

'Let's Put Christ Back Into Christmas' Yule Parade, Downtown Edenton, Sunday, 2:30

Ninth Grade At Walker

At the School Board's mid-month November 20 meeting, Gil Burroughs expressed disappointment over the county commissioner's denial of \$26,000 requested to purchase six temporary classrooms for John A. Holmes High School next year.

Burroughs, a strong advocate for keeping grades 9-12 together during consolidation, also questioned the Board's commitment to "consolidate in the best manner."

As reorganization plans now stand, the Ninth Grade will be at Walker and Grades 10-12 at Holmes next year.

Echoing Burroughs' disappointment, Chairman Eugene Jordan, Supt. John Dunn and other board members pointed out that the school board does not have the money, that separating the Ninth Grade was not the original nor considered the desired method of consolidation, that the county commissioners have twice denied

requests due to lack of funds and that the only course of action to accomplish consolidation and reorganization is to use available facilities.

Burroughs viewed that "the method of consolidating will be one of the most far reaching things that will happen in this county, educationally, in a long time." His "gut level feeling" is that people in the community seem to have placed a great deal of importance on keeping grades 9-12 together.

Failing to understand the Board's priorities, Burroughs further stated that it is hard to understand why the board, through its authority to re-budget, can't "find" \$10,000 out of a \$5-million budget, which would accomplish the desired 9-12 plan.

A motion made by Mrs. Emily Amburn and seconded by Dr. Ed Bond, which would "say that the 9th grades will be at Holmes", failed. Mrs. Amburn and Dr. Bond both felt that if the board was committed, the money could be "found somewhere", even if the board "has to re-prioritize" or "solicit donations."

Taking a wait-and-see stand, Cecil Fry stated that should a

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EXTENSION OF DOWNTOWN — The theme of downtown Edenton has been extended north through the block on which the new Chowan County Courthouse is located. Brick sidewalks, holly trees and lamp posts have been installed. To add to the beauty, the same type holiday decorations adorn the lamps. Leary Plant Farm is putting finishing touches on the landscaping of the block and the beauty of the new courthouse is further outlined. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

Public Parade

Pre-Holiday Events

Ready or not, Christmas is just a matter of a few weeks away. To get the pre-holiday season in gear are two events which deserve the support of everyone meandering along the Public Parade.

In a break with tradition, the annual Christmas Parade in Edenton will be held at 2:30 P.M. Sunday. Then Wednesday from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. the Cupola House Association will sponsor the fifth annual Wassail Bowl fund-raiser.

"Let's Put Christ Back Into Christmas" is the theme for this year's yule parade. Again it is sponsored jointly by Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and Edenton Jaycees.

Efforts are being made to make this year's parade something special. There is still time to enter units. The deadline is 12-noon Friday, so if you want to participate with a float or other type unit there is still time to contact Bob Moore at the chamber office.

The Wassail Bowl Party is among the area's most fascinating fund raisers. It is an evening of entertainment and Christmas cheer developed in medieval England which has become a tradition along the Public Parade.

Ann Ellis assured us this week that Nancy Campbell still plans to make the Wassail, the Chowan County Homemaker Extension Clubs will provide baked refreshments, the Cupola House will be decorated in traditional 18th Century Christmas greenery by the Garden of Eden Club, and group carolers from the Edenton Choral Society directed by Shelby Strother will provide other entertainment.

Too, Ann reminds that while this is a fun time it is also a fund raiser. A silver offering will be provided to insure continued restoration and preservation of the Cupola House, its furnishings and grounds. Those who want to make it a silent offering by depositing checks or greenbacks are welcomed to do so.

Both the Sunday afternoon Christmas Parade and the Wednesday evening Wassail Bowl party are designed to be multipurposed. What you get out of either, and-or both, will depend upon you. First you must attend to derive benefit from these pre-holiday events.

Guest Editorial

There is a lot of conversation along the Public Parade and throughout Northeastern North Carolina these days about the cost of energy-gas, electricity, wood, etc. None is more in the limelight than the prime provider of electricity—Virginia Electric & Power Company.

The latest banner item is Vepco's planned "lobbying" of local officials in the General Assembly. Following is an editorial which recently appeared in the Parker Brothers

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Concert Slated

The Edenton Chorale Society will present its annual Christmas concert on Sunday at the Edenton Baptist Church, at 3 o'clock.

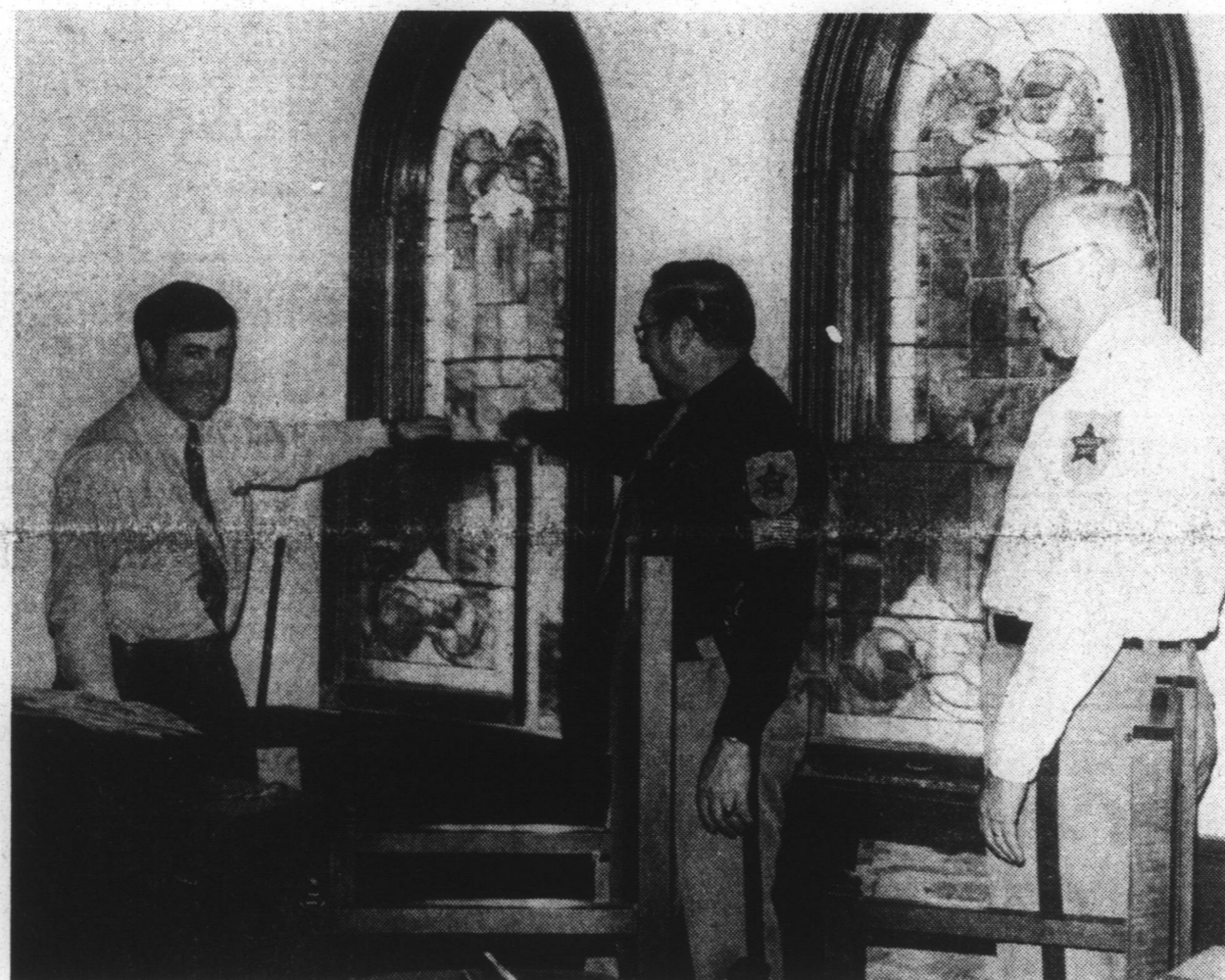
The public is invited to attend.

Discussion Set

The tobacco production program for 1980 will be discussed here Wednesday morning when tobacco farmers in Chowan County meet in the County Office Building. The meeting is set for 10:30 A.M. in the Fourth Floor conference room.

S. N. Hawks, tobacco specialist with N. C. State University in Raleigh, will be the resource person for this meeting.

R. M. (Pete) Thompson, county extension chairman, said farmers in Chowan have a 400-acre allotment and the crop produces some \$1-million in income.



PERFECT FIT — Three law enforcement officers who have spearheaded investigation of the theft of stained glass windows from Evans United Methodist Church are shown here matching two of the windows recovered recently in Virginia. Sheriff Troy Toppin, right, Deputy Joseph Byrum, and SBI Agent Kent Insoe are shown above as they continue their investigation. The upper portion of the 13 windows was not disturbed, nor was the window over the front entrance, also shown. Below is a file photo taken by Luke Amburn shortly after the theft was reported. A ladder used in removing the windows is in the foreground.

Stolen Items Are Recovered

Chowan County Sheriff's Department has recovered items—including stained glass windows—taken earlier this month from two churches. While no arrests have yet been made, Sheriff Troy Toppin said suspects are being sought.

Sheriff Toppin reported today that 13 stained glass windows taken from Evans United Methodist Church on highway 32, north of Edenton, along with two chandeliers, are now in the possession of his department. Also, the communion table taken from Locust Grove United Methodist Church has been

recovered.

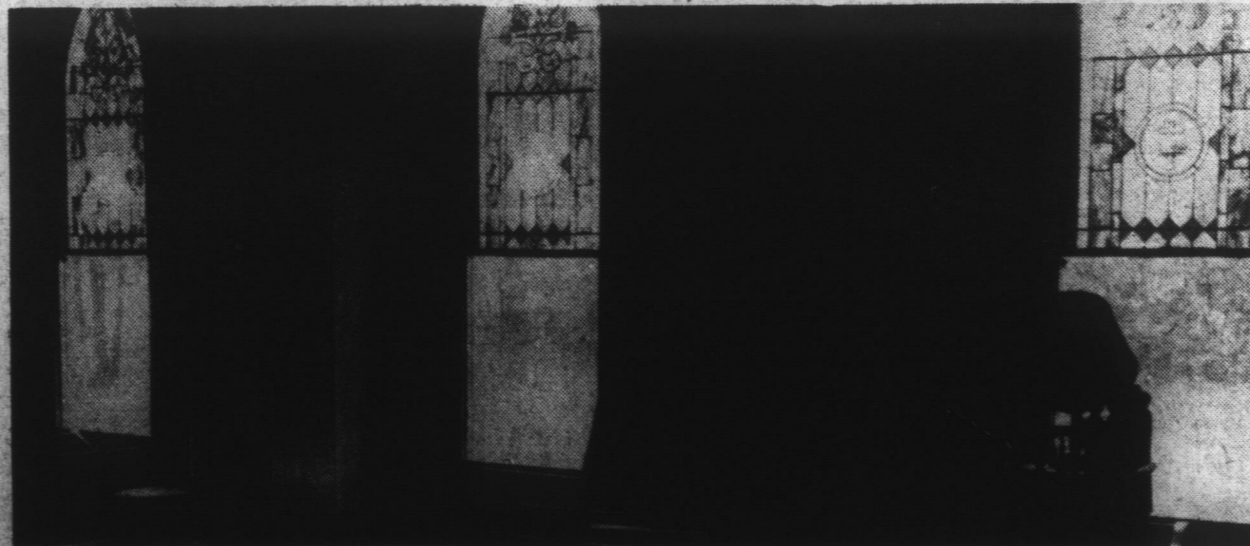
All the items were found in the shop of an antique dealer in Virginia. Other items taken from two unoccupied residences have not been recovered.

Sheriff Toppin said law enforcement officers are looking for a blue van with side windows and being operated by two white males in their late 30s. The van is believed to have out-of-state license tags.

Anyone with information about the van or its occupants is asked to call Sheriff Toppin at 482-8484.

At the same time, the sheriff

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Food Stamp Participation Increases In Chowan Co.

Major changes in the food stamp program that took effect in January and March of this year have resulted in a 31 per cent increase in the number of low-income people in Chowan County participating in the program.

In July, 1979, there were 1,662 residents of the county participating, compared to only 1,273 in July, 1978. The total value of the

stamps issued in July, 1979 was \$52,164.

Even with this increase in participation, there are still 3,049 people in the county who are eligible for the program who are not participating based on estimates from the Division of Social Services of the N. C. Department of Human Resources.

Many changes have taken place in the program this year as a result of food stamp reform legislation enacted by Congress in 1977.

John Kerr, chief of the Food Assistance Section of the Division, cited two changes, however, as the most significant in determining the number of participants. "The elimination of the requirement that people have to pay a certain amount of their money in order to get a larger amount of food stamps became effective on January 1. Participants now receive a smaller amount of stamps at no charge. Lowering the eligibility level to the federal poverty level on March 1 had little

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Pastor Is Chosen

Rev. Joseph Willis has been called to serve as the pastor of Warwick Baptist Church in Hobbsville. His new ministry will begin on December 2.

Mr. Willis and his wife, Dorothy, are moving to Hobbsville from Wallace, where he was the pastor of Poston Baptist Church.

He is a graduate of Fruitland Bible Institute at Hendersonville, North Carolina and of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina. Formerly, they have served churches in Natalie and Danville, Va.

Gifts Donated

The Cupola House Association, the James Iredell House Association, and the Edenton Historical Commission extend thanks to the Edenton Woman's Club for their gift of a generous portion of the proceeds from the spring, 1979 Pilgrimage. A total of \$8,987.42 from the Woman's Club will be used to enhance the historic sites operated for the benefit of the public by the Commission.

The Cupola House Association will use the Woman's Club gift of \$3,000 to help complete the purchase of a number of English and American antiques, now on display in the Cupola House.

The \$3,000 gift to the James Iredell House Association will be used by the Furnishings Committee to buy appropriate pieces for the second floor bedroom of the State Historic Site. Over \$450 will restore the entrance walk to the Iredell House and create a brick pathway from the parking lot to the back gate of the property.

A gift of \$2,500 will extend walkways from the parking lot to the front of the Barker House and replace the Visitor Center's oil storage tank with a larger and more attractive fuel container.

"We are deeply grateful to the Woman's Club for their continuing support of Edenton's historic properties," a spokesman said.



Mrs. Johnnie Bass

Recognition Set

Mrs. Johnnie Bass, of the Gum Pond Extension Homemakers Club, will be recognized at the State Extension Homemakers Club meeting to be held in Pinehurst November 28-29 at the Pinehurst Hotel.

Mrs. Bass was selected as the Outstanding Young Homemaker in the 15-county Northeastern District.

Mrs. Mary Julia Parrish, Chowan County Council vice president, and Theresa Ford, associate home economics extension agent, will also attend the meeting.