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**'WOMAN OF THE YEAR'**—Edenton's first lady, Mrs. John A. Mitchener, Jr., right, is the 1964 Woman of the Year as selected by the Business and Professional Woman's Club. Mrs. Mitchener is joining in this picture by Mrs. Mae Belle Wooten, BPW president, and Tivis Wicker of Elizabeth City, who spoke at the banquet held at Masonic Temple. Mrs. Mitchener holds the spray of red rose buds presented to her by Mrs. Wooten.

## BPW Club Honors Mrs. Mitchener

Edenton's First Lady is also the 1964 Woman of the Year as chosen by the Business and Professional Woman's Club.

Mrs. John A. Mitchener, Jr., was chosen for the honor and presented a certificate and the traditional red roses at a BPW Bosses' Night banquet February 18.

In announcing the winner, Mrs. A. W. Wooten, president, said the winner possesses outstanding and desirable characteristics of womanhood.

Mrs. Wooten said many do not realize the magnitude of Mrs. Mitchener's impact as a community leader because she does not seek the limelight. Also cited was the fact that she is an "active and vital" member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Mitchener, a registered pharmacist, is a native of Concord and met her husband while they were students at the University of North Carolina. She returned to the practice of her profession when her children went to school.

Tivis Wicker of Elizabeth City, director of adult education and extension at the College of the Albemarle, discussed the close ties of love and education. He also asked the question if students are being educated for something better than just for the sake of a college degree.

Mrs. Julia Hassell was mistress of ceremony for the annual banquet held at the Masonic Temple.

## Anti-Poverty Groups Attend Meeting Here

Representatives from Gates, Perquimans and Chowan counties will meet here at 2 P. M. today (Thursday) to discuss portions of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

David Dear of Elizabeth City, head of the EOA section of Albemarle Area Development Association, will attend the meeting. West Byrum, Jr., chairman of the Southwest Division of AADA, said the meeting will be held at Edenton's Municipal Building.

## JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant. President Pete Dail urges every Jaycee to be present.

## Chowan Council To Offer Extension Art Instruction

The Chowan Art Council announced this week that an adult class in drawing and painting is now available in Edenton through the services of the College of the

## Friends of Library Recruiting Members

Friends of Brown-Carver Library are now recruiting more members. All persons interested in applying for membership may do so by contacting Miss Hattie Jenkins at the library or Mrs. Hazel Beckus from March 1 until April 10.

## Booklets Create Interest In Old County Records

The North Carolina Department of Archives and History has had a change of heart about some old Chowan County records which they declared of no value about 12 months ago.

What has apparently brought the value of these papers to their attention is a letter which Grayson H. Harding of Edenton wrote to The State magazine that was published in the February 15 issue.

Harding and Robert B. Smith saved the records from destruction and printed two booklets dealing with Chowan County Taxables of 1788 and 1800. A considerable amount of interest has been expressed in the booklets and other publications were planned into the state said the records could be carried to Raleigh.

At a time when the Cupola House museum is being renovated, a new library is being planned and the Hall of Fame for Patriots of the Revolution is being surveyed, some Edentonians feel these records should not be taken from Chowan County.

Smith gained possession of the records when a building was being razed to make room for the off-street parking lot behind the Hotel Joseph Hewes. The county commissioners had asked the Department of Archives and History to inspect the papers and were informed that they were of no value.

Smith got the five boxes just before the trash truck arrived and has spent considerable time plowing through them picking out things of interest. He said some of the documents were signed by Samuel Johnston, Joseph Hewes and others.

W. E. Bond, chairman of the county commissioners, said the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh is a depository for old county records. These were not believed of any value until Smith and Harding published the booklets.

"These men did this county a real service in saving those records and the documents should remain in Chowan for future use in museums and other places of interest," one citizen said.

Harding's letter to The State follows:

"Sunday, I picked up one of Continued On Page Six

## Officials Awaiting Report Of Survey

A report is expected within two weeks on a feasibility survey for the Hall of Fame for Patriots of the Revolution.

Officials of Tamblin & Brown of New York, fund raising and counseling experts, are now going over the results of a physical survey conducted by Dr. Rian.

Whether or not the New York firm is willing to organize and direct a campaign to raise \$1 million for the national shrine will be told in a forthcoming report to the Hall of Fame board of directors.

James M. Robinson, executive director, said an official of the New York concern will personally report to the board at a date to be established.

Dr. Rian, an educational consultant with the firm, was here earlier this month and visited numerous people in the state, including Gov. Dan K. Moore. Later he discussed the project with Frank P. Graham at the United Nations. The reaction of all the people interviewed will be discussed in the report.

It is generally agreed that one on a weekly payroll can't get along on existing allowances to our representatives. Therefore, (every two years) most campaigns are built around an individual's "burning desire to be of service to the great State of North Carolina."

Both bills have merit. Our fuss with Bobby's daily expense measure is the portion which deals with making it retroactive to February 3, the opening of the 1965 General Assembly.

The gentleman from Iredell knew exactly what the job paid when he planked down his filing fee and said: "Here I am. Send me."

We know the authors of these two pieces of legislation as tight-fisted men who the taxpayer, up until now, would have rested at ease with the purse strings.

Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., gave up a county court solicitorship paying \$250 per month and probably a goodly part of his thriving law practice, to seek Chowan's seat in the

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**WINS PEANUT TROPHY**—James Monds of Tyner, second from right, has won the Edenton Chamber of Commerce trophy for peanut production. Monds, who produced an average of 4,162 pounds per acre on 4.6 acres, is shown here following a banquet at Edenton Restaurant. Left to right are: Alton Elmore, chamber president; Lloyd E. Griffin, guest speaker; Monds; and Leonard Small, a member of the chamber agriculture committee and who presided at the banquet.

## Farmers Given Challenge To Spread Peanut Story

Chowan County's exclusive peanut club held a banquet last week and heard a man with state-wide influence call for more local processing of their product.

Lloyd E. Griffin, executive director, N. C. Citizens Association, declared that as production increases more avenues for processing and distributing peanuts must be explored.

He suggested that a group of Chowan farmers could be quite successful by joining together to give the trade a small smart package of peanuts which would be sold only under the trade name of "Tea Party Nuts."

"The speaker said packaging and advertising would do the distributing job. 'Only the very select nuts would be included in a very attractive package,'" Griffin said.

"Once established as a favorite munching food at parties, receptions and banquets at which 'Tea Party Nuts' were served," Griffin said, "merchants throughout the nation would be anxious to stock 'Tea Party Nuts' for their trade."

He also cited other means of making the goober, "the lowly ducking groundpea," into a "princely product of great value."

"Since nature has placed our community in the midst of the best peanut growing area of the nation, can we afford to neglect so great an opportunity to make Edenton the peanut capital of North Carolina and one day rival Suffolk in the processing and sale of peanut products throughout the nation?" he asked.

The speaker challenged the members of the One and Three-fourths Ton Peanut Club to send students to State College to specialize in the chemistry of peanuts and type of soil necessary for quality peanuts; to invest capital to build a cold storage plant for peanuts in Edenton; and to start processing peanuts in Edenton for a number of years and for others which the chemistry laboratory may disclose.

Griffin said to accept the challenge, it will be necessary for some boy to decide in his heart that he will become the peanut king of North Carolina—and make Edenton the peanut capital of the state and nation.

Earlier the speaker traced the history of the peanut and reported on some unusual products

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## Progress Made On Chowan Courthouse

Charles Morgan, painting contractor, has a crew of men working at the Chowan County Courthouse. The courtroom and other portions of the historic structure are being repaired and painted.

The Courthouse will be headquarters for the biennial Pilgrimage of Historic Edenton and Countryside, April 9-11.

However, Morgan has promised Chowan County Commissioners that he will complete the project prior to March 29 when a session of Superior Court opens.

## School Officials Told To Prepare For Desegregation

School boards which think they can continue to get federal funds without a suitable plan for desegregation are only fooling themselves and buying little time.

That was the opinion of Dr. J. Everett Miller of Raleigh, assistant superintendent, State Department of Public Instruction, as he addressed a meeting of school officials from 11 North-eastern administrative units Tuesday night.

Dr. Miller said the way he reads the law, eventually no school can operate even if federal funds are rejected by the administrative unit.

The new Civil Rights Law is that inclusive.

Showing signs of strain, the expert on school law said the following is happening:

1—Sooner than we think children will attend the school nearest their residence, regardless of their wishes.

2—Students will ride the bus serving the school being attended.

3—Teachers will be employed on the basis of competence.

4—State organizations operating at the schools will be merged. (On July 1, 1965, the Future Farmers of America and the New Farmers of America will become FFA and the same with the Future Homemakers).

5—Unitary staff meetings must be held... teachers in all units will work as a total staff.

Discussing alternatives, Dr. Miller said the so-called "freedom of choice" plan is merely a stop-gap. The other alternative is the zone method where students are assigned to the school within the zone where they live.

Dr. Miller pointed out that if schools want funds continued they should submit a plan by April 1 so it can be reviewed in Raleigh and sent to Washington for approval.

The funds he spoke of are sizeable. In 1964-65, North Carolina schools are getting \$34 million in federal funds. If the program submitted by President Johnson is approved in full, next year \$87 million in federal funds would come to this state.

Dr. Miller traced the history of federal aid to education back in 1917 when the first vocational act was passed by Congress. From that time until now the federal government has become involved in all aspects of the state's total school program, he

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## Fire Razes Home Sunday Morning

The entire community is responding to a plea for assistance for the family of Emily Riddick, who lost most of their possessions when fire destroyed their home early Sunday.

Haughton Ehringhaus said those wishing to contribute any household items to the family could contact him. He can be called at the Hotel Joseph Hewes, 482-9716.

Fire Chief W. J. Yates reports that the frame home on Indian Trail Road 12 miles east of Edenton, was beyond saving when firemen arrived. The fire department was called at 2:15 a. m.

Firemen reported that all the furnishings were destroyed but the family was able to get some clothing out.

This was the first fire call answered by the department this month.

## Heart Fund Goal In Sight As Campaign Nears End

Tom Shepard, Chowan County chairman of the month long February Heart Fund drive, today announced preliminary returns with a rack-up total of \$708.38 toward a goal of \$1,500 to reach by the close of February 28.

Still to be counted are contributions from the city-wide Heart Sunday solicitation on February 21, the tag and balloon day on February 20, the road block tag day and two-thirds of the rural community.

The tabulation thus far includes the following: \$423.50, business and corporations; \$79.80, balloon and tag day; \$35, clubs and organizations; \$80, special gifts; \$54, one rural community; and \$31, collected from participants at the Polio Clinic.

The final collection will augment the total already received during the month-long campaign which supports the expanded research, education and community service program of the Tidewater

Heart Association. "You still have a chance to contribute," pointed out Shepard and Caswell Edmundson, city chairman. Those not at home Sunday when the Heart Sunday volunteer called may mail in the envelope left at the door, or may contact Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr., or Mrs. Joseph Thorud, co-chairman of Heart Sunday. Those who may have missed an opportunity in the rural community may contact Harry Vanters, who is co-chairman of rural collections.

"We sincerely feel," said Shepard and Edmundson, "that residents of Chowan County and Edenton will do their part as always in fighting the No. 1 health enemy. The success of the Heart Association's fight against the heart and blood vessel diseases depends on these indications of your generosity. We are delighted that the response so far indicates the possibility our goal will be surpassed."



**MAP HEART FUND CANVASS**—Tom Shepard, center, is surrounded by some of the volunteers who are assisting him in having a successful Heart Fund campaign in Edenton. Shown making plans for closing activities are, left to right, Mrs. Joe Conger, Jr., Mrs. Joe Thorud, Shepard, Rudolph Dale, Mrs. Edward Bond and Caswell Edmundson.