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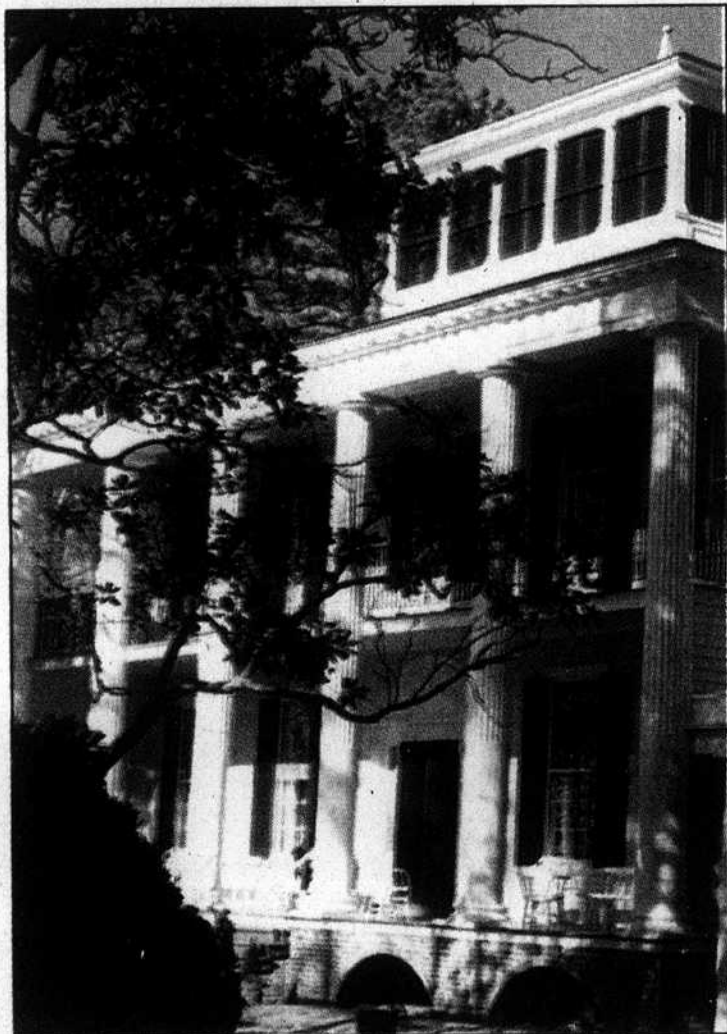
## Stately plantation among tour sites

Tour of homes set in Edenton this weekend

BY FLYNN SURRATT  
Correspondent

Across Queen Anne Creek and situated well away from the sights and sounds of the Town of Edenton is a place where it is almost possible for a daydreamer to lose the 21st century for a while. The place is Hayes Plantation.

Interestingly, as you cross Johnston Bridge and proceed toward it, Hayes doesn't sweep into view in some sort of grandiose gesture. This stately blend of late Federal and Greek Revival architecture reveals itself almost shyly by way of a carefully landscaped, tree-lined drive leading to a small semicircular portico on the northeast side. This is not so much a "backdoor" but a more intimate entrance graced by



Hayes Plantation will be on this year's Pilgrimage tour

fanlights and sidelights which catch the morning sun. It's easy to imagine that family and close friends just dropping-in would enter here rather than by way of the bay side's formal two-story Doric patio. This tall-columned porch, rising from shallow bricked arches, is considered to be one of the plantation house's most beautiful features.

It is that side, looking out on Edenton Bay, that is strikingly impressive. The two-story central portion, with a hipped roof topped by a large cupola, is flanked by wings accessed through curved, covered passages.

The west wing is home to a library of some 5,000 volumes including a variety of rare works. Hayes also houses portraits and steel engravings by Sir Joshua Reynolds and Thomas Sully.

Sitting atop a ridge as it does makes it easy for Hayes to project an aura of

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## Sen. Edwards visits Holmes

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND  
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US Sen. John Edwards paid a visit to John A. Holmes High School Tuesday afternoon. Senator Edwards premise for visiting Holmes and other schools is to see first hand the issues that need to be addressed in North Carolina Schools.

"We, here in this country, have the best of everything, but our schools. Our students deserve the best. Our teachers deserve the best," said the Senator.

"You are from a wonderful state," Edwards told Holmes students. "North Carolina not only makes a contribution to this country but, to the world." Edwards concern for the needs of North Carolina's schools is multi-faceted, and his determination to address these needs was reflected in his speech to students and area dignitaries. His visits are designed so that he can learn, first hand, what teachers and schools need. For that information, according to Senator



US Sen. John Edwards fields students' questions

Edwards, "The best source of concerning what can be done for education and schools in this state sits right here in this room."

Senator Edward dedicated the last 15 or so minutes of his visit answering students questions concerning education, taxes, and world issues.

## Shelter promotes awareness

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND  
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As the hot weather approaches people will start preparing their air conditioners, soaking in insect repellent, and switching on the ceiling fans to battle the heat, humidity, and the bugs. The majority of people who have pets are also thoughtful enough to take their pets needs into consideration.

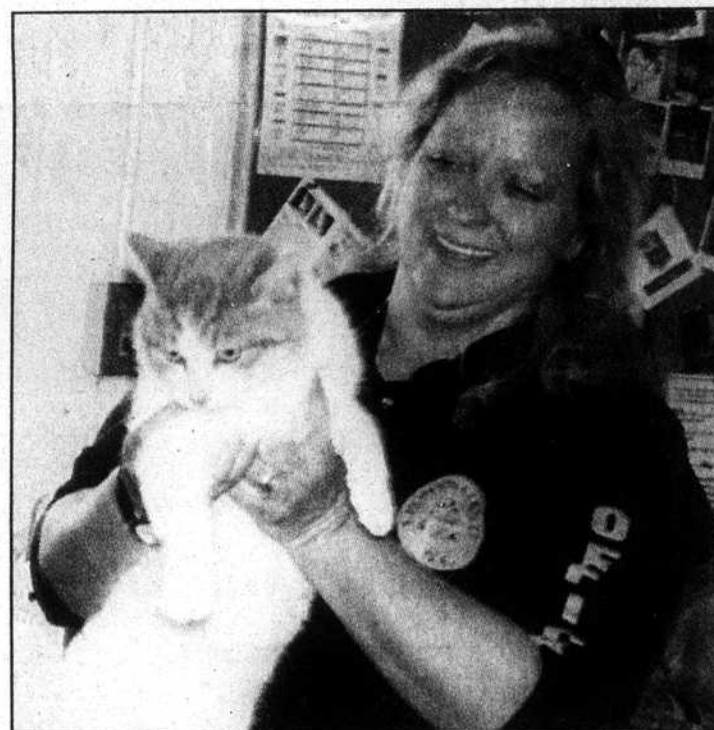
Not only is this a kind thing to do, but it is a healthy thing to do as well. Our canine, feline, and hoofed friends will face a variety of problems due to encroaching spring and summer weather as well. Some of these problems could very easily, and seriously, affect the health of the humans they love.

According to Mary Bass, Supervisor for the Chowan County Animal Control Office, now is the time to intercept and prevent problems threatening the pet. She also encourages using some common sense prevention.

With the onset of spring and summer comes the tick, fleas, and mosquitoes carry viruses such as Lyme disease and rabies — diseases that can be transmitted from pets to their owners. In recent years the number of animal that were documented with having rabies has significantly increased. "Because of the rabies epidemic that started 3 years ago, it is now possible for a pet to be vaccinated at 4 months of age," said Bass. Previously pet owners normally waited until a pet was 6 months old.

Bass goes on to encourage cat owners to be particularly consistent about rabies shots.

"Most people have never considered that cats can get rabies," Bass said. "What they



Chowan Animal Control Supervisor Mary Bass plays with one of many feline friends she has at the Chowan-Gates Animal Shelter. Bass is speaking out about ways people can care for their pets, including regular rabies shots. (Staff photo Rebecca Bunch)

fail to realize is that cats are highly susceptible. They are by nature hunters. They are the ones in the woods chasing rodents or knocking the bats down."

Bass says that if someone realizes their cat has sustained a bite or witnesses the cat consuming a bat that could present a problem. If the cat does not have a current rabies shot record the animal will have to be quarantined by a local shelter or vet. "We are talking about a six month quarantine," said Bass. "That's not as easy as it sounds. Vets and shelters really don't want other animals in their care exposed to the deadly disease."

According to Bass the gestation period for the rabies virus

is supposedly 6 months. A bite to the head or neck area may produce signs earlier whereas a bite to the back leg or flank area may take longer cause signs. Even if the animal never manifests the disease, the cost of six months of boarding is expensive.

One of the most prolific carriers of Rabies are bats. They colonize in the eaves and attics of old homes and barns. Bass cautions people who may wake to find a bat in a bedroom to go and have a doctor check them out. "A small bat can inflict such a tiny bite that it is painless and easily overlooked."

The incidence of finding ra-

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Emergency personnel respond to the scene of an accident on US 17 (Glenn Beil photo)

## Clean-up follows Hwy. 17 mishap

BY CHIP ROMANOVICH  
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HERTFORD - A tanker truck overturned on U.S. Highway 17 a few miles south of here last Tuesday morning, spilling approximately 1,000 gallons of a

nitrogen fertilizer-water mixture onto the roadway.

The spill, which was contained to a ditch in the highway median, will cause no long-term environmental damage, said Perquimans County Emergency Management Coordinator Harry Winslow.

"It's just the fertilizer that the farmer puts in the field," Winslow said. "It's non-flammable. It's all been contained (and) will be pumped up."

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## Don't forget flower beds

Jenny Heyl and Gray Price of Grower's Great Earth prepare a flower bed for planting in front of the Chowan Herald last Wednesday in preparation for the Pilgrimage. Downtown business owners who haven't yet planted or put out flowers for this weekend are urged to do so.

## Democrats to hold convention

The Chowan Democratic Party Convention will be held Saturday, April 21, at 1 p.m. at the Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton.

Precinct meetings will be held Thursday, April 19.

All Democrats are encouraged to attend the precinct meetings and the convention.

Anyone having questions may contact Felix Chambers at 482-8421.

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Care Foundation



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Friday April 20th



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