

Tour

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home last year. The 98-year-old house was originally owned by Edenton Cotton Mill manager H.C. Privott, who purchased 20,000 bricks for its construction.

Greene said she is hoping that visitors will find the home's interior woodwork and spacious design to be an interesting addition to the tour.

"I'm looking forward to people's reactions," said Greene, who will open five first-floor rooms during the tour. "We are lucky to own this home, and I want to share it with others because it is so beautiful."

The Greenes' home will be decorated with pink poinsettias, eucalyptus, and paper whites (narcissus), while the Christmas tree will contain Victorian ornaments, also in

pink tones. But Mrs. Greene said she would wait until the last minute to put up many of the live decorations.

"It's tough to decorate now because of the warm weather," she said Monday afternoon as temperatures climbed to near 80 degrees.

Ginny Culpepper, site manager for The Barker House in downtown Edenton, said that ticket sales have been brisk.

"We've had a lot of advance ticket sales and a number of groups have already bought tickets as well," Culpepper said.

Tickets are \$18 each for the tour sponsored by the Edenton Historical Commission.

Events coinciding with the tour include: Barker House Holiday Repast, Cupola House Wassail Bowl, Iredell House Groaning Board, and Chowan Arts Council's Confection Perfection. All these events are free, and will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Caroling on the Green will take place at the old Chowan County Courthouse Green on Friday evening, from 6-7 p.m.

Parking for the tour will be available near the Edenton Cotton Mill - located at the intersection of East King and McMullan Streets - on the mill's old ballfield.

Visitors should look for the luminaries placed in front of the homes which will be participating in this year's Christmas Candlelight Tour.

Other homes on the tour include: (Mill Village) home of Mr. and Mrs. John Becker; Ms. Elizabeth B. Smith; Mr. David McVaugh; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Ebersol; Mr. Vic Alexander; Ms. Katherine Arnett; the home of Rhonda Bates and Wes Lassiter; Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Rudd; Mr. Ben Speller; (South Oakum Street) Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hollowell; (East King Street) Mr. and Mrs. Bill Greer; and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Mason.

Home

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Assembly placed a moratorium on nursing-home construction - due, in part, to the excessive numbers of new facilities, said Harper - but Southern Assisted Living (SAL) has an exemption to construct a 50-bed facility. Harper asked the commissioners to adopt a resolution stating that the county approves of SAL's plans to build a 72-bed facility in Chowan County.

"Our industry is an industry that is growing very rapidly, and that's the reason for the moratorium legislation," said Harper. "I'm here to get that exemption increased to make the facility economically feasible."

The final decision on SAL's plan to build a facility here will be decided by the state Department of Human Re-

sources, Harper said. If approved, the facility would most likely be named Carolina House, the marketing name of SAL's adult-care communities. Harper said that his company currently operates eight assisted-living facilities across the state, and plans to operate 22 facilities in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia by the year 2000.

Harper said that he conducted a study in which there was an evident need for another nursing home in Chowan County. In addition, he said his company currently has the proposed site under contract.

"It will be a worthwhile project," said DSS Director Ben Rose. "We have two facilities like this in Chowan County now ... and those places may be full ... this would open up more resources for the families to keep their loved-ones near home instead of sending them across the state."

The proposed \$3 million fa-

city will also bring in approximately \$25,000 in annual tax revenues to the county. But 10 to 30 percent of Carolina House patients require payment assistance (Special Assistance to Adults) from local governments. Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland said the tradeoff would still financially benefit the county.

"I think that (assistance funding) will be more than offset by the fact that it (facility) will create 42 full-time jobs," said Copeland.

Plans are to construct a four-wing facility, Harper said. Two wings would provide space for the light care patients, with one wing each for ambulatory-impaired and Alzheimer patients, he said. Harper said that each Carolina House facility provides optimum care and daily activities for its patients. The monthly cost for patients runs from \$1,750 per month for light-care patients, to nearly \$3,000 for Alzheimer patients, he said.

Raid

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from the suspects during the investigation, Bonner said.

Arrested were: Christopher Lamont Bond, 22, of 1302 Apt. 1, Edenton Manor; Robert J. Williams, 26, of 1213 Vann St.; Nicholas Peyton Halsy, 23, of 1702 Apt. 3, Edenton Manor; Harrell Jones, 18, of 36 Chowan Court; and Connie Darnell Thatch, 28, of 502, Apt. 4, Edenton Manor. All five suspects reside in Edenton. All except Bond were arrested last Thursday night.

Bonner said that more indictments are pending.

"Last night's arrests were a joint effort by the Edenton Po-

lice Department, Chowan County Sheriff's Department, and North Carolina State Highway Patrol," Bonner said Friday afternoon. "I also appreciate the assistance of Edenton Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton, and the management of Edenton Manor Housing Complex, who were present last night (Dec. 3) as well."

With the arrests, Bonner hopes to stem the profitability of drug dealing throughout the town.

"I think that it's going to send a message to the community that the Town of Edenton will not tolerate the sale of drugs," the chief said. "Every effort will be made to take the economy out of the drug trade."

Bonner also praised Copeland's work on the case.

"I commend Rhonda Cope-

land for doing an outstanding job setting up this campaign and following through with it," Bonner said. "As a result of her work on this case, I hope it will ultimately improve the quality of life in the community."

Bond faces charges of possession of intent to sell and deliver cocaine and sell and deliver cocaine. He was issued a \$6,000 bond.

Williams faces felony charges

of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, selling and delivering cocaine, and maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of selling and keeping a controlled substance. He was issued an \$8,000 secured bond.

Halsey faces charges of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, selling and delivering cocaine, maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of selling and keeping a con-

trolled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was issued a \$6,500 secured bond.

Jones was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, and selling and delivering marijuana. He was issued a \$5,000 secured bond.

Thatch was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, selling and delivering cocaine, maintain-

ing a dwelling for selling and keeping a Schedule II controlled substance (cocaine), maintaining a dwelling for selling and keeping a Schedule VI controlled substance (marijuana), and felony possession of marijuana. She was issued a \$14,000 secured bond.

All five suspects are scheduled to appear in Chowan County Superior Court on Jan. 18.

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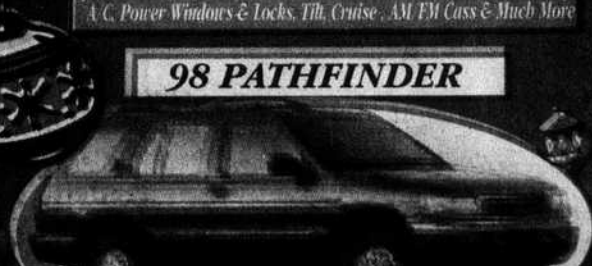
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