

Too Early To Let Up

Peter Rascoe and John Wood have hit upon the right formula for accelerating highway development along the Edenton bypass as well as elsewhere along the Public Parade — don't wait for road projects to come to you, go after the projects.

Like so many other projects across the state, the proposed Albemarle Street and Paradise Road interchanges on Highway 17 have been fading into the future as right of way acquisition deadlines, impact statements and other preliminaries have fallen behind schedules. So the local attorney and agribusinessman decided to go to Raleigh on a sort of fact-finding mission.

There they met with Gov. Jim Martin, who took office in January, Senator Marc Basnight, who represented the first district on the State Transportation Board in the previous administration, and newly-appointed Secretary of Transportation James Harrington. They told them they were concerned that right-of-way acquisition work, scheduled to be completed in fiscal 1985, seemed to be dragging enough to bring in to question whether construction could be let to contract in fiscal 1985 as scheduled.

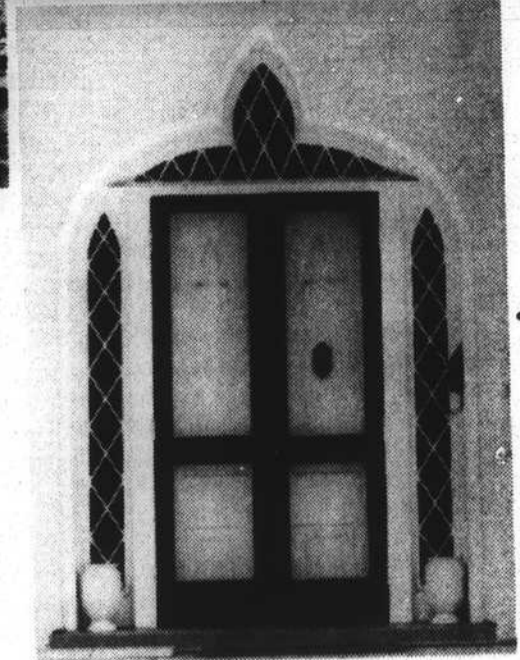
There are currently some nine or 10 improvement projects underway on U.S. 17 from Brunswick to Pasquotank, all further along than the Edenton project, some of them costing from \$16 million to \$18.8 million. This picture was bothering the Edenton delegation.

Gov. Martin was very encouraging, telling the men he is "committed to seeing it (the interchanges) is not delayed again." He told the two Edentonians he is looking forward to coming here to dedicate the projects when they are completed.

That is good news, of course. But we wouldn't start building the podium just yet. As Senator Basnight knows, highway money has a way of flowing to points where the greatest pressure develops. The governor is already committed to spending something like \$100 million pushing I-40 to Wilmington. There are other big projects already in the long range plan and they all have their special pleaders.

While two interchanges — Albemarle Street at U.S. 17 and Paradise Road at U.S. 17 — were

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Pictured here is a montage of local sights which can be viewed during the Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside. On the left is Wessington House, built about 1850; center and right, pictures taken at Beverly Hall, built 1810. These are just a couple of the buildings open for public tour. (Photos by Ron Anderson)

Edenton's Biennial Pilgrimage Friday, April 12th

By Jack Grove

A weekend full of activities is in store for visitors to Edenton during the Biennial Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside beginning Friday, 12 April.

Eighteen buildings of historical significance will be open for the tour. Ten of these are private homes, four are churches, and the remainder are regularly open to the public on the walking tour of historic Edenton.

Visitors to homes in the town and county will be greeted at the door by hosts in authentic period costumes according to Mrs. Caroline Abbe. Mrs. Abbe is publicity chairman for the Edenton Woman's Club which is sponsoring the weekend event.

Mrs. Abbe said that the private homes will be open for the tour on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The participating churches include St. Paul's Episcopal, St. John's Episcopal, St. Ann's Catholic, and Yeopim Baptist. Two churches, Edenton Methodist and St. Paul's

Episcopal will prepare meals for the event.

Four of the tour buildings will be open Sunday, April 14 at no charge to the public. They are the Cupola House, Barker House, Iredell House and old Court House. The Court House is normally closed on Sundays according to Mrs. Abbe.

Other weekend activities include an arts and crafts show on the old Court House Green; period entertainment on the Green; a free recital on Saturday night at the Edenton United Methodist Church; an N.C. Arts Council sponsored Black History Tour at John A. Holmes High School; a display of colonial artifacts and other items relating to black history at Shepard-Pruden Library; and a special screening of the feature film "1776" at the Taylor Theater at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Mrs. Abbe said that tickets for the pilgrimage can be purchased at the Edenton Municipal Building and the Barker House. Block

music and dance.

The performances will trace the development of black folk tradition in America, accompanied by a narrative on black culture by special guest Chuck Davis.

The tour will also appear in Charlotte on April 20 and in Kinston on April 28.

Tickets are \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children, and will be available at the door.

tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for students. Single admission tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for students.

According to Mrs. Abbe, wide publicity has been given to this year's event. National magazines

such as *Southern Living*, *Americana*, and *Colonial Homes* have publicized the event. A delegation of club members in period costumes were guests of Congressman Vernon James and the State Legislature where they and the Biennial

Pilgrimage for recognized. U.S. Congressman Walter B. Jones has sent a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol to be flown for this event over the Edenton Municipal Building.

Gasoline Truck Collides With Car

A truck filled with 2,000 gallons of gasoline rolled over on its side after colliding with the car in front of it on Friday, April 5. The incident occurred approximately 4 miles from town on Highway 32 North just past the Hancock curve at 8:07 a.m.

According to a NC Highway Patrol report, Danny Ray Lewis, 26, Rt. 3, Edenton, was travelling north on Highway 32 in a 1980 GMC truck owned by Creywood Oil Company when his vehicle struck the rear of a 1973 Ford passenger car driven by Dan Bembrey, 70, Rt. 3, Edenton.

Bembrey had apparently slowed down to make a left-hand turn into a private drive. Lewis said he didn't know Bembrey was turning and wasn't able to stop his truck fast enough to avoid hitting the car.

The passenger car came to rest in the roadway facing north while the gas truck rolled over and came to rest facing west. Then gasoline began leaking out of the fill caps on the top of the truck.

The Edenton Fire Department and the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad were called to the scene and were amazed to find that there was no fire and no one had

been injured in the accident.

"By some great miracle, it (the truck) never caught on fire," said



Rep. Charles Evans

Evans Plans Local Visit

Representative Charles Evans will be the keynote speaker at the Chowan County Democratic Convention on Saturday, April 13, at 1 p.m., according to Lueta Sellers, County Chairman. His remarks will focus on legislation and issues affecting Chowan County and Northeastern North Carolina counties. The convention will be held at the Chowan County Courthouse on Broad St.

Representative Evans is serving his fourth consecutive term in the North Carolina Legislature. He has been a strong advocate of education, economic progress, and other issues affecting the Northeastern counties. He is a past mayor of Nags Head, where he currently resides with his wife, Becky, and their three children.

The convention's agenda will include the election of county officers for a term of two years. The officers include Chair, three Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. According to the rules of the Party, the Chair and the 1st Vice Chair shall not be the same gender. In addition, if the Chair and 1st Vice Chair are the same race, then the 2nd Vice Chair must be of the other race other than that of the Chair and 1st Vice Chair. The 3rd Vice Chair must be 35 years or under, if none of the

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Edenton Fire Chief Lynn Perry. "Thank goodness there weren't any sparks."

But even though firefighters were not required to battle a blaze, they did have to deal with the 200 to 300 gallons of gasoline that had leaked on the highway.

Firefighters were joined by rescue workers, state police officers, Department of Transportation workers, Edenton Street Department workers and members of the Sheriff's Department in wrapping the spilled gasoline in sand and making sure that none of it leaked into nearby ditches. The contaminated sand was later taken to the Perquimans landfill.

Highway 32 was clogged for close to six hours as traffic was detoured around the area. Robert Sawyer's Wrecker Service from Elizabeth City pulled the truck upright and towed in for repairs.

Truck driver Danny Lewis was issued a citation for failing to reduce speed by State Trooper Hatcher from Bertie County.

Superior Court Session

Chowan County Superior Court was in session the week of April 1. The Honorable William C. Griffin presided over the criminal calendar; Kenneth W. Patterson was the prosecutor.

Larry D. Hardy pleaded guilty to felonious larceny by employee. He was sentenced to 3 years suspended 5 years on the condition he pay a \$250 fine and cost of court. He is to perform 100 hours of community service and is not to go on the premises of Hoke Roberson Corporation.

Robert Linwood Holley Jr. pleaded guilty to 5 counts of passing worthless checks. He was sentenced to 6 months suspended for 2 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court. He is to make restitution to Food Lion for all the bad checks and must perform 50 hours of community service.

Hoke Smith Roberson III pleaded guilty to DWI. He was sentenced to 60 days suspended for 2 years on the condition he pay a fine of \$100 and cost of court. He

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Black Heritage Tour At JA Holmes

The Folklife Section of the N.C. Arts Council will present the North Carolina Black Folk Heritage Tour at John A. Holmes Auditorium this Saturday, April 18 at 8 p.m. The tour will be hosted by the Edenton-Chowan Civic League.

Some of the finest black folk artists in North Carolina will be featured, including: blues guitarists John Dee Holeman and

Alga Mae Hinton, the Mighty Wonders of Winston-Salem, the Badgett Sisters, storyteller Celester Sellars, buckdancer Quentin "Fris" Holloway, and a special appearance by the African-American Dance Ensemble. The program will conclude with a breakdancing troupe from Durham City Schools which will demonstrate the most contemporary developments in black



HERITAGE TOUR—The African-American Dance Ensemble will make a special appearance this Saturday night, April 13 at John A. Holmes High School Auditorium as part of the North Carolina Black Folk Heritage Tour. The Durham based ensemble is noted for its ability to involve audiences directly in the experience of African cultural expression.

Tuesday, April 16th
at The Old Armory

Edenton Jaycee Bloodmobile

Noon until 6 p.m.
Goal: 125 Units