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## A LIFT FOR TODAY

With Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light.—Psalm 36:9.  
Nations that accept God as their guide need no iron curtain to conceal their poverty and wretchedness.  
We thank Thee, O Lord, for the assurance of Thy loving kindness unto them that knew Thee, and Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

## Open House Here

A highlight of National Library Week in Chowan County will be a showing of drawings and paintings by Miss Betsy Ross of Edenton who will be receiving with members of the Chowan Committee on Sunday afternoon from 3 - 5 o'clock at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

Citizens of Chowan and the Albemarle Area are invited to the open house to meet the artist and visit the library.

Miss Ross, the daughter of Mrs. J. J. Ross, graduated from Holmes High School, from East Carolina University with a major in painting, received her masters degree in 1965 and is now instructing in the Art Department of that university. She has had two one-man shows in the Greenville Art Center, one in the ECU Hallway Gallery, and one in the Union County Library in Monroe. The show in Edenton will remain throughout the month.

## Named Inspector

Jacob A. Stafford, Route 5, Elizabeth City, has been appointed as a construction inspector for the Farmers Home Administration with headquarters at Hertford, according to an announcement made by James T. Johnson, State FHA director.

Johnson stated that "construction inspector positions have recently been authorized to assist with the agency's accelerated Rural Housing Program where by loans are made for the construction, purchase or repair of homes in rural areas. Construction inspectors are being employed to make inspections during construction, assist families in planning for new homes, repairing existing homes, advise borrowers on construction problems, recommend construction changes and maintain a close liaison with builders and contractors in the area."

Stafford will perform inspection work in Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Hertford and Gates counties.

The Farmers Home Administration is an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture serving farmers and rural residents with credit and supervision.

## Ferry Operating

CAPE CHARLES, Va.—Here's good news for winters residents and visitors who will soon start the long drive north: The Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, which spans the wide mouth of the bay on the coastal highway, is back in complete operation.

(The Bridge-Tunnel was closed for several weeks during the winter after being rammed by a drifting Navy cargo ship).

A complex structure of bridges, tunnels, man-made islands and trestled roadway, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel goes over and under the mouth of the bay. Its 17.6 miles take just 23 minutes to drive across. The ferry it replaced took 90 minutes to two hours to make the crossing. The Bridge-Tunnel joins U. S. 13.

## EVANS TO CHAIR

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He is active in community development and served as Rocky Hock Community chairman for several years. He now is Chowan's representative on the AADA committee.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, Route 3, Edenton; he is a graduate of Chowan High School. He is married to the former Linda Kirby and they have one son. The Evans' are members of Rocky Hock Baptist Church where he has taught Sunday School for the past 12 years.

## Heard & Seen

"By Buff"

My friend Jack Williams over at Elizabeth City, tells me he recently became daddy of a new son. "I'm glad it's all over," wrote Jack, "for I went through a terrible pregnancy. Lynda did better. The baby is the only good thing that has happened since Christmas Day. I don't know why friends keep digging holes in my yard. It is not true that I buried a bottle of Scotch in my yard when the baby was born. But I have wondered why the dog got drunk one night when he went out to bury a bone. Give my best to Kate. I have to go out now and get a motor scooter for our new son."

Again April 4 will be the first Saturday in the month, which means that the Methodist Men's Club will serve a pickled herring breakfast at the church Saturday morning from 7 to 9 o'clock. I understand the herring gave out at last month's breakfast, so that the "boys" will be sure to have enough on hand this Saturday to feed all who turn out.

Those who were tuned in to WNCT-TV station at Greenville on Sunday must have been delighted to hear Herbert Hollowell, Jr., saluted as "Today's Outstanding North Carolina Citizen." He was recently elected second vice president of the North Carolina Association for the Blind. So here's a tardy congratulation. And speaking about his activities, he's a virtual dynamo when it comes to getting things done around the local Methodist Church. He's put in many an hour in connection with what's been done recently at the church.

Members of the Chowan Scottish Rite Club are planning to sponsor another fish fry Saturday, April 25. They'll be serving fish from 11 A. M. to 7 P. M. in front of the Scottish Rite club house on North Granville Street. The boys (and girls) are hoping that a lot of people will be working up an appetite for a fish meal so that they can sell a lot of plates.

Latest from the Bufflap Sick Room: The Missus as of Wednesday afternoon is getting a bit stronger and has been able to get out once in a while—which she enjoys very much. Keep on, and we'll be going fishing one of these days.

Though I've not gotten around to clean up the top of my desk, still another old newspaper clipping was found in the junk taken from one of my desk drawers. The heading is: "Ask Citizens to Rally to Cupola House Aid," and appeared in the old Edenton Daily News on May 12, 1932. In that it has to do with one of our most prized historical gems, it might be interesting to some readers, so here 'tis:

An Edenton institution that has been a beacon in the long history of the city and county is in danger of going out of existence as a public landmark unless citizens of the town and county rally to its support.

It is the Cupola House. For many years, since 1768, when it was built by Francis Corbin, agent for the Lords Proprietors, the old house has reflected the traditions and history of Edenton, Chowan County and the Albemarle.

Originally built for a residence, it was not occupied until 1777 when it was bought by Dr. Samuel Dickinson, Edenton physician of other years, and lived in for many decades by his descendants.

It was purchased in 1918 by the Cupola House Association for the purpose of preserving the old house as an essential part of Edenton.

The original members of the Cupola House Association were: Frank Wood, W. D. Pruden, Sr., C. S. Vann, J. G. Wood, Mrs. Anne Shepard Graham, Mrs. Annie Wood Pruden, Rev. Robert B. Drane, J. H. McMullan, Jr., Dr. Richard Dillard and J. N. Pruden.

The sole support of the Cupola House now—the Shepard-Pruden Library is separate from the Cupola House as preserved by the association—are the funds derived each summer from the operation of a tea room by ladies of the association.

The tea room will open for the summer Friday afternoon, May 19, and the Cupola House officials urge the citizens to rally to the support of the house so that it may be maintained throughout the years as it has been in the past.

Present officers of the association are W. D. Pruden, president; Mrs. W. S. Sumnerell, secretary, and H. G. Wood, treasurer. The committee in charge of the tea room is composed of Mrs. S. M. McMullan, Miss Mary Pruden and Mrs. W. S. Sumnerell.

## COURTHOUSE AGAIN

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during the morning session he stopped the proceedings to call for order from those milling around the back of the room.

The late Judge Rudolph Mintz of Wilmington, who held court here for six months recently, commented on every occasion of the inadequacy of the building for court purposes. Other judges and Grand Juries have also called this to the attention of county officials.

There are no plans on the drawing board or in the works for such a county building.

The Grand Jury also inspected the historic Chowan County jail and found it "to be in good condition" as was the retention cell at Edenton Police Department in the Municipal Building.

In addition to Hare an Padgett, members of the panel include: Nell Snowden, Mrs. Walter Adams, Ernest A. Ward, Sidward Boyce, Dorothy W. Campen, A. M. Spivey, Earl McCoy Valentine, and Kirby A. Wright.

Also, Carol Ann Esposito, Miriam Loftis Motts, Jasper Copeland, Christine Bonds Smith, Walter Oakley Lane, Emma Bowers Harris, Kenneth Jordan Worrell and Haywood Lee Perry.

## Public Parade

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Then came the crippler—Abbie Hoffman, a member of the Chicago seven who is introduced as "a self-proclaimed revolutionist." Even Tony Dolan, an articulate conservative undergraduate from Yale (yes, conservative from Y-A-L-E). Hoffman wore a shirt made from the American flag when the show was taped Friday for showing in this area Sunday. Through electronic blotting Hoffman wasn't shown after he began to take off his coat.

The blotting was so fascinating it kept us around to 1 A. M. Hoffman's senseless talk probably would have put even Karl Marx to sleep.

Monday was a holiday for most but the mails came and in it was a "news release" from R. Frank Everett, the GOP candidate for the First Congressional District seat. As if Hoffman hadn't been bad enough, Switch Everett went a bit further. He claimed credit for about everything good which has gone on in this district in recent years. The joker was that he would pass on who would be the third Eastern District Judge.

The fact that Chowan County Courthouse came under strong attack from the Superior Court bench later in the morning didn't phase us. Everything was so out of focus by then it really didn't matter too much.

And by the way, the 1970 Census of Population and Housing began this week. The boob tube, with video, rather than audio blotting, "Switch", that census form, bombardment of the courthouse... too much! Thank goodness for the chef and her crew and people like Don Evans to give something worthwhile on which to hitch the future.

## JURY HALTS TRIAL

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15 was the same as in 1922 when the defendant was admitted to a sanatorium.

The attorney argued that Leary was not mentally able to answer to the bills of indictment nor cooperate with defense attorneys in preparation and trial of the cases.

Solicitor Small introduced a report from Cherry Hospital, dated January 23, in which doctors agreed that Leary was mentally competent to stand trial.

Veteran court officials here could not recall a similar hearing in Chowan County.

Judge Hubbard took the following action in cases disposed of during the first two days of the March session of criminal court:

Robert Donald Stallings, speeding 115 miles per hour in a 60 mile zone, convicted by a jury and sentenced to 60 days, suspended for two years upon payment of \$115 and costs; reckless driving, 60 days, to run concurrently with the other sentence and suspended.

Dennie Lee Hall, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Oscar Elliott, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Edward Leroy Watson, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended two years upon payment of \$250 fine and costs; second count reduced to reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.

Daniel Louis Morning, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended two years upon payment of \$100 fine and costs; second count reduced to reckless driving, \$100 fine and costs.

Mrs. Wheeler M. Harris, two counts of worthless checks totaling \$864.52, prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

Franklin Dellano McCrackin, drunk driving, 60 days, suspended for two years upon payment of \$100 fine and costs.

Solicitor Small, realizing the lengthy docket could not be completed this week, announced a special criminal term had been set for June 22.

## MITCHENER NAMED

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nected with the General Assembly, will serve without compensation.

The Marine Science Council was re-organized and established within the Department of Administration by the 1969 assembly. It is charged with the responsibility of fostering education and training in ocean science technology in the state, of maintaining a liaison with corresponding authorities of nearby coastal states, and of encouraging the use and study of the ocean, estuarine, and coastal waters by citizens and industries of the state.

In addition to his contribution to municipal government in Edenton and the state, Mitchener also served as chairman of the Planning Committee of the Albemarle Area Development Association. That committee's overall plan for Northeastern North Carolina is now being used by the federal Coastal Plains Regional Development Council as a guide in a master plan for the coastal areas of North and South Carolina and Georgia.

## Census Now Under Way

Enumerators fanned out across Chowan County Wednesday to launch the 1970 Census of Population and Housing. They are under local crew leader, Robert P. Dail.

Jerry Scott, manager of the Census Bureau's temporary office in Greenville, said each crew leader will supervise 15 to 20 enumerators in the big nationwide census. Dail has 15 workers covering Chowan and a portion of Gates counties.

The crew leader is one of the key people in the field operations of the 1970 census, Scott relates. He recruits and trains the enumerators; assigns each one to an enumeration district; reviews the work of each and sees that it is correct; and handles problems of difficult enumeration.

Wednesday was Census Day for the United States of America. From Aroostock County, Maine, to Niihau, the westernmost island of Hawaii; from Point Barrow, Alaska, on the Artic Ocean to Key West, Fla., it was the day for all Americans to be counted.

Scott said 298 census takers, after being sworn in the morning, started visiting households throughout 17 counties in the Greenville area.

Census questionnaires were distributed to households in these places by the post office a few days ago. They are to be filled out and held for the census taker to pick up. The district manager

says it will probably take from three to five weeks for the census takers to get around to all the households.

Scott pointed out that information about individuals and their homes furnished to the Census Bureau is kept confidential under federal law. Only statistical totals and averages are published. No individual person can be identified in published reports and census information cannot be given to any other government agency, local officials, tax collectors, police, health, welfare, or school officials, nor to anyone else.

## Council To Meet

Edenton Town Council will meet at 8 P. M., Tuesday, one week ahead of the regular scheduled meeting, in order that local officials can join others from 36 area towns in a regional meeting of N. C. League of Municipalities on April 14.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator and a director of the state group, said routine business will be conducted at Tuesday's meeting.

At the league meeting the next week, Leigh Wilson, executive director, will lead a discussion on current municipal problems, municipal legislation for 1971 and the affairs of the organization.

This is one of seven regional meetings scheduled across the state.

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