



BIG FESTIVITIES FOR HISTORIC EDENTON—Last weekend marked the opening of Historic Edenton's Visitor Center-Museum and The Herald photographer was in the thick of many events. The pictures here graphically depict the activities. Mrs. Marsha Crandall, executive hostess, is shown at extreme left with T. B. H. Wood, president, Cupola House Association, and Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., at a social Saturday night at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Rep. Walter B. Jones, principal speaker, is shown in the center photo deliv-

ering his address. Insert is a shot of some in the audience making good use of the programs to shield them from the blistering sun. At far right, Mrs. Jones, at left, W. B. Gardner and Mrs. Goldie L. Niblett are shown at the Barker House door just prior to the ribbon-cutting. Below, Dr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville admires an old lantern, part of the Ralph VanMatre collection on display at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library. With him is Mrs. Nelson Cheers, president, Chowan Arts Council.

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The Public Parade

New Packer Unit Bought

Self Improvement

More and more people along The Public Parade and elsewhere are showing an increased interest in bettering their lot in life. This is being demonstrated in many areas, one of the most graphic being in the field of education.

During 1967 a total of 3,641 North Carolinians took the General Education Development tests. Nationally, 218,386 took the test last year compared to 39,016 in 1949 when the program got under way.

Approximately 70 per cent of those who took the test made scores entitling them to a high school equivalency certificate issued by the Department of Public Instruction.

The average age of those taking the test was 29. A person must be at least 21 years of age and a resident of North Carolina in order to receive the certificate, although the test may be taken at age 19.

Many persons take the tests to qualify for jobs. However, in 1967 more than one out of five who took the test said they were planning further study.

This demonstrates that people who were unable to complete high school, for one of many reasons, now recognize the value of this education and are putting forth an effort to attain a high school equivalency certificate.

Too, the fact that many in the area have enrolled in courses at the Learning Resources Center in Swain Elementary School proves that people want education. At the center, under the able direction of Mrs. Ann Britt, adults progress at their own speed in courses selected from a broad curriculum.

Through such programs the community is bound to benefit. Once a person admits his deficiencies the battle is well on the way to being won.

Edenton's Finest Hour

Edenton had her finest hour last weekend with activities directly and indirectly linked with opening of the handsome Visitor Center-Museum in the Barker House.

"This is the beginning of something
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The Street Department moved a step closer to containerized trash collection in the business district Tuesday night when Town Council awarded bids totaling \$12,770.42 for a truck and equipment.

Albemarle Motor Company was low bidder for the truck at \$6,905.42. Baker Equipment Company submitted the low bid for the packer unit at \$5,865.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner also read bids on various size containers and was instructed by the council to pass the prices on to merchants.

Merchants recently met and requested the council to move into the containerized collection system on a volunteer basis. Gardner said many merchants have already expressed a desire to cooperate with the town in this move.

Iredell Portrait On Display Here

A highlight of the annual meeting of James Iredell Descendants at Edenton Restaurant Saturday was presentation of a portrait of Gov. James Iredell, Jr., for display in the historic Iredell House.

The portrait, like the one hanging in the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh, is on permanent loan from the State of North Carolina. Giving the gift he confessed he never owned was Henry Jay MacMillan, president of the Iredell Descendants.

MacMillan said he suggested to Mrs. Dan K. Moore that it would be appropriate for the portrait to be displayed in the Iredell House and with her blessings the movement advanced. The portrait was one of five commissioned in 1850 by the Iredells at a cost of \$500 each.

Mrs. Wood Privott, president, James Iredell Association, accepted the portrait and said it would add greatly to the attraction of the Iredell House as a tourist stop.

W. S. Tarlton, historic sites superintendent with the N. C. Department of Archives and History, was principal
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No objections were raised at a public hearing to rezone the Hollowell property on East Queen Street from residential to business. The Zoning Board's recommendation was approved and the property rezoned.

Murray Ashley, civic defense director, briefly discussed a plan to catalog emergency communications in the county. The council passed a resolution approving the planning study.

Gardner told the council Chowan County ABC Board had contributed a total of \$1,500 this year toward the communication network at Edenton Police Department.

The administrator said the town's Workable Program, necessary to apply for low-rent public housing, has been completed by Edenton Planning Board and Zoning Commission and will be presented to federal authorities in Atlanta, Ga., June 20.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., announced that a vacancy exists on Edenton Housing Authority since Glenn Mabe has moved to Franklin, Va. A replacement for Mabe will be named at the council's next meeting.

Councilmen attending the meeting were J. D. Elliott, Leo Katkaveck, Tom Shepard, Luther Parks and David G. White.

4-H Activity Day

Chowan County 4-H winners will be in Elizabeth City Tuesday to participate in District 4-H Activity Day at Central High School.

In recent judging, Dwight Francis was named King of Health while Marie Chappell was chosen Queen. Albert Gramby and Antonia Coston were named prince and princess, respectively, while Randy Chappell and Jean Harrell were chosen duke and duchess.

"The Rhythm Steppers", a tap dance group, will perform to "I've Got Your Number". The group consists of Robin Hendrix, Shelia Byrum, Vickie Leary and Chris Hollowell.

Patricia Fayton will play the piano and sing "A Song of Peace", while Debra Foswell will sing the hillbilly version of "I Enjoy Being a Girl" and a ballet will be performed by Jill Hendrix and Julia Byrum.

The county dress revue winner, Faye Parrish, will participate in the day's activities.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Belch of Chowan Health Department, judged the Health Pageant.

New Commander

J. L. Chestnutt, 210 West Eden Street, Tuesday night was installed as commander of Edward G. Bond Post 40, American Legion. At the same time Mrs. Chestnutt was installed president of the Auxiliary.

Chestnutt, retired Edenton postmaster who has served the Legion on local, district, division, state and national levels, was installed by Ed Mountcastle, assistant adjutant, Department of North Carolina in Raleigh.

The new commander previously served in this position. He was district commander in 1964 and division commander in 1967. He has been active in the Legion since 1927 and a member of the local post continuously since that time.

Other officers installed by Mountcastle were:
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Rep. Jones Hails Potential Of Area

Historic Edenton, Inc., officials Sunday were challenged to continue to search for support which would bring this area into proper focus in its rightful place in the list of historic shrines.

Rep. Walter B. Jones of the First Congressional District said no site in the United States has more authentic history

than the First District, with emphasis on Edenton and Chowan County. "You have a compelling tourist attraction which has untold economic potential," he added.

Speaking at the dedication of the new Visitor Center-Museum in the Barker House, Rep. Jones said it is fitting "that we retain the physical structures out of the past as a constant reminder of the sacrifices, the charm and the gracious living of another year." "It is here that one can communicate with the past and gain strength for the todays and tomorrows," he added.

He complimented the community on "the compatibility of the values of the past and the progress of the present day".

Touching on recent activities in Washington, D. C., Rep. Jones said: "The historic values and lessons which you so cherish here seem to have been forgotten by some in high places of government.

Whatever progress this nation has made or will make in the field of science, social reform, education, nothing will be permanent if we chose to forget the values of integrity, honesty and a respect for law and order which made Edenton the great colonial center that it was, and which makes it the progressive and beautiful community that it is today.

"Those who founded this historic city were above all patriots, who even in the darkest moments of our early history, believed in this nation and were willing to make sacrifices to insure its progress and who seek to tear down, to burn, to loot and destroy, yet call themselves Americans."

In conclusion, the congressman com-
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School Plans Set

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education is expected to view preliminary plans for a construction program at a called meeting later this month, according to Supt. F. L. Britt.

The board has nearly \$288,000 in state school bond money. The release of this money, allocated to the separate Edenton City and Chowan County boards, has been held up by the state pending merger of the administrative units.

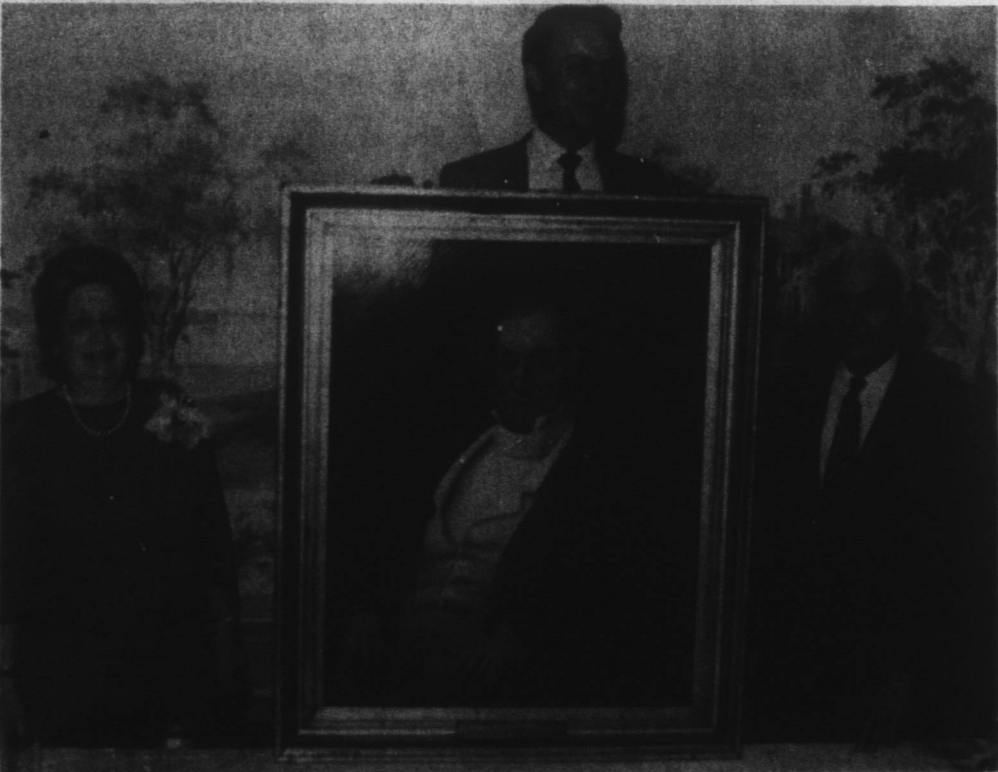
Since the merger became a reality 11 months ago, Supt. Britt and board members have been working with Scott Ferebee of Charlotte, senior partner in the architectural firm of Ferebee & Walker.

Supt. Britt said if the board approves the existing plans contracts could be let by September 1. He said while progress is being made, the program is running about six weeks behind schedule.

He said the board probably would meet next week to take up the building program as well as several other items which need attention.



NEW MINISTER AND FAMILY—Newcomers to Edenton this week is the E. L. Earnhardt family. Mr. Earnhardt, new minister at Edenton Methodist Church, comes here from Hookerton and Rev. E. C. Shoaf is moving to Fayetteville. Mr. and Mrs. Earnhardt are pictured with their three children, left to right: Tommy, Danny and Judy.



GOVERNOR'S PORTRAIT ON LOAN—A portrait of Gov. James Iredell, Jr. has been placed on permanent loan to the James Iredell Association for display in the Iredell House on East Church Street, one of five historic sites now part of the Historic Edenton Inn. Henry Jay MacMillan of Wilmington, right, president of the Iredell Descendants, presented the portrait on behalf of the State of North Carolina. Mrs. Wood Privott of Edenton, Iredell Association president, and W. S. Tarlton, historic sites superintendent with the N. C. Department of Archives and History, are shown with MacMillan.

Summer Program

The Head Start Program, sponsored by the Economic Improvement Council, Inc., and Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, has been announced by Supt. F. L. Britt.

The Head Start Program will begin on Monday, June 17 and end August 7. The hours are from 8:30 A. M., to 1:30 P. M. Lunches will be provided at no cost to the participants. This program will be held at the Ernest A. Swain Elementary School.

The Language Arts Program for students of Grades one through 12 will be held at the D. F. Walker High School. This program will also begin on Monday, June 17 and end August 6. The hours are from 8:30 A. M., to 1:30 P. M., for the students. The high school English courses will meet the minimum requirements of 150 hours.

Transportation by bus will be provided for all children attending the Head Start and Language Arts Program who live in areas served by a bus during the regular term.