



## Public Parade

### Time For Plain Talk

We listened very carefully to the Raleigh re-run of the President's Independence speech on tax reform last Thursday and, when you take away the elements of theater and timing, there wasn't much left. We know little more about the nuts and bolts of the proposal than we did before he spoke.

He did tell us again that, come hell or high water, he would attach "a big, fat veto" to any bill containing anything that looked like a tax increase when it reached his desk. We don't know exactly when the climate will get hotter or the water higher, but before first frost this fall the President will have to sign a bill raising the national debt limit to \$2 trillion, half of it to cover deficits run up since he entered office.

Floating on a sea of red ink, taking credit for an economy fueled with borrowed money, shrugging off a continuing trade balance so unfavorable that it is costing thousands of American jobs, the President prefers to dwell in hyperbole. We are standing tall in the saddle, we are entering a technological revolution, we are fulfilling the American dream, we are getting the government off our backs and freeing the individual to achieve greatness.

So, it may really be asking too much to expect Ronald Reagan to trim his rhetoric to match a fabric of facts. It may be too much to expect him to admit that, if our tax system is in a mess, his administration helped to get it there. Instead, he prefers to talk about loopholes, special interests and defenders of the status quo as if they were concepts alien to everything the Reagan administration stands for.

But are they? One of the biggest loopholes in history was written into law in the President's 1981 tax reduction act, which permitted billion-dollar companies to "rent" tax credits from money-losing corporations, benefitting both at the expense of other taxpayers. Thus, we had the spectacle of giant companies, with millions of dollars in profits, paying little or no income tax. This abuse became so blatant that Congress later removed it from the law.

And, just as there are loopholes and loopholes, so are there special interests and special interests. Would you say big oil, gas and other extractive industries qualify

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**CHOWAN COUNTY FAIR**—The Hollanders, a very talented and professional group of six brothers and sisters, will be appearing at the Chowan County Fair next Tuesday on the Outdoor Stage and Wednesday in the Show Barn. The fair opens on Monday, September 16 and runs through Saturday, September 21.

## District Court Session

Chowan County District Court was in session September 10; the Honorable Grafton G. Beaman presiding over the criminal calendar.

Connie Alexander Liverman

## Carey Evans Dies: Age 79

Carey Moses Evans, Rt. 3, Edenton, died Wednesday, September 4 in Chowan Hospital. He was 79.

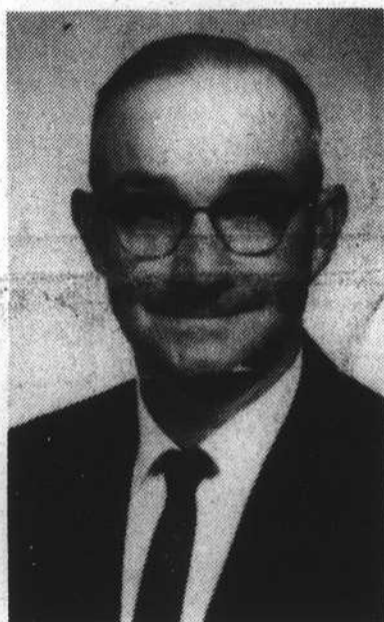
Mr. Evans, a native of Chowan County and the husband of Mrs. Cora Bass Evans, was a retired farmer. He was a member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church where he was a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He served 12 years as a Chowan County Commissioner and 13 years on the Chowan County School Board.

Besides his wife he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ruth E. Nixon, Edenton; four sons, Carroll, Wallace, and Jack Evans, all of Edenton, and Frank Evans of Raleigh; five sisters, Mrs. Lonie Harrell and Mrs. Pearl Harrell, both of Edenton, Mrs. Eleanor Byrum of Tyner, and Mrs. Beulah Williams and Mrs. Helen Lowe of Suffolk, Va.; also five brothers: Edward Evans, Milton Evans, Marvin Evans, Roland Evans, and Alvin Evans, all of Edenton.

was found guilty of driving 50 in a 35mph zone. She was fined \$25 and cost of court.

Mrs. Tommy Marriner was found guilty on two counts of pass-

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Carey Moses Evans

Other survivors include 14 grandchildren and nine-greatchildren. Funeral services were held Friday, September 6 at 3:00 p.m. in Beaver Hill Cemetery, Rev.

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## Edenton Aces Win Over Archrival Northeastern

By Walt Noneman

"There are no words to describe it," were the first words from Jay Swicegood while accepting congratulations from well-wishers on his first win as a varsity head coach. The Edenton ACES could in fact feel very fortunate indeed as they squeaked out a 13-12 win over archrival Northeastern High

School of Elizabeth City on last Friday night.

The ACES fell behind by two quick touchdowns and most of the team came off the field with their heads hung low. This is when Coach Swicegood called a timeout and held a short meeting right on the playing field. He explained to his young squad that, "Things

don't always go just right in life as well as on the field." Instead of lying down, the ACES fought back.

Led by Seniors Mark Hollowell, Willie Williams, Johnny Goodwin, Brian Bunch, Troy Brothers, Alan Krause, and Rodney Holley, the ACES were not down for long. In the second quarter David Drew intercepted a Northeastern pass which led to a five-yard run by quarterback Mark Hollowell.

In the final quarter, Hollowell hit wide receiver Johnny Goodwin for a 65 yard pass completion, moving the ball from Edenton's 12 yard line to the Northeastern 23. The ACES were then looking at fourth down when Hollowell threw to DeRonne Felton. The pass was incomplete, but Northeastern was called for pass interference. Four plays later on fourth down, Hollowell went over from the one for a 12-12 tie. Moments later, Roy Ford kicked the extra point for the 13-12 win. "Our kids have character and class and just bounced back," said Coach Swicegood after the game.

Both teams put the ball in the air as Northeastern went six of seventeen for 71 yards while the ACES were five of ten for 99 yards. Roy Ford had 38 yards on 10 carries and Dorian Harris went 34 yards on 10 carries. Brian Bunch made three catches for 31 yards. Lettermen Brian Bunch and C.J. Coston went both ways

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**ACES WIN**—(left picture) Head Coach Jay Swicegood urges the Aces to their first victory of the new football season. (right picture) Slotback DeRonne Felton goes out for a pass in Edenton's 13-12 victory over arch rival Northeastern. (photos by Harold Nichols)

## Electricity Rate Reduction Passed

Town of Edenton electricity customers won't have to reach quite so far into their pockets to pay their bills in November; the cost of electricity is being reduced by 2.8 percent.

Members of Town Council unanimously voted for the rate reduction Tuesday after learning that the rate the town is charged for electricity is being reduced by 2.2 percent beginning October 1.

Customers will see the price reduction on November's billing.

Sam Noble, town administrator, explained that a customer currently paying \$81.70 for 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity will pay \$79.41 for the same amount of power with the 2.8 percent reduction.

"We would have passed the savings to the customer even if we

could only drop the rates by one percent," commented Mayor Roy Harrell. "But if they come in January or February and raise the rates, we will have to pass it on." A rate increase request is anticipated for the early part of next year.

In another electricity related matter, council unanimously voted to request bids for three generators which will supply the town with electricity during peak load hours. Since the town's electricity supplier - Carolina Power and Light Company - bases the rate it charges for electricity on the amount used during those hours, shaving power demands with the generators will save the town money.

Ray D. Cohn of Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc. told council members that he expected the total cost of the three diesel-powered units and the plant to house them to be just over one million dollars. He said the generators should pay for themselves within three years.

Cohn said two generators should be operating during the fifteen hours a week he believes they will be needed; the third unit will act as a backup. The town is planning to house the generators near the airport.

## Council Appointment

David Bateman, Rt. 1, Tyner, has been appointed to the State Advisory Council for the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service.

The council is a 20-member body that advises State Extension Director Chester D. Black and other administrators on broad extension policies. It usually meets quarterly in Raleigh.

Bateman is one of three council members from the Northeastern Extension District. Other representatives from the district are Michael Moore, Hertford; and Mrs. LuAnn Whitaker, Washington, N.C., council president.

"The Extension Service is a great asset to the farming community," said Bateman. "It brings us timely information that has

been developed through research."

Bateman called the people who set up the land grant university system with its research and extension programs "farsighted." They gave farm people an opportunity to improve their situation, and the benefits have reverted to the total society, he said.

Bateman, who farms 350 acres of row crops, is a past president of the Chowan County Farm Bureau, a former county commissioner, and a three-term president of the N.C. Peanut Growers Assn. Currently he is a director of the Edenton branch of People Bank and Trust Company and a member of the U.S. Peanut Administrative Committee. This is a

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## Curriculum

COA will offer the following curriculum courses at Holmes High this quarter:

- Business Law I, T/Th, 5:40-6:55
- Introduction to Business, T/Th, 7:00-9:30
- Elementary Typewriting, T/Th, 7:00-9:30
- Computer Fundamentals, Th, 7:00-9:45
- English Composition I, Th, 7:00-9:45
- Voice and Diction I, T, 7:00-9:45
- Acting I, Th, 7:00-9:45
- General Psychology II, Th, 7:00-9:45
- Basic Movement, Th, 7:00-9:45
- First Aid and Safety Education, T, 7:00-9:45

All will be at Holmes High School. Registration and classes begin this week. For more information, call 482-8426 on Thurs. from 7-10 p.m.

## Local Military History Meeting Plans

Military personnel, active or retired, and other interested persons or groups are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Edenton Municipal Building.

Friends of local military history have been formed to collect and preserve military history of the Edenton Marine/Naval Base (1943-1958). The tentative objective is to consider a museum or protected area to preserve on going history of area military heroes, events, units, artifacts and other data.

The group has received permission by the Edenton City Council to establish signs or markers indicating the location of the World War II military base. Immediate plans are also being made to entertain the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, National Marine Ladies organization. The Marine Ladies will hold their third bi-annual convention in Edenton in October.

The Edenton Tea Party Chapter composed of women throughout the U.S. was created by the group six years ago as a result of their devotion to the Edenton base during World War II and the respect of the community toward military personnel. Approximately thirty members and their spouses will attend the bi-annual convention in Edenton in October.

For further information, write or telephone Shepard-Pruden Library, 106 West Water Street, Edenton, N.C., 482-4112. After 6:00 p.m., telephone 482-4510.



Senator Marc Basnight (left) is shown discussing local issues at Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting. Listening are C.A. Phillips, chairman, and Commissioner Clara Boswell.

## Board Meets With Basnight

State Senator Marc Basnight (D-Dare) met with the Chowan County Board of Commissioners Monday to discuss local issues and the upcoming spring session of the General Assembly.

One of the subjects discussed by the senator and the commissioners was eastern North Carolina's lack of representation on various state boards and committees.

Commissioner Alton Elmore, who served on the state Environmental Management Commission since his appointment in 1983 but was replaced last month by a man from Charlotte, complained that the eastern section of the state is not represented on the commission even though decisions made by commission members greatly effect the area.

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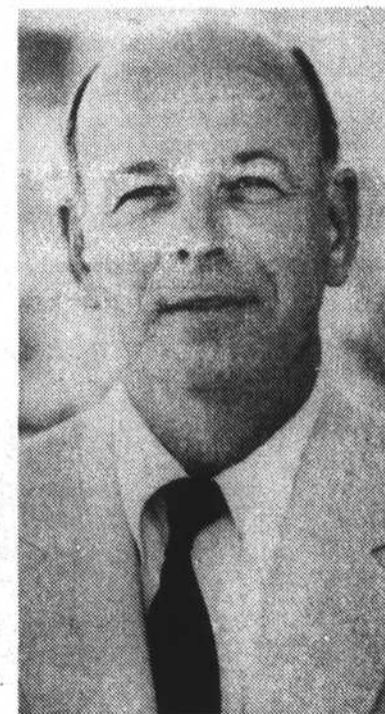
## Harless Files For Re-Election

Allen B. Harless, incumbent third ward councilman, recently filed for re-election.

In a prepared statement, Harless said, "There are a number of unfinished projects which I have been a part of and which I would like to see completed. For that reason I seek re-election to serve another term on the Town Council. The projects I am referring to are: the controversial Wastewater Treatment System, renovations and repairs to the Edenton Airport, Community Development Block Grant for East Church Street, the possible construction of two Little League ball fields for the recreation program and the continuation study of a proposed Peak Shaving Generation Plant. All of these projects are important to the Town of Edenton.

"I'm happy to say that the town seems to be in a very sound and stable financial condition, however, it will be a tough year as far as the budget goes. We're facing decreased revenues and higher expenses. I do not feel that the two cent tax increase for 1985-86 is too unbearable - after all it has been four years since there was a tax hike. The town will still be able to provide all the service it has in the past."

Harless noted that he was appointed councilman for the third



Allen B. Harless

ward by Town Council to fill the unexpired term of Irvin Griffin.

A native of Edenton and manager of the Edenton Kellogg-Morgan Insurance Agency, Harless was town treasurer for six years. He has served as president of the Peanut Festival, the Aces Booster Club and the Rotary Club.

Harless is a member of the Edenton United Methodist Church. He and his wife have two daughters