



Hangups and Free Falls

For the Reagan administration, October 19-24 turned out to be the week that was. But the President probably wishes it was the week that never was.

To begin with, the stock market dive knocked the pins from under Reaganomics. Morning in American became the morning after.

Then his Bork turned out to be worse than his bite. His Supreme Court nominee was rejected by a vote of 58 to 42, with members of his own party going against him.

And, on he heels of that, he was pushed into modifying his stand against a tax increase as a means of lowering the federal deficit.

All of these were bitter pills to swallow.

But that was not all. In the midst of all this, the First Lady went to Bethesda Naval hospital for cancer surgery, from which all Americans wish her a speedy recovery.

All told, it was probably the worst run of bad luck Ronald Reagan had ever experienced during his seven years in office. And much depends on how he reacts to it.

We don't know whether Ronald Reagan's policies were responsible for the stock crash. We had felt for some time that too much of its rise could be attributed to hype, as can so many other things in America today. But when the market reached such heights that there was no visible means of support, investors stopped wondering where the top was and began thinking about where the bottom was.

Many analysts attribute this sudden turn around to the towering fiscal and trade deficits which the United States continues to run. That, no doubt, had something to do with the fall of the dollar on the money markets of the world. But we cannot escape the feeling that the stock market was badly oversold, what with all the takeover talk and perceived opportunities for a quick buck--or millions of them, to be more precise.

At any rate, we hope the market levels out and stabilizes somewhere before the masses begin to lose confidence in the economy. Those of us who go back to the Great Depression can recall what happens when the man on the street stops spending what little money he has.

We had no strong feelings about the Bork nomination, but we feel the President badly misjudged the temper of the U.S. Senate and the national commitment to a broad sweep of civil rights. Since federal judges are appointed for life,

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Mayor Narrowly Wins Re-Election

By JACK GROVE

Edenton voters reelected an incumbent mayor and councilwoman and chose two newcomers for council seats on Tuesday.

Mayor John Dowd narrowly defeated former mayor Roy Harrell in the closest of four municipal races. Dowd received 804 votes to Harrell's 790. Harrell's strength came from East Edenton where he had a 155 margin and Dowd took West Edenton with a 157 margin and a 20 vote margin in absentee ballots. Harrell had an eight vote margin in transfers.

Crummey handily defeated her opponents in the at-large race, receiving 604 votes. James Taylor tallied 477 votes and Joe Lee, 465.

Newcomers to the council are Jimmy Alligood and Livingstone Goodman. Alligood turned out 19-year council veteran Herbert Hollowell in the first ward race with a 248 to 219 total.

The second ward race was a three-way contest for newcomers for the seat of retiring councilman Steve Hampton. Goodman won with a 167 total, Steve Biggs with 147 and Jane Mabry with 96.

Alligood and Hollowell met on the steps of the old courthouse after the results were announced and exchanged congratulations on good campaigns. Asked to comment on his success, Alligood responded, "A lot of hard work. Just getting out and meeting the people. Everybody."

Marina Crummey was also at the elections office at the courthouse and said, "I worked real hard and I appreciate all the support." Speaking of Goodman's victory, she said, "He did it quietly but worked hard, just as I did."

Responding in the same vein Tuesday night, Goodman commented, "I went out and attempted to meet every voter in the ward." Some 300 Dowd supporters gathered at Caroline's and the Carolina Room at Gaslight Square at 7 p.m., thirty minutes prior to the closing of the polls. Many expressed nervousness and tenseness as the time for the election results approached.

Dowd waited quietly outside for news from his campaign manager, David Twiddy, who was stationed at the elections office.

When the results were known, Dowd told the crowd in the Carolina Room, "Looks like we've got a mandate this

time, 14 votes," to applause and relieved laughter. The mayor thanked his campaign manager and the many others he credited with his reelection.

Dowd has a special thank-you for Luther Parks who he said had worked particularly hard for him. The gift was a Kelly green jacket, the color associated with this year's campaign as it was in 1985.

The crowd also heard Dowd say, "People asked me why I wanted to do this. I didn't want to do it. But I couldn't let down the people who worked in my last campaign."

In the 1985 election, Dowd defeated Harrell, then an incumbent mayor, by a vote of 890 to 800. Due to a change in the town's charter, Dowd will serve a four-year term rather than the previous term of two years for mayor.

This year's voter turnout was down from the 1985 election. This year saw a 56 per cent (1,618) turnout of registered voters. In 1985, there was a 63 per cent turnout or 1,727

votes cast.

The East Edenton Precinct reported in first Tuesday night. A phone call from the West Edenton Precinct sent election officials hurrying over to the new Rescue Squad building. The paper balked at being removed from the back of voting machines there according to Marie Akins of the Election Board. Figures were read from the machines anyway and the machine problem had no effect on the election she said.

Election figures are unofficial until "canvass day," today at 11 a.m. At that time the Election Board meets to certify the election.

Totals for the elections by precinct are:

West Edenton - Dowd, 457, Harrell, 300; Crummey, 309, Lee, 210, Taylor, 213; Alligood, 231, Hollowell, 210; Biggs, 8, Goodman, 57, Mabry, 15.

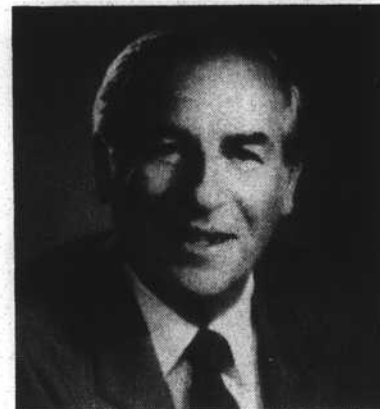
East Edenton - Dowd, 308, Harrell, 463; Crummey, 265, Lee, 230, Taylor, 255; Biggs, 134, Goodman, 101, Mabry, 79.



Dowd



Crummey



Goodman



Alligood

Joint Shelter Is Studied

A dramatic rise in the activity of the county's animal control department and inadequate facilities for animals at the shelter at the airport have prompted county commissioners to consider a joint animal shelter venture with Gates County.

Commissioners Monday were presented with statistics that showed an annual rate of calls of 471 in 1985 and 1,399 this year. In 1985, 574 dogs and 104 cats were picked up. In 1987, 670 dogs and 463 cats were picked up. Of those animals, 71 dogs and four cats were adopted in 1985 and 187 dogs and 67 cats were adopted this year. A projection for next year shows even higher numbers.

The present shelter at the airport does not provide adequate shelter from the elements and is often overcrowded.

County Manager Cliff Copeland told the board that he had been approached by Gates County Manager Eddie McDuffie with the joint shelter proposal. Gates is just beginning an animal control program and currently has no shelter.

Reasons given for the joint venture were reduced construction cost for an adequate facility and reduced overhead costs for operation. The new shelter would be constructed

in the northern end of the county with the present facility maintained as a temporary holding facility while officers work the southern end of the county.

SPCA representatives at the meeting were complimentary of the animal control program and its principal officer Jerome Purvis.

Mary Nefedov pointed out that ownerless animals and those with owners "are all thrown in together" in the present facility. Of the large number of animals picked up she said, "People are part of the problem in not being responsible pet owners." The SPCA consistently urges that pets be spayed or neutered and that owners with missing animals immediately contact the animal control department.

"By the way, what we have at the airport is not a shelter by state definition but a pound," Mrs. Nefedov told the board. She also said, "At least 75 percent of them (animals picked up) have to be put

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Bicentennial Fete Is Slated

An interesting and entertaining program has been planned to celebrate the Chowan County Bicentennial on Sunday, November 8. On this date in Edenton in 1787, the first public movement in North Carolina was made to favor the Constitution.

The revised program of events is as follows:

- 2:30 p.m. - 392nd Army Band Concert in Courthouse Green
- 3:30 p.m. - Speeches by winners of contest sponsored by Chowan Arts Council
- 3:45 p.m. - Mr. Fred Root performs as "Dr. Hugh Williamson"
- 4:00 p.m. - John A. Holmes Drama Class presents Re-enactment of the 1787 Grand Jury meeting
- 4:30 p.m. - Ringing of the Courthouse bells.

This event is sponsored by the Chowan County Bicentennial Committee. The public is encouraged to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event.

The public is also encouraged to display American Flags at all homes and businesses in our community on this special day.

Vets' Day Observance Set

Edenton's Edward G. Bond Post 40 of the American Legion has announced plans for Veterans Day, November 11 and approved a resolution that seeks to have the new Albe-Marle Sound bridge named "Veterans Memorial Bridge."

For Veterans Day, the Post plans a wreath-laying ceremony at the statue at the foot of Broad Street at 11 a.m. on Wednesday. Following this ceremony, Legionnaires will proceed to Beaver Hill Cemetery to raise a new flag in honor of deceased veterans. The public is urged to attend both ceremonies to honor those who have served their country in the military.

The bridge resolution recognizes that the new bridge under construction is the first of its type in North America and the longest in North Carolina. It would be the first major structure in the state named to honor the veterans of North Carolina and the United States.

There is a precedent for the naming of a major bridge for veterans. Several northeastern states have previously honored veterans in this manner.

Post 40 is seeking to enlist the support of other veterans organizations and public officials and state and federal agencies. American Legion officials at the state level have reportedly enthusiastically embraced the proposal, al-

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Legislators Are Appointed

RALEIGH-Rep. (Pete) Thompson of Chowan has been appointed and Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank has been reappointed by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey to a special commission to conduct a study of the Chowan River in conjunction with the Representatives of the State of Virginia.

Known as the Chowan Interstate Commission, the group is composed of an equal number of the legislative bodies of North Carolina and Virginia. The commission first met in Edenton in the summer of last year to begin study of water quality problems in the Chowan River

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MINI-CAUCUS-Regional meetings of northeastern state legislators are held monthly locally. The first was held in Edenton at Caroline's in Gaslight Square. From left are Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson of Chowan, Rep. Brewster Brown of Winton, (hidden by Thompson) Sen. Marc Basnight of Manteo, Rep. Howard Chapin of Beaufort County, Mrs. Chapin, Keith Fearing of Dare County, Rep. Vernon James, Pasquotank and Rep. Gene Rogers of Williamston (back to camera).



1987 HOMECOMING QUEEN-Lynn Elliott was crowned as this year's Homecoming Queen at Hicks Field at half-time of the football game Friday night. Her escort is Stanley Elliott. The Aces maintained their unbroken string of wins for the season by defeating Northhampton East by a thumping 50-14. Edenton's toughest challenge of the season comes tomorrow night when they face Ahsokie in an away game.