

Town Adopts VEPCO's Retail Electric Rates



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Public Parade

A New Armory?

Edenton's National Guard Armory is totally inadequate for its present use but it could be turned into a tremendous community asset. It appears that this is in the wind.

The current policies of the National Guard Bureau require a site of not less than five acres, considerably greater than what was considered necessary when the facility was erected on North Broad Street.

The policies also require local participation, which is understandable. If a community is not willing to provide the site and the token 12½ per cent of the construction cost, then it doesn't want an adequate armory very badly.

In the case of Edenton and Chowan County, the battle is already half way won before the opening shot is fired. The town owns valuable property at the airport, including the firing range, which would provide the National Guard ideal training facilities, as well as an armory site.

This means for a mere \$31,250 (the local share of estimated construction funds), the community would not only get a new, modern and adequate armory placed on a desirable site, but would have the existing facility on North Broad Street revert to the town.

These bargains don't come along very often and we are pleased to find those in command moving with dispatch to take advantage of it.

Farming Today

As farmers put in their seed for a new crop along the Public Parade and elsewhere, it is a good time to take a good, thankful look at farming today.

One of the tragedies of an age in which fewer and fewer people produce what we eat is the lack of understanding of what is involved in food production.

Our modern food production system has experienced many changes in recent years, and is made up of all kinds of farms and farmers. Some farmers work at the occupation full time and have no other source of income. Others are parttime or even weekend hobby farmers, but they all help supply our food needs.

Most farmers are still the traditional proprietor, using mainly family labor and buying and selling in the market. At the other extreme, we have some huge farm operations which require wage laborers and even sales and

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SBA Session Is Planned

Bankers and developers in the 10-county Albemarle Area are being encouraged to attend a meeting in Elizabeth City Wednesday afternoon to better familiarize them with the Small Business Administration's role in development.



FILMING FOR EDUCATIONAL TV—Fred Beyer, educational TV specialist with the State Department of Public Instruction, is shown here directing a segment of a film on earth science in the cemetery at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. William Olsen, right, portrays Edmund Halley in the series. Curry Leslie is the cameraman.

Edenton Figures In Series Negro Is Held In Fatal Death

Edmond Halley, famed British Royal astrologer, visited Edenton Tuesday in the form of William Olsen. Olsen is an actor working with the State Department of Public Instruction on a unique, 36-part film series on earth science.

As the movie camera ground out footage, Olsen artistically moved

from weathered tombstone to tombstone in the beautiful cemetery of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He was portraying Halley in one of his little known roles—development of the first actuarial tables for insurance companies.

Later, the historic Cupola House was depicted as a low-budget English observatory where Halley worked.

Fred Beyer of Raleigh, a television services specialist working on the instructional TV curriculum, explained that Halley is primarily known for the Halley Comet.

But among his least known fetes, in addition to the actuarial tables, is the development of the first accurate theory to explain wind belts; development of the first ocean current maps; related pressure above sea level; and developed the first maps and charts on the Eastern Hemisphere.

"What On Earth", when completed in about a year, will be the only available feature on earth science in the U. S., according to Beyer. It is developed for students in the Eighth Grade.

He said it will teach different concepts of the subject and make it more exciting. Also, the films take students where they would not go otherwise.

The Edenton portion is in a group on meteorology. The program deals with circular action, trade winds and local breezes. And this is where Halley comes in—with the actuarial bit thrown in to show the astrologer's

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Negro Is Held In Fatal Death

Thomas Moore, 38-year-old Negro, 125 East Albemarle Street, has been charged with murder in the shooting death of Anthony (Choke) Coston Thursday night. Moore is being held in Chowan County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

Coston, owner of Choke's Grill on North Oakum Street, died in the emergency room of Chowan Hospital a few minutes after Moore allegedly pumped two bullets into his body with a hand gun.

When the case was called Tuesday morning in Chowan County District Court, Judge Fentress Horner continued it for two weeks to allow the defense attorney to confer with his client.

Police stated that witnesses reported that Moore entered the grill at about 9:45 P.M. Thursday and purchased a quart of beer. That he and the victim matched for the joke box and then got into an argument when Moore did not put in the quarter that Coston had given him.

Stilley, Ellis, Forehand Are Given Awards

Edenton Jaycees installed a new slate of officers and passed out top club awards Thursday night in a banquet keynoted by Jim Ollis Laurinburg, executive assistant to the Jaycee International President.

Joe Hollowell was installed as president, succeeding Woody Copeland, who is a state vice president.

Satterfield To Appeal

Richard L. Satterfield, band director of John A. Holmes High School, has been informed by the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education that his contract would not be renewed at the end of the current school year. He has served notice that he will contest the decision and the first closed hearing in compliance with the tenure law is being held today (Thursday).

The board, meeting in special session Tuesday night, was presented a petition in support of Satterfield drawn by the Edenton-Chowan Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The representatives were assured that the decision reached by the board was not a racial matter. They were also told that the matter could not be discussed in open meetings because it would be unfair to Satterfield.

Spokesmen for the NAACP were Dr. William C. Butts, president, and A. C. Hudson. Dr. Butts is pastor of Providence Baptist Church and Hudson is president of Chowan Credit Union and a local businessman.

In a cover letter with a statement of support presented by Dr. Butts, it was stated that the NAACP "deplore(s) your action and decisions made concerning Mr. Richard L. Satterfield and by vote of the organization have employed an attorney."

Supt. Eddie West said the decision not to renew Satterfield's contract was based on insubordination and incompetence of performance. "The board has been concerned for some time over his lack of ability to discipline," Dr. West added.



The Wessington House, 120 West King Street

Electric power customers of the Town of Edenton face a rate increase totaling more than 18 per cent as a result of a new rate structure adopted Tuesday night by the Board of Public Works. The new rates are effective with the June 1 billing.

The decision followed an in depth study of the town's retail electric rates and the new rates are identical to Virginia Electric & Power Company's retail rates. The City of Elizabeth City has recently adopted similar rates.

VEPCO has increased its rates to the town on two occasions within the past two and one-half years. The first was in the form of a 9.22 per cent surcharge on the previous rate. The second increase, effective January 11, amounts to an additional 19.5 per cent.

In order to recover these increased costs and preserve operating margins, the town added a 10 per cent surcharge in May, 1971. As a result of a study completed by Southeastern Consulting Engineers, the VEPCO

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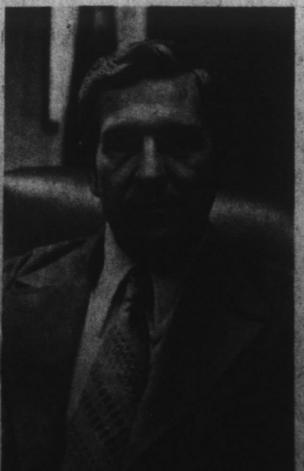
Put In Register

Wessington House, 120 West King Street has been entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

H. G. Jones, state historian administrator, Office of Archives and History, made the announcement in a letter to John W. Graham, who owns the house. Mr. and Mrs. Graham reside in the historic place.

"You are most fortunate to own and preserve a property that justly deserves this honor," Jones wrote Graham. Jones further wrote:

"The National Register has been called 'a roll call of the tangible reminders of the history of the United States.' It is, therefore, a pleasure for the Office of Archives and History to participate in this program and thereby make our nation aware of North Carolina's rich cultural heritage. We appreciate your efforts and your cooperation in preserving the best of our past for posterity."



GEORGE W. MARSCHALL

In a joint announcement, L. F. Amburn, Jr., AADA president, and W. B. Gardner, ARPDC board chairman stated: "Because SBA can play a very important part in the total development of the Albemarle and because banks will be approached more and more to participate in this development, we urge you to attend this meeting."

This is the second session of a series being sponsored by the area groups.

Recently the two groups passed resolutions requesting establishment of a SBA office in the area.



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