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## Restoration Work On Penelope Barker House Progressing

Jaycees Busy Repairing Exterior of Historic Building

FLOWERS PLANTED

Sponsoring Groups Appealing For Funds to Complete Project

A beautiful landmark is taking shape on Edenton Bay, as the work goes forward on the Penelope Barker House. The three organizations sponsoring this community house, the Business and Professional Women's Club, the Woman's Club, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, have worked hard in the last few weeks to help speed the repairs to the exterior in time for the Woman's Club Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, April 9-10.

The Jaycees, themselves, dismantled the old kitchen and shoveled the sand into the foundation for the cement porch extending the entire length of the front of the house. As the new back has gone up Mr. Faircloth and his men have painted it with paint donated by Blades Lumber Company. All the windows have been repaired and the blinds removed until all can be replaced in good shape. Members of the Woman's Club have planted a flower bed along the brick wall with bulbs and plants graciously given by the Terra Ceia Dairy, Mrs. John Wood and several club members in the hope that some would be blooming during the Pilgrimage.

It has been realized now that the association cannot finish the work on the exterior unless it can obtain more money. The DAR's have given \$103, the entire proceeds of their last card party, toward the restoration project. A gift of \$200 was realized from the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities. The Baby Contest and Tom Thumb Wedding netted \$543.49. These amounts boosted the total amount collected to \$6,408.56. Out of this amount the Watkins Moving Co., was paid \$5,200 and other checks have been written towards the construction leaving the association a balance of only \$510.25 with some checks outstanding. As one can see from these figures, the association is earnestly appealing for donations again—large or small—in order to continue the work. Anyone who will help at this time, please contact George Alma Byrum, chairman, or Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr., Secretary of the Penelope Barker Governing Board.

## John F. White Is On Twelve Committees In General Assembly

Prevented From Attending Session Due to Illness

Although still unable to attend this session of the General Assembly due to illness, John F. White, (Chowan County's representative, has been appointed on twelve committees.

According to a list of the committees, Mr. White is a member of the following:

Appropriations, Fisheries, Courts and Judicial Districts, Elections and Election Laws, Health, Judiciary No. 2, Military Affairs, Penal Institutions, Public Welfare, Wildlife Resources, Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills and Joint Committee of the Trustees of the University.

Mr. White is gradually improving following an operation and hopes to be able to attend the General Assembly in about a week.

## Old-Time Minstrel At Hobbville January 29

The Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce will present an old-fashioned minstrel in the Hobbville school Thursday night, January 29, at 8 o'clock.

The cast includes 70 people and the entertainment is sponsored by the Hobbville Ruritan Club. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### JAYVEES LOSE

Edenton High School Jayvees were defeated Monday afternoon by Central High School by a score of 41-25. Billy Harrison led the Edenton boys with six points and Charlie Griffin four.

## PTA Box Supper Is Scheduled To Be Held February 5th

Delightful Affair Planned at New High School

Announcement was made this week that the Edenton Parent Teacher Association plans to stage a community box supper in the new school gymnasium Thursday night, February 5, beginning at 6:30 o'clock.

Proceeds of the supper will go toward meeting the budget for the school year in providing needs at the school, especially essential books for the library.

A goal of 200 box suppers has been set which will be auctioned off in the gymnasium by Francis Hicks, local auctioneer, after which the group will adjourn to the school cafeteria to eat. In the cafeteria soft drinks and coffee will be served free, and music and entertainment will be provided. The Edenton High School Band will also play for the occasion.

The Hospitality Committee, under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Campen, will be at the gymnasium the afternoon of the supper from 2 to 5 o'clock to receive the box suppers. The auction will begin at 6:30 o'clock.

Parents are invited and urged to turn out and bid on the suppers, thus enjoying a good meal and entertainment and at the same time helping the PTA to meet its budget for the year.

## Byrum's Family Party At School Auditorium Friday Night, Jan. 30

Four International Hit Parade Features on Program

Citizens of Edenton and this vicinity are in for a treat Friday night, January 30, when the Byrum Implement & Truck Company will present its annual family party. The big stage show will appear in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

The International Hit Parade will provide the entertainment for the evening and will include four outstanding acts. On the program will be Nardini and Nadyne, the aristocrats of Deception; Peggie Laurie, top notch accordion soloist; The Cantons, international balancing stars, and Raimund Carne, musical comedy singing star.

Aside from these outstanding stage attractions, there will be now color movies, educational, travel, comedy and other features.

Sponsored by the International Harvester Company, the show is free to all. It will please children as well as adults, so that the Byrum concern extends a cordial invitation to every member of the family to attend and enjoy their party. There will be no sales talk—just great clean entertainment for the entire family.

The Byrum family party is expected to fill the auditorium, so that those who want to secure seats should appear ahead of time.

## Major L. A. Deese Is Sent To Fort Bragg

Major and Mrs. L. A. Deese and son, Buddy, arrived in Edenton Saturday from Bangor, Maine, where Major Deese has been stationed for 15 months at Dow Air Force Base. While in Maine Major Deese has served as procurement inspector for the Department of Defense. Since leaving Edenton he has been promoted from captain to major.

Major Deese and his family left Wednesday morning for Fort Bragg, where Major Deese has been transferred to the Office of Air Surgeon of the Ninth Air Force at Pope Air Force Base.

### DR. DOWNUM MOVES

Dr. A. F. Downum, optometrist, who has been located in an office on East King Street, last week moved to his new office at 103 West Eden Street opposite the Eden Theatre.

## Winning Race Against Polio



Enthusiastic March of Dimes volunteers are Peter Brickfield, nine, and his three-year-old sister Joan, Brooklyn, N. Y. Both are winning a comeback race against crippling after-effects of polio. The 1953 March of Dimes campaign continues for entire month of January. Give today!

## Vandy Parks Wins County Honors In 4-H Corn Contest

Winners Announced at Lions Club Meeting Monday Night

Edenton Lions Club was host to the Chowan 4-H Club corn contestants of 1952 at its meeting Monday night. At this time contestants who grew an acre of corn in 1952 were given a nice meal and entertained.

Vandy Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parks of the Gliden community, was declared county winner. Vandy made 113.7 bushels of corn on a measured acre. He raised Pioneer 302 corn. Paul Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Blanchard, of the Hobbville community, was second prize winner. Paul's acre of Dixie 82 made 106.2 bushels. James Monds, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Monds, of the Center Hill community, was third prize county winner. The yield on James' acre of N. C. 27 was 100.7 bushels.

As has been true for the past two years the contest was divided into three age groups: ages 10, 11 and 12, ages 13 and 14, and ages 15 and above. Paul Blanchard was the winner in the first age group, Vandy Parks was the winner in the second age group.

## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NOTE: This is one of a series of weekly summaries of the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1953. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

The 1953 General Assembly convened on January 7, hastily granted salary increases to members of the Council of State and expense account increases to the Governor before new terms of office began, witnessed the inauguration of Governor William B. Umstead on January 8, survived a slight case of jitters following the Governor's untimely illness on January 11, and now has begun to settle down to business.

The Senate organized and elected Senator Edwin Pate of Scotland County as president pro tem. As recommended by Lt. Governor Hodges, the Senate reduced the number of its committees from 36 to 28 and the number of committee clerks from 27 to 15, after which Mr. Hodges announced his committee appointments on January 14. The appointments were notable in that each senator will serve on but six committees. The House organized and elected Representative Eugene Bost of Cabarrus County as speaker. Adoption of House rules on January 16 increased the number of committees from 46 to 47, and Speaker Bost has promised his committee appointments early next week.

Governor Umstead's Inaugural Message Public school system needs came

## Annual Meeting Of Farm Bureau Will Be Held Next Thursday

Barbecue Dinner Will Be Served at Chowan High Gym

The Chowan County Farm Bureau will hold its annual meeting Thursday afternoon, January 29, at 5 o'clock in the gymnasium at Chowan High School. A barbecue dinner will be served and President Carey M. Evans hopes a large number of members and their families will attend.

Reply cards have been mailed to all members so that those in charge will know how many to prepare for. The cards should be returned to Mr. Evans at once.

## Error Made In Listing Merchants' Committee

Last week an error was made in reporting the names of the committee named by the Edenton Merchants' Committee to investigate the advisability of forming a credit bureau in Edenton.

The name of Ralph Parrish was included in the four names, which should have been L. T. Dunbar.

Members of the committee are W. M. Wilkins, L. T. Dunbar, Jesse Harrell and Frank Elliott.

## March Dimes Drive Will Start In Edenton First Of Next Week

Local Sales Of 1953 Automobile Plates Trailing Last Year

Miss Goldie Layton Reports 300 Less Than Last Year

As is the case in North Carolina as a whole, the sale of 1953 automobile plates is lagging in Edenton and Chowan County. According to Miss Goldie Layton, branch manager of the Carolina Motor Club, where automobile licenses are issued, sales up to Monday of this week were about 300 less than last year at the same time. The office is located at 102 East Water Street, back of Chestnut Cleaners, and Miss Layton urges automobile owners to secure their licenses immediately.

Miss Layton points out that the deadline for displaying the 1952 license plates will be arrested Sunday, February 1, if they still carry the 1952 plates.

Miss Layton reminds motor vehicle owners that after today (Thursday), only seven full days remain to buy the 1953 license tags before the deadline. Her office is open from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., except Saturday, when it closes at 12 o'clock noon. She emphasizes the fact that February 1 falls on a Sunday and that her office closes at noon the day before, so that somebody will most likely be disappointed if they wait too long to buy the new license plate.

State Patrolmen Van Buren Pearce and MacRogerson also remind motorists that the deadline for 1952 license plates will be strictly enforced and that no further extension will be allowed. They, too, urge all automobile owners to secure the 1953 licenses at once in order to prevent embarrassment and further expense as the result of driving after January 31 with 1952 license tags.

## Midget Varsity Club Is Now In Making

Purpose to Buy Football Uniforms For Seventh And Eighth Graders

If the ambition of a group of Edenton men, headed by Bob Kennan, materializes, the Edenton school will have an Edenton High School Midget Varsity Club. The purpose of the club is to raise money to purchase football uniforms and equipment for seventh and eighth grade boys.

Membership tickets are now being sold in order to raise about \$600, the amount needed, and as of Monday of this week \$80 had been raised. Membership cards are in the hands of Bob Kennan, Clyde Hollowell, Cecil Hollowell, P. G. Perry, J. P. Partin, Paul Partin and R. T. Pickler, and it is hoped enough members will enroll to raise the necessary \$600. The money raised will be deposited in a savings account at the Bank of Edenton with John Kramer as treasurer.

The Midget Varsity Club will be welcomed by Coaches George Thompson and Ben Perry, who will work with the youngsters who are too small for the varsity team, but where will be developed boys who will have experience and a desire to play football when they are eligible to play on the varsity team. By this method the coaches are confident a great deal of material will be developed and thus make for stronger high school football teams.

Ahoskie, Elizabeth City and other nearby towns have midget varsity teams, so that if the boys are adequately equipped they will be able to compete with similar teams and thereby gain a great deal of experience before they gain berths on the varsity team.

## Improvement Made At Edenton Post Office

More convenience during inclement weather has been provided for people who drive to the Edenton Post Office. Early this week Street Department employees poured concrete from the curb to the present sidewalk in front of the building so that patrons of the Post Office hereafter can go into the building without stepping into mud and water.

Drive Will of Necessity Extend Into Early February

MONEY NEEDED Canvassers and Contributors Asked to Act Without Delay

Though somewhat belated, Chowan County's March of Dimes campaign is scheduled to get under way the first of next week. Due to pressing personal business, George S. Twiddy, this year's March of Dimes chairman, has been unable to devote much time to the drive up until this week, so that the campaign to raise funds will of necessity be carried over into the first two weeks of February.

Mr. Twiddy began on Wednesday to contact canvassers, who will be asked to solicit every family in Edenton and Chowan County in an effort to raise a substantial amount in the fight against infantile paralysis. Mr. Twiddy regrets very much that he was unable to begin the drive earlier, but he advances the idea that with the proper cooperation on the part of canvassers and contributors the campaign need not be a long drawn out affair.

Mr. Twiddy calls attention to the need of funds to carry on the fight against polio. Due to infantile paralysis epidemics in various parts of the country, the national emergency fund has vanished, so that money is needed to go into areas where an epidemic occurs together with the amount needed for research and other expenses in connection with the fight to conquer the dread disease. Funds are needed to assure necessary care and treatment of polio patients regardless of age, race, creed or color. Money is also needed for education of physicians, nurses, physical therapists and other polio specialists and the dissemination of information to the general public.

Last year Chowan County's March of Dimes contributions amounted to \$1,828.16 which is 1.458 per capita. Mr. Twiddy is hopeful that this year's contributions will equal or even surpass last year in view of the greater need for funds.

## Scouters' Banquet Planned Feb. 12th

Affair Scheduled to Be Held In New School Cafeteria

W. T. Harry reports that the West Albemarle District of the Boy Scouts of America will hold its annual banquet on February 12. Mr. Harry, who is serving as chairman of the banquet committee, stated that the banquet will be held in the Edenton High School cafeteria. Tickets will be sold through Scout leaders and District committeemen. All parents of Scouts and others interested in Scouting are invited to attend. An interesting program pertaining to Scouting and Indian lore will be presented.

The Boy Scout Week celebration February 7-13 will stress "The Scout Family" depicting how parents and other members of the family often have a relationship to the Scouting program. Since its inception in this country in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has constantly grown in number until today its membership exceeds three million. The actual birthday, February 8, will be observed in many churches of all faiths as Boy Scout Sunday. Scouts and leaders will attend services in uniform.

At present the West Albemarle District is made up of units sponsored by Ruritan Clubs in Gates, Gatesville, Sunbury, Tyner, Rocky Hook and New Hope; and the Hertford Lions Club, Edenton Lions and Edenton Rotary Club.

## Lloyd Griffin Elected Chairman Of Board Of Trustees Of Meredith

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Meredith College Board of Trustees last week, Lloyd Griffin was elected chairman. Mr. Griffin succeeds W. H. Weatherspoon, whose term of office expired December 31.

Griffin, executive secretary of the North Carolina Citizens' Association, was named to the board of trustees of Meredith at the last meeting of the Baptist State Convention. He recently completed a four year term as a member of the Council of Christian Education of the Convention.