

EAST EDENTON.....	425
WEST EDENTON.....	534
ROCKY HOCK.....	118
CENTER HILL.....	156
WARDVILLE.....	202
YEOFIM.....	70
TOTAL.....	1507

SHERIFF		
174	22	69
284	242	76
68	132	14
71	39	16
75	22	34
57	33	9
729	490	218
Rice	Toppin	Bunch Jethro

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS			
385	250	427	185
507	396	519	346
104	192	128	197
176	75	163	89
123	91	135	104
187	130	199	109
1482	1134	1571	1033
Hollowell	Smith	Boswell	Ober
			Jones
			Jordan

BOARD OF EDUCATION		
318	354	274
614	357	569
194	58	216
92	155	104
107	83	126
227	123	245
1552	1130	1534
Cox	Taylor	Parrish

CLERK OF COURT		
410	559	111
421	716	217
41	271	45
133	253	25
49	240	70
127	153	31
1186	2192	499
Sharpe	Hollowell	McCall

Public Parade

The Good News And The Bad

Well, the primaries are now two days past and everybody is happy—or had just as well be. That's the thing about elections. There isn't much you can do afterwards to change the results.

Statewide, things went about as expected. Terry Sanford was high man in the 10-candidate sweepstakes for the Democratic nomination to the United States Senate. We had hoped Sanford could pull it off in the first primary and that's what he did.

On the flip side of the U.S. Senate race, James T. Broyhill has sewed up the Republican nomination in the three-way contest.

We voted for the constitutional amendment for off-year election of state and local officers, not because we felt it was such a good idea but because we wanted somebody other than Tom Gilmore and Eddie Knox, both losers in the last gubernatorial race, to tell us to vote against it.

They were complaining that such a shift would be expensive without explaining why it would cost more for state candidates to run concurrently with mayors and other municipal officials than to run concurrently with U.S. Presidents and Congressmen. Then, too, they complained that it would mean holding elections every year, which we are doing anyway. In this, they overlooked the fact that our constitution calls for "frequent elections." Article I, Sec. 9, declares that "for redress of grievances and for amending and strengthening the laws, elections shall be often held."

Locally, there was good news and bad. As usual, Chowan County voters went to the polls in large numbers to register their choices. Thus they helped to nominate a strong slate of candidates to lead the major parties in the November elections.

As a result, Marc Basnight was nominated by the Democrats to seek the First District seat in the state senate.

Vernon James of Pasquotank received the nomination for one of the two house seats in the First District.

Winnie Wood of Camden and Pete Thompson of Chowan were in second and third place with Thompson in position to go for a run-off. The winners will face Shirley Perry of Perquimans County, the sole Republican candidate for the state house from the First District.

County candidates were nominated by the Democrats as follows:

- For sheriff, Wayne Rice.
- For county commissioner, Joe Hollowell; Clara Boswell and C.A. "Al" Phillips.
- For clerk of court, Marjorie

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Democratic Primary: Moderate Turn Out

By JACK GROVE

(Editor's Note: Statistics presented in this article do not include absentee or transfer votes.)

Fifty-one per cent of Chowan County's registered Democrats went to the polls Tuesday to choose among seventeen local candidates, six for the N.C. House of Representatives and ten for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Republican John East.

A four-way race for the nomination for sheriff saw Wayne Rice win with 1,507 votes or 51 per cent of the ballots cast. E.C. Toppin came in a distant second with 729 votes; Norman Bunch received 490 and Delvin Jethro, 218. Rice will face Republican Fred Spruill in November.

The remainder of the County candidates face no opposition in the November general elections. Winning candidates for the school board were elected Tuesday in a non-partisan election.

Marjorie Hollowell swept away with 81 per cent of the vote for Clerk of Superior Court with 2,192 votes to Marguerite McCall's 499.

In the contest for seats on the Chowan Board of County Commissioners, incumbents Joe Hollowell and Clara Boswell won handily. C.A. "Al" Phillips ran unopposed. Hollowell defeated Carroll Smith, receiving 1,482 votes or 56.6 per cent against Smith's 1,134 votes. Boswell won by a margin of 60 per cent over challenger David Ober with 1,571 votes to Ober's 1,033 votes.

In the Board of Education election, incumbent Alice Jones defeated Lois Jordan with 1,669 votes or 61 per cent to Jordan's 1,048. Incumbent James Taylor was defeated by challenger Frank Cox with Cox receiving 1,552 or 58 per cent and Taylor getting 1,130. J. M. Parrish won over Thomas Sharpe with 1,534 votes or 56.5 per cent to Sharpe's 1,181 votes.

Representative Vernon James was a clear winner for the nomination for one of two seats to the State House of Representatives. Unofficial returns show James with 10,265 votes across the First District (1,072 in Chowan County) or 30 per cent of the ballots cast. To be nominated, a candidate must receive 25 per cent plus one vote.

It appears that a run-off will be necessary for the other seat in the state legislature. R.M. "Pete" Thompson of Chowan County and Winnie Wood of Camden County received the next highest vote totals with Thompson receiving 5,833 and Wood getting 5,912. They

have seven days to request the run-off.

Other candidates in that race were Harry B. Schiffman with 3,333; Audie Simon with 3,844 and Sam Walker with 5,128.

Ballots cast in Chowan County were 1,072 for James; 1,670 for Thompson; 420 for Wood; 195 for Schiffman; 508 for Simon; and 230 for Walker.

Former Governor Terry Sanford was the apparent clear winner for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate.

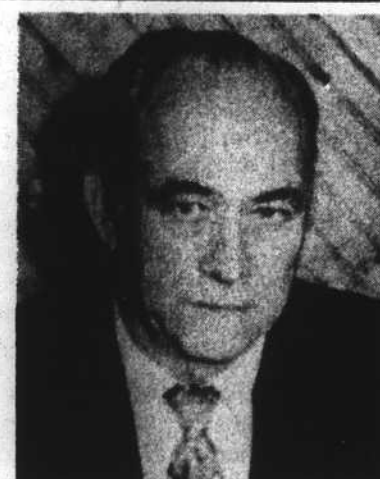
Also on the ballots were two referendum questions. One concerning whether elections for state officials should be conducted in odd-numbered years was defeated in Chowan County by a vote of 1,133 to 543. The other question concerned whether a nuclear waste site should be established in North Carolina. County voters registered disapproval by a vote of 1,605 against and 183 for the site.



Vernon James



Winnie Wood



Pete Thompson



Wayne Rice



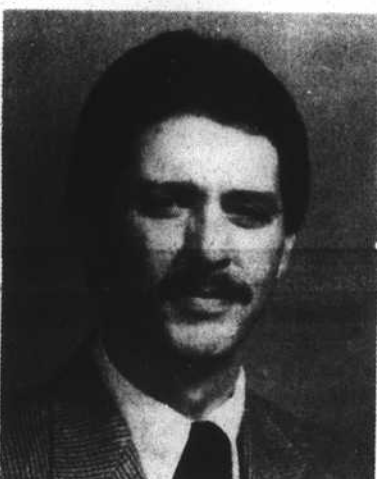
Clara Boswell



Joe Hollowell



Marjorie Hollowell



Frank Cox



Alice Jones



J. M. Parrish

Board Approves Two Per Cent Land Transfer Tax

A two percent land transfer tax was approved by Chowan County Commissioners Monday morning. The tax would be used in making up an expected \$400,000 shortfall in funds due to federal cutbacks.

Currituck and Dare Counties currently have a one percent transfer tax. Chowan Commissioners decided that a two percent tax should be requested from the state legislature that would generate \$400-460,000 in new revenue to maintain existing programs in the county and some new ones such as a 911 emergency phone number system.

The land transfer tax would be based on a percentage of the total value of interest in real property conveyed in the county. For each conveyance of property, the seller

completes an affidavit of consideration of value. On this document, he certifies the true value of the land being transferred.

After certification by the tax supervisor or his agent, the seller must remit payment of the land transfer tax to the Register of Deeds before the appropriate deed can be recorded.

Among the properties exempted from such a tax would be gifts, inheritances, governmental transfers and leases of less than ten years.

Stanton Harrell, with the Albemarle Soil Conservation Service, made a presentation to the board requesting their assistance in generating greater participation of county farmers in his agency's programs. Harrell said that only 25 farmers out of some 400 are currently participating in such programs as no-till cultivation, providing approved field borders and improved drainage ditch measures.

The soil conservation said that of \$135,000 available to farmers for such programs this year, only \$105,000 had been used. He said that the remaining \$30,000 "will have to be turned in" if not utilized by June 1.

Commissioner Al Phillips commented that "We have not had the coordination between the state and local extension service and your organization." Harrell responded, "We're asking for your continued good support."

Harry Gard and Haywood Jones appeared before the board requesting final approval for a new subdivision in the Advance Community of the county. The plat, as submitted covers 65 acres of useable home sites.

The developers will sell lots, and build homes for sale on some lots. The development will restrict single-wide mobile homes from locating there and will have a designated section especially for double-wide homes. They said

that they expect to be able to make some homes available for \$50,000 or less. Paved streets will be provided in accordance with the county subdivision ordinance.

In a split vote, the board decided to proceed with the Historic Foundation to market Swain School to private developers for conversion of the building into condominiums or apartments. The auditorium, under the proposal, would remain in the hands of the county.

In a spirited exchange, commissioners Joe Hollowell and Wayne Goodwin maintained that public property should not be sold. On the other hand, Commission Chairman Alton Elmore said, "I would like to see it turned over to the Historic Foundation and see what they can come up with." Agreeing with Elmore were Commissioners Phillips and Clara Boswell.

The Board will be sending requests for three special pieces of legislation concerning the county to Raleigh for enactment at the legislature's short session in June. These concern a new hunting law; designation of Chowan Beach as a special tax district to enable road

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White House Invitation Issued

John A. Holmes High School Principal Rob Boyce announced late Wednesday that the school has received a special invitation to the White House next Tuesday, May 13.

Boyce said that the senior class has been invited to Washington, D.C. to receive their commencement address from President Ronald Reagan. This address will be broadcast on network television.

A White House aide explained that the President wanted to talk to the seniors in the nation. The Holmes senior class was selected to represent all high school classes. Boyce said that he was told the selection was made on the basis of the school's award of the National Secondary School of Excellence and was made by the Secretary of Education, William Bennett.

Boyce said that he was skeptical of the phone call at first, thinking it might be a joke. He said that he asked the aide, "Is this for real?" After a few more details were given, he said he became convinced the call was genuine.

The principal said that there are about 145 seniors in the class who will make the trip.

Band Plans Performance

The John A. Holmes High School Concert Band will present its spring concert on Wednesday, May 14th at 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium of John A. Holmes High School.

Admission for this concert will be \$2.00 for Adults and \$1.00 for students.

Come out and enjoy an evening of good music.



ELECTION RESULTS—Candidates and their supporters and reporters crowd the Chowan County Election Office around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday evening as the election results are phoned in from the precincts from around the county. Grim faces were mixed with smiling faces as the results poured in rapidly.