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Interesting things happened. Charles and Susan Creighton, who had previously been invited for dinner, upon learning that the Cronkite's would be there also, miraculously arrived on time for a change. Furthermore, Charlie never used the telephone once, nor did he start dozing at ten o'clock like he sometimes does. Like all of us, he was fascinated being in the company of a person of such high visibility and fame as Mr. Cronkite and finding him and his wife to be such warm, sincere and unassuming people.

Mr. Cronkite and his wife, who could drop almost any name from Kissinger to Queen Elizabeth, who have probably met more famous and powerful people than anyone alive, hardly dropped a name all evening. Instead the conversation centered on things like their love of sailing, wildlife, the gracious homes on the courthouse green they visited and the hospitality they had been shown all day by the people of Edenton.

The Cronkite's showed themselves as very witty people, with Betsy Cronkite commenting about Lisa parking her car in the middle of the battle re-enactment area by saying that our daughter Catherine will probably have to grow up in Edenton under an assumed name. Mr. Cronkite expressed disappointment at looking around all day and not seeing Andy Griffith anywhere.

In a time when television is inundated with so many personalities of tremendous fame, egos, physical looks, and little else, it was refreshing to spend time with a well-known man and his wife who were interesting to be around, listen to, and who projected themselves as really genuine people. It was nice to have this man and his wife, who have spent the better part of their lives in the company of presidents, princes and kings, spend a day in our little town of Queen Anne's Creek.

It was Saturday, October 23, 1962, and that's the way it was.

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The 911 System

Within a few months, more than 32 per cent of the population of North Carolina will be able to dial "911" for emergency help. It is time this type service become available along the Public Parade.

There has been a great deal of resistance to the "911" system. Much of it centers around the cost of installing such a network among emergency agencies. It now comes to the point, however, can we afford not to have it?

At present, 12 county systems are in operation; three (including Dare) are being installed; six city systems are in operation; 15 counties are planning systems which include a single answering point and use of the same seven-digit telephone number countywide.

Five additional counties also use a single seven-digit telephone number and have consolidated emergency message handling and dispatching functions in a single county. And there are 35 counties where some serious "911" planning has been done.

There is new evidence of cooperation among the Town of Edenton and Chowan County in the recent execution of a contract to share computer services. The climate is ripe to begin more serious discussions of a "911" system along the Public Parade if now throughout the entire 10-county Albemarle Area.

Sec. Herman R. Clark of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety is high on the system. He calls it a "vital system that saves lives and protects our people from harm."

The "911" emergency response system is a quick and simple way to call for assistance. Instead of having to dial individual numbers for the fire department, or the police department, all the caller needs to do is dial "911". The call will be routed, by one of several alternatives, to the correct public agency or agencies in the emergency.



FIRE DESTROYS HOME — Edenton Volunteer Fire Department fights the blaze that destroyed the Nixon home on Greenfield Road.

Edenton Volunteer Fire Dept. Battles Nixon House Fire Last Wednesday

Thick billowy black smoke rose from the house as members of the Edenton Volunteer Fire Department answered the fire call that had gone out only moments before. They knew long before they arrived on the scene that the fire was well established by the color of the smoke.

The fire that the above paragraph was written about was the fire that took place on Wednesday, October 20, around 5:58 P.M. It was the home of Annie Marie Nixon, who lived at Route 2, Box 123, Edenton or as the road is more commonly known, Greenfield Road.

Mrs. Nixon was asleep downstairs when the fire broke out. She was awakened by a passerby who saw smoke coming from the second floor of the house.

The fire appears to have broken out in an upstairs bedroom but no cause of the fire has yet been

determined.

The house suffered extensive damage rendering it totally unlivable.

Fire Chief Lynn Perry, when speaking about the fire said, "We stopped it where we found it."

Unfortunately, Mrs. Nixon did not have insurance on her house and has lost most everything to the fire, except the furniture in three rooms which suffered heavy smoke damage. She now lives in town with her daughter while getting things straight.

The family has indicated that any men's or women's clothing that could be given would be greatly appreciated. The family can be contacted at: 41 Davis Place; Edenton, N.C.



Wesley M. Chesson, Jr.

Chesson Elected To Board Of Directors

ROCKY MOUNT — Peoples Bank & Trust Company recently announced that Wesley M. Chesson, Jr., has been elected to the bank's Edenton Board of Directors.

Chesson is the President of Hobbs Implement Company in Edenton.

He attended Auburn University and Smithdean - Massey College. Chesson is an active member of the American Legion and the Edenton Lions Club. He and his wife, the former Betsy Goodwin, are members of the Edenton Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon, trustee and Sunday School teacher.

November 2 Is Election Day

A reminder to everyone that Tuesday, November 2, is election day.

Following is a list of precincts voting places:

- East Edenton Precinct — the County Office Building.
- West Edenton Precinct — the Municipal Building.
- Rocky Hock Precinct — the Rocky Hock Rescue Squad Building.
- Center Hill Precinct — the Center Hill Community Building.
- Wardville Precinct — the Wardville Community Building.
- Yeopim Precinct — the Airport Building.

Detailed information on voting and a copy of the ballot can be found on page 10-B.

James Van Camp, chairman of the Governor's Crime Commission, the sponsoring agency for the "911" push in Tar Heelia, said, "Adoption of a 911 emergency response system, or its equivalent, is becoming a more vital service to the public every day."

The likelihood of people under stress being able to look up a seven-digit telephone number and dial it correctly to receive assistance makes adoption of a 911 system more imperative every day. It's time it came to the Albemarle.

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Halloween Carnival
Rocky Hock Community Center
Saturday, Oct. 30, 4:00 PM
Country Store Opens At 4:00
(Home Baked, Canned Goods)
Costume Parade 6:00 - Prizes
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Food, Games, Activities
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Memories Of The Edenton Tea Party

The Edenton Tea Party has passed into history for another year but it would be amiss to let it pass without one last look back.

There are so many memories to consider; there were the crafts on the Court House Green that caught the eye of nearly everyone present and everyone had a favorite whether it was basket weaving, furniture making, net making or any of the other crafts.

The food and cider which was plentiful for all who could get up to the booths to get their share. There were pies, ham biscuits, Hoppin' John, and of course the Brunswick Stew.

Music filled the air whether it was the music of the hammer dulcimer, the fiddle or the sweet tones of Clifford Tretick's golden flute.

There was dance, children's games, and so much more but the highlight of the Tea Party was the mock Sea Battle between the "Meka II" and the skipjack "Norfolk" which included the landing of troops followed by a land battle.

The day ended with a street dance for the whole family.

The memories of the day now safely tucked away in the minds of those attending, it is time to take a deep breath and start to plan for the next Tea Party.

Elizabeth II

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of the Elizabeth II, an Elizabethan style vessel whose keel and frame are just about completed and are due for dedication on November 17 by Governor Hunt. Books have been written and pamphlets published both to acquaint North Carolinians and Americans with the events of four centuries so that they will not be unnoticed; as is traditionally the case. The America's 400th Anniversary handbook states, "Traditionally the history courses taught in American Schools have dealt at length with the 17th Century settlements at Jamestown and Plymouth, N.C. while making only brief mention - or no mention at all - of the earlier 16th century attempts by Sir Walter Raleigh and his associates to establish an English colony..."

The British are also involved in the effort to commemorate the establishment of its ties in North Carolina. They are at present preparing an exhibition of artifacts belonging to The British Library and the British Museum. They are returning John White's drawings to North Carolina. And, a British-American Festival will celebrate 400 years of Anglo-American relations.

The 400th will not end officially until August 18, 1967

The most important thing, however, stressed at the 400th meeting held here in Edenton, was that even though this is to be a State-wide event that the Northeastern portion of the State including Edenton would be the showcase since here is where it all began in 1564.

N.C. Duroc Breeders

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According to Jack Parker, area extension swine specialist, this will be an opportunity for pork producers from throughout eastern North Carolina to buy top quality breeding animals to go into their herds.



18th CENTURY JUSTICE — Terry Wackelin, Chairman of the Edenton Tea Party, was apprehended, tried and sentenced to the stocks for the crime of creating a public disturbance. She is shown here trying to find someone to ransom her from the stocks; despite her crime she was ultimately set free, because it was all in fun and helped defray the cost of the Tea Party.

Parks Appointed To N.C.E. Health Practice

Jerry L. Parks, RS, Sanitarian for the Chowan County Health Department, Edenton, has recently been appointed to serve on the N.C. Environmental Health State of Practice Committee by Dr. Ronald H. Levine, State Director of the Division of Health Services in Raleigh.

This committee's responsibilities include assisting the Project Management Team to interpret data from the state-wide needs assessment, deciding on appropriate priorities for future educational activities, and

recommending strategies to the state and local agencies for dealing with non-learning needs.

Functioning as the principal advisory body to the Project "NC Sanitarians in the Future: Practice and Proficiencies," is a major responsibility of this committee as well as other important aspects of continuing education for NC Sanitarians.

Privott Receives Award

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According to Society President, Robert E. Stipe, trustee emeritus of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, "We want to congratulate our citizens who have worked to protect historic properties in N.C. The Society's purpose is to assist with their efforts. The Awards Dinner is a celebration of their success."



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