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## Methodists To Stage Unique Campaign To Add New Members

### Pastors Exchange Pulpits With South Carolina In April

The Rev. E. B. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Church announces a very important service next Sunday morning, when a very unique evangelistic campaign will be presented to the congregation.

The campaign is scheduled to reach its height during April, when ministers from South Carolina will preach in the pulpits of the North Carolina Conference, and the North Carolina preachers will fill pulpits in South Carolina.

At Sunday's service committees will be named in the local church to help in this work, which will include contacting non-church members as well as Methodists who hold their membership elsewhere.

Mr. Edwards appeals to all members of the church to make a special effort to attend Sunday morning's service.

## Budget Of General Fund Satisfactory

### Commissioners Scrutinize Figures at Meeting Monday

Starting on the second half of the fiscal year, Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning scrutinized the budget for the general fund. County accountant E. W. Spires prepared a balance sheet of the budget which was given to each Commissioner.

While a little over half of the appropriations had been spent during the first six months, the Commissioners pointed out that some of the expenditures will be less during the last half of the year, so that they feel reasonably sure the budget will hold out.

The general fund appropriation was \$58,600, of which \$33,372.51 has already been spent, leaving a balance of \$25,227.49 for the remaining six months in the fiscal year. Only one of the items in the budget has been overspent, that being the amount appropriated for holding elections. For this item, \$1,200 was set up in the budget, but \$2,017.82 was spent, putting this item in the red \$817.82.

## Tobacco Specialist Speaks To Growers

### Harold Nau Discusses Possibility of Nematode Problem

A tobacco growers' meeting was held at the Edenton Court House on Tuesday night of last week. Tobacco Specialist Harold Nau conducted the discussion giving growers the latest information on many practices to be used in better tobacco production. Mr. Nau discussed very thoroughly the nematode problem encountered by growers in other tobacco counties and urged growers in Chowan County to be on the look-out for this trouble. At the present time there does not appear to be much nematode in Chowan County fields and Mr. Nau pointed out that severe losses from this disease may possibly be avoided if fumigated tobacco beds are used, tobacco crops rotated properly, and tobacco roots turned up on top of the soil as soon as possible.

## Tax Collections In December Very Good

December was a good tax collection month for Sheriff J. A. Bunch who reported to the County Commissioners Monday morning that during the month 1952 taxes collected amounted to \$40,117.54.

Total 1952 taxes collected to date, according to Sheriff Bunch, amount to \$91,312.90.

## St. Paul's Auxiliary Will Meet Today

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will hold its regular meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Parish House.

All members are urged to be present as a matter of interest to all members will be discussed. The program also will be especially interesting since the Cathedral Colored Film will be shown.

## Reminder

Edenton citizens are reminded that in accordance with a motion passed at the December meeting of Town Council, anyone wishing to present a petition or other business to the Council shall be required to inform Town Clerk Ernest Ward, Jr., of their intentions no later than noon on the Saturday preceding the Council meeting on Tuesday.

This will enable the Clerk to prepare an agenda for presentation to the members of the Council prior to their meeting time.

## Officers Installed For Local Red Men Tribe

### C. C. Wiggins Succeeds Henry Allen Bunch As Sachem

Officers for Chowan Tribe, No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, were installed at the tribe's meeting Monday night. The installation was conducted by Jack Barrow, deputy Great Sachem for the tribe, and included the following:

Sachem, C. C. Wiggins; senior sagamore, L. O. Copeland; junior sagamore, Walter Bond; prophet, Henry Allen Bunch; collector of wampum, Raleigh Hollowell; keeper of wampum, W. M. Rhoades; chief of records, J. Edwin Bufflap; keeper of wigwam, W. Jim Daniels; trustee for three years, Eric Haste; first sannah, John Oliver, Jr.; second sannah, Carl Keeter; warriors, Elbert Pierce, Albert Phelps, J. H. Pierce and C. Delenas Sawyer; braves, Wilford Turner, Leroy Skinner, John Lee Spruill and B. L. Knox; guard of the wigwam, Henry Rogerson; guard of the forest, Jack Barrow.

## Farm Conservation In Chowan Forges Ahead During 1952

### 71 New Cooperators Reported Representing 6,000 Acres of Land

Conservation farming pushed ahead in Chowan County during 1952 at a faster rate than ever before, R. C. Jordan, Soil Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service, reports.

As of December 31, a total of 71 new cooperators representing 6,004 acres of land, had joined the soil conservation district program during 1952, as compared with 55 farmers and 5,473 acres in 1951.

On a percentage basis, 29 per cent more Chowan farmers started conservation farming in the district program last year than in the previous year. This represents an all-time high. In addition, the Soil Conservation Service has assisted thirteen PMA participants in planning permanent-type soil conservation practices on their farms.

One of the factors in the increased number of district cooperators has been the new system of progressive planning, set up in the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, with the approval of the board of supervision, of which Lloyd C. Bunch is Chairman.

This new system enables a farmer to start the initial phase of a soil conservation district program immediately with one or two practices and go on from there to the advanced stage and finally the basic stage of farm planning in which a soil and water conservation program is developed for his entire farm.

Another factor which is expected to have an increasing effect in speeding up conservation work on the land is the recent realignment of SCS personnel. The former district conservationists have been replaced by a smaller number of area conservationists.

## Junior Class Presents Play Thursday Night

Thursday night of next week, January 15, the junior class of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School will present a three-act comedy, "Everybody's Getting Married." The entertainment will be staged in the Elementary School auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock.

The comedy will provide an evening of delightful entertainment, and a large crowd is anticipated.

Those taking part will be Clifford Overman, Larry Lowe, Christine Brown, Edna Boswell, Tommy Wood, Hazel Elliott, Chrystal Haste, Barbara Daff, Libby Small, Marjorie Webb, Shirley Winslow, Billy Boyce, Ralph Hall and Sharon Lupton.

## Eisenhower Urges Nation Support March of Dimes



President-elect Eisenhower meets 1953 March of Dimes Poster Girls Pamela (left) and Patricia O'Neil, of Raleigh, N. C.

NEW YORK CITY—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower called on the American public to support the 1953 March of Dimes being conducted throughout the nation during all of January.

He joined in the annual appeal after meeting the two Raleigh, N.C., sisters who are pictured on the 1953 March of Dimes poster. They are Patricia, 6, and five-year-old Pamela O'Neil, both of whom were stricken with polio but now are recovered completely.

"It's hard to believe that these are the same little girls whose pictures are on the March of Dimes poster," he noted. "Now they're completely recovered from polio, thanks to the generosity of the American people."

He urged all Americans "to help the others like them by joining the March of Dimes."

Later, he joined the poster girls in making a short film which is being shown by television stations throughout the nation.

This year's March of Dimes follows the all-time record polio epidemic of 1952 in which more than 55,000 were stricken. At the beginning of 1953, there were 58,000 polio victims of former years still undergoing treatment, with financial help from local March of Dimes chapters.

## Chowan's Defense Bond Sales Total \$4,875 In November

### Chairman A. B. Harless Appreciates Support Of 1952 Program

Sale of Series E and H United States Defense Bonds in Chowan County for the month of November, 1952, totaled \$4,875.00. This sales announcement is made by County Defense Bonds Chairman A. B. Harless, based on the monthly sales report from Allison James, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division in Greensboro.

The total figures for North Carolina's 100 counties were as follows: Series E and Series H (combined) \$2,695,825.00; Series J Bonds \$38,178.00; Series K Bonds \$284,500.00; totaling \$3,018,503.00.

Chairman Harless stated that, according to requests received by the State Office for Christmas folders for Defense Bonds, more business and industrial firms are giving bonuses in Defense Bonds than at any time since the end of World War II. These attractive gift folders are available without charge at all banks so long as the supply lasts.

Chairman Harless also expressed his personal appreciation to the many individuals and organizations in Chowan County who have contributed to the success of the Defense Bonds program during 1952. "With your continued support," said Chairman Harless, "Chowan County will continue to carry its part of this important defense program."

### MOVE TO CHAPEL HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Wales, Jr., left Edenton Wednesday to make their home in Chapel Hill. Mr. Wales has accepted a position as salesman for a text book publishing house and his territory will cover the entire state of North Carolina.

## County Commissioners Complimented On Present Conditions At Chowan County Jail

"With frequent criticism aimed at the Chowan County Commissioners by Grand Juries, the Commissioners were delighted at their meeting Monday morning when Chairman W. W. Byrum read a letter recently received from T. A. Early, inspector of correctional institutions.

"I have just completed an inspection of the Chowan County jail," wrote Mr. Early, "and it is a real pleasure to report to you the changes which were found there and the improvements over those found during my first inspection two and a half years ago.

"The interior can hardly be recognized as the same place. About everything that could be done to improve conditions had been done. A good job throughout has

## Public Invited To See Base Manger Scene Tonight From 7 To 9

### Station Is Allowed Open 7 to 9 O'clock By Commanding Officer

The people of Edenton and the surrounding area are invited to visit the Christmas manger scene next to the Station Chapel at the Marine Air Station. At the invitation of the Commanding Officer, the station will be opened to the public for this purpose tonight (Thursday), from 7 until 9 o'clock. The station is on Highway 32 three miles west of Edenton.

The Christmas manger is a complete scene painted by a Marine artist. The individual figures are life-size. Traditional carols broadcast over a public address system form an appropriate musical background.

## Basketball Games Postponed Monday

Edenton High School's basketball teams were scheduled to meet the Chowan High School aggregations in the Edenton gymnasium Tuesday night, but the games were forced to be abandoned.

Refinishing of the floor in the gymnasium caused the postponement. The Chowan teams defeated the Edenton outfits before Christmas, the Aces losing 31-27 and the girls 52-27.

Both boys' and girls' teams are scheduled to play in Roanoke Rapids Friday night.

### ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. The Rotarians called off meetings the last two weeks due to the holidays, so that President W. T. Harry is especially anxious to have all Rotarians present today.

## Sworn In Office

Officials for Chowan County who were elected in the November election took the oath of office Monday with the oath administered by Clerk of Court E. W. Spires.

After the County Commissioners were sworn in, West Byrum, in lightning-like speed, was re-elected Chairman before he had an opportunity to express opposition.

## Arrangements Made For Lions Convention

### Over 500 Expected To Attend Sessions In Rocky Mount Jan. 19 and 20

A. E. Jenkins, president of the Edenton Lions Club, announced to the members of the club at its regular meeting Monday night that arrangements have been completed for the annual midwinter convention of Districts 31-E and 31-F to be held in Rocky Mount Monday and Tuesday, January 19 and 20.

Headquarters for the convention will be at the New Ricks Hotel and more than 500 Lions and Lionesses from Eastern Carolina are expected.

The convention gets under way Monday afternoon with registration beginning at 2 P. M., and the first feature comes Monday evening at 7:30 with a fellowship hour honoring District Governors W. Paul Lyman of Raleigh and W. J. Dunn of Washington.

The program for Tuesday will be as follows:

10 A. M.—Business session.

Noon—Luncheon honoring Key Members.

1:30 P. M.—Special fashion show for Lionesses.

3:30 P. M.—Mammoth Street Parade.

7:30 P. M.—Banquet honoring Director General R. Roy Keaton of Chicago.

President Jenkins requested that a large number attend from the Edenton Lions Club.

## Pocahontas Officers Installed Friday Night

### Mrs. Martha Crumney Now Pocahontas For Council

Officers for Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, were installed at Friday night's meeting with Mrs. W. O. White, deputy Pocahontas for the Council, officiating.

The officers installed were as follows: Pocahontas, Mrs. Martha Crumney; prophetess, Mrs. Beulah Cale; Wenona, Mrs. Virginia Barfield; Powhatan, A. S. Hollowell; keeper of records, Mrs. Mary Harmatuk; collector of wampum, Mrs. Naomi Copeland; keeper of wampum, Miss Dorothy Bufflap; first scout, Mrs. Hilda Bass; second scout, Mrs. Edith Bufflap; first runner, Mrs. Elsie Lee; second runner, Mrs. Bonnie White; warriors, Mrs. Myrtle Tynch, Mrs. Erma Allsbrook, Mrs. Mamie Parker and Mrs. Margaret Phtisic; first councillor, J. Edwin Bufflap; second councillor, W. M. Rhoades; guard of tepee, Mrs. Vira White; guard of forest, Mrs. Ida Tynch.

Mrs. Crumney, the new Pocahontas, announced the following appointments:

Auditing Committee—Mrs. Vira White, Mrs. Naomi Copeland, Mrs. Virginia Oliver and Miss Dorothy Bufflap.

Entertainment Committee—Mrs. Edith Bufflap and Mrs. Beulah Cale.

Public Relations and Scholarship Committee—Mrs. Bonnie White, Mrs. E. J. Pruden and J. E. Bufflap.

Ways and Means Committee—Mrs. Elsie Lee, Mrs. E. J. Pruden and Mrs. Beulah Cale.

Delinquent Membership Committee—Mrs. Vira White and Mrs. Margaret Phtisic.

Decorating Committee—Mrs. Virginia Oliver and Mrs. Hilda Bass.

Social Committee—Miss Dorothy Bufflap, Mrs. Bonnie White and Mrs. Mary Harmatuk.

### CHOWAN REPRESENTED AT COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

West Byrum, Chairman of the County Commissioners, and Clerk of Court E. W. Spires are planning to attend a meeting of the North Carolina County Commissioners Association in Chapel Hill Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The meeting was arranged by the Institute of Government and will deal with important and timely phases of county government.

## Edenton Merchants Form Organization At Meeting Monday

### 26 Concerns Represented In Response To Letter Sent Out

Realizing the need for some sort of organization since the Chamber of Commerce gradually went out of existence, 26 Edenton business concerns were represented Monday night at a meeting held in the Court House in answer to a letter sent out last week by Jesse Harrell asking for an opinion relative to forming an organization by merchants.

With Mr. Harrell presiding over the meeting, a considerable amount of enthusiasm prevailed reflecting a desire on the part of those present to form an organization to handle problems which arise affecting merchants as a whole.

As the result of the meeting a merchants committee was formed, which includes Jesse Harrell as chairman, L. T. Dunbar, W. T. Harry, G. M. Byrum, Mrs. Laura Harrell, M. A. Hughes, J. L. Chestnut, Raymond Mansfield, Ernest Kehayes, W. J. Yates and L. H. Haskett. This group will consider problems which arise from time to time and affect merchants as a whole.

It was decided that each concern which is a member of the organization shall pay \$2.00 per year as dues, which will be used for incidental expenses.

A majority of all business represented at Monday night's meeting voted, effective January 14, to close each Wednesday at noon for half day holiday. This did not include grocery stores which previously entered into an agreement to close every Wednesday at 1 o'clock during the year except December. It was voted, however, that when a holiday is observed by the merchants, stores will remain open all day Wednesday in the week the holiday is observed.

It is the aim of the committee to secure at least 50 merchants to cooperate, so that various concerns not already members will be solicited.

## Edenton Girl Wins State 4-H Honor

### Linelle B. Small Is 1952 Winner In Frozen Foods

Linelle B. Small, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Small of Edenton, was 1952 State winner in frozen foods, on the 4-H awards program for Negro 4-H Club members.

Linelle, who is 20 years old and a junior at Hampton Institute, has done 4-H Club work since she was 10 years old. During this time she completed projects on canning, poultry, room improvement, food preparation, and frozen foods. During this period Linelle represented the county at district contests, attended Wildlife Camp and 4-H Club Week in Greensboro. Besides being an active 4-H Club member, she is active in Sunday School, church work, community activities and in school. She is a member.

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## Old Age Assistance Payments Total \$3,559

During December 140 persons in Chowan County received a total of \$3,559 by way of old age assistance. In the same period 12 aid to dependent children cases received \$386, eight cases of aid to permanently and totally disabled persons received \$259 and 13 aid to blind cases received \$471.

According to Mrs. J. H. McMullan, superintendent, \$72.89 was used in four general assistance cases and other financial assistance included eight cases hospitalized in the county, \$493.50 and two cases hospitalized outside the county, \$32.60.

Service cases included one adult parolee under supervision and two received veterans rehabilitation in cooperation with the Department of Public Welfare. One person received free eye examination through the N. C. State Commission for the Blind, five child labor certificates were issued and 11 children received individual service.

## Anthony Gosser Retires After 30 Years In Navy

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gosser and son, Johnny, have returned to their home in the Rocky Hook section after living at Bainbridge, Maryland, for the past 16 months.

Mr. Gosser has just retired from the U. S. Navy after 30 years of service.