

Work Is Completed On First Volume Of Book About Edenton's Architecture

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Eight years of hard work and painstaking effort by noted architectural historian Tom Butchko and members of the Edenton Woman's Club can be found in the pages of "Edenton: An Architectural Portrait."

The book, which tells the story of the people, places and buildings of Edenton, will be published in March. Advance orders are being accepted now.

"We feel this joint project served an important purpose," said club member Cyndy DeVine. "There were lots of structures being dismantled, primarily because of age, that we felt needed to be documented."

Mrs. DeVine said the club was very pleased with the results. "We interviewed different editors," she said. "We looked at such things as previous work they'd done, and whether they'd be available throughout such a lengthy project."

"Tom Butchko met our needs in both respects," she said. "He was well-qualified. He'd already written books on Pasquotank and Gates counties, so we were acquainted with his work."

She added, "We were very fortunate to receive help in the way of office space for Mr. Butchko, and administrative costs, from the county. We want to thank County Manager Cliff Copeland for his interest and assistance."

"Edenton: An Architectural Portrait" is a hardbound book which contains 300 pages and 500 photographs; a comprehensive history of the town's development from 1700 until 1941; a discussion of

building traditions, forms, and styles; descriptions and photographs of about 300 important buildings.

The first of a two-volume set, the book also contains an extensive bibliography, complete with appendixes, index and glossary with illustrations.

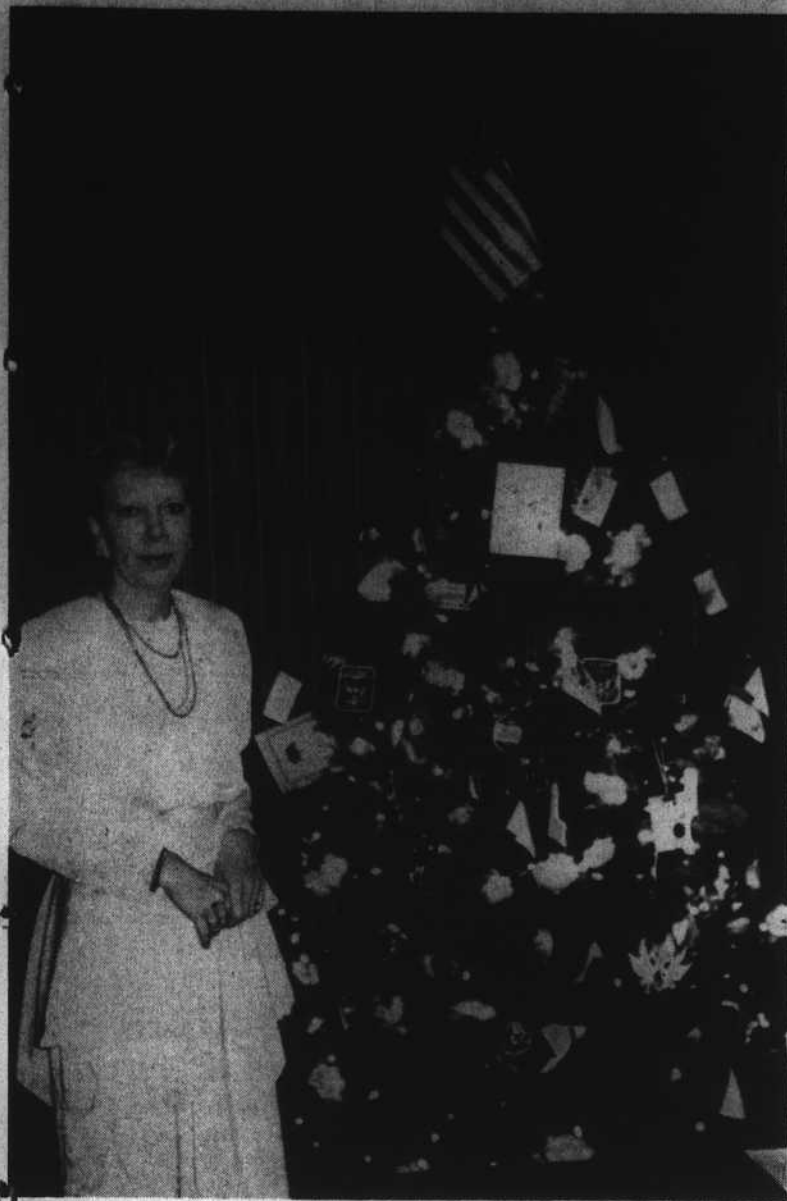
Publication of the second volume is planned for late 1992.

Anyone wishing to support the project with a financial contribution, or to order copies of the book, may send a check to: The Edenton Woman's Club, P.O. Box 12, Edenton, N.C. 27932.

The pre-publication price for Volume I is \$30. The regular price for the volume will be \$35. "These books will make excellent gifts," said Mrs. DeVine, "and anyone

wishing to take advantage of this special price needs to act quickly."

According to the Edenton Woman's Club, anyone who supports the two-volume project with a tax-deductible donation will have his or her name included on a special page in each volume. Contributions in memory of a friend or loved one will also be accepted.



TARHEEL TREE -- Sharon Keeter Allgood admires the North Carolina decorated tree at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Strong. The tree was one of many the couple displayed in their home during the Christmas Candlelight Tour last weekend. Mrs. Allgood served as a hostess in the home on Saturday night. (Photo by David McCall.)

Colonial Park Project Receives Grant Funds

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nior citizens coming down to enjoy a game of shuffleboard or families getting together for a picnic," he said.

"I envision business people coming to utilize the fitness center on their lunch hour or after work," he continued. "I see young people coming in the summer to rent sailboats, outdoor concerts...I really do think the possibilities are tremendous," Laughton said.

He added, "I believe this is something that is going to bring people downtown. I see a spill-over where downtown businesses and Historic Edenton will both benefit. I can see visitors coming who might stay over longer be-

cause there will be more for us to offer them."

Laughton said many practical benefits would come about through the new funds. "This grant specifically will allow us to have a nicer, safer pier as well as safety lighting, more benches and added picnic tables, hand rails, and sidewalks all around the park."

He said, "By receiving this grant, it does enable us to see our overall plan come into view a little quicker than it would have if we had to fund it all ourselves." Laughton said this phase of the park beautification program was projected for completion by the end of 1992.

Jones Discusses Plans

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He said prior to declaring his candidacy, he has to feel like he has a 50-50 chance to win.

The amount of money needed to run a credible campaign, which he estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000, is also a determinant, he said. He added that he had rather not accept PAC (political action committee) money.

A longtime opponent of PAC influence and advocate of public financing for candidates running for public office, Jones said public financing puts a cap on campaign spending.

He said it equalizes the opportunity for qualified people of limited means to seek office, and it forces candidates to meet voters face to face to discuss issues intelligently.

One of the most important issues at present, Jones said, is to get lawmakers in Washington to realize the economic situation of the people.

Frequently referred to by his peers as a "maverick," Jones, nonetheless, has sponsored 21 bills ratified by the General Assembly during the five terms he has served as a legislator.

One of these, House Bill 89, passed in the 1991-1992 session and takes effect January 1, 1992.

Called the most important ethics reform since 1975, the bill changes the registration and reporting requirements for lobbyists, making them reveal how much they spent winning and dining legisla-

tors as well as the names of the legislators.

It also prohibits campaign fundraising from lobbyists for legislators.

"When big business is spending big dollars to entertain legislators," Jones said, "I think that sends the wrong message to the citizens of this state, most of whom cannot afford lobbyists to lobby for them. They send us to Raleigh to be their representatives."

Questioned about the role his father, who recently announced he would retire at the end of his present term in Congress, has played in his decision to consider running for Congress, Jones said, "Very little. This should be my wife's, my family's decision."

"I hope I have my own identity."

Jones's late mother, the former Doris Long, was a native of Edenton. His maternal grandparents, Joseph Judson Long and Corrine Gatling Long, are buried in St. Paul's Churchyard.

His grandmother's uncle, Dr. Richard Gatling, developed the famous "Gatling Gun."

Although he has been encouraged to run for state auditor, Jones said he has always enjoyed the legislative process.

"I would have a future without politics," he said, "but I'd have to say the response to what I've said (the issues) has been very positive."

Task Force

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resulted in the arrests of 18 persons in late November.

Both subjects were placed in jail on \$10,500 bond each.

Ford is out on bond. Rogerson remains in the Chowan County Detention Facility.

Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill said this is Rogerson's first arrest, but that Ford has a criminal record including several drug arrests over the years.

He said Ford was out on bond and awaiting trial on drug charges from Perquimans County at the time of the arrest as a result of a drug raid on November 23, 1991 conducted by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office.

Along with the drugs and paraphernalia, a 1981 Mercury Cougar and over \$900 were seized, the sheriff said.

An undercover campaign in Plymouth involving the Chowan-Edenton Narcotics Task Force, the Plymouth Police Department and the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI)

Sixty-eight charges are pending with additional indictments expected for crimes arising out of the individuals' illegal actions.

Known as Winter Wind, the campaign relied heavily on additional manpower and financial support from the SBI, said Det. G.H. Hassell of the Plymouth Police Department.

"The financial cost of combating the drug problem is extremely high," Hassell said. "We are extremely appreciative of the support provided by the SBI."

He said drugs in communities are the primary cause of violent crimes and property loss, and that citizens with drug information are encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agencies.

Regarding the operation, Hassell said, "Special thanks go to Lieutenant Jethro and the Chowan-Edenton Narcotics Task Force for its outstanding efforts throughout the entire undercover campaign."



CELEBRATING THE END -- County Manager Cliff Copeland congratulates Cyndy DeVine (standing) and Mary Peele, as the Edenton Woman's Club and architectural historian Tom Butchko celebrate the newly completed "Edenton: An Architectural Portrait." Advance orders are being taken now for the book which will be published in March. Mrs. DeVine and Mrs. Peele served as co-chairmen for the project, which took eight years to complete.

More Charges Are Dismissed

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but that's to be expected."

Kelly, 43, is on trial for allegedly sexually abusing children at the Little Rascals Day Care that he owned and operated with his wife, Betsy. Mrs. Kelly and five others face separate trials on similar charges.

Kelly has maintained his innocence throughout the trial.

He originally faced 248 charges involving 29 children from the center.

Hart denied accusations that he padded the number of charges to make the case sound more sensational.

"Every charge that we took to the grand jury, there was sufficient evidence," he said.

He said he will be satisfied if the jury convicts Kelly on the 97 remaining counts.

"I think that will keep him out of the business for a long time," he said.

Kelly's defense attorneys said they are encouraged that so many charges have been dropped.

"Mr. Kelly had some 248 counts or accusations made against him and they have rapidly dwindled down to about 90," said defense attorney Michael Spivey.

"We are very pleased at finally getting to the stage where the defense will be heard," Spivey added.

Kelly's lawyers will begin presenting their case on January 6 when testimony in the case resumes.

The trial started in late July and the jury heard 16 weeks of testimony from the state's witnesses before the state wrapped up its case on December 10.

In all, 151 charges have been dropped.

Before testimony started in July prosecutors dropped 64 charges involving seven chil-

dren they said were not prepared to testify.

The state dropped 55 more charges against Kelly on December 10 after the prosecutors finished presenting their case to the jury. All of the charges dropped then involved children who did not testify.

Prosecutors planned to call 22 children once testimony started but only called 12.

McLelland spent most of Monday and all of Tuesday morning reading defense

motions to dismiss all charges. Court went into session at about 3 p.m. Tuesday afternoon and McLelland read his decision.

The trial was moved to Farmville from Edenton to avoid the effects of pre-trial publicity on a jury.

(Lane Dunn is a reporter for The Daily Reflector in Greenville, which is providing press coverage of the Little Rascals trials for The Chowan Herald.)



TRADITIONAL DECORATIONS -- Smilax and other greenery adorn the mirror, reeded mantle and fire opening at Albania, the home of Mrs. A.C. Lowell, during the Candlelight Tour. (Photo by David McCall.)