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Re-Enactment Of Tea Party Set Here By N. C. Heart Association

Plans have been disclosed for a restaging of the historic Edenton Tea Party of 1774, it was announced today.

The restaging will be held in the Penelope Barker House Monday, January 2, at 11 A. M.

Mrs. Wood Privott, chairman of the restaging, said that the Tea Party would be re-enacted in keeping with the form of the original party, by local ladies dressed in Colonial costume.

A number of prominent persons are expected to attend the event and to participate in ceremonies following the re-enactment, Mrs. Privott said, including Rep. Walter Jones and folksinger-television star Burl Ives.

A number of others have been invited to attend, she added, and their participation is awaiting confirmation.

In keeping with the spirit of the original Tea Party, local participants will wear Colonial dress and will sign a proclamation similar to the original resolution which supported the Colonial North Carolina Deputies in refusing to drink tea or to import British goods. The original Tea Party was an important episode in the circumstances which led to the Revolutionary War.

The restaging is expected to attract statewide and nationwide attention from the press. Mrs. Privott said that invitations are being extended to all North Caro-

lina newspapers, radio and television stations to attend the event.

The scene of the event will be the Penelope Barker House, home of the woman who organized the original Tea Party. The house is now situated on the Edenton waterfront on the Chowan River.

The signing of the declaration will be held indoors at the Barker House, but a major portion of the ceremonies will be held outside, weather permitting, including brief speeches by Rep. Jones and Ives.

Arrangements are also being made for a program of patriotic music by the John A. Holmes High School band, and the firing of a salute by a contingent of U. S. Marines from the Second Marine Division at Camp Lejeune.

Other parts of the program are still being planned, Mrs. Privott said, and will be announced during the following weeks.

A number of volunteers are needed in staging the event, including women and children who have Colonial costumes to participate in the ceremonies, and others to supervise and assist in other parts of the planned program.

Persons interested in assisting with the restaging are urged to contact Mrs. Privott at her home, by calling 482-3230, or by writing her at 125 Blount Street.



SCHOOL LEADERS AT CHOWAN — The Albemarle Schoolmasters Club, composed of school leaders in this area, met Monday night at Chowan High School with Principal J. P. Snipes, center, as host. At left is Dr. Douglas R. Jones of East Carolina College in Greenville, the guest speaker, with William Byrum, principal at Perquimans County High School and club president, at right.

Dean Says Different Image In Education Needed

Some exciting things are going on in education but it is necessary to project a different kind of image in Eastern North Carolina in this field.

These observations were made by Dr. Douglas R. Jones, dean of the School of Education, at East Carolina College in Greenville, as he addressed a meeting Monday night of Albemarle Schoolmaster's Club.

In his "dream along with you" talk at Chowan High School, the educator said the people of this area are "ready to buy education . . . ready to buy an idea."

He cited the progress being made at ECC and predicted that it would achieve university status because there is a need in the east for such a program.

Dr. Jones went on to say: "There will be a university to use the dynamic leadership of Dr. Leo Jenkins (ECC president)." He said this university status for ECC would be a step toward upgrading education in Eastern North Carolina.

He called on those in his audience, especially teachers, to contribute to a better school system by attending workshops during the sum-

mer. Several are planned at ECC this year.

The speaker pointed to the elementary school curriculum, saying it must be revised and revamped.

Saying "people are hungry in the field of education," Dr. Jones challenged his audience to work toward:

- 1—Improved facilities. The area has been penalized by lack of vision and in regards to facilities the people have been running scared.
- 2—Do away with the teaching principals. School principals need more time for supervision.
- 3—Work toward flexibility

in scheduling. Dr. Jones was introduced by Supt. Hiram J. Mayo of Edenton and Chowan County Schools.

Principal J. P. Snipes of Chowan High School, welcomed the group and introduced the "Eighth Grade Male Chorus" for a musical program.

William Byrum, principal at Perquimans County High School and president of the Schoolmaster's Club, presided at the meeting and called on those present to work toward strengthening the organization.

The Public Parade

FLAW IN NEW SYSTEM

—Recently we read in one of our less favorite morning newspapers where state officials hailed the new District Court system as a boost to highway safety.

The most vocal in this respect was none other than A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., of neighboring Gates County, Commissioner of the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

It said that Godwin has been a consistent critic of the lack of uniformity in the handling of traffic law violations and the lack of training in motor vehicle law that many lower court judges have brought to the bench.

"North Carolina's major weakness in its efforts to promote safety on the highways is not its legislative or enforcement programs," says Godwin in a news release, "but the failure of the state's courts to deal with traffic offenders in such a manner as to cause them to respect the law and improve their driving habits."

In another place, Judge Frank Huskins, director of the Administrative Office of the Courts of North Carolina, says he feels the new system will result in greater respect for the law in North Carolina, thus promoting traffic safety.

The major impact, says Huskins, is that for the first time, all traffic cases will be tried in "courts of record—and courts of dignity."

Before these statements got cool the chief judges in the District Courts got together and published a list of traffic offenses for which court appearance may be waived. These range from speeding 15 miles per hour above the posted limit to weight violations. So, for these violations you admit your guilt, pay the established fine and cost and go on your way.

But it was in District Court here Tuesday where Friends Pilston and Frank would have been uncomfortable.

The solicitor called the case of a man charged with driving drunk. He entered a plea of guilty and the judge didn't want to hear from the arresting officer. The man was given the minimum fine and then allowed more than 60 days to get the money.

The judge was not given the benefit of testimony concerning circumstances of the defendant's arrest. He did not know that this driver had crossed the center line by 12 feet and struck a car. He did not know the driver of the other vehicle was hospitalized for a long period of time. While this was not a routine case the defendant was given the minimum sentence required by law.

If such is allowed to become policy in our new District Courts there is no need to expect more respect for the law. The waiver will replace a man's day in court and our expensive new system of uniform courts will become something on the level of obsolete Jaypee

courts. Respect has to be earned, not legislated.

BENEFITS AT HOME

—There are great benefits to making it a policy to shop at home and random sampling of merchants along The Public Parade indicate more and more local citizens are looking in local stores first.

A shopper might save a few pennies by trading at a big super store, but if he stopped to figure the cost of transportation as well as other factors he would discover it is not at all worthwhile.

Merchants here have done a good job again this year of obtaining a wide variety of merchandise and most shoppers, even the most discriminating, can find a pleasing gift in the local stores.

Beginning Monday, most downtown business establishments will remain open until 9 P. M. for the convenience of the shopping public. Too, the town this week will open up a lot on West Eden Street with 25 additional free parking spaces.

We encourage you to meander along The Public Parade before getting in a strut about a sojourn to far away places. You'll be delighted with what you find and the friendly Edenton merchants will appreciate your business.

GET RID OF LITTER

—Citizens of Edenton will soon be faced with an anti-litter ordinance aimed at making the town more attractive for those who meander along The Public Parade.

The model ordinances, handed to newly appointed Town Attorney W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., Tuesday night by Town Councilmen, prohibit such things as posting of signs on public property, distribution of advertising matter in the downtown area on personal property without permission, distribution of advertising circulars, etc.

Another ordinance discussed was one to allow the police to haul away abandoned vehicles.

The governing body of a municipality, through ordinances, regulates the activity of individuals. This is the democratic process and we have no particular beef about the ordinance being proposed with regards to littering.

One thing which should now be discussed is what action can be taken while dogs continue to beat the efficient street department employees to ugly garbage cans which line the streets of our fair city. It is obvious that no ordinance can regulate this but the Town Councilmen can do something about it.

The anti-litter ordinances can go a long way toward beautifying Edenton. The town can go the second mile by immediately taking steps to rid our streets of garbage cans through back-door pickup of garbage. By this action

C. H. Whedbee Declares Mystery Can Be Solved

Judge Charles H. Whedbee of Greenville declared here Tuesday that archaeologists could solve the mystery of the Lost Colony by researching an area known as Beachland in Dare County.

Judge Whedbee, an authority on Outer Banks lore, built a strong case for his statement and said for the state and federal government to ignore the possibilities at Beachland would be criminal.

He explained that the area in question is now under lease to the federal government as a practice bombing range. He said this was the location of the Malachi Indian tribe which had many

customs similar to the English.

"I am satisfied that Henry Payne lived out his natural life in that fortress with those friendly Indians," Judge Whedbee said.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting of Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, at Chowan Golf and Country Club, Judge Whedbee urged the organization to have Beachland researched. He lauded the women for their ability to get projects moving and said their efforts with respect to Beachland would be tremendous.

Judge Whedbee pointed out that some of Sir Walter Raleigh's colonists traveled to this plateau near East Lake.

Holiday Hours Scheduled Here

Postmaster James M. Bond announced today that the U. S. Post Office here will be open all day Saturday for the convenience of those who wish to mail Christmas packages.

At the same time, Claude Griffin, chairman of the Merchants Committee, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said most stores here will remain open until 9 P. M., each night next week.

Stores here will be closed on Monday, December 26, for the holiday.



ADDRESSES DAR CHAPTER — Judge Charles H. Whedbee of Greenville, an Eastern North Carolina author, is shown as he autographs one of his latest books for Mrs. P. S. McMullan. Judge Whedbee spoke to members of the Tea Party Chapter, DAR, at a meeting Tuesday at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Mrs. McMullan is chapter regent.

Jaycees Seeking DSA Nominees

Edenton Jaycees are currently accepting nominations for the Distinguished Service Award for 1966.

Jack Evans, project chairman, urges all citizens of the county to give special consideration to individuals whom they know have done an outstanding job in their service to the community by their achievements and leadership ability.

Evans said judging would be on the following basis: Contributions to the general community welfare; evidence of leadership ability, and evidence of personal or business progress.

The chairman states that the people of the community owe it to outstanding citizens of the county to nominate them for this coveted award.

Nomination blanks are available at First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Hollowell's Drug Store, Mitchener's Pharmacy or may be obtained from Evans.

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Thomas Shepard Given Seat On Town Council

Thomas H. Shepard, 98 Pembroke Circle, Tuesday night was named First Ward Councilman for the Town of Edenton. He will fill the unexpired term of J. D. Elliott who recently moved from the ward.

Shepard was elected on a 4-1 vote by Town Councilmen after three men had been nominated. J. H. Conger, Jr., and E. L. Hollowell were nominated along with Shepard for the post.

When the secret ballot was tallied, Shepard had received four votes and Conger one. Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., did not vote.

Shepard was notified of his election by the council and came to the Municipal Building to take the oath and immediately assumed his position on the council.

After being given the oath by Mayor Mitchener, the new councilman expressed his appreciation for the confidence placed in him and pledged his best efforts toward his new duties.

Shepard, vice president of Home Feed & Fertilizer Company, is chairman of the

Peanut Yield Good In County

Chowan County's peanut crop in 1966 could exceed the figure last year if future figures keep up with those reported thus far.

H. O. West, ASCS office manager, said with 68 per cent of the county's 585 peanut farms reporting, the average yield is 2,648 pounds per acre. The total yield in 1965 averaged 2,437 pounds.

ASCS office figures show that 404 farms have turned in production cards to date. They report a yield of 9,742,717 pounds of peanuts harvested on 3,679.3 acres.

All production cards must be filed with West by February 15.

In Community "A" the average yield is 2,519 pounds. Reports on 1,667.6 acres showed a yield of 4,199,877 pounds.

The average yield per acre in Community "B" and "C" were within 35 pounds of each other. In the first community the average was 2,769 pounds. There, 1,217.4 acres produced 3,371,472 pounds of peanuts.

West said reports had been received on 794.3 acres in Community "C" with a yield of 2,171,368 pounds, or an average of 2,734.



JOE WEBB, JR.

Webb Reelected To SCS Board

Joe Webb, Jr., Soil Conservation District Supervisor serving on the local board for a number of years, was re-elected in the county supervisors' election last Friday for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 1967.

Webb is a prominent farmer in the Yeopim section of Chowan County. He has served also on the State Association Watershed Committee for quite some time.

Webb was opposed in the election by Jake Jackson for the seat.

He will serve on the local board of supervisors with Lloyd C. Bunch and H. Fahey Byrum conducting the affairs of the district.

District supervisors are charged by law with coordinating the various aspects and charting the course of a soil and water conservation program in the county. As sworn public officials, supervisors are also charged with seeing that an effective conservation program is carried out in the county.

Bunch, chairman of the local board says the election.

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Prizes Offered For Decorations

Edenton Woman's Club is encouraging the Christmas spirit by again sponsoring a home decoration contest.

This year there will be two categories. A first and second prize will be given for door decorations and the same for outside decorations. Windows and yard displays will constitute the outside category.

First prize in each category will be \$10 while second place will be \$5.

Judging in the contest will be on December 22.



THOMAS H. SHEPARD