

## Chowan Artifacts Gathered

Emphasis will be placed on phases of the history of Chowan County and Edenton, as opposed to presenting a continuous chronology of events at the museum to be established at the Barker House. The Barker House will be information center for Historic Edenton, Inc.

The information center with the museum and a visual aids program along

with four other historic buildings in Edenton will be open daily to the public beginning June 2.

Phases of local history to be included are the 17th Century, the Revolutionary era, the military including the Civil War and the Naval Air Station, home life, education, religion, agriculture, industry and fishing.

Mrs. Fred Drane, chairman of the

artifacts committee, reports that the committee is now seeking items to describe the area's history. She pointed out that not only are very old items wanted but also those of more recent years, which are no longer generally used but would be unique or different.

The committee is asking that anyone, who has items that they are willing to give or loan please notify Mrs. Drane. All articles will be insured.

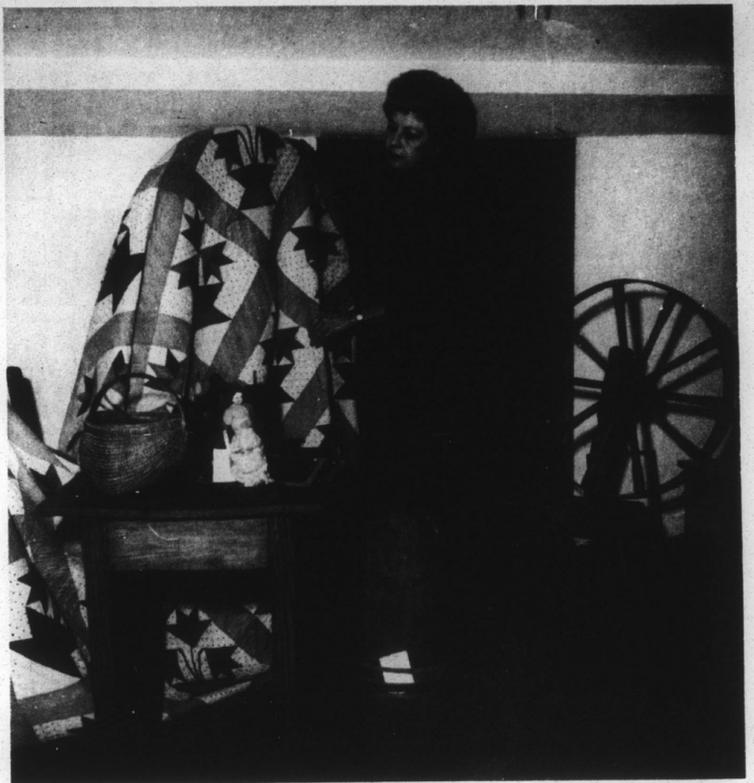
Among the type of items needed are old letters, old papers, pictures, drawings (pertaining to the Civil War drawing of prisoners being exchanged, a parole, letter of exchange, etc.), fan, ballgown, games (especially playing cards), musical instruments, Bibles, old quilt, glassware, party invitations and the like.

There is a need for boat building tools, items relating to rice, hemp and indigo culture or early machinery relating to the peanut industry.

Other items of special interest pertain to horses, oxen and cards. Especially would the committee like to acquire a wheel from a very large wheelcart, the type formerly used in this area, and a periauger (dugout canoe).

Any related items will be carefully considered by the committee and all efforts to help make the museum a success will be appreciated.

The committee is working in cooperation with the North Carolina Department of Archives and History to arrange the displays.



**ARTIFACTS DISPLAYED**—Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., displays a quilt and other artifacts that have been offered by local citizens for use by Historic Edenton, Inc. These items and similar ones will be selected from displays at the Barker House, which will open as a visitors center and museum in June. Items shown depict home life in Chowan County, one of several categories being used. Included are the quilt, which is known to be over 100 years old; an egg basket, about 1890; a doll with chine head; sewing machine; wool carder; wooden churn and spinning wheel.

## The Public Parade



### Highway Slaughter

State Highway Patrol officials are trying every possible technique and combination to halt the slaughter on our highways. They have introduced such things as "intensification of saturation enforcement, wolfpacking and weekends-all-night patrolling".

In spite of these efforts, fatalities on the highways of North Carolina are increasing at an alarming rate.

The picture leading this column is what was left of a patrol car which wrecked in Iredell County Friday night. The trooper was in pursuit of a speeder when he lost control of his vehicle and struck an oncoming car. Both drivers were killed. The speeder went on his way. An arrest has since been made.

Nevertheless, property damage resulting from the accident is high. A price tag cannot be placed on family loss and suffering.

At the scene of this accident, scores of onlookers watched as the two vehicles were removed. Many expressed the opinion that the officer should not have been chasing the speeder in excess of 100 miles per hour.

All the best efforts of state officials will be in vain in this undertaking unless they receive more public support. Until motorists who race up and down the highways of Tar Heelia are apprehended and brought to trial it cannot be stopped.

VASCAR, radar, and all the other checking devices are aids to officers. But the trooper himself must apprehend the offender and in many cases must risk his life in doing so.

Rushing to do this or that is a sign of modern times. Unless some stalling tactics are applied by the person behind the wheel nothing attempted will result in any significant change in the fatality rate.

### A Touch Of Culture

For the second consecutive year, the Albemarle Choral Society will appear on stage with the highly regarded North Carolina Little Symphony in appearances in Edenton and Elizabeth City.

It was not until the Chowan Arts Council was formed that the symphony was brought into Chowan County. The fact that Dr. Benjamin Swalin, the father of the symphony movement in the state, agreed to have the chorus and soloists appear on the program speaks most highly of talent in the Albemarle Area.

The talent in music has been here for decades. It took Dr. Clifford Bair to shake the bushes. The ground was soon covered with talented persons who spend hours in rehearsals because of their love of song.

Because of the Chowan Arts Council's support, working with Edenton-Chowan Schools, 1,000 elementary students will be exposed to symphony music in a concert Monday afternoon.

The combined symphony-choral society program begins at 8:15 P. M., in Swain Elementary School auditorium. While the program doesn't stir the interest of the short-haired, a touch of culture won't hurt any of us.

## Club Elects Slate

Members of Edenton Rotary Club Thursday elected MacDonald Dixon president for the 1968-69 club year. He will succeed Jack Habit.

Other officers included: W. B. Gardner, vice president; Franklin L. Britt, D. Ross Inglis, Walter Noneman, Jr., and John Becker, directors.

## Filing Deadline Is Noon Friday

As machinery was being established to have the first county-wide registration in many years and the combining of Chowan County and Town of Edenton election books, the deadline for filing for county office was quickly approaching.

There was no activity in the Chowan County Board of Elections last week or early this week. No one had filed during the period.

Mrs. George Hoskins, elections board chairman, reminds those with intentions to file for county commissioner, coroner, treasurer, or register of deeds that the deadline is noon Friday.

All incumbents have filed, with the exception of Dallas Jethro, Jr., in the Fourth Township. Mrs. Cabell Pruden has filed for county commissioner from this township.

Two races have developed—one for commissioner from First Township and the other for coroner.

Registration begins throughout the county March 30 and ends April 20. All persons wishing to vote in the May 4 Democratic Primary or Republican Primary on the same day must register.

## Youth Meeting

Delegates from Episcopal Churches in several surrounding communities will assemble at St. Paul's Church Sunday for a district meeting.

John Graham, Jr., local Young Churchman, president, has announced that Rev. Lawrence P. Houston, associate rector of St. Paul's Church, Greenville, and chaplain at East Carolina University, will be the featured speaker.

Rev. George B. Holmes will deliver a special sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock addressed to youth and parents to begin the day.

Mr. and Mrs. David T. Bungarner, sponsors, request that all local young churchmen participate in the day's activities concluding with supper in the Parish House.

## Mrs. Rogerson, White Paid Honor

The 1968 CHOWAN CHIEF was dedicated to Mrs. Loraine H. Rogerson and Everett S. White, teachers of vocational home economics and agriculture at Chowan High School.

Under the direction of Mrs. Rogerson and White, these two vocational programs have added to the curriculum growth and development in the Chowan School. Along with the academic subject areas taught by these teachers, they have also been sponsors for the Future Homemakers and Future Farmers of America organizations.

Wanda Morris, editor of the annual, made the following remarks during the

dedication ceremony:

"These two are being honored this year because we recognize the time, labor, love, and efforts that has gone into your years of service to our school. You have helped us by giving us the opportunity to put into practical use the things we learned from a textbook. We remember you, too, for the understanding and advice you have given us through the years. We know you are interested in the growth and development of each student you teach. So to the two of you, Mrs. Rogerson and Mr. White, the Senior Class of Chowan High School proudly dedicates the 1968 CHOWAN CHIEF."



**ANNUAL DEDICATION**—Mrs. Loraine Rogerson, second from left, and Everett S. White, vocational teachers at Chowan High School, received dedication of the 1968 school yearbook at recent ceremonies. They are shown here with Wanda Morris, right, editor, and Brenda Hollowell, associate editor.

## Symphony Here Monday State Approves Highway Projects

The celebrated N. C. Little Symphony Orchestra arrives in Edenton Monday for two concerts at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School Auditorium.

Approximately 1,000 students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of Edenton-Chowan Schools will hear a free concert at 1:30 P. M.

Symphony director, Dr. Benjamin Swalin, and Dr. Clifford Bair, who has trained and rehearsed the Albemarle Choral Society, join together to present artists in the evening concert. It begins at 8:15 P. M.

The children's concert is being sponsored by Edenton-Chowan Schools. Chowan Arts Council is sponsoring the evening performance, in cooperation with Albemarle Choral Society.

Tickets for the evening concert can be obtained at the door. Free tickets for 300 high school students have been distributed by the council. Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Jr., president, said they were made available through contributions from Chowan County commissioners and the Town of Edenton.

The local students will be among the 160,000 children to hear the symphony this year. Students are being prepared in their respective schools for this concert by classroom teachers and music instructors.

Dr. Swalin has selected the following program for the evening concert:

Overture to the opera "The Secret of Suzanne, by Wolf-Ferrari; Symphony No. 29 in M major, K. 201 by Mozart; The White Peacock, a tone poem, by Griffes; and Overture to the opera "Il Signor Bruschino" by Rossini.

The choral society will join the symphony in selections from Faure's "Requiem, Op. 40" for soloists, and chorus.

This is one of the primary cultural presentations of the year in the Edenton area and citizens are encouraged to avail themselves to it.

## Wildlife Meeting

Albemarle Wildlife Club will meet at 7 P. M., tonight (Thursday) at Edenton Restaurant.

George Lewis, president, said junior members are welcome at this meeting held during the observance of National Wildlife Week across the country.

The local club, reorganized in September, 1967, now has 71 members. New members from throughout the area are also solicited.

## Vocational Program Expansion Set

Edenton-Chowan Schools have expressed an interest in planning vocational programs to better prepare graduates to enter the industrial plants of this area.

Supt. Bill Britt said Monday he called on representatives of industry to make their wishes known so the schools can better plan a beneficial program. He said the school system would like to become more specialized in vocational programs.

He said the schools would like to have a vocational program to suit the needs of local industry and then have them work with the College of the Albemarle in offering employees various specific courses of instruction.

Industry and education officials met informally at Edenton Restaurant as guests of the Education Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce. L. F. Amburn, Jr., committee chairman, said the meeting was arranged to better familiarize industry with what the schools can offer, and vice versa.

"The local schools have demonstrated a willingness to have a meaningful program for those students who do not go on to college and if they do not work closely with existing industry this cannot be realized," the chairman said.

Supt. Britt said the interest in vocational training is increasing. The local schools have more students interested

## State Approves Highway Projects

RALEIGH—The State Highway Commission has recently approved improvements to more than two miles of Chowan County secondary roads and set aside \$42,000 for the work.

The action was taken at the request of Commissioner Don Matthews of Hamilton when the highway commission met here March 6th.

Funds to support the projects will come from Chowan's share of the \$300-million Road Bond issue of 1965.

A list of the projects and improvements follows:

Base, paving and erosion control on Perry Road (SR1211) from High Bridge Road (SR1297) to Harris Landing Road (SR1210) 1.6 miles, \$33,000.

Base, paving and erosion control on Tyner Church Road (SR1322) from Happy Home-Sign Pine Road (SR1303) to the dead-end, 0.41 miles, \$9,000.

The highway commission also has approved Secondary Roads activities for Chowan County totaling \$15,700.

Improvements supported by the almost \$16,000 set aside by the commission include grading, drainage and base operations on Brayhall Road from NC-32 Loop to NC-32, a distance of 1.40 miles, \$13,200.

In addition, \$2,500 was set aside at Matthews' request for surveys and the acquisition of right-of-way in Chowan's County-wide Secondary Road Plan.

in these programs than there are programs available, he said.

"School officials have pushed many students into college preparatory courses

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**NEW STATE TROOPER**—Charles T. Thomas of Sanford, right, has recently been assigned to Chowan County as a member of the State Highway Patrol. The new trooper is being trained here by Patrolman R. H. Allen, left. Patrolman Thomas graduated from the Basic State Patrol School in Chapel Hill on March 1. He was sent here upon promotion of Cpl. W. R. Rawls and transfer to Guilford