

The calendar relates that just 350 years ago this month the foundations of a nation were implanted on the rocky shores of New England. Since that time our nation has joined, on one day, in saying prayers of thanksgiving, and in remembrance of the small group of valiant Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock on the now famous Mayflower.

Times were hard; yet these courageous, God-fearing men and women labored long to follow the terms imposed by their creditors, with everything owned in common and put into a "common store". However, it soon became apparent that the effort to form a socialist society would not work.

By the end of 1621-22, more than half of the colony had died of starvation.

Thus, it was decided that every family was to be assigned a parcel of land to till and to harvest. This encouraged the Pilgrims and therefore so much corn was planted there was more than needed. From the bumper harvest the Pilgrims arranged a bountiful Thanksgiving and gave thanks not only for their material blessings, but also for the system of individual enterprise that produced it. The custom of Thanksgiving was soon adopted and our first president, George Washington, issued the first national Thanksgiving Proclamation on October 3, 1789.

It is time to remember and to count our blessings. It is time to return to the rock.

As we gather together this year to relive the custom of the early Pilgrims, let us observe Thanksgiving Day not only thankful for the abundance of food that adorns our table, and to express gratitude for all that we possess, but let us also be thankful for being kept aware of the hardships which our forefathers suffered and the dangers men still endure to keep man's right to liberty safe and

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At Open House — Mrs. Elmira Flemming, center, is shown with two members of the family and two other people who assisted her in building a home of her own during open house Sunday. Mrs. Gladys White, second from left, Chowan County Extension Agent, and Melvin Howell, supervisor, Farmers Home Administration, join the family in front of the West Hicks Street home. The open house was sponsored by FHA and Chowan's extension service and appearing on the brief program were David T. Bateman, county commissioner; Mayor George A. Byrum, L. F. Amburn, Jr., of Edenton Housing Authority and Howell. Pete Thompson, extension chairman, was master of ceremonies.

Retired Minister, Educator Likes Quality Found Here

By PATRICIA ARNOLD

Everyone in his life at sometime has met someone who was an outstanding person and yet was just plain "home folks".

Such a person with knowledge and wit and his wife have retired in Edenton, and much to the benefit of the community.

Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, retired Methodist minister of some 50 years has lived at Cape Colony for about one year.

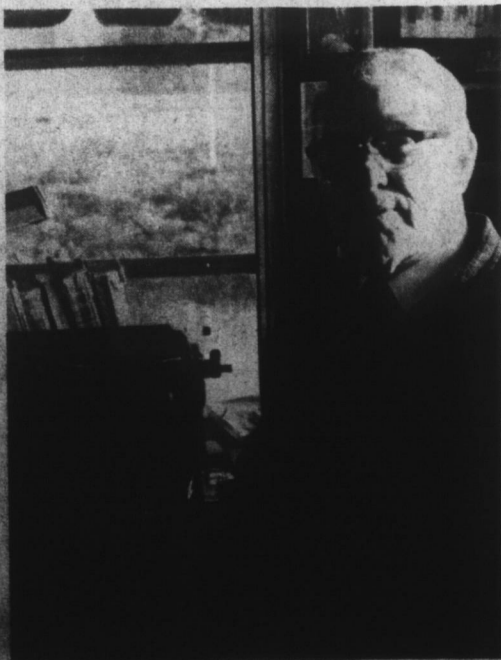
Mr. Earnhardt is married to the former Ester Roberts of Durham, where they lived until their retirement. They have three children, two boys who are ministers and one daughter.

Rev. Edwin L. Earnhardt is the pastor of Edenton Methodist Church and Rev. Daniel T. Earnhardt is the Campus Chaplain at East Carolina University in Greenville. Their daughter is married to H. T. Davis of Goldsboro, where he is a postal clerk.

Mr. Earnhardt attended Trinity College and obtained his A. B. degree in liberal arts in 1913. In 1928 he received his Masters in religion at Duke Divinity

School.

He was president of Louisburg College from 1934 to 1940 and then joined the army and was an Army chaplain during



Rev. D. E. Earnhardt

both World Wars. He was also the first police chaplain in North Carolina and his patrol was in Durham.

Prior to his work at Louisburg College he was superintendent of the Fayetteville District of Methodist Church.

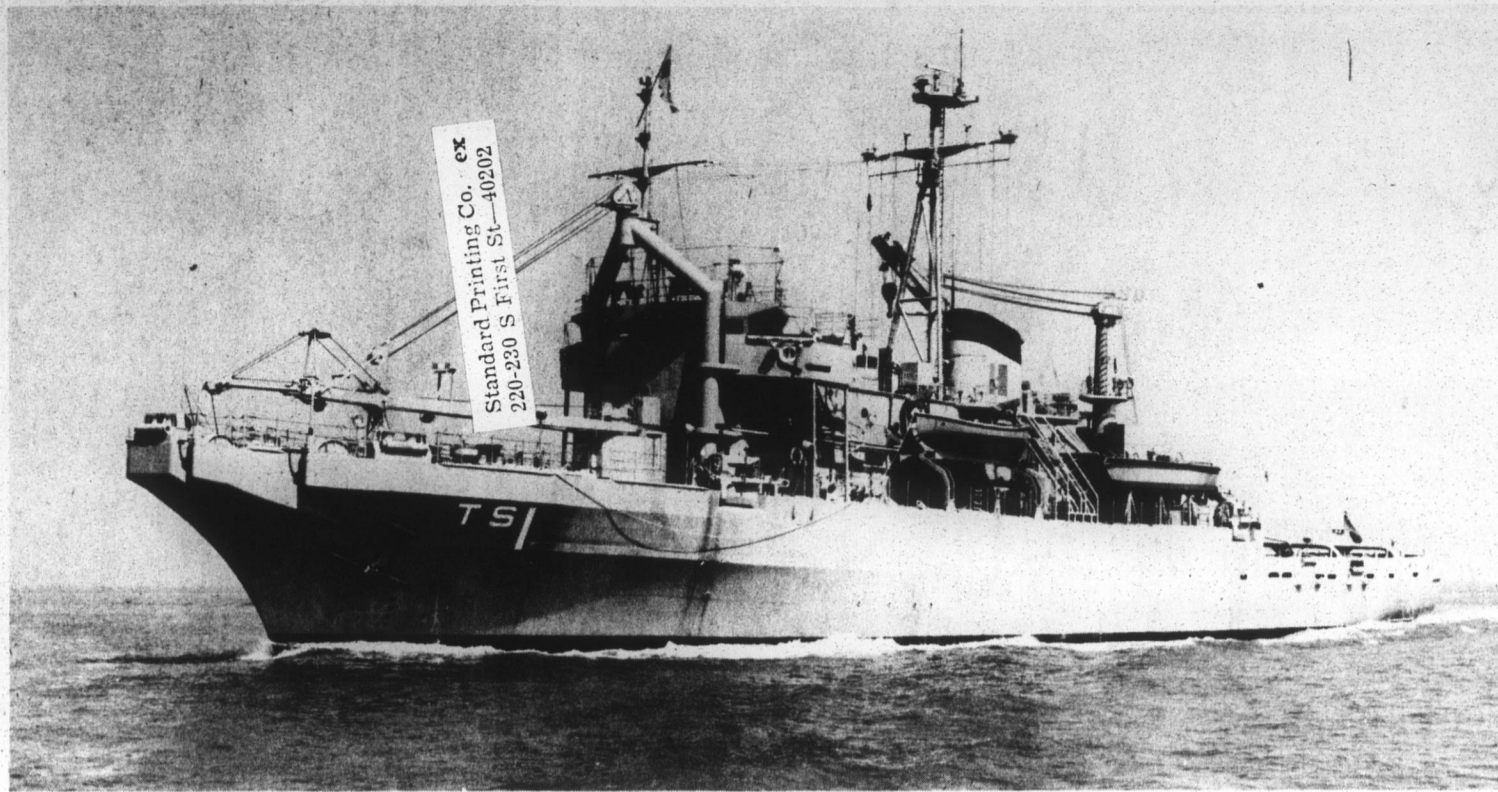
His hobby during his college days was playing baseball, and he was a pitcher. Today he plays the autoharp and writes "The Wayside Pulpit" for The Chowan Herald. For the past 40 years he has been writing freehand articles for the paper in the town he was minister.

His ministerial services have included churches at Tarboro, Washington, Bath, Hatteras and Roper.

When asked what was the chief factor in his becoming a minister; he said he thought it was because his father was a Methodist minister and a great sense of call from the Lord.

He also shared his thoughts on the problems of today. He was asked about the youth of today and use of drugs. He stated: "It's not dope when they first use it, but a revolution against today's war and a sense of independence.

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The 'Edenton' — Pictured here is the U. S. Navy salvage vessel "Edenton", now undergoing test activities prior to being commissioned at Norfolk, Va., early next year. The ship was built in Lowestoft, England, and is under the command of Lt. Comm. Jack C. Furr of Concord. The vessel is said to be vastly superior to any such ship presently commissioned in the U. S. Navy. It will become a part of the U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

Jaycees Break Ground For Building

Edenton Jaycees have begun rebuilding their community center on Base Road. The center was completely destroyed by fire of undetermined origin the night of October 26.

Robert Dail, club president, said the club investigated several possible choices before making the decision to rebuild on requirement the club desires to under-

take.

Dail said the new structure will be of block construction with a tile floor. It will have a modern kitchen and sufficient space to handle most any banquet

take.

The community center had become one of the most popular sites for large banquets in the Albemarle Area. While the structure was old, club members had spent a considerable amount of time and effort, as well as money, to make it an attractive, comfortable banquet facility, it was noted.

Jaycees purchased the building nearly five years ago. The club had bookings through Christmas and will fulfill the obligations at National Guard Armory or the American Legion Hut.

Dail said more than \$3,000 had already been contributed toward construction of the new building. He added that labor and supplies had also been promised to aid the club in rebuilding.

Jaycees have seven acres on the site, some five miles from Edenton.

Art Exhibit Slated

The works of a former Edentonian will brighten up Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library for the holiday season. The display of Linda Byrum, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Downum, will be featured in the library beginning on Friday.

Mrs. Nelson Cheers of Chowan Arts Council has arranged a series of one-man shows, featuring the works of former Chowan County residents or relatives

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Women Set Volunteer Service Plan

The December meeting of Chowan Hospital Auxiliary has been moved up to Monday at 10 A. M., to allow time for training of volunteers in a new program being sponsored by the auxiliary.

Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., president, said the meeting will be held in the hospital cafeteria. She said the training program will begin after a short business session.

A volunteer services program is expected to get underway at the new hospital shortly after January 1, 1971. Thomas M. Surratt, hospital administrator, said this would be a very valuable program for the medical facility.

At the same time, Mrs. Earnhardt announced that Mrs. Edward G. Bond and Mrs. J. Scott Harrell have been named chairmen for Volunteer Services. They

will coordinate the program with hospital officials.

Those who have signed up to participate as well as those interested in such a program, along with any hospital auxiliary member or prospective member are encouraged to attend the meeting Monday morning.

Interest In Parade Is Called 'Slack'

Response to the participation in the Edenton Christmas parade is very slack, according to Murray Ashley, parade director.

Approximately 86 letters asking if various clubs, groups, schools and individuals were sent and 12 replies have been received to date. Monday was the deadline but Ashley expects to be receiving more replies later in the week.

Among those participating will be John A. Holmes High School marching band and the varsity cheerleaders, Elizabeth City State University band and

AADA Sets Event, Scott Is Keynoter

Chowan County will host the annual banquet of the Albemarle Area Development Association December 4 when Gov. Bob Scott will be keynote speaker. The meeting will begin at 7 P. M., at National Guard Armory.

This will be Gov. Scott's first official visit to this county since his election two years ago. And it will be the 10th annual banquet for AADA.

A spokesman for AADA said today that the association was indeed fortunate to have Gov. Scott for this occasion and at least 750 people from the 10 counties of the Albemarle were expected to attend.

Co-chairmen for the event are Robert W. Moore and Wallace Evans. Gov. Scott will be introduced by Dr. S. Bruce Petteway, president of the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City.

Wesley Cullipher is president of AADA.

The annual occasion honors the winners of the Community Development Program. Twenty-six communities in the region are competing this year. The AADA region consists of the counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

Ticket sales are being handled by the Agricultural Extension offices in the various counties.



Gov. Bob Scott



Lighting Santa's Way

New Bank Name

In keeping with its growth throughout the state, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, following approval by the Comptroller of the Currency, has changed its corporate title to "Bank of North Carolina, N. A." (National Association), effective immediately, J. Hugh Rich, president of the statewide banking system has announced.

In his announcement Rich said, "Over the past decade the bank's Board of Directors had determinedly sought to have the bank's name changed so that it would more readily describe the bank's expanding state-wide service.

"While it was the bank's officials desire to drop the word 'Eastern' while maintaining the rest of the bank's original name.

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