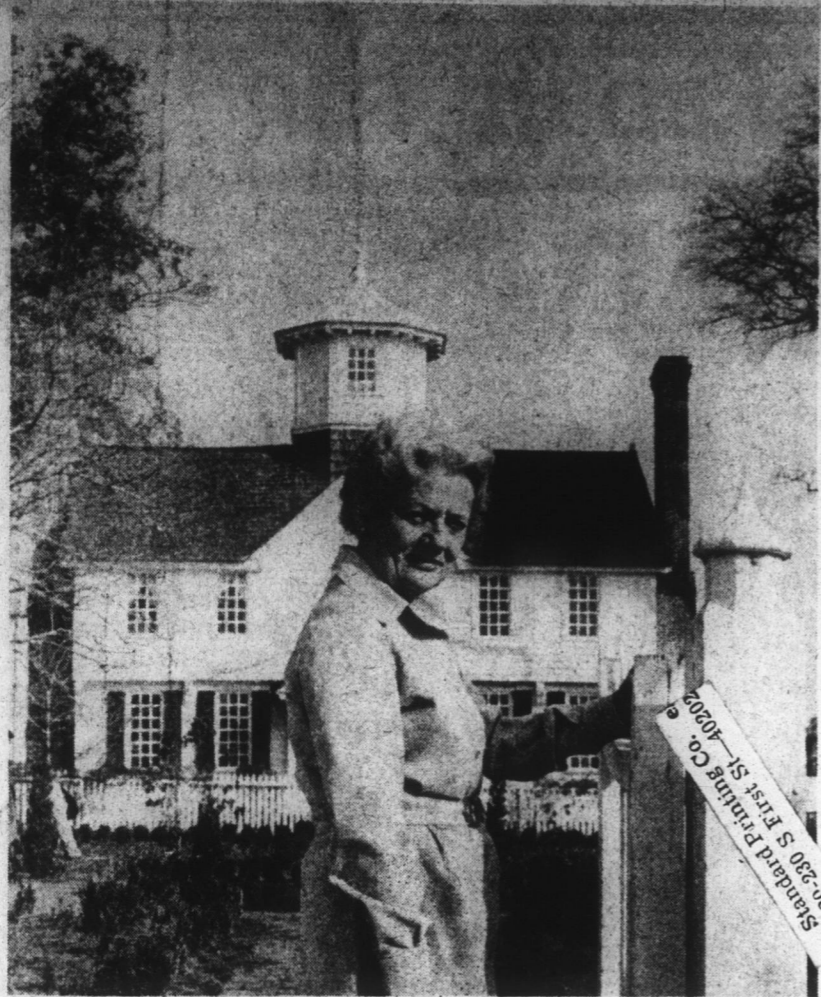


'Buck Passing' Charge Draws Response



RECIPIENT OF AWARD OF MERIT—Mrs. W.B. Rosevear, 121 West King Street, is pictured in the formal garden at the Cupola House. Her efforts on behalf of the association and other restoration in Historic Edenton have earned her an Award of Merit from the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina.

North Carolina environmental officials have responded to local charges with a four-point program aimed at finding and implementing a solution to the Chowan River algae blooms. The announcement was made Friday afternoon in Raleigh.

Charles Creighton, president, Edenton Chamber of Commerce, recently wrote Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., complaining about evidence of "buck passing" in his administration on the issue.

Also, Chowan County commissioners are making efforts to create a multi-county task force of elected officials in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound basins to deal with the algae problem.

On still another front, the 20-county Coastal Resources Commission, chaired by Dr. Parker Chesson of Elizabeth City, is monitoring activity which would affect water quality in Eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Dave Adams, who shared the third spot in the Department of Natural Resources & Community Development, has been fired. Other "reorganization" within the department has been hinted.

The new program includes an increase in air and groundwater monitoring; scientific research; on-site staffing and interstate planning and studies to identify nitrogen sources and determine the necessary controls to reduce nitrogen inputs into the river.

The plans were made public by Sec. Howard N. Lee; Gilliam Wood of Edenton, chairman of the NRC board; and H.W. Whitley of Murfreesboro, chairman of the N.C. Environmental Management Commission.

The efforts will supplement the studies and tests undertaken in recent months according to Lee. He said that this summer his department had probably taken more samples and collected more data on the river than in the previous five years combined.

Increased monitoring of air emissions and groundwater movement at the C.F. Industries site at Tuntis is planned to determine the contribution of those activities to nitrogen levels in the river.

Dr. A.E. Witherspoon, a botanist from N.C. State University, will study the Chowan estuary to

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ON STAGE TONIGHT—Edenton Little Theater will present "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" in Homes Auditorium tonight and Friday night. Bruce Weber, who plays the title role, is surrounded by other cast members at a rehearsal earlier this week. Clockwise are: Jean McGraw, Otis Strother, Hugh Dial, Jr., Eric Byrum and Pat Weber. At top left is Sondra C. Shoffner, accompanist. Below are the hard working lighting technicians, Jill Stutzman and Gail Gurnee. Curtain time is 8 P.M.

Public Parade

News: Good, Bad

There is good news and bad news regarding the Albemarle Sound. While this year's algae bloom has lowered the quality of water in the sound, shoreline erosion wasn't as bad during the summer.

Mike O'Connor of East Carolina University is working under a University of North Carolina Sea Grant Program, headquartered at N.C. State, and reports that information gathered from on-monitoring stations indicate a "relative quiet" on the erosion scene.

The results sharply contrast with those of last winter in which erosion rates of six and 12 feet were common along many estuarine shores.

Mr. O'Connor believes the information is important in demonstrating the variability of shoreline erosion from location to location and the fact that erosion can be measured on a year to year basis.

That's nice. But what about the algae?



Hugh Dial as "Snoopy"

Charlie Brown

The first of two productions scheduled this year by the talented Edenton Little Theater will open tonight (Thursday) along the Public Parade. The two-night run is in Holmes Auditorium.

"You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" is a musical for the entire family and is based on the comic strip by Charles M. Schulz.

Uncertain as our schedule is these days, we seized upon the opportunity Monday night to attend a rehearsal. We were surprised.

Hugh Dial, Jr. had just been cast in the dual role of director and actor. The other characters—Bruce and Pat Weber, Eric Byrum, Otis Strother and Jean McGraw—didn't appear to let it bother them one bit.

The audience consisted of about three people with credits in the program who were expected to get excited by the performance. We found ourselves getting the feel of

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Historic Society Honors Resident

Mrs. W.B. Rosevear, 121 West King Street, is one of 12 recipients of an Award of Merit from The Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina, Inc. This is the first time such an award has been presented by the society to recognize individuals or organizations who have furthered the cause of preservation or restoration in important and significant ways.

Mrs. Rosevear and five other individuals were cited. The other six awards went to organizations.

Mrs. Rosevear was cited for her perseverance in the creation of the Cupola House gardens, for the restoration of Pembroke Hall, and for her financial support of all preservation efforts in the Town of Edenton.

The awards were presented at a luncheon in Raleigh today. This is Culture Week in North Carolina.

Following is the text of Mrs. Rosevear's recognition:

When interior restoration work was begun on the Cupola House in Edenton in 1964, the house was hemmed in by a fire station to the north and a commercial building to the south. In 1966 both properties were being bought. Gertrude Rosevear, already treasurer of the Cupola House Association, led the drive to complete their purchase.

Gertrude Rosevear has been the generous and persistent leader in Edenton who has carried through on almost all Cupola House efforts. The creation of the formal flower garden stretching to Water Street and the kitchen garden to the North are due to her untiring efforts in personally financing gardeners and laborers in laying

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Asbell Takes BNC Post

Allan B. Asbell has been appointed Branch Manager of the Northside Office of the Bank of North Carolina in Edenton, it was announced today by W.L. Robertson, vice president and city executive officer.

Asbell has been in training with the bank for the past three months and is replacing Morris Small, Jr.,



Allan Asbell

Heads Program

Annette Fairless of Edenton has been named administrator of the Title III Aging Program in Region "R". She has served as acting administrator since the resignation of Naomi Hester.

The program operates under the umbrella of the 10-county Albemarle Regional Planning & Development Commission and is headquartered in Hertford.

Carlotta Jordan of Elizabeth City has been hired to fill the position of aging coordinator. She previously was associated with the Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.

who was transferred to the bank's Winston-Salem office.

Asbell is a graduate of Chowan High School, and has been very active in civic affairs locally. Asbell has served as chairman of the Bloodmobile, serves as a director of the Edenton Jaycees and was honored as Jaycee of the Year in 1977. He was also elected as an Outstanding Young Man of America in 1977.

Prior to joining the Bank of North Carolina, Asbell was associated with Peoples Bank and Trust Company and prior to that with The Chowan Herald, as advertising manager.

Herald Will Print Early

The Chowan Herald will be published one day early next week because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The newspaper will appear late Tuesday afternoon rather than Wednesday and will be distributed in the mail on Wednesday.

The early press time will require that news and advertising copy be in the office by noon Monday, rather than Tuesday.

Events that happen late will be reported in the edition of November 30. The understanding and cooperation of all our advertisers and correspondents will be appreciated.

School Closing Hearing Set

The public hearing concerning the proposed closing of Chowan High School and its consolidation with John A. Holmes High School has been set for 7:30 P.M. November 30 at the Chowan facility.

The decision to hold such a hearing came from last week's meeting of Edenton-Chowan Board of Education where a committee report was received. W.J.P. Earnhardt, Jr., board attorney, said the hearing is required by state statute.

At the hearing the county, state board of education and the public will be given the opportunity to express their views relative to the proposed consolidation.

The study committees recommended a reorganization pattern in line with a decision of May 29.

Farm-City Week

A banquet and two tours will focus attention on Farm-City Week here, November 17-23.

The first event will be a banquet at Edenton Jaycee Community Building at 7:30 P.M. Monday. The banquet is sponsored by the civic clubs in Edenton and Chowan County.

Oscar White, chairman, said awards will be presented. Also, Darlene Everson will present her 4-H demonstration on business. She presented it last Friday night at a Federal Land Bank meeting in Ahoskie.

A tour of Copeland Turkey Farm will be held at 2 P.M. Tuesday. Those who desire transportation should meet at the Baptist Church parking lot at 1:30. Exhibits will be viewed at the Ryland Community Building.

On Wednesday at 2:30 P.M. there will be a tour of Jimbo's Jumbos. Those on the tour will gather at the Baptist Church lot at 2 P.M.

'Charlie Brown' To Be Staged

This pattern was believed to be the best alternative if the voters failed to approve a \$3.5-million bond referendum for construction of a new senior high school.

The referendum was defeated and a study committee formed

In the recommendation, grades nine through 12 throughout the county would be housed at Holmes High School in Edenton; grades seven through eight and six in the northern area, at Chowan; grades K-Five (north) at White Oak; grades K-Six (south) at Walker; and the Alternative School and COA learning resources center, at Swain.

All of this would be accomplished with the use of mobile classrooms at Holmes and renovations. There would be no new construction. The cost was set at \$150,000.

Holiday Hours

County Manager Eddie Dick announced this week the schedule of holiday for county employees during November and December.

County offices will be closed November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving; December 25 and 26 for Christmas and New Year's Day.



Dr. John R. Larkins

Meeting Slated

The Advisory Council on Aging of the Albemarle Planning and Development Commission will meet today (Thursday) at 2 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Dr. John R. Larkins, special assistant to Gov. Jim Hunt.

There has been a sudden change in the cast of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" but everyone connected with the Edenton Little Theater production this week is optimistic.

Hugh Dial, Jr., director of the popular musical, stepped in Monday night to play the role of "Snoopy", a role cast with Greg Shackelford. Those who witnessed the rehearsal thought it went well and everything will be ready for the curtain to rise at 8 P.M. tonight in Holmes Auditorium.

The second performance will be Friday night. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Joining Dial in the cast are Bruce Weber in the title role; Eric Byrum, Otis Strother, Jean McGraw and Pat Weber.

The accompanist is Sondra C. Shoffner.

Dial had this to say on the eve of the production:

"Being the director of 'Charlie Brown' has been a real labor of love. The cast and the crews have all pitched in and worked with a high intensity aiming at tonight—magic time.

"One person worked especially hard to create the character of Snoopy. He became plagued with physical problems which caused his withdrawal and subsequent replacement. Edenton Little Theater is indebted to Greg Shackelford for his dedication and we are all sorry to not have him perform.

"I sincerely hope that everyone who sees our production will come away agreeing that happiness is

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Leary Appointed

Mrs. Lena M. Leary was named November 2 to the Criminal Justice Information System Planning Committee by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. She took her oath Tuesday in Chowan County District Court.

Mrs. Leary, clerk of court, will serve at the pleasure of the governor.

In a letter received with her commission, Gov. Hunt stated: "I have every confidence you will make an outstanding contribution to the progress of this committee."