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Boswell Receives Award From Gov.

By REBECCA BUNCH
Mrs. Clara Mason Boswell of Edenton was one of five women who received the Distinguished Women of North Carolina Award from Gov. Jim Hunt in Raleigh on March 24.

ma (GED) program in Elizabeth City in the early 1960's, which allowed area residents to achieve high school graduate equivalency. In the late 1970's she was the driving force behind the Edenton-

"Their impressive achievements in education, business, government, volunteerism and the arts have made life better for the people who live in their communities..."

Governor Jim Hunt

Chowan Alternative School and served as its principal.

In introducing her, Sen. Beverly Purdue read from a profile prepared by the North Carolina Council on Women that praised Mrs. Boswell as "a woman of vision and action (who) serves her community through many volunteer organizations, but most notably as a member of the Albemarle Hopeline and as an Executive Board member of the North Carolina Business and Professional Women's Club.

"(She) inspires others to realize that learning and leading are life-long processes. She has devoted endless time and energy to her



Clara M. Boswell

county, region and state to the advancement of both...", the tribute continued.

The awards recognizing the state's most distinguished women are presented each year by the North Carolina Council for Women. Sen. Terry Sanford, who served as governor from 1961-65, was honored along with Mrs. Easterling, a North Carolina Representative, for their part in establishing the council 30 years ago, in 1963.

The council's stated purpose is to "advise the governor, the General Assembly and other state government leaders on the needs of women in North Carolina."

Over 200 People Attend Annual Chamber Meet

By DAVID MCCALL
Good food, good conversation and good business played a vital role in the success of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting held Tuesday, March 23, at Emily's Restaurant.

Over 200 people attended the Chairman's Reception from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The spread of delicacies included shrimp, bacon-wrapped scallops, roast beef, oysters on the half-shell, and assorted fruits and vegetables.

With the guests well-fed and enthusiastic, Chamber Executive Director Richard Bunch welcomed those present.

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John Fayton, '92
Chamber President

The 1992 Chamber president, John Fayton, shared remarks on accomplishments of the past year.

Fayton explained how the very first project, "Operation Thank You," taught him about "doing the right thing for the chamber membership." The organization grew to over 210 members during



1992 Chamber President John Fayton (right) passes the gavel to 1993 President John G. Wood III. (Photo by David McCall.)

the past season.

The crowd laughed with agreement when Fayton said, "I believe we cooked more barbecue chicken than anyone else in the county."

Kathy Keefe, president-elect, presented plaques to outgoing board members, Kel Elmore, Kermit Layton, Ruth Shackelford, and Craig Mil-

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Two student guides study maps during the 1991 Biennial Pilgrimage Tour of Historic Edenton and Countryside. (Photo courtesy of Nancy Winslow)

Antique Show Is Scheduled

By REBECCA BUNCH
Among the special events timed to coincide with 1993 Biennial Pilgrimage is Historic Edenton's Antiques Show and Sale, which will be held at the Recreation Department.

Hours will be: Friday, April 16, 4 p.m. until 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m.; and Sunday, April 18, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The show and sale will be co-sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and the Edenton Historical Commission.

Many outstanding antiques exhibitors will be participating in the event, according to Betsy Hunt, a principal organizer. "We actually have 24 in the show, so it's a good size group. They're really nice, friendly people and we feel very good about everything," she said. "It's going to be a great show, and I think everyone's going to have a wonderful time."

Mrs. Hunt said local exhibitors would include Bob Bruce with his "Good Old Toys" and glassware shown by Art and Peg Leneve. "We have a number of area dealers as well, who will be coming," she said. "And others will be traveling here from Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania to participate.

"They'll bring bringing some beautiful things with them, including sterling silver, art glass, china, jewelry, linens, and furniture," she said. "All of our booths have already sold out."

Mrs. Hunt said the assistance of Nancy Nicholls and Richard Bunch at the Chamber of Commerce, as well as Robbie Laughton and the

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Ginny Birt (left), EPD secretary, beams as Town Manager Anne-Marie Kelly presents her with "The Town Employee of the Quarter Award." (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

Birt Named Employee For First Quarter Of '93

By MARGUERITE MCCALL
Virginia "Ginny" Birt, secretary for the Edenton Police Department, was named the Town's January-March, 1993, "Employee of the Quarter" Friday afternoon.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Kelly described Mrs. Birt as having "an outstanding attitude" toward her fellow employees.

"Ginny is a morale builder," Ms. Kelly said. "She is courteous, intelligent, and she is always smiling."

Ms. Kelly said the selection of persons honored each quarter is made by their peers.

Town department heads and other Town employees met at the police department for the announcement, which was followed by a small reception.

"This came as a complete shock to me," Mrs. Birt said. "My last day here is March

31. I can't believe I would be so honored."

Mrs. Birt has worked at the police department for slightly over two years. She and her husband, Chester, are residents of Arrowhead Beach.

Police Chief Harvey Williams said Monday, "We were pleased Ginny received the award. She is certainly very deserving of it. She has done a good job for us.

"We are sorry to see Ginny leave and have tried to talk her into staying, but she said she and her husband want to do some traveling and she has some other projects she wants to do. I can understand that," the chief said.

In addition to having her name inscribed on a Town plaque with other "Quarter" winners, Mrs. Birt was awarded a U.S. Savings Bond and an invitation to dine with Ms. Kelly. She is the fifth person chosen since the popular program began last year.

AHA Fund Auction Is Tomorrow

By REBECCA BUNCH
Friday (tomorrow) night's 10th annual Heart Fund Auction will be preceded by something entirely new -- a community roast. Edenton businessman Charlie Creighton will be the first volunteer "roastee."

Terry Williams, who is chairing this AHA fundraiser, said it did not take much persuading to convince Creighton to offer his services. "He wasn't too reluctant," said Williams, "because he understands the importance of the Heart Fund and the role it plays in Chowan County."

Tossing good-natured barbs Creighton's way will be a team of "roasters" that includes Warner Perry, Hood Ellis, Allen Hornthal, and Roland Vaughan.

"We've been very happy with the response this year," Williams said. "It (the auction) is already a sell-out. We're very pleased about that.

"However, we do want to let people know that if they don't have tickets they can still come to the auction which will start around 8:45 to 9 o'clock...as long as they bring their checkbooks," he said with a laugh. "We've got lots of good items available."

Williams said that goods and services are still being donated for the auction. These include: a birthday party for 10 at McDonald's of Edenton; jewelry from Vaughan's Jewelers; golf for four at Albemarle Plantation (including golf cart); 2,000 rocks from C.A. Perry; and 35 separate gems donated by Gem Star.

Other donations include: a double hammock from Nags
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Women Set Goals For This Year's Pilgrimage

By REBECCA BUNCH
Members of the Edenton Woman's Club say it is their strong love of community that prompts them to participate in the Biennial Pilgrimage, set this year for Friday, April 16, and Saturday, April 17.

continues to enjoy today. "I think what they did...has been invaluable. Basically, we still follow their guidelines, although we have learned more about publicity," she said.

"Isn't it wonderful that every other year we have the opportunity to show off Edenton at its very best?"

Murielle Hart, Edenton Woman's Club President

Mrs. Moore recalled how active her late husband, Bob, was in promoting the tour when he was Chamber Director here. "Bob used his contacts everywhere for us," she said. "I can't tell you the number of contacts he made. He ingrained in me that you have to start publicity early for an event to be successful, and that's something I've never forgotten."

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Club President Murielle Hart said Saturday afternoon that she is proud of her adopted "home" and the chance to share with visitors what she feels makes Edenton so special. "Isn't it wonderful," she said, "that every other year we have the opportunity to show off Edenton at its very best? This will be my fourth Pilgrimage, and I think this year we'll have the best ever."

Nell "Lou" Moore, who joined the EWC in 1959, will mark her 14th year of participation in 1993. She supervises the hostesses who greet visitors at the various tour sites. She credits the strong groundwork laid by early club members with the success the event