

Welcome Visitors

It doesn't seem like two years since the last Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton. But as sure as there is a Monday in every week there is an odd numbered year in every biennium. On the odd year Edenton Woman's Club sponsored the pilgrimage.

This is our ninth pilgrimage. And we look forward to it as much if not more than the 1965 happening along the Public Parade. The first one we witnessed was filled with great expectations. Each one since has been filled with equal anticipation since the Woman's Club leadership continues to "put the big pot in the little one" every two years.

The latch spring is always out along the Public Parade. There is just more focus on visitors during the pilgrimage. It takes many, many hours of painstaking planning and coordination. In fact, before the proceeds of one event are totaled work begins on the next year's plan.

What's going to be open during the next one? is not an uncommon question asked by hundreds of those faithful who come every two years. Others watch the announcements for a favorite participant.

One doesn't have to meander along the Public Parade for long to discover that everything in this community is a favorite. You just grow to like some more than others, as it always is in a life filled with treasure.

Visitors along the Public Parade marvel at the friendliness and cleanliness in the community. The rare beauty of the historic homes and public is complimented by an invigorating atmosphere. This radiates throughout the community, making it a joy to participate. And it is evidenced in the fact that homeowners are glad to open their doors and welcome visitors.

Shucks, it would appear that we are trying to convince ourselves. Not so! While, like love, a little reassurance never hurts, this IS the goodliest land.

Those who live in this laboratory of history are pleased to share the goodies with others. Welcome, visitors!

Vernon's View

Two years ago Rep. Vernon James, D-Isle of Pasquotank, introduced a "little bill" in the General Assembly which exempted farm land from permit requirements of certain state regulations. It was enacted into law.

Recently he introduced HB 747 which, he says, is intended to determine if the earlier bill was necessary. This may be oversimplification, but it is what we got out of the explanation he gave in response to our comment last week.

The State of North Carolina has received a lot of grief from the State of Virginia over the N. C. Department of Agriculture-backed legislation in 1979. The Calvaliers have used the law to point the finger at North Carolina when Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., Secretary Howard N. Lee of the

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Miss Goodwin 4-H Winner

RALEIGH — Anna Goodwin, Route 3, Edenton, has been named a state 4-H winner in crop production. She will receive an expense paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Ill. courtesy of Pioneer Hi-Bred In-



Anna Rae Goodwin



AWAIT VISITORS — Finishing touches are being put on things throughout the community as everyone prepares for the Biennial Pilgrimage of Edenton, beginning Friday. Mrs. Carole Davenport, head of the Edenton Woman's Club, is shown in the Cupola House Formal Garden. The area appears lonesome now, but the crowds are expected early Friday and remain until late Sunday. (Staff Photo by Luke Amburn.)

Town Eyes Friday Start Of Pilgrimage

As time draws near the Edenton Woman's Club is making final preparations for the Biennial Pilgrimage to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Headquarters will be at the Edenton Municipal Building. It will open at 9 A.M. on Friday. Tickets may be purchased at \$10 for adult block and \$4 for student block. Adult single house is \$2 and student single house is \$1.

The houses and buildings will open at 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and 2 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Friday and Saturday; Sunday 1 P.M. to 5 P.M. All houses and buildings are within walking distance. Guides are provided, if needed.

Special events are planned throughout the weekend. Churches and civic groups are serving lunches and suppers Friday and Saturday. Also, refreshment stands are planned in convenient locations through the historic district.

Swine Production Decrease Noted

All hogs and pigs on North Carolina farms March 1 totaled 2,200,000 head, a decrease of 11 per cent from a year earlier, according to the N. C. Crop and Livestock Reporting Service.

The inventory consisted of 305,000 head kept for breeding purposes, 18 per cent below last year and 1,895,000 market hogs, down 10 per cent. North Carolina ranks seventh in the nation in the total number of hogs and pigs.

North Carolina producers intend to farrow 120,000 sows during the next three months — March, 1981-May, 1981 — 17 per cent below the same period a year ago. June-August, 1981, farrowings are expected to total 115,000 down 13 per cent from June through August 1980.

During the past three month period, December-February, North Carolina producers farrowed 120,000 sows, down 20 per cent from the comparable period a year earlier. Litters averaged 7.2 pigs — up from an average of 7.1 a year ago.

ternational. She is a member of the Yeopim Club.

Mrs. Fran Ward, acting Chowan County Agricultural Extension Chairman, expressed her delight over the accomplishments of the local 4-H'er. "It is always good to have a state winner," she said. Anna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, Jr.

The 4-H'er has been a club member for seven years. Mrs. Mary Julia Parrish has been her club leader.

Anna has completed 41 projects and has won 36 county awards. She has also taken an active role in the county council and community club. She is also active in student programs at John A. Holmes High School, including being a member of the National Honor Society.

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W. H. Hollowell, Jr.

Heads Association

W. Herbert Hollowell, Jr., civic and church leader from Edenton, will be installed as president of the American Lung Association of North Carolina Wednesday, April 29 at the association's annual meeting in Greensboro. Meetings will be held April 29-30 at the Holiday Inn - Four Seasons.

Hollowell, a native of Chowan County, became interested in Lung Association work 11 years ago through a friend and as a result of personal lung problems. He joined the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of North Carolina, Eastern Region and in 1978 was named that Region's Volunteer of the Year. He has held several offices, regional and statewide. He served as president of the Eastern Region in 1976 and has served the state association as secretary, vice president, Environmental Committee and as state chairman

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Rate Hike Found Excessive

Advocates of lower electric bills won a round April 10 when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ruled that a 1978 wholesale rate increase imposed by Virginia Electric and Power Company was excessive. Municipalities, such as Edenton, who purchase electricity from Vepco for resale are due a refund. Because of the complexity of the case the amount of refund cannot be determined at this time. However, the total is expected to run into millions of dollars.

Vepco put a 17.8 per cent rate increase in effect September 1, 1978. The federal agency has or-

dered Vepco to submit a Cost of Service study on rate criteria and enter a lower rate request. Vepco must comply by mid-June.

W. B. Gardner, Edenton town administrator, put forth a novel idea Monday. He said this refund might encourage the town to build a small generating plant to cut consumption of Vepco electricity during periods of peak demand. This has been discussed in the past but no action has been taken.

In February the town added a 7 per cent surcharge to partially offset a second Vepco wholesale rate increase of 9.6 per cent. Gardner pointed out that a small

rebate would do little to aid the individual customers. However, investment of the Vepco refund in a capital project could have long term benefits.

Electricities, an organization that represents municipal electric systems, has estimated the system-wide refund to be about \$9-million, plus interest for the 31 months the rates have been in effect.

Vepco's rate filings resulted in a highly visible consumer organization — Operation Overcharge. It was formed by chambers of commerce in Vepco's

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Long Succeeds Miller As President Of Albemarle PCA

Thomas J. Long, Jr., has been elected president and secretary-treasurer of Albemarle Production Credit Association, effective May 1, succeeding Charles L. (Roy) Miller, who is retiring after more than 24 years of service.

Miller began his service on October 1, 1956, as assistant general manager and secretary-treasurer. He served in this capacity for 13 years and was elected president on April 1, 1970, upon the retirement of James M.

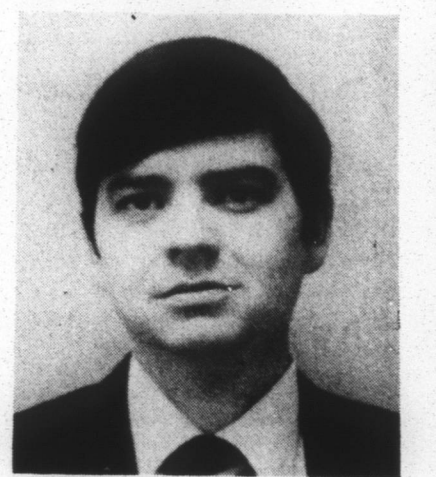
Rogers, who served the association for over 34 years.

Miller has seen the association grow from \$5.75-million in 1970 to over \$47-million in 1980.

Long begins his new duties with nine years of experience with the association as vice president. He is a native of Perquimans County, and a graduate of Perquimans County High School. He also graduated and earned an associate arts degree from The College of the Albemarle and a bachelor of science degree from Wake Forest University.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, where he was past chairman of the Finance Committee. Long was also a member of the Roper Ruritan Club, where he served as vice president this past year. He was also a member of the Plymouth Rotary Club.

Long is married to the former Dale Elliott of Edenton. They have one son, T. J., III, age 7. Prior to moving to Elizabeth City, Long had resided in Plymouth.



Thomas J. Long, Jr.



Charles L. Miller

Burroughs To Lead Chowan County NCAE

Teachers, school board members and county commissioners were recognized here Thursday night at the fifth annual banquet of the Edenton - Chowan Chapter of N. C. Association of Educators and

Association of Classroom Teachers.

Gil Burroughs was installed as president of NCAE, replacing E. H. (Butch) Ricks, who presided at the banquet held at Edenton

Jaycee Community Building on Base Road.

Wendall Hall, a project coordinator with the Northeast Regional Center in Williamston, told the group the school age children account for 31 per cent of our population but 100 per cent of our future. Hall said school systems are under a lot of pressure today because of the economy, but the U. S. is the only nation in the world that attempts to educate the entire population. "This is a tremendous undertaking," he added.

Hall called teaching "one of the most noble of all professions."

Brenda Bunch Winborne, was recognized by Principal Ralph Cole as Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Emily G. Amburn, who retired from Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, was presented a hand lettered resolution by Chairman Eugene Jordan. Jordan cited the low drop out rate in the system and said if the professional staff wasn't doing a good job this could not be accomplished.

Three staff members with a

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NEW PRESIDENT WITH FORMER BOARD MEMBER — Gil Burroughs, newly installed president of the Edenton - Chowan Chapter of N. C. Association of Educators, is pictured here with Mrs. Emily G. Amburn at Thursday night's banquet honoring school personnel. Mrs. Amburn is a former member of Edenton - Chowan Board of Education who was recognized at the banquet.

LOOSEN UP FOR THE BIG HERRING RUN, MAY 3