

Public Parade

Continued from page 1 that way, Edenton is but one star in the Tar Heel historyland.

George Alma Byrum, former Mayor of Edenton and what seems forever identified with what is good for this community, is chairman of Edenton Historical Association. He is spearheading a mail solicitation for funds.

In neighboring Perquimans, a lady of note from the Isle of Pasquotank - Mrs. Walter Spaeth - has the lead role in a month-long funds campaign to support the Newbold-White House. Supporters of the 300-year-old house are in a 10-year effort to restore the house and furnish it, along with maintaining the grounds.

The Roanoke Island Historical Association is one which enjoys statewide appeal. Mrs. J. Emmett Winslow of Hertford is chairman of RIHA and has coerced Rep. and Mrs. Charles Evans of Nags Head to head up the current funds campaign. (See Story on Page 1-B.)

If Hope Plantation in Bertie County is having anything other than the recent well-attended symposium, or Historic Murfreesboro, Historic Halifax and Tryon Palace in New Bern as well as others are doing anything out of the ordinary, notice of it hasn't crossed our desk.

One can see the importance of maintaining properties of importance to us as well as to those who are not fortunate enough to live along the Public Parade or in Northeastern North Carolina. We have a special obligation, bordering on a sacred trust, to be good caretakers of our heritage. Not only Edenton, but neighboring grow in importance.

Wrong Direction

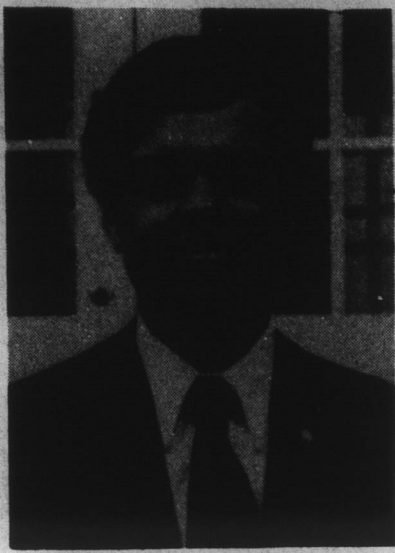
Educators along the Public Parade and 28 other Northeastern North Carolina counties are to gather Friday in Williamston to examine "the threat of the New Right to education." And to encourage attendance, Friday is a school holiday for students.

Martha L. Ware, a teacher rights specialist with the National Education Association in Washington, D.C., heads the impressive list of conference leaders. She will discuss the New Right attack on academic freedom, public schools, and teachers. "She will make suggestions for countering the New Rights' new ways of peddling old ideologies," according to the news release Glenn Keever put out for the N. C. Association of Educators, conference sponsor.

We hardly think the NCAE had to go all the way to Washington to get a speaker on how to cope with reality. John I. Wilson of Raleigh, association president, could have just as easily have added to his wrong direction approach as evidenced by his Legislator Report Card of earlier fame.

The wrong direction taken by educators is nothing new. The professionals didn't want the Parent-Teacher Association to meddle in the affair of schools. The PTA was rediscovered when bond issues failed and legislators put a sharper knife to appropriations.

Volunteers now play an ever increasingly important role in the affairs of the schools along the Public Parade and throughout Tar Heelia. And they should. They are needed more than ever, in a climate of the New Right, return



Sec. John Block

Sec. Of Agriculture To Lead Discussion

U. S. Sec. of Agriculture John Block will be in Northeastern North Carolina Monday to discuss the boll weevil eradication program. He will appear at 9 A.M. in the Helms Building on the Chowan College campus in Murfreesboro.

Sen. Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, will accompany Sec. Block. Also on hand will be Asst. Sec. Bill McMillan who is in charge of USDA marketing and transportation.

J. Clarence Leary, Jr., who has spearheaded the Albemarle Cotton Gin Association, said a large delegation of cotton farmers from this area is being urged to attend this important meeting.

Farmers will try to convince Sec. Block that continued federal support of the boll weevil eradication program is necessary to protect the revived cotton belt in Northeastern North Carolina.

Asst. Sec. McMillan was in the area some weeks ago and visited the cotton gin in Chowan County, which is now involved with the second crop supported by the association.

Those who desire additional information regarding the Murfreesboro meeting should contact Leary at Leary Brothers Storage Company in Edenton.

Democrats Shred 1981 Farm Bill

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Commenting on "black Thursday", N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham said the House action is "one of the worst days in North Carolina's economic history" and said that the vote "does severe damage to peanut production in North Carolina and Virginia as we know it."

The National Peanut Growers Group, a coalition of state peanut growers associations and marketing cooperatives, expressed their severe disappointment with the House action in defeating a continuation of the peanut program. The peanut program has worked so well for growers and consumers for over 40 years, it was stated.

The National Peanut Growers Group Steering Committee acknowledges that the House vote was a defeat for the group. "It is regrettable that this vote was based, to a large degree, on misinformation and lack of understanding of the peanut

to common sense, or the rediscovery of reality.

The NCAE, its president, paid lobby staff and members can ill afford many more wrong directions. And such a conference agenda as is planned Friday in Williamston is certainly that.

Local Women Are Participants In ECU Seminar

GREENVILLE - Sixty-seven persons from North Carolina and Virginia participated in "A Decorative Arts Affair," an October 14 symposium presented by the Historic Hope Foundation, Inc. and the East Carolina University Division of Continuing Education.

Participants from Chowan County included: Rosa Davenport, Mrs. F. B. Drane, Arch and Jane Edwards, Mrs. D. R. Inglis, Ruth Rose and Shirley Swain.

Symposium events were held at Hope Plantation near Windsor, the residence of N. C. Gov. David Stone (1770-1818). Hope is a restored mansion whose style blends the Georgian and Federal types of architecture and serves as the setting for a major collection of northeastern North Carolina furniture of the 18th and early 19th centuries.

Featured speakers at the symposium were John G. Zehmer, Jr., director of the Valentine Museum, Richmond, Va.; Ridley Tyler-Smith Antiques, Greensboro; and Sumpter T. Priddy, curator of Exhibition Buildings at Colonial Williamsburg.

The program included sessions on Colonial - era architecture, antique china and design of early interiors of the upper southern region.

Score Victory

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Valentine, who scored on a 45-yard pass; and Mike Hardy, who contributed one reception for 26 yards.

Edenton's rushing attack was led by Creecy with 184 yards in 14 attempts; Joe Hollowell, who added 11 yards on 4 carries; Troy Wright, adding 13 yards on 5 attempts; and Ed Alston, who contributed 16 yards on 6 carries.

"I think we played real well," said Aces head coach Jimmy Addisor. "We played with a lot more consistency and with more enthusiasm."

program," said a spokesman.

Norfleet L. Sugg, executive secretary of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association and a member of the Steering Committee of the National Peanut Growers Group, said, "we are not through yet, as we still have high hopes to retain most of the Senate version of the peanut bill through a House-Senate Conference. We are pleased that Senator Jesse Helms and Congressman Charlie Rose will be key leaders in this conference. We hope the Conference Committee will act favorably on a program that would at least allow the survival of the 60,000 farm families in America to produce peanuts."

Sugg also stated that the uncertain mood in the House and the fact that this is the first time a farm bill has been acted upon under such strict budget restraints contributed to the deciding vote against our position. "It was evident that most North and Midwestern congressmen do not understand the peanut program, though every effort was made to inform them that the peanut program is a good model for all agriculture programs," Sugg concluded.

Carver Re-Elected

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Carver highlighted CETA, food stamps and Medicaid, putting the major emphasis on the health care measure. "The counties have to talk to legislators and tell them not to pass down the increased cost to the county for (Medicaid) services," he said. "Right now it seems the message is not getting through."

The chairman described the regional commission as a vehicle to get things done for counties in the region which can not be accomplished otherwise.

The September financial statement circulated by Donald Flowers, ARPDC executive director, listed a budget of \$1,030,604.48. Some of the programs expired September 30. The 1981-82 budget has not been released to the press.

Ways To Secure Funds Are Sought

A workshop for community organizations and local governments affected by the new block grants financing for health, education and social programs was announced by Mrs. Eva M. Clayton, president of Technical Resources International, Ltd., a Raleigh-based management consulting firm.

After October 1, many federal programs are to be administered by the State of North Carolina under the block grants legislation passed by the Congress. State administration of these programs will alter dramatically the way in which local governments and agencies will be funded.

In announcing the workshop, to be held at the Ramada Inn in Apex on October 29, Mrs. Clayton said that only to the extent local officials and community based organizations are knowledgeable about the new State Block Grants will they be in a position to effectively secure funding under the new mechanisms.

Further information on the workshop can be secured by calling (919) 834-0633.

Celebration Is Set

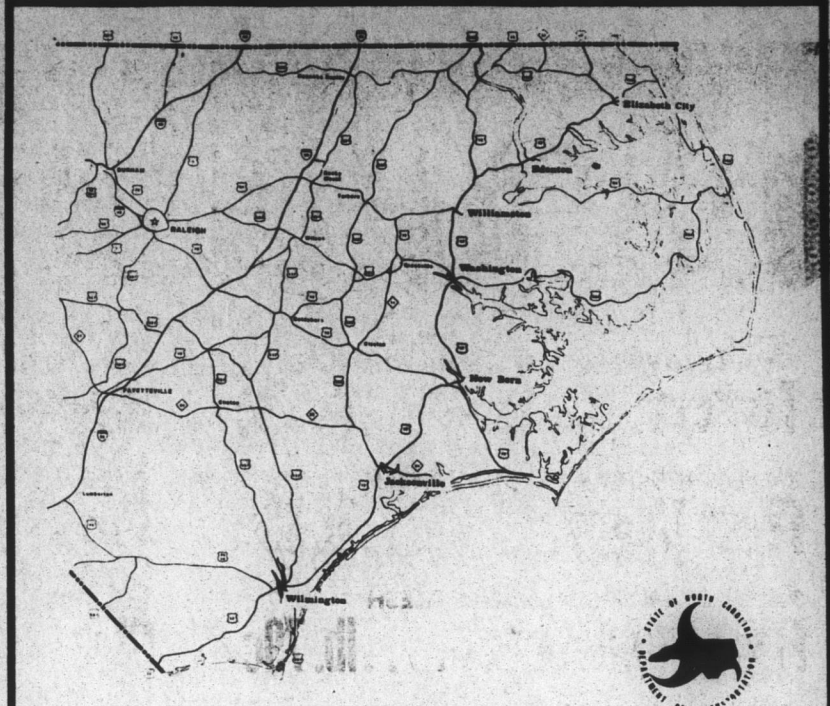
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art and other crafts of all kinds. Tea and cookies will be available for tired visitors at the Barker House.

Children are especially invited to be present, according to Iredell House assistant manager Sheila Snell, to take part in the making of cornhusk dolls, as well as the various contests, including corn shelling contest, chuck-a-farthing (coin throwing) bite-the-apple contest; pea-dab shooting contest and tug-o-war.

Sunday's activities begin at 9:30 A.M. with the Regiment of Foot prayer services, and continue until 3:30 P.M. when the soldiers will break camp.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.



Alternative Suggestions For U.S. 17 Road Improvements

The N. C. Department of Transportation is conducting a corridor study of U. S. 17 in North Carolina, with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., of Raleigh, as consultants.

C. E. Vick, Jr., president of Kimley-Horn, said public participation will play an important role in the study. "We feel that increased public response will improve the results," he said recently.

The study will prepare and evaluate alternative improvements to U. S. 17 in North Carolina. The outcome of the study will be a programming guide for use by the State Board of Transportation in scheduling future improvements to the North-South corridor. Marc Basnight of Dare County is a board member.

The study process has been designed to encourage citizen involvement and

participation. The study schedule indicates three major types of public involvement: roadside interviews of motorist using U. S. 17 (now complete); a questionnaire, which has been mailed to governmental agencies, interest groups, and news media in the U. S. 17 area; and up to 10 public hearings to be held along the study corridor.

Results of the data collection and analysis efforts will be presented at these public meetings. Potential corridor improvements will be identified and their implications explained and discussed. The meetings will provide a forum for public comment and input to the preparation of study recommendations.

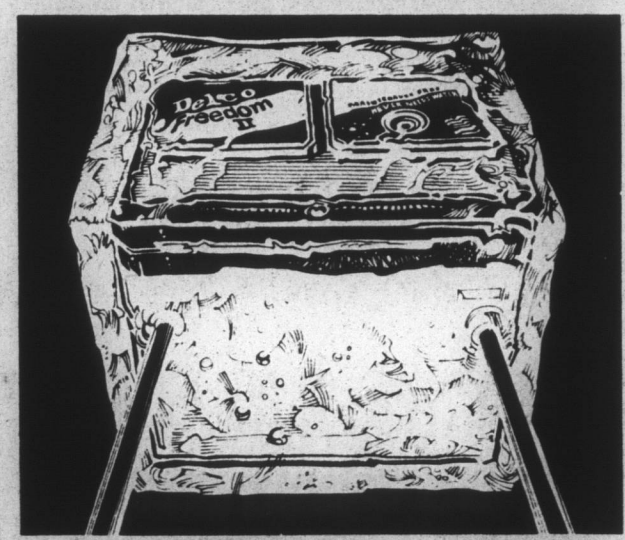
The study includes three types of improvements: arterial, expressway and freeway.

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