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Justice Denny Joining Ranks In Local Drive

RALEIGH—Chief Justice Emery B. Denny of the North Carolina Supreme Court this week became a member of the James Iredell Association, dedicated to the task of preserving the 16th century home of Justice James Iredell, one of the original members of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Iredell, appointed by President Washington in February, 1790, served until his death in September, 1799.

The association is conducting an intensive membership campaign, appealing especially to members of the State Bar, to raise funds for additional restoration and authentic furnishings for the Iredell House in Edenton. If as much as \$4,000 is collected, the association will then garner in addition a Richardson Foundation challenge grant of \$2,000 which has already been pledged.

At a meeting in his office with Iredell House leaders on Monday, the Chief Justice stated to Mrs. Wood Privott of Edenton, president of the James Iredell Association, and others present that he has always been interested in the illustrious Revolutionary-era jurist as one of the true founders, fathers of American law and jurisprudence.

Chief Justice Denny spoke of Iredell's role in the famous Bayard vs. Singleton case of 1786-87 before the North Carolina Supreme Court. In this case the court ruled an act of the legislature to be unconstitutional. This was a landmark case in

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Alleged Assault Report Checked

Edenton officials this week refuted a dispatch from Atlanta that an integration leader was threatened with a hatchet in a local restaurant.

"Completely unfounded," was the reply by Police Chief James H. Griffin when confronted with an inquiry about a United Press International story which appeared in state newspapers.

After reading that Hosea Williams, an official in Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference, had made a statement about the threat, Chief Griffin talked with Rev. Frederick LaGarde, a local SCLC leader. Mr. LaGarde was unaware of any such action while admitting Williams was in Edenton to a meeting about two weeks ago.

UPI quoted Williams as saying he went into a restaurant "which he did not identify" and "this man from behind the counter with a hatchet."

"You get out of here, you black so and so or I'll split your head open," Williams quoted the white man. The Negro said he "backed out of the place fast."

Chief Griffin said such assaults are serious, regardless of where they occur and who is involved. "I have checked every eating establishment in Edenton and find the story to be completely unfounded," the chief said.

The Chowan Herald requested the UPI Bureau in Raleigh to contact their Atlanta office to determine the name of the restaurant in which the alleged assault took place. There had been no reply at press time.

Attack Is Fatal To E. L. Twiddy

Ernest L. Twiddy, 25, of Washington County, suffered a fatal heart attack Monday morning at Merry Hill.

Mr. Twiddy, a vending service representative for Spedic Vending Service, Inc., in Edenton for the past five years, died in a telephone booth minutes after calling to report his illness.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M., Wednesday at Scuppernon Christian Church in Washington County.



TOUR BUS—The University of North Carolina's educational television mobile unit, similar to the WUNC-TV unit above, will tour the northeastern area of North Carolina for two weeks in August. More than a dozen television programs will be recorded in the six towns to be visited. The first will be in Edenton.

Edenton Is Subject Educational TV Coming To Area

CHAPEL HILL—Edenton will be the first stop on a 12-day production tour throughout the Albemarle Area to be undertaken by WUNC-TV Aug. 3-14 in connection with the expansion of educational television to these counties.

The tour is being made in preparation for the opening of the University of North Carolina educational Television transmitter at Columbia this fall. Current plans call for the Columbia transmitter to begin broadcasting in September. The very high frequency (VHF) channel will be known as WUNB-TV, Channel 2.

WUNC-TV's full-sized highway bus, which serves as a mobile television control room, will go on the tour. In addition, the tour will include a television tape recorder and personnel to operate these units in producing and recording special programs to be originated in the area.

Hyman Field of WUNC-TV's Raleigh studio is coordinating the program to be taped in Edenton. The tour group will arrive in Edenton on August 3 and begin making preparations for a day-long production schedule August 4.

One program will be recorded in Edenton. It will feature the town as a focal point of North Carolina history and discuss also modern developments there.

Edenton is unique for its industrial and civic accomplishments, as well as for its historical assets. The program will include the new civic square now rising on a spot surrounded by 18th Century markings and overlooking the Albemarle Sound. The new Municipal Building and projected colonial gardens for the area will be described.

Other highlights of the program will be the Edenton Tea Party; historical homes, including the Barker House which has been transposed to the civic square; and the Court House—the oldest in continuous service in North Carolina—which stands in view of the civic square. Industry and the conversion of the old Marine Base into a resort and vacation spot will be other topics.

WUNC-TV officials have

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Bids On Projects Exceed Estimate

Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library will get a new home in the near future, while the relocation of Edenton Fire Department will be held up for an undetermined period of time.

This is the results of bid openings held July 22 for the two new structures. The library bid was some \$12,000 more than the amount of funds available, but Tom Shepard, trustee chairman, said he is confident adjustments can be made so the contract can be let soon.

However, this was not the case with the bid for a new fire station. Town Administrator W. B. Gardner said the total bid was some \$70,000 in excess of available funds. The town has approximately \$90,000 set up for the new station, but the total bid amounted to \$160,745.

Edenton Construction Company was low on the general contract for both structures. So was Davis Electric Company of New Bern for the electrical work; White Plumbing & Heating of Williamston for the plumbing and Climate Craft, Inc., of Washington for the heating and air conditioning.

Gardner said in order to secure a bid within the price range of available funds, the building would have to be redesigned to some extent and a new sight picked. The Town Council had chosen the lot at the corner of North Broad Street and Park Avenue for the station. This is next to National Guard armory and would require piling. Gardner said the type construction necessary ran the cost up considerably.

Also, he said while four contractors submitted bids on the project, there was indication that all of them are busy now, which is the general case in the construction industry.

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Citation Is Given To W. C. Bunch

W. C. Bunch, who retired November 30, 1964, after 43 years of government service, has received a Meritorious Service Award from the U. S. Department of Interior.

At the time he retired, Bunch was hatchery manager at the National Fish Hatchery here.

The citation, certificate, engraved medal and lapel pin were presented to Bunch by Nathan A. Powell, who is now the local hatchery manager.

The award was authorized May 17 by Stanley A. Cain, assistant Secretary of the Interior. It was routed through the office of A. C. Fuller of Atlanta regional supervisor of the Branch of Fish Hatcheries.

In accepting the recognition from Washington, Bunch said it is good to know that governmental officials appreciate the work done on the local level.

Secretary Cain's citation read: "Mr. Bunch's ability to produce the many different species of fish required for numerous test stocking programs contributed greatly to the over-all fisheries production."

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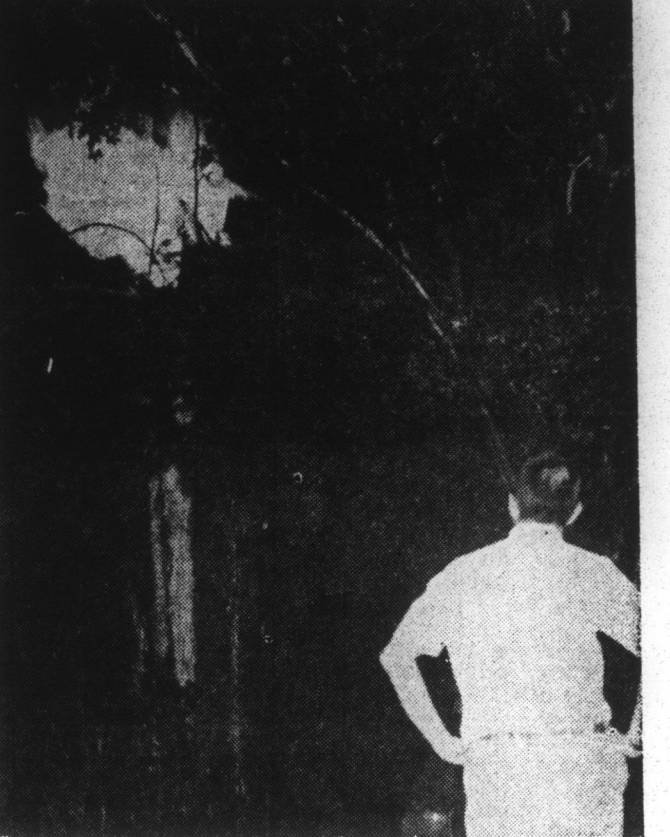
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THIRD STRIKE—During a storm Monday night lightning struck a huge cypress tree in the yard of Dr. David Wright at the old fish hatchery on U. S. 17 south. Dr. Wright is shown above watching the tree burn as he awaited firemen. This was the third time lightning had struck this tree, setting it on fire.

Rain In Edenton Tops Six Inches; More Is Falling

Six inches of rain was measured in Edenton in a 12-hour period ending at 6 A. M., Wednesday.

J. H. Conger, Sr., local weather observer, said this was the most rain recorded since the last hurricane. Also, Conger measured 1.35 inches of rain in the 24-hour period prior to Tuesday afternoon, bringing the 48-hour total rainfall to 7.35 inches.

Both storms — one early Monday evening and the other Tuesday night—brought a lot of lightning and thunder, but little damage was experienced.

Edenton, Hertford and Winfall were without electricity for five hours Wednesday morning when difficulty was experienced by Virginia Electric & Power Company.

The clocks stopped at approximately 2:40 A. M. Wednesday and it was near 7:45 A. M. when current was restored.

Switches were thrown at the local power plant, but no damage was reported.

Edenton Fire Department supplied an auxiliary power unit to the U. S. Post Office and mail service was uninterrupted.

Chowan Hospital has such a system and no emergency existed there.

There was some severe flooding in evidence throughout Edenton and surrounding area Wednesday morning.

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The Public Parade

DEAR MRS. STOKES—This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 27 in which you chose to again personally attack the judgment and integrity of our Mr. Bufflap.

We have been unable to determine your true identity. If you will show us the courtesy of supplying your real name and address we will be more than nappy to discuss the issues with you.

Also, while you have taken up the cause of Mr. Harrell, he informs us that he knows nothing of your identity.

Until you come from behind your cowardly shield we must file your correspondence in the nearest trash can.

UNSUITABLE CLICHES—Recently a senior citizen was discussing a local situation with such cliches as "ghost town" and "dying on the vine."

While we knew neither of these phrases were congruous it disturbed us.

The July issue of Chamber News from Bob Moore paints an entirely different picture, and one which is more accurate.

Like: Albemarle Peanut Company is putting the finishing touches on a \$150,000 expansion program; Chowan Veneer Company has completed a modernization program costing in excess of \$100,000; and Edenton Cotton Mills gave a 5 per cent raise—the third in two years—and has on order new equipment which will increase production by 20 per cent.

Also, Jimbo's Jumbos is enjoying success with a new product—old fashioned peanut butter; Darf Corporation has increased production, equipment and employment; and George C. Moore is operating three shifts and is doing extensive landscaping.

Then comes Olag, newest toothpaste on the market, was developed locally and is being marketed; Seabrook has undergone a complete modernization program and will shortly begin operations; the accounting department of United Piece Dye Works has moved to Edenton; and W. D. Townson Lumber Company has increased both production and equipment.

We will let you draw your own conclusions from the above mentioned activity by local industry.

It is one thing to get new industry and another to provide a climate where they will be able to grow and prosper. While searching for new and diversified industry we must never lose sight of the importance of existing operations. We should rejoice as much when a plant expands as when another lands.

This is true because competition for new industry is greater and greater. More communities are getting a

taste of new payrolls and are finding them quite palatable. There are now approximately 14,000 industrial development organizations throughout the country actively counting the 350 to 400 major industries that will locate a new plant this year.

Therefore, a community which looks after her own and enjoys a reputation of a good business climate has a definite edge.

Maybe "ghost town" and "dying on the vine" are suitable descriptions for some areas, but not so for little ole Chowan. We stand on that threshold of greatness Gov. Dan Moore talks about.

We will get there in spite of those who predict gloom and doom. But it would be easier if they decided to lend a helping hand rather than just going along for the ride.

JUST HAMS—BUT GOOD—One of the newest, yet most highly regarded, arrivals along The Public Parade is the Edenton Little Theater.

In the organization's first year some very difficult productions were tackled and the local group came out for encore after encore.

Many amateur groups after years of practice and planning, would not undertake a production such as "The Devil's Disciple". Yet, under the capable direction of Ross Inglis the Edenton aggregation made this difficult play look easy.

One of the most delightful events we have attended

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RECEIVES HONOR—William C. Bunch, left, retired manager of the National Fish Hatchery here, is shown admiring a citation from the U. S. Department of Interior with Nathan Powell, his successor. Bunch retired November 30, 1964, after completing 43 years of government service.

Goodwins Spend Time In Area As Guests Of Chamber Of Commerce

Mr. and Mrs. George Goodwin of Clearwater, Fla., were the first in a series of Guests of the Month of Edenton Chamber of Commerce.

The couple, traveling north on U. S. 17 recently were hailed by State Trooper Wayne Rawls and informed they had a night of entertainment in Edenton.

Their response is best told in their own words: "What a surprise! And such a happy one."

"We were driving along trying to decide whether to stop in Edenton or Elizabeth City; talking about how old we thought Edenton must be and it must have a fabulous history; admiring the richness of the crops surrounding it and wondering about the large brick buildings along the waterfront and the beautiful old homes as we drove along and were suddenly stopped by your patrolman."

"Your community has so much to offer . . . places of historical significance other communities can never match; warmth, friendliness,

we get back to Clearwater. We feel everyone just 'out-did' themselves to see we enjoyed Edenton and believe us, you were successful. This experience will be a 'high

point of our trip." Goodwin is a service engineer for Protane Corporation.



GUESTS OF THE MONTH—Mr. and Mrs. George Goodwin of Clearwater, Fla., last week were Guests of the Month of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. Left to right are: Burley Niblett, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Wood Privott and Goodwin.

while his attractive wife is principal of Orange Grove Elementary School in Pinellas City, Fla.

Burley Niblett, owner of Triangle Motel, furnished the quarters and flowers were the courtesy of Lula White's Flower Shop.

Peanuts and peanut butter came from Jimbo's Jumbos, and Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., furnished a box of candy.

Dinner and breakfast was the courtesy of Mrs. Beulah Boswell at her Edenton Restaurant. Movie tickets were made available by W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., of Taylor Theater.

The guests were given free gasoline by Bill Perry of the Texaco station bearing his name.

Mrs. Wood Privott was the hostess. Robert W. Moore, executive vice president of the chamber, said the first phase of this activity of the chamber's tourist committee, was highly successful. "We are as pleased with the outcome as were the 'Goodwins,'" Moore said.