



## Did You Know?

In cleaning off a corner of our desk over the holidays we came across some interesting facts about public education in Tar Heelia. We are confident that others who meander along the Public Parade will appreciate this information.

Did you know?

—A total of 1,126,507 students are enrolled in public elementary and secondary schools during the 1975-76 school year.

—There were 2,033 public schools in North Carolina in 1974-75, 1,421 elementary, 286 secondary, and 326 combined.

—The average teacher's salary in North Carolina in 1974-75 was \$10,927 a year, the highest in the Southeast and 18th in the nation.

—Tar Heel children were served an average of 948,774 lunches each school day during 1974-75.

—Some 58,489 children, over half of the states's five year olds, are enrolled in public supported kindergartens during the 1975-76 school year.

—The 1975 General Assembly appropriated 1750,000 for the 1975-76 school year to be used to improve reading instruction in grades one to three.

—Enrollment in occupational education courses in public schools has increased from approximately 166,000 students in 1967-68 to 350,000 students in 1974-75.

—North Carolina received approximately \$185-million in federal funds to supplement education programs during the 1974-75 school year.

—North Carolina now has five Regional Education Centers serving local school units in the west, northwest, and southeast regions of the state.

—The number of school units in North Carolina has dropped in the past 15 years from 174 in 1960 to 148 in 1975.



Willie Holley

## Picked For All-East Team

Three members of the Edenton Aces grid squad have been named by the Raleigh News and Observer to their Class 3-A All-East team. Runningback Willie Holley and linebacker Win Dale were revealed as picks for first string on the All-East team in the Christmas Day edition of the northeastern North Carolina daily. In addition Bruce Morgan was named to the All-East second team.

Holley was cited for his ability to gain yardage despite all kinds of adversity. The 175 lb. senior scuttled the ball for a total of 1,243 yards which included his 237 yard performance in the Edenton-Havelock play-off game.

Dale, also a senior, was noted for his strength, quickness, and the fact that he averaged 13 solo tackles and eight assists per game. Coach Jimmy Addison praised Dale as a linebacker and

## Early Tax

## Listing Urged

Residents of Edenton and Chowan County are again reminded that property owners must have their property listed for taxes during January, and that a 10 per cent penalty will be added for listing after February 2.

Dallas Jethro, Jr., tax collector, urges property owners to list during the prescribed time and avoid this penalty. Also, early listing is advised in order to prevent long waiting periods at the end of the month.

In defining what was news during 1975, the only general terms that come close to capturing the events are progress, victory, and controversy. There were whirlwinds of activity in many quarters of the community, but primarily in the areas of local government, regional agencies, and, specifically, football.

Industrial growth was excellent, with two new industries now under construction.

During May, Fisher Nut Company of St. Paul, Minn. began building a new processing plant on a 44 acre site on Peanut Drive adjacent to the Edenton industrial park, and Marvin Shaw was named general manager for their operations in the south. Edenton Construction Co. was appointed general contractor.

MacMillan Bloedel Enterprises, Inc. announced in June plans to construct a \$3-million fence manufacturing plant. The plant is now under construction, the firm will work cooperatively with First Colony Farms who will provide the raw material for the fences.

Another successful Pilgrimage was held in April. Fortunately, the rainy weather didn't detract from the affair which boasted an attendance of 3,000 individuals from whom the Pilgrimage collected approximately \$12,293.

There was little reason to complain about the little bit of rain during the Pilgrimage, since less than a month before Edenton experienced Stormy Monday when 60 mph winds caused over \$58,000 in damages.

Bill Goodwin, assistant postmaster, announced his

retirement from the U. S. Postal Service in August. Larry Knox was chosen to succeed Goodwin after his 36 year tenure.

When students returned from summer vacation to the Edenton-Chowan Schools, they found a new superintendent in charge. Dr. John L. Dunn, who came to Edenton after having served as superintendent of Harnett County Schools, succeeded Dr. Eddie West at the post here. Dr. West resigned to become superintendent of the High Point City Schools.

And of course there was football. The Edenton Aces took the Northeastern 3-A Conference title and advanced to the play-offs where they first defeated Greene Central High School, but fell to unbeaten Havelock High School.

Probably the greatest item of continuing activity during the entire year was the county-wide water system.

Early in the year Chowan County voters authorized the sale of \$1.9-million in bonds, while state and federal grants were pledged in excess of \$1.3-million.

Magette Well and Pump Co. of Ahoskie was low bidder for drilling four deep wells.

As plans were progressing on the project, it was learned by the Chowan County Commissioners

## Net Collections

Net collections from the 1 per cent local option sales tax in Chowan County during November, 1975, amounted to \$20,508.06, according to a report issued by Sec. J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue.

Throughout the state the collections were \$10.6-million.

In other Albemarle Area counties they amounted to:

Camden, \$2,745.89; Currituck, \$11,579.81; Dare, \$39,373.43; Gates, \$6,068.34; Pasquotank, \$66,827.19; Perquimans, \$8,563.63; Tyrrell, \$4,218.97; and Washington, \$23,730.07.

## Recycling Program Is Announced

Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Company today announced it is expanding its nationwide recycling program -- which pays cash on the spot for all-aluminum cans and other clean household aluminum -- to include a mobile unit collection stop in Edenton.

E. J. Kelly, Jr., Mid-Atlantic regional recycling manager, in making the announcement, said the program will begin on Thursday, January 8, when the mobile recycling unit arrives at Northside Shopping Center from 11:15 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. The recycling unit will return every other Thursday at the same location and time each month.

The public is encouraged to bring all-aluminum beverage cans and other clean household aluminum found in the kitchen such as pie pans, frozen dinner trays and foil to the unit and receive payment of 15 cents per pound.

Aluminum is easy to identify. The best way is to place a magnet on the side and ends of the can. If it does not stick, the can is aluminum. Many cans have the words "recyclable aluminum" printed on the side, have rounded bottom edges and no seam on the side.

With the addition of Edenton, the total number of locations in this state moves to 43. "This program will make for an even cleaner Edenton environment," Kelly said. "In addition, aluminum recycling conserves an important natural resource and saves energy -- each time aluminum is recycled, a 95 per cent energy savings results over producing aluminum from virgin ore."

Kelly pointed out that in other cities with recycling programs civic clubs, church groups, charitable organizations and schools use the Reynolds program as a worthwhile method of raising cash for their needy projects.

Since beginning its program in 1967, the company has paid the public about \$25-million and

that the system might have to be divided into two regional systems because of highway regulations related to utilities on limited access highways. It was feared that this might jeopardize some federal funds and cause the cost of the project to exceed the \$3.2-million available.

In May bids were opened and Bryant Utilities Construction Co. was awarded the contract to build the distribution system. Universal Tank and Iron Works of Indianapolis, Ind. was low bidder for constructing four elevated storage tanks. The bids were tabulated to reveal a total cost of \$3.9-million, resulting in an overrun of \$700,000.

In June that overrun was offset by an FmHA grant of \$525,000 and a loan of \$350,000.

And in July, the word was given



**WORK GOES ON**—Work on the downtown Edenton improvement project began in the block between King and Water streets this week. Crews were taking up curb and guttering as well as a portion of the sidewalk, as is shown here, while others followed with conduit for underground wiring. Putting down the brick sidewalks will begin June 16. W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the brick work has been delayed to allow workman to get as many tree wells, conduit and curb and gutter in as possible.

## Mulberry Hill Nominated For Register

RALEIGH—Mulberry Hill near Edenton has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by Bruce MacDougal, deputy state historic preservation officer. The register is described as a national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical or other cultural value.

Mulberry Hill is a very handsome Federal style side-hall plan brick dwelling picturesquely sited overlooking Albemarle Sound; it is located on a plantation which was established by Col. James Blount late in the 17th Century and the seat of the Blount family for several generations. Architectural features indicate that the house was built in the early years of the nineteenth century, evidently during the ownership of Clement Blount.

Mulberry Hill is an unusual rural usage of the side-hall plan more often used in town houses -- notably in New Bern, where Clement's brother, Frederick, owned a handsome brick side-hall town house. Mulberry Hill was cited by Thomas T. Waterman in "The Early Architecture of North Carolina" as having "considerable architectural distinction... obtained by the skillful design of the various elements, including the gable." The house features excellent

to proceed with the project.

The commissioners began working out an agreement, in September, with MacMillan Bloedel for providing county water to the airport plant site; and the commissioners began discussions with the Town of Edenton about the possibility of interconnecting the town and county water systems. By that time the commissioners had also finalized purchase of the Cape Colony water system which meant existing lines there would not have to be paralleled.

A series of regulations were adopted in October dealing with the water system, but the commissioners indicated that there was no immediate plan to appoint a commission to oversee construction and operation of the project. They added, however,

that they must soon decide when the appropriate time would be to appoint a water authority.

As of present time, miles of pipe have been laid, and the county has adopted a mutual assistance policy with surrounding counties should they opt for a centralized water system.

Progress in terms of construction was not limited to the water system. Renovation of sidewalks in downtown Edenton were finished, complete with brick sidewalks, colonial-style street light fixtures, benches, arbors, and trees.

On South Broad Street work continues on the Cupola House Gardens. During 1975 the garden was fenced in, bricking of the walkways began, and preparations for planting were and are underway.

Around the corner from the Cupola House construction was begun on a waterfront park. The Woolard Building, between the park and the Municipal Building, was purchased by the Town of Edenton as an annex to the Municipal Building. The park, itself, will among other things, feature a fishing pier for those who take interest in the great tradition of the cane pole and can of redworms.

Controversy over rezoning of land adjacent to the U.S. 17 by-pass which intersects N. C. 32, raged over much of the year.

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## AADA To Meet

The ten-county Albemarle Area Development Association will meet at the American Legion Building in Edenton on Thursday night, January 8 at 7:00 P.M.

This year, for the first time, the Community Development and County Awards is presented separate from the annual meeting. The program will consist of the accomplishments of the communities in 1975 and then the awards will be presented to the communities and county by Mrs. Lillie C. James of Washington County.

Mr. Raleigh Carver of Pasquotank County is the new president of AADA and he would like to invite all interested people to attend the AADA meeting. The tickets for the dinner are \$4.50 each and dinner will be served by the American Legion. These tickets are available at the County Extension office and should be purchased by Tuesday, January 6 so that reservations will be made for the ticket holder.

## Car Stolen

A 1975 Buick was stolen from Hoke Motor Company here Christmas Eve or early the next morning and was recovered Friday in Norfolk, Va.

Chief J. D. Parrish of Edenton Police Department, said the break-in was discovered at 4:40 A.M. Christmas Day. In addition to the car several items valued at \$77.50 were stolen.

No arrests have been reported. Also, a window was broken at G. T. Davis Jewelers over the holiday and a watch stolen. Investigation is continuing.

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brickwork and well executed, intricate Federal woodwork inside and out.

The nomination was submitted in connection with the Division of Archives and History's long-range program to identify and document

the authenticity of historic properties in North Carolina. Approval of the nomination by the Department of the Interior usually takes about six months and will be announced through the state's congressional delegation.



**NOMINATED**—Pictured above is Mulberry Hill which has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination was made by the State Division of Archives and History.