

The Public Parade

Wonders of Weather

Cold weather does many things, among them killing bugs.

It also causes the furnace to run and makes oil dealers happy.

One such person was spotted with a smile broader than the one displayed at the successful run of "Blithe Spirit" by Edenton Little Theater.

Driving For Culture

Well, we went up to Charlotte last week to soak up a bit of culture. We discovered, however, there is more of the stuff along The Public Parade, both liquid and solid, than was in the Queen City—bicentennial and all.

Nevertheless, it is often necessary to get out of the forest in order to see the trees. And it is a fact, there are more productive and promising "trees" here—about than anywhere in North Carolina.

The "Culture Week" activities took on the glow of Edenton Colony at various times with 15 representatives from Ye Ole Towne on Queen Anne's Creek.

And before adjournment it appeared local folk had decided honors were easier to claim by the dozen.

Those who have devoted love, devotion and long hours to make Historic Edenton, Inc., work as a pioneer organization were well rewarded—earning recognition from within the state and outside for their efforts.

Lloyd E. Griffin, who has told the Edenton story long and loud over more years than he wants to admit, was surprised with a special award from N. C. State Art Society. It was the first time such awards were given in the past 14 years.

Before we got settled down to our usual uncultured way of life, the word was spread around our house that we

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Supports Remark

N. J. George, member of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, said this week he has documented proof to support his statements concerning future plans for educating local students.

At a board meeting December 2, he asked if an informal agreement had not been made concerning the make-up for high schools in the county. Both Dr. Edward G. Bond, chairman, and Supt. Bill Britt said no such agreement had been made.

George said he pursued the question on the basis of testimony contained in a deposition filed in Federal Court, taken June 28, 1968, from Dr. Bond.

The local board is under court order to file in January a plan for the high schools next year.



W. H. Hollowell, Jr.

Hollowell Named To Council Seat

W. Herbert Hollowell, Jr., Queen Anne Place, Tuesday night was named to Edenton Town Council from the First Ward. He will fill the unexpired term of Thomas H. Shepard.

Shepard resigned, effective December 1, to become a magistrate in Chowan County.

Following election by councilmen, Hollowell was called to the meeting, took his oath and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

In a unique move, Mayor Pro Tem Luther C. Parks made a motion at the outset that the names of two men mentioned as replacements for Shepard be considered. They were Hollowell and Alton G. Elmore. Councilmen approved this motion and voted by secret ballot. Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., announced the election of Hollowell. He did not report the vote.

Upon recommendation of Police Chief J. D. Parrish, council passed an ordinance against spinning tires.

As a safety measure, Councilman David G. White recommended that trucks not be allowed on Granville Street between Hicks Street and Highway 32. This detour was approved.

White and other councilmen expressed concern over the condition of the street in this area since the U. S. Corps of Engineers completed work on the Filbert's Creek Project. It was noted that the banks have eroded back almost to the edge of the street and the pavement might cave in with continued use by heavy vehicles.

Additional discussion was held con-

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Commission Plots Course For Hospital

Chowan County commissioners, meeting in special session Tuesday afternoon, cleared another legal hurdle toward construction of a new 61-bed county hospital.

The commissioners passed a resolution which:

Authorized construction of the hospital and the purchase of equipment if the total price does not exceed \$1,708,000. (The county is to sell \$1-million in bonds; \$600,000 will come from federal funds; and \$108,000 from state funds).

Named trustees of Chowan Hospital, Inc., to act as agent of the board and as a building committee.

Approved the site on Highway 32, west of Chowan Medical Center.

Approved the plans and specifications. Authorized Chowan Hospital, Inc., to appoint an official spokesman for the project.

Appointed County Treasurer George Hoskins as official treasurer for the project.

The resolution was presented by John W. Graham, who last week was appointed by commissioners to represent the county in dealing with the hospital work and other agencies in the project.

Jesse L. Harrell, hospital board chairman, said the board hopes to have the project approved by U. S. Public Health Service soon so "we can go ahead and advertise for bids since construction costs seem to be down somewhat at this time."

The hospital's executive committee met later Tuesday and named Tom Surratt, administrator, to be official spokesman for the project.

OYF Selection Is Set By Jaycees

S. L. Lowery of Elizabeth City, veteran Pasquotank County Extension Chairman, will be principal speaker at a banquet tonight (Thursday) honoring the Outstanding Young Farmer of Chowan County for 1968.

The event is sponsored annually by Edenton Jaycees and Vepeco.

The banquet will begin at 7:30 P. M. at the Jaycee Building on Base Road. Marvin Ashley is chairman of the OYF event.

Lowery, a native of Jones County, is a graduate of N. C. State University and taught vocational agriculture in Pas-



BURR! MR. WINTER ARRIVES—Sunday morning found Northeastern North Carolina all wrapped up for winter—thanks to ice and snow that moved in unexpectedly. Sleet started falling early Saturday night and was followed by a goodly amount of snow which piled up depths of from one to two inches through Chowan County. The cars at Albemarle Motor Company's lot, like everything else in the area, sat and waited for the thaw—which hadn't completely unwrapped the area by press time.

Tyrrell County Big AADA Winner

Tyrrell County dominated the spotlight in last week's eighth annual meeting of the Albemarle Area Development Association.

Gum Neck won first place in community judging for the second consecutive year and Walter Oakes of Tyrrell was elected AADA president. Also, the county won a new award initiated this year for making the greatest progress in community, agricultural and industrial development, fine arts, travel and recreation.

Perquimans County placed second for this new award while Chowan County came in third.

The awards were presented by Richard L. Bryant, Jr., of Elizabeth City, AADA community development chair-

man. More than 250 people attended from the 10-county area. The meeting was held at Edenton National Guard Armory.

Center Hill Community in Chowan County won honorable mention in the judging and earned a \$50 prize.

Erie Haste, Jr., of Hertford, outgoing president, said the area is making considerable progress toward its goal of making Northeastern North Carolina a better place in which to work, live and play.

Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Jr., of Edenton, president of Chowan Arts Council, was named chairman of the AADA Fine Arts Committee and Edenton Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., was named to head the Tourist and Recreation Committee.

Robert S. Gay of Richmond, a Vepeco official, lauded the obvious progress made possible through the association and called it "one of the finest examples of teamwork" he had ever encountered. He was particularly impressed with the fact the AADA concentrates "not only on industrial development, but on agriculture, community, travel and recreation."

Adult Classes Set

An organizational meeting for adult classes at Chowan High School will be held at 7:30 P. M., Monday with four courses being offered through the school's vocational agriculture department.

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EDENTON IN CULTURE WEEK LIMELIGHT—"Culture Week" moved to Charlotte last week to help the Mecklenburg county seat celebrate its Bicentennial and Edenton was much in prominence. Historic Edenton, Inc., won two awards and Lloyd E. Griffin of Edenton was given an Arts Society citation. W. B. Gardner, president of Historic Edenton, Inc., is shown in the picture at extreme left as he receives an award from T. S. Tarlton, left, representing the American Association for State and Local History. Gardner is shown in the next picture with those who received the coveted Cannon Cups from T. Harry Gattton, president.

N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, Inc. Left to right are: Mrs. Henry Zenke of Greensboro for Mrs. Mary L. Caine; Gattton; Mrs. Edith Hamilton of Shelby for her mother, Mrs. Dan K. Moore; Gardner and Miss Margaret Harper of Lenoir. Griffin is shown in the next picture. Dr. H. G. Jones, new head of the N. C. Department of Archives and History, is shown with Mrs. Goldie Niblett, left, and Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Sr., two of the 15 representatives from Edenton attending various functions during Culture Week.

Historic Edenton, Griffin Award Winners During Culture Week

CHARLOTTE—Edenton made the spotlight on Charlotte's bicentennial blink during "Culture Week" with three awards being captured—the most of any other town in North Carolina. The event was held December 3-7.

Historic Edenton, Inc., a pioneer organization in cooperative efforts to promote a single area, won the coveted Cannon Cup and a national certificate. Lloyd E. Griffin was honored by the N. C. State Arts Society.

Also, 15 representatives from Edenton

attended various activities of the different groups which made up "Culture Week". This attendance was surpassed only by residents of Charlotte—the host city.

W. B. Gardner, president, Historic Edenton, Inc., made an impressive report during Thursday's meeting of the N. C. Society for the Preservation of Antiquities. He told how the non-profit corporation was formed and gained support of town and county government as well as the General Assembly.

He said Historic Edenton had obtained leases and visitation agreements with five historic sites and had the cooperation of many diverse historical groups. "I am happy to say that these groups and many others have worked harmoniously toward one common goal and that is the better presentation of our historic sites, and the uniform development of a preservation program that we hope will continue to grow and prosper," he said.

At the evening session of the society, Gardner accepted for Historic Edenton

one of our Ruth Coltrane Cannon Awards. The Edenton group was recognized for outstanding accomplishments in a plan for operating the historic sites in the Cradle of the Colony. T. Harry Gattton, society president, presided.

The American Association for State and Local History this year voted a Certificate of Commendation to Historic Edenton. The awards, chairman, Alexander J. Wall, Jr., president of Old Staurbridge Village in Massachusetts, said the certificate was conferred for

the efforts of five separate agencies and group to pool their resources and launch a consolidated, centralized program for all.

This certificate was presented at Friday's luncheon meeting of the N. C. Literary and Historical Association. T. Sam Tarlton, director of Historic Sites, N. C. Department of Archives and History, made the presentation to Gardner.

Griffin, retired executive secretary, N. C. Citizens Association, was present-

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