

Majority of Edenton Merchants Decide Close Wednesdays

Half Holiday Scheduled To Go In Effect February 20th

THREE OPPOSED

Plan Adopted to Benefit Clerks and Merchants Themselves

In order to determine the attitude of Edenton merchants and business concerns relative to closing the establishments every Wednesday afternoon, the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce went on record to poll the members concerning the half day closing.

As the result of this pole early this week, the majority of business houses agreed to begin closing Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, beginning Wednesday, February 20. However, three merchants did not agree to the proposed half day closing idea. These three concerns are Elliott Company, Cuthrell's Department Store and Rose's 5 and 10-cent Store.

Those who signed the petition are: Edenton Furniture Company, Western Auto Associate Store, The Betty Shoppe, Badham Bros. Company, Campen's Jewelers, Quinn Furniture Company, S. Hobowsky, Byrum Hardware Company, P & Q Food Center, Colonial Store, Bell's Goodyear Store, Griffin's Grocery, Belk-Tyler Company, Tots & Teens, Malone's 5 and 10-cent Store, Hughes-Holton Hardware Company, Sanitary Cleaners, Forehand Jewelers, Ralph E. Parrish, Habit's Grocery, 20th Century Barber Shop, White and Perry's Barber Shop, Harrell & Leary, Thrift-Gas Company, Ward's Barber Shop, Broad Street Fish Market, M & L Furniture Company, W. M. Rhoades Shoe Shop, J. M. Vail, Chestnut Cleaners, Percy Reeves Barber Shop, Basnight Grocery, Preston's.

The purpose of the half day closing is to allow clerks and merchants themselves to work about their homes or enjoy a half day of recreation. Regular closing will allow those affected to make preparation each week to utilize the half day holiday.

Presbyterian Church Debt Is Decreased

Final Payment Expected To Be Written Off In July

J. R. Dulaney, manager of the Edenton Belk-Tyler store, has presented a check for \$1,000 to John A. Mitchener, Jr., on behalf of the Presbyterian Church here, to be applied on the church building debt.

The presentation took place this week. Dulaney was acting on behalf of W. H. Belk, co-owner of Belk-Tyler stores and one of the south's most outstanding Presbyterian laymen.

Mitchener is clerk of the session of the First Presbyterian Church. He reported this week that he has assured the congregation of the church that the final payment on the church debt will be made and the debt written off in July.

Marines Arriving At Edenton Air Base

About 1,000 Expected To Be on Base Within A Week

According to Captain J. R. Johnson, group intelligence and public information officer of MAG-11, now stationed at the Edenton Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Station, in about a week approximately 1,000 Marines will be stationed at the Edenton base. The commanding officer is Col. E. E. Brockett, Jr., who arrived Monday from Cherry Point.

MAG-11 is made up of Marine Air Base Squadron 11, Marine Air Maintenance Squadron 11, Headquarters Squadron 11 and VMF-224, a fighter squadron. It is a part of the Second Marine Air Wing at Cherry Point, recently returning from maneuvers in Puerto Rico. MAG-11 is actually the first air group in Marine aviation, formerly known as Aircraft 1.

At the Edenton station the Marines will be trained as pilots and for any phase of Marine aviation.

Resigns

Wesley Chesson, Jr., tendered his resignation as Town Clerk at the meeting of Town Council Tuesday night. Mr. Chesson will sever his connection with the town as of July 1.

In presenting his resignation, Mr. Chesson stated that it had been a pleasure to work with the present administration for almost three years and that he was leaving only because of a better opportunity in the future.

Mr. Chesson will be associated with the Hobbs Implement Company and plans to join the concern about the time it moves into its new building on East Church Street extended.

Miss Jane Goodwin Wins Speaking Prize At Chowan High

Presented World Peace Trophy By Mrs. J. R. Dulaney

Miss Jane Goodwin, a senior at Chowan High School, was the winner in the Build World Peace Contest held Friday in the Chowan School auditorium. She was presented the gold World Peace Key by Mrs. J. R. Dulaney, on behalf of the Edenton Woman's Club, which sponsored the affair.

Jane won over another senior, Mary Elizabeth Whiteman. Both of the girls' speeches were well delivered and it was difficult for the judges to come to a decision. A third contestant, Rufus Smithson, Jr., was unable to appear for the final contest due to illness. His speech was read by a member of the senior class while the judges were conferring.

Acting as judges were the Rev. Ralph Knight, pastor of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church, Mrs. Marguerite Burch of the Chowan School faculty, and Mrs. J. R. Dulaney, representing the Edenton Woman's Club. The study and speaking program was under the direction of Mrs. C. R. Darr, English teacher.

Miss Goodwin's speech on "What Is the Responsibility of the United States in the Light of Communist Aggression?" was both interesting and informative. "Many different organizations have been established to help build world peace," she said, "but perhaps the greatest of these is the United Nations."

"The United Nations' charter was granted on October 24, 1945. It has been in existence seven years. During these years the United Nations has struggled and fought for peace. In order to have peace, we, the people of the United States have to fight those hindrances which will keep us from having peace."

Hospital Auxiliary Will Hold Meeting Feb. 20th

Mrs. Wesley Chesson, Jr., president of the Hospital Auxiliary, calls attention to a meeting of the Auxiliary which will be held Wednesday afternoon, February 20, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Martin Wisely, chairman of the Program Committee, has arranged to have as a speaker Miss Katherine Brown. Miss Brown will use as her subject a recent visit to Mexico and Mexico City.

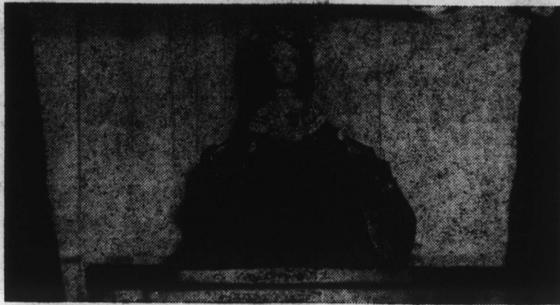
Geo. Washington Tea At Methodist Church

Sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, a George Washington tea will be held in the church annex Friday night, February 22, at 7:30 o'clock. An interesting program is being arranged for the occasion, to which the public is invited to attend.

Boy Scout Charter Is Given To Rotary Club

At last week's meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club H. A. Campen, institutional representative of the West Albemarle District, Boy Scouts of America, presented the charter for Troop 156, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club. The charter was presented to President J. L. Chestnut, who in turn presented it to Scoutmaster C. W. Overman.

Edenton Doll In National Competition



Pictured above is the 18-inch costumed doll which will compete in the fashion show luncheon of the Women's National Democratic Club in Washington, D. C., next Wednesday, February 20. The doll is a replica of Hannah Johnston Iredell, prominent Edentonian in Colonial days and will compete with 52 others to be exhibited at a style show and later sold. Hannah was designed and dressed by Mrs. W. I. Hart at the request of Mrs. Lindsay C. Warren, chairman for North Carolina. (Photo by Evelyn Leary)

Mayor L. H. Haskett Is Delighted With New Street Markers

Now Urges Houses to Be Properly Numbered In Edenton

Mayor Leroy Haskett is among those who appreciate the street markers placed at street intersections as the result of a project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Haskett wrote the following letter of appreciation to George Alma Byrum, president of the Jaycees:

"For some years it has been my desire to know that all the streets in Edenton were properly marked, giving the name of each street, but it seemed we just could not get the interest of our community.

"I take this time out, as Mayor of Edenton, to tell you how proud I am to know the job has been done. It is a fine job. I am proud that we have a Junior Chamber of Commerce in Edenton with a fine group of young men interested in doing big things.

"Since the Junior Chamber of Commerce was organized you have been very active, shown great concern about your town and have done a fine job in behalf of Edenton.

"I know of no group of young men with the interest and activity of the Jaycees. I am proud of you and solicit your suggestions and recommendations at all times.

"Again, I want to tell you how proud I am of the nice job you have just completed in setting up the street markers."

Mayor Haskett further had this to say:

"For years Edenton has been on the upward trend and to me all should be very happy. Now that the Jaycees have given us the street markers, for which we are proud, I appeal to all our people to be so good as to remark their house numbers so they are visible from the street. In so doing, with the new street markers, will be another progressive step for our town."

X-Ray Unit Will Be Here Three Days Beginning Today

Moves On To Chowan High School February 19 and 20

Today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday, an X-ray unit will be in operation at the Edenton High School.

Any person over 15 years of age may have a free X-ray. Children under 15 should bring a written request from the family physician. Teachers and foodhandlers should by all means have an X-ray for health certificates. Contacts of tuberculosis cases are especially requested to have an X-ray. All high school students over 15 should come as a group in many instances, depending on arrangements with the school principal and X-ray technician. The unit will be at Chowan High School Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, February 19 and 20.

Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Next Tuesday

Mrs. Paul Holloman, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, announces that a meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. W. M. Wilkins on Tuesday night, February 19, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Holloman is very anxious to have a large attendance of the members.

"Hannah J. Iredell" To Attend Luncheon Washington Affair

Doll For Occasion Designed and Dressed By Mrs. W. I. Hart

On February 20, Hannah Johnston Iredell, grandniece of Royal Governor Gabriel Johnston, sister of Governor Samuel Johnston, first Governor of the State of North Carolina, mother of James Iredell, Jr., Governor of North Carolina, and wife of James Iredell, of Edenton, who was the first Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, will attend the luncheon and fashion show sponsored by the Woman's National Democratic Club at their annual benefit. The luncheon will be held at the Statler Hotel in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Harry Truman will be guest of honor.

Hannah Iredell will take part in a style show in competition with fifty-one other beauties from the other fifty-one states and outlying possessions. The lovely doll was designed and dressed by Mrs. W. I. Hart of Edenton, at the request of Mrs. Lindsay C. Warren, wife of Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren of Washington, D. C., who is chairman for North Carolina.

The doll is eighteen inches tall with dark blue eyes and curly blond hair. She wears a gown of green taffeta with an over-skirt of gold, green and bronze brocade satin with a bodice of real Brussels lace. The material of this dress was imported from Italy and was a gift of Mrs. Inglis Fletcher of Bandon Plantation, near Edenton. The costume is augmented by a hat of Brussels lace and green taffeta, trimmed with bronze and green velvet forget-me-nots. A beaded reticule of green and bronze and tiny kid slippers are exact replicas of those worn by Hannah's sister, Anne Johnston, and now are on exhibit in the Cupola House Museum in Edenton.

Hannah Iredell, who provided the inspiration for the dainty model was one of the outstanding political hostesses of her day. She was one of the fifty-one women of Edenton who signed a resolve to drink no more tea until the obnoxious tax was removed.

Hannah and James Iredell's home in Edenton is now owned by the State of North Carolina and is under custody of the Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Some Edentomians Want To Preserve Colonial Dwelling

P & Q Food Center Buys Site of Penelope Barker's Home

With the purchase of the old Moore property on Broad Street by the P & Q Food Center, a number of people have been aroused about preservation of the house now standing on the property. It has been definitely established that this house was the home of Penelope Barker, a prominent Edenton figure in colonial days.

The P & Q Food Center purchased the site with the idea in mind to build a super market and, of course the house will have to be removed. The desire of a number of Edenton people is to save the house and have it moved to a site where it can be preserved.

The Herald has not learned of any definite movement to preserve the house, although quite a lot of conversation has been going the rounds pertaining to it.

Zoning Of Edenton Given Consideration By Town Councilmen

Missing

Edenton's Methodist Church a few years ago purchased two beautiful flags, a church flag and an American flag, which for some time were displayed in front of the pulpit. During the time repairs were made to the church the flags, no doubt, were removed or taken away.

Absence of the flags was discovered Sunday before last when they were to be put in place upon the occasion of members of the American Legion attending church service in a body.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the two flags will confer a favor by notifying the pastor, the Rev. E. B. Edwards, or T. B. Williford, Chairman of the Board of Stewards of the church.

Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr. Elected President Of Woman's Club

Carolyn Harrell Delivers Prize Winning Speech At Meeting

Carolyn Harrell, winner of the World Peace Study and Speaking Contest held recently in the Edenton High School under the sponsorship of the Edenton Woman's Club, delivered her speech before the members of the Woman's Club at their monthly luncheon meeting last week in the Parish House.

The business session was presided over by Mrs. W. D. Holmes, Jr., president. Mrs. John A. Kramer, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning, English teacher at Edenton High School, who in turn introduced Carolyn. Miss Harrell's subject was "What is the Responsibility of the United Nations in the Light of Communist Aggression?"

Mrs. R. P. Baer reported on the progress of the stage production, "Shooting Stars," which is sponsored jointly by the Varsity Club and Woman's Club.

Mrs. George Thompson gave a report on the successful opening of the new Teen-Age Club, and stated that a scrapbook covering this and all other club projects through the year, including teen-agers, had been prepared and would be sent to Federated Headquarters in Raleigh as an entry in the "Build Freedom With Youth" contest.

The following new officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr.; vice president, Miss Kathryn Brown; recording secretary, Mrs. George Thompson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lewis Leary; treasurer, Mrs. Jesse Harrell; historian, Mrs. C. A. Phillips. These officers will be installed at the June meeting.

Center Hill Women Aiding X-ray Project

The Center Hill Home Demonstration Club members have waked up to the fact, that, Center Hill community as a whole, should take advantage of the mass X-ray unit, which is scheduled for this district.

To get the community more conscious and better informed of this, there has been one or more club members assigned to each road in the community, so every family will be contacted and given the information about the X-ray unit. And also so that each family has a way of getting to where this work is being done.

As club women they are trying to make the community a better place in which to live. And surely better health is one of the highest goals.

Important Meeting Of Legion Post Feb. 19th

W. J. Yates, commander of Edw. G. Bond Post of the American Legion, calls attention to a very important meeting of the post Tuesday night, February 19. The meeting will be held in the armory at 8 o'clock and every member of the post is especially urged to attend.

McCourt Reappointed Auxiliary Chaplain

Father F. J. McCourt, rector of St. Ann's Parish, who was Auxiliary Chaplain to Edenton Marine Air Station for period of its original activation has been reappointed.

Idea Claims Big Portion Of Meeting Tuesday Night

LONG MEETING

Plan Explained By Geo. Franklin of Chapel Hill

Town Councilmen were held in meeting until 11:30 o'clock Tuesday night during which a considerable amount of time was devoted to a discussion of adopting a zoning ordinance in Edenton.

Present at the meeting was George Franklin, general counsel for the North Carolina League of Municipalities at Chapel Hill. Mr. Franklin very ably explained the mechanics of zoning, pointing out the advantages as well as some of the problems which will be encountered if zoning is adopted. If it is decided to zone Edenton Mr. Franklin assured the Councilmen that the League of Municipalities will be glad to offer all assistance possible.

The Councilmen asked a number of questions regarding zoning and after a general discussion it was decided to give the matter more thought in order to reach a definite conclusion at a subsequent meeting.

Miss Elizabeth Moore and Mrs. Martin Wisely, on behalf of the Woman's Club, presented a plan to improve the Court House Green by relocating the walkways so that they will be symmetrical. Permission was granted to the club women to proceed with the project.

Willis McClenney and Robert L. Pratt, on behalf of the American Legion, requested permission to again stage the Chowan County Fair. In that the fair includes a carnival, it was decided to call a special meeting to vote on the matter when all members of Town Council are present.

A parking problem was presented by Chief of Police George I. Dail. It had to do with parking on holidays. At present no charge for parking is made when stores are closed, while on the meter holidays and Sundays are excluded. Police were instructed to remove the word "holidays" so that motorists will not be confused on certain holidays which are not observed by local merchants.

Another parking problem on East King Street was also aired and it was finally agreed to install 13 new meters, most of which will be on the north side of King Street.

As the result of a petition signed by 21 people, the Councilmen voted to allow traffic only one way on West Eden Street from Broad to Greenville. The traffic will be obliged to go west, entering Eden Street from Broad Street.

Before the meeting closed Clerk Wesley Chesson tendered his resignation, effective July 1. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Mayor Leroy Haskett, as well as Councilmen, were high in praise of Mr. Chesson's services. "We are sorry to see you leave," Mayor Haskett concluded.

Bloodmobile Will Be In Edenton March 6

Chowan County Quota Will Be 150 Pints Of Blood

George Alma Byrum, Chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross blood program, announces that the Red Cross bloodmobile is scheduled to appear in Edenton Thursday, March 6. The unit will again be at the armory, where it is hoped many will donate a pint of blood during the day.

The quota for the county will be 150 pints. Mr. Byrum urges more people to cooperate in the blood program, pointing out that the need for blood has greatly increased overseas as well as at the local hospital.

Senator J. W. Copeland Will Seek Re-election

State Senator J. William Copeland of Murfreesboro on Monday announced his candidacy for re-election in the Democratic Primary on May 31.

CANDIDATE HERE

Luther Hodges of Leaksville, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, was a visitor in Edenton Tuesday. Mr. Hodges has a number of warm friends in Edenton and was busy calling on them to renew his friendship.