

# Heard & Seen "By Buff"

It was a little chilly last Thursday but the weatherman was very cooperative in shell-ing out nice clear weather for Edenton's Christmas parade. And it was one of the best we ever had and you know why? Well just because, contrary to other Christmas parades, Cheap Side had some band music instead of the usual drum solos. The floats were very attractive and thanks to State Teachers College in Elizabeth City and the Manteo High School, we had two bands in the parade as well as the Perquimans High School marching unit. Here's hoping Edenton will soon be able to have a band, for what's a parade, football game or any other public occasion without a band?

Members of Edenton Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, plan to have a bake sale. It is scheduled to be held in front of the Belk Tyler store next Saturday morning. When the "gals" put on a covered dish supper the food is always of the very best and it's a safe guess that what they bake for this sale will also be as good as can be made. And, of course, they are hopeful that everything put on sale will be sold.

At this season of the year greetings come from every side and one of 'em came last week from Raleigh. It read: "thanks and best wishes to everyone from the C. J. Overtons."

It's a funny world. A Dickens of a lot of time has been devoted to investigation and criticism of the Watergate gang for accepting sums of money. Then Nelson Rockefeller, who is seeking the vice presidency of the United States, has been the target for a lot of investigating and criticism for giving some of his money away. So, with all of his money, it's not likely that he wishes to become vice president for what money he can get out of it.

Local Masons held an election of officers for 1975 at their meeting Thursday night. And, unlike a lot of elections for office, none of the candidates were investigated and criticized for what they have done with their money. Anyway, Warren Twiddy was elected master in a landslide vote to succeed Sam Long. He, as well as all of the other officers, will be installed at a public installation ceremony Thursday night, January 9, at 8 o'clock.

Edenton's Scottish Rite Club held its annual Christmas party Friday night and, as usual, just about everything good to eat was spread about on a long table. Without doubt, some of those present ate too much but who can refrain from eating such good food? Christmas presents were exchanged and most of the men should be smelling right good, for the majority of them received after shave lotion, cologne or deodorant.

And speaking about Christmas presents it might be a good time now to root around the house to find some presents received last year or even in previous years which were never used. In this day of high prices these items could very easily be given to some friend or relative to help fight inflation. And that's done sometimes, you know. The only problem is not to send the gift to the same person who gave it.

Church services are still being held every Sunday—just like they were when you were taught to go regularly.

Luckily for the human race, adults who grow cynical are replaced by youngsters with enthusiasm, hope and faith.

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14 issue of "Newsweek", for example, names two sources of its information and quotes 13 others who went under such identities as "an aide," "an economist," and one "topsider."

What did these "insiders" have to say about their boss, according to "Newsweek"? That an energy move by Ford was a "goddam stupid decision," and "it's going to look awfully bad." Also that "we're getting killed everywhere."

Commenting on the scurrilous "Newsweek" article in the "San Francisco Examiner", S. I. Hayakawa wrote that "all my life I've had to name my sources - in term papers and these, in books and articles and newspaper columns - even in conversations with my wife. It must be nice to work for "Newsweek".

The problem with "Newsweek", we submit, is a problem affecting the nation's major print and electronic media generally. The integrity they are so quick to demand from those who govern the country should start at the city desk.

## EIC Directors

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Camden County: D. J. Seymour, Sr., of Belcross, Clifton Riddick, Route 1, Shawboro; and Mrs. Elnora McCoy, Route 1, South Mills.

Chowan County: Robert Moore, 110 Pembroke Circle; Wilbur G. Pierce of Edenton and Oliver Bonner, Route 2, Edenton.

Currituck County: Melvin Phillips of Moyock; Mr. Alice Teel of Shawboro; and Mrs. Naomi Fulford of Mamie.

Dare County: Seth Henderson of Manteo; Mrs. Naomi Hester of Manteo; and Mr. Virginia Tillet of Manteo.

Gates County: Eddie McDuffie of Gatesville; Clifton Grimes of Gatesville; and William L. Seldon, Route 1, Gates.

Hyde County: Eddie O'Neal of Engelhard; John S. Fletcher of Swanquarter; and Mr. Pauline Berry of Fairfield.

Pasquotank County: Roland Garrett of Elizabeth City; Charles Foster of Elizabeth City; and Henry Whitehurst, Route 3, Elizabeth City.

Perquimans County: W. D. Cox of Hertford; Alonza Turner, Route 4, Hertford; and Mrs. Hattie Williamson, Route 1, Hertford.

Tyrrell County: Lem A. Cahoon of Columbia; Ray McClees of Columbia; and L. A. Keiser, Route 1, Columbia.

Washington County: S. D. O'Neal of Plymouth; Calvin Sprull of Plymouth; and Eugene Pailen of Roper.

At-large: Rev. Raymond Purnell of Elizabeth City; Mr. Elizabeth Byrd of Edenton; and Melvin M. Cordon of Plymouth.

## Culpepper

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there were 14 new donors, which is encouraging. The next visit is set for late January or early February.

In addition to being short on funds, the local chapter has been short on nurses and aides to assist with the bloodmobile visits. Anyone who desires to volunteer should contact Anderson.

In the reorganization, Murray Ashley remains as disaster chairman; Woody Copeland, treasurer; H. E. Bass, military services representative. The Jaycees will continue to provide a bloodmobile chariman, Chowan Hospital Auxiliary will be in charge of the snacks, and the DECA Club at John A. Holmes High School will arrange the Fellowship Hall at Edenton Baptist Church for the bloodmobile visits.

The following will serve as chapter directors:

Col. W. C. Capelhart, Dr. David O. Wright, James M. Bond, Byron Kehayes, Robert Moore, R. West Leary, Mrs. W. T. Culpepper, III, Mrs. Carol Sick, Mrs. Ruth Vaughan and Mrs. Corrine Thorud.

## Organizational

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standing committees: Public Education, Legislative, Areas of Environmental Concern, and Guidelines.

The committee report was adopted and in a later meeting Gardner was elected chairman of the Northeastern area. Thomas Gray of Buxton was named vice chairman with Robert Rowe of Winton and Charles Ogletree of Columbia rounding out the committee.

The council finalized comments on the guidelines to be used in development of land use plans and Tuesday morning formally submitted them to the commission in a joint session.

Rep. Roberts Jernigan of Hertford County, a commission member, said the legislative intent was for the advisory committee to play an active role in the CMA and he was pleased to see so much progress being made by the council.

Jerry Hardesty of Currituck, council chairman, told CRC chairman Thomas Eure of Morehead City that if the council was to be "in name only" then he felt a majority of the members would resign. He said the council would be the commission's link to local government which "is vitally important if we are going to have citizen input and citizen understanding" of the legislation.

The council will meet jointly with the commission quarterly with more frequent meetings among council and commission members and local elected officials being scheduled in the zones.

## Endowment

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\$395-million later, the governor's prophecy has been amply fulfilled. The Duke philanthropy, through the sum total of its assistance and in individual grants, has reached virtually every section of the two states.

The Duke Endowment marked its 50th birthday December 8. It was on that day in the year 1924 that Duke announced at a news conference in Charlotte his intentions to use for charitable purposes the major share of the fortune he accumulated in the tobacco and electric power industries. He limited the scope of his philanthropy to the geographic area of the Carolinas and to specific named beneficiaries.

"...I have endeavored to make provision in some measure for the needs of mankind along physical, mental and spiritual lines, largely confining the benefactions to those sections served by these water power developments. I might have extended this aid to other charitable objects and to other sections, but my opinion is that so doing probably would be productive of less good by reason of attempting too much." Duke wrote in the trust indenture creating the endowment.

## Christmas Open House

WINDSOR—The second annual Christmas Open House will be held at Hope Plantation, the 170 year-old home of N. C. Gov. David Stone (1808-1810) situated near Windsor in Bertie County, on Sunday from 2 P.M. to 8 P.M.

This Federal period Georgian plantation mansion, currently featured on the cover of "Southern Living" magazine, will be decorated in keeping with its period decoration and furnishings. Hope Plantation, restored by the Historic Hope Foundation of Bertie County and officially dedicated and opened to visitors in October of 1972, is situated four miles north of Windsor, on Highway 308.

The house will remain open daily from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. and large numbers of visitors are expected to view the holiday decorations.

Hot refreshments will be served to visitors during the Open House on December 15.

In addition to the interior cover picture in "Southern Living", interior photographs, depicting last year's Christmas decorations, are also appearing in the December "Family Circle" magazine.

## Students Here Are Evaluated

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Curriculum was advanced as one factor but Supt. Edwin L. West, Jr., used charts to indicate family income and education of parents are significant in terms of student performance.

"A lot of it goes right back to the home environment," he said.

Dr. West reminded members a six-months per grade performance improvement goal was set by him and that the three-year report next month will show "we're doing just that".

J. P. Timberlake of Holland & Timberlake offered some recommendations to the board regarding its bookkeeping system. He viewed the old system as antiquated and new methods needed. The installation of a new

accounting machine will take care of much of the problems, he indicated.

Among his recommendations was one calling for "serious consideration" of the employment of a business manager-budget officer.

A report on the Emergency School Aid Act (ESAA) and a recent evaluation by federal officials was made by Wilbur Pierce.

Pierce said the program is two-fold, concentrating on basic reading skill improvement and learning disabilities. Learning centers are to be established at Swain Elementary and Walker schools. He said through testings "we find 1,000-plus students in the

system have reading levels below the national average.

The ESAA program is funded (\$282,000) by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Twenty-seven new staff people—teachers and teachers aides—have been added to the school system. The HEW evaluation was generally complimentary.

Various reports were heard by the board whose other actions included approval of a policy regarding student teachers as submitted by Don Lassiter, and a motion to give consideration to affiliating with the national school board association at the next budget-making time.

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