



The Public Parade

Big Losers Not On Tickets

There were winners and losers in last Tuesday's general election along the Public Parade and elsewhere in the state and nation.

Edenton Police Officer Fred Spruill, running on the Republican ticket, took the only contested local race when he defeated Deputy Sheriff Wayne Rice, Democrat, to become Chowan County sheriff.

Terry Sanford out-pollled Jim Broyhill by almost two-to-one in Chowan County to go on to win statewide. Walter Jones easily defeated Pitt County Republican Howard Moye for the First District seat in Congress.

Marc Basnight easily won reelection to second term in the state senate; and Vernon James and H. M. Thompson were chosen to fill the two First District house seats, with Thompson leading the ticket.

Majorie Hollowell for clerk of court, Joseph B. Hollowell, Jr., Clara M. Boswell and C.A. Phillips for the board of county commissioners all went back in unopposed, which is the way to go when you can manage it. In all the other contests, where there was a winner, there was a loser.

But two of the biggest losers were men whose names were not on the ticket, President Ronald Reagan and Gov. Jim Martin. In politics, as in high stake gambling, when you put a lot on the line, you run the risk of losing big. And both of them did.

In going all out for a partisan victory, not just at the national level but down to the local courthouse in many cases, we believe Ronald Reagan demeaned the dignity of the high office he holds. We can understand why he wanted to retain control of the senate because much of his program for the two years of his term remaining depends upon who sets the agenda on the hill, but to send the Oval Office to the use of local politicians, to be photographed with and give glowing endorsements of people he barely knew and has since forgotten, people running for such posts as county commissioner, is a cheapening of the presidency. What effect this had on the Democratic sweep of the senate races cannot be known exactly, but it no doubt was a factor.

Nor did the President take reverse at the polls in very good grace, threatening more frequent use of the veto before he knows the nature of legislation which may be coming across his desk. One point he overlooks when expressing his readiness to fall back on the veto is that roughly one-third of the 45 Republican senators will be facing re-election in 1988 and will be pretty circumspect with their votes between now and then.

Gov. Martin was a little more graceful in accepting results of the election in the state, but no less guilty of using his office in a way unbecoming the chief executive of the state. Taking a leaf from the Reagan book, he, too, sought to influence the outcome of contests ranging from chief justice down.

It was not enough to let himself be used as a partisan huckster for legislative and other local contests, permitting taped fundraising appeals through a telephone network to be made with his voice and in his name; he joined hands with the Citizens for a Conservative Court in an attempt to politicize the bench at the highest levels. Professional and business people were assured that "a conservative court" could be counted upon to hold down dollar amounts awarded in suits against them.

The voters did not respond to either approach. Instead of gaining, the Republicans lost seats in the General Assembly and saw all the Martin appointees on the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals swept out of office. The governor complained often during the campaign that the legislature would not grant him veto power. He should now find it easier to understand why.

Locals Celebrate Veteran's Day

By JACK GROVE

Veterans Day was commemorated in the town and county with ceremonies and school, court house and post office closings on Tuesday.

A ceremony at Chowan Junior High School was held Monday morning to honor the sacrifices made by the nation's service men and women.

The NJROTC unit of J.A. Holmes High School provided the honor guard for the flag raising. The eighth grade band, under the direction of Otis Strother accompanied Marva Elliott, teacher's aide, in a rendition of the national anthem. Marcie Jordan, president of the student body, led the assembled students in the pledge of allegiance.

The Rev. George Cook, pastor of the Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church was guest speaker. "This is a very sacred time for us all. Freedom does not come cheaply," he told the assembly.

"The battles of Saratoga, Gettysburg, Omaha Beach, Tarawa, Hue and DaNang continue to stand as reminders that freedom comes at a price," he said. Cook told the students, "America has never lacked for individuals... who were willing to pay the price. We honor their memory—those who were willing to come forward."

He continued, "All were and are heroes. These are the veterans,

the men and women who served their country." A moment of silence concluded the ceremony.

The town siren and church bells at 11 a.m. Tuesday heralded the town's observance of Veterans Day which took place at the Civil War monument at the foot of Broad Street.

That ceremony was conducted by members of the Edward G. Bond Post 40 of the American Legion. After the colors were presented, a wreath was placed at the foot of the monument.

Post Commander Frank Pierce spoke on the meaning of the day. "On this day, Veterans Day, we are commemorating the services of veterans of all wars.

"We remember how men and women set aside their civilian pursuits to serve their nation's cause, defending the freedom of man and preserving our precious American heritage.

"We believe our strength on the field of battle, on the supply lines which nourished our armed might, lay in the justice of our cause against the forces of evil.

"We recognize that service to our country and her cause does not end with the termination of military service. We continue our endeavors in behalf of an honorable world peace with a feeling of profound gratitude to God, and to the men and women who gave their lives as their part of the cost of this noblest of causes."



VETERANS TRIBUTE—NJROTC Cadets from John A. Holmes raise the American flag during Veterans Day ceremonies at Chowan Junior High School Tuesday morning.

Commissioners Accept Swain Plan

Chowan County Commissioners decided Tuesday to accept a plan presented by a Winston-Salem developer to convert the E.A. Swain School into an apartment building containing 38 units. A special board meeting was held at 3:30 p.m. with developer Dwayne Anderson of the Anderson-Benton Co. and architects Don Tise and Tim Winstead.

At the board's regular meeting on Nov. 3, commissioners heard a proposal that Anderson-Benton purchase the school for \$90,000

and convert it into apartments. The county would then renovate the auditorium over a three-year period at a total cost of \$795,000.

Tuesday, County Manager Cliff Copeland told the board that revisions had been made to the proposal. Anderson agreed to a new purchase price of \$100,000. The parking lot for the apartments would be constructed by the developer and parking spaces would be made available for Sheriff Dept. cars. The company would install the planned elevators and give the county an easement for their use by the public when the auditorium was in use.

The proposal would now cost the county \$344,000 over a two-year period.

For fiscal year 87-88, the county would provide \$100,000, proceeds from the sale of the school building, \$100,000 from the general fund and \$5,000 in interest income for a total of \$205,000. Expenses would include \$120,000 for demolition, the shell, plumbing, architectural and engineering services and contingencies.

For fiscal year 88-89, the county would provide \$85,000, the balance from the previous year, \$130,000 from the general fund, interest of \$2,500 and \$6,500 in sales tax rebates for a total of \$224,000. Expenses would total \$224,000 and would include, for the lobby, the shell, stairs, plumbing and heating and air-conditioning; for the auditorium, heating, fireproofing, electrical, demolition, architectural and engineering services and an inflation factor.

These renovations would not include new auditorium seating, ceilings or the stage.

Copeland said that a July, 1985 appraisal of the property valued it at \$65,000 and said that the building, which has steel supports, was "in excellent shape."

While budgeting the auditorium's renovation out of the county's general fund, Copeland pointed out to the board that it was

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Property Posted

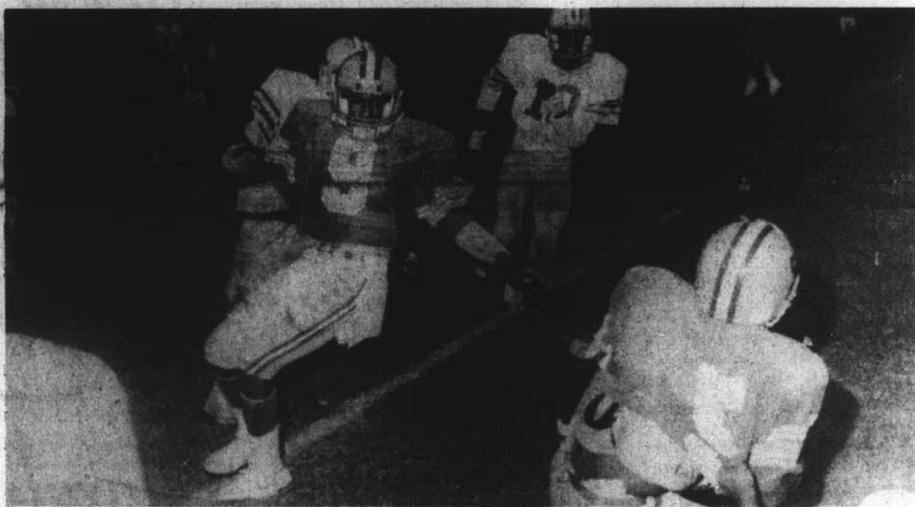
The Executive Committee of the Edward G. Bond Post 40 of the American Legion has announced that, effective immediately, its property is being posted to bar non-highway motorized vehicles from the premises.

A prepared statement by the Executive Committee states:

"It is the aim of Post 40 to provide facilities that are usable by as many citizens of the community as possible at a reasonable cost.

"In an effort to stabilize the cost of liability insurance, it has been determined that Post 40 must ban the unauthorized use of Legion grounds for the purpose of riding non-highway motorized vehicles (dirt bikes, go-carts, three and four-wheelers).

"This action is regrettable in light of Post 40's determined effort to become a focal point of community activities. It is hoped that those affected by this course of action will understand.



HAULED DOWN—Edenton Aces quarterback Erie Downing is hauled down from behind by a Cougars defender as Aaron Little (9) sizes up the action. The Aces walked away with the conference championship Friday night with a 3-0 win over Ahsokie.

Aces Win Conference Championship

The Edenton Aces became the Northeastern Athletic Conference champions Friday night with a 3-0 win over the previously unbeaten Ahsokie Cougars at Hicks Field. A capacity crowd of over 3,500 fans saw the Aces post their only score, a field goal in the second quarter, and then hold the Cougars scoreless for the remainder of the game.

The hero of the game was sophomore kicker Ben Miller who split the uprights from 35 yards out. Both teams went into the game with five conference wins and no losses and both advance to the playoffs.

Edenton plays Green Central of Snow Hill Friday night on the Aces' home turf while Ahsokie meets Ayden-Grifton. If both are victorious, Ahsokie will return to face the Aces again on Friday, Nov. 21 at Hicks Field.

The Aces defense limited the Cougars to 81 yards rushing and 51 in the air. Edenton posted 100 yards rushing and 24 on aerials.

The fast-paced defensive game for both sides saw three fumbles, two for the Aces and one by the Cougars. Both teams were penalized a total of 75 yards each.

Edenton opened the second half with a fumble and a series of penalties that helped Ahsokie drive to the Aces' ten yard line. There, in a fourth and three situation, the Cougars attempted a field goal that sailed under the bar.

The fourth quarter saw the Cou-

gars attempt a comeback as they took the ball from their own 33, with two minutes left, to the Aces' 29 yard line. Lemont Phelps shut

the drive down with a pass interception with 19 seconds left on the clock and the game became history.

Man's Body Recovered

The body of James Lewis Harrell, 22, of Rt. 2, Box 282, Edenton, was found in Edenton Bay Saturday morning. Police Chief John Parrish said that a call was received from Mrs. Mary Elliott of 209 E. Water St. at 11:29 a.m. Mrs. Elliott told police that Dorothy and Edward Elliott came to her home to report sighting the body in the water near the new park.

Harrell had been reported missing last Thursday by his mother, Patricia Harrell. She said that he had been missing since the previous Sunday. Edenton police conducted a search Thursday and Friday, Parrish said.

Captain C.H. Williams and Officer D.E. Jethro responded to the call. Chowan Deputy Sheriff Wayne Rice also responded.

Chief Parrish said that the body was sent to Pitt Memorial Hospital where an autopsy was conducted. The medical examiner there reported to the police department by phone that the preliminary examination showed the cause of death to be drowning and no signs of foul play were found.

The police chief said that an investigation into the circumstances

surrounding the death is continuing.

Request Withdrawn

Edenton Town Council heard an attorney for Judy Earnhardt Adams withdraw her request to rezone some twenty acres of land at the southwest corner of the intersection of U.S. 17 Bypass and N.C. 32 from R-20 Residential Agricultural to CS Shopping Center Commercial.

The land is adjacent to the Edenton United Methodist Church and the Edenton Planning and Zoning Board had recommended that the request not be granted.

Approved by the Council was a change to the town's zoning ordinance. Composition of the Town Planning Board was changed to consist of five regular members and two alternates. Three regular members and one alternate must reside in the town's corporate limits, to be appointed by the council, and two regular members and one alternate are to be appointed from within the town's

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HOMEcomings QUEEN—Amy Johnson, a senior, was chosen as the 1986 John A. Holmes Homecoming Queen. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Johnson. Her escort is Tommy Nixon, a Junior at Holmes. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Nixon.