

**Welcome, Visitors**

We want to be among the first to welcome the visitors who are meandering along the Public Parade this weekend. There are prospects that the Bicentennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside will be the most successful biennial home and garden tour. We are glad to have the opportunity to share our community with visitors.

Unfortunately, we are right in the middle of a Downtown Beautification Project, this might cause some congestion and inconvenience. But if you choose to return two years hence you will appreciate what our town fathers, with the cooperation of the merchants, are doing to make Edenton the shopping center it deserves to be.

We are proud of our heritage, while also being proud of our progressiveness. We know you will like what you see, on and off the tour, and that you will not only plan for a return visit but tell your friends and neighbors about us.

**A Leader Lost**

The announcement by Dr. Eddie West that he is resigning as superintendent of Edenton-Chowan Schools to accept a similar position in High Point came as a great surprise. But reaching the decision probably came as an equally as great a surprise to the educator-administrator, himself.

Dr. West has repeatedly stated that he had found a home in the hub of the Albemarle. He faced great challenges along the Public Parade and met them in a highly professional and successful manner. But the "big boys" kept after him and the challenges of other systems overpowered him. And he is to be congratulated for recognizing them; not condemned for accepting them.

Eddie West is a man for all seasons and any community. We are fortunate to have had him working in our community for this period of time. He is a leader, not a follower; he is progressive within the framework of reason; he is dedicated to the point of suspicion; he is forthright, loyal and unselfish.

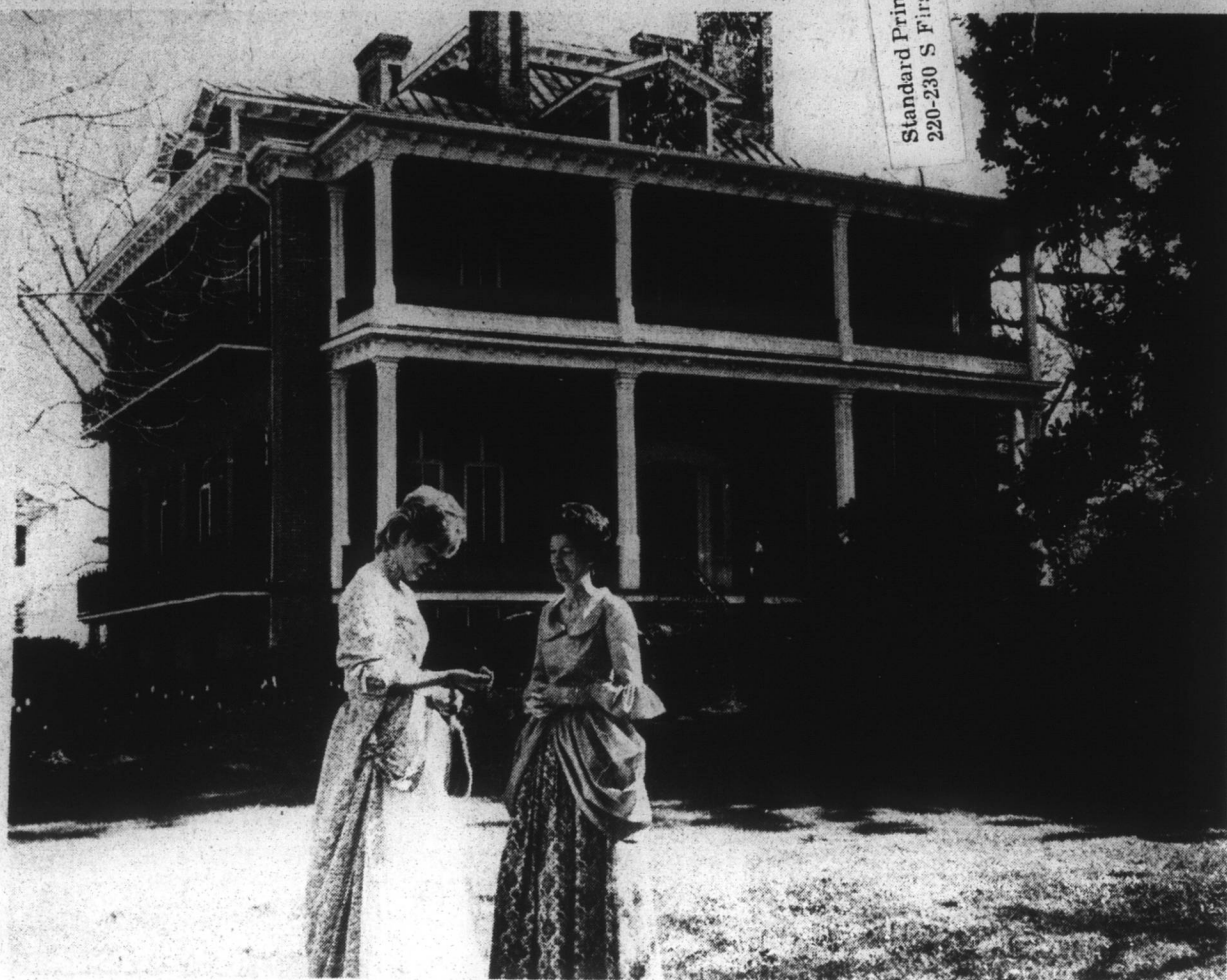
Northeastern North Carolina, and especially Edenton and Chowan County, are better off for his presence over the past three years.

If there is one word to describe Eddie West it is "honest". His honesty created concern among those who would have liked for him to be a little more coy. But he didn't have time for trivia; the challenge was there and he had to overtake it by whatever means that was at his disposal. Diplomacy is his way of life.

We can express this feeling without apology. We looked at him three years ago with a critical eye, primarily because we are always suspicious of those who come from the ivory tower in Raleigh with a head full of theory and little practical experience. He rapidly proved us wrong.

Two hundred miles and a \$10,000 salary increase would attract the fancy of most of us. But without hesitation we believe had Eddie West not been challenged by an educational system five times the size of the local one, along with future ambitions, he would not have reached the decision he did.

Therefore, while we might fuss and fret over the decision he made, we cannot question his judgment. His desire is to be of greater service to his profession. And none of us ain't going to condemn a man for that!



**TOUR LEADERS**—Mrs. George Alma Byrum, right, president of Edenton's Woman's Club, and Mrs. James D. Martin, tour chairman, are shown in front of Wessington House. The home of Mr. and Mrs. John Graham is among those featured in the Bicentennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside which begins tomorrow. (Staff Photo by Asbell).

**Bicentennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside Edenton, North Carolina**

Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Sponsored by EDENTON WOMAN'S CLUB

Headquarters: Edenton Municipal Building. Visitors Are Requested to Stop at Headquarters For Tickets, Information and Free Guide Service.

OPENING HOURS FOR HISTORICAL HOMES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
 10:00 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. and 2:00 to 5:00 P. M.  
 SUNDAY  
 1:00 to 5:00 P. M.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR:**  
 Show and Sale  
 National Guard Armory  
 North Broad Street  
 Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12  
 10:00 A. M. - 6:00 P. M.  
 Sponsored by Chowan Arts Council

**ART EXHIBIT:**  
 Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library  
 West Water Street  
 Featuring Original Prints of Historical Sites of North Carolina  
 Jerry Miller  
 Friday, April 11: 9:30 A. M. - 5:30 P. M.  
 Saturday, April 12: 9:30 A. M. - 12:30 A. M.  
 Closed Sunday

**REINACTMENT OF EDENTON TEA PARTY**  
 Presented by The John A. Holmes High School Drama Club  
 Written by Mrs. Sandra Boyce  
 Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12  
 5:00 P. M.  
 Courthouse Green

**REVOLUTIONARY PATRIOTS TEA:**  
 For DAR, SAR and CAR Members  
 James Iredell House  
 East Church Street, Edenton  
 Sponsored by the DAR

**DRAMATIC PRODUCTION:**  
 The Edenton Little Theater  
 Proudly Sponsors The Carolina Reader Theater's Production of "The Enchanted Tree"  
 Saturday, April 12 - 8:00 P. M.  
 Holmes High School Auditorium  
 Admission \$1.50

Written by North Carolina's William H. Hardy, this comedy-musical features authentic costuming, acrobatics, and music. The plot, based on 17th Century folklore, surrounds two "star-crossed lovers" who are aided by a magician.

**Miller's Works At Library**

Those of you who saw Jerry Miller's sketching around Edenton last fall have a treat in store for you in April! The Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library is going to have his pen and ink drawings on display at the library during the month.

Born and raised in the heart of



**LIBRARY DISPLAY**—Jerry Miller, who did a bicentennial sketch for Edenton, has a one-man show at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library during April. Miller will be on hand during the home and garden tour to greet visitors. (Staff Photo by Asbell).

**Edenton Ready For Pilgrimage**

Everything has been arranged, except the weather, for the Bicentennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside this weekend. A full schedule of activities has been established and thousands of visitors are expected to descend on "ye old towne of

**Public Meeting To Discuss Roads**

RALEIGH—A public meeting to allow citizens to aid in updating North Carolina's Highway Improvement Program will be held in Edenton Monday.

The meeting is scheduled for 2 P.M. in the auditorium of the Municipal Building.

The public is invited to attend and make comments, suggestions or recommendations pertinent to the program. A member of the Board of Transportation will chair each of the meetings, and staff of the Department of Transportation will be present.

Those unable to attend or those needing information, should send written comments to W. F. Caddell, Jr., P. O. Box 25201, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, prior of May 1.

The program includes projects on the state's rural primary and urban highways (generally US and NC numbered highways). Secondary roads (those with four digit S. R. numbers) are not included in this program.

All requested highway projects will be considered in this and future annual updates. Projects selected for the program will be based on strong local support, statewide needs and the relative benefits to the maximum number of N. C. citizens.

Queen Anne's Creek".

Sponsored by Edenton Woman's Club, the pilgrimage over the years has developed into the most popular home and garden tour in North Carolina. Proceeds go towards operation and preservation of historic sites in Edenton.

Mrs. James D. Martin is tour chairman and Mrs. George Alma Byrum is club president.

It has been reported that pre-pilgrimage interest is the best this year than any other time in recent history. If this is an indicator the sponsors could experience the most successful tour in history.

The schedule of events include an arts and crafts fair, art exhibit, reenactment of Edenton Tea Party, revolutionary patriots tea and dramatic production.

In addition to those listed in the brochure, distributed throughout the country, is a bicentennial dinner and meeting of Edenton Historical Commission.

Mrs. W. J. Stevenson of Raleigh, chairman of the historical commission, will preside at the semi-annual meeting of the group which convenes at 6:30 P.M. Thursday at Mrs. Boswell's Restaurant.

The bicentennial social and dinner will be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Chowan Golf & Country Club. Among those expected is North Carolina's First Lady, Mrs. James E. Holshouser, Jr.

A limited number of tickets are still available. They can be obtained by contacting George Moore at Belk Tyler.

**Court Schedule**

Judge Elbert S. Peel, Jr., of Williamston, will preside over a term of Chowan County Superior Court which opens here Monday. Dist. Atty. Thomas S. Watts of Elizabeth City will prosecute the docket.

Mrs. Lena M. Leary, court clerk, has released the calendar of cases set for trial during the week.

Sixteen of the 50 cases on the calendar are where motorists have been charged with drunk driving.

**High Number Of Placements Are Made By ESC**

During the first quarter of 1975 the Edenton office of the Employment Security Commission made a surprisingly high amount of placements considering the great unemployment which existed throughout the country and state, according to Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager.

In this three month period 754 new applications were taken and 172 applications were renewed. Most of the new applications were people who had been laid off from

**Dr. West Takes New Position**

By FLYNN SURREATT

At the conclusion of the board of education meeting Monday night, Supt. Edwin L. West made public his resignation from the Edenton-Chowan Schools to accept the position of superintendent of High Point City Schools.

The board had accepted his resignation prior to the meeting in executive session.

In his letter of resignation he stated:

"When Patsy, Ed, and I came to

**Water System Bidding Slated**

Bids on Chowan County's water system will be opened at 2 P.M. on May 12 in the courthouse. This date was set Tuesday afternoon after Rivers & Associates of Greenville, engineers on the project, told county commissioners the bids would be advertised beginning April 14.

The county has received \$1.3-million in grants and approved \$1.9-million bond issue for the project which would establish a water system "to serve every possible citizen in the county where it is economically feasible."

Commissioners have stated from the outside to desire to serve as many customers as possible. This was reaffirmed at Tuesday's meeting.

The planning board, which has been working on the system for some time, had recommended to the board that a May 15 deadline be set for sign-up at the \$10 deposit figure. It was agreed by the commissioners that citizens in the county should be encouraged to sign up immediately so a more realistic system could be put out for bids.

It is anticipated that those who put up the \$10 deposit will be required to pay about \$15 more when the meter is installed. Those who sign up but are unable to be

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**Site Vote Set**

Chowan County commissioners agreed Monday to settle on a site for the proposed courthouse-jail before the budget is adopted for fiscal 1975-76. This action followed discussion on a motion by Commissioner Alton Elmore, which was later withdrawn, that the county begin obtaining property in the block from Swain School to Broad Street.

Chairman C. A. Phillips pleaded with the commissioners not to move too hastily into the project and certainly with division among them over a site. The project has been under discussion for three years.

This came after Commissioner David Bateman expressed concern over the site being too small to provide ample parking space. He also pointed out that the cost for the approximately three acres might be out of the county's reach.

Commissioner Elmore withdrew his motion and Commissioner N. J. George agreed to withdraw his second, after it was decided that the architect should be asked to provide recommendations on the site and the decision be made prior to adoption of the new budget.

The site for the proposed courthouse-jail has been a matter of conjecture for some time. Commissioner Bateman said the commissioners themselves are somewhat to blame for the

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this town and county that we love so dearly, we came committed to making this our home for life. Although there have been many opportunities to leave Chowan County, we have automatically rejected them in that we had no intention of leaving. However, in the past few weeks, and in particular, this past week, a series of events have taken place which have caused Patsy and me to do a great deal of soul searching about who we are and our lives here on earth.

"And after much prayerful consideration, I have reached the decision to request that the board of education accept my resignation as Superintendent of the Edenton-Chowan Schools effective June 30, 1975."

He went on to say:

"The Edenton-Chowan Schools, due to your leadership, guidance and commitment, and the diligent efforts of all employees in the system, is recognized at both the state and national levels for its progressiveness. With its present trajectory, and your continued guidance, it is certain to continue this momentum."

Dr. West came to this school system in 1972, succeeding F. L. Britt. Prior to moving to Edenton, he served as director of development of the State Department of Public Instruction.

The New Hanover County native has been extensively involved in regional development here, and was a member of the executive council of the Alliance for Progress.

Dr. West's work in improving the quality of education in this county has been profound, a board member noted.

In other business handled by the board, Dr. West reported that a three man team from the State Division of School Planning will prepare a report on the cost on renovating the present facilities. He said that the project will be "pretty costly".

Director of Instruction Don Lassiter reported that the most recent Parent Conference Day saw participation by 608 parents, system-wide, despite foul weather. The smallest response was received at Holmes High School where 20 parents visited the school.

Lassiter also reported that Edenton-Chowan Schools will be accredited as a whole rather than by the individual institutions, this year. He stated that the criteria for accreditation is based on the planning process, how it works, how goals are implemented, and how the leadership functions.

He reported that the schools already seem to pretty well meet the criteria, and that they will soon be ready for evaluation by the review team.



DR. EDDIE WEST

their jobs permanently.

The office received 182 job orders from local employers, public and private, during the first quarter. From these job orders 170 applicants were placed in employment, giving an average of approximately 57 placements per month. Many of these placements were the result of Public Service Employment jobs which is a federal program allotting funds to the state and local governments to hire unemployed people.

Veterans were placed in 45 of the

170 jobs which amounts to about 27 per cent of the total placements.

Unemployment is still a major problem in our region, but some employers are hiring and with the Spring season upon us more jobs will prevail in construction, farming, and other outdoor type of employment, Mrs. Bond noted. "In conclusion, our staff feels that we have accomplished a great deal more than just taking claims for unemployment during this "recession", she said.