

Cupola House Gets Reynolds Grant

Historic Edenton, Inc., was recently awarded a grant of \$30,000 from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem. The

funds will be used to benefit the Cupola House. Members of the Cupola House Association, who will be ad-

ministering the grant funds, have enlisted the aid of Donald Parker, landscape architect of Colonial Williamsburg, who designed the Cupola House gardens according to the Sauthier Map of 1769. Parker will be planning an out-building to house the heating and air conditioning system for the Cupola House.

The new dependency, which will be built at the northwest corner of the gardens, will allow the boiler, a potential fire hazard, to be moved away from the house. In addition to providing funds for the construction of the furnace building, the grant will make possible the purchase of more furnishings. The new pieces for the house will be selected according to the list of furnishings that were known to be in the house during the 18th and early 19th centuries. These lists have been carefully compiled by Elizabeth Vann Moore from old wills and deeds associated with the Cupola House.

The grant was the result of a visit last year from Dale Holderness, a trustee of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. Holderness was so impressed with the beauty of Edenton and its importance to the history of North Carolina, that he encouraged members of the Edenton Historical Commission to participate in the foundation's grant program.

The foundation which was established as a memorial to the son of the founder of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, has, since its inception in 1936, made grants totaling more than \$83-million to recipients in almost all of North Carolina's 100 counties.



NEW FACILITY — The Little League Field on Badham Road has been completed and is now in use. A no-rent lease for the property has been entered into between the Town of Edenton and Fisher Nut Company. Shown here is Darlene Leary, a specialist with Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department, and Marvin Shaw, head of Fisher's local plant.

Issue Of Consolidation

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Town Administrator W. B. Gardner advised councilmen that there is a mechanism on the books now to bring about such a consolidation.

Councilman Jesse L. Harrell pointed out that the trend already is toward fuller cooperation among the two governments.

During the discussion, Councilman W. H. Hollowell, Jr., said it was a very progressive idea but one that he feels will take a long time to work out.

Mayor Harrell said he didn't think the idea is feasible and doesn't think it will become a

reality. "I don't think it is in our future," he said.

Councilman Allen Hornthal said he didn't think Burroughs' suggestion of discussion would result in spending tax money. In reply to Mayor Harrell's statements, the councilman said: "I don't share your pessimism. Maybe it (the proposal) makes too much sense. With the tax burden now being placed on the people it appears to be double taxation."

After the committee was appointed, John A. Mitchener, III, questioned why Burroughs was not named. Mayor Harrell said any committee is open to every councilman to participate. He said he felt "my full council wants an unbiased group on a committee."

Gardner reported that 592 replies had been received on the straw poll regarding cablevision with 71 per cent being in favor. He said a private firm had requested permission to make a presentation to the council.

West W. Byrum, Jr., chairman of the Community Development Advisory Committee, gave a "final report" concerning the \$445,000 grant for work on Oakum Street. Byrum commended Jud Little, director, for the good job he has done in carrying out the project. Little leaves June 22 to take a post in Wilmington.

Councilman Harrell also praised the work of Little. "You can always depend on him to come out with a professional opinion," he said.

Suggested changes in subdivision regulations and zoning ordinances to comply with the Coastal Area Management Act were sent to the Planning Board for study.

When the subject of the much discussed change in the Town Charter was reached, Burroughs said he felt the public needed to know the way it can be brought about. "It seems there has been some misinformation," he added.

The West W. Byrum Agency was awarded the bid for insurance coverage while Rose Brothers was awarded the bid on asphalt resurfacing.

Chowan River

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made life unpleasant for those in the area. While Gov. Hunt has called for voluntary cutbacks, Sec. Lee plans to have a management plan ready by July 15.

"The Chowan will not be cleaned up over night," he continued. "And we cannot do it alone; we needed assistance and cooperation in not only identifying the problem but in working for a solution."

Sec. Lee said his department is charged with the responsibility of protecting natural resources. "While we nurture economic development, at the same time we must protect our natural resources," he said.

The comments were made during what he called his semi-annual report on matters before the department. And he said the CRC would be the lead agency in solving the problems.

norship. Speaker Carl Stewart, Jr., is expected to run for lieutenant governor or governor.

A completely new element in the political picture is the fact that Jim Hunt will be able to run for reelection, the first time this has been possible in a century or more. And that has tended to complicate relationships in the General Assembly, giving the governor more clout with the members than any governor in recent years has enjoyed during the last years of his term.

This has also complicated the decision making process for Green and Stewart. Stewart has said he will not announce his decision until after the governor has let it be known whether he will run again. Green has said he will make his decision known within a few weeks.

As a result of all this, the two houses of the legislature have tended not to pull together, a problem that persisted right down to the closing hours. They gave grudging approval to most of the governor's programs, some of which deserved more scrutiny than they got. They made token reductions in taxes, lifted some of the mandated burdens off the counties and passed a whopping \$10-billion biennial budget.

Then they went home to meet again next June 5 for a short session to review the budget and correct any oversights which may have occurred. As is always the case, some members worked long hours and others took things easy. It was not one of the happiest sessions we have experienced, but we do believe that we managed to achieve some successes for the public schools, the community college system and the University of North Carolina that would not have been possible a few years ago.

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now that the town is getting all this waterfront property because of change in industry...the lack of a need for a rail depot, barge landings and generating plants," he said.

In describing the need for additional funding, Gardner told the representatives that while the project has been a stated goal for sometime the town has never sat down and looked at it in an integrated manner. "And now that we hope to obtain the two remaining pieces at a future date, we feel it necessary to put the pieces together," he said.

Little gave Gardner a great deal of credit for progress to date. He said the concept of having the waterfront as open space was developed by the administrator who has worked with several town councils in bringing actual development about.

"This has been in the back of the minds of officials for some time," Little continued, "but they have jumped in at various times when money became available."

Gardner acknowledged that the State Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and Coastal Plains Regional Commission have been extremely generous with grants for development of the Edenton waterfront. But so have private sources.

The project will be featured in a forthcoming publication of the Office of Coastal Management, of which Liz Lance is director of information and Dunn is a staff attorney.

Howard T. Capps & Associates of Elizabeth City is working on the concept plan.

Gardner and L. F. Amburn, Jr., serve on the Coastal Resource Advisory Council.

Bateman

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Carolina and as a graduate of N.C. State University will serve him well for leadership of our N. C. Agricultural Research Service," Legates said.

The Agricultural Research Service is responsible for a \$24-million annual research program dealing with agricultural, forestry and other natural resource problems in the state. Created in 1877 as the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, it was renamed the N. C. Agricultural Research Service in January of this year.

Bateman is a member of Kappa Phi Kappa, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Xi. He is a Fellow in the American Phytopathological Society and is listed in American Men and Women in Science and Who's Who in America.

He was a post doctoral fellow at the University of California, Davis, in 1966 and a visiting professor at NCSU in 1975. Bateman has participated as an invited speaker at numerous international seminars and symposia.

Dr. and Mrs. Bateman, the former Shirley Byrum, have three daughters.

New Principal

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assistant principal at Bertie High School in Windsor. He holds a masters degree from East Carolina University, where he is presently working on the sixth year degree in School Administration.

The parents of two children, he and his wife Betty Pratt Todd will soon be making their home in Edenton.

Todd visited Edenton briefly on June 8 to sign a contract. It was learned that he has been through a consolidation and building process in a county school system, where he is presently employed.

Coming from a 700 pupil high school, Todd stated that he accepts the proposed 1980 consolidation of Chowan County's high schools as a challenge to which he will look forward, and to which, as principal he will be expected to give direction.

As Holmes High School's principal, Todd will succeed Dr. Bruce McGraw, who will become Director of Research and Evaluation.

Court Hears Larceny Case

A young Edenton native who fled to New York after being involved in the theft of copper wire from the Town of Edenton was tried in Chowan County District Court Tuesday morning on three counts of larceny.

Richard Treadville was sentenced to 12 months, but the term was suspended and he was placed on probation for three years. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$200 fine and costs.

Two other larceny counts were dismissed.

Judge Grafton G. Beaman presided at the regular session and Asst. Dist. Atty. H. P. Williams prosecuted the docket. The following other action was taken:

Jack Curtis Stanley, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Danny Leigh Paul, speeding, \$5 fine and costs. Notice of appeal entered.

Page Cayton Tucker, speeding, costs.

Daniel Terry Johnson, speeding, \$5 fine and costs.

Ella Jean Holly, disorderly conduct, not guilty.

Nancy Felming, disorderly conduct, \$25 fine and costs.

Robert L. Williams and Thelma Williams, disorderly conduct, \$25 fine and costs each.

Edward Charles Ferbee, shoplifting, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$75 fine and costs and placed on probation for three years.

Russell Theola Saunders, drunk driving, improper muffler and no operator's license, two years, suspended upon payment of \$130 fine and costs.

Lorraine Boyce, four counts of worthless check, 30 days,

suspended upon payment of \$15 fine and costs.

Albert Brooks, assault with a deadly weapon, probable cause hearing set for June 26.

Jerry Phelps, damage to personal property, 20 days, suspended upon payment of \$35 fine and costs.

Rate Reduction Is Recommended

RALEIGH — Sen. Melvin R. Daniels, Jr., D, First Senatorial District, has been advised by Hugh A. Wells, executive director of the Public Staff of the N. C. Utilities Commission, that the initial phase of the investigation of Virginia Electric and Power Company with respect to its high rates has just been completed.

The Public Staff is recommending that Vepco's rates be immediately reduced by approximately 6 per cent.

The investigation also shows that there are other opportunities for cost reduction and savings within the company which will be addressed at a later stage. This recommendation, if approved by the full Utilities Commission, will mean an annual savings of several million dollars to Vepco's North Carolina customers.

Sen. Daniels, who called on the Utilities Commission and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a study of Vepco's rates, stated that he was extremely pleased with the recommendation of the Public Staff and was optimistic that the Utilities Commission will concur in their findings.



PRODUCE TRUCK OVERTURNS — The driver escaped injury when this tractor-trailer rig hauling produce overturned Saturday afternoon on U. S. 17. Antoine Plante of Quebec, Canada was the driver. He told State Trooper C. H. Mims that the steering locked and he ran off the shoulder and overturned in a swamp. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

Public Parade

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free service a number of years ago Gatesville was excluded. The exclusion was not by design but because that exchange was owned by Carolina Telephone Company.

What resulted was that some citizens in Gates County had to pay a toll to call the county seat while those served by the Welch exchange in Chowan County and the Piney Woods exchange in Perquimans County enjoyed free calls.

As president of the Albemarle Area Development Association six years ago we attempted to get Gates County together, telephone-wise, through the State Utilities Commission. The effort was a miserable failure.

More recently we saw the merger of Norfolk Carolina into United Telephone System as a way of bringing about a solution. Now it appears to be headed in that direction, although the circle has been widened.

Subscribers in the Gatesville exchange are being given an opportunity, for a small increase in rates, to have extended service to include Ahoskie and Winton. And they should accept it.

There is a sad note in this equality for Gates. It lies in the fact that the Albemarle Area is rapidly losing to the Roanoke-Chowan Area the business and other ties of our northern neighbors.

A few years ago Gates was not included in the State House District with the other Albemarle Area counties, while the county residents are included in health department and mental health programs across the Chowan River. Furthermore, people up there are finding their way to Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie. This will increase because of the hospital's link to the rural health center at Easons Crossroads.

This would indicate that the merchants and service oriented people in the Ahoskie area are a bit more aggressive than those along the Public Parade. The area's communication gap is definitely showing as this new equality for Gates comes about.

An Assessment

The curtain fell late Friday on the 1979 session of the N. C. General Assembly. An assessment of the session was provided Monday by Rep. Jay Huskins of Iredell in his column in the Statesville Record & Landmark.

Headed "Shadow of Succession" the column follows:

First reaction to the end of the General Assembly's 1979 session is to be glad that it is over, a feeling that is shared by both the members and the public at large.

Despite all the push and rush that marked the early weeks, it turned out to be a comparatively long session — 108 legislative days — and ended on a sour note when the senate took its ball and glove and went home without waiting for the house to recess.

But there was not much surprise in that for veteran members of the assembly, who had noticed a minimum of cordiality between the leadership of the two houses. It was, in fact, one of the most politically-oriented assemblies in recent years.

For one thing, both the speaker and lieutenant governor, the presiding officers of the two houses, are candidates for statewide office in the next election, although neither has to date said just what he is running for.

Lt. Gov. Jim Green, who presides over the senate, is expected to seek either to succeed himself or to seek the gover-

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