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## Cupola House Now Open

The Cupola House in place will be open to the public from 10 A. M. to noon and 2 P. M. to 4 P. M., Monday through Saturday. It will be open during the afternoon hours on Sunday. Admission will be \$1 for adults and 25 cents for students.

With Mrs. Marsha Crandall as hostess, the historic show-



**HISTORIC HOME OPENED** — Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., left, was the first official visitor to The Cupola House which opened to the public at 10 A. M. Tuesday. Discussing the historic home built in 1725 are: Mitchener, Mrs. Marsha Crandall, hostess, Robert Moore, chamber of commerce executive, and David Warren, president of the Cupola House group.

## The Public Parade

**HITTING THE HIP POC-KET** — The Town of Edenton has joined other municipalities in an attempt to correct two wrongs. One deals directly with economics while the other gets there via a matter of principle.

We refer to the rate 11 Northeastern towns pay Virginia Electric Power Company for current. The other deals with a dispute which has brewed since the highly publicized compromise Gov. Dan K. Moore officiated between REA and private power companies.

It is most unfortunate this action has become necessary. But where do you go from the conference table?

VEPCO sells electricity to cooperatives for much less than the rate charged towns who re-sell current. Supt. Richard N. Hines, of the utilities department, stated in a public speech last week this community would have been \$28,000 richer had Edenton purchased power on the REA rate last year.

The Town of Edenton is a good VEPCO customer. Last year the town purchased \$189,000 worth of electricity from the firm. And on a Sunday we recall being powerless for an unreasonable length of time while a VEPCO employee was coming from another town to "plug" us back in following some difficulty.

For this type customer service we pay a higher rate than REA.

In order to correct this situation, which has existed for years, area municipalities are appealing to the Federal Power Commission. The outcome is a matter of speculation. However, one thing can be as certain as death and taxes, it will be a costly venture.

The Moore compromise, while saving valuable time of the General Assembly, plainly left towns in the electricity business out in the cold. It stated, among other things, REA and private power companies have territorial rights. Should a town annex an area served by either, the REA and private power company could continue to do business in the area.

This is a matter of principle. The town would be required to provide sewer and water facilities, fire and police protection, garbage collection and other services to the annexed area. Those annexed would enjoy a low tax rate made possible by utilities profits, yet they would not contribute anything to the fiddler.

Edenton, for many years, has had growing pains. The

town is now faced with nearly \$500,000 in expansion projects. This will continue and it will be necessary for the town to get the best possible rate from VEPCO as well as have the opportunity to serve all of its citizens on an equal basis.

To some this is falling on closed ears. They could care less. Yet, as the time comes to foot the bill they will yell the loudest as the tax collector gets into their hip pocket.

**SURPRISE PACKAGE** — We never ceased to be amazed at what we find delivered with a newspaper.

Take last Sunday's comic section of one of our favorite morning newspapers circulated along The Public Parade. It contained a free sample of a product called Handi Wipes.

We were surprised to see this and although in the business, wonder how they were inserted. Moreover, we were equally amazed at the fact the product does about what is claimed in the ad.

Yes, opening some newspapers is like popping open a box of Cracker Jacks.

**STAYING LIT** — There's some glory involved for the folks who can stay lit the longest at the Dixie Classic Fair. Our entry will be Mayor Pro Tem J. Edwin Bufflap.

Buff's preacher, friends and faithful admirers have nothing to fear. Fair officials have taken pains to point out that they're referring to pipes and not alcoholic beverages.

The annual fair, which opens in early October in Winston-Salem, will feature this year the first annual Pipe Smoking Contest.

Fair Manager Neil Bolton, a real hot air artist, described the contest as a test of endurance "that should separate the puffers from the puff-blowers."

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## Smith Is Named To Bank's Board

W. E. Smith, 42, Route 1, Edenton, has been named to the Local Board of Managers of Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

Announcement of Smith's selection to the bank board was made by J. Gilliam Wood, local board chairman. Smith is a prominent business and community leader in rural Chowan County.

Wood said Smith's broad knowledge of rural affairs would make him a real asset to the bank's board. "We know he will make a significant contribution to our board and we look forward to serving with him," the chairman said.

With the addition of Smith, the local board now consists of 13 members.

Those on the board, in addition to Wood and Smith are: Graham White, J. H. Davis, Bruce F. Jones, Jesse L. Harrell, Dr. Roland Vaughan, J. H. Conger, Sr., Albert Byrum, John Graham, W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., A. C. Boyce and J. E. Wood.



W. E. SMITH

## Approval Asked For Utilities Work In Edenton

Edenton's finance committee is studying a request that \$201,000 be spent over the next two years to improve and expand the town's electrical system.

Meeting Thursday night, the Town Council heard a resolution from the Board of Public Works which requested the green light on this project.

Joseph H. Conger, Jr., vice chairman of the utilities board, said while this is a two-year plan, it is recommended that the entire thing be approved in order to ob-

tain better bids on the projects. Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., turned the recommendations over to the finance committee for study. When a report will be made is not known.

The board requested the council to take action by August 26 in order for them to meet certain deadlines.

The council voted to join 10 other Northeastern North Carolina electric towns in a fight with Virginia Power and Electric Company over rates. It has been charged

approximately \$40,000 had been spent on the house. This includes work to the interior as well as new wiring and central heat. All three floors of the structure have been completely renovated and a search is now on for authentic furniture to place in the house.

W. M. Kemp of M. G. Brown Company here was master craftsman for the renovations. Warren labeled Kemp the "greatest craftsman in this part of the country" and added that without his talent the project could not have been completed.

Rev. Fred Drane and Mrs. Ross Inglis did some carvings for the house.

Kemp made and installed all the woodwork and made the hinges. "He made everything except the brass locks," Warren said.

The original woodwork from the Cupola House is in Brooklyn Museum where it was placed after being sold by a former owner of the house.

More than 200 photographs as well as architectural drawings were used by Kemp in duplicating the woodwork. The drawings were not accurate, Warren said, because everything in the house is crooked. Therefore, Kemp's work was more difficult.

Due to draw considerable attention from visitors are three portraits painted by John Wollaston. They are of Thomas Barker and his wife, Penelope, and her step-son, John Hodgson.

Warren said since the house has been completed, some of the original furnishings are finding their way home. Other furniture in the house is on loan from local residents.

Mrs. Crandall will be joined by more than 50 assistant hostesses as well as some junior hostesses as the Cupola House becomes the first tourist attraction in Edenton open to the public on a regular schedule.

## Robey Convicted In Speeding Case

A 17-year-old Chowan County motorist was given 60 days to accumulate money from his own earnings to pay a \$40 fine and court costs after he was convicted of speeding.

Too, Thomas P. Robey, 17, Route 3, Edenton, was ordered not to drive for 12 months.

Judge W. S. Privott, presiding in Chowan County Recorder's Court, entered the unusual judgment Tuesday.

Records show the driver has a conviction of reckless driving as well as being involved in a wreck about four months ago in which several persons were injured, one seriously.

In other cases called by Solicitor Thomas Cheers, Jr., the following action was taken:

Walter A. Layden, speeding, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs.

David W. Mills, no operator's license, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs.

Richard Fleming, Jr., worthless check, four months, suspended upon payment of costs and repay the check.

Willie Lee Gay, non support, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

The following waivers were recognized:

Otis G. Williams, Larry S. Hughes, Miles N. Baker, Jesse W. White, Lloyd B. Small.

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## City Teachers Are Assigned To New Schools

The integration of faculties in Edenton City Schools will come to pass when three local institutions open August 31.

Supt. Hiram J. Mayo said six teachers have been assigned by him on an integrated basis. He is supported by the trustees of the city schools in this action.

Although some school patrons have objected, Supt. Mayo assigned a Negro first grade teacher at Edenton Elementary School. She is Mrs. Roxie Satterfield, a teacher in the summer school program who has previously taught at D. F. Walker School.

Other assignments include: Miss Betty Jean Brown from D. F. Walker librarian to Edenton Elementary School.

Miss Dorothy Graham from librarian at D. F. Walker to John A. Holmes High School.

Miss Frances Marshbourne from first grade at Edenton Elementary School to third grade at D. F. Walker.

Mrs. Lois Venters from John A. Holmes High School to elementary librarian at D. F. Walker.

Miss Edna Sutphin to the music department at D. F. Walker. She is new to the city school faculty.

Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Jr., and Thomas Shepard appeared at the school board meeting Thursday to complain of the proposed assignment of a Negro first grade teacher to Edenton Elementary School.

Mrs. Cheers said in her opinion it would be better to put a Negro teacher in

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**DIRECT ACES** — Seventy-two John A. Holmes High School students are knocking heads at Hicks Field in preparation for the forthcoming football season. Head Coach Marion Kirby, right, and his assistant, David Bumgarner, are shown following one of the two-a-day sessions. This is the biggest turnout in the school's history as the Edenton Aces prepare to defend a 25-game win streak in the 2-A Albemarle Conference.

## Edenton Aces In Drills; Schools Viewed Kirby Has 72 Candidates By Federal Team

Head Coach Marion Kirby this week welcomed a record number of candidates for positions with the Edenton Aces. Before the ink on the physical examination papers 1, the Aces will work out at 8 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Coach Kirby said the team is real thin in the line. He admits that a couple of sophomores might have to be moved up to the varsity team to give the Aces two deep in every position.

Coaches are encouraged, however, with one transfer student who shows real promise. He is Kent Haskett who comes from Virginia. As a junior he is expected to boost the Aces and as Coach Kirby said: "Kent is a strong looking boy who could play a lot of ball for us."

Chesson is the only starter to return from the backfield. Lost are Dwight Flanagan, Ikey Davis and Jim Elliott. There are three seniors and six juniors working in the backfield now and the coaches say several of them are real candidates for starting roles.

The hole is in the offensive line. Four positions are to be filled due to first stringers who graduated.

The Aces open September 2 with Pasquotank Central. Coach Kirby said his team will be ready when the whistle blows.

Other varsity team members returning include: Cal Goodwin, end; Johnny Dowd, tackle; Danny Hassell, guard; Ronnie Harrell, quarterback; and Buddy White, safety.

Coach Kirby and his as-

**Gains Are Noted By First National**

A \$12 million increase in resources during the past year has been reported by First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

The bank's statement of condition as of June 30, showed total resources of \$42,101,509.35. This is a 36 per cent increase over 1965 when resources were placed at \$30,862,193.41.

During the past year deposits rose nearly \$9 million, to a new high of \$37,079,243.01.

First National opened an office in Edenton last month. Two months earlier an office was opened in Dunn. The bank now has offices in 14 towns.

**SUPPER PLANNED** — Center Hill 4-H Club will sponsor a hot dog and hamburger supper on Saturday night, August 20, at the Center Hill Community Building from 5 to 8 o'clock. The 4-H'ers invite the community to come and participate in this supper. Proceeds will be used for the community building fund.

While the team apparently made no formal request for changes in the operation of the schools, it was learned that they left the impression that neither the city or county administrative unit was in compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The inspectors will make a report to their office and recommendations are expected to arrive here early next week.

Supt. Mayo said he would ask for separate meetings of the two boards, as soon as further communication is received from Washington.

Edenton and Chowan County schools open the 1966-67 term on August 31.

**New Pastor Is Called To Rocky Hock Church**

The new Rocky Hock pastor comes to this assignment from Round Oak Baptist Church where he has had a successful pastorage for the past five years.

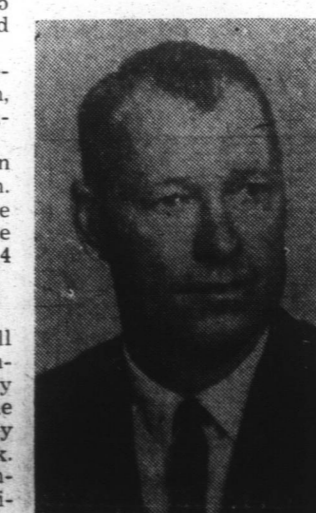
O. C. Long, Jr., who assisted Rev. Robert Harrell on a committee to call a new pastor for the church, said Mr. Garrett comes to Rocky Hock highly recommended. "We look forward to many years of fine association with this pastor who is no stranger to North Carolina," Long said.

Mr. Garrett was in Chowan County earlier this year as he conducted a series of revival services at Macedonia Baptist Church.

The pastor is 41, is married and the father of four sons. A native of Williamsburg, Va., he is a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

While he has never held a pastorage in North Carolina he has conducted numerous revivals in this state.

The Garretts moved into the parsonage in Rocky Hock Tuesday.



REV. M. G. GARRETT