



## On Coming Together

Now that the election is over, the best thing that could happen for the United States is for the people, of whatever persuasion, come together for the common good.

Now is the time to ask in one united voice, not what can the country do for us, but what can we do for our country. Now is the time to put aside petty differences, selfish motives and unworthy goals and work together toward those ideals that go to make up the American dream.

Both at the state and national level, we have had campaigns dedicated to the lowest common denominator, with mud slinging geared to high technology, good names maligned and records distorted at a time when honest people hungered for the truth.

We have heard again all those old racial code words of the 1950s and 1960s in a poorly disguised effort to appeal to bigotry north and south. Law and order, capital punishment, the right to keep arms and related expressions are once again political shorthand for keeping the blacks in their place.

And the blacks themselves have done much to make those words effective political tools as this decade winds down. This has been true, especially in the south, where many white citizens have come to regard such court-approved standards as affirmative action, crosstown busing, quota funding and district gerrymandering to accommodate minority blocs as discrimination in reverse.

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**AWAITING FINAL RESULTS**--Supporter Earl Smith chats in front of the tote board with Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson and Mrs. Thompson as they await results from first district counties in Tuesday's election. Thompson won easily along with Rep. Vernon James of Pasquotank.

## Substance Abuse Is Local Concern

Local law enforcement officers have at various times recently remarked on the seeming public apathy in Edenton and Chowan County concerning substance abuse, both alcohol and illegal drugs.

Sheriff Fred Spruill was asked why neighbors with strong suspicions of drug sales in their neighborhoods do not report them to law enforcement. "They don't want to get involved," was his reply.

A look at the record since Spruill's swearing in as sheriff in December of 1986 gives an indication of the scope of substance abuse in the town and county.

During Spruill's first month in office a teenager died in an auto accident after consuming alcohol at a party

in the northern end of the county.

In 1987-

On March 31, 30 marijuana seedlings, valued at \$36,000 and drug paraphernalia were seized in a home.

On July 1, 120 marijuana plants, with a street value of \$144,000, were uprooted and confiscated in the county.

On July 19, a 20 year-old man was murdered in a cocaine dispute in the northern part of the county.

In August, 27 marijuana plants were seized in the county and 44 more in October.

On November 11, a high school student, a passenger in a car driven by another teenager who had been drinking, died as the result of a head-on collision.

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## Council Has Short Meeting

Edenton Town Council sailed through its agenda on election night in under 30 minutes.

Mayor John Dowd presented a resolution of the N.C. League of Municipalities to the family of the late Al Phillips. It honored Phillips service on the town council for a period of six years. Phillips also served a number of years on the Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

The resolution stated that he had "made lasting contributions to good municipal government and whose memory we are proud to honor."

Another resolution from the town honored Edenton Police Sergeant Gregory Bonner who was recently named Chowan County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

The resolution stated, "This award has brought prestige and honor to Sergeant Bonner, the police department and the Town of Edenton."

Council held a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. There were no comments other than from Gayle Gieseke of the planning board who affirmed the board's approval of the changes.

Added to the ordinance were provisions for flood hazard districts; chemical and hazardous material storage and treatment; bulk petroleum and LP gas storage.

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## Large Turnout At Polls Bond Referendum Passes

By JACK GROVE

A large voter turnout was seen in Tuesday's elections as 4,469 went to the polls in Chowan County of 6,959 registered to vote. This comprised a 64.2 per cent turnout.

While figures were unavailable at press time, Perquimans apparently had a large turnout as well. General Manager Pete Manning of The Chowan Herald said that Perquimans officials called in two emergency printing orders for additional paper ballots for that county that doesn't have voting machines. The first was for 1,000 ballots and the second was for 1,500.

A concentrated effort by county leaders to encourage voters to approve the \$7 million school bond issue was hugely successful. Eighty-six per cent voted yes on the bond issue. The totals were 2,429 for and 389 against.

There were 1,641 voters who didn't pull the lever for the referendum. Schools superintendent, Dr. John Dunn, said at the county elections office, "that's better than 35 per cent of the total vote."

He speculated that many missed the issue due to the placement of the lever in the top central portion of the voting machines.

In an apparent repudiation of the national Democratic Party, Chowan voters chose the Presidential ticket of Republicans George Bush and Dan Quayle over Democrats Michael S. Dukakis and Lloyd M. Bentsen. Bush-Quayle received 1,884 while Dukakis-Bentsen polled 1,756 or a difference of 128 votes. Local voters joined the state and nation in naming Bush as the next President.

The New Alliance Presi-

dential ticket of Lenora B. Fulani and Wynonia B. Burke hardly got a nod. Their total vote was 14.

There are only 1,090 registered Republicans in Chowan County, or 15.6 per cent. There are 181 unaffiliated voters. In the Republican column, 50 are black.

In the race for governor, more Democrats "came home," giving Bob Jordan 2,454 to Gov. Jim Martin's 2,033 or a margin of 421. Martin walked away with the race in the state. He was undoubtedly helped by some Chowan Democrats.

Democrat Tony Rand, running for Lt. Gov. against Republican Jim Gardner, received a wider measure of local support with 2,284 to Gardner's 1,611. The race, as of mid-day Wednesday, was still undecided.

Longtime incumbent, U.S. Congressman Walter B. Jones again left his Republican opponent Howard Moyer in the dust as he swept the election in the First Congressional District.

In the First District race for seats in the General Assembly, the three Democratic incumbents won handily.

Sen. Marc Basnight really had no opposition as Republican Daniel W. Lawrence had pulled out of the race earlier, but not soon enough to take his name off the ballot. Basnight polled 2,649 to 752 and was returned to office by the district-wide vote total.

Chowan favorite son, Rep. R.M. (Pete) Thompson, took the largest total here with 2,965. Rep. Vernon James wasn't far behind with 2,340. A distant third was Republican Shirley Perry with 921.

Mrs. Perry had a few surprises in store though as she

ran a respectable race in the largely Democratic district.

She took Dare County with 4,085; 3,873 for James and 3,529 for Thompson.

Totals for other counties were: Camden, Thompson, 1,190; James, 1,503; Perry 743; Currituck, Thompson, 1,692; James, 2,061; Perry, 1739; Gates, (portion within first district) Thompson, 340; James, 339; Perry, 140; Perquimans, (Perry's home county) Thompson, 2,150; James 2,087; Perry, 1,305; Tyrrell, Thompson, 1,024; James, 941; Perry, 313; Washington, (four of five precinct totals available) Thompson, 2,442; James, 2,485; Perry, 1,019; and Pasquotank, (James' home county) Thompson, 4,588; James, 4,383; Perry, 3,066.

Thompson, along with a roomful of supporters at Caroline's, followed the results as they came in and he was seen to smile more and more often.

In a brief phone interview, after Thompson had talked with him, a normally expansive Sen. Marc Basnight said at 10 p.m. "I accept whatever the voters choice is on the national, state and local level." Basnight has supported the candidacy of Bob Jordan since its inception and returns were showing Jordan in deep trouble. Basnight seemed subdued.

Of his close relationship in the General Assembly with Thompson and James, he said, "We work well together." That comment was taken as a victory statement.

All of the Council of State races went to the incumbent Democrats in local voting.

	East Edenton	West Edenton	Rocky Hock	Center Hill	Wardville	Yeopim	Absentee & Pct. Chngs.
Pres.							
Dukakis	469	564	153	145	148	182	95
Bush	305	468	296	123	234	300	158
Fulani	3	4	2	0	1	1	3
Gov.							
Jordan	619	779	257	215	193	276	115
Martin	294	762	260	77	189	315	136
Lt. Gov.							
Rand	578	762	218	184	170	261	111
Gardner	266	439	239	77	158	297	135
Bond							
Yes	517	797	236	136	236	304	164
No	52	103	69	23	39	63	34
Senate							
Basnight	602	895	274	178	211	332	157
Lawrence	121	187	118	40	54	161	71
Rep.							
Thompson	639	986	326	204	263	373	174
James	544	781	248	165	191	278	137
Perry	121	356	118	40	54	161	71

## Owners Fail To Attend Hearing

In their regular monthly meeting Monday morning, with only one citizen in attendance, the Chowan Board of Commissioners dealt with a routine agenda.

A public hearing was held to receive comment regarding the proposed preliminary assessment roll for Okisko Trail. With no property owners in attendance, the final assessment roll was approved.

The Albemarle Commission in an annual rite, asked each of the members of the ten-county Region R to execute resolutions releasing their shares of a regional economic development grant to the commission. The funds are used for regional community development. Chowan County has complied for two years and this year was no exception when the county's share of \$4,643.48 was released.

In other action, the board:

- Approved a contract for engineering services for county water system expansion with Diehl and Phillips in the amount of \$67,000. A CDBG application and a FmHA grant are being looked

at as possible funding sources;

- Approved a new service, "Respite," in Social Services which will provide CHORE

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## Assault Investigated

The Chowan Sheriff's Dept. is investigating an assault that occurred at the residence of David Walton on N.C. 32 north of Chowan Middle School.

Lt. James White said that he was called to the residence at 9:30 p.m. on October 25. He said that when the rescue squad arrived, Michael Spivey came out of the house holding his head.

When EMTs approached to assist him, he resisted them and fell to the ground. White and the EMTs loaded him into

the ambulance and he was taken to Chowan Hospital where he again resisted medical personnel and had to be restrained.

White learned that Spivey had been attacked with a crow bar by a suspect when he left the house. He was reportedly struck in the forehead.

The victim was hospitalized until Saturday when he was discharged.

White said that an unnamed suspect was being sought in connection with the attack.



**ANOTHER AWARD**--Edenton Police Sergeant Gregory Bonner holds a resolution from the town presented to honor him for being named Chowan County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year last month. With him are Mayor John Dowd and Police Chief J.D. Parrish at the town council meeting Tuesday night.