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OLD GLORY PRESENTED TO HOME ROOMS IN EDENTON JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Here is pictured a committee from the Ladies' Auxiliary of William H. Coffield Post, No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, presenting American flags for each home room in the Edenton Junior-Senior High School. Mrs. John Parrish, president of the Auxiliary, is presenting the flags to Marjorie Webb, president of the Student Council. At left is Mrs. John Oliver, Jr., district president of the VFW Auxiliary, and at right Mrs. Bill Potts. Another member of the Auxiliary committee presenting the flags was Mrs. Murriell Perry, who is not in the picture. Both Mrs. Parrish and Miss Webb made brief but impressive remarks on behalf of the Auxiliary and student body.

U. S. Savings Bonds Sales In Chowan \$6,658 In November

Combined Sales In North Carolina In Month Total \$3,610,567

Combined sales of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds in Chowan County for the month of November totaled \$6,658.25. This sales announcement is made by County Savings Bonds Chairman A. B. Harless, according to the monthly sales report issued by Allison James, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bonds Division in Greensboro.

The combined sales of Series E and H Bonds for North Carolina's 100 counties for the month of November totaled \$3,610,567.50.

Chairman Harless stated that there had been an increase in the sale of Savings Bonds each month of 1953 over 1952, and sales, both on a national and state basis exceeded redemptions by a good margin during each of the eleven months of 1953.

Civic Calendar

County offices will be closed all day Friday, January 1, due to the observance of New Year's Day. Stores in Edenton for the most part will be open for business Friday, New Year's Day.

Extension farm schools scheduled to be held in the Chowan County Court House January 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The American Legion hut will be open to the public on New Year's eve for dancing or parties. The Bank of Edenton will be closed Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day.

Most Edenton stores will begin the Wednesday half holiday Wednesday, January 6.

Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will elect officers at a meeting Friday night, January 8.

VFW Post meets in VFW home Tuesday night of next week. North Carolina 1954 automobile license plates now on sale at the Edenton branch office of the Carolina Motor Club on East Water Street.

City automobile tags for 1954 on sale at the Municipal Building. Officers for Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be installed Thursday night, January 7, at 8 o'clock in the Court House. New line of 1954 Ford trucks go on display Wednesday, January 16.

Edenton Lions Club meets next (Continued on Page Seven)

VFW Post, Degree Of Pocahontas Will Direct March Dimes

Bill Perry and Mrs. J. Edwin Bufflap Named Co-chairmen

ALL-OUT EFFORT Gamma Globulin Creates New Era In Polio Fight

Mrs. J. Edwin Bufflap, chairman, Degree of Pocahontas and Bill Perry, chairman VFW Post, No. 9280, will direct the 1954 March of Dimes Campaign in Chowan County, it is announced by Secretary of State Thad Eure, State March of Dimes chairman.

In announcing the appointment, Mr. Eure said, "These two organizations are well qualified to do an outstanding job in mobilizing Chowan County for this most crucial March of Dimes campaign in the history of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis."

Pointing out that during this past summer more than 30,000 boys and girls of Caldwell, Catawba and Avery counties received free inoculations of gamma globulin in a dramatic effort to stem the rising tide of polio in that area, Eure expressed his confidence that the people of North Carolina will demonstrate their gratitude by giving more generously than ever before to the fund raising drive which will open January 2 and continue through the month.

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, in a letter to these organizations, emphasized the need for an all-out effort this year. "The Foundation is now in a new era," writes O'Connor. "Research has given us gamma globulin, a temporary immunizing agent against paralytic polio. At tremendous cost, we have done all in our power to increase the supply of this precious fluid. And even as demands for gamma globulin have grown by leaps and bounds, comes word that an experimental vaccine is on the way. Such a vaccine may be ready for large-scale field studies before the next polio season. And we must continue to assure financial assistance to the thousands of persons who are now recovering from the disease as well as those who may contact it in the future," he added.

Both organizations call upon every forward-looking person in Chowan County to get behind the 1954 March of Dimes drive. "We've got to put this campaign over, and we will put it over with your help," they said.

Quiet Christmas

Edenton's observance of the Christmas holidays was one of the quietest in many years. The only reason for any excitement at all was a fire alarm about 11:30 o'clock Christmas night, when the firemen rushed to a house on Third Street in North Edenton where an oil floor furnace flooded, but caused very little damage. Police report very little activity with no wrecks and only one or two arrests made for drunkenness.

Cancer Clinic Will Be Held January 8 Postponed One Week on Account of New Year's Day

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be postponed from its usual time of the first Friday in each month until January 8, 1954, because the Health Department will not be open on January 1 as is its custom. The clinic will be held Friday, January 8, in Elizabeth City, at the Health Center with registration beginning at 1 o'clock.

A free chest X-ray will be given anyone who wishes it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured. No appointment is necessary but a priority may be secured by writing the Cancer Center, Elizabeth City, for one. Each person attending is requested to bring a robe or housecoat.

Al Habit Member Of Championship Team

The East Carolina College football team has been officially acclaimed the 1953 championship of the North State Conference, and will be host team in the Elks Bowl football Classic in College Stadium, Greenville, North Carolina, on January 2. The Pirates' foes in this classic staged for the benefit of the Eastern North Carolina Elks Boys Camp will be the Morris Harvey College Golden Eagles of Charleston. Al Habit of Edenton is a member of the championship team.

Chowan Raises Less Than One-third Of Its Christmas Seal Quota

Only 604 of 1,885 Letters Returned Netting \$732

According to Mrs. Duke Cropsey, executive secretary of the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan Tuberculosis Association, Chowan County has raised only \$732 of its \$2,400 quota. The quota for the district is \$10,375.

Mrs. Cropsey says that 1,885 letters were mailed in Chowan County and only 604 have been returned.

Mrs. Cropsey points out that Christmas Seals are the only source of income which is used for X-rays for those who cannot pay, X-rays of contacts, health education, case-finding, medical research and rehabilitation. With mass X-ray units coming to the district in June and July the case load and case-finding will be still heavier.

Eighty per cent of the money raised remains in the county and 94 per cent remains in North Carolina.

Both Mrs. Cropsey and John Mitchener, Chowan County Chairman, urge those who received and others as well to mail in their contributions at once in the hope that the county's quota will be realized.

New Year's Service At Presbyterian Church

There will be a New Year's eve service at the Presbyterian Church beginning at 11:30 Thursday night, and continuing on into 1954. All Christians in Edenton are urged to come and begin the new year in the House of God. The service will include congregational singing, prayer, and special musical selections. Immediately after midnight the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

All who belong to the Lord, regardless of denominational affiliation, are invited to His table in the Presbyterian Church. The service will be under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. James MacKenzie.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

The Edenton Chapter of the Eastern Star will meet Monday night, January 4, at 8 o'clock in the Court House. Mrs. E. B. Edwards, worthy matron of the chapter, urges every member to be present.

LIONS MEET MONDAY NIGHT

After an interruption due to the Christmas holidays, the Edenton Lions Club will resume its regular meetings Monday night of next week at 7 o'clock. President Jesse L. Harrell urges every member to attend this, the first meeting of the new year.

Taxpayers Required To List All Property For 1954 Taxation

Meeting Changed

Mayor Leroy Haskett on Monday of this week announced that the January meeting of Town Council will be held Friday night, January 8, at 8 o'clock instead of the usual second Tuesday night, January 12.

Reason for advancing the meeting is that Mayor Haskett will be in Washington, D. C., on Tuesday, January 12.

Series Of Extension Farm Schools Will Be Held In Edenton

Farmers Urged to Attend and Learn Valuable Information

"As a farmer, you have probably profited from such fairly recent farming developments as high-yielding hybrid corn, disease resistant tobacco varieties, and high quality pastures that are contributing to the income of our county," says County Agent C. W. Overman.

"These things that you grow and many other practices that you follow from day to day are the results of agricultural research. In the past several months there have been many new recommendations based on recent research that probably have not been brought adequately to your attention. When you do learn of them and employ them in your farming operations, we are sure that they will be of great value to you individually and to the economy of our county as a whole."

"Extension specialists from State College have agreed to come to our county on January 12, 13, 14 and 15 to show us how we can profitably apply these new research results. These schools will be held in the County Court House in Edenton."

"On Tuesday morning, January 12, 9:00 to 12:00, growing more corn and soybeans per acre at less cost per bushel will be the chief discussion. You will be informed of new corn hybrids, proper corn fertilization and cultivation and using anhydrous ammonia as a cheaper source of nitrogen. The specialists will tell you about new soybean varieties, how to fertilize soybeans and how to cut expenses."

"That afternoon, from 1:00 to 4:00 o'clock, the subjects will be 'Chemical Weed Control' and 'Corn Storage'. A few farmers are now using chemical weed control, but some errors are being made. The specialists will explain thoroughly the use of chemicals in weed control. Each year weevils, rats and mice take a heavy toll of corn stored in our barns. You can (Continued On Page Seven)

Edenton Half - holidays Begin Next Wednesday

According to a poll of Edenton merchants, taken in August, a majority of all merchants will start closing for the Wednesday half-holiday Wednesday of next week, January 6. The half-holiday will be observed through Labor Day, September 6. Practically all of the stores in Edenton will remain open Friday, New Year's Day.

PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Van M. Small, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shack Small, Route 2, Edenton, was recently promoted to sergeant while serving in Korea with the 2d Infantry Division.

The "Indianhead" division, which captured Heartbreak Ridge and Old Baldy, is now undergoing intensive post-truce training.

Small, an ammunition handler in the Service Battery of the 38th Field Artillery Battalion, entered the Army in October, 1952, and joined the 2d Division last June.

BANK CLOSED FRIDAY

In order to observe New Year's Day, The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Friday, January 1. Important banking business should be transacted accordingly. The bank will open as usual Saturday morning.

COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED JAN. 1 All County offices will be closed on Friday, January 1, in celebration of New Year's Day. Any important business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

Law Must Be Complied With During Month Of January

PENALTY PROVIDED

William P. Jones New Tax Supervisor After January 1st

With the arrival of January 1 on Friday of this week and before stepping out of office as Chowan County's Tax Supervisor, Mrs. P. S. McMullan calls attention to the law which requires all property owners and taxpayers to list their property during the month of January in order to determine their 1954 taxes.

On January 1 Mrs. McMullan's resignation as tax supervisor goes into effect and she will be succeeded by William P. Jones, Mrs. McMullan and her husband, her predecessor, have been highly complimented by the County Commissioners for their efficient work in the tax office, which has put the county on a high plane so far as the tax books are concerned.

The Commissioners, too, feel very fortunate in securing Mr. Jones as the new tax supervisor and are confident he will carry on in the same efficient manner as his two immediate predecessors.

Tax listers have arranged their schedules for listing property and it is hoped many will attend to this duty as early in January as possible. Penalties are imposed by law for failure to list during the month of January.

Reports must also be made for 1953 crop acreage. Tax listers are required to make records but farm owners and tenants must furnish the facts. This particular information is not used for tax purposes and is considered confidential. It includes the acreage of each crop harvested during the calendar year 1953; the number of cows, sows and hens on a farm January 1, 1954, and the number of people living on a farm on January 1, 1954.

The list takers' schedule follows: First Township—Mrs. E. B. Jordan and Mrs. P. S. McMullan, list takers. Court House, January 2 to January 30 from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Second Township—Henry Bunch, list taker. January 6, 13 and 27 at Elliott Belch's office at Center Hill; January 22 at Evans' Store, Cross Roads; January 8 and 20 at Walter Miller's store; January 15 at Earl Smith's store; January 29 at Coke Nixon's store.

Third Township—T. A. Berryman, list taker. January 14 at Spivey's store at Ryland; January 7 and 28 at Peele's store; January 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Briggs' store; January 21 at Ward's store at Lonesome Pine.

Fourth Township—Ward Hoskins, list taker. At Harry Perry's Store Wednesdays and Saturdays. Other days at home from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Walter Bond New Red Men Sachem

Officers of Tribe Elected at Meeting Monday Night

At a meeting of Chowan Tribe, No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, Monday night Walter Bond was elected sachem for a six months term. Other officers elected included L. O. Copeland, prophet; R. B. Hollowell, senior sagamore; Wm. Barrow, junior sagamore; J. Edwin Bufflap, chief of records; Jack Barrow, collector of wampum; W. J. Daniels, keeper of wigwam, and L. A. Bunch, trustee for a three-year term.

These, and officers appointed by the new Sachem, are scheduled to be installed at the meeting of the tribe next Monday night.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

Chowan County Commissioners will meet in monthly session Monday morning, January 4, at 10 o'clock in the Court House.

LEGION HUT OPEN

Willis McClenney, manager of the American Legion hut, announces that the hut will be open to the public on New Year's eve for dancing and parties.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. President John Kramer urges a 100 per cent attendance.