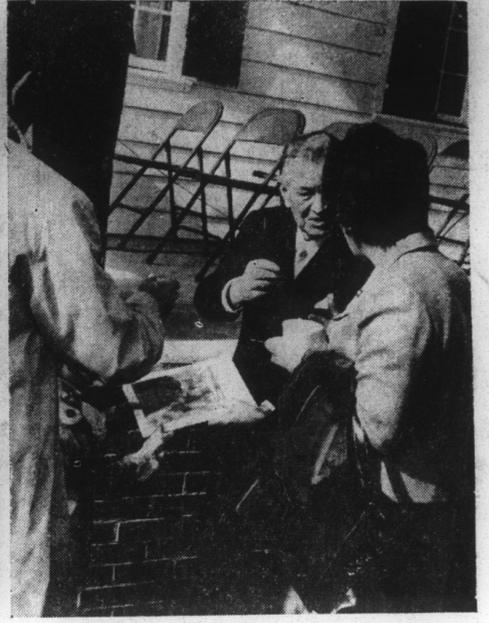




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## Tea Party Event Is Big Success

### 500 Witness Re-enactment At Barker House

"You gotta have heart," said the lyricist. "Lots and lots of heart."

And it was for the sake of the heart that Monday brought on revival of an almost forgotten piece of Americana: the Edenton Tea Party of 1774.

Lots and lots of "hearts" worked on the successful re-enactment of the New Year's program to launch the 1967 N. C. Heart Association educational campaign.

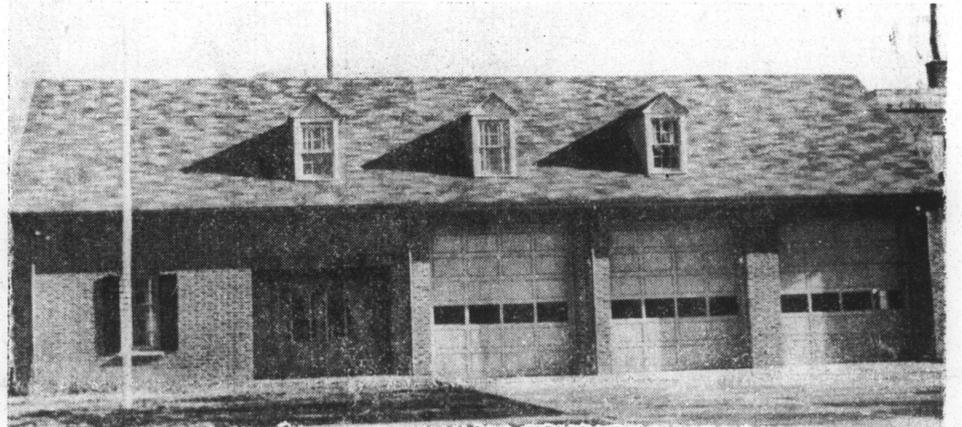
In ceremonies duplicating the original Tea Party, the women of Edenton this time ended their 192-year feud with the British over the drinking and purchase of English tea, and advocated a "declaration of independence from heart disease."

Mrs. Emily S. Badham and Mrs. Wood Privott led the signers of the resolution and Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., asked that it be delivered to President Lyndon B. Johnson by representatives of the town.

There was more than adequate armament here to defend Edenton's quiet waterfront and reinforcements came from Cherryville and Camp Lejeune. The booming of cannon fire, thundering blasts from flintlock rifles, and a salute of the modern Marine weapon kept the chilled audience of some 500 in place.

Mrs. Privott, general chairman of the event co-sponsored by Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the N. C. Heart Association, read the resolution in the restored Barker House.

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EDENTON FIRE STATION — Little remains to be done on the new Edenton Fire Station, located on North Broad Street at Park Avenue. Chief W. J. Yates moved his forces into the spacious headquarters last week. The building, containing some 7,000 square feet of space, was built at a cost of approximately \$90,000. Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., hailed the completion of the building as the final phase of a five-year project to modernize the town's physical facilities.

## The Public Parade

SHOOTING THE WORKS — They called it an almost forgotten piece of Americana: the Edenton Tea Party of 1774. And it took 192 years and the public relations genius of the North Carolina Heart Association to put the pieces together.

Regardless of the label used, the time spread or the grounds distributed, those who meander along The Public Parade can be prouder of their heritage because of Monday's program.

The women of "this quaint little Colonial town" may have ended their long-standing feud with the British over the drinking and purchase of English tea. The Heart Association may have "used" us to focus attention on the greatest killer of all time — heart disease. The Daughters of the American Revolution may have gotten clippings for their scrapbook. And Mrs. Wood Privott and her able assistants may have had some sleepless nights.

Nevertheless, the re-enactment of the Edenton Tea Party was something for the tourist committee of the chamber of commerce to put their teeth into.

Bill Scarborough of Chapel Hill and the heart association, worked on the project with every ounce of ability he could muster. His research and planning—with the help of the weatherman—brought realism to what we all walk around every day. The success of the re-enactment proves we are perched atop an untapped resource.

People are interested in things of historic significance and are willing to pay a fair price to see sights such as are found here. The Edenton Tea Party might be the launching for greater things in the near future.

But, it was not a completely Edenton Party. The Marines came to shoot the cannons guarding the waterfront. However, it was a chanter and his five rifle-

men from Cherryville who made the most noise.

Arriving in the rain Sunday night, the Day Shooters had no more than unloaded the car before they poured black gun powder into their flintlocks and started shooting up the place.

It was the first time in history the Shooters had performed outside their hometown. And they made the best of it.

The chant which precedes the firing of the rifles goes: "Good morning to you, Sir. We wish you a happy New Year, great health, long life, which God may bestow so long as you stay here below. May He bestow the house you are in, where you go out and you go in. Time by moments steal away first the hour and then the day. Small the last days may appear, but yet they soon amount up to a year. This another year is gone and now it is no more or our own but if it brings our promises good as the year before the flood. But let none of us forget it has left us much in debt, a favor from the Lord received since which our spirits hath been grieved. Marked by the unerring hand thus in his book our record stands. Who can tell the vast amount placed to each our accounts? But while you owe the debt is large you may plead a full discharge. But poor and selfish sinners, say what can you to justice pay? Trembling last for life is past and into prison you may be cast. Happy is the believing soul. Christ for you has paid the whole. We have this New Year's morning call(ed) you by your name and disturbed you from your rest. But we hope no harm by the same. As we ask come tell us your desire and if it be your desire our guns and pistols they shall fire. Since we hear of no defiance you shall hear the art of science. When we pull triggers and powder burns you shall hear the roaring of the guns. Oh,

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## Mayor Cites Progress Made Here During '66

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., has declared that 1966 was a banner year for the Town of Edenton and expresses optimism for the year ahead.

In his annual State of the Town report to the citizens, Mayor Mitchener pointed to such accomplishments as the completion of a five-year project to modernize the town's physical facilities and the landing of The Carter's Ink Company.

He said, however, while much has been realized in the past few years in Edenton, there remains a great challenge for the future and municipal officials would meet this challenge with vigor.

"While we tend to boast of our advances, and rightly so, we must not lose sight of

the many things which remain to be done," the mayor said. "Edenton has a dedicated, energetic town council and this body will continue to forge ahead on many fronts."

The mayor went on to say that although the town's budget has continued to increase as citizens demanded additional services the tax rate has remained at \$1 per \$100 valuation. "We have been able to provide the best in municipal services at a moderate tax rate because we have enjoyed increased valuation as well as increased consumption of electricity," he said.

The Town of Edenton is operating this fiscal year on a \$348,107 budget. This amount includes the use of

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## DSA Banquet Tuesday

Bill W. Suttle of Tulsa, Okla., president, U. S. Jaycees, will be the featured speaker at the 13th annual Distinguished Service Award and Bosses Night banquet of

Edenton Jaycees next week. Jack Evans, chairman of the event, said the event will begin at 7 P. M. Tuesday at Chowan Golf & Country Club. This is a Ladies' Night function of the local Jaycees and is a highlight of the year for the local club.

Evans said the club is very proud to have been able to obtain Suttle as keynote speaker for the DSA program during his term as national president. Suttle, a native of Marion, is on leave of absence from N. C. National Bank in Greensboro.

Suttle, who has visited in Edenton on many occasions during his active career in the Jaycees, was elected last year to the national post which climaxed a successful 10-year period in the organization of young men.

An anxious moment during the banquet will be the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award for 1966. This award is given annually by



BILL W. SUTTLE



Mrs. Lloyd Griffin pours British tea for the ladies



Mrs. Wood Privott awaits cue to begin re-enactment



Historic Tea Party re-enacted, TV camera records events