



THE PILGRIMAGE CAUSES A STIR—The 1967 Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside caused a flurry of activity last weekend with Chowan County Court House being the focal point. The pictures here tell some of the story, including the humor, which surrounds such an occasion. At left, Mrs. Robert Boyce, tour chairman, listens as a U. S.



Navy musical group presents a concert Sunday afternoon. Rep. Walter B. Jones, second from right in second picture, had the opportunity to meet some of his former colleagues in the N. C. General Assembly who came to the event. Sen. J. J. Harrington, Rep. Phil Godwin and Rep. Emmett Burden are shown with the congressman. William Drower, first secretary,



British Embassy in Washington, delivered the principal address at the 200th anniversary of the court house. And at far right, Mrs. Leo Katkaveck, secretary for Edenton Chamber of Commerce, strikes a pose with a decorated fire hydrant on East King Street.



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U. S., British Ties Source Of Pride

The "astonishingly valuable" association between U. S. and England is not something to be taken for granted, a ranking British diplomat said here Sunday.

William M. Drower of Washington, first secretary in the British Embassy, said there has always been danger of

(Complete text of Mr. Drower's address is printed on pages 16 and 17 of today's Chowan Herald).

this and "Let us not fall into that error."

In an eloquent address in front of historic Chowan County Court House, the speaker went on to say:

"At the same time let us recognize that an important and a healthy element in the association between our two countries today is that it is not exclusive."

He said too, if this relationship is to be kept "vital and fruitful we must not be afraid of having different points of view from time to time." Then Drower added: "We must both insist on the right to be frank with each other to the point of being blunt if necessary."

The speaker expressed his delight in what he had seen in Edenton and said "everything has the vitality of today."

Speaking of balance of payments, an area in which the British have experienced difficulty, Drower pointed out that no one nation has a monopoly on problems in this field. He said those in command of the problem have done the best they could. "They just didn't know how to tackle such a ticklish situation," he said.

But, according to Drower, the forecasters were off the mark in their predictions of gloom and doom. The trading deficit has been brought down to one-quarter of the 1964 figure and there is a hope not only to balance the books next year but to have a surplus.

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Corn Bids Sought

Chowan County ASCS office is currently receiving sealed bids on corn left from the Livestock Feed program.

H. O. West, office manager, said locally there is 24,784 pounds of corn (442.6 bushels).

The corn on which bids are being accepted is four year old sample grade and the grain can be seen at Edenton Feed & Livestock. It is being sold "as is, where is", West stated.

The government reserves the right to accept or reject all bids on the corn. Bids are being accepted on bushel or hundred weight basis and they must be signed.

West said bids will be accepted until 5 P. M., Tuesday.

Chamber Fails To Act On Request

Directors of Edenton Chamber of Commerce Thursday declined to act on a request from the Beautification Committee that they support a plea to Edenton Town Council for back-door pickup of garbage.

W. B. Gardner, chamber president and town administrator, read a letter from Dr. R. N. Hines, Jr., in which it was stated that the committee felt getting the garbage cans off the streets would make the town prettier as well as cleaner.

Gardner said this could be accomplished by switching to two-day per week trash collection and he didn't think the public wanted this. Now trash is picked up throughout Edenton three times a week.

He called for a sampling of public opinion on the question.



"BUFF" MEETS "BUFF"—A handsome oil portrait of J. Edwin Bufflap, who has served on Edenton Town Council for three decades, was presented to be hung in the Municipal Building Tuesday night. Bufflap, editor of The Chowan Herald, and Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., right, view the painting. Bufflap was the central figure of a surprise ceremony on the occasion of his last official meeting of the council. He retires next month.

Town To Push Improvement Work

A federal grant will be sought by the Town of Edenton to close open ditches and install curbs and gutters throughout the town.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., said Tuesday night it is important that attention be focused on the entire town rather than a particular area.

He said there is a possibility that a federal grant, maybe for 50 per cent of the project cost, could be obtained which would lessen the financial burden for the town as well as the property owner.

At the present time the town's policy on curbs and gutters is for the property owner to pay 50 per cent of the cost. On ditches, the town will install the pipe purchased by the property owner.

Discussion of the federal grant came up as councilmen reviewed estimates of doing curb and gutter work in a section of North Edenton.

Rudolph Dale, a spokesman for the area, said the estimate of \$2.80 per foot seems higher than home owners in the area can pay. He said if a federal grant is secured this figure could be cut greatly.

In other discussion, Councilman Luther Parks said a wooded area in Beaver Hill Cemetery needs attention since there are several unmarked graves as well as tim-

ber which is being destroyed. Mayor Mitchener appointed a committee to study the matter.

Councilman Leo Katkaveck reported on a meeting of Electric Cities in Raleigh last week where plans were made to push for an amendment to the 1965 Electric Bill.

A report was given on the Canine Demonstration held here Friday night and Councilman Tom Shepard said the council should look further into the value of trained dogs in the police department.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said delinquent taxes would be advertised next month.

Historic Edenton, Inc., will ask the General Assembly for a \$50,000 appropriation for restoring and development here during the biennium, it was learned this week.

W. B. Gardner, chairman of the Historic Edenton board, and W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., former Chowan County legislator, are in Raleigh today (Thursday) discussing the budget requests with the First District House members and officials of the Department of Archives and History.

Gardner, town administrator who is also president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, said in the past four years the General Assembly has made available more than \$55,000 for improvements to the Cupola, Barker and Iredell houses.

The 1967-69 budget includes continued work at these three historic shrines as well as funds for establishing a Tourist Center in the Barker House.

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Tributes Are Paid Bufflap By Council

Edenton Town Council became a "This Is Your Life" program for a while Tuesday night as J. Edwin Bufflap bowed out after serving 30 years on the board. An oil portrait of the dean of local public servants will hang in the council room to jog the memories of future generations.

Some 50 friends and associates gathered

at 8 o'clock to participate in tributes and to reminisce.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., relinquished his position to Bufflap, the mayor pro tem, and led an emotion filled 50-minute salute to the veteran councilman.

Mayor Mitchener said he doubted if anyone in the future would see a man bow out of office in Edenton with 30 years distinguished service to his credit. He read tributes and recalled some of the highlights of Bufflap's career.

The mayor said Bufflap's wisdom, experience and wise counsel has been responsible for many of the things which have been accomplished by the council and his own administration.

As the tributes were presented, one after another, the popular mayor pro tem fiddled with the gavel and nodded his appreciation.

Bufflap, known for his keen sense of humor, told the group if he had been given prior knowledge of the occasion he would have written a speech. "And furthermore, if I had known you were going to do this I would have done it (retired) a long time ago," he said.

He explained that he first ran for the council in order to secure news beats on area newspapers. He admitted that he had little hopes of being elected and was playing softball the night a friend brought the message of his victory.

After several minutes of relating some highlights of his three decades as a councilman, Bufflap spoke of the present. Prefacing his remarks with assurance to past mayors that he was not knocking their administrations, he went on to say Mayor Mitchener's administration has "made more real, honest to goodness progress than has been made under any other mayor."

Individual councilmen rose to pay their own tributes to their colleague and as they did he graciously accepted their kind words, filling his familiar crook stemmed pipe.

P. S. McMullan, president of Edenton Cotton Mills and an outstanding community leader in his own right, led the audience participation in the program. He recalled Bufflap's difficulty in catching fish and presented him with a sack full of "speckled perch" which turned out to be a country ham.

And as his fellow Rotarians and other

The Public Parade

Jolly Good Show

Thousands came to meander with us along The Public Parade last weekend. Those who had enjoyed the sights before knew to expect what's best in history and progress. The ones coming for the first time were held in awe as they participated in the Pilgrimage.

A couple obviously wooed and won for keeps was Mr. and Mrs. William M. Drower.

Rep. Walter Jones had secured the First Secretary of the British Embassy in Washington as principal speaker at Sunday's 200th anniversary of Chowan County Court House. Once again Rep. Jones made a wise choice.

There will be many fond memories of this Pilgrimage and much will be written about it. However, from the pen of Bill Drower comes a message difficult to top:

I should be very glad of this opportunity to convey a message of personal thanks from my wife, Constance, and myself to all the ladies of the Edenton Woman's Club and to the other distinguished personalities who combined to make our visit to your lovely city on the occasion of the Chowan Court House Bicentennial an unforgettable experience.

We would naturally like to thank in particular Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stevens, Mrs. Robert Boyce and her delightful family, Mr. and Mrs. James Earnhardt, Senior and Junior, and Mr. and Mrs. Lavezzo, together with Mayor Mitchener, Commissioner Bond and the Honorable and Mrs. Walter B. Jones, Member of Congress for the First District of North Carolina.

With her glorious blossoms, gracious residences and public buildings Edenton is a reminder of so much that our two

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Historic Edenton Asking \$50,000

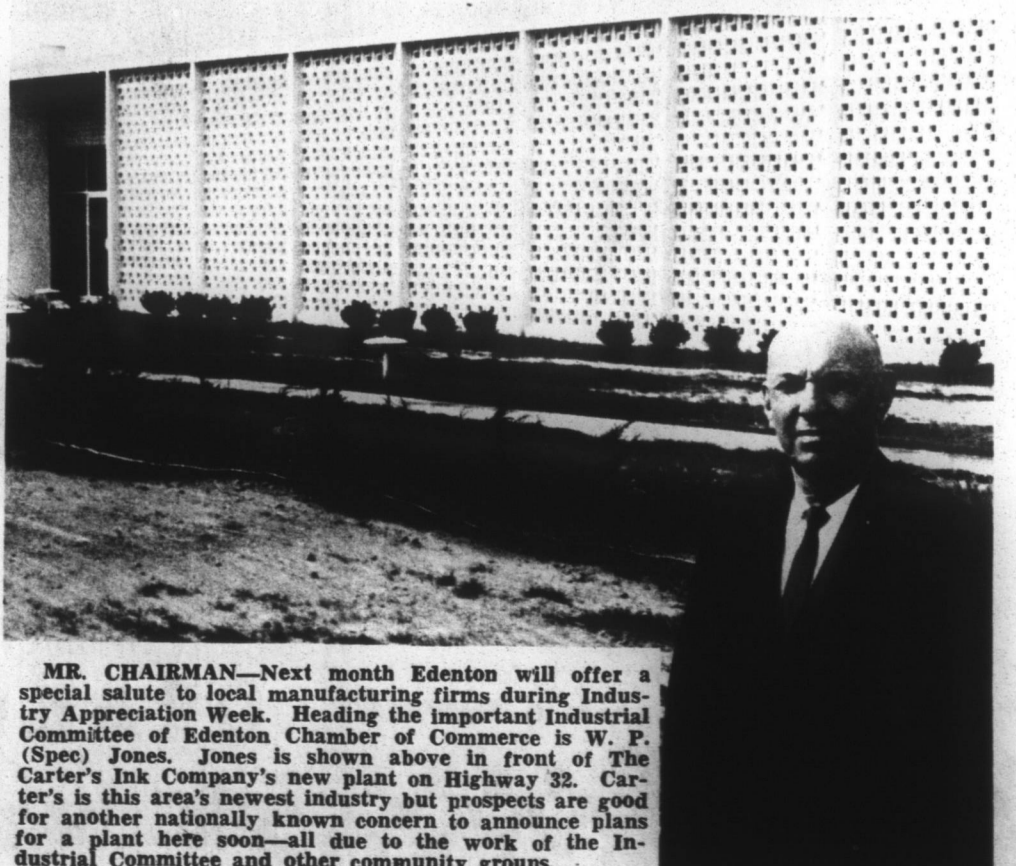
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MR. CHAIRMAN—Next month Edenton will offer a special salute to local manufacturing firms during Industry Appreciation Week. Heading the important Industrial Committee of Edenton Chamber of Commerce is W. P. (Spec) Jones. Jones is shown above in front of The Carter's Ink Company's new plant on Highway 32. Carter's is this area's newest industry but prospects are good for another nationally known concern to announce plans for a plant here soon—all due to the work of the Industrial Committee and other community groups.