

Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside

Public Parade

Applying The Saw

"Heritage" is defined by Webster as being "something handed down from one's ancestors or the past, as a characteristic, a culture, tradition, etc."

The noted authority goes on to say "heritage" is "the rights, burdens or status resulting from being born in a certain time or place."

This is Heritage Week. It is another first in North Carolina. It is designed to emphasize the rich history and culture of the Old North State.

This is also Pilgrimage Week along the Public Parade. It is another in a series of home and garden tours sponsored by Edenton Woman's Club. It is designed to allow us to share with others the finest heritage in Tar Heelia.

While we want to roll out the welcome mat, red carpet, etc., to the thousands who will meander along the Public Parade this weekend, either for the first visit or as a repeater, we must confess there is still a lot of homework to be done.

Take for example Heritage Week, planned for a year, and sponsored by the Cultural Arts Division of the State Department of Public Instruction. There are but 33 of the 152 administrative units in the state planning special activities during this week. Edenton-Chowan Schools, with the most of all to boast about, isn't among the select list.

Is it that we live in the forest, therefore unable to see the trees? The visitors who will meander along the shady lanes, drink up some of the ever-present hospitality and comment on how lovely and sweet everything is, can appreciate what we have been lulled into taking for granted. They are willing to pay for what they see but we appear unwilling to show and tell enough.

The biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside has the reputation of being one of the most enjoyable home and garden tours on the East Coast. This not necessarily must be something which happens on the "odd years" but a daily occurrence.

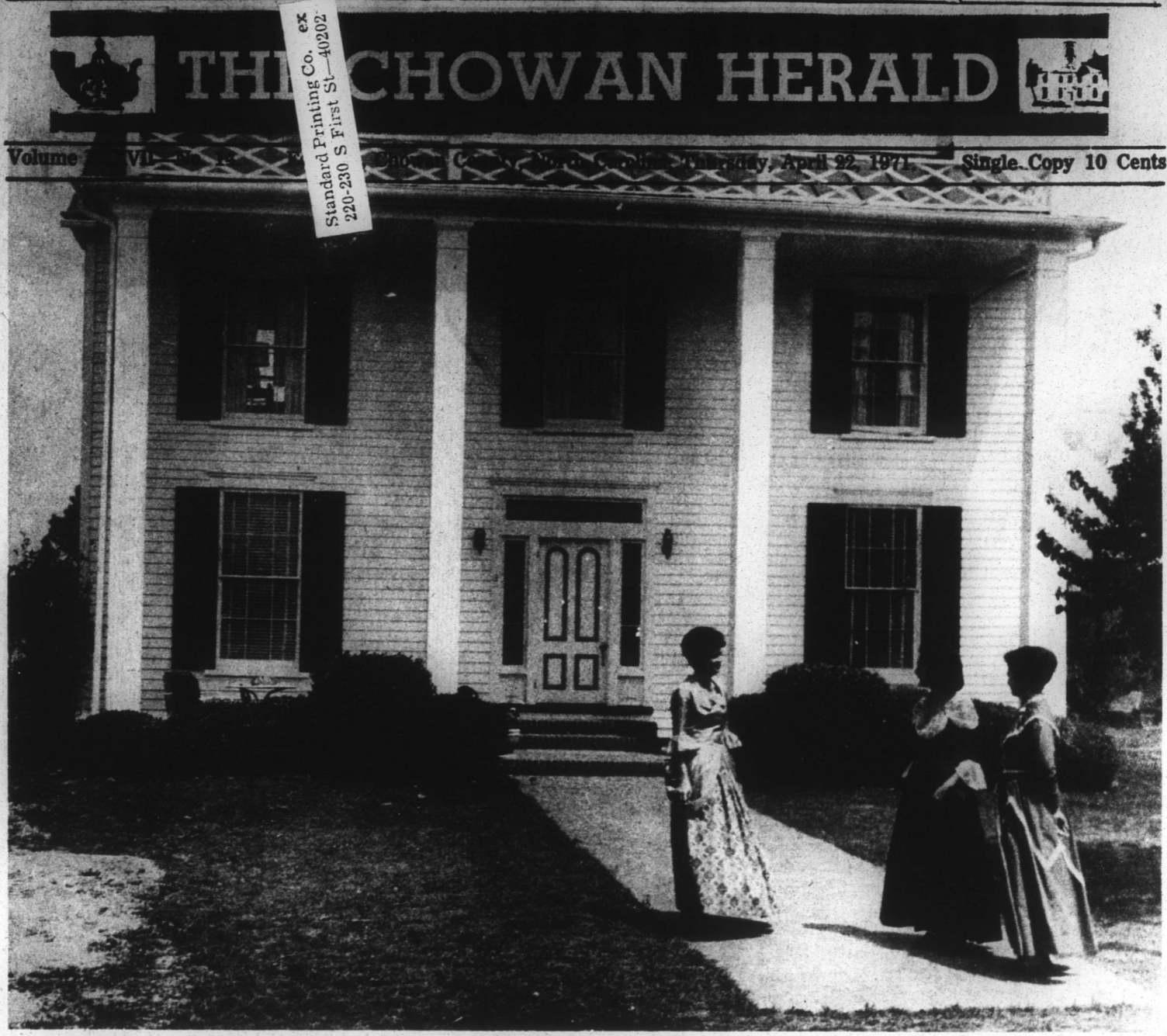
Mayor George Alma Byrum has a wonderful opportunity now, as has no public figure in the past, to make Edenton a mecca for tourists. A great deal of effort and a little bit of money can chart a course for the future in this area of unbelievable magnitude.

We enjoy good climate, good recreation, good living conditions, good hospitality, good economy and most important of all, good folks. Most of this has been God's gift and has required very little effort on the part of the citizenry. It is past time to recognize individual obligations to make a contribution toward the future.

If you question the value of the heritage you enjoy, if you question the willingness of others to share it with you, just look into the faces of the visitors who honor us with their presence this weekend.

Some of the homeowners who so gra-

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Paradise (c. 18th Century) — For the first time in many years, Paradise is open for the biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside. Shown in front of the recently redecorated historic home are, left to right, Mrs. George Alma Byrum and Mrs. A. F. Downum, Jr., co-chairmen of the tour; and Mrs. David O. Wright, president of the sponsoring Edenton Woman's Club. Present owners are Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Pierson.

Jaycee Magazine Promotes Area

By Patricia M. Arnold

A 40-page magazine is to be distributed this week by the Boy Scouts through the Tidewater Area of North Carolina and Virginia.

The magazine is sponsored by the Edenton Jaycees and is entitled "Northeast North Carolina TODAY". It portrays life in the 10-county Albemarle Area.

The Boy Scout that sells the most magazines in each county will receive a \$25 savings bond from the Jaycees.

The magazine was published in conjunction with the Northeast North Carolina Memorial Day Air Festival Weekend, also sponsored by the Edenton Jaycees, May 28-30.

Wallace Evans and E. C. Toppin are executive editors of "TODAY". The Chowan Herald, Inc., was in charge of

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Academy Shows Progress

Two new teachers have been added to the Chowan Academy faculty for the 1971-72 school year. They are Mrs. Betsy Tysor for kindergarten and Mrs. Margaret Jenkins for Latin.

Mrs. Tysor attended Greensboro College and Duke University. At the pres-

E&W Board Shuns Committee Posts

Edenton Board of Public Works members have refused to serve on a committee with town councilmen to formulate legislation to abolish the utility board as suggested by Mayor George A. Byrum.

Mayor Byrum met with the utility board members on Monday to make the request.

The special meeting was originally called to study relocation of a proposed deep well located in Westover Heights.

J. H. Conger, Jr., a member of the board, stated he would refuse to serve on the committee since they as a board had unanimously objected to the proposed abolishment.

Town Administrator W. B. Gardner serves as secretary to the council and the utility board. He stated the plans for the council were to call the election for May 1972, terminate the utility board in 1973, and have the three remaining utility board members serve on the council until their terms expired in 1975. The council then would revert to a six-member board.

Jesse L. Harrell, utility board chairman, asked the members to volunteer to serve on the special committee and there were no volunteers so the request of Mayor Byrum was denied.

Office Being Built

Construction began this week on a building to house the permanent offices of the Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission. The office building will be located on East Queen Street, just off Broad Street.

Jack Habit is building the 1,600-sq.-ft. brick veneer structure. It will be leased to ARPDC for use by a professional staff working in the 10-county Albemarle Area.

Wesley Cullipher of Elizabeth City, ARPDC chairman, said word is expected in the near future on approval of an executive director for the newly funded organization. The federal funding came through the Economic Development Administration.

ent time she is studying special kindergarten work at East Carolina University. For the past three years she has been in charge of the nursery school.

Mrs. Jenkins is a graduate of Converse College in South Carolina. For the past several years she has taught Latin at John A. Holmes High School.

Mrs. Frances T. Hollowell is headmistress.

Other faculty members are: Mrs. Mary D. Elliott, first grade; Mrs. Lucy M. Harless, second grade; Mrs. Ann R. Hines, third grade; Miss Minnie Hollowell, fourth grade; Mrs. Betty B. Dixon, fifth grade; and Mrs. Mildred Byrum, sixth grade.

Mrs. Hollowell and Mrs. Virginia H. Wood teach in the junior high grades; Frank Suttentfield is physical education instructor, and Mrs. Ruth Phillips is music instructor. Mrs. Frances Evans is academy secretary, and Mrs. Lucy Brown, piano teacher.

Chowan Academy is in its third year of operation. Each year enrollment has increased.

The first year there were only four grades. Last year, 1969-70, four additional grades were added. A school library was established and has grown considerably each year.

By adding four grades, many more activities were included.

One of these was the formation of a Tar Heel Historian Club called 'The Chief Rockahock Club. This club has brought much honor to the school. Their exhibit last year won a first place award on the State level and the exhibit is on display in the Department of Archives and History in Raleigh.

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Thousands of visitors are expected in Edenton this weekend to participate in the biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside. The event will be formally opened at 11 A. M., Friday with designation of two historic sites as National Landmarks.

Homes and public buildings on the tour will be open from 11 A. M., to 1 P. M., and 2 P. M., to 5 P. M., Friday and Saturday; and 1 P. M., to 5 P. M., Sunday.

Sponsored by Edenton Woman's Club, this year's pilgrimage is being chaired by Mrs. George Alma Byrum and Mrs. A. F. Downum, Jr.

The National Park Service will present bronze plaques and certificates which will register the Chowan County Courthouse and the Cupola House as National Historic Landmarks in the Friday morning opening exercises. The event will be held at the courthouse.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., chairman, Historic Edenton, Inc., will preside and Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville, First District Congressman, will participate in the ceremony.

The Edenton Historical Commission will meet Friday morning and then host a social hour and dinner at Chowan Golf & Country Club that evening. A new president of the commission will be named during the annual meeting.

As in past years, the annual meeting of the James Iredell Association will also be held during the pilgrimage. Descendants of James Iredell are expected to join other members of the group at the meeting.

In addition to the five sites on the regular Historic Edenton tour — The Cupola, Barker and Iredell houses, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the courthouse — a number of private homes will be open for the tour. Some of the homes have not been listed on the tour for many years and are expected to attract many visitors.

Among them are Beverly Hall, Mulberry Hill, Wood Hall, the grounds of Hayes, St. Ann's Catholic Church, Baxton House and gardens, Paradise, Sycamore, Pembroke Garden, and Charlton House Garden.

Guides in Colonial dress will participate in the pilgrimage.

Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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MRS. GEORGE A. BYRUM
Co-Chairmen

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INFORMATION AND FREE GUIDE SERVICE.

OPENING HOURS FOR HISTORICAL HOMES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:
Friday and Saturday
11 A. M. to 1 P. M. and 2 to 5 P. M.
Sunday
1 to 5 P. M.

Block Ticket	\$4.00
Single Adult Admission	1.00
Student Block Ticket	1.50
Single Student Admission	.25

Please wear wide, flat-heeled shoes for your own comfort and for the preservation of irreplaceable floors and fine rugs.

NATIONAL LANDMARK CEREMONY
Two buildings of national historic significance will be acknowledged by the Department of Interior. On Friday, April 23, at 11 A. M., in front of the Chowan County Courthouse, a representative of the National Park Service will present bronze plaques and certificates which will register the Chowan County Courthouse (c. 1767) and the Cupola House (c. 1725) as National Historic Landmarks.



Jaycee Magazine On Sale—"Northeast North Carolina TODAY", a 40-page magazine published by Edenton Jaycees in conjunction with their Memorial Day Air Festival Weekend, May 28-30, went on sale throughout the area this week. Wallace Evans, left, an executive editor of the publication, presents the first copy to Charles Harrell of Hertford, president, Albemarle Area Development Assn.



Mrs. Frances Hollowell
Mrs. Charles Tysor
Gilliam Wood
Mrs. A. E. Jenkins