

Public Parade

A Blow To Culture

After more than two months of arduous rehearsals, the Albemarle Choral Society went on stage at Holmes Auditorium Tuesday night with a brilliantly arranged program, "Our Colonial Heritage." An earlier performance had been held in Elizabeth City.

Those who meander along the Public Parade will be ashamed of the response to this program of music and mime, which according to the program featured an 18th Century music comedy with preluding madrigals and a cantata. There were more people on the stage than in the audience.

This must have been disappointing to Dr. Clifford Bair, director, and Lucy Vaughan, technical director, both of the College of the Albemarle. However, the embarrassment was reserved for local participants.

The Albemarle Area has an abundance of talent in the arts. Dr. Bair and Miss Vaughan have, individually and collectively, drawn this talent together into community programs of great acclaim. And, who would have thought a program in the Cradle of the Colony with the handle of "Our Colonial Heritage" would not have attracted large audiences?

We boast of a well balanced community. The arts is an integral part.

Those who continuously participate in these programs sacrifice and labor to further this aspect of culture in the Albemarle area to be encouraged rather than embarrassed. They cannot be expected to maintain enthusiasm for contributing to a well balanced community when the results are all give and no take.

It is hoped that the hurt will soon heal, the red faces will return to the normal color, the upper lips will stiffen and the community will in the not too distant future have the opportunity to demonstrate that the recent snafu was by accident—certainly not by design.

Blinders Passed Around

It is apparent from a recent story out of Raleigh that the blinders worn by state officials who administer aid programs are being shared with columnists.

Bryan Haislip of the N. C. Association of Afternoon Dailies, discovered the Emergency Employment Act for his "Around Capitol Square" column. He learned that this state's share of the federal program to relieve unemployment while giving manpower assistance to counties and cities amounted to \$6.1-million.

Bob Babcock, EEA project coordinator in the State Department of Administration, told the writer participation has picked up since the first of the year, after the department feared a cut-back in funds due to a lag in developing and filling jobs.

Also attributed to Babcock was a statement that larger cities and counties were more prompt to take advantage of the program; smaller units, less familiar with federal requirements, showed some hesitancy. The facts, with regards to two regions in Tar Heelia, don't substantiate this conclusion.

Region "R"—the 10-county Albemarle Area—was the only region in the state to fill all allotted slots in the initial phase of the program. A much larger region, "G," in the populous Piedmont

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Cat Tied To Rope

Chowan County Sheriff's Department removed a dead cat from a rope on the flagpole at Chowan High School Sunday morning, according to Sheriff Troy Toppin.

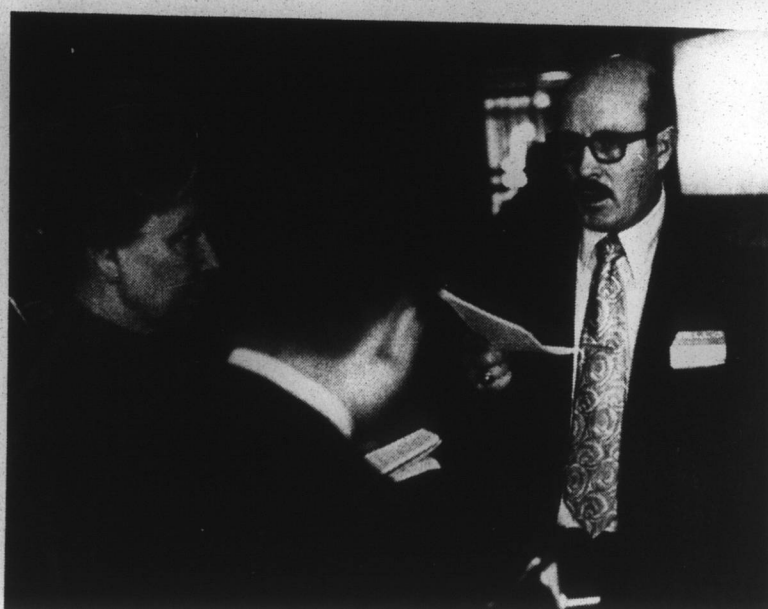
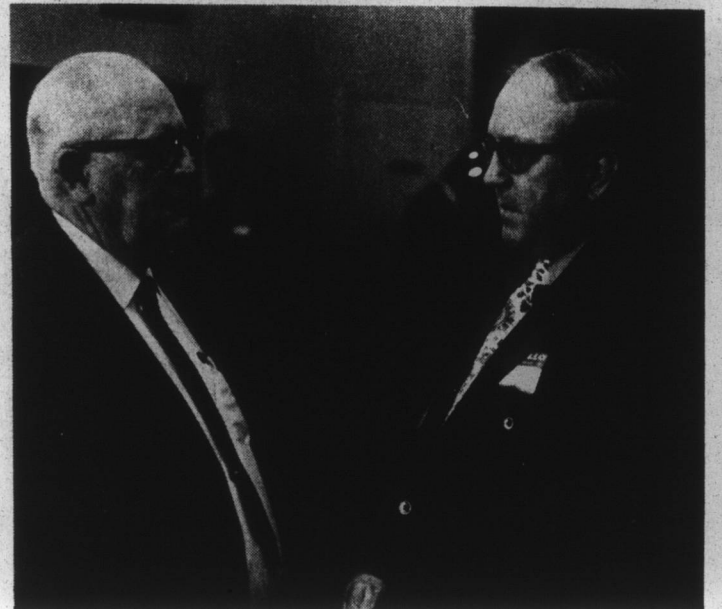
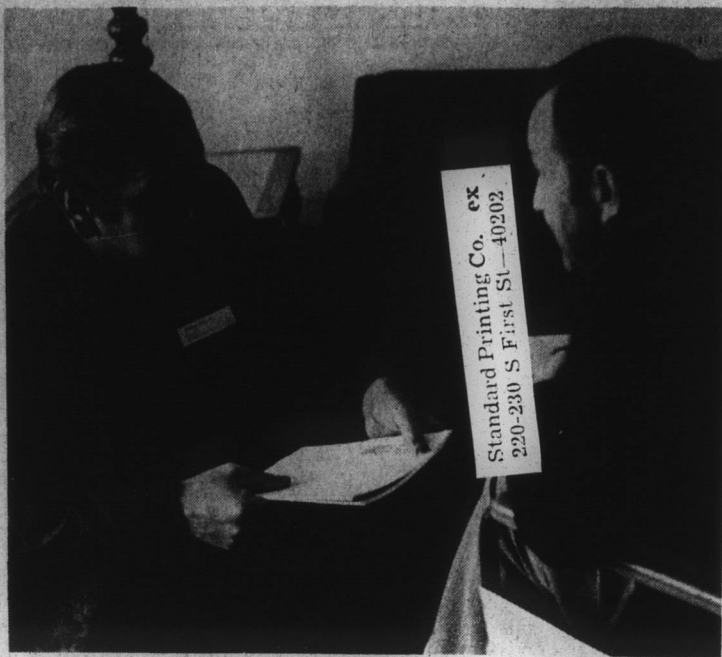
The cat is believed to have been alive at the time it was tied by its hind legs to the rope. An autopsy by Dr. L. A. Dees, local veterinarian, revealed there were no broken bones.

The sheriff said the victim of this inhuman prank was not an "alley cat", but appeared to be someone's pet. The owner has not been located.

While the cat was seen swinging from the pole as early as 7 P. M., Saturday, it was not reported to Sheriff Toppin until Sunday morning.



Cat Dangles From Rope



Regional Commission Meeting Held — The Chowan Herald photographer caught these candid shots during the first annual meeting of Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission, held last Thursday at Holiday Inn in Elizabeth City. In picture at top left, Elizabeth City Mayor John Bell has a serious conversation with ARPDC Executive Director Wesley Cullipher. In the next photo, Mrs. Jackie Ricks, ARPDC coordinator for the program for the aging chats with Wilbur Pierce, executive director of Economic Improvement Council, Inc. Tom Willis of Greenville, head of the ECU Regional Institute, on right, listens to Town Manager Julian Poston of Columbia tell of that town's problems. Elmer Cleveland of Atlanta, Ga., director of solid waste management, holds a lobby press conference with Mrs. Bessie Culpepper of The Daily Advance and Frank Roberts of the Virginian-Pilot.



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Rural Housing Need Cited

Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA) last Thursday endorsed the Regional Housing Authority concept and asked Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission (ARPDC) to promote such an authority in the 10 counties of Northeastern North Carolina.

This action followed a program by AADA's Housing Committee on the area Housing Fair, April 28-30, at Edenton Municipal Airport. George Lewis, chairman, said the fair will focus attention on the need for improved housing in the area.

Lewis, vice chairman of Edenton Housing Authority, said a high percentage of sub-standard houses in the 10 counties are located in the rural areas; that the four existing municipal authorities—Edenton, Hertford, Elizabeth City and Plymouth—are not adequate to meet the needs of the people; and that a regional authority would be more economical to operate.

Wesley Cullipher, ARPDC executive director, echoed Lewis' remarks. He said also that there is more emphasis being placed on individual or duplex units rather than clusters of public housing.

L. F. Amburn, Jr., AADA president and executive director of Edenton

Housing Authority, expressed the opinion that HUD would look with more favor on a regional authority than on 10 county authorities. "The administrative costs for the 10 authorities could not be justified when compared to a single administration," he said, "and this is what HUD is looking for."

Assisting Lewis in discussing the Housing Fair were Mrs. Ann Lewis of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Betty Colbourn of Windsor. They described displays and the theme behind the 10-county promotion.

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Aid Sought For Victims Of Fire

A large portion of the home of James and Mary Dildy was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning around 8 o'clock.

Edenton Fire Department Chief Luther Parks stated that when the firemen arrived on the scene most of the house was already engulfed in flames.

According to the report the fire was believed to have started in one of the front rooms and spread upstairs to the bedroom and destroyed the furnishings in the front part of the house and in

the bedrooms.

The cause of the fire has not been determined at the present. An investigation is still underway.

Mrs. Dildy is an amputee in her fifties and Providence Baptist Church has started a fund for the family.

Anyone wishing to contribute clothing or other items may do so by carrying them to the church Monday through Saturday from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

William Rascoe is collecting from those interested in assisting.



Property Loss Heavy After Home Damaged By Fire — The home of James and Mary Dildy was damaged heavily by fire which swept through it early Thursday morning. Left photo shows how the windows were destroyed and the frame of the house burned and smoked on the outside. On the right is what is left of the front rooms in the home. Also the upstairs was badly damaged and most of the Dildy's personal possessions were lost.

Board Asks Citizen Help On Survey

The Edenton Planning Commission with technical assistance from the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Division of Community Services, last week mailed out a Recreation Questionnaire to the residents of Edenton.

The information obtained from the questionnaire will enable the town to plan for an effective recreation program to be implemented in the near future.

Specifically, the purpose of the survey is to determine the types of recreation activities presently available and to ascertain the types of recreation activities the citizens of Edenton desire. Also, the survey will give town officials an indication of the support townspeople could lend to a recreation program.

The short questionnaire is divided into four sections and asking questions on the following topics concerning recreation: A) Individual Data - such as the number of children in your family and in which age group; B) Administration and Financing - what degree of financial support are local citizens willing to provide and the economic feasibility of establishing a recreation program; C) Facilities - those presently used and the

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Facial Filaments Not Spring Fever

Spring is less than a week away, but don't blame the facial filaments on the start of the "growing season". The crop of beards to be seen sprouting along Broad Street this week are but the budding signs of a week-long celebration of the 250th anniversary of Edenton's charter, officially signed, sealed and salted away in 1722.

The Jaycees are scheduled to start off the activities with a colorful splash; this will be a water festival on Sunday afternoon, June 11th according to Alton Elmore, committee chairman responsible for the program. Gov. Bob. Scott will be on hand during the week as well as stars of the TV and movie world.

The Chowan Herald will publish a special anniversary edition covering the progress and history of "ye olde town on Queen Anne's Creek".

Special advertising representatives of this newspaper, Thornton Brooks and Tom Flowe, are presently contacting prospective advertisers for this very special issue. They expect their work in this area to be completed within the next 10 days.

Also, James M. Robinson, experienced newsman, public relations officer, and retired executive secretary of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, has joined the staff to do research and writing for the edition. Robinson will coordinate efforts to fill the edition with interesting editorial material.