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**ENTER "HARVEY"**—Edenton Little Theater members go on stage at John A. Holmes High School auditorium tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock for the first of two performances of the smash comedy play "Harvey." John Becker, left, director, gives Dr. Richard Hardin and Mrs. Iris Etheridge some pointers during a recent rehearsal. The production will be repeated Saturday night. Tickets will be on sale at the door both nights. Those who have witnessed final rehearsals predict this will be one of the finer Little Theater productions.

## The Public Parade No Clear Connection

A report fresh from Greenville, S. C., is that approximately 500 Negro students Monday were parading in front of the county school office demanding a new Negro school.

It seems that a Negro school burned down in Greenville this fall and the school officials decided to get on with this business of integration and assimilate all the Negro students into the white schools.

Now it appears that hundreds of the Negro students don't really want integrated schools after all.

Oh well, we knew all the time that many Negroes didn't want integrated schools, but it has been a difficult task getting this across to the Negro leaders who are paid to promote integration and to the courts which have become political instruments of social change.

### Prepare For Change

Some changes come easier than others. By far the most undesirable change to most citizens is an increase in taxes. This can be expected in the next few years in both town and county, so it is time to get conditioned for it. It doesn't necessarily have to be too painful.

Chowan County commissioners have authorized a Hospital Bond election for December 21 to again determine if the citizens of this county want enlarged and improved medical facilities. The county's share of a new 60-bed hospital has been placed at \$1-million.

The county, through normal increases in valuation and new revenue sources, can probably meet the bond payments without an increase in taxes. However, it is folly to build a structure and not have funds to guarantee its operation until it blossoms into full bloom. This is why voters will be asked to approve up to 10 cents per \$100 in taxes to get the facility off the ground.

This is logical. There are other aspects of the Hospital Bond election which we will dwell on between now and December 21.

In Edenton, town council has been told by engineers that additional water facilities are needed. The cost has been placed at \$300,000, with the possibility of a 50 per cent federal grant. This expansion is necessary to meet the needs of a growing community.

Supt. R. N. Hines of the E&W Department recently gave fellow Rotarians some facts about the operation of his department. They show that during the past 10 years the water and sewer revenue has been \$87,386 less than expenses. This does not include payments on the sewage disposal plant, the balance of which is \$485,000.

Without profits from the municipally owned electric system, our town taxes would already be nearly \$2 per \$100

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## Young Farmer Will Be Honored

Frank Habit, president of the Edenton Jaycees, revealed today that VEPCO is co-sponsoring the Outstanding Young Farmer for 1967-68.

Carolina Power & Light Company, Duke Power Company, and Virginia Electric & Power Company, have joined the North Carolina Jaycees again this year in co-sponsoring the OYF program on the state level.

Each year the Jaycees' OYF program honors young farmers in the area between 21 and 35, who have made the most farm progress, greatest contribution to conservation and given unselfishly to the betterment of their community.

"We are pleased to be associated with the Edenton Jaycees in this public service program," said Richard Bryant of the VEPCO office in Elizabeth City.

"Greater recognition to the deserving young men of our community who are contributing so much to farming is eminently worthwhile."

## Learning Center Gaining Students; Interests Are Varied

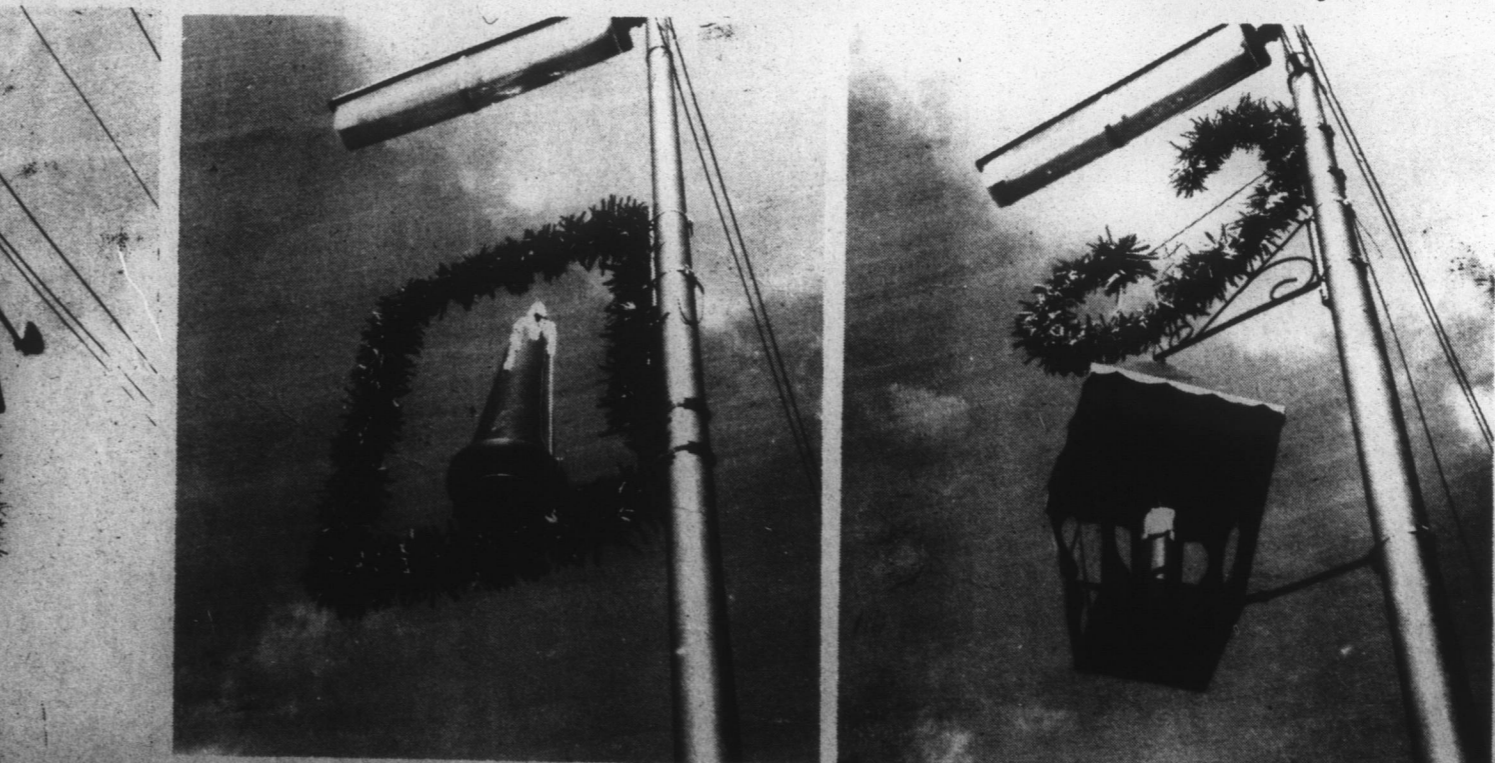
Twenty-three area citizens are currently enrolled in the Learning Resources Center at Ernest A. Swain Elementary School and six others are awaiting materials.

Mrs. F. L. Britt, coordinator of the center sponsored by College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, said those enrolling have displayed a wide variety of interests. They are participating in some of the 90 different programs being

offered.

Mrs. Britt said while a wealth of material is stocked here or at the center at the college, it is impossible to have on hand all of the 90 programs. Therefore, anyone who is considering a particular course of study should enroll now so that if materials are not in inventory they could be secured.

The coordinator said the age of participants ranges from 20 to 50 years.



**READY OR NOT, CHRISTMAS NEARING** — Downtown Edenton began taking on a new look this week as members of the Electric and Water Department went through the annual chore of putting up street decorations for the forthcoming Christmas shopping

## Natural Gas Franchise Gets Reading In Edenton; Water System Discussed

Edenton Town Council Tuesday night passed on first reading a resolution granting N. C. Natural Gas Corporation a 20-year franchise to operate in the town.

John T. Bartlett, chief engineer for the firm, was in attendance at the meeting.

N. C. Natural Gas recently was granted permission of the Utilities Commission to operate in Northeastern North Carolina.

The franchise would allow the firm to install and operate a gas system here. At the end of 20 years the town would have an option to purchase the system.

Officials have hailed the installation of a natural gas system in Northeastern North Carolina as a boost to further in-

dustrialization of the area. Many larger industries require such quantities of fuel that natural gas is the only practical answer, it has been stated.

Members of the Utilities Board met in joint session with councilmen to discuss with J. N. Pease Associates, town engineers, water shortages which at times threaten the safety of local citizens.

The engineering firm recommends that immediate steps be taken to secure new wells, pumping facilities and an elevated tank. Cost of the project has been estimated at \$300,000 with a possible 50 per cent grant coming from the federal government.

The Utilities Board will bring back final recommendations and requests to the council for approval.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, was instructed to meet with county officials to seek cooperation on the employment of a building, plumbing and electrical inspector.

Also, council passed on the recommendation of the Edenton Housing Authority to make application for 309 low-rent housing units.

The Forest Service was given approval to construct a building at Edenton Municipal Airport for storage. This is subject to approval of the Airport Commission.

A delegation from Elizabeth City, headed by Fire Chief A. W. Poole, in attendance and presented a certificate of appreciation to the local fire department.

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## State Title Eyed By Edenton Aces

It is into the state grid playoffs Friday night for the Edenton Aces as they journey to Greenville to meet Camp Lejeune at 8 P. M.

The Aces completed their 2-A Albemarle Conference schedule last week at Gates County with a 13-0 victory. This gave the local team a perfect 9-0 mark in the conference. Their only defeat this season was to 3-A Elizabeth City early in the campaign.

Edenton upset highly ranked Ahsokie three weeks ago, 7-0, on a desperation dash by John Sutton and moved into top spot in the conference. They put the conference crown on ice the next week with a win over Plymouth and saw Ahsokie downed by Williamston.

While the Aces were closing out the regular season at Gates, Pasquotank Central handed Ahsokie another loss, 25-7.

But apparently Gates hadn't gotten the message about the powerful Aces. They hit hard and proved to be a real foe for the visitors who had to overcome many mistakes to bring home the victory.

Edenton took the opening kickoff and marched to paydirt. Then, met with a sticky defense, the Aces were not able to push across another score until late in the final stanza.

The Edenton defense completely baffled Gates as they permitted the Rams across the midfield stripe only twice, never let them get any closer than the 40, and limited them to 56 yards rushing and 44 yards passing.

Edenton's first march was 55 yards.

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**OPENING EXHIBIT**—Undersecretary of Agriculture John A. Schnitker here pulls the opening bell for the Cooperative Photographic and Crafts Exhibition at Smithsonian Institution. It was part of the Washington Co-op Month 67 Observance. Hanging in the left background are hammocks made by Mrs. Ross Inglis of Edenton, part of the crafts displayed by Albemarle Area craftsmen.

## Area Crafts Shown In Smithsonian

A variety of handmade articles by members of the North Carolina Albemarle Craftsman's Guild are helping to keep alive the American heritage of handicrafts.

Through such guilds and small cooperatives, members not only demonstrate their skills but they also earn money by selling their products.

Mrs. Jean W. Ballance and Will Gibbs

of Engelhard, members, make brooms. On display as part of the Washington Observance of Co-op Month 67 this October at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., were several sizes of round and triangular brooms.

Sponsors of the exhibition were the Federal Government, national cooperative organizations, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Award winning photographs that show the wide sweep of U. S. cooperative activities are also part of the exhibition.

Another exhibitor was Mrs. David Ross Inglis, of Edenton, who makes large and small hammocks and doll hammocks. Because her hammocks are made of a nylon fabric and white oak, they may be left outside the year 'round and not rot.

Several dolls with apple heads on display are the work of Mrs. Johnny Lane, Hertford. Her Grandma dolls in

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season. Some new trimmings have been placed on the old decorations as is shown in the above pictures. All will be ready for the Jaycette-Merchants sponsored Yule parade November 30. Whether you like it or not, Christmas is less than six weeks away.