



**Edenton's Two-Five-O Tea Party**—A tea party Sunday afternoon marked the ending of an eight-day celebration of Edenton's 250th birthday. Mrs. Lloyd Owens, right, poses with the 150-pound cake she baked for the occasion. Shown with her, are three Edenton Jayettes who assisted in serving. Left to right are: Mrs. Beth Jethro, Mrs. Dianne Dail and Mrs. Rebecca Lowe. The center picture shows Alton

G. Elmore, general chairman of the celebration, as he addresses several hundred people who gathered on the Courthouse Green for the ceremonies. At left, James M. Robinson, who gave a capsule history of Edenton, speaks. Others are, from left, Ernest P. Kehayes, John A. Mitchener, Jr., Mayor George Alma Byrum, Elmore and Rev. George Holmes.

# Birthday Message: Salute, Challenge

"Edenton has had probably more leaders of national stature than any other single town in North Carolina," declared James M. Robinson Sunday afternoon as he gave a capsule of the town's unique history.

Key noting the Tea Party which ended an eight-day celebration of the 250th anniversary of Edenton, Robinson said: "I submit, no, I insist, and proud to do so, that historically speaking, there is no town like Edenton in all the Albemarle . . . in all North Carolina."

"Up to the present moment, historic Edenton has progressed without fanfare into a balanced community of agriculture, trade and industry. This esteemed position has been the result of re-

sponsive and dedicated leadership.

"And while this leadership may never perform in the national spotlight as did Johnston, the Iredells, Hewes, Cabarrus, and Hugh Williamson and many other former citizens of Edenton, who helped create a great nation, they have preserved this historic town with its beautiful shade trees and nationally recognized pre-revolutionary homes and public buildings, without the need of millions in restoration monies and they have not taken their historic treasures for granted."

Alton G. Elmore, general chairman of the anniversary celebration, said the full cooperative experience in the event indicated much is in store in the future for Edenton. "We'll go on from here," he stated.

Mayor George Alma Byrum and former mayors Ernest Kehayes and John Mitchener, Jr., also spoke briefly. Music for the event was presented by the "Young Americans" of Elizabeth City.

The several hundred people who baked under the sun on the Courthouse Green, then moved through the nearby office of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, to share in the 150-pound, handsomely-decorated birthday cake prepared by Mrs. Lloyd Owens of Hertford. Edenton's largest celebration had drawn to a successful conclusion.

## Duke Grant Given

Trustees of The Duke Endowment have made an appropriation of \$10,000 to Chowan Hospital at Edenton to help finance the conversion of existing space to provide an Extended Care Facility of approximately 60 beds. A new acute hospital was opened in October, 1970.

In a letter announcing the action, James R. Felts, Jr., executive director of the Hospital and Child Care Sections of The Duke Endowment and an Endowment Trustee, stated that The Endowment Trustees were confident that the hospital's new Extended Care Facility would be an important step forward in health care for the citizens of Chowan and the surrounding counties.

In announcing the gift, Tom H. Shepard, president of the hospital's board of directors, and Thomas M. Surratt, executive vice president, expressed the gratitude of the board and staff as well as the people the hospital serves for the generosity of The Endowment.

Since 1947, grants totaling \$234,838 have been made by The Duke Endowment to Chowan Hospital for operating and capital purposes.

Hospitals are among major beneficiaries of The Duke Endowment founded in 1924 by James Buchanan Duke. They are assisted in the financing of construction and equipment of their plants, in paying for charity care, and in establishing expanding services for patients. A full-time staff based in the Charlotte office is available for counseling when hospitals request it.

The Endowment also assists non-profit child care institutions in the Carolinas, four educational institutions — Duke, Johnson C. Smith, and Furman Universities and Davidson College — and rural Methodist churches, retired Methodist ministers and widows and dependent orphaned children of Methodist ministers in North Carolina.

By the end of 1971, total allocations and appropriations from The Duke Endowment to beneficiaries totaled more than \$340-million.

## Tax Report Made

The net collections from the local 1 per cent sales and use tax in Chowan County during May amounted to \$12,444.42, according to a report released this week by the State Department of Revenue.

Collections in seven other Albemarle Area counties included:

Camden, \$1,961.66; Currituck, \$5,338.60; Dare, \$19,934.47; Pasquotank, \$43,793.54; Perquimans, \$5,970.96; Tyrrell, \$2,936.73; and Washington, \$13,556.

Gates and Hyde counties do not levy the special tax.

Meanwhile, G. A. Jones, Jr., commissioner, reported to Gov. Bob Scott that May net General Fund collections amounted to \$123.5-million as compared with \$84.3-million collected during the same month of 1971, an increase of \$39.2-million, or 46.62 per cent.

## Farm Price List

ATLANTA, Ga. — Southeastern broiler prices took a turn upward during the week ended June 16, as prices for eggs and hogs continued to trend upward, reports the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Meanwhile, cattle and calf prices continued a general decline which was begun the first of the month.

Cotton prices also continued their downward trend begun early in June.

## Patrons Banquet Provides Funds For Historic Edenton

Over 125 persons attended the first Historic Edenton, Inc., Patrons banquet held Friday night at the Chowan Golf and Country Club. Guest speaker for the occasion was Donald S. Cape, senior counselor at the British Embassy in Washington.

Also present were Dr. H. G. Jones, director of the N. C. Department of Archives and History, along with Assistants Al Hunnicutt and Jack and David Zimmer; and Floyd Lupton, administrative assistant to Rep. Walter B. Jones.



**Dignitaries At Patrons Banquet**—Principal Speaker at the Historic Edenton, Inc., Patrons Banquet was Donald S. Cape, senior counselor at the British Embassy in Washington, D. C., right. Accompanying him was his wife. Talking with the Capes are, left, Alton Elmore, general chairman of the celebration, and Floyd Lupton, administrative assistant to Congressman Walter B. Jones.

## Public Parade

### Betting On Betts

"The River To Pickle Beach" by Doris Betts is enjoying a good press across the country. And it couldn't happen to a nicer girl.

One reviewer called it "a sensuous book by a sensuous woman." Another said it is a "husband and wife love story—something rare as far as love stories go these days."

The New York Times called her "a tough, wise and compassionate writer" whose first four books have gained little attention outside North Carolina. "The River to Tickle Beach" may change that. It has the ingredients of good popular fiction, and it is also a serious provocative novel." The Times wrote.

Those who have known Doris Waugh Betts over the years will express little surprise over all the fuss being made about her latest novel—this one a dramatic story set on the windswept North Carolina coast that pulses with the reality of the contemporary South.

It has now been more than two decades (gads!) since this writer and Doris worked for the same Statesville afternoon daily. Oddly enough, all the writing she did then was advertising copy.

The newsroom and advertising department were on the second floor of an old building, sans air conditioning. Doris conquered the problem by wearing shorts while in the office. It always caused stares as she rushed from the building buttoning up her skirt, going to call on an account.

Too, she was interested in everything and everybody. She had sympathy for the little carrier boy who was tardy in picking up his papers and could often times be seen sitting on the sidewalk in

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## Board Debates Requests

The Chowan County Commissioners met again Tuesday night to discuss the county budget. Requests from Historic Edenton and Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library provoked much discussion by the commissioners.

A request for \$5,000 from Historic Edenton was received. N. J. George commented he recalled that it was stated that the association would not ask for money this year if it could be phased out. George continued by saying that he personally feels it would be incorrect to use tax money of all the county people to show other people around town. He stated he would not support the request.

George also started the discussion of the request for funds for the local library. He stated before he could approve or support the request he would have to see documents of the library in

reference to by-laws, what the money is used for, how many people, black and white, use the facility and what is available to the public in the way of books and references.

Chairman C. A. Phillips stated it would be a mistake to take the attitude we don't need a library of some kind for the people's use.

George commented that the people need to be informed on how money is being spent. He again stated he is interested in seeing facts and documents on the library. He said he doesn't want to get involved in personalities.

It was agreed that representatives of both Historic Edenton and the library should appear before the commissioners and explain the requests and answer questions.

Another big issue is a charity contribution to the College of the Albemarle.

J. Clarence Leary stated that the college is within 30 miles of Edenton and that they are having hard times. He said if the commissioners could see their way clear he thinks it would be wise to give a small donation because they are doing fine work. When asked what he had in mind he said \$10,000 or

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## Jury Takes Action

A Chowan County Grand Jury last week recommended that a case involving property ownership, which has been in the courts for several years, be reopened.

Emmett Wiggins, plaintiff in the case, appeared before the panel with reference to court action previously taken. The panel recommended that the case be reopened "if legal limitations do not prohibit this."

Wiggins has contended that certain tax records not available at the time of the trial were discovered by him after an exhaustive search. He alleges the records trace the ownership which he claims.

The grand jury, with James Kinion as foreman, reported finding everything in order in the health department, clerk of court, tax office, except the ceiling; register of deeds, magistrate office, and jail.

## New Church Set

A new era began Monday at Welch's Chapel Baptist Church in rural Chowan County. Church members and friends gathered at 10:30 A. M., for the traditional groundbreaking ceremonies for a new sanctuary.

The new sanctuary is being built on the same site where fire completely destroyed the church building in May, 1971.

Since that time Rev. W. H. Davis, pastor, has kept the church together, holding regular services in an abandoned school which will continue to be used for, has kept the church together, holding in the community.

About 100 were on hand with Mr. Davis being assisted in the brief ceremonies by Rev. S. N. Griffith and John Wynn. Later churchwomen and friends spread a picnic lunch for everyone to enjoy.

Mr. Davis, who has conducted an extensive funds campaign since the old church was destroyed, had special praise for the fine spirit of cooperation experienced not only from church members but people throughout the community.

## Surratt On Staff

Richard (Flynn) Surratt is now associated with The Chowan Herald as a reporter-photographer trainee.

Surratt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Surratt and a 1972 graduate of John A. Holmes High School where he was active in the National Honor Society, president of the student council, member of the newspaper staff, and drama club.

He is a member of the Edenton Methodist Church where he is president of the N. C. Conference Commission of Youth Ministry of the United Methodist Church and past president of the Edenton Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Surratt has his third class radio-telephone operator's license and works with radio station WCDJ part-time.

After working for several years he plans to attend East Carolina University and University of North Carolina where he will major in broadcasting.

In his spare time, he enjoys motor cycling, reading, and listening to stereo and radio. He hopes to expand his abilities in art and music.