



The Public Parade

Shape Of The Future

Edenton voters demonstrated in last Tuesday's election that they are a mixed bag, not the first by whom the new is tried nor yet the last to lay the old aside.

They returned two incumbents to office and elected two newcomers. So far as we are concerned, that's a pretty good sense of balance.

Mayor John Dowd had the closest call, defeating former Mayor Roy Harrell by a very narrow margin. But he did survive and, in politics, that's the name of the game. It is always an honor to win, but it is no dishonor to run as well as Roy Harrell did.

Marina Crummey, the other incumbent returned to office, defeated her two opponents for the at-large council seat very easily; but Joe Lee and James Taylor did the community a service by giving the voters other options.

The two newcomers elected were Jimmy Alligood, who defeated incumbent Herbert Hollowell in the first ward, and Livingstone Goodman, who took a reasonably close win over Jane Mabry and Steve Biggs in the second ward.

Now what does this group have to offer the community during the next two years and, perhaps, beyond?

Mayor Dowd returns to office from a background of real estate and insurance, education and business. He is a past president of the chamber of

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Aces Defeat Ahsoskie To Capture NEAC Championship

Edenton's Aces put the cap on a winning season Friday night by defeating the Ahsoskie Cougars 15-12 and taking the conference championship. The Aces finished the regular season with a 10-0 record and 6-0 in conference play.

Both teams went into the game at Ahsoskie with perfect and identical records of 5-0, conference and 9-0, overall. The game clinched the number one slot state-wide for Edenton in 2-A play. Edenton was ranked number five and Ahsoskie number two prior to kickoff.

This will be the last year for the traditional rivalry that has seen the two teams evenly matched over the years. Next year, after consolidation, Ahsoskie High School will become Hertford County High School.

A large contingent of Edenton fans had little to cheer about during the first half as Ahsoskie took an early lead of 12-0 with a touchdown and two field goals. The Aces during

the first half had no first downs and only seven yards on 13 plays.

The Edenton offense and defense began clicking in the second half with quarterback Eric Downing unleashing his passing arm. The Aces scored in the third quarter after being set up on the Cougars seven-yard line by a Downing to David Drew 35-yard pass. Eric Hayes then took it in with Ben Miller scoring the point after for a 12-7 score.

During the fourth quarter, the offense set up another TD from the five with Hayes again taking the ball in for a 13-12 lead. Downing then fired to Drew for a two-point conversion and the game was history.

Playoffs begin tomorrow night at Hicks field when the Aces meet Farmville which has a 7-3 season record. If successful, the Aces will have another home game the following Friday night taking on Ayden-Grifton (8-2) or Ahsoskie.

For those Aces fans who have had reserved seats for the regular football season, tickets are available at George Chevrolet for playoff games.

Regular admission tickets

are available at Mitchener's and Hollowell-Blount Drug Stores. General admission tickets will also be available at the Hicks Field gate. The gate will open at 6:30 p.m.

Friday. All tickets are \$3.

Complimentary passes and reduced price tickets issued during the regular season will not be honored during the playoffs.



CONFERENCE CHAMPS-Edenton's Aces turned a defeat into victory Friday night at Ahsoskie as they began moving the ball and shutting down Ahsoskie's defense. With a 15-12 win and a 10-0 season, the Aces are ranked No. 1 in the state in the 2A division.

Exchange Student Killed

A fatal auto accident took the life of an exchange student from Canada early Wednesday morning. Annie Morgan Taylor, 17 of Quebec, Canada died in the accident on Base Road that occurred at 12:15 a.m.

State Trooper Craig Garriss said that Miss Taylor was in the front passenger seat of a 1985 Honda driven by William Kevin Forehand, 18 of Chowan County. Another passenger, Andrew Williford, 17 of Granville St., Edenton was in the rear seat.

Garriss said that Forehand's vehicle was traveling toward the airport on the wrong side of the road when it encountered three cars traveling toward N.C. 32, four-tenths of a mile from N.C. 32 and just beyond a sharp curve.

Forehand's car sideswiped the first car, a 1979 Cougar driven by Richard Leon Halsey, 23 of Route 4, Edenton. The Cougar went into the ditch and the impact caused the Honda to skid sideways on

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World War I Veterans Special Guests

By JACK GROVE

Veterans were remembered this week in several ceremonies on Monday and Wednesday.

Between 80 and 90 veterans and bridge workers gathered at the Cianbro-Williams Brothers casting yard on Base Road for a simple, yet moving, ceremony. Veterans representing WW-I, WW-II, Korea and Vietnam were

guests of the companies building the new Albemarle Sound Bridge.

Four of the five surviving veterans of World War I from Chowan County were special guests. They were W.C. Owens, 87, P.S. McMullan, 89, James N. Oglesby, 91, and Geddes Potter, 92. Potter served in the U.S. Navy while the others served in the U.S. Army.

Potter was named "Honorary Bridge Superintendent" by Cianbro and received a company ball cap.

Before the ceremony, the four oldest veterans sat together and had a reunion of sorts. Owens asked Potter his age and when told, said, "I was just a boy when I went in (the service). You were a grown man."

To the poignant strains of taps, a U.S. Coast Guard honor guard slowly lowered the American flag from the central flag pole. The two guardsmen presented the flag to Potter. They then raised another flag.

Assembled veterans from American Legion Post 40 in Edenton and representatives of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of

Foreign Wars saluted smartly during the flag ceremony while bridge employees rendered the civilian salute.

Cianbro employees Jim Hamilton and A.J. Holts suggested to Post 40 two weeks ago that the new bridge be named "Veterans Memorial Bridge" and the post passed a resolution to that effect last week. Since then, the area's legislative delegation of Reps. Vernon James and R.M. (Pete) Thompson and Sen. Marc Basnight have reportedly endorsed the proposal. State American Legion officials have also given their, as yet, unofficial approval.

At their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday night Edenton Town Council also unanimously gave their support for the naming of the bridge.

Two Coast Guardsmen from the U.S. Coast Guard Support Activity in Elizabeth City formed the honor guard. They were Petty Officer Third Class Gregory Knight and Seaman Joe Carter.

Buglers were provided by the John A. Holmes High School

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Shopping Center Wins Final Approval From Board

A new shopping center for Edenton has passed the last hurdle and won final site approval from the Planning Board and was ratified by the town council at its meeting Tuesday night.

Jim Walker, land development manager with the Westminister Co. presented the plan for the shopping complex, Westminister Shopping Center, on Virginia Road

Street behind McDonalds. The land is the property of Judy Earnhardt Adams of Greenville. Mrs. Adams has been trying to win final approval for the plan for well over a year.

The lead store for the shopping center will be Roses said a reluctant Walker when asked if the name of the anchor store was a matter of public record. Walker said a

discount drug store and other tenants were currently being lined up for the center.

Developer Bob Thomas, who is seeking to locate a shopping center at the intersection of U.S. 17 Bypass and N.C. 32 north, offered congratulations. "I would like to go on record as congratulating Weyerhaeuser Corp. and its subsidiary, Westminister, and the soon-to-be-gone

landowner, Judy Adams, in their success" in getting the shopping center going.

In presenting the plan, Walker told council that there was a 50 foot buffer planned around the perimeter. In addition, he pointed out that there was a 500 foot strip of land owned by Mrs. Adams between the shopping center and the adjacent neighborhood.

O.B. Rawls, City Executive for NCNB, appeared before council in a public hearing on the rezoning of land on the north side of West Eden Street adjacent to the municipal parking lot from residential to downtown commercial.

The bank plans to use the property for a free-standing drive-thru teller station. He said that the boundaries of the property would be landscaped and that a shrubbery border would separate the bank's property from residential property.

Another concern that was expressed was the possible future sale of the property and use for some other type of business. Rawls indicated that the bank would not incur a "significant cost" such as this if it didn't intend to keep the property.

The hearing was closed and the rezoning approved by council.

Council approved an amendment to the sign ordinance that no action was taken on at the October meeting. Businesses less than 1,000 feet from U.S. Bypass will be allowed to place principal use signs at the rate of one square foot of signage for each two linear feet of frontage for a maximum of 200 square feet.

Businesses more than 1,000 square feet from the bypass

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Edentonians Honor U.S. Constitution Anniversary

Two hundred years to the day after an Edenton group endorsed the U.S. Constitution, latter day Edentonians gathered on the historic courthouse green to honor the Constitution with a band concert, student orations, a "visit" of historic character and a recreation of an historical event in the courthouse.

On November 8, 1787, the Grand Jury met in the courthouse, debated, and then endorsed the work of the framers

of the Constitution. It was not until two years later, however, that North Carolina ratified the document.

Sunday's crowd on the green enjoyed a band concert performed by the U.S. Army's 392nd Band from Fort Lee, Va. The band also capped the program, after speeches with a spirited rendition of The Stars and Stripes Forever by John Phillip Sousa.

Three country students, winners of last week's

oratorical contest with 22 students competing, gave their winning presentations to the audience. Tracy Cole and Josh Heidenreich tied for first place to represent Chowan Junior High School. Polly Edwards was the first place winner from John A. Holmes High School.

In her speech, Tracy Cole said, "We the People" is the most important statement to me. This phrase puts empha-

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ORATORS-These students were the winners in the U.S. Constitution oratorical contest held last week. They are (from left) Josh Heidenreich, Tracy Cole (both winners from Chowan Jr. High School) and Polly Edwards, first place from John A. Holmes High School. They presented their winning speeches for the crowd at the 200th Anniversary observance of the Constitution on the Courthouse green Sunday.



OLDEST VETERAN-Coast Guard Petty Officer Gregory Knight presents World War I veteran Geddes Potter with the flag during a Veterans Day ceremony. Seated at right is WW-I veteran P.S. McMullan. Along with other veterans in the background is Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson.