

The news release stated the Garden of Eden Club's business is beautification. For the past few years they have annually beautified the corner at Broad and Church streets with their sale of perennial plants.

Peoples Bank & Trust Company apparently took notice of the project and have gone about doing some beautification of their own on the corner. So the girls have moved into the heart of downtown Edenton to hold this year's event.

And it is entirely fitting that Mayor George Alma Byrum owns the old bus station property where a wide variety of plants, trees and greenery will be on display from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., Tuesday. Mayor Byrum is probably the most beautification-conscious of those meandering along the Public Parade. It is rumored that he has been recommended as an honorary member of the Garden of Eden Club.

By participating in Tuesday's benefit sale you can do at least two things: beautify your own premises for the enjoyment of yourself as well as those who happen by; and help the garden club members secure funds for planting and landscape projects in progress.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," someone wrote. While he didn't limit himself to flowers, shrubs and trees, no one will argue that in this area is not a bad place to start a little enjoyment of your own.

Icing The Cake

One of the most exciting theatrical years imaginable opened over the weekend in the Tidewater. The benefits spread down into the Albemarle, giving those who want a periodic touch of Broadway a chance to feed from this cultural bowl.

Now in its fifth year, Broadway Theater Attractions will have a special offering this season. During the year the new Chrysler Hall, a part of Scope, will open. This is considered one of the best theatrical facilities in the country.

Stuby Kaye, et al, got the 1971-72 season off to a roaring start Friday night in Neil Simon's latest smash comedy, "Last of the Red Hot Lovers". And the Simon-lovers will be in for an extra dose this season with "Promises, Promises" scheduled for April 21-22.

Sandwiched between these fine plays are: "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," December 10-11; "Company," January 28-29; and "Butterflies Are Free," March 10-11.

As a bonus, Rices and Broadway Theater Attractions will present the world famous "Vienna Boy Choir" on January 19. You can see from the playbill, something has been planned to suit most every taste.

But to those who meander along the Public Parade, the entire offering is a bonus. It is another advantage of where you live. An evening at the theater is only a short drive away; nearer than for many of those, with regards to lime, who live in a metropolitan area.

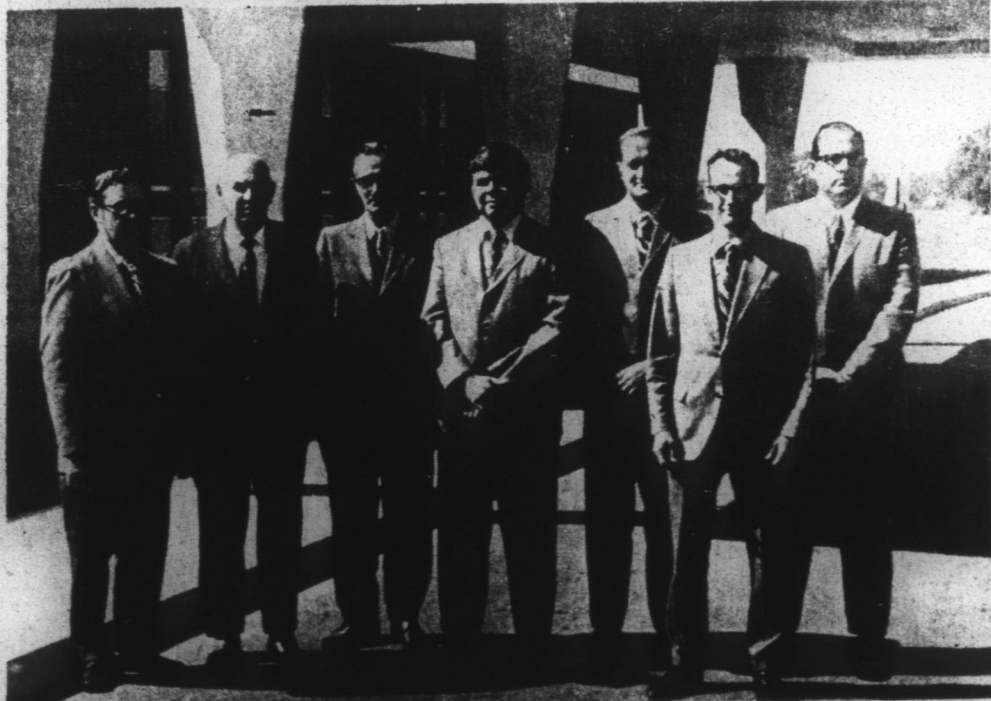
There has, however, been something missing in our area for the past couple of years. One of the best little theater groups anywhere surfaced, prospered and bowed out. The reorganization of this group would put the Tidewater theater back where it belongs — as icing on the cake.

PR for PA — Good Trade

The N. C. Association of Educators has followed the lead of other unions throughout the nation in the formation of a political action arm — armed with a war chest to be measured in the six or seven figures. It is most unfortunate.

PACE (Political Action Committee for Education) held an area meeting along the Public Parade Wednesday night as a prelude to Saturday's rally in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. Official and unofficial candidates for Governor

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Begin Service On Board—Seven Chowan County residents have begun serving on the board of trustees of Chowan Hospital. Left to right, they are: Lloyd Briggs, W. P. Jones, Wilbur Privott, Edward Puryear, John Woolard, Jack Evans, and Merrill Evans, Jr.



Three Investigated Tragic Deaths

By Patricia M. Arnold

Two tragic deaths were recorded in Chowan County over the weekend by the Sheriff's Department with the department assisting in the investigation of a drowning in the Chowan River.

Eleven-year-old Mark Mize, son of Mrs. Robert Mize of Westover Heights and the late Mr. Mize, was killed accidentally Sunday morning when he tripped over a companion dog and was shot in the face with a .22 calibre rifle.

Mrs. Birda Spivey, wife of Dennis Spivey, perished in a fire that destroyed their home on Sunday morning around 7 o'clock.

On Friday morning the body of a Negro male was found in the Chowan River on the south side of the bridge about 300 yards from shore by an early morning fisherman. The body is still unidentified.

The Bertie County Sheriff's Department, with the assistance of the Chowan County Sheriff's Department, are continuing their investigation. The body was taken to Bertie County Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Washington for an autopsy.

According to the investigation report, Young Mize, Mike Bowman, 13; and Ray Bowman, 10, were camping in the yard of Fred Bowman on Saturday night. Sunday morning they decided to go frog gigging. The Mize boy went home to get his .22 rifle and the three proceeded across fields to the American Legion Hut and were on their way home from the hut via the same route when Mark started chasing a dog, tripped over the dog and was shot. The accident occurred near the A. C. Griffin farm.

After the boy was shot he stood up,
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Death Scene—Nothing but debris was left of the Dennis Spivey home after an early Sunday morning fire left Mrs. Birda Spivey dead. This was one of three tragic deaths recorded over the weekend which also included an accidental shooting and a drowning.

Williams Assumes Post With Group

Frank L. Williams, a direct descendant of James Iredell, was elected to head the James Iredell Association at the annual meeting Tuesday night at the Edenton Restaurant. He succeeds Mrs. Wood Privott who served as president for eight years.

The major goal of the association will be the cooperative raising of \$15,000 for Historic Edenton, Inc., in order that the historic group can obtain \$30,000 appropriated in state funds by the General Assembly for capital improvements.

W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., past chairman of Historic Edenton, Inc., informed the group that if the money is raised the Iredell House would receive \$15,000 of the total funds.

He asked the Iredell Association along with the Barker House and Cupola House associations to delay immediate projects in preference to securing the state funds which would mean \$2 for every \$1 raised.

He said the purpose of Historic Edenton is to exhibit the five historical

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Hospital Trustees

Seven Edenton and Chowan County residents have terms of from one to three years on the board of trustees of Chowan Hospital. They are: Jack Evans, Route 3, Edenton; John Woolard, West Queen Street; Wilbur J. Privott of Tyner; Lloyd C. Briggs of Hobbsville; Merrill Evans, Jr., and W. P. Jones of Edenton; and E. F. Puryear, Route 2, Edenton.

Evans was appointed to a three-year term. He has just completed the unexpired term of J. Clarence Leary who moved up to the position held by the late W. E. Bond, chairman, Chowan County commissioners.

The board of trustees in August amended the by-laws to increase the membership from 12 to 15 members. This was done to provide wide representation from the community the hospital serves as well as to make available a wider selection of those elected to serve on the executive committee.

Therefore, three new positions were filled this year. Privott will serve a one-year term; Briggs, a two-year term; and Jones, a three-year term.

Woolard, Merrill Evans and Puryear

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Hector McGeachy

Legion Post To Salute Area Officers

State Sen. Hector McGeachy of Fayetteville will be featured speaker at a banquet here Monday honoring area law enforcement officers. This will be the second such banquet sponsored by Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion.

Commander Roy Blackley said the banquet will begin at 7 P. M., and will be held at the post hut on U. S. 17. Sen. McGeachy, the son of a former sheriff of Cumberland County, will fly to Edenton the afternoon of the

Chamber Report

A little over half of the 1972 Chamber of Commerce budget has been realized, according to Bob Hutchinson, this year's membership drive chairman. Hutchinson stated Wednesday that \$9,122 of the \$18,000 budget had been received and he has hopes of winding up the drive by October 31st.

The chairman urges all team captains to contact their workers and encourage them to turn in their report as early as possible in order that the October 31 deadline may be realized.

Dr. Choate, Steele To Keynote Opening Of Facility

The official dedication and opening of the Albemarle Planning & Development Commission offices here will be observed today (Thursday). The commission serves the 10-county area of the Albemarle in a unified total development program.

The activities begin at 10 A. M., when open house will be observed at the office, 102 East Queen Street. The general public from the 10-county area is invited.

At 5:30 P. M., the dedication of the building and ribbon cutting will officially set the organization in motion.

All city and county officials from the Albemarle, officers of AADA and commission members representing the ARPDC have been invited to attend a reception and dinner at Chowan Golf & Country Club that evening.

Also invited are heads of all state and federal agencies. The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Pat Choate, midwestern regional director, EDA, from Huntington, W. Va.

W. B. Gardner, commission chairman, said "we are overwhelmed at the response of state and federal officials who will attend our official opening today." He added that virtually every Department of State Government will be represented. Also, representatives of the U. S. Department of Commerce, U. S. Department of Agriculture and the

Department of Housing & Urban Development will attend.

On hand in addition to Choate will be G. Fred Steele, federal co-chairman of the Coastal Plains Regional Commission as well as other officials. Entertainment will be by the Young Americans of Elizabeth City.

Dr. Choate has an extensive back-

ground in planning and development. He was state planner in Oklahoma from 1965 to 1969, during which time he helped plan and carry out a comprehensive economic development program. He also helped establish five multi-county economic development districts in Oklahoma.

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Dr. Pat Choate



G. Fred Steele, Jr.

Schools Share State Funds

Edenton-Chowan Schools received \$1,140,272.69 from the state nine months school fund for the year 1970-71. The figure is based on an audit of the fund by the State Board of Education which shows all units in the state received \$459,159,222, an increase of nearly 9 per cent over last year.

The local expenditures included: General Control: \$28,309. (This includes such items as salaries for superintendents, their travel and office expense and the salary of attendance counselor).

Instructional Services: \$876,977.68. (Under this heading are wages for teachers, principals and supervisors as well as instructional supplies and clerical assistance. No local supplements are included).

Operation of Plant: \$45,597. (Includes telephones, fuel, water, etc., and the

wages of janitors). Compensation: \$127,454.14. (This heading includes such things as tort claims, reimbursement to injured school children, employer's retirement cost and employer's social security cost).

Auxiliary Agencies: \$61,934.87. (These include wages of bus drivers and mechanics, operation of the school buses, library supplies, child health programs, and kindergartens).

The nine months school fund includes the bulk of the state money allotted for public education.

The average classroom teacher in the state earned \$7,612 last year, \$589 more than the previous year. By comparison, the average teacher pay five years ago was \$5,112 and in 1961 it was \$3,811. These figures do not include any supplement paid to teachers by local school units.

The average salary in 1970-71 for supervisors in North Carolina schools was \$10,116 and the average for school principals was \$11,569. Superintendents had an average salary of \$15,836. Again, these figures do not include any local supplements.

The number of classroom teachers and principals paid from the nine months school fund was 44,671 in 1970-71 as compared with 44,949 in 1969-70, which shows 278 less instructional positions were paid from this fund. The decrease was due to a decline in student enrollment.

Baird Joins EIC

Willis Edwyn Baird of Elizabeth City has been employed by the Economic Improvement Council, Inc., as director of economic development. Baird will have his office in Elizabeth City in the former Annie E. Jones School Building located on Banks Street.

Baird was formerly employed by the College of The Albemarle where he assisted students with their financial needs.

Roy L. Lowe, executive director, stated that Baird was well qualified for the economic development position based on his past employment and experience.