

The North Carolina Board of Transportation has approved a list of highway projects covering 405 miles at an estimated cost of more than \$1-billion. It has been designated as a Priority Primary System.

There ain't a mile in the 10-county Albemarle Area and except for a little on US 64 bypass of Rocky Mount with a \$35-million price tag on it there ain't a project in Eastern Tar Heels east of Raleigh and north of Smithfield.

The "Recommended Priority Routes" system does include an 87-mile Boone to Charlotte plan estimated to cost \$197-million. The daily traffic count is 7,500 vehicles.

This is another example where the bureaucrats have misplaced emphasis and priorities. Isn't it much more important to get food and fiber to market from the "breadbasket" to open up the greatest tourist bonanza in the entire state, to provide a development tool for the last frontier of the state than to get a few crafts and politicians out of the hills?

But for those who have a short memory, we remind you that Gov. James E. Holshouser, Jr., hails from Boone. That is west of Alamance County where it was so wrong for former Gov. Bob Scott to spread a little asphalt.

The truth is, Eastern North Carolina has just been left out again.

Makes Wrong Speech

It is most unusual for Letters to the Editor to appear in this column. However, the one from "A Symposium Participant" is so well put that we could not avoid the temptation of giving it this place of prominence.

Mr. Donald Parker no doubt is well versed in his subject—Williamsburg. What he knows about the Cupola House Garden remains to be seen. But after his presentation Saturday night it is apparent that it wouldn't take him an hour and 25 minutes to tell it.

But here's the letter: "It is regrettable that the climax to the singularly good Symposium should have turned out so lamentably. Mr. Donald Parker was invited to speak at the banquet on Saturday night on 'The Cupola House Garden and its Precedents'. The verbosity of his discourse on Williamsburg was only exceeded by its inappropriateness. Edenton and the Cupola House were mentioned minimally.

"This is no reflection on the gentleman's charm and knowledge, for both are clearly manifest, however one cannot but

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# Smith Resigns From Race



BICENTENNIAL LEADERS—Ms. Dabney Enderle of Raleigh, director of the N.C. American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, is shown here with J. Clarence Leary, Jr., chairman of the Chowan County committee, during her visit here last week. They express approval of the new telephone book cover which features Chowan County courthouse.

C. B. Smith, 14 Queen Anne's, this week announced that he will withdraw as a candidate for the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Smith, a Republican, was unopposed but in November would have faced the winner of a two-way race in the May 7 Democratic Primary.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, the incumbent, is opposed in the primary by Mrs. Elizabeth L. Byrd, the only Negro seeking public office in Chowan County in this election.

With Smith's decision to bow out, the nomination in the primary will be equal to election since there will be no Republican opposition in the general election.

Smith, who is general manger of Seabrook Blanching Corporation, said the firm is expanding and he now foresees that it will require more time than he had originally anticipated. "I will, therefore, not be able to fill the obligation of serving on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education if elected," he said.

"I want to thank the many people who have already expressed a desire to help in my campaign," he continued.

Smith said because of previously unforeseen business obligations he will not be able to participate in town and county affairs for the next few years. He did point out, though, that the fact that he has found it necessary to withdraw from the school board race it does not indicate his lack of interest in local affairs.

"I am quite interested and hope in the next few years time will permit me to become more involved," he said.

There are two other local races in the primary. Incumbent N. J. George is being opposed for his First Township seat on Chowan County Board of Commissioners by Woodrow Lowe of the Advance Community.

Also, J. D. Peele of Rocky Hock and Melvin Byrum of Center Hill are seeking the Second Township seat vacated by C. M. Evans.

## Candidates Speak

Candidates for public office in Chowan County in the May 7th Democratic Primary have been invited to answer questions tonight (Thursday) at a meeting arranged by the Political Action Committee for Education (PACE).

Mrs. Betty Bissette, PACE chairman, said the meeting has been scheduled for 8 P.M. in the school board conference room on the third floor of the County Office Building.

The chairman said while PACE questions will deal with education there will be time for questions from individuals attending. The meeting is opened to the public.



FOR CUPOLA HOUSE WORK—Pictured above is George Moore, manager of Belk-Tyler of Edenton shown presenting a \$1,000 check to James C. Dail, chairman of Historic Edenton, Inc., for restoration of the Cupola House Gardens. The grant was received from the Belk-Tyler Foundation. Dail stated that about \$5,000 more is sought for the Cupola House project.

## New Teachers At Academy

Mrs. Frances Hollowell, headmistress, and Johnny Woolard chairman of the board of directors, jointly announce the addition of three teachers to the faculty of Chowan Academy. Expansion of the curriculum and increased enrollment necessitated enlargement of the staff, they report.

Mrs. Annette Fairless Lucas comes to the academy with a varied educational background. She graduated from Bertie High School in 1965 being in the top 10 of

## Mr. Ricks, 73

James Pender Ricks, Sr., 4 Hawthorne Road, died at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday in Duke Hospital following a lengthy illness. He was 73.

Mr. Ricks, who was retired as owner and operator of Ricks Laundry & Dry Cleaning, had resided in Edenton for 17 years.

A native of Tarboro he was the son of the late William R. and Marguerite Rowe Ricks. He lived in Rocky Mount from 1924 to 1957 and was associated with Bishop Laundry Company and was former circulation manager of the Evening Telegram. He was also active in the Civitan Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Tempe Powell Ricks; two sons: J. P. Ricks, Jr., and John W. Ricks, both of Edenton; two daughters: Mrs. Marguerite Williams of Burlington; and Mrs. Julia Collins of Rocky Mount; one brother, Edward B. Ricks of Rocky Mount; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Colonial Funeral Chapel at 2 P.M. Friday with Rev. Raymond W. Storie officiating. Burial will be in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

her class. In 1969 she graduated for the first time from the University of North Carolina. The following year she attended Fugazzi Business College in Lexington, Kentucky.

In 1973 she returned to UNC and will graduate with a Masters Degree in English in June. She has also worked for the Institute for Undergraduate Curricular Reform and the Carolina Population Center.

From August, 1970, to July, 1972, she worked for Rep. L. H. Fountain. She is the wife of Dr. Clement Lucas who will begin the practice of medicine in Edenton this summer.

Mrs. Nelson (Missy) Harrell at the present teaches English at Roanoke-Chowan Academy in Windsor. She received her education at the University of

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## Given Contract

ATLANTA, GA.—Townson Pallets, Inc., of Edenton has been awarded two new government contracts which amount to a total of \$661,133. The contracts are for material handling pallets.

Wiley S. Messick, director of Region IV of the Small Business Administration made the announcement.

He noted that the awards are under a federal program which sets aside a portion of U. S. Government procurement for small businesses.

"This set aside program," Messick explained, "is part of SBA's continuing effort to assure a fair share of federal contracts to small businesses to enable these small firms to develop and grow."

## Fletcher's Work Basis For Play

Edenton Historic Commission will cooperate with the Chowan County American Revolution Bicentennial Committee in presenting a production based on

## Present 'Antigone'

The play, "Antigone" will be presented in Edenton by the Carolina Reader's Theater featuring Jennifer Crandall daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Crandall. The production will be at the John A. Holmes High School Auditorium at 8:30 P.M. on Friday.

It is being sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Edenton Little Theater.

Jennifer, who is attending UNC, is a member of Carolina Playmakers and performed here last year with the Carolina Readers Theater. She has appeared in "Old Times", "Pantagleize", and "The Birds" among other shows.

The Carolina Readers Theater is

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an Inglis Fletcher book later this year.

At a semi-annual meeting Thursday, J. Clarence Leary, Jr., committee chairman, was asked to work with a committee from the commission, Edenton Little Theater and the Drama Class at Holmes High School in presenting the play.

It is anticipated that it would be a portion of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Edenton Tea Party and the commission agreed to schedule a meeting in October for the event.

Mrs. Helen Stephenson of Raleigh, commission chairman, was also instructed to appoint a committee to look into a proposal which would provide the Coke House for Historic Edenton.

Al Honeycutt, Jr., of the Department of Cultural Resources, said a study will be made to determine if the commission should try to preserve the historic house in some way.

James C. (Pete) Dail, chairman of Historic Edenton, reported on restoration work and John A. Mitchener, Jr., chairman of the Finance Committee, said further work will be made to establish a fund-raising project known as Friends of Edenton.

A special guest at the meeting was Ms. Dabney Enderle

## Nominated For Who's Who

Debbie Overton, Pat Flynn and Gladys Bembridge are among 19 students at College of The Albemarle nominated for selection in the 1974 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Students are selected by college committees composed of representatives from the faculty, administration and student body.

Debbie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Overton Jr., Route 2, is a member of COA Satyrs and treasurer of COA Chorale. She plans to transfer to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to study dance.

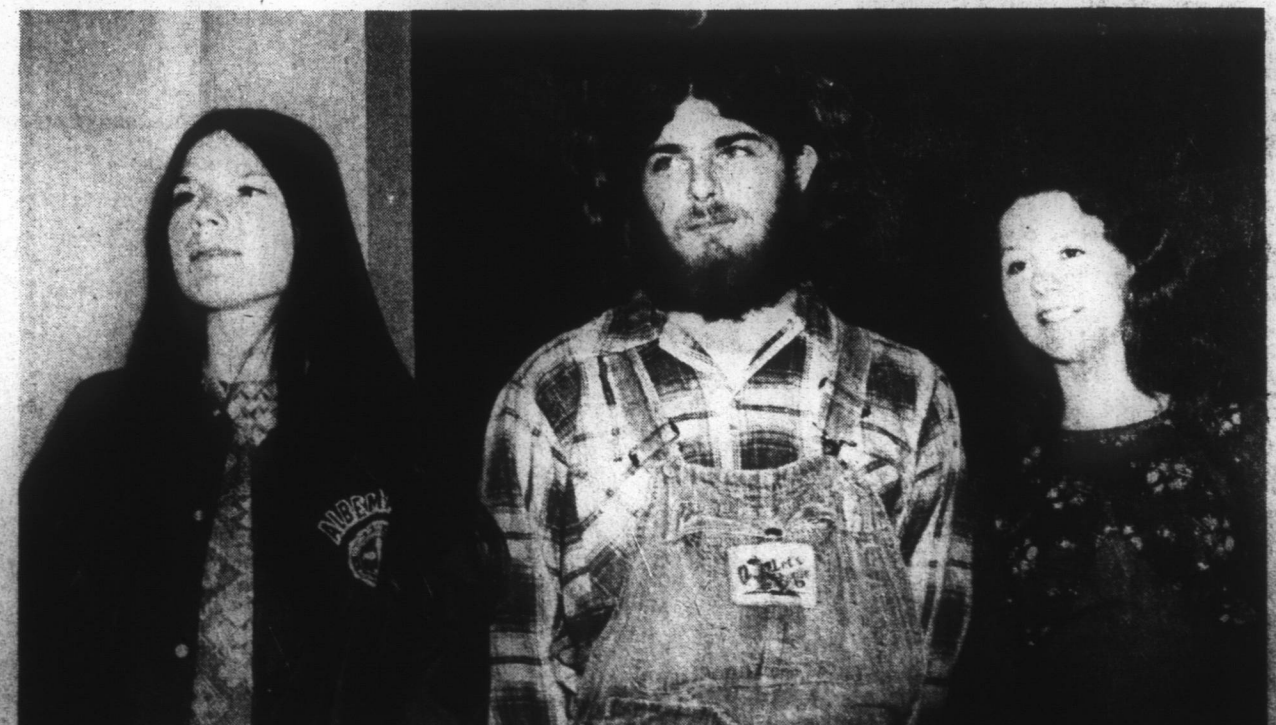
Pat is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Flynn, Route 1. He is photographer for the "Old Salt", college newspaper and "Beacon," college yearbook, and contributes pictures and poems to "Argus," COA literary magazine. Pat will transfer to East Carolina University at Greenville to major in political science.

Gladys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frank Bembridge, Route 3, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, national scholastic

fraternity, and president of the Spanish Club. She will major in physical education at East Carolina University.



LOCAL TALENT—Jennifer Crandall, right, is featured in the play "Antigone" which will be presented at Holmes High School Friday night. The Carolina Readers Theater is in the background.



NOMINATED FOR STUDENT PUBLICATION—Debbie Overton, Pat Flynn and Gladys Bembridge are shown following their nomination to be listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. They attend College of The Albemarle in Elizabeth City.