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Commissioner of Labor

Declaration Sold
At N.Y. Auction

Gilliam Wood, who is a descendant of North Carolina's first U.S. Senator, has sold a copy of the Declaration of Independence for \$412,500.

Put up for auction through Christie's in New York City, the document was purchased Friday of last week by Williams College, a liberal arts school of Massachusetts.

The copy was among several historic papers owned by Wood and auctioned for a total of more than \$500,000. The 15-by-18-inch document was consigned for sale in January by Wood, a descendant of Samuel Johnston, a former governor and member of the first Continental Congress.

The previous record price was \$404,000 paid in 1969 at Philadelphia.

Robert Volz, custodian of Chapin Library at Williams, called the six-figure price a bargain.

"The paper is fresh and unstained," Volz said. "It doesn't have ragged edges. It does have fold marks. It was obviously stored with other legal documents."

The declaration was printed the night of July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, hours after it was adopted, Volz said. An unknown number of copies were printed in order to announce the historic action of the Continental Congress.

The hand-written, signed copy on file at the National Archives was the official draft preserved for posterity one month later by the history-conscious congressmen, Volz said.

Wood, who is an Edenton native, lives at Hayes Plantation, the family farm outside the city. The plantation was purchased by Johnston in 1765. Wood once was chairman of the state Board of Natural Resources and Community Development.

Johnston's personal copy of the declaration and about 40 other documents from the same era were loaned by Wood in 1977 to the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

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Within Reach

We want to commend Mrs. John W. Graham for her decision to give a rare 1733 Edward Moseley map of colonial Tar Heelia to East Carolina University in Greenville. While it is no longer along the Public Parade, this piece of our heritage is within reach.

Dr. H.G. Jones of the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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The Police Department Presently Investigating Attempted Car Theft

The Edenton Police Department is presently investigating an attempted car theft that took place during the evening of April 25.

The car belonging to Scott Harrell was taken while he was out of town by two young white males. The young males apparently saw the car with the keys in it and drove it to the Edenton Baptist Church —

backing into the pastors parking space.

Dr. John Allen came upon the young men. He, after a brief encounter with them, went to the home of Pete Manning, who returned to the church with Dr. Allen. The young males seeing their approach darted away taking the keys to the car with them.

The investigation is continuing.



ATTEMPTED CAR THEFT—Scott Harrell's car now sits next to the Edenton Baptist Church where it was left by the young men who tried to take it.

D. F. Walker Honored At Memorial Service For His Leadership And Contributions To Education

DeMint Frazier Walker, the eldest son of seven children, was born January 26, 1903 in Scottsboro, Alabama to the late Reverend Mr. Abraham Lincoln and Della Little Walker. After a long, creative life, he succumbed to death Monday, April 18, 1983 after a brief stay at the Chowan Hospital.

Because of his consuming interest in education, he was honored by many with the name "Professor". His own education was ever on-going. He received his B.A. from Talladega College in 1929; Masters from Hampton Institute in 1941, and Masters from New York

University in 1950. He did post-graduate studies at A. & T. State University, and Columbia University, New York. While furthering his own education he provided leadership in educating young minds at D. F. Walker High School, the school named in his honor in 1963 where he was principal for thirty-one years.

Professor Walker was a member of Providence Missionary Baptist Church until his death and served, at one time, in the capacity of church treasurer.

His involvement in political, social, and civic affairs was exten-

sive. Some of his affiliations were School Masters Club, Masonic Lodge, North Carolina Association of Educators (life member), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and Association of Retired Persons. He received numerous citations for service rendered in various capacities, and was chosen by Governor Luther Hodges to serve on the North Carolina Commission to study teacher merit pay in 1959. He was noted for his generosity of giving to many deserving causes over the years.

Surviving to mourn his death and

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IN MEMORY OF DE MINT FRAZIER WALKER—The students of D.F. Walker school are shown at a memorial service for the educator and past principal, D.F. Walker, on the occasion of his death. The American flag is in the process of being lowered to half-mast in his honor.

District Court Session Held; Parker Presided

The District Court of Chowan County with the Honorable J. Richard Parker presiding heard the following criminal calendar.

Ronald Lee Mitchell had his suspended sentence for failure to supply support. He was sentenced to six months. He has appealed.

George Wesley Wheeler was found guilty on the following three counts: Driving under the influence, driving with license revoked and making an unsafe move. He was sentenced to seven months with a maximum of nine months with three years suspended, fined \$350, cost of court and surrender his license. He has appealed.

Roosevelt Tripp was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. He was sentenced to 20 days with one year suspended, fined \$35 and cost of court.

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Rogerson To Be New Postmaster

Dotmegan L. Rogerson is appointed the new postmaster at Tyner, effective Saturday, Sectional Center Manager/Postmaster Gold Joyner, Jr., of Rocky Mount announced.

Rogerson, 54, a native of Chowan County, has served as a clerk at the Tyner, office for the past 15 years.

Postmaster selections are made on the basis of merit from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the Sectional Center Manager by a Review Committee. The Review Committee, composed of Sectional Center Director from the same sectional center, a postmaster from the same sectional center, and a sectional center director from a different sectional center, review the applicants for the position and recommend to the sectional center manager those candidates who best meet the position requirements.

The sectional center manager then selects and recommends to the Postmaster General the best qualified person for appointment to the vacancy.

Andrew C. White, Sr. was found guilty of passing a worthless check. He was sentenced to ten days with one year suspended, pay cost of court and pay \$76.76 to S&R for restitution.

James Edward Lamb, Jr. was found guilty of reckless driving. He was sentenced to 60 days with one year suspended, fined \$100 and cost of court.

Nancy Fleming was found guilty of assault. She was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, fined \$50, cost of court. She is not to harass Catherine Leary and is to pay \$69.75 to the clerk for the benefit of medial restitution.

Jack Anthony Harrell was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle left of the center line and failure to report an accident. He was sentenced to 30 days with one year suspended, fined \$75 and cost of court.

Anita Fleming Bunch was called but failed to show on the charge of improper parking.

Billy Jackson was called but failed to show on the charge of trying to obtain motel accommodations without paying.

Ronald Alfonso Armstead was found guilty of inspection violation. He had to pay cost of court.

Rodney LeRoy Cross was found guilty of driving under the influence. He was sentenced to 90 days with two years suspended, fined \$200, cost of court and surrender operator's license. He has appealed.

Robert Brian Haynes was called but failed to show on the charge of driving 70 miles per hour in a 55 zone.

Barry Neal Modlin was found guilty of inspection violation. He was fined \$10 and cost of court.

Robert Edward Rviz, Jr. was called but failed to show on the charge of displaying an expired license plate.

Charlie David Chapman was called

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Recent Burglaries Solved By Police

The Edenton Police Department has solved the rash of burglaries that have been occurring in Edenton beginning with the Hollowell and Blount Rexall Drugstore on February 19.

Charged with the Hollowell and Blount burglary are George William Thompson and Bobby Wright, Jr. Both are facing formal charges of breaking and entering plus larceny. They have both been placed under a \$5,000 bond on this count.

The March 19 break-in and larceny of Cutrell's is being credited to George William Thompson and Calvin Garrett. They have both been placed under a \$5,000 bond on this count.

The March 23 break-in of the Court House, Exxon and Belk Tylers are all being credited to George William Thompson and Frank Miller, III. For each of these three counts of breaking and entry George William Thompson was placed under a \$5,000 bond and Frank Miller, III was placed under a \$4,000 bond for each count.

The cases were solved by Captain C.H. Williams of the Edenton Police Department and SBI agent Walt Hause. They were assisted by Officer Linnard Bonner.

Chief Parrish of the Edenton Police Department commented on the work of the investigators by saying, "They did a good job on it."

Honors Band To Hold A Concert

On Sunday, May 1, at Stewart Theater on the North Carolina State University Campus, the North Carolina Senior High Honors Band will be holding a concert. Among the musicians at the concert will be Susan Elks, an Edenton High School student.

Susan's instrument is the bassoon and she will be holding down the second seat for that instrument during the Honors Concert. Susan has been trying out for the Honors Band for the past three years. However, she did not succeed in obtaining her goal until this year.

Her reason for seeking the honor



Susan Elks

is simply to achieve a goal or as she puts it, "I wanted to see if I could make it."

Along with her most recent honor in band, Susan, in her three years with the High School Band, has earned several other honors to her credit including: 1st bassoon/top band in Senior High All-State, tenth grade; North Carolina Instrument

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LANDMARK BEING DEMOLISHED—The old Methodist Church Building is being torn down to make available a larger parking area for the Edenton Post Office. A plaque commemorating the building will be placed in the parking lot.