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Holiday events galore planned in community

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

This weekend will be a very special one in the life of our community, as Edenton homeowners welcome guests from across North Carolina and other states to the annual Christmas Candlelight Tour.

This year's tour will be held Friday, Dec. 14, and Saturday, Dec. 15. Hours will be 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. both days. Local

residents are also welcome to purchase tickets and take the tour.

Featured homes on this year's tour will include:

- Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Creighton, 211 East Water Street
- Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fenner, 207 East Water Street
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chesson, 205 East Water Street
- Mr. and Mrs. Tilmon Keel, 203 East Water Street

- Mr. and Mrs. Hood Ellis, 409 Court Street
- Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lane, 101 Blount Street
- Dr. and Mrs. Chris Koppelman, 301 South Granville Street
- Mr. and Mrs. Bev Webb, 107 Blount Street
- Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sellers, 108 Blount Street
- Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Copeland, 112 Blount Street
- Mr. and Mrs. Andrew

Bergeron, 203 Blount Street.

Another beautiful spot on the tour will be the Edenton Baptist Church, located at 200 South Granville Street. A special performance of Handel's Messiah will be presented by the Adult Choir there at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 as the tour draws to a close.

Tickets available from the Barker House, (252) 482-7800; Chowan Arts Council, 482-8005; Visitor Center, 482-2637.



A Day with Santa

Hattie Downing, LPN, of Chowan Hospital helps Mark Noneman of the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department with the more than 100 gifts that Chowan Hospital employees donated to the annual "Day with Santa" program. Joyce Lawrence, the hospital's Wellness Director, said, "The hospital employees and their generosity pulled together and were able to fulfill Christmas wishes for 45 children in Chowan County." The gifts will be among those handed out during the "Day with Santa" at the old DF Walker School this Saturday. That event will take place in the gym from 1-4 p.m. Santa will be there to talk with the kids. There will also be games, toys and food. (Photo by Pete Rogers)

For the most current information on church-related holiday events, see the church news on page 4-B of this edition

Related events will delight visitors, too

In addition to visiting some of Edenton's loveliest homes, visitors are also invited to stop by the following events. Admission is free.

- Groaning Board, James Iredell House, 1-5 p.m. both days
- Wassail Bowl, Cupola House, 1-5 p.m. both days
- Barker House Repast, 1-5 p.m. both days
- Chowan Arts Council's Candlelight Confections, 4-9 p.m. both days; Gallery open for holiday shopping.

Local residents are also welcome at these events, and are cordially invited to attend.



Thousands of visitors come to Edenton each year to enjoy the beauty of the holidays during the Christmas Candlelight Tour. The annual event will take place this Friday, Dec. 14, and Saturday, Dec. 15 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Many related special events are also planned.

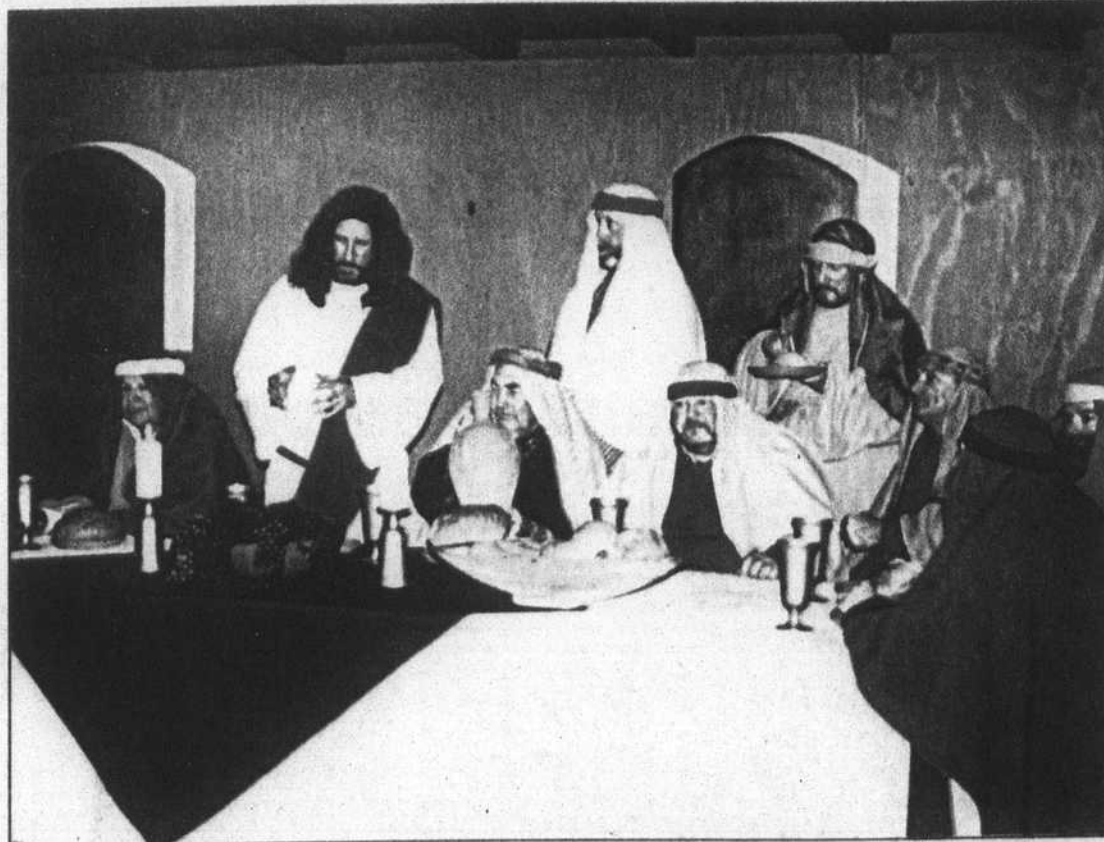
Parade day nears

The annual Edenton Christmas Parade will roll through downtown Edenton this Saturday, Dec. 15, starting at 11 a.m.

The theme for this year's holiday parade is "A Colonial Christmas".

The event is co-sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, the Chowan Ruritan Club and The Chowan Herald.

And, kids are invited to stay around after the parade to talk with Santa. For more information on the parade, call the Chamber of Commerce at (252) 482-4418.



Christmas Panorama

Center Hill Baptist Church will once again present a live, drive-through panorama depicting events from the life of Jesus Christ behind the Center Hill Community Building in Tyner Dec. 19-21, from 6-8 p.m. Admission is free; refreshments available inside the Community Building.

Live actors and animals will present nine scenes including "The Road to Bethlehem," "The Manger," "Woman at the Well," "The Lord's Supper," "The Crucifixion," "The Resurrection," and "The Ascension".

For details, call Pastor Don English, 221-4060.

Currie book-signing planned during tour

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A book signing is always a special event as the author greets the public and autographs copies of his work. And one planned during this year's Christmas Candlelight Tour will be even more special because it involves the second printing of a popular book authored by Blair Currie of Edenton. Currie will be signing copies of his book, "Edenton: A Celebration of Life," this Friday and Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at the Edenton Visitor Center.

This printing, just as the original, was underwritten by the Edenton Woman's Club. Murielle Harmon is the club's liaison for the Currie book project. "We are absolutely delighted with the reprinting of Blair's charming book," she said, "and pleased to have partnered with him in its publication."

In his book, Currie profiles 89 local residents. He has called his book "a real labor of love" and said he wrote it as a tribute to his adopted hometown.

He and his wife, Chrissie, came to America with their children from their Scottish homeland in 1961, and came to Edenton in 1994 after hearing about it from a friend. It felt, Currie later said, "like coming home".

Currie, born on Independence Day, spent six months putting together his book, settling on some his subjects based on suggestions from friends and acquaintances. Of those, said the 72-year-old Currie, about a dozen or so of those profiled have died, leaving his book as a living testament to their memories of a way of life now gone.

"I'm very pleased that their memories have been preserved in this way," said Currie. "I believe that it fills a void. The book has fulfilled my hopes because I wanted to do it as a way to give something back to Edenton. I feel it has accomplished that, so I'm very happy about it."



Author Blair Currie will be signing copies of a second edition of his book during the Christmas Candlelight Tour.

Candlelight Tour

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