



On Meeting School Needs

Gov. Jim Martin has come up with a sensible proposal for meeting the state's massive school building needs. Although it doesn't have the distinction of being completely new, it is sound and workable and deserves a fair hearing before the legislature and full consideration by the people.

With the counties' school building needs running into the billions, the problem has become almost beyond the reach of local governments, with county commissioners and city councils reluctant to commit their areas to massive bonded debts at a time when the federal deficit is threatening to put a heavy tax burden on us all.

So Governor Martin has come up with an updated version of the old Literary Fund. He would have the state, which has a Triple-A credit rating, sell up to \$2.2 billion in bonds to create a fiscal pool from which the counties could borrow school construction funds at a much lower interest rate, repaying the debt over a 20-year period with revenue realized from half-cent local sales tax approved by the last legislature.

This tax, if put into effect in all the counties, would bring in about \$176 million a year, possibly going to \$200 million if the economy improves as time passes. Such a fund, on the average, would give each county from \$1.76 to \$2 million a year with which to retire school construction debts, or \$17.6

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Annual Tea Party Planned

The 212th anniversary celebration of the Edenton Tea Party will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25 on the town waterfront near the Barker House Visitor Center. This year's celebration begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 4 p.m.

The observance, which is held every other year, commemorates what has come to be known as the first political activity by women in the American colonies. The decade of the 1770's was a time of great concern over increasing taxation of the colonies by England and lack of representation in Parliament.

These concerns were expressed on Dec. 16, 1773 by the Boston Tea Party. On Oct. 25, 1774 in Edenton, a group of 51 women signed a document pledging their support to the Provincial Assembly. The Provincial Deputies had resolved not to drink any more tea, heavily taxed by England.

This spirit of patriotism and commitment to the public good will be honored in this year's celebration. The Barker House was the home of Thomas and Penelope Barker. According to tradition, it was Penelope Barker who organized the Edenton Tea Party.

Featured this year will be a visit of the Elizabeth II from Manteo. In addition to tours offered on the ship, there will be an old-fashioned street fair, musical entertainment and children's games. The guest speaker for the event will be Patric Dorsey, Secretary of the N.C. Dept. of Cultural Resources.

During the Tea Party Celebration, Broad St. will be closed from the waterfront to King St. Approximately 50 booths will be set up along the street providing crafts, information, food and entertainment.

The Optimist Club will provide rides for children on their train and musical entertainment will be provided throughout the day by the Rocky Hock Rebels and the Edenton Harmony Belles.

Secretary Dorsey will speak at

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Area Officials Bring In New Local Industry

Edenton, Chowan County and Chamber of Commerce officials have been successful in bringing to the area a new major industry. The company, North American Reiss, an extrusion-molding plastics manufacturer currently has a plant in New Jersey.

The company will purchase 154 acres of land at the Airport Industrial Park in Edenton. The Town Council approved the sale at their Tuesday evening meeting for a purchase price of \$750 per acre totaling \$115,500.

A new plant, comprising 100,000 square feet will be constructed and will add some 150-200 new jobs to the area with the potential of adding up to 400 jobs in the future.

The lead for this company came through the N.C. Dept. of Commerce and Edenton was selected by the owner in spirited competition with North Carolina and Virginia cities.

Citing the excellent land location and value and unequaled livability as reasons for his final decision, the company's owner plans to make Edenton an expansion site for his business.

Kathleen Miller, Executive

Director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, said that an all-out recruitment effort to bring the company here was launched by the town, county and the chamber. They hosted officials of the company on tours of the area on several occasions, arranged meetings with area employers and the Employment Security Commission as well as officials of the N.C. Community College system for training information.

According to Edenton Town Manager Sam Noble, proceeds of the sale of the land will be used for improvement of the Edenton Airport facilities. He said that the town will supply about 120,000 gallons of water daily to the plant as well as electricity without putting a strain on the present utility systems. The monthly income from water sales is expected to total \$1,809.30.

Mayor John Dowd commented, "We've worked very closely with the Chamber of Commerce on this. We're very proud to have them (North American Reiss) here."

Excellence Awards Presented

Edenton's Post Office and Postmaster recently received two awards for excellence. The awards were made by Ross Garulski, the manager of the Section Center (MSC) in Rocky Mount. The section contains 209 post offices.

One award was for the "Best budgetary performance of a large office." Postmaster Howard Hodges received a letter of commendation and a plaque. The second award, also a plaque, was the MSC Manager's Award For Excellence.

The manager's award was for budget performance, assisting the MSC in project development, facility maintenance and community involvement.

The award to Hodges was for "The Postmaster whose office



POSTAL AWARDS—Edenton Postmaster is shown with two awards his office recently received.

best exemplifies the excellence of the Postal Service."

Police Make Three Unrelated Arrests

The Edenton Police Dept. has made three arrests in unrelated cases involving breaking and entering and larceny and a sex offense case.

Edward Luther Holley, 33, was arrested Monday on a first degree sexual offense charge involving a young girl. The offense occurred on the night of October 10, according to Sgt. G.K. Bonner. The offense was reported by the child's mother and an aunt.

Holley is being held in the Chowan County Jail with a secured bond set at \$20,000. A first appearance hearing was held Tuesday and a probable cause hearing was set for October 21. Bonner and Officer Brenda Toppin were the investigating officers.

Kevin Stallings, 17, of 101 Blade St. was arrested for breaking and entering and larceny. Sgt. Bonner said that the suspect confessed to two house break-ins. One occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stotesbury on July 7 and the other was at the George Capehart residence on September 1st.

Valuables totaling \$1,320 were reported stolen from the Stotesbury home with only a class ring being recovered. Property values at \$2,735 was taken at the Capehart home with everything recovered except for a pair of gold synthetic diamond earrings.

Both homes were believed entered through unlocked windows. Sgt. Bonner said, however,

that in one of the break-ins, the suspect said that he knew where a house key was hidden and used it in gaining entrance. Stallings was released on \$3,000 bond.

Gerald Faye Williams, 21, Route 2, P.O. Box 673, Edenton, has admitted to two larcenies and a breaking and entering. Charges are pending on a felonious larceny case.

The suspect reportedly admitted to a breaking and entering and larceny at the home of Clarence Jernigan on Paradise Rd. Entry was made through a window and valuables totaling \$675 were taken. One man's watch was recovered.

He is also suspected of the larceny of about \$9,000 worth of property belonging to Nancy Turpin. While employed by Ms. Turpin, he had access to the premises, Sgt. Bonner said. A gold watch, valued at \$1,000 and other items totaling \$7,000 were recovered.

Contributions Sought

On Saturday October the 18th, from 9 AM until 1 PM, the Edenton Jaycees will be asking for contributions to help in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy. The Edenton Jaycees will be stationed at Food Lion, S & R Grocery, Winn-Dixie, and Mitchener's Pharmacy.

When these young men and women solicit your support, please join them in the fight against Muscular Dystrophy.



OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGED—Event chairperson Ann Ellis introduced local officials at Saturday's breakfast for Republican hopefuls. Governor James G. Martin was the guest speaker. Pictured are (l. to r.) Shirley Perry, Howard Moye, Mrs. Ellis, Governor Martin and Timothy Hodges.

Republican Candidates Receive Support

By JACK GROVE

Over a hundred local residents and town officials crowded into the Golden Corral on Saturday morning to greet Gov. James G. Martin and meet local Republican candidates. The breakfast meeting was chaired by Ann Ellis.

Those attending heard Governor Martin speak in support of the candidacies of Republicans Howard Moye of Farmville, opposing Cong. Walter B. Jones, Shirley Perry of Perquimans for a General Assembly House seat in a race with R.M. (Pete) Thompson and Vernon James, Timothy Hodges of Hyde, opposing Sen. Marc Basnight for the N.C. Senate and Fred Spruill opposing Wayne Rice for Chowan County Sheriff.

Mayor John Dowd officially welcomed the governor and brought laughter from the crowd with, "We hope your administration will look favorably upon our town in two weeks when we apply for a Community Development Block Grant for economic development."

In his remarks, Howard Moye commented on what he called his opponent's liberalism. He said that a national conservative

organization rated members of congress on a conservative's scale. He said that Ted Kennedy was given a 9% rating and Walter B. Jones scored lower with a 5% rating. He told the group, "I promise you that I will work with, not against President Reagan."

Governor Martin opened his remarks with, "I commend you for a great turnout this morning. It is certainly more than when I was here as a candidate." He complimented Republicans present on "building a two-party system in northeastern North Carolina. I'm hearing such good things. That you're building support—very positive—very aggressive."

He then launched an attack on the Democrat dominated Gen. Assembly saying that the body attempted to do away with a gubernatorial second term only recently enacted under a Democratic Governor. He spoke of "an issue that we're beginning to hammer on, the issue of the governor having the veto. We're the only state in the union that the governor doesn't have the veto." In calling for a referendum on the veto, he states, "It should be you that decides. Not the legislature. Not the governor."

Governor Martin singled out the so-called "super sub" in the

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Two Former Chowan Residents Charged

Drug charges have been lodged against two former Chowan County residents. Robert (Rob) Royal Copeland Holmes, III, an insurance agent and financial planner and a high school basketball referee, was arrested Monday afternoon.

Holmes, 31, was charged with felonious possession of hashish, intent to sell and deliver hashish and

the sale and delivery of hashish. He reportedly sold a pound of hashish to undercover agents.

Debbie Thornton, 27, a homemaker in Ocracoke was arrested on the same charges by Hyde County officers. She allegedly was involved in the same case as Holmes. Both are free on a \$4,000 bond.

Elizabeth II Open For Viewing During Edenton Visit October 21

The Elizabeth II, a replica of the sixteenth century sailing vessel that brought colonists to Roanoke Island, will return to Edenton on October 21. The ship is a 69 foot, square-rigged sailing ship.

The ship is typical of those which transported Sir Walter Raleigh's colonists to the New World between 1584 and 1587. Built

entirely with private funds, the Elizabeth II is the focal point of America's 400th Anniversary.

The vessel will be open to the public Oct. 22-28 from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. It will be docked in Edenton at the town dock at the foot of Broad Street.

The Elizabeth II is homeported in Manteo and recently visited

Elizabeth City during the Riverspree festivities. Following an overnight stay in Edenton, the ship sailed up the Chowan River to Winton for a three-week stay.

The vessel returns from Winton for the Edenton Tea Party Celebration and then will return to Manteo.



ELIZABETH II RETURNS—The replica of a ship that Sir Walter Raleigh might have sailed in to the New World returns to Edenton for a one week stay during the Edenton Tea Party Celebration. It will be open for public tours from Oct. 22 to the 28th.

9 a.m. til 1 p.m.
Saturday

Muscular Dystrophy Bucket Brigade

Sponsored by Edenton Jaycees

At Area
Food Stores