



James Iredell House

Iredell House Is Target Of Big Funds Campaign

A state-wide funds campaign is being launched this week by the James Iredell Association in an effort to secure sufficient money to continue the restoration and

furnishings of an Edenton landmark. Memberships in the association, whose prime goal is the James Iredell House and property, are being solicited

in this intensive drive. More than 5,000 letters appealing for funds are to be mailed Friday.

A contribution of \$500 or more designates the donor as a patron of the association. Life membership is \$100 while contributing membership is \$5 and annual membership is \$3.

Mrs. Wood Privott, president of the association, said the local organization is seeking to raise \$4,000 in order to qualify for \$2,000 offered by the Richardson Foundation.

This money, along with funds recently gained from the General Assembly through Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Chowan, will be used to complete the restoration and furnishing project.

In addition to the house itself, there are several outbuildings and a formal garden which must have attention.

When completed, the James Iredell House would become an even more valuable tourist attraction for Edenton.

Iredell was attorney general of North Carolina in 1779 and associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court from 1790 to 1799.

In 1948, the newly organized Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, assumed the liability of the Iredell property when it was about to be sold and perhaps demolished.

Subsequently the chapter sponsored the organization of the association and through their efforts interested the state in assuming ownership of the house in 1951.

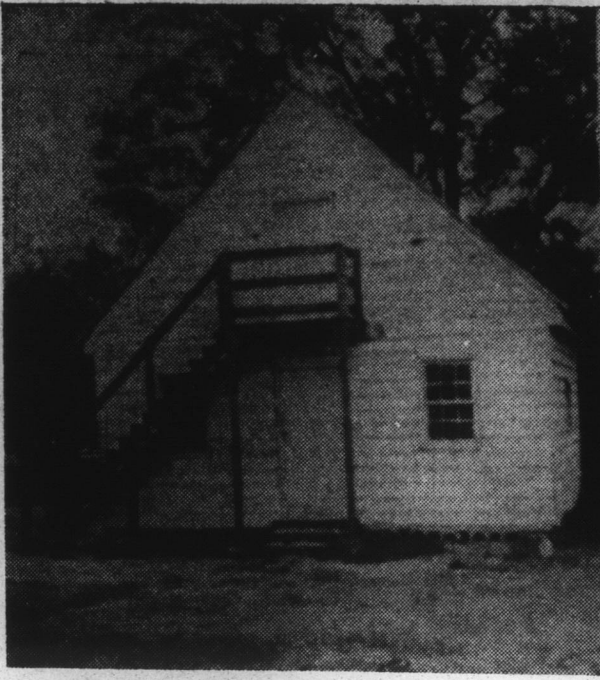
The local DAR chapter constitutes the board of directors of the association, which is custodian of the house. The state contributes to the maintenance of the property but continuing restoration and furnishing are the responsibility of the association.

In addition to Mrs. Privott, association officers include: Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., Mrs. George C. Hoskins, William S. Privott and John W. Graham, vice president; Mrs. P. S. McMullan, secretary; Mrs. George K. Mack, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. Norfleet Pruden, Jr., treasurer and Grayson H. Harding and Mrs. Inglis Fletcher, ex officio.

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Kitchen-Museum



Carriage House



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Chowan Schools Get Green Light With New Plan

Chowan County's plan for compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has been approved by federal authorities.

Supt. C. C. Walters received a letter Friday from U. S. Commissioner of Education Francis Keppell advising him of action taken in Washington.

The plan submitted by Edenton City Schools was approved earlier. Therefore, Edenton and Chowan County are now among 29 units in the State of North Carolina which have gained approval with "freedom of choice in all grades" plans.

With reference to the Chowan County plan, Commissioner Keppell stated it "is adequate to accomplish the purpose of the act."

The commissioner asked Supt. Walters to keep his office advised of any progress made toward construction of new facilities at White Oak School.

Commissioner Keppell further stated that the creation of a single administrative unit is not a condition to compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, "inasmuch as the plan contemplates the expansion of facilities at the White Oak School to be completed by the fall of 1967."

In the final plan presented by the Chowan County Board of Education, it was stated that the board would work toward one administrative unit for the entire county and if this could not be accomplished they would build a high school at White Oak.

During May letters went to all parents of school children asking them to state their choice of schools for next year. Only one request was made for a Negro to enter previously all-white Chowan High School. This request was granted by the board.

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Raise In Pay Given At Mill

Employees at Edenton Cotton Mill have received a 5 per cent pay increase.

Philip S. McMullan, company president, said this is the third "across the board" pay raise for employees at the company in the past two years. The last raise was in September, 1964.

McMullan said the company is glad to be able to give the employees another raise. He added that the mill is now running six days a week.

Approximately 190 employees are affected by this boost in pay.

Meeting Planned On Mental Health

An important meeting on the subject of mental health in Chowan County will take place Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

This will be an organizational meeting and the first of many designed to make our county a leader, so far as mental health facilities and mental health education are concerned.

The meeting place will be announced later this week over WCDJ. All interested persons are invited to attend this vital meeting.



W. L. HARDISON

Hardison Given School Position

SCOTLAND NECK—Willie (Bill) Louis Hardison will fill the principalship position at Scotland Neck left vacant by the resignation of Charles E. Fleming, who has accepted the principalship of West Rowan School in Rowan County.

Hardison was employed by the Halifax County School system earlier as a teacher and coach in the Scotland Neck High School. He has been teaching and coaching in the Edenton City Schools for the past six years.

A graduate of John A. Holmes High School in Edenton, Hardison received his AB degree from the University of North Carolina and his masters degree from East Carolina College. He has taken additional graduate work at East Carolina College to receive his principalship's certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardison, the former Yvonne White, and their two daughters, Bess, age five and Kimberly age one, have been living in Scotland Neck and are planning to move into their new home when it is completed.

Hardison, a former deacon and Sunday school teacher at Edenton Baptist Church, has been employed as summer recreational director at the Scotland Neck First Baptist Church since moving to Scotland Neck.

He will assume his new position as principal of the Scotland Neck High School on August 21, 1965.

'Old Country Ham' Dinner Is Planned

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter is sponsoring an "old country ham" supper on July 17. Plates will be served from 5 to 8 P. M.

Anyone desiring a plate at \$1 each can contact Mrs. Florence Lane at 482-4555 or Mrs. Dora Stillman, 482-2276. The meals can be eaten at the post home on Old Hertford Road or be delivered.

Year's Benefits To Veterans Exceed \$564,000

Veterans and families of deceased veterans in Chowan County last year received running awards of \$564,854.44.

This is an increase of \$147,371.83 for the 12-month period which ended May 31.

Stephen H. Alford, district veterans service officer, said the total compilation figure for Chowan's monetary benefits, which include the running awards and lump sum insurance, burial allowance

County Budget Of \$688,445.31 Given Approval

Chowan County commissioners have adopted a \$688,445.31 budget for fiscal 1965-66, maintained a tax rate of \$1.58 per \$100 valuation, and lowered the special tax levy for rural fire protection outside Edenton from 10 to eight cents.

This action was taken on July 7 at the regular meeting of the board.

Chairman W. E. Bond told his fellow commissioners an adjustment of nearly \$1,000 was necessary in the contribution to the District Health Department because some anticipated state funds had been withdrawn. This brought the health budget to \$19,200.

Also, a clash with the county school board over an increase in their budget was avoided when the unit finished the fiscal year with a surplus in excess of \$10,000. The commissioners approved a county school budget of \$60,428.51 and allowed the school board to retain their surplus.

The city administrative school unit will get \$174,024.22. Thus, the two school units now operating in the county will receive a total of \$234,452.73, or 82 cents of the tax rate.

The budget was based on a county-wide valuation of \$24 million and a \$1.58 rate will provide \$379,200. The remaining \$309,245.31 is anticipated from sources other than ad valorem taxes.

The general fund budget is \$125,964 but \$77,964 is anticipated from sources other than taxes. This includes a surplus of \$32,964, \$35,000 from ABC Store earnings and \$10,000 from costs, re-

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Local Jaycees

Schedule Events

July and August are big months for Edenton Jaycees.

The local club will host a district meeting on July 21 at National Guard Armory. Then on August 6 they will sponsor a dance here featuring The Crystals.

Also in August numerous members of the club will journey to Greenville to attend a regional meeting.

These activities were among those planned last week at the club's regular meeting at Edenton Restaurant.

Sam Cox, president, presided and presented Charlie Overman, a special guest at the meeting. He will represent Edenton in the Boy's Home Bowl Game.

Phillips Resigns; Katkaveck Gets Seat On Council

Leo F. Katkaveck, superintendent at Edenton Cotton Mill, is the new councilman from the Second Ward. He was appointed Tuesday night by a 3-2 vote of the Town Council to the unexpired term of Councilman C. A. Phillips. Phillips, a veteran of six years on the council, is moving into a new home outside town.

88 Chowanians Get Free Drugs

Two hundred thirty-one residents of Chowan County in June received financial assistance totaling \$13,825.87 from the welfare department.

An increasing number of people received medicine. There were 88 in this area and they received drugs which cost \$676.15. Of this amount the county paid \$39.65 and the state paid the rest.

In the report filed with the county commissioners by Mrs. Carolyn C. McMullan, welfare director, it was noted that the department handled 56 service cases, for a case load of 287 for the month.

There were 111 people receiving old age assistance. They shared \$5,156 for an average grant of \$46.45.

The 40 receiving aid to dependent children shared \$3,044, an average grant of \$15.93.

Aid to the permanently and totally disabled amounted to \$2,577. Fifty-one people received grants which averaged \$50.52.

There were 12 aid to the blind cases. They received \$478 for an average grant of \$39.83.

The department had only one general assistance case during the month and paid \$24.

Twelve persons were hospitalized in the county at a cost of \$1421.75. The county's part of this was \$100.

Patients hospitalized outside the county totaled three and the county paid \$37.20 of a bill amounting to \$397.20.

History Of Church Will Be Published

A history of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Edenton will be published by the Annals of St. Anne, a leading Catholic publication in Canada.

The story, by Frank Roberts, tells of the founding of the church over 100 years ago.

Like Katkaveck, he is an official at the cotton mill. The Second Ward was theoretically without representation on Edenton's governing board for less than 30 minutes as Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., and the five remaining councilmen went through the motions of filling the vacancy.

The regular council meeting was just minutes old when Mayor Mitchener read the letter of resignation from Councilman Phillips. It was accepted with "deep regrets."

At 8:25 p. m. Mayor Mitchener handed Phillips his nameplate and announced that the responsibility of appointing a replacement rested with the council. He said the appointee would serve until May, 1967.

The mayor said only once in the 14 years he had served on the council had a replacement been appointed—that was to fill his Third Ward seat when he was elevated to mayor at the sudden death of Mayor David Holton—and at that time the councilmen chose to vote by secret ballot.

The five remaining councilmen said the manner in which the vote would be taken was immaterial and the mayor said it would be by show of hands.

When he called for nominations J. Edwin Bufflap put forth the name of Katkaveck. This was quickly seconded by J. D. Elliott.

After a short pause, Henry G. Quinn, "on the strength of the petition now before us," nominated Roy Harrell. This was seconded by David White.

No other names were mentioned.

When Mayor Mitchener called for the vote, Bufflap, Phillips and Luther C. Parks voted for Katkaveck with Quinn and White casting their vote for Harrell.

Harrell, who was in attendance, left shortly. Some weeks ago the unsuccessful

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Chamber To Keep Record Of Events

Edenton Chamber of Commerce this week began a new service—the keeping of a community calendar.

Robert Moore, executive vice president, said the chamber will keep a calendar of events taking place in Edenton and Chowan County.

Anyone knowing of a planned function by civic club, church, community organization or other groups are asked to call the chamber to have it included.

"Through this service we are attempting to help local groups plan events with a minimum of conflicts," Moore said.

In the future, groups can avoid conflicts with other functions by calling the chamber office.

The Public Parade

SUGAR DADDIES — The municipal and county budgets for 1965-66 have been adopted. They total nearly \$1 million, a new high.

Edenton will operate on a \$278,623.04 budget while Chowan county has a kitty of \$688,445.31.

In each case the tax rate required to support these expenditures remains the same as last year—\$1 per \$100 valuation in town and \$1.58 in Chowan county, with rural residents getting a two-cent reduction in the special levy for fire protection.

These are the cold, hard facts and figures. They prove county and municipal government is a growing, bigger-by-the-year, business. But they don't tell the whole story.

While on the surface it appears a county of 12,000 and a municipality accounting for more than 5,000 of them, are spending a lot of tax money, it could be much, much worse.

If you take the time to put a pencil on these two budgets you will find nearly half a million dollars, or \$489,868.35 of the total figure comes from anticipated sources other than ad valorem taxes.

Should you be figuring with a sharp pencil you can discover that roughly 50 per cent of the money to support these two budgets comes from sources other than property taxes. The figure is 45 per cent in Chowan county and a staggering 65 per cent in Edenton.

As far as the county is concerned, money is picked up from ABC Store profits, state and federal funds, courts and prudent spending in most departments which finished 1964-65 with a surplus.

The sugar daddy in Edenton, of course, is the Electric and Water Department. Next year profits from this department will supply money for 30 per cent of the budget. And even at this, the department maintains a healthy surplus while retarding power at a rate which is in most cases lower than would be paid if a private company operated here.

An example of the role our state and federal governments are playing in municipal and county doings is best seen in the Welfare Department budget. This department expects to spend \$210,931.60 during the fiscal year and the "great white fathers" in Raleigh and Washington will pick up the tab to the tune of \$181,405.50.

A \$3,125.10 surplus in this department will reduce the county's participation to \$178,

400, just over 10 per cent of the total.

While the figures are not concrete, our two school systems could pick up over \$100,000 from the federal government alone in addition to a combined county budget of \$234,452.73. Edenton levies no special school tax.

It is interesting to watch news releases coming from municipal and county governments this time of year as the members wrestle with their conscious and their respective budgets. In some instances we have noticed bodies which increased taxes more than 15 cents per \$100 valuation.

Often you hear of two things which are certain—death and taxes. Well, in the case of Edenton and Chowan county we feel our elected officials are doing a commendable job in the latter department, over which they can exert some measure of control.

If you are a bit disgruntled when the tax notice comes, just review the above figures and see how worse off you could be.

MORE PEANUTS—A dispatch from Washington reports action of the Food and Drug Administration to make peanut butter manufacturers put the peanuts back in their butter.

The government agency said after September 8, manufacturers could not put more than 10 per cent of "optional ingredients" in a jar of peanut butter. These ingredients include seasonings and hydrogenated peanut oil or cottonseed oil. It is claimed they "counteract the tendency of peanut butter to stick to the roof of the mouth."

Epp Debnam of Jimbo's Jumbos has beat the feds to the draw. He only produces 100 per cent peanut butter.

As far as the "optional ingredients" are concerned, we don't think they are necessary. We like the complete, delicious taste of the lowly peanut in our peanut butter and onion sandwich.

And for this gourmet combination you can choose your own beverage for washing the peanut butter off the roof of your mouth as well as dashing the fire caused by the onion.

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