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## Historic Tea Party Re-Enactment Scheduled Here



**ON GUARD!**—Edenton's historic Courthouse Green and the Barker House to the southwest will be the location of a re-enactment of the October 24, 1774, Tea Party to be held at 11 A. M., Monday. The three cannon guarding Edenton's waterfront will be fired for the first time. One of the cannon, at left, was among those brought here in 1778 by William Borritz. The few still left here in 1862 were put out of a greater danger to the men behind them than to the enemy out front. No invitations are being issued to this re-enactment and the public is encouraged to attend.

## Public Is Invited To Waterfront; Actor Among Those On Program

Actor Sidney Blackmer will play the male lead in the re-enactment of the Edenton Tea Party of 1774, to be staged here at 11 A. M. Monday. Blackmer, for over four decades one of the finest character actors on Broadway, in Hollywood and on television, will give a dramatic reading in ceremonies following the Tea Party's re-enactment. The public is invited to witness the festivities which are being staged by the women of Edenton in the home of Penelope Barker, who organized the original protest against British taxes and oppression in 1774. The Edenton Tea Party was one of the most significant events in the chain of circumstances which led to the American Revolution. It is being restaged by the Edentonians in support of the North Carolina Heart Association's public education campaign.

## Property Owners List In January

Chowan County property owners, some 6,000 strong, Tuesday begin the annual task of listing their holdings for the purpose of taxes.

W. P. (Spec) Jones, tax supervisor, said listers in the four townships have been briefed and are ready to begin their duties. Taxpayers have 30 days, from January 3 to February 3, in which to visit with the lister in their respective townships.

Jones said a 10 per cent penalty will be imposed for those listing after February 3 as well as those who fail to list. He said the county has had full cooperation from property owners in the past and hopes the same will be experienced this year.

The tax supervisor said special hours have been arranged at times believed most convenient for the property owner in an effort to lessen the burden of tax listing.

Mrs. Pattie S. Byrum and Mrs. Annie M. Hare are listers in First Township and will be available on the first floor of Hotel Joseph Hewes from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., Monday through Friday, and 9 A. M. to 12 noon on Saturdays.

The lister in Second Township is Sherlon Layton. He will be at W. E. Smith's Store from 6 P. M. to 9 P. M. on Monday and Thursday. Layton will also have the following schedule in the township: January 5, 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., W. L. Miller's Store; January 12, same hours, C. C. Nixon Store; January 19, same time, E. R. Bunch Store; January 24, same time, Archie Nixon Store, and January 26, same



SIDNEY BLACKMER

## Quiet Holiday Reported

The long Christmas holiday was void of law enforcement and fire department activity with departments reporting a weekend which was "very quiet."

Police Chief James H. Griffin said members of his department arrested four persons for traffic violations, two transients and three for public drunkenness and investigated three accidents with property damage in excess of \$100.

There were several complaints answered but as a whole there was not much activity for members of the department, the officer reported.

Sheriff Earl Goodwin responded "very quiet" when asked about activity of his department during the week-

end. Sheriff Goodwin said several calls were answered but no arrests were made by him or his deputies. State Highway Patrol officials said some minor mishaps were investigated in Chowan County. There were no serious injuries reported.

In Edenton, police gave citations to Hattie M. Spencer of New York and Peggy A. Colfield of Colerain for operating motor vehicles without a license; Joseph W. Goodwin, Route 3, Edenton, for speeding, and Clara Mae Belargia, Route 1, Merry Hill, for failing to stop for a stop light.

William Madrey, 58-year-old Negro, 121 West Freeman Street, escaped serious injury at 10:30 P. M.

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## Injuries Fatal To Mrs. Newsom

An automobile accident near Petersburg, Va., early Christmas morning resulted in the death of a local woman and left her husband and son injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newsom, 705 Johnston Street, and their son, left Edenton at 1 A. M. Sunday to visit their daughter in Alexandria, Va.

Some three hours later their car was involved in a head-on collision. Later in the day Mrs. Newsom died.

The extent of injuries received by the others in the car was not known here at press time.

Etta Louise Newsom, 54, was a native of Chowan County. She was a daughter of the late J. E. and Ethel Bagley Brabble.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her stepmother, Mrs. Hilda Brabble; a son, Roy Newsom, Jr., of Edenton; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Bake of Alexandria, and Mrs. Melvin Stewart, Cottonwood, Ariz.; two brothers, William and Thomas Brabble of Edenton; a sister, Mrs. Ida Baker of Edenton; a step-sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby of Edenton and eight grandchildren.

She was a member of Yeopim Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at Willford Funeral Home at 2 P. M. Wednesday with Rev. Johnnie Bradley in charge.

Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

## End Measles' Clinic Scheduled

Dr. L. Polk Williams, Jr., president of the Medical Society of Chowan and Perquimans County, has announced an End Measles Day Sunday, January 29, from 12:30 P. M. to 3:30 P. M. at the Chowan County Health Department on the first floor of Hotel Joseph Hewes.

The clinic will be for all children ages one to five.

Dr. David Wright has been named as county chairman of the committee.

Dr. T. F. Brinn is chairman for Perquimans County. The clinic in Hertford will be at the Health Department at the same time as the one in Chowan.

Dr. Wright says measles is now a preventable disease. Since it is particularly dangerous in the age group of one to six, this will be the ones to whom the vaccine should be given first. Serious complications of measles include ear trouble, pneumonia and encephalitis.

## The Public Parade

**SOMETHING TO WITNESS**—There'll be a jolly big tea party here Monday and you are invited.

Everyone who meanders along The Public Parade will want to be on hand for the re-enactment of the 1774 Edenton Tea Party, the first in America.

Final polish is being applied to elaborate plans for the 11 A. M. ceremony at the Barker House on the Alabar Sound, at the foot of Broad Street. Mrs. Wood Privott said rehearsals for the re-enactment went off smoothly and those participating are excited over the prospects for a successful ceremony.

British diplomatic efforts of late towards reconciliation with the rebel government of Rhodesia and unsteady relations with other members of the Commonwealth are strained. However, Whitehall can take comfort in the fact that at least one group of rebellious colonists have been won back to the Crown.

British Consul-General Thomas C. Sharman went the extra mile in efforts to make peace with the women of our Colonial town when he agreed to supply tea for the re-enactment.

At the original Tea Party, a resolution against the drinking of British tea and the importation of British goods was adopted. The resolution provoked King George III to wrath and became one of the significant documents preceding the American Revolution.

Mrs. Privott, chairman of the re-enactment being staged in support of the N. C. Heart Association's public education campaign, said the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR, accepted with gratitude the tea and Sharman's conciliatory message.

Here is how the Consul-General soothed the relations: "I feel that, in the atmosphere of goodwill and friendship which surrounds Anglo-American relations today we should congratulate the ladies of Edenton on their intention to re-stage the famous Edenton Tea Party and on their support of a Declaration of Independence from Heart Disease.

"I therefore endorse their proposal most heartily."

"Old embargoes dating from 1774 should no longer prevent the Edenton ladies from enjoying the exquisite qualities of a dish of tea from England, and I am therefore sending a package of this beneficial beverage post haste, and with the compliments of Her Majesty's Government.

## Monday Holiday For Edentonians

Edentonians, just getting back into the normal routine from the Christmas holidays, have another break Monday when closings are scheduled for New Years.

All city, county, state and federal offices will be closed Monday.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said trash will be picked up all over town Saturday and again Tuesday. There will be no trash collection on Monday as street department personnel will have a day off.

Postmaster James M. Bond said the U. S. Post Office here will be closed Monday with no town or rural route delivery.

Peoples Bank & Trust Company, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina and Edenton Savings & Loan Association will be closed Monday. It was announced at the same time

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## Town, State License Tags Go On Sale Tuesday

ReflectORIZED license plates will make their debut in the Edenton area Tuesday, according to Mrs. Goldie L. Niblett, agent for the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles here.

Mrs. Niblett said the sale of 1967 state license plates will begin at her office, 501 South Broad Street, at 9 A. M. The license office, located in Edenton Office Supply, will be open from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M., Monday through Friday, and 9 A. M., to 12 noon on Saturday.

Across the street, town tags can be purchased at the Municipal Building. This office is open from 8 A. M., to 4 P. M., Monday through Friday; and 8 A. M., to 12 noon on Saturday.

The town tags, like state plates, are reflectORIZED. This new type plate was spearheaded by Gov. Dan K. Moore as a safety measure.

The town and state tags have a light background and green numerals. There is a marked difference in the colors on the two plates with the town tag being a dead white with forest green numbers. The state plate has an off-white background with different type lettering.

Mrs. Niblett encourages motor vehicle owners to purchase their plates early in January to avoid the last minute rush. State tags must be displayed by February 15.

The local agent asked people coming to purchase plates to make sure they bring the entire 1967 renewal registration card with financial responsibility certification completed on the back of the card. She said if a motor vehicle owner has not received a 1967 renewal card they should write the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh immediately.

She also pointed out that after December 31 a transfer of a 1966 license plate from one vehicle to another, physically or record-wise, is not permissible.

"Those acquiring vehicles after December 31 and those who have made a physical transfer of a 1966 plate to a vehicle which has not been officially recorded with the department prior to December 31, must obtain 1967 plates in order to operate legally after December 31," Mrs. Niblett said.



**READY FOR MOTORISTS**—Motorists throughout North Carolina will have to fork out the cold cash between now and February 15th for state and municipal license plates. The 1967 plates go on sale in Edenton at 9 A. M., Tuesday. Shown here are specimens of the Town of Edenton and North Carolina plates. Town plates can be obtained at the Municipal Building while state tags are sold at Edenton Office Supply, 501 South Broad Street.

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In a surprise move, the British Government has taken action to end a 192-year feud with the women of the Colonial town of Edenton.

According to information received here, the British Consul-General in Atlanta, Ga., has extended an offer to the women of the town to supply British tea for use in the re-enactment.

British spokesmen—noting that the original resolution adopted by the Colonial women, proscribing the drinking of British tea and the purchase of British goods, had never been revoked—are sending a supply of tea and a message of conciliation to be read at the re-enactment.

Mrs. Wood Privott, chairman of the re-enactment, said that she and other members of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, decided to hold the new Tea Party in support of the public health education efforts of the N. C. Heart Association, after it was pointed out that diseases of the heart and blood vessels kill five times as many North Carolinians each year as the death toll for the entire Continental Army during the six years of the Revolutionary War. Best figures available indicate that 4,435 American soldiers died in the war.

Mrs. Privott has announced earlier that Hargrove Bowles, Jr., of Greensboro, president of the state heart group, and Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville, will participate on the program.

She said today committee chairmen have been functioning and a great deal of cooperation is being enjoyed from the Edenton Police Department, Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Woman's Club, BPW Club, 4-H Clubs as well as the DAR.

The John A. Holmes High School Band, directed by Stuart Patten, will give a program of patriotic music prior to the 11 A. M. ceremony at the Barker House.

As part of the ceremony, the three cannon on Edenton's waterfront, will be fired for the first time. The mock firing will be directed by the U. S. Marine Corps, Second Division, at Camp Lejeune. A rifle squad will

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## Young Farmer To Be Honored

Edenton Jaycees are currently seeking nominations for Chowan County's outstanding young farmer, according to Van Small, chairman of the OYF program for the club.

Small says any farmer in the county between the ages of 21 and 36 is eligible for nomination. Anyone wanting to nominate someone may do so by contacting Small and he has the necessary forms for filling out.

Small says this program annually to give recognition to some deserving young man doing an outstanding job of farming. Also the purpose is to add emphasis to the importance of agriculture in the area, says Small.

The OYF award will be presented at an Outstanding Young Farmer banquet held locally on January 26, by the Jaycees.

Thurman Ashley received the award in Chowan County in 1965.

The selection is based on the following:

1. Progress in agricultural career (50 points).

2. Extent of soil and water conservation practices (25 points).

3. Contribution to community, state and nation (25 points).