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THE EDENTON 'GREEN'—Pictured here, draped in snow, is the courthouse green on the waterfront in downtown Edenton, one of the most beautiful scenes in all the Southeastern United States. At the head of the green, which was once known as The Public Parade, rests the famous Chowan Courthouse. The monument in the foreground is in memory of Joseph Hewes, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The "gentleman" at right was erected by an unknown artist who...

National Shrine Survey Is Assured By Response At Founders' Dinner

Phone Company Hints Of Future System Changes

Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company is expected within the next 90 days to discuss "the broadening of telephonic communications" with county officials.

In response to a resolution passed recently by county commissioners in Chowan and Perquimans, L. S. Blades, Jr., of Elizabeth City said it would be approximately three months before his company could intelligently discuss this phase of operations with officials in the two counties.

He hinted in his letter to officials that more than just toll-free service might be in the planning stages for the immediate future.

"Within the next 90 days we hope to be able to be in position to intelligently discuss the broadening of telephonic communication within our service area, which may solve the problem mentioned in your letter and resolution and perhaps many more," Blades wrote.

The question of toll-free service in the area, especially between Edenton and Hertford, was spearheaded by the Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

Early in December, 1964, Alton Elmore, chamber president, and James M. Robinson, executive vice president, appeared before the Chowan and Perquimans boards and requested that they ask the telephone company for a feasibility survey of toll-free service costs. Each board enthusiastically endorsed the survey and passed resolutions sent to Blades.

It was said at the time that due to the close-knit communities in this area the cost of the toll-free service would not be a burden to anyone while the advantages would accrue for all.

Growth Is Noted By Association

The 59th annual financial statement of Edenton Savings & Loan Association shows a \$234,923.32 increase in assets over 1963.

At the close of business on December 31, 1964, the institution had assets totaling \$4,294,163.34, according to James M. Bond, secretary-treasurer.

Bond reported that the annual stockholders' meeting will be held at the associational office on South Broad Street at 7:30 P. M. Tuesday, February 2.

The savings and loan association has first mortgage loans totaling \$3,545,906.20 and share loans amounting to \$27,573.49.

The institution's next biggest investment is in other investments and securities in the amount of \$573,697.05.

J. Clarence Leary is president of the association.

Postage Receipts Increase In 1964

Postmaster J. L. Chestnut has reported that 1964 was a banner year for the U. S. Post Office in Edenton with December showing a healthy increase over past years in most categories.

Total postage receipts during 1964, which includes only stamps and envelopes, was \$71,000.

During December, postage sold totaled \$10,722.78, which is a 20 per cent increase over the same month of 1963. Cancellations during the same period rose 14 per cent to 174,000 pieces.

Parcel post increased by 14 per cent over December, 1963, while parcel post packages delivered were slightly less than during that month a year ago.

Postmaster Chestnut reported that 267 overtime hours were used in the department during the Christmas rush, an increase of 12 per cent over the holidays in 1963.

The department sold \$4,880.44 in COD packages during the month and wrote money orders totaling \$22,127.44.

Money deposited by the Edenton Post Office in the Federal Reserve Bank during December, 1964, amounted to \$33,117.10.

It was explained that part of the overtime required this year to continue the orderly flow of mail in and out of Edenton was caused by extensive repairs and expansion to the Post Office.

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Rotarians Entertain Peanut Contestants

At the Edenton Rotary Club's weekly meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House, boys who participated in the 1964 peanut growing contest will be guests of the club.

Ten 4-H Club boys took part in the year's contest and they will be accompanied by their fathers as guests.

An interesting program has been announced by County Agent C. W. Overman, and President West Byrum is hopeful that every Rotarian will be present.

The Public Parade

SOMETHING NEW. — This new feature of The Chowan Herald gets its name from Edenton lore. It goes back to the day when the town common, now known as the "green," was equipped with reformatory rack, stocks and pillory and called "The Public Parade."

The rack, stocks and pillory have long since disappeared, but the green remains a place where the present generation can pass the time of day or rub shoulders with the 18th century ghosts. So, Edentonians are invited to join in the Public Parade, a market-place of ideas, a forum for small talk, where the bon mot and what not will be equally at home with the heavy artillery of the more articulate.

At the head of the green stands the Chowan County court house, facing the bay. Built in 1767, it is still strikingly beautiful.

On the east corner of the green stands the old Customs house, comfortably settled for another hundred years or so.

Nearby is the Cupola house, built in 1725 and the oldest in Edenton. And then there is Ivy-hung St. Paul's, second oldest church in North Carolina.

All of these will carry the weight of tradition in The Public Parade, as will the latest business venture, the smallest success story, the tiniest triumph which serve to keep Edenton headed into the future.

This, then, is The Public Parade and this is Edenton. Let's hope their long association flowers. They were made for each other.

REDEEMING FEATURE— Things are about to get settled over at our house. When we came to Edenton and were questioned about the family, our standard reply was that we had a daughter in the first grade, another in kindergarten, a four-year-old enroute to re-

form school and one in the wings.

Well, the first grader is still the smartest person in the house, the kindergarten gal is gaining rapidly, the boy is going via Martha Britton's nursery school and Dr. Richard Hardin brought us our native Edentonian three weeks ago.

Recently we have been hampered somewhat by a member of the family we had about forgotten. That is Lovie, the dog. We farmed out the plump Dachshund with the in-laws in South Carolina before moving. Our hopes were their love for their house guest and the distance to Edenton would make her a permanent fixture in their home. It didn't work. They not only returned the dog, they stayed three days.

We have enjoyed not being treated like newcomers. Even if they did start giving parking tickets the first day.

Our love for Edenton and Chowan grows daily. The friendly people, their attitude, sense of duty and abiding interest in the continued growth and development of this beloved area of our state is stimulating.

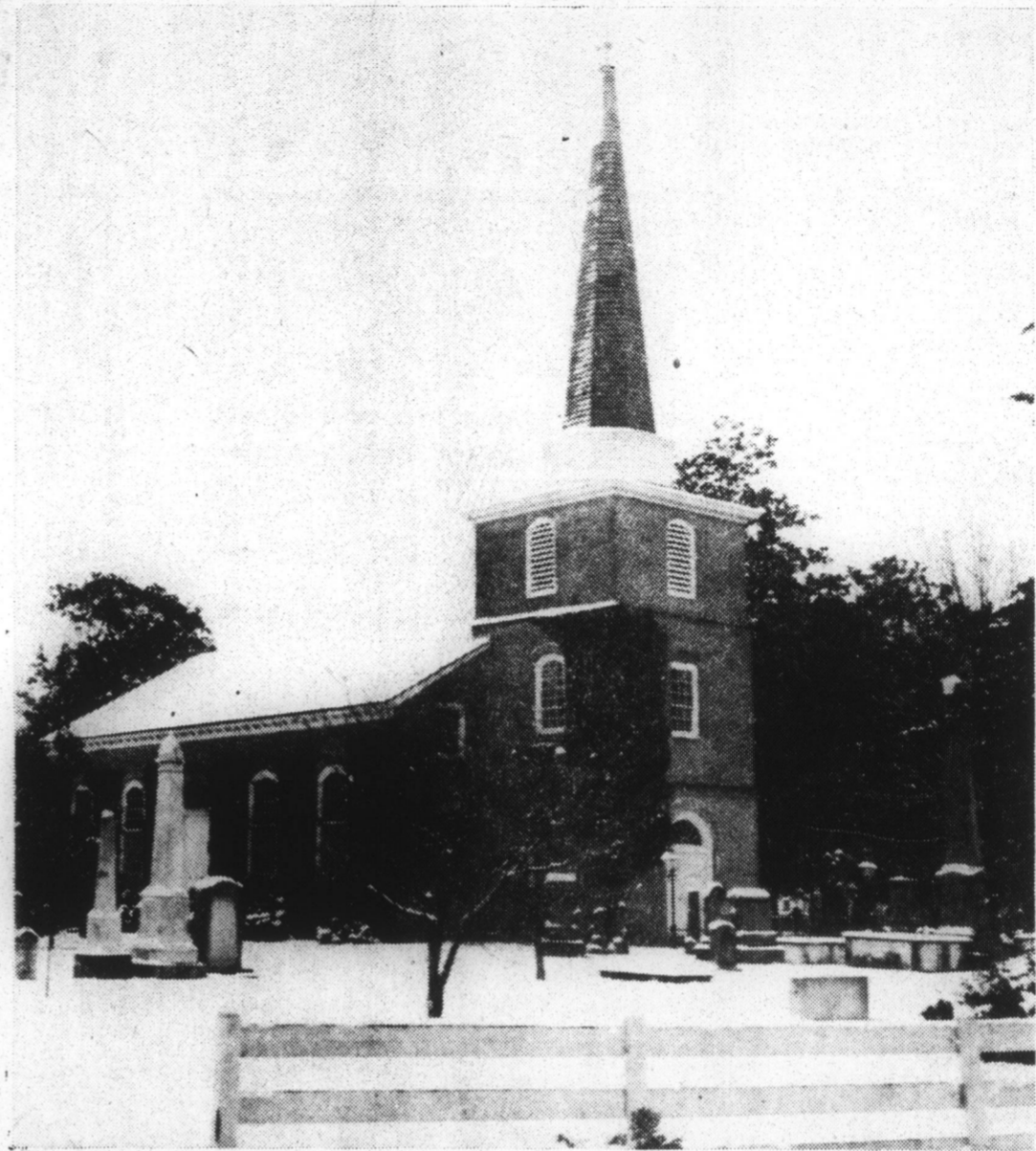
Our first move was made with mixed emotions. The children still talk about their friends in Statesville. But there is a redeeming feature—you can get six TV stations here.

WITH HUMAN HANDS— Despite Chamber of Commerce claims of a moderate climate, snow fell on Chowan just like the remainder of Tar Heelia. And the "white gold" brought out a characteristic of Edenton long overlooked.

Ours has been promoted as a historic and progressive town. We can now say it is a winter resort playground.

This was very much in evidence this past weekend when weather conditions were ideal on Pembroke Circle for those

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BEAUTIFUL OLD ST. PAUL'S.—Standing erect in majestic beauty is St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the second oldest church in North Carolina. The photograph was taken Saturday morning from behind the Parish House on Gale Street, looking east toward Broad Street. The two-inch snowfall Friday had blanketed the area, making it a most picturesque scene.

Edenton Citizens Show Enthusiasm For Big Project

A feasibility survey for the proposed Hall of Fame for Patriots of the American Revolution in Edenton is now assured. A New York firm will conduct the study and advise the best routes to take towards a \$1 million goal.

The first giant public step in the development of this project of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce was successfully completed Tuesday night at Chowan Golf and Country Club. More than 100 people paid \$25 a plate for the dinner. They heard local Hall of Fame officials describe various phases of the proposed project.

However, the enthusiasm demonstrated by 2 per cent of Edenton's population who put their money on the line, caused those who spoke to talk in very optimistic terms.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., Hall of Fame officer called Edenton the "core of the Albemarle" and said he is confident local citizens will provide whatever help necessary in seeing this project become a reality.

In his remarks, Mayor Mitchener cited the recent growth in Edenton and Chowan County and said the area is getting the reputation throughout the state it was a place where good government and community pride are abundant. He added that Edenton has a story to tell and something to offer those seeking additional knowledge of the place and the people who founded our great country.

J. Gilliam Wood, president of the non-profit Hall of Fame corporation, told the audience that

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Clinical Director Secured For Mental Health Center

After nearly two years of "planning" the Albemarle Mental Health Center will open in Elizabeth City on July 1. Dr. Ladislau Peter of Greenville will be medical director. He is a psychiatrist.

The center will be operated for citizens of Chowan, Camden, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties.

Dr. Peter was employed, at a salary of \$20,000 per year, at a meeting of the District N. C. Mental Health Association in Elizabeth City last Friday night. More than 25 people from the four counties involved braved inclement weather to attend the meeting.

At the same time the group recommended that Dr. William Wassink of Camden be named chairman of the group's executive committee. The committee, to be named by the county commissioners of the four coun-

ties, establishing policy and approving personnel. However, it was agreed that Dr. Peter will have a free hand in the selection of his staff.

The center will occupy temporary quarters in the Albemarle Hospital. It is understood that a site adjoining the hospital is available for a future home for the center.

Dr. Wassink said the primary purpose of this center will be to work toward treatment and prevention of mental disease in the area.

He explained that the Mental Health Authority is composed of four members, each a county commissioner in the participating counties. They appoint a Mental Health Advisory Board, composed of six members and the inclusion of Dr. Isa Grant, district health director, makes a board totaling 25 members.

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Winter Weather Arrives In Area

Edentonians late last week experienced the worst snow storm to hit this area in many years, but official reports are that they took it in stride.

J. H. Conger, Sr., local weather observer, said a total of four and one-fourth inches of snow blanketed the area Friday and Saturday. Nearly 47 inches of rain was also recorded on Friday as the snow started.

Conger, who records low readings every 24 hours, reported that a low of 20 was reached Saturday night.

Two inches of snow was recorded in the immediate area Friday and Saturday with another two and one-fourth inches falling Saturday night and Sunday.

One local citizen said it was the most snowfall in Edenton since 1943, the year a near blizzard was experienced.

At least two more inches of snow was reported in the Rocky Hock and Center Hill-Cross Roads communities of Chowan County than in Edenton. Roads

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Fire Department Inspections Set

Under the fire prevention ordinance adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Edenton on April 11, 1962, the Fire Department is directed to make quarterly inspections of buildings in the fire district.

W. B. Gardner, Town Administrator, reports that Fire Chief W. J. Yates and members of his department will begin the inspections on February 1 and will continue to make quarterly inspections thereafter.

Chief Yates said these inspections will enable the Fire Department to do a better job and will assist property owners in eliminating possible fire hazards.

Gardner pointed out that this is a valuable fire prevention service rendered by the local department and the cooperation of property owners is earnestly requested. "While these inspections are required by law for buildings in the fire district," Gardner said, "inspections will also be made in residences if requested by the owner."

Rocky Hock Fire Delights Audience

They had a fire out at Rocky Hock Community Center Monday night and no one attempted to put it out. O. C. Long was the admitted " arsonist," but he had the backing of more than 100 people.

This welcomed fire consisted of a single piece of paper. It was the note on a community center. Everyone in attendance played a role in the ceremony as they lit a match simultaneously with Long, who touched the paper to the flame and stood back to enjoy the sight.

There was a covered dish supper in true Rocky Hock fashion. There was fellowship, a recollection of the history of the center and speeches. The event will long be remembered in Rocky Hock as the evening of another bundle in a community banding together for their

own betterment.

The tone was set by Mrs. Jack Evans, who in her welcome admitted with pride that this was a big night for the entire community. "This is the end of a long dream and tonight that dream becomes a reality," she said.

George Lewis, assistant vice president, Peoples Bank & Trust Company in Edenton, told the group their youth is the greatest asset they have. He challenged them to implement physical and spiritual improvements for the children.

Lewis asked the people if Rocky Hock is a better community after "collectively using your talents for community development?" He said he is sure it is, but urged the residents not to make the mistakes of be-

ing satisfied with past accomplishments.

The speaker said everyone who has played a role in paying off the debt on the community center should be justly proud. However, they should forge ahead with more and better programs with the building, now debt free, the center of this activity.

Lewis hailed the "good people" of Rocky Hock for their fine reputation. He said a good reputation is something left by past generations and can be passed on to future generations without an outlay of money.

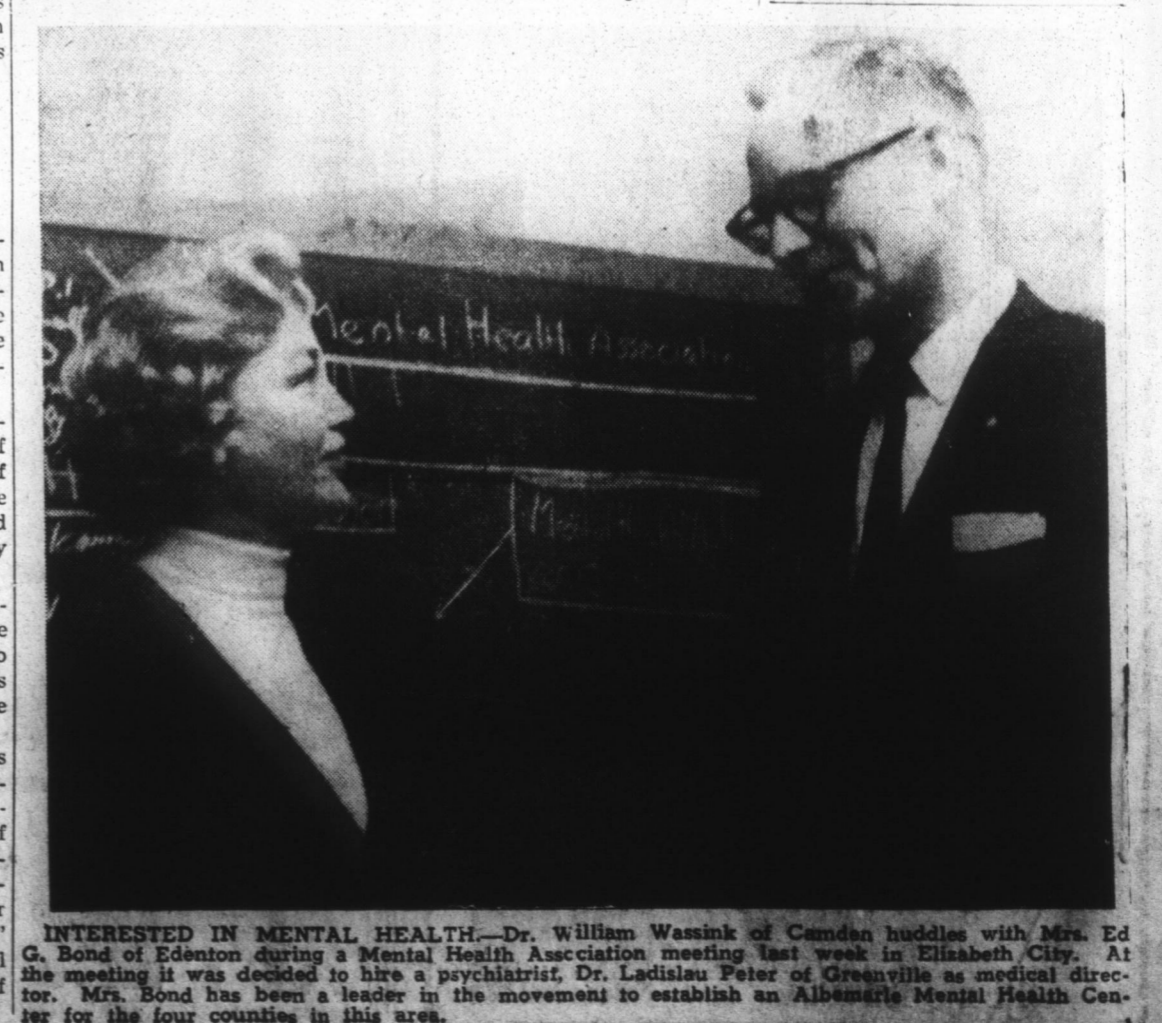
Mrs. O. C. Long, in introducing Lewis, said the people of Rocky Hock are not ready to be put on a shelf, just because they have attained this goal. She said specifically they want to know ways for finding and sup-

port youth programs. She said they can all thank community development for "being here tonight."

Mrs. Thuman Ashley traced the history of the center from December 21, 1959, when it was learned that the school would be sold, up through many community fund-raising functions to pay off the \$4,300 note.

Presiding at the note burning ceremony festivities was Shelton Layton, president. He said the community development group will meet on February 15 to plan future programs.

In addition, to those already mentioned, people who participated on the program included Carey Evans, Wallace Evans, Mary Alice Riddick, Mrs. Willie Saunders and Henry Bunch. A number of guests from Edenton were introduced.



INTERESTED IN MENTAL HEALTH.—Dr. William Wassink of Camden huddles with Mrs. Ed G. Bond of Edenton during a Mental Health Association meeting last week in Elizabeth City. At the meeting it was decided to hire a psychiatrist, Dr. Ladislau Peter of Greenville as medical director. Mrs. Bond has been a leader in the movement to establish an Albemarle Mental Health Center for the four counties in this area.