



**GIANT AUCTION**—Edenton Municipal Airport, except for the 93 planes which were turned into a giant auction sale Saturday as First Colony Farms, Inc., disposed of surplus construction, logging and farm equipment. The sale, conducted by Forke Brothers of Lincoln, Nebr., drew thousands of people to the area. It was reported that people were registered from more than 30 states and four foreign countries. The picture layout above, from left, shows people

inspecting the equipment; Mrs. Nancy Campbell and Mrs. Nancy Truesdell reading the circular; a crowd scene during the auction with some of the planes in the background; and a youngster who just had to try out the tractor his pop had bought. The sale was arranged by the First Colony Farms following a decision to cut back on a previous land clearing schedule at the 350,000-acre farm in the Albemarle Area.

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## The Big Auction

Well, we went out to Edenton Municipal Airport last Saturday to see a new phenomenon along the Public Parade. It was the auction sale of surplus construction, logging and farm equipment owned by First Colony Farms, Inc.

Before Forke Brothers of Lincoln, Nebr., the auctioneers, finished some \$3-million in equipment had been sold. We didn't need a chain saw, an old World War II ambulance, a big tractor or a gigantic drag line. But it did point out a use for the spacious airport facility which up until now has not been considered.

With the acres of concrete aprons, former runways, etc., coupled with the facilities to handle a large number of planes without overcrowding, the airport site is of considerable value to the community as a place for future auctions.

The terminal registered 93 aircraft during the sale. People from more than 30 states and four foreign countries registered at the auction office. Some of their first impressions of the Cradle of the Colony could leave considerable to be desired but if the facility could be used more frequently for such happenings then the less desirable things could be corrected.

Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission needs to look further into the possibility of having the facility used for activities which expose our area to people from far-flung areas. We think they will continue to like what they see and will consider the Albemarle when they are thinking of new plants. The airport property is one of the area's most prized possessions. Its diverse use should be more thoroughly explored.



**PHILIP S. McMULLAN**  
Salute To A Leader

Philip S. McMullan is an unusual man. As chief executive office of Edenton Cotton Mills he has proven to be an astute businessman. As a member and chairman of the former Board of Public Works he preached the same good business practices for a public elected body. As a member and chairman of the former Edenton City School Board he showed keen foresight and interest in bettering the education of our children.

His 15 years with the Boy Scouts were equally as impressive, as were his work as tax supervisor and on the board of election for 30 years.

Mr. McMullan was cited last year by the Edenton Chamber of Commerce as recipient of its Senior Citizen Award. It was an award well deserved.

Recently Peoples Bank & Trust Company chose five shareholders from among thousands to feature in the 1974 Annual Report. The above photostatic drawing of Mr. McMullan was taken from a composite appearing on the cover of the report, which addressed

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Edenton's Historic St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## Nominated For Register List

**RALEIGH**—St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by Robert E. Stipe, state historic preservation officer. The register is described as a national list of distinctive properties worthy of preservation because of their historical or other cultural value.

St. Paul's Church was described by Thomas T. Waterman as "an ideal in village churches, unrivaled in this country except perhaps by Christ Church, New Castle, Delaware." It is the second oldest church building in North Carolina, and the only colonial church still in regular parish use.

Related in form to colonial Virginia churches, the gable-roof Flemish bond brick building is distinguished by its handsomely treated entrances, the simple square tower, and the semicircular apse in all-header bond. In 1806-1809 renovations were done by William Nichols, an architect of considerable importance and later state architect in Mississippi and Alabama.

Following a 1949 fire, the interior has been restored to its nineteenth century appearance.

Begun in 1736 and completed 30 years later, the church was

## Action Pending

**GATESVILLE**—Superior Court Judge Robert Rouse of Farmville heard brief statements from attorneys and promised a decision on a restraining order next week in the civil action brought by Albemarle Human Resources Development System against Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission.

Judge Rouse explained that it would take a considerable amount of time for him to study the documents presented by the attorneys.

His questions to W. T.

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connected with some of 18th Century North Carolina's most important figures, including rector Clement Hall, warden Samuel Johnston, vestryman Joseph Hewes, and member James Iredell, Jr. The church is architecturally and historically among the chief landmarks in Edenton.

The nomination was submitted in connection with the Division of Archives and History's long-range program to identify and document the authenticity of historic properties in North Carolina. Approval of the nomination by the Department of the Interior usually takes about six months and will be announced through the state's congressional delegation.

## Dr. Lucas Given Certification

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.**—Dr. C. Clement Lucas, Jr., of the Edenton area has been named a diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice (ABFP) as a result of passing a certification examination offered by the ABFP. He is now certified in the specialty of family practice.

The intensive two-day written examination taken by Dr. Lucas is designed to prove his ability in the areas of internal medicine,



DR. C. CLEMENT LUCAS, JR.

## Town Council Approves New Commercial Electric Rates

Edenton Town Council Tuesday night adopted new commercial and industrial electric rates. As they did last month in establishing residential rates, council followed to the letter existing Vepco rates in this category.

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the rates will be effective with the bills mailed April 1.

Gardner also told council that a representative of the consulting firm employed by the town to determine rates will be in Edenton

Tuesday to discuss the demand portion of the new commercial and industrial electric rates. He will meet with council members as well as customers.

Gardner announced that the town has received three grants and is eligible for a fourth. The Department of Natural & Economic Resources has approved a 50 per cent grant for the town's purchase of the Waff property fronting on Edenton Bay. The property is costing \$45,000.

The town also received a \$15,000 grant from Law Enforcement Assistance Act to pay the salaries of two policemen and a \$45,000 grant from Environmental Protection Agency to complete the 201 facility study now in progress.

The administrator was instructed to apply for a \$7,500 state grant for the same project. Mayor Roy L. Harrell reported that he had received complaints from residents in Albemarle Court area of blowing ash from Albemarle Mill of Fisher Nut Company. The administrator was instructed to follow up on the complaints.

Mayor Harrell appointed Bruce White to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to replace the late

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## Banquet Set

The Aces Athletic Association will have its Winter Sports Banquet Wednesday night at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Jaycee Building.

Holmes athletes on the boys and girls varsity basketball team, boys J.V. basketball team, wrestling team and cheerleaders will be honored for their participation an outstanding achievements during the 74-75 season.

Individual plaques are to be given to the senior athletes and three special awards will be given in each of the varsity sports. In addition to the presentation of awards there will be a guest speaker from the coaching staff at East Carolina University.

Parents and other interested persons are urged to come out and show their appreciation for the fine job these athletes have done in representing our community. Tickets for the steak dinner can be purchased through Monday at Holmes High School or from members of the Aces Athletic Association.

All members of the association are urged to turn in all tickets and money at the next meeting which will be held at 7:30 o'clock, Monday, in the Holmes library.

## Services Held For L.C. Spain

Funeral services were held in Greenville Sunday afternoon for L. Carlton Spain of Edenton. Mr. Spain, 50, died suddenly Friday at Chowan Hospital where he was taken after being stricken at his home.

The services were held at 3:30 P.M. in Wilkerson Funeral Home with burial in Mt. Pleasant Christian Church Cemetery.

Mr. Spain was state wildlife protection supervisor for District 1.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Copeland Spain; two daughters: Misses Cherri and Jennifer Spain of the home; his mother, Mrs. O. A. Spain of Greenville; two brothers: Alton O. and Russell C. Spain, both of Greenville; and a sister, Mrs. Del Russell of Greenville.



McDONALD DIXON

## Hall Named For Dixon

**ELIZABETH CITY**—An industrial arts building on the campus of Elizabeth City State University has been named the McDonald Dixon Hall in honor of the former chairman and board of trustees member.

Dixon, a resident of Edenton, was among those honored March 3 at Founders Day activities commemorating the 84th anniversary of ECSU. Mrs. Dixon was a special honored guest at the ceremony.

Dale D. Mitchell, president of Industrial Arts Majors Club, made a dedication statement and following a song by the University Choir, Miss Alma F. Jenkins, Miss ECSU, presented the Certificate of Dedication.

The McDonald Dixon Hall is now under construction.

Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, chancellor, presided at the morning session where Maceo A. Sloan, senior vice president, N. C. Mutual Insurance Company in Durham and a member of the Board of Governors, gave the address.

## Net Collections

Counties in North Carolina collected \$11.6-million from the 1 per cent local option sales and use tax during January, according to a report released this week by Secretary J. Howard Coble of the State Department of Revenue.

Net collections in Chowan County last month amounted to \$25,266.54.



**AT CONFERENCE**—Dr. Richard Hardin of Edenton center, attended the recent mid-winter conference of the American Cancer Society in Raleigh. He is shown above with N. C. State Football Coach Louis Holtz, crusade chairman and guest speaker, left, and Marvin Miller, Hollywood movie TV star. Dr. Hardin is a member of the state board and chairman of the Service and Rehabilitation Committee.