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## Plans Completed For '52 March Of Dimes In Chowan County

Wesley Chesson Jr., Is Now Appointing The Canvassers

### GREAT NEED

Entire Month Of January Will Be Devoted To Drive

Wesley Chesson, Jr., Chairman for the March of Dimes in Chowan County, has almost completed plans for the 1952 campaign to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis.

As in previous years, the principal means to raise money will be house-to-house solicitations by a group of canvassers now being appointed by Mr. Chesson. The group of canvassers had not been completed Wednesday morning, but Mr. Chesson will have the list in time for publication in next week's issue of The Herald.

Miniature iron lungs have also been placed at various business places in the hope that many people will drop in extra dimes.

Again this year Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan County home agent, will be in charge of the fund raising campaign in the rural section. Miss Colwell, through the various home demonstration clubs, has in past years secured a substantial contribution to the cause and it is believed the club women this year will again be a great help.

Last year Chowan County's contributions amounted to \$1,487.75, and while no specific quota has been assigned to the county, it is hoped this year's contributions will be more. The need is even greater this year, so that all counties are asked to raise more than they did last year.

The March of Dimes will be in progress during the entire month of January instead of starting on the 15th as in former years. This extra time has been added due to the increased need for funds.

Mr. Chesson is hopeful that Chowan County will raise more than last year and, therefore, urges everybody to be as liberal as possible.

## Largest Peanut Crop Since 1948

North Carolina's 1951 Crop Is Estimated at 287.5 Million Pounds

Based upon late fall reports from growers, production of peanuts for picking and threshing in North Carolina is estimated to total 287.5 million pounds for 1951. This compares with 246.1 million pounds harvested last year and is the largest crop since 1948 when 347 million pounds were produced.

Reports indicate that yields from this year's crop will average about 1,250 pounds per acre, the highest since 1942 when an average yield of 1,255 pounds per acre was realized. The State averaged 1,070 pounds per acre in 1950.

This year's harvested acreage, currently estimated at 230,000 acres, is the same as harvested in 1950.

## Earl Harrell Family Moves To New Bern

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harrell and family early this week moved to New Bern, where Mr. Harrell has accepted a position with the New Bern Oil and Fertilizer Company. Mr. Harrell has been employed for many years as secretary of the Home Feed & Fertilizer Company in Edenton.

The Harrells sold their home on West Queen Street to Mrs. Ella Mae Morgan, who moved in Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Harrell's address at New Bern is 1404 National Avenue.

## H. J. Lupton New Edenton Policeman

H. J. Lupton began his duties as an Edenton policeman Monday morning of this week. He succeeds H. E. [Name], who resigned a few weeks ago. Mr. Lupton, a native of Pamlico County, came to Edenton from Oxford, where he was on the police force for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Lupton are living in the Sam Allen house on North Oakum Street and will be joined shortly by their daughter, who is now in Raleigh.

## Scout District Meeting Will Be Held Tonight

The January meeting of the West Albemarle District Committee of Boy Scouts will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building.

Committees are to be set up and the work schedule for the new year is to be discussed, so that William A. Sutherland, field Scout executive, asks all Scouters to attend the meeting.

## Former Rector Of St. Paul's Church Dies Suddenly

The Rev. Harold W. Gilmer Will Be Buried Here Today

Word reached Edenton Monday morning that the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer former rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, died suddenly at Winston-Salem Monday morning at 9 o'clock as the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Gilmer's last active rectorate was at St. Paul's Church, where he was rector until a few years ago when he was pensioned due to the mandatory retirement age.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Ralph T. Warren of Winston-Salem and a son, Harold Gilmer, Jr., a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan; two brothers, Dr. Paul Gilmer of Hyattsville, Md., and Carl Rex Gilmer of Grand View, Washington; two sisters, Mrs. E. H. Gilmer of Salina, Kansas, and Miss Mildred Gilmer of Grand View, Washington. Two grandchildren also survive.

The body arrived in Edenton Tuesday, where it will remain until 11 o'clock this (Thursday) morning, when funeral services will be held in St. Paul's Church. Bishop Thomas D. Wright of Wilmington and the Rev. Gordon Bennett, rector of St. Paul's Church, will officiate. Interment will be made in St. Paul's Churchyard.

He was a member of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M. of Edenton.

The body will lie in state in St. Paul's Church from 10 to 11 o'clock this (Thursday) morning.

## Rawlinsons Observe Golden Anniversary

Popular Couple Married 50 Years On Tuesday Of This Week

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Rawlinson on Tuesday celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, when the popular couple was host to a large number of friends at their home from 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawlinson were married January 1, 1902 at the Presbyterian Church at Tweedmouth, Berwick-on-Tweed, England, by the Rev. Walter Scobie.

In September of 1906, the couple came to Edenton, where Mr. Rawlinson farmed until 1920, when he entered the postal service and was a city mail carrier until the week before Christmas, 1945, when he retired. He is now employed at the Halsey Hardwood Company. The couple have one daughter, Mrs. William O. Elliott, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawlinson and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr., greeted the large number of friends who called during the afternoon to extend congratulations. Refreshments were served.

## Optometrists Elect New Group Officers

At a recent meeting held here of the Northeastern Optometric Society, Dr. Julian W. Selig, Elizabeth City, and Dr. B. W. Cutler, Plymouth, was elected president and secretary respectively for the year 1952. They succeed Dr. A. F. Downum, Edenton and Dr. O. W. Pittman, Ahoskie.

The Northern Optometric Society includes optometrists in Ahoskie, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Washington, Plymouth, Williamston, Windsor, Manteo, and Murfreesboro.



PRIZE-WINNING BATTLE PHOTO—This picture entitled "For A Fallen Comrade" by Sgt. 1/Cl. Al Chang took first place in a recent exhibition of Korean combat photography. A grief-stricken American infantryman whose buddy had been killed in action is comforted by another soldier. In the background a corpsman methodically fills out casualty tags.

## Feast Of Lights Will Be Celebrated In St. Paul's Sunday Night

Commemoration Of Epiphany Will Be Celebrated At 7 O'Clock

Sunday evening, January 6th, at 7 o'clock in St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be held the Feast of Lights story commemorating the Epiphany.

The celebration on Epiphany is much older than the Christmas celebrations we now have on December 25. The Epiphany represents the manifestation of Christ to the world both Jewish and Gentile. On this day the Wise Men or the Magi found our Savior cradled in Bethlehem after their search which lasted a number of days. They brought their gifts to him and from their act of love and devotion we now present gifts to each other on Christmas Day rather than on the Epiphany. In many countries gifts are given on the Epiphany instead of Christmas.

Sunday evening each person attending the service will be given a candle. After evening prayer the church will be in complete darkness, then begins the story of the Light of the World. "We will see the light go from the Christ candle throughout the entire church," says the rector, the Rev. Gordon Bennett. "This is a most impressive service and one of the most beautiful in the Christian year."

Those who attend the service will leave the service with a lighted candle representing the fact that Christ dwells in their home. It is customary to take this candle to one's home and let it burn until the candle is consumed.

"We extend a most cordial invitation to all people to attend this service with us," says Mr. Bennett. "We have set the hour at 7 o'clock in order that children may participate in this service."

## Tour Of New School Feature PTA Meeting

Meeting In New High School Next Tuesday Night

A tour of the new high school building will feature the January meeting of the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association to be held Tuesday night, January 8, at 7:30 o'clock. Students of the school will serve as guides, and refreshments will be served in the school lunch room by members of the association's social committee.

Mrs. J. O. Powers, program chairman, has arranged the following program:

Devotional by the Rev. Gordon Bennett. Talk by Superintendent John A. Holmes. Songs by Norman Leonard, accompanied at the piano by Miss Margery Thigpen.

Mrs. Erie Haste, president, urges all members to be present for this meeting and extends a cordial invitation to all the patrons of the school to attend.

### BIBLE CLASS MEETING

The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at the church at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, the president, urges all members to attend.

### LIONS WILL MEET MONDAY

Edenton's Lions Club will go back on regular schedule Monday night following holiday interruptions. The meeting will begin at 7 o'clock.

## Town Of Edenton Pleasing To Mayor During Holidays

Chief Executive Praises Work Of Various Departments

Mayor Leroy Haskett desires it to be known that he is very proud of the services rendered by the various departments of the town and the people in general, so that he wrote the following letter to The Herald:

"To the people of the Town of Edenton and co-workers associated with the town:

"This is to say that on Christmas day I made my usual check of the town and found without exception a very neat and clean town. Every business house and residence was clean and trash containers taken in. To tell the truth, it made me happy to be the mayor of such an attractive town. I visited a number of towns during the holidays and found no town as clean and attractive as Edenton.

"The Street Department, of which Frank Hughes is superintendent, deserves a big hand from us all. I know that the street department trucks were cleaning up trash on Christmas eve after 11 o'clock in order to have a clean town for Christmas day.

"Our Police Department did a very nice job, too, in assisting our merchants with their problems. Police are anxious to assist in keeping people out of trouble and assisting them. Very few arrests were made during the holidays. The Edenton Police Department wants to be a friend to everyone and a friendly department rendering service to the town.

"Our Fire Department did a bang-up job in working over toys for those not so fortunate to have new toys for Christmas. They answered very few calls during the holidays. We have a very efficient Fire Department under Cap'n R. K. Hall, who has served as chief for so many years, so that our fire loss has been very low, much to our delight.

"The Town Office has three persons who are also doing a splendid job in their respective positions, and are always anxious to be of service to the people of the town.

"To tell the truth we all should be very proud of the Town's employees and to be associated with the Town of Edenton is an honor to anyone, and I consider it so."

## Poinsettia Plants Can Be Saved For Next Year

Professor Robert Schmidt of the Horticulture Department at N. C. State College gives the following suggestions for keeping a Poinsettia plant until next season:

After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where it won't freeze. Don't water it—or if so, only slightly—and let the soil dry up.

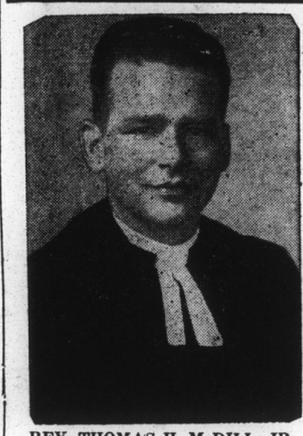
Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two-thirds, wash the old soil off the roots, and re-pot in new soil. From then on handle it like any other pot plant. Softwood cuttings taken in July and rooted will give you good Christmas bloom.

## Fire Inspection Will Be Held Next Week

Fire Chief R. K. Hall informed The Herald early this week that, his health permitting, he will conduct a fire inspection in the business section next week. In view of the inspection, Mr. Hall urges all merchants to clean up paper and other accumulation over the Christmas holidays, which cause a fire hazard.

## New Edenton High School Used First Time On Wednesday

Presbyterian Speaker



REV. THOMAS H. McDILL, JR. During the next 10 weeks the Rev. Thomas H. McDill, Jr., of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., will speak on the radio for the Protestant Hour each Sunday morning.

## 15.6 Miles Of Road Paved In Chowan During November

Total Of 77.3 Miles Completed In First District In Month

The State Highway Commission completed 15.6 miles of new grading and paving in Chowan County in November, Chairman H. W. Jordan reports.

The newly-surfaced roads are:

From Tyner via Cisco and Mavaton to N. C. 32, 4.9 miles; from N. C. 32 one mile northwest of Edenton west to Pollock Swamp Bridge, 2.2 miles; from the Edenton-Macedonia road 0.8 mile south of Macedonia south to U. S. 17, 2.6 miles; from N. C. 37 north toward Hobbsville to the Gates County line, 2 miles; from N. C. 32 at Small's Cross Roads 0.7 mile on the Rocky Hock road, 0.7 mile; and from N. C. 32 via Ryland to end of nine foot pavement, 3.2 miles.

The First Highway Division brought a total of 77.3 miles of road work to completion during November, Chairman Jordan announced.

## Silver Star Awarded To Capt. Whichard

Local Man Honored For Courage In Korean Fighting

The Silver Star, the nation's third highest combat decoration, recently was awarded to Capt. William A. Whichard of Edenton, for gallantry in Korea.

Captain Whichard won the decoration while serving with the 3rd Division's 7th Infantry Regiment last July.

According to the citation, Captain Whichard was leading his platoon in an assault on enemy positions near Sobangsan when fierce fire from the Red positions halted them.

Captain Whichard quickly organized his platoon for defensive fire, moving about in full view of the enemy to do so. Later he organized litter teams and led them to the rear as they evacuated the wounded.

"The courage and inspirational gallantry exhibited by Captain Whichard on this occasion reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service," the citation concludes.

Captain Whichard has also been awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for heroism.

### ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. President J. L. Chestnut urges every Rotarian to attend. The program will be in charge of W. B. Rosevear, who asks each Rotarian to wear the loudest necktie received as a Christmas present.

## About 400 Students Are Transferred To Hicks Field Building

NEW ERA

Classes Held While Finishing Touches Are Being Made

The familiar ring of school bells summoned back to local educational building the boys and girls of Edenton and Chowan County Wednesday morning, ending a two-week Christmas vacation, but for some 400 students of junior and senior high school, it will mark the beginning of a new era in their school year.

For these nearly 400 students, the ringing of the school bells at 8:30 was a different sound. They had the pleasure of spending their first day in the new \$350,000 modern school building on North Broad Street.

The new building, begun nearly two years ago, is nearing the end of the building trail and the students moved in Wednesday morning. They spent a short session Wednesday in becoming acquainted with the wonders of this 50-plus room modern building—a building that marks the beginning of a new era in education here. As for school work Wednesday, it consisted of receiving assignments for the next day. Wednesday was "inspection and get-acquainted" day.

The new building hasn't been fully completed as yet. Although work is still going on in putting the finishing touches on the building and particularly in the magnificent gymnasium, the building is ready for occupancy for all practical purposes. Ready or not, the students were there Wednesday morning.

On inspecting this new building, one marvels at its wonders. Accustomed to the old building, which was erected in the mid 20's, and had become too crowded, students and citizens alike will welcome this new building. The new school, it will house junior and senior high school students only, is well-planned, well-constructed and is equipped with many nice rooms, furnishings and other conveniences. It has in it the space for the expansion of education here and already there are several new courses that are expected to be introduced in the local school in the near future.

The first floor of the new building, will house nine class rooms. Like all the class rooms in the new building, they are spacious, well-lighted, well-heated and ventilated. There is an administration suite of four offices, a modern cafeteria, clinic room, homemaking department, several supply rooms, plus boiler and fuel rooms. The vocational department is compact. None of the rooms have the familiar "cloakroom." Replacing this will be individual lockers set in the recesses of the wide hall. Adequate rest room facilities abound in this new building, upstairs and down, for students and teachers alike.

The second floor has eight more classrooms, a spacious and well-appointed library, rooms for audio visual training and student activity, quarters for the custodian, several supply rooms and individual lockers.

The industrial arts department, located in the rear of the building, is an exceptionally fine department that is spacious, yet compact. It contains an office, mechanical drawing room, conference room, dressing room, supply room and a huge workshop. The facilities here will allow for expansion in this department and already mentioned in the addition of welding, painting and auto mechanics.

The new gymnasium is in itself a wonder. Long needed here, it will be welcomed by students and non-students alike. It contains a large floor space, high-pitched ceiling, and will be equipped with fold-away bleachers that will seat a large crowd comfortably, plus an electric clock and scoreboard. There are four locker rooms, storage room, office and ticket booth with adequate rest room facilities for players and fans.

The school is conveniently located for all physical education activities and sports events. The gym is adjacent to the field house of Hicks Field and there is a large playground area at the rear of the school, a portion of which is already equipped with lights for softball and midget baseball.

The front campus of the school will be landscaped and in due time will add greatly to the beauty of the building.

Though the new building will house just the students of junior and senior (Continued on Page Ten)