



Public Parade

Color It 'Bravo'

Neil Simon would have been proud of "The Odd Couple" last week. As a matter of fact, the playwright would have been as thrilled with the treatment Edenton Little Theater gave his comedy as those who witnessed one of the three performances.

John Becker and his playmakers strengthened the local group's reputation for excellence. In so doing they made the challenge great for those who have a hand in future productions.

We had every intention of writing a flashy, well worded review of the play. However, we became so entertained by what was happening on stage, as well as audience reaction, we never got around to making notes.

From the time the curtain rose on an extremely well designed set, until Becker proudly pranced onto the stage to receive applause from cast and audience, it was an experience we had never enjoyed from the theater. It was obvious that those around us were also having a darned good time.

To be sure, Simon doesn't know Joe Conger, Jr. Yet he wrote the part of Oscar just for him. For years to come amateur groups will be staging "The Odd Couple" but without Joe Conger, Jr., it just won't measure up.

Joining in an equally spectacular performance was Dr. Richard Hardin in the role of Felix. The Conger-Hardin casting was a stroke of genius.

And by the same token, too much cannot be said for the supporting cast of James Bond, Nelson Crandall, Tom Surratt, Nathan Owens, Emily Amburn, and Sharon Twiddy.

Everyone contributed admirably to the success of the production. Comedies which have the audience so enjoying what they are witnessing that they laugh as hard in the final scene as in the first can be described only as tremendous.

The word got out from rehearsals of the excellence of "The Odd Couple". This brought to Holmes Auditorium the biggest audiences in the little theater's history. This in itself speaks well of what Becker and his troupe were all about.

Our taste for the theater has never gotten off the golf course. Nevertheless, Thursday's performance of this play brought it back for more on Saturday.

If you missed it, we're sorry. You missed a "bloody good" masterpiece.

Just Plain Nonsense

This is a time of plenty for most of those who meander along the Public Parade.

There is, generally speaking, food in sufficient quantity—if not in quality—that there is no widespread reports of hunger. Too, most everyone, without really trying, can usually find some constructive way of entertaining himself.

Two items we handled this week, however, can be described best as being just plain nonsense.

Four young boys now have an arrest record with Edenton Police Department. They range in ages from 11 to 14. The fact they are Negroes is immaterial. But the fact they took something not belonging to them is. What? Candy from a local store.

For a 19-cent package of candy one of the boys has a record as being a thief. The one who took 39-cents worth is in the same boat, and so on. They will carry this stigma for the remainder of their lives.

They may not realize it, but society hates a thief worse than anything. Acquiring such a record, for a few pennies worth of candy, is nothing but nonsense.

Secondly, an investigation is being pushed into an incident where vandals entered a family graveyard in upper

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Weather Hurts, But Tour Successful

The biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside was "real successful" considering all elements. This was the report this week from Mrs. Warren Twiddy, general chairman.

Mrs. Twiddy said pilgrimage officials of Edenton Woman's Club were pleased with the results of the tour. While participation was not as much as in prior years, Mrs. Twiddy said considering the weather the tour was successful.

Friday was considered a "fair" day with most of the touring being cut short in the afternoon due to rain. The bright sun Saturday brought out many visitors



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MORE INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT—The recent funds campaign for Chowan Hospital, Inc., received an additional boost this week when another industrial contribution was received. It came from George C. Moore Company. Here Edward Puryear, plant manager, hands the \$3,500 check to Tom Surratt, hospital administrator. This is the largest industrial gift to date.

Chowan Hospital Is Re-Accredited

The board of commissioners of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has approved the recommendation that Chowan Hospital be accredited for a period of three years. This is the result of an evaluation of the hospital survey recently conducted.

Thomas Surratt, hospital administrator, said a survey of the local facility was made March 21. "We naturally are delighted that our efforts to improve patient care at the hospital has resulted in this accreditation for another three-year period," he stated.

The board of trustees, the medical staff and the administrator were commended for the new bylaws, rules and regulations prepared and adopted "so promptly" to comply with the standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.

Accreditation means that Chowan Hospital . . .

Voluntarily meets high standards of patient care;

Is progress-minded — constantly striving to improve its services;

It always has your welfare at heart.

Also, accreditation is described as a special yardstick, which sets up carefully-designed standards for every area of activity in an average hospital.

Newspaper Cited

With an "All American" rating last year, the CHOWANIAN has again received an "All American" rating from National Scholastic Press Association at Minneapolis, Minn., in National competition, 1968 fall semester.

A few days later, the CHOWANIAN was rated Medalist by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association from Columbia University, New York, N. Y., for the 1968 issues.

The CHOWANIAN has vacillated between first place and All American in NSPA and CSPA competition since 1966. This is the first Medalist award the paper has received.

Both press associations praised the front page layout, news coverage, masthead and leadership aspects of the paper. The judge from CSPA said, "A generally excellent paper . . . you and your staff have done a good job."

Editors for 1968 included Emily Peele and Brenda Hollowell, Spring Semester, and Jo Ella Copeland and Diane Peedin, Fall semester editors. Both semester issues were judged and won the CSPA 1968 Medalist award.

and was the best day of the event.

Overcast skies, cool wind and an occasional drizzle of rain held down the crowds Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Twiddy said overall those connected with the tour are real pleased with the results. She added that no one could remember such bad weather over an extended tour schedule before.

She said everyone cooperated and worked together beautifully on the 1969 pilgrimage. She expressed her appreciation to the home owners and host of volunteer guides, etc., who made the tour successful.

Jaycees Set For Awards, Installation

Tom Watts, Elizabeth City attorney and Jaycee leader, will be principal speaker here tonight (Thursday) at the annual installation and ladies' night banquet of Edenton Jaycees.

Watts is national director-elect for the Northeast Region of Jaycees and last year was state legal counsel. Also last year he was chosen one of the top five outstanding young men in North Carolina.

In addition to private legal practice, Watts is assistant to the district court solicitor.

He will be introduced by Wayne Ashley, president-elect of the local club.

The banquet will be held at the Jaycee Community Building, beginning at 7 P. M.

In addition to installation of officers by Sid Snyder, N. C. Jaycee vice president, presentation of awards will be made. They include Spoke and Spark Plug awards, Exhausted Rooster Certificates and the Key Man Award.

Wallace Evans, Jaycee president, will be master of ceremonies.

In addition to Ashley, officers to be installed include:

Bobby Bunch, first vice president; E. C. Toppin, second vice president; Woody Copeland, secretary; Graham Farless, corresponding secretary; George Clark, treasurer, and Jack Evans, chaplain.

Evans becomes chairman of the board and Pete Dail is state director. Directors include: Louis Craddock, Knapp Brabble, Marvin Shaw, Mack Privott, Thomas Peele and Bill Boyce.

Expansion Of Task Force Discussed

WILLIAMSTON — Twenty-four people from nine school administrative units in this district Monday night held an organizational meeting here for the Task Force for Education.

Jack Golstein of Windsor, district Task Force chairman, said as a result of the meeting it is hoped that citizens' groups can be formed within each unit to tell the story of public education.

He explained the importance of lay citizens becoming more actively involved in the operation of the schools and said the movement is expected to gain support state-wide.

Robert Pierce of Farmville, a Task Force committeeman, presented a capsule report on the recommendations of the Governor's Study Commission on Education. One of the recommendations was organization of the Task Force for Education.

The importance of better public relations was stressed by L. F. Amburn, Jr., Edenton editor who is on the district



JUNIOR EVENT WINNERS—The 15th Annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale is now history. But it will long remain in the memory of at least two of the participants—Cindy Ward and Jimmy Evans. Evans showed the Grand Champion steer and it was purchased by Byrum Implement & Truck Company. Cindy, for the second straight year, entered the Grand Champion individual pig. It was purchased by M. D. Baker. Chowan and Ryland Ruritan clubs sponsor the event.

Champion Animals Sold

Cloudy skies and rain failed to dampen the spirits of 4-H and FFA members at the 15th Annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale last Wednesday. The event was sponsored by the Chowan and Ryland Ruritan clubs.

Youthful exhibitors showed 29 pigs and 10 steers. Quality of both was excellent — perhaps the best in the 15-year history of the event, said Harry Venters.

Jimmy Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Evans showed the Grand Champion steer and also won first place in Fitting and Showmanship. His choice

Angus sold to Byrum Implement and Truck Company for 38 cents per pound.

Cindy Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ward of Ryland showed both the Grand Champion Individual pig and the Reserve Grand Champion Pen of Three. The individual pig was purchased by M. D. Baker Hog Market for 40½ cents per pound and the pen of three was sold to Peoples Bank & Trust Co., for 23½ cents per pound.

Allen Copeland had the Reserve Grand Champion Individual pig which M. D. Baker Hog Market bought for 28½ cents per pound. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Copeland of Tyner.

Harry Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ward, showed the Grand Champion pen of three, purchased by M. D. Baker Hog Market for 33 cents per pound.

All other pigs were sold together to Kittrell and Smithfield Packing Co.

In swine Fitting and Showmanship, Terry Lamb won first place for the second year. Emmett Winborne and Bill Bunch placed second and third.

Nine choice and one good grade steers were also shown by 4-H and FFA members.

Jane Parrish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Parrish showed a 1,000

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Cemetery Damage

Vandals moved through a family cemetery in the northern section of Chowan County recently, causing considerable damage.

Deputy Sheriff Troy Toppin said a liberal reward had been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those who damaged grave markers in the Byrum Cemetery, near Happy Home Church.

The investigation showed that several stones had been damaged and others had been moved from one grave to another. "It was a sickening sight," the deputy reported.

He said the vandalism was discovered more than a week ago at the cemetery between Ryland and Center Hill.

Dr. Hart Retiring

Dr. W. I. Hart has announced his retirement from the practice of dentistry.

Dr. Hart wrote from his winter home in Coral Gables, Fla., of his decision to retire after 42 years of practice. He was scheduled to return to Edenton about May 1.

For the past several years Dr. Hart has maintained a practice here during the winter months. He will be in the area early in July, he reports.

Civil Court Slated

Eight cases appear on the calendar for a civil term of Chowan County Superior Court, scheduled to convene here Monday morning. Judge Joseph Parker of Windsor will preside.

Several of the cases have appeared on the civil calendar in this court several times during the past. The entire civil calendar was continued at the March Term when it appeared that the entire week would be required to try criminal cases.



PILGRIMAGE VISITORS—The biennial tour of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, regardless of the weather, brings thousands of visitors to the area. "Sweet and Low," shown docked here beside the Barker House Visitor Center-Museum, brought Ralph H. Wiley of Oxford, Md., and two friends. This was Wiley's second visit to the area, having come into port here two years ago. He was very kind to Edenton in a recent article in Boating Magazine. And it is interesting like Wiley's that makes the Cradle of the Colony popular.