (right) received the 1985 "Gashouse" Parker Award from Wallace Evans, co-chairman of the American Legion Athletic committee, at a Sports Award banquet held on Friday, August 16.

On Tuesday, August 20th  
From Noon Until 6 p.m.

**JAYCEE BLOODMOBILE**

At The Chowan Hospital  
Goal For Drive: 100 Units