

Storm Leaves Much Damage



The Yard at the Philip S. McMullan Home Shows Typical Scene in Edenton Thursday Morning.

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Workmen Stayed Busy During Storm Repairing Lines

Ice, Snow Cripples Area

Edenton and other Eastern North Carolina towns are slowly returning to normal activities following last week's ice and snow storm.

Reports were that the Edenton-Hertford-Windsor area was one of the hardest hit in Northeastern Tar Heelia. Toll communications from here to Windsor

Loan Association Assets Increased

Edenton Savings & Loan Association showed a \$287,000 increase in assets during the past year, according to a report of condition filed by James C. Dail, executive vice president.

Dail said the local financial institution has continued to make sound progress over the years.

Assets of the association now stand at \$5,030,738.60. Mortgage loans total \$4,440,490.49.

The association maintains \$459,373.14 in reserves.

The annual stockholders' meeting will be held February 5.

J. Clarence Leary is president of the association and Albert G. Byrum is vice president. Dail is also secretary and Lois B. White is assistant treasurer and Wayne Ashley is treasurer.

R. E. Leary is chairman of the board of directors.

The association is now in its 63rd year.

W. R. Capehart

William Rhodes Capehart, 87, of "Albemarle" in Boykin, S. C., died late Monday at Forest Hills Nursing Home in Columbia, where he had resided for several months following a number of years declining health.

He was a retired planter, farmer and commercial fisherman.

Mr. Capehart was born September 17, 1880 in Avoca, Bertie County, son of Dr. William R. Capehart, a physician in the Army of the Confederate States and Clara Cotten Bond Capehart. His wife, Deas Manning Boykin Capehart, predeceased him several years ago.

Educated at Hunters Military Academy at Oxford, he also graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and from Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church and of the Masonic Lodge and was the last of his famous family (fourth generation) to operate the largest seine fishing (inland) in the world located at Avoca. Before retiring in the 1930's Mr. Capehart managed a vast plantation at Avoca and continued his farming at Boykin, specializing in strawberries in later years.

Surviving are two sons, Col. William Cullen Capehart, USMC (Ret.) of Norfolk, Va., and Edenton and Burwell Boykin Capehart of Greensboro; one sister, Mrs. William Selby Harney, Sr., of Edenton.

Services were held at 11 o'clock Friday morning at Grace Episcopal Church.

were not functioning as late as Wednesday morning, nearly a week after the storm.

Edenton's Superintendent of Public Works, R. N. Hines said damage to the utilities system could exceed \$40,000. It will be at least two weeks before members of his department return all systems to normal.

Supt. Hines said the ice and snow storm last Wednesday did more damage to the electric system than any of the hurricanes since 1933.

The two inches of ice and three inches of snow, the official reading by J. H. Conger, Sr., local weather observer, was the most accumulation of the two at one time in memory of most senior citizens.

Damage was not limited to the electric and telephone systems. The weight of the ice was too much for many trees in the area and they buckled under the strain. Many streets were blocked by the downed utilities lines and tree limbs.

Crews from the Street Department

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Presentation Set

Albemarle Wildlife Club will receive its charter tonight (Thursday) at an oyster roast scheduled at Edenton Marina. It begins at 7 o'clock.

A representative of the Wildlife Federation will present the charter to George Lewis, club president.

The local club will play host to Pasquotank Wildlife Club for this meeting. Reservations are necessary and should be called in to N. J. George, club secretary, by noon Thursday.

Wallace Evans DSA Winner; Taylor Stresses Concern Over Complacency

Wallace Evans, active young Chowan County church and community leader, Tuesday night was named recipient of the 1967 Distinguished Service Award, presented by Edenton Jaycees.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., an-

nounced the winner and presented the award at the annual DSA banquet at the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

Evans, an employee at Hughes-Parker Hardware, was cited for his work in

community and church activities in Rocky Hock as well as leadership demonstrated during the successful \$1-million hospital bond referendum. He was co-chairman of the Jaycee-promoted campaign.

The winner is also first vice president of the Jaycees.

Eleven of the 13 past DSA winners were special guests at the banquet.

Prior to making the presentation, Mayor Mitchener said the DSA winner would enter a very select fraternity. "His opportunity to be of service to his community and his responsibilities are just beginning," he noted.

H. Patrick Taylor, Jr., of Wadesboro, former Speaker of the State House of Representatives and candidate for lieutenant governor, called for a "revitalized society" in an inspiring keynote address.

Taylor said young people in America must assume more responsibility. "We seem to have adopted a philosophy that it takes an old man to get things done," he added. The challenge, he noted, is to have young men assume responsible positions in government.

The speaker went on to say the state and nation needs more people who stand for something. He praised advances in modern technology, but said there is a great need for development of a purpose to live above our technical training.

Taylor pointed out that changes are realized slowly and in this period of history it is not difficult to find great causes to support. "We must, however, have courage to support causes in days of their unpopularity," he said. "We must believe conditions can be improved."

He called for restoration of initiative and determination and called a revitalization.

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The Public Parade

Shape Of Things To Come

Outlines of the 1968 gubernatorial campaign in North Carolina are now beginning to take shape—and pretty soon the voters will begin taking sides.

One thing is for sure. Nobody in either the Republican or Democratic party is going to get a free ride. On the contrary, it looks like a stiff campaign in both primary and general elections.

There will be at least three names on the Democratic ticket—Robert W. Scott of Haw River, J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh and Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins, a Negro dentist of Charlotte.

And on the Republican side, John Stickley of Charlotte will be opposed by Rep. Jim Gardner of Rocky Mount.

There are certain aspects that make both the Democratic and Republican primaries unique. Dr. Hawkins is the first Negro to seek the office in modern times. That makes the Democratic primary unusual. And for the Republicans, it is just unusual for them to have a primary for the top posts.

We predict, for what it is worth, that Bob Scott will emerge as winner of the Democratic nomination and Jim Gardner will carry the banner for the Republicans; and then, following a close general election in November, Scott will emerge as the next Governor of North Carolina.

But nobody can guarantee any of this.

To begin with, the entrance of Dr. Hawkins will complicate the Democratic primary. Despite his protestations to the contrary, the best he can hope for is a seat at the bargaining table; but, if the November election follows a summer of riots and looting, he could well find no

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Mrs. Louise S. Pratt

Mrs. Pratt Chosen

Mrs. Louise Simpson Pratt, 208 West Eden Street, will represent Chowan County in the 1968 Mother of the State of North Carolina contest.

Her nomination is now being considered on the district level and if she is successful there she will enter the state contest. The American Mother will be chosen from among the 52 State Mothers.

Mrs. Pratt was nominated by the Yeopim Extension Homemakers Club, of which she is a member.

A native of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Pratt is the widow of Robert Long Pratt. She is medical aide to Dr. Roland H. Vaughan at Chowan Medical Center.

Mrs. Pratt has two children: Robert L. Pratt, Jr., of Bridgewater, Va.; and Stanley Webster Pratt, a student at the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City.



DSA WINNER SELECTED—Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., right, Tuesday night announced the selection of Wallace Evans, second from right, as winner of the Distinguished Service Award for 1967. Others in the above photo are H. Pat Taylor, Jr., of Wadesboro, principal speaker, and Mrs. Evans. Edenton Jaycees held their annual DSA banquet at the Jaycee Community Building on Base Road. Evans, first vice president of the local club, has excelled in church and community activities.