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'Friends' Schedule Fundraising Auction

By MARGUERITE MCCALL
Appointed last winter by the Edenton Historical Commission, the "Friends of the Barker House Committee" will hold its first benefit, an auction, Sunday, November 21.

So don't Christmas shop too early, for the exact item wanted for that special person may be beneath the auctioneer's gavel that day when the fun begins at 2:30 p.m. until...at the Barker House.

Details of the event were planned last week during a meeting of the committee.

Although white and beautiful on the outside, due to a fresh coat of paint, the grand old (209-years-old) matron of houses has serious interior problems that need prompt

correction, estimated at about \$50,000 worth of attention on the first floor alone.

Friends Chairman Samuel B. "Sambo" Dixon said cash donations or auction items would be greatly appreciated.

To date, Dixon said, some of the things to be auctioned include some antiques; week-ends at the beach; a 20-foot Sailable sailboat from Dr. David O. Wright; a dinner party for twelve at Wessington from Mrs. Ann Rowe; paintings by local artists; and tickets to some university athletic games.

Persons wishing to donate items may contact Bob Bruce, acquisitions chairman, at 482-5589, leaving a message

on his answering machine, Bruce said, if he is not at home. Bruce said someone will gladly pick up the items and store them until the auction. All donations are tax deductible, he said.

He described the articles desired as, "Things you want but are willing to give up." Antique dealers are welcomed to attend, Bruce said. He said Edenton resident John Becker will be the auctioneer.

Dixon said heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served during the auction. An attendance fee of \$25 per couple or \$15 single will be charged. The fee includes membership to The Friends of the Barker House.



The home of Thomas and Penelope Barker, who lived and died in the 18th-century, served for more than 20 years as the Historic Edenton Visitors Center. Now, the Friends of the Barker House are endeavoring to raise funds to alleviate some of the structure's immediate interior problems by conducting an auction in November. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall)

Market Reopens

The Chowan County Farmer's Market will open this Thursday, September 23, and will continue to open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for the next four weeks.

The market is located on Granville Street across from the Chowan Medical Center in Edenton.

Thurs. Is Deadline

Thursday, September 23, is the deadline for signing up to participate in the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce's first annual Superball Golf Tournament or Round Robin Tennis Tournament.

Both events will be played at the Chowan Golf and Country Club in Edenton on September 30.

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Lena Leary Dies; Age 81

Lena Mason Leary, who served for 43 years as Chowan County Clerk of Court, died September 16 at Chowan Hospital. She was 81.



Lena M. Leary

Mrs. Leary was an Edenton native and the daughter of the late Clyde and Minnie Rupert Mason. She was the widow of Leon George Leary.

In 1949, Mrs. Leary became Deputy Clerk of Court here, and in 1961 she was elected Clerk of Court. She was active in community activities
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Goodwin Trial Is Underway

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

A jury was seated Tuesday and witnesses began testifying for the State in Chowan County Superior Court in an action against County Commissioner Richard Wayne Goodwin, 45, of Tyner.

Goodwin was indicted on March 16, 1993 by the Chowan County Grand Jury on two counts of solicitation to commit murder and one count of conspiracy to commit murder.

Goodwin allegedly solicited Arthur William "Little Bud" Privott, 45, of Rt. 1, Edenton, to commit murder on Anthony Mark "Andy" Long of Chowan County and conspired with Privott to murder Long, a boyfriend of Goodwin's ex-girlfriend, Shelia

Sawyer.

After an intensive investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), Goodwin and Privott were arrested March 10, 1993. Goodwin has been free on \$30,000 secured bond and Privott on a \$10,000 secured bond and \$5,000 unsecured bond.

The indictments list the date of the offense as being between February 1 and February 15, 1993.

District Attorney H.P. Williams Jr., First Judicial District, prosecutor for the State, gave his opening remarks Tuesday afternoon.

"This is a criminal case," Williams told the prospective jurors during the seating. He read the names of people whom he said were potential

witnesses for the State. Some of these were SBI agents and some were FBI agents.

N.C. House Rep. W.T. Culpepper III, D-Chowan, an Edenton attorney, is representing Goodwin. Culpepper said he would give his opening remarks when the State concluded its case.

Superior Court Judge William C. Griffin is presiding over this term of Chowan Superior Court.

The judge recessed court Tuesday at 4:40 p.m. when the first witness, Shelia Sawyer, who is testifying for the State, became choked-up and tearful during her testimony.

Sawyer was relating conversation that took place last year between herself and

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'Making Strides' Is This Saturday

By REBECCA BUNCH

When the "Making Strides" Walk-A-Thon gets underway this Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, leading the way will be four-year-old John Mansfield, son of Pat and Bill Mansfield of Edenton.

The youngster has waged a courageous battle against leukemia that has made him well-known throughout the community. His illness is currently in remission.

In an interview last Friday, Mrs. Mansfield said she and her husband "thought it would be neat to have him walk." Pam Stallings, who heads the Chowan County chapter of the American Cancer Society, the group sponsoring Saturday's Walk-A-Thon and a related Health Fair, was very enthusiastic about the idea.

Mrs. Mansfield said that John had received so much support and love from others in the community that she felt "it was time to put something back...because of John being so well-known now, we felt that would bring in more support for these events, both of which are very important."

The "Making Strides" Health Fair will be held from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. with local health care professionals providing special free services, including blood pressure checks, and a presentation on mouth cancer.

Water and fruit will be provided for walkers who par-

ticipate in the Walk-A-Thon. A course leading through the Edenton Bay Development (Hayes Farm property) will be

followed.

Young people and adults who obtain more than \$100 in
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Pat Mansfield of Edenton cuddles her four-year-old son, John, who sports a "Making Strides" Walk-A-Thon T-shirt. John, who is being treated for leukemia, will be leading the way when the American Cancer Society presents the Walk-A-Thon and a related Health Fair this Saturday morning. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)



To recommend leaving or removing the picket fence and elevated floor from the courtroom of the Old Chowan County Courthouse is one of the decisions facing the Courthouse Study Commission. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall)

Study Commission Faces Hard Restoration Decisions

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Guided by an outline of issues it seeks to resolve prior to presenting recommendations to the County Commissioners, the Old Chowan County Courthouse Study Commission (CSC) plunged into an in-depth work session Thursday.

Experts in the fields of history, architecture and judicial proceedings have addressed the group throughout the spring and summer months, rendering their opinions regarding the building's future use and period of restoration. All have agreed the courthouse must remain functional for community use.

"The extent and scope of the necessary restoration will be proportional in some way to the anticipated use," Study Commission Chairman Ross Inglis said Thursday. "Our task is to define the optimum use, and to establish the philosophy which will govern the required restoration."

Inglis said he asked Samuel B. "Sambo" Dixon, a CSC

member, to canvas attorneys regarding their interest in pleading a case in the courtroom. Dixon reported receiving an "overwhelming, yes." Federal Court Judge Terrence Boyle, also a CSC member, agreed to poll judges, Inglis said.

A.L. Honeycutt Jr., supervisor, the Restoration Branch, State Historic Preservation Office, related how impressed he was recently with a courthouse living history presentation in Colonial Williamsburg.

"The chief and lower magistrates were sitting on the bench in period costumes," Honeycutt said, "and I was photographing them. When I lowered the camera, all were pointing at me. I was charged (a mock trial) with not paying some debts. It was a marvelous, marvelous experience."

Asked what sentence he drew, Honeycutt chuckled and replied, "Six months sus-
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