

## Public Parade

### A Built-in Solution

There is already in place a cost-effective solution to the problem of remedial courses having to be offered such a large number of freshmen entering the University of North Carolina system. It is the state's community college system.

With 58 campuses across the state, there is a community college institution within easy reach of 95 per cent of the people of North Carolina. An open door system, the community colleges and technical institutes were designed to do exactly what the university is now having to do at twice the cost — prepare students for college level work.

Why should the taxpayers pick up the \$5,266 tab for teaching high school English and math to an unprepared student in the university system when the same work could be performed in the community college system for \$2,250?

With the community college system ready and willing to serve as a way station between high school and university, why should such a proud system as the University of North Carolina debase its admission standards to accommodate a group of students for whom there is an appropriate alternative?

No doubt the high schools ought to do a better job and may eventually measure up to the task. But, here again, this would not be a cost-effective approach. The taxpayers are already putting more money behind each student in the public schools than they are for each student in the community college system — and will have to put even more as the performance level is raised in the high schools.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**—Successful primary run-off candidate R.M. "Pete" Thompson (left center) is congratulated by Sam Walker of Currituck County. Walker was an unsuccessful candidate during the primary when six candidates were trying for the Democratic nomination for two positions in the state House of Representatives. It was apparent late Tuesday evening that Thompson was the winner over "Winnie" Wood of Camden County.

## Pete Thompson Wins Nomination

By JACK GROVE

R.M. "Pete" Thompson of Chowan County was the clear winner in a primary run-off election Tuesday. Thompson defeated Winifred "Winnie" Wood of Camden County for the Democratic nomination to one of two seats in the N.C. House of Representatives.

Thompson's election night headquarters in the back of Quinn Furniture was packed with supporters Tuesday night as the returns came in from the nine-county First District.

A large tote board was updated throughout the evening. In the early returns, a large run-off turnout in Chowan County gave Thompson 1,856 to Wood's 188. By contrast, Camden went for Wood 1,166 to 429. (The rest of the results

by county are shown in the box.) Three phone lines in the store were kept humming as volunteers called around the district soliciting results and incoming calls of encouragement, and later, congratulations, were taken by Thompson. On-the-air phone reports also went to radio stations in the area.

Sam Walker, a candidate from Currituck County, who was defeated in the Primary came around to lend his support and to aid in getting results from his home county which was one of the last to report in.

Among the celebrants when victory was apparent, was Alton Elmore, Chairman of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners. He said, "For the first time in 22 years, a district representative

will reside in Chowan County. A county united behind a candidate did the job." He added, "It didn't hurt to have a good candidate either."

Thompson credited his supporters for his victory. "We had a lot of good workers who did an excellent job. In Chowan, they really got the vote out," he said. At one point, he said to a supporter, "Ya'll did it."

Thompson carried six counties with Wood taking three. Thompson received 7,536 votes to Wood's 5,635 for a winning margin of 2,101.

Representative Vernon James and Thompson will face Republican Shirley Perry of Perquimans County in the November general election for the two house seats.

	THOMPSON	WOOD
CAMDEN	429	1,166
CHOWAN	1,856	188
CURRITUCK	1,094	1,647
GATES*	81	37
DARE	538	440
PASQUOTANK	995	1,231
PERQUIMANS	1,679	574
TYRRELL	632	254
WASHINGTON**	232	98

\*Only one precinct in the First District.  
\*\*All precincts but one are in the First District.

## Murder Suspect Arrested

A man was killed with a shotgun blast to the chest at close range Sunday night. Sheriff Glenn Perry said that his department received a call at about 8 p.m. concerning an argument in the Cisco area.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Byrum was en route when he was dispatched to respond to a reported shooting at the home of Lucille Tripp on Wingfield Loop Road. Byrum found the victim, Alfred C. Holley, 35, at that location. Holley was pronounced dead on arrival at Chowan Hospital.

Perry said that shortly afterward, Lee Dell Leary, Jr., 23 was taken into custody at his home by Deputy Sheriff Wayne Rice. Leary was unarmed and offered no resistance Perry said.

The Chowan County Grand Jury handed down a first degree

murder indictment against Leary Monday morning. On Tuesday afternoon, a first appearance hearing was held in the courtroom of Superior Court Judge Thomas Watts. At that time attorneys Charles Busby of Edenton and Janice Cole of Hertford were appointed to represent Leary.

Perry said that there may have been a connection between the Cisco disturbance call and the shooting. He said that a 12 gauge,

## Tax Hike Predicted

Higher property taxes loom on the horizon for the residents of Edenton and Chowan County. In interviews with Town Administrator Sam Noble and County Manager Cliff Copeland and information supplied by them, federal revenue sharing cutbacks seem to be the main culprit.

In a budget recommendation to town council, Noble said that the proposed tax rate of 56¢ per \$100 valuation of property represents a 5¢ increase for the citizens of the town. He said that it was the second tax increase in five years and represents a total property tax increase of 7¢ since fiscal year 1982-83.

He cited general revenue sharing reductions of 16 per cent for July, 1986; 34 per cent for October, 1986 and no expectations of general revenue sharing payments after October.

Liability insurance has taken a huge jump for the town. It increased from last year's \$35,000 to \$98,000 this year. Next year it is expected to drop back slightly to \$91,000 through participation in an insurance pool being prepared by the N.C. League of Municipalities.

Another area where costs have gone up is in the fire department. The town was required to hire two additional firemen in order to meet Fair Labor Standards Act requirements. This increased the salary line item for the fire department by \$29,759.

Town employees will be in line for pay increases of five per cent under the proposed budget as cost-of-living adjustments accor-

ding to the administrator's budget report.

The proposed budget reflects expenditures of \$7,532,559. This is a three per cent increase over the previous year's budget.

The county's proposed budget includes a 15¢ per \$100 property valuation. The total budget for the general fund, at \$4,078,274 remains substantially the same as last year's according to Copeland.

There is a total of \$465,047 in revenue reductions that must be made up by the higher levy the county manager said.

Among the line items in the budget causing the deficit are:

- A projected expense to renovate the heating systems in the County Office Building and the jail, \$20,000;
- Road Assessment Fund, \$19,000;
- Projected purchase of two sheriff department vehicles, \$24,000;
- Current expenses for schools and a decrease in capital outlay funding, \$119,000;
- An increase in social services programs without additional federal funding, \$37,000;
- \$300 Christmas bonus for employees, \$17,484;
- And \$5,000 for a 911 emergency phone number study (in participation with the Town of Edenton.)

Copeland commented, "With the reduction in federal revenue sources, we feel we have to raise more revenues on the local level in order to maintain the current level of services to our citizens."

## Candidacies Announced



Herbert Small



Judge Thomas S. Watts

Herbert Small has announced that he has filed for re-election as Judge of Superior Court. He was first elected to this office in 1974 to fill the unexpired term of Judge Walter Cahoon.

Judge Small's first elective office was that of District Attorney. Before that he was engaged in the private practice of law for 15 years, and was senior member of the law firm of Small, Small and Watts.

He is married to the former Annette Ward and they have four grown children. Small is a member of Blackwell Memorial

Judge Thomas S. Watts recently announced his candidacy for one of the two Resident Superior Court Judgeships elected in the First Judicial District. The special judicial primary is scheduled for July 29.

Watts, 47, has served on the Superior Court bench since his appointment as a Special Judge in 1982. He was appointed as a resident judge for the district in 1984. Watts served as District Attorney for the seven county area from 1975 to 1982. The First District includes Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank

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**BROYHILL VISITS JOHN A. HOLMES**—Republican Senate hopeful, Congressman James T. Broyhill visited the high school Tuesday morning. He left a stack of pictures of the senior class taken on the Capitol steps to be distributed to each senior. Here, he autographs a picture for Ethel LaVoie in the principal's office.

## Broyhill Begins Campaigning

A Republican candidate came to "Sanford country" Monday and Tuesday in his bid for the U.S. Senate seat of retiring Senator John East. East is bowing out of the Senate due to poor health.

Congressman James T. Broyhill arrived in Edenton late Monday afternoon after a day's campaigning in Williamston, Windsor, Ahoskie and Gatesville. In opening his campaign in the predominantly Democratic northeast, Broyhill said, "Back in my business days, we'd call this a growth area." Broyhill was employed with his family's furniture manufacturing concern prior to his 24 years in Congress.

The candidate spoke to a group of about 65 people at Boswell's Restaurant Monday evening. He told the gathering, "I'm not going to ignore this part of the state." He spoke of his legislative record and experience and of receiving awards from a small businessmen's organization for economy in government. "They don't give those to Tip O'Neal," he said.

He told the group that they should be proud of the area's young people, represented by the John A. Holmes class of '86 that

was invited to Washington by the President. He hosted the class at the Capitol for refreshments and a tour and said, "I was delighted to be able to show hospitality to the class."

In speaking of his quest for the Senate he said, "Getting headlines is not the goal for me. Representing you well is the goal."

He listed as major goals, "being able to live without Uncle Sam telling us what to do; less government spending; good education, as you have here in Edenton; being able to walk the street in peace and tough laws that put people behind bars that break that peace; a strong national defense; and strong families that teach proper values."

On other topics he said:

- "The people in North Carolina are basically a conservative type of folks."
- "Agriculture is a high priority with me."
- "I've worked overtime in helping in the free enterprise system in this country. It is this system that has built the country."
- "Free trade is a great concept,

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## Primary Scheduled

A special primary election is slated to be held on July 29 for Superior Court Judge in the First Judicial District which includes Chowan County. Filing opened on May 28 for two judicial slots and closes Friday, June 6, at noon.

June 30 is the registration deadline to vote in this primary.

Absentee voting will begin on June 13 for mail and June 30 for one-stop.



**AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL**—Edenton's American Legion Post 40 baseball team stands at attention during Saturday night's opening ceremony before defeating Snow Hill 6-5. The team lost their season opener against Rocky Mount. (See story on page 4A.)