

Working-Vacation

For almost a year we had looked forward to acting as valet to the lady member of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education if she went to Houston, Tex., to a national conference. The trip to San Francisco, Calif., was that educational.

Now comes the apprentice columnist of "Chalk Dust" who expects us to masquerade as a "real live press agent" and report on the antics of the local delegation. So, it will be a working vacation this time around.

By the time we get back Wednesday this edition of the Public Parade will have been put to bed.

Next week we will attempt to provide you with all the news that is fit to print regarding the trip.

And if we draw on past experience there won't be many paragraphs about national educational trends.

Guest Editorial

Charles Dunn moved from newspaper reporting to director of the State Bureau of Investigation and on the manage the unsuccessful campaign of a candidate for governor. He has now moved into the boob tube fraternity as editorial director of Capitol Broadcasting Company in Raleigh.

Atty. Gen. Rufus Edmiston would like to see him director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and we would like to see him commander of the State Highway Patrol. Both desires will probably go wanting.

However, Charlie Dunn has his head screwed on right when it comes to a common sense approach to things. It is for this reason that we publish here an editorial he presented on WRAL-TV on February 25:

Local governments more and more are feeling the pinch of inflation and the increasing demands for services. And, more and more local government leaders are eyeing the income tax as a source of local revenue. We recognize the needs. But local government taxing income isn't the way to provide for them.

Last fall the N. C. League of Municipalities went on record favoring a local option payroll tax. Now officials in Wake County - and probably in others - are seeking new sources of revenue from the General Assembly. The individual income tax is a prime target.

Wake County officials are expected to discuss taxes with the Wake County legislative delegation Tuesday. According to reports, county officials will request new sources of income for counties and will oppose repeal of any taxes which now benefit local governments.

The proposed new sources of income for Wake County government would come either by direct return of a portion of the state income tax or any other method by which the income tax base can be made available to local governments, according to county officials.

Of course, local governments
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Assistance Is Available

Mr. A. R. Bass, local Revenue Officer for the North Carolina Department of Revenue, advises that personnel to assist in filing State Income and Intangibles tax returns will be available on Wednesday of each week through April 15, 1977.

The office is located at 102 W. Eden Street and assistance is available on this (or those) days between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. Mr. Bass requests that taxpayers bring the pre-addressed forms which were mailed to them from Raleigh.

Taxpayers filing their own returns should mail those which indicate a refund to North Carolina Department of Revenue, Post Office Box R, Raleigh, North Carolina 27634; other completed returns should be mailed to North Carolina Department of Revenue, Post Office Box 25000, Raleigh, N. C. 27640.



PREPARE FOR WALK-A-THON—Roger Brickhouse, left, Walk-A-Thon chairman, and Alton Clark, Edenton Jaycee president, report that all is in readiness for the Saturday event that is to feature Rep. Walter B. Jones and Mayor Roy L. Harrell. The Walk-A-Thon is fund raising project being conducted for the Eastern Lung Association.

Walk-A-Thon Set Saturday

Rep. Walter B. Jones and Mayor Roy L. Harrell will lead-off the Jaycee sponsored Walk-A-Thon, this Saturday, reported Roger Brickhouse, project chairman. The event is expected to get underway at 9 A. M. from John A. Holmes High School.

"This is a community involvement activity which gives every citizen the chance to aid the fight against lung diseases," Brickhouse said. "The Walk-A-Thon is a fund raising project for the Eastern Lung Association, and local individuals, businesses and organizations will be sponsoring participants at a rate of at least 10 cents per mile for the 18-mile course.

Registration for the event will be held from 8 - 8:30 A. M. at Holmes High School, and those planning to participate are reminded to bring two copies of the sponsor sheet and keep one for personal records.

In the event of rain, listen to the radio for instructions.

Brickhouse reminds participants that they should wear sturdy shoes and heavy socks and advises it is not best to carry anything such as a purse. Food will be provided free of charge during the Walk-A-Thon. It will

end behind Holmes High School, and parents may pick up children there.

Money pledged to the project should be collected next week, and on April 9 can be turned in at the following locations: Boy Scout Hut in Edenton, M&R Supermarket in Tyner, and W. E. Smith's Store in Rocky Hook.

Prizes will be awarded to the youngest and oldest walkers, to the person who turns in the most money and the school that has the most walkers.

Motorcyclists Take Course

A motorcycle rider course is currently underway in the Edenton-Chowan Schools as a pilot project of the State Department of Public Instruction and the Governor's Highway Safety Council.

The course is designed to teach present and potential motorcyclists the skills necessary to ride in traffic, including a session devoted to advanced maneuvers.

The Driver's Education Department is offering the course over a six-week period, totaling 23 hours of classroom and driving

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Easter Music Programs Are Scheduled

Programs of sacred music slated in conjunction with the coming Easter are planned this Sunday at Edenton Baptist Church. The Campbell College

musicians and the Edenton Choral Society will be featured in two programs, one during the morning worship service and one later in the afternoon.

Bidding Gets Go-Ahead

A "green light" has verbally been given by the State Department of Archives and History for the county to proceed with acceptance of bids for demolition on the proposed courthouse-jail site, reported C. A. Phillips, chairman of the Chowan County commissioners.

Acceptance of those bids was delayed last week based on an archaeologist's report of the possible presence of a tannery and other historically significant artifacts on portions of the site. Phillips stated that an addendum was attached to the bids concerning the use of heavy equipment on areas of the tract where delicate artifacts may be buried.

A preliminary study recently completed by Dr. Pat Garrow, archaeologist with Soils Systems, Inc. of Atlanta, Ga., acknowledged the presence of buildings indicated on the 1769 Sautier map, the same map that provided a basis for reconstruction of the Cupola

House gardens. Included on that map is a tannery, which should now be found where the BP station is located, on the southeast corner bordered by Broad and Queen Streets. Another significant area sits at the location of the Kramer house, not to mention the Coastal Cottage, which Phillips reported will be moved.

Demolition on courthouse section of the tract is not expected to be hampered by excavation, but the detention facility area will be effected. Phillips said it is hoped excavation and related studies will be completed while the courthouse is under construction, and that both facilities will be

opening at the same time.

The biggest problem in achieving that end, however, will be funds to pay for the excavation. Phillips said the excavations and other archaeological studies are going to be expensive, and that options as to funding the work are being considered.

According to Phillips, the relationship of the project to the President's Council on Historic Preservation and Restoration is another factor that greatly affects the progress. Availability of the grant money is directly influenced by that group, and there are strict conditions included in the grant related to historic interests.

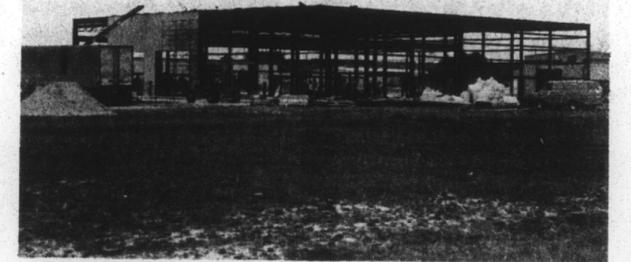
Legion Drive Is Successful

The American Legion, Department of North Carolina Headquarters in Raleigh indicates that Edward G. Bond Post No. 40 has conducted a highly successful membership drive.

E. C. Toppin, commander of the post, has received a letter from Department Headquarters reporting that Post No. 40 has exceeded its Legion Membership Incentive Goal for 1977. The Department Commander expressed congratulations and thanks to the Post Leaders and membership workers for their effort.

J. B. Trexler, Jr., state commander, said "The membership of every Legionnaire makes it possible for the American Legion to maintain service for the sick and disabled in hospitals. Memberships make possible all the Legion programs, such as care for needy children, Baseball, Boy's State, Boy Scout Troops, Oratorical Contests, Community Service, Law and Order and all the others. I am proud to congratulate Post No. 40 upon this notable achievement."

Toppin explained that "Your American Legion - It's Great To Know You Belong", the theme of this year's drive, was to encourage all citizens to raise their sights to greater service by becoming involved in their local community, thus becoming an important part of The American Legion's ongoing motto - "For God and Country".



NEW BUILDING—Expansion of the Gregory Poole operation in Edenton is being undertaken through the construction of a new building at their location on Base Road next to Edenton Municipal Airport. Scheduled for completion in May, the facility will expand their shop area by about 50 per cent, and the parts department by about 25 per cent with possible additions being made later, reported A. W. Cooke, a company spokesman.

Pilgrimage Time Is Near

The Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside is just a little over two weeks away and final preparations are being handled in anticipation of an event which two years ago drew the largest crowd in its 14-year history.

While homeowners prepare for the out-of-town visitors, so are final touches being made on the Cupola House Gardens and the Iredell House fencing project. Clubs and civic organizations are gearing up for an array of luncheons, fish fries, bake sales, and displays.

A sidewalk art show and sale, a band concert, a dinner-theater, and an occupational display fair are included in the long list of activities slated during the three day affair, April 15-17.

The tour itself will feature three homes not previously included.

Sycamore, presently owned by

Dr. and Mrs. N. Hines, Jr., will be new on the tour. Built in 1718 by Jacob Butler, the house was originally situated on a tract patented in 1694 by George Dear. In 1973 the house was relocated on the Albemarle Sound at Hornblow Point. Since that time, Sycamore has been enlarged and restored. The original portion is painted inside and out with the color found to have been the first used on the house. The original woodwork is Georgian.

Another new addition is Houghton Point, owned by Mr. and Mrs. T. B. H. Wood. At present, records of the farm where this 18th century house was built have been clarified back only as far as 1871. Research into ownerships before that time are still in progress. In 1974, the three-story, side hall structure was moved several miles to the Yeopim River. It has been enlarged and restored but original woodwork, called

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PREPARE FOR CONCERT—The Edenton Choral Society is shown above in rehearsal for their concert slated this Sunday at 5 P. M. in the Edenton Baptist Church. Easter portions of Handel's "Messiah" will be performed. Shelby Strother is director.

bands at the college, will feature the woodwind ensemble, seven women and three men in the sacred concerts given en route. The ensemble will perform Haydn's "Divertimento" and Purcell's "Cebell". The program will end with the full band playing the familiar "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty..." while the congregation sings.

At 5 P. M. the Edenton Choral Society will present Easter sections of George F. Handels "Messiah".

Soloists for the concert will be Sherry Jordan, Evelyn Smith, Norma Dirom, Jim Earnhardt, Jr. and Frank Cox, trumpet.

The Society will be accompanied by Hugh D. Dial, Jr., organ, Rodney Schmidt, first violin, Dee Braxton, second violin, Lance Kellas, viola, and Charlotte Lucy, cello. Shelby Strother is director.

The Edenton Choral Society is a non-profit organization, organized for the purpose of fostering greater participation in the arts. The Society is supported by contributions from the Chowan Arts Council and other small donations.



MOST OUTSTANDING — Sandy Hylton, an East Carolina University student, has been named Most Outstanding Woman in the School of Technology. She and other outstanding students will be honored at a reception in the Mendenhall Student Center on April 19 at 8 P. M. Each year the Women's Residence Council sponsors a program to recognize those women on campus who have achieved excellence through their endeavors.