



The Coming Election

Edenton voters will go to the polls Tuesday, November 5, to elect a mayor and three councilmen. Since the voters know the candidates better than we do, we will not presume to advise them how to vote.

But we will say this. If all the candidates are as well qualified as E.N. (Pete) Manning, there is no way the citizens can lose. We have known him for a long time and have found him to be a man of ability and integrity, not given to grandstanding, but one who takes his commitments seriously.

Having been in public life a long time, we know there is a tendency among the better off to look down upon those who become involved in politics, either as candidates for office or as civil servants. They are often described as political hacks, just another politician, shifty characters or, often, as just plain crooks.

That is unfortunate; and it quite often prevents successful professionals, outstanding businessmen, the intellectually well-endowed or otherwise prominent citizens from offering as candidates for public office. And, when one of them does decide to run, he almost invariably prefaces his announcement with the disclaimer, "I am not a politician."

There is nothing generically wrong with politics. It is an honorable calling and there are good people who offer their service, many of them at a sacrifice either of time or treasure. Of course, there are small potatoes and some rotten apples among them, but the percentage is no greater than in any other group. It just seems that way, since, living in the proverbial goldfish bowl, they are more exposed to the public view.

So, we want to congratulate those seeking municipal office in Edenton, from the mayor down. You are rendering a community service by running and we feel confident that those of you who win election will acquit yourselves as good citizens in a good town. Even those of you who lose will end up wiser and better for the experience.

Middleground Wide Open

With Congressman James Broyhill and ex-Ambassador David Funderburk maneuvering to see which one can start his candidacy for the GOP nomination to the U.S. Senate from the most conservative position, that would seem to simplify the Democratic partys task of fielding suitable

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Bike-A-Thon Sponsored

The Rocky Hock Ruritan Club will sponsor a Bike-a-Thon to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on Saturday, October 12th from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The event will take place at Rocky Hock Community Center.

Prizes being offered to participants will include a bicycle, food coupons, baseball shirts, a roll tate bag or a long-sleeved beach shirt.

Sign-up forms can be obtained from Rocky Hock Grocery, Chowan Jr. High School, White Oak Elementary School, John A. Holmes High School and Byrum Hardware Co.

Cystic Fibrosis is a lung and digestive disease that is the number of genetic killer of young people today. By participating in this Bike-a-Thon, you will be part of the Nationwide effort to conquer cystic fibrosis.



SECONDARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM—(from L. to R.) Chairman of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Cecil Fry, Superintendent Dr. John Dunn and J.A. Holmes Principal Rob Boyce are shown on the grounds of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. displaying a flag presented to the local high school signifying its recognition in the 1984-85 Secondary School Recognition Program.

10th Annual Peanut Festival

Everyone loves a parade and the Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association will host one of the largest in North Carolina at the tenth annual Peanut Festival in Edenton on Saturday, October 5, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Eleven high school bands have committed themselves to march in the parade and compete for honors in the band competition that will begin at 1:00 P.M. at Hicks Field. The North Carolina bands are from West Carteret, Beddingfield, Perquimans, Plymouth, and Roanoke Rapids. The Virginia bands are from Western Branch, Deep Creek, Thomas Dale, Oscar Smith, Churchland, and First Colonial High School. The Aurara H.S. band from N.C. will be participating in the parade only. Edenton's own Marching Aces will be leading the parade.

The beautiful Edenton Bay will provide a picturesque setting for the sailboat regatta which will

also begin at 10:00 A.M. The awarding of trophies will take place at the Edenton Marina at 5:00 P.M.

Following the parade, numerous activities will take place on the campus of John A. Holmes High School. Barbeque plates will be available, as well as concessions, baked goods, and all kinds of peanuts and peanut brittle. Come prepared to do some Christmas shopping or just pamper yourself with some of the art and craft items that will be on sale.

At 1:00 P.M. the band competition will begin at Hicks Field. The afternoon promises a lot of excitement for everyone as you watch the eleven bands compete for honors.

The drawing of the raffles will be held at 3:00 P.M. While the judges total the band competition scores you will be royally entertained by a stellar performance of

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Townwide Sale Begins

In a continuing effort to encourage Chowan County residents to shop at home, the second in a series of townwide sales will be held beginning today (Thursday) and continuing through Saturday.

Much planning and hard work has been done by Edenton merchants in preparation for the special event, which is being jointly sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, WZBO (Z-102) and The Chowan Herald.

A special 16-page advertising supplement is included in this issue of The Chowan Herald in order to give area shoppers an idea of the savings they can expect to find this weekend. Z-102 plans to broadcast live from downtown Edenton on Thursday and Friday during the sale and will be located at the Boy Scout Hut on Saturday, to provide combined coverage of the townwide sale and the Peanut Festival.

Remember that patronizing local businesses creates addi-

tional jobs in our community, as well as improving the economy. So, while you're checking out the special activities planned for the Peanut Festival, don't forget to take advantage of the bargain prices you'll be able to find during the townwide "Ghostbusters' Sale".

Businesses participating in the townwide promotion are: Ben Riddick Jewelers, Fame Men's Shop, Colonial Building Systems Ltd., Tarkington's, Albemarle Boats, Cuthrell's Dept. Store, Eagles, Carpet and Appliance Plaza, The Betty Shoppe, Chowan Hospital, Quinn Furniture, Byrum Hardware, Edenton Savings & Loan, Boswell's Restaurant, Nationwide Insurance, Golden Corral, Western Gas Service, Chicken Kitchen, Edenton Furniture Co., Davis Jewelers, George Chevrolet, Jackson Radio & TV Service, Creywood Tire and Service Center, Colonial Motel and Restaurant, Belk-Tyler and Parker-Evans Hardware.

Recognition Program Attended

John A. Holmes High School Principal Rob Boyce, Chairman of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Cecil Fry and Superintendent Dr. John Dunn traveled to Washington D.C. on Tuesday to participate in ceremonies for the 1984-85 Secondary School Recognition Program.

The highlight of the day occurred during an afternoon gathering on the south lawn of the White House when President Ronald Reagan spoke to the educators and Principal Rob Boyce received a flag signifying Holmes High as one of the 281 schools nationwide selected for recognition in the program.

President Reagan told the educators that the country is "seeing a renaissance in education" and congratulated students for the higher scores they have been making on SAT tests. "To America's students - well done and keep up the good work," he said.

The president said visits he made to college campuses during the 1960s were disappointing but that recent visits to those same colleges have left him with "the firm conviction that the 21st Century is in good hands."

"I don't think there has ever been a generation with more spirit and more promise," he added.

Last June, Principal Rob Boyce received a letter from Secretary of the United States Department of Education William J. Bennett informing him that John A. Holmes had been selected for recognition in the secondary school recognition program. In an interview in the nations capitol,

Boyce explained some reasons why he felt the school had been chosen for the prestigious honor.

"The bottom line is that it takes the kids to win the award," said Boyce.

He said that students at John A. Holmes have a mature attitude in that they understand that efforts they are making now may be painful, but know they will help them later on. Also, he said the school is making progress academically and noted that SAT scores at the school are up. One goal of the high school, he said, is to keep improving those scores.

Setting goals is something the principal advocates. "This year every student has a written goal for the year and our goal as a school is to see that 80% of the

students meet those goals," he said.

Student goals range from passing more subjects than last year to improving attendance records. A recently established Royal Flush Award is one method of rewarding students who reach their goals.

One of the principal's personal goals is to create a positive attitude at the school. "When I was interviewed for this job, one of my major goals was to create a positive climate. Education is built on optimism; the whole idea is we can make this whole thing better through knowledge."

Other factors besides students and the setting of goals that helped the school in being honored

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Area Food Bank Planned

Inspired by the example of those who organized the Albemarle Food Bank/Pantry in Elizabeth City, interested residents of Chowan County have banded together to make a similar relief organization available locally. The center is scheduled to open in November at Clarence Leary's old Feed and Supply building on Highway 32 North.

When asked about who would be eligible to receive assistance from the center, director Martha Guttu responded, "Basically the way I see it is, if you are hungry and come in and ask for food, you're going to get it. But, of course, we don't want people to abuse the pantry."

Food, Guttu notes, will not be the only commodity offered by the

center for the needy in Chowan County. "It will be more of an all-around support system," she said, "which will assist people in finding shelter and refer them to people who can help them with money management."

The food bank will be an ecumenical effort and Guttu said all area pastors have been notified of its existence. "We hope that all churches in the area will contribute to the pantry," Guttu commented.

Although the hours of operation will be dictated primarily by the amount of food and volunteers available, plans at the present time call for the food bank/pantry to be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00

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STORMY AFTERMATH— Edenton Bay (top photo) was a strange-looking sight for those who picked their way through cluttered streets to visit the waterfront early last Friday morning. The water level was extremely low, making it appear almost as if the Bay had been sucked dry. Heavy wind and rain were experienced throughout Hurricane Gloria's visit, causing many large trees to topple such as this one (bottom photo) which fell in the yard of a home owned by Edenton businessman John Dowd. (Staff photo by Ron Anderson)



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