

## Eastern Cities Lose In Fight To Prevent Electric Rate Boost

### Supreme Court Last Week Upheld Lower Court's Decision

Eight towns in Eastern North Carolina, seeking relief from a rate boost approved by the State Utilities Commission for the Virginia Power and Electric Co., lost the court fight over the matter when the State Supreme Court last week ruled against the towns which had appealed the decision from a lower court and the Utilities Commission.

The Supreme Court ruled that Robersonville, Enfield, Scotland Neck, Edenton, Hertford, Elizabeth City, Windsor and Belhaven had failed to show the action resulting in an increase in costs of electric power furnished by VEPCO was discriminatory.

Thus the towns must continue to pay the power company higher rates for electric power, which has been in effect since June 1954 when the State Commission granted the company the privilege of increasing rates.

In seeking relief from the higher rates the eight towns contended that VEPCO was permitted to change their rate schedules without first making cost studies, that they were not given equal treatment with REA cooperatives served by VEPCO; that VEPCO rates were at line with those of other companies, and that they were denied coverage under an industrial rate schedule under which they might have been placed.

They also complained that the Utilities Commission had conferred privately with VEPCO officials and attorneys, after the formal hearings on the case had been completed and before the order was issued. They held that they had not been notified of the conference and were not given an opportunity to take part.

The Supreme Court, reviewing the case in a lengthy opinion written by Associate Justice E. B. Denny, said no exception raised by the towns was sufficient to justify reversing the Utilities Commission and Judge Carr, and it taxed the towns with the costs of the action.

## White Schools Close For Holiday Period

White schools in the Edenton administrative unit closed Friday for the Christmas holidays and will not reopen until Monday, January 2, thus allowing a two weeks holiday.

Colored schools in the unit, however, will remain open until Friday of this week, and will reopen on the same day white children return to school.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT CHAPPELL HILL CHURCH

A Christmas program will be presented at the Chappell Hill Baptist Church Friday night, December 23, at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Chowan County Has Bought 91% Of Savings Bonds Quota

### Sales In State Are 10% Ahead Same Month Last Year

A new peacetime sales record in U. S. Savings Bonds is being set this year in North Carolina.

With November sales of \$4,346,939.75, which is 10% ahead of the same month of last year, sales in the State have now passed the \$50,000,000 mark. Total State sales for the year are \$7,174,609.50 or 19% ahead of 1954.

Twenty-seven counties in North Carolina have already exceeded their sales for this year.

According to A. B. Harless, savings bonds chairman for Chowan

## Mike Spruill Fund Amounts To \$513.49 To Tuesday Night

### Rumors About Financial Condition of Family False

Mrs. Henry G. Quinn this week reported that up until Tuesday she had received a total of \$513.49 to pay hospital and doctors' expenses for Mike Spruill, 14-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spruill, who was seriously burned in November.

Of the amount in hand, \$108 was received from outside Chowan County, a check coming from as far as Lauringburg, N. C.

Mrs. Quinn is depositing contributions in the Bank of Edenton with which to pay the expenses and has the hospital paid up until last Saturday.

Mrs. Quinn reports that about 80 per cent of the skin already grafted on the boy's legs has healed, and that after Christmas another operation will be made to graft skin on the stomach. The skin has been taken from the boy's back, so that the back must heal before the next operation.

The Officers' Wives Club last week sent a check for \$50 to the Spruill family to be used for Christmas and at the January meeting it is planned to make another contribution toward the hospital expenses.

There have been some rumors going the rounds regarding the financial condition of this family, but following a thorough investigation those rumors proved to be a fake.

The boy will receive all the attention and treatment necessary at the hospital but, of course, the hospital cannot afford to absorb the expenses of patients who are unable to pay the bills, so that contributions are being sought for a two-fold purpose, to help the unfortunate family and at the same time prevent a hardship on the hospital.

## Christmas Program At Yeopim Church

The annual Christmas party will be held at the Yeopim Baptist Church tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Philip Quidley, cordially invites the public to attend.

### ROTARIANS CANCEL MEETING

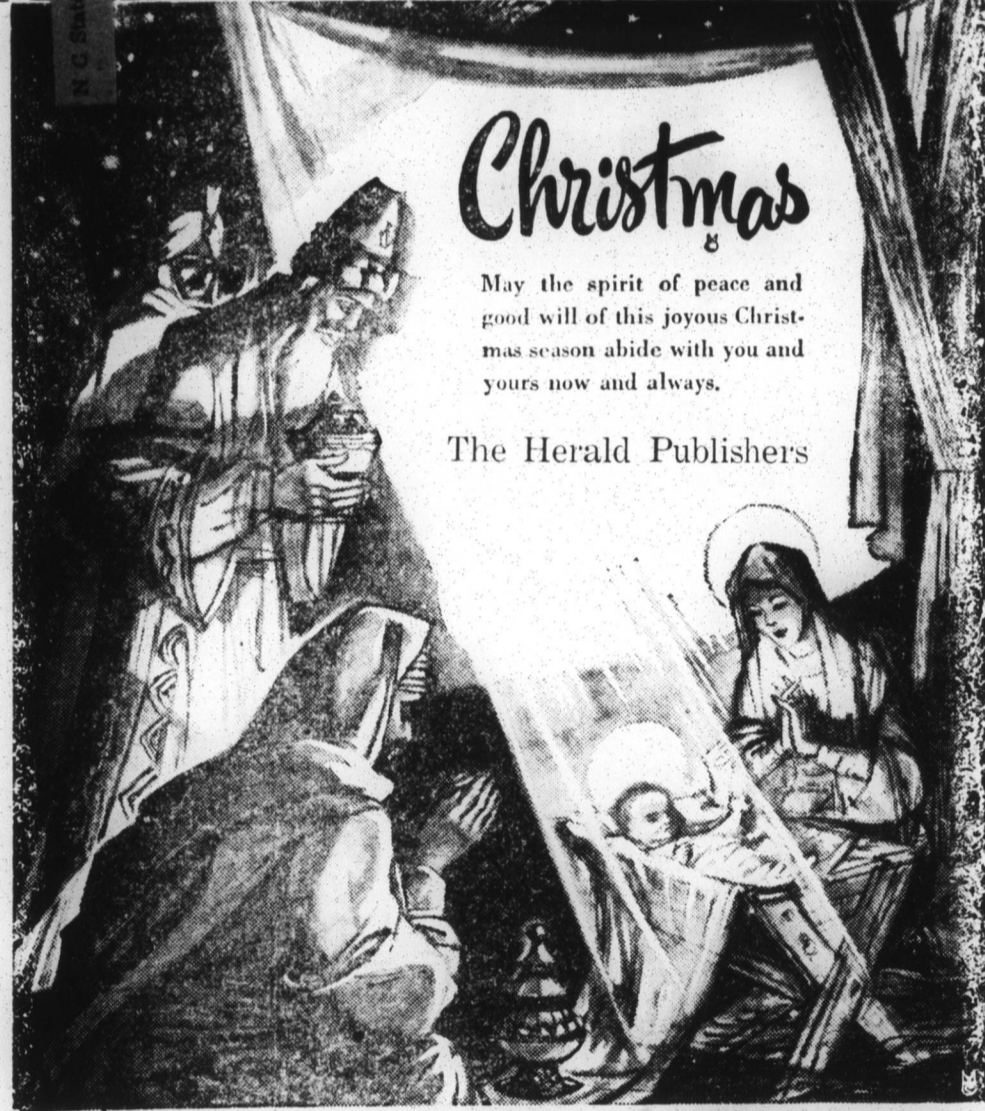
Due to today (Thursday) being so close to Christmas, Edenton's Rotary Club will not meet this week. Regular meetings will be resumed next Thursday, December 29, when Charles H. Wood, Jr., will be in charge of the program.

## Chowan County Has Bought 91% Of Savings Bonds Quota

County, county sales for November amount to \$10,831.25 and for the year \$159,431.25. The county's quota is \$174,900, so that 91 per cent of the quota have been sold. Nationwide November sales were 3% above those of last November. The accumulated national sales for the first eleven months of this year are 11% higher than for the same months of 1954.

Sales continue to exceed redemptions of matured and unmatured Savings Bonds. This year the net sales in excess of redemptions show a 67% increase over last year's figures.

On November 30th, the cash value of outstanding Savings Bonds was over 1 1/2 billion dollars greater than a year ago.



## Christmas

May the spirit of peace and good will of this joyous Christmas season abide with you and yours now and always.

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### Regional Library Staff Entertained



Members of the Pettigrew Regional Library staff were entertained at a Christmas dinner party at Hotel Joseph Hewes Friday night by Mrs. Euconia R. Babylon, director of the Pettigrew Regional Library. The picture shows the group at the home of Mrs. Babylon on East King Street, where gifts were exchanged and games played after the dinner. They are: Seated, left to right, Mrs. Babylon; Mrs. Verdie Alexander of Columbia, driver of the colored bookmobile; Mrs. W. V. Reynolds of Columbia, Tyrrell County librarian. Standing, left to right, Mrs. C. E. Ayers of Plymouth, librarian of Washington County Public Library; Miss Harriet B. Leary of Edenton, librarian at Edenton Sheppard-Pruden Memorial Library and Mrs. Bryan Harris of Roper, driver of the white bookmobile.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

## Charter For Cub Scouts Received By Edenton Lions

### Officials Pleased With Interest Shown In New Cub Pack

The Edenton Lions Club has received a charter from the Boys Scouts of America for Cub Pack No. 159, Edenton. Officers listed on the charter are Robert R. Baker, Cubmaster; Jesse L. Harrell, committee chairman and Thomas E. Francis, institutional representative. Other officers and committee members include Assistant Cubmaster Hubert Williford, Herbert Hollowell and Earl Harrell.

The Cub Pack has already held one meeting and officials and officers are well pleased with the response and enthusiasm of the boys in the Cub age group.

John Mitchener, Jr., chairman of the Lions Committee to assist a needy family this Christmas at Monday night's meeting made a final call for toys, bedding and clothing from members of the club.

The club has decided to cancel meetings for December 26 and January 2. The next meeting of the club is scheduled for January 9.

## Bank Will Be Open Tuesday Next Week

The Bank of Edenton will be closed next Monday, December 26 as a Christmas holiday. However, the bank will be open Tuesday, December 27, although most business houses have decided to close Monday and Tuesday.

### Young People Sing Carols Sunday Night

In the neighborhood of 25 Methodist boys and girls, led by the Rev. J. Earl Richardson, enjoyed Christmas caroling Sunday night, when they visited Methodist shut-ins and sang in Pembroke Circle.

Following the caroling members of the group were served refreshments at the parsonage by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson.

### Collection Of Trash Omitted Two Days

Because practically all stores in Edenton are expected to be closed Monday and Tuesday of next week in observance of Christmas, the Edenton Street Department will not collect trash and garbage these two days.

The entire town will be covered Saturday and regular collections will be made beginning Wednesday.

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## 1955 Car Licenses Valid Until Feb. 15

### Delinquent Motorists, However, Will Be Ar- rested February 16

Current license plates will be valid until mid-February, 1956, the Motor Vehicles Department reminds Tar Heel car owners.

Under a revised registration schedule, new tags will go on sale throughout the State January 3 and extend through February 15.

Col. James R. Smith, commander of the State Highway Patrol, said that enforcement measures against delinquent motorists would become effective promptly on February 16. He urged owners to secure their new tags without delay following the opening of sales.

New license plates will be sold by branch offices of the Carolina Motor Club, the Winston-Salem Auto Club, and by Motor Vehicle Headquarters in Raleigh.

Renewal cards will go into the mail around December 27, Department officials said.

## R. H. Hollowell Wins Out In Election For Chowan Supervisor

R. H. (Capt. Bob) Hollowell was selected in the supervisor election held December 5-10 in Chowan County. This continues his services to the Albemarle Soil Conservation District for another three years.

He was elected first in Dec., 1947, as one of the first three supervisors for this county and has served as vice-chairman of the Chowan supervisors since his election to the board in 1947.

The other two supervisors for Chowan County are L. C. Bunch and J. A. Webb, Jr. These two and Capt. Bob were all elected as the first supervisors for Chowan County to the Albemarle District Board of Supervisors. L. C. Bunch's term will expire in 1956 and J. A. Webb, Jr. in 1957. Elections for supervisors are held each year during the first week in December.

## Spirit Of Christmas

It is not the tinsel or the ribbons,  
Or the holly or the gift-laden tree;  
It is not Rudolph the reindeer or sleigh bells,  
Nor is it something to touch or hold or see.  
It is not the laughter of girls and boys,  
It is not Santa Claus or stockings hung;  
It is not the music of carols and songs,  
Nor may it be uttered by word or tongue.  
Yet Christmas may be all of these and more:—  
It may be a gift from an empty hand,  
But holding all the riches of the heart  
And bearing all the brotherhood of man.  
It may be, then, writ better than I can pen,  
These simple words: Peace on earth, good will to men.  
—WILBORNE HARRELL.

## Christmas Program By Fourth Graders Features PTA Meet

### Monthly Meeting Held At Elementary School

The Edenton Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night of last week in the Elementary School auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The Rev. James MacKenzie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, had charge of the devotional. He led the audience in a responsive reading by Gladys Huntington Bevans which was most appropriate.

The short business meeting was followed by a delightful Christmas program presented by Mrs. Lloyd Griffin's fourth grade. The characters were: Reader, Bennie Harrell; Father, Tom Phillips; Mother, Mary Thorud; Children, Randy Sawyer and Brenda Sawyer; Santa Claus, Jim Fletcher; Angel, Jean Goodwin; Star, Jim Lawrence.

The majority of the students formed a chorus which sang several Christmas selections. The members of the chorus formed a Christmas tree. The children wore green capes and each one held a flashlight.

The members of the chorus were: Betty Aeger, Billy Twiddy, Janice Hardison, Frances Privott, Maria Antos, Lytle Hicks, Ray Wheeler, Linwood Dail, Margaret Bembridge, Harry Spruill, Ronnie Sawyer, Betty Jean Miller, Davis Cartwright, Janet Small, Helen Boyce, Waverly Bond, Tommy Leary, Sandra Cale, Kathleen Adams, Arthur Baer, Doris Wright, April Woelford, Mavis Phelps, Melva Forehand, Sandra Hare, Betty Campen, Glenn Hassell, Hugh Hambris.

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## Property Required To Be Listed During January For Taxes

### Open Nights

In order to make it more convenient for people to shop in Edenton, stores began Wednesday of this week to remain open every night until 9 o'clock. The night hours will be carried out through Saturday, December 24.

Most of Edenton's stores have agreed to remain closed Monday and Tuesday of next week in observance of the Christmas holiday.

## Varsity Club Will Stage Christmas Dance Dec. 26th

### Music Will Be Provided By Homer Zirkle And Orchestra

Edenton's Varsity Club will stage its annual Christmas dance Monday night, December 26, in the Edenton armory. The dance will begin at 9 o'clock and continue until 1 o'clock.

Music for the affair will be provided by Homer Zirkle and his orchestra. With many college students home for the holidays, the Varsity Club is expecting a large crowd.

Anyone desiring to make table reservations are requested to phone 314-J or 430-J.

## Stockholders Of Bank Will Meet January 12

Stockholders of the Bank of Edenton have received their semi-annual dividend which amounts to 50 cents per share, along with an extra dividend of 40 cents per share on stock held.

The annual meeting of the stockholders will be held in the office of the bank Thursday afternoon, January 12, at 3 o'clock, when annual reports of officers will be submitted and directors of the bank will be elected.

## Holidays Observed By County Offices

Chowan County offices will be closed Saturday, December 24, and Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas holidays. The offices will also be closed Monday, January 2 due to New Year's Day falling on Sunday.

## Town Office Closed December 26 And 27

Edenton's town office will be closed all day Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27 for the Christmas holidays. It will remain open Saturday, December 24, until 1 P. M. The office will also be closed Monday, January 2 due to the observance of New Year's Day.

## School's Choral Groups Give Pleasing Christmas Program

### Numbers Please Good- ly Crowd Present For Occasion

Members of the combined choral groups of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School presented a delightful program of Christmas music in the Elementary School auditorium Thursday night. The program was under the direction of Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning and pleased a goodly number who turned out.

The numbers sung, with Donald Welsh as narrator, included: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming," "On This Good Christmas Morn," "Sing

## 10% Penalty Will Be Added To Taxes Af- ter February 2

Once again property must be listed for 1956 taxation and this listing must, according to law, be done during the month of January. The listing will begin Wednesday, January 3, and if not completed by February 2, a penalty of 10 per cent will be imposed and added to the taxes. Furthermore, if anyone fails to list their property the guilty parties will be reported to the Grand Jury for court action.

Crop acreage for 1955 must also be reported to the tax listers. This information, however, is not used for tax purposes, but must be furnished so that tax listers will be able to make records. The information includes acreage for each crop harvested during the year 1955; number of cows, sows and hens on farm on January 1, 1956 and number of people living on farm on January 1, 1956.

The schedule for the tax listers follows:

First Township: Listers, Mrs. Margaret H. Floors and Mrs. Pattie S. Byrum—Every day in the tax office, second floor of the Court House.

Second Township: Henry Bunch, tax lister—January 34, 11, 18 and 25, at Byrum's Filling Station at Center Hill; January 6, Walter Miller's store; January 17, W. E. Smith's store at Rocky Hook; January 27, C. C. Nixon's store; January 20, Evans store at Cross Roads. Mr. Bunch will be at the above places afternoons and nights until 9 o'clock and at his home on other days.

Third Township: T. D. Berryman, lister—Every Saturday at L. C. Briggs' store; January 5 and 19, Henderson Ray Peele's store; January 12, Epivey's store at Ryland; January 26, Lonesome Pine Service Station.

Fourth Township: Ward Hoskins, lister—January 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28 and 31 and February 2 at Harry A. Perry's store, and at home on other days.

## Delightful Party Held By Edenton USO Club

One of the most delightful affairs ever to be held at the Edenton USO Club took place Thursday night when over 200 Marines, their wives and civilians gathered to enjoy a Christmas party. In charge of the party was Mrs. R. P. Badham, USO aide, who was assisted by Mrs. John Breeze, Mrs. W. T. Whitten, Mrs. J. R. Carr and Mrs. Eugenia Babylon.

Delicious refreshments were served by officers' wives.

### RED MEN CANCEL MEETING

Chowan Tribe of Red Men have called off their meeting for next Monday night, December 26, due to the observance of Christmas. Meetings will be resumed as usual Monday night, January 2.

## We Noel, "Whence Comes This Rush of Wings," "A Joyous Christ- mas Song," "Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep," "Good King Wenceslas," "Hearken, O Shep- herds," "Here A Torch, Jenette, Isabelle," "Carol of the Little King" and "O Come, All Ye Faith- ful."

Members of the Junior High School Choir participating were: Sarah Smith, Rebecca Boswell, Judy Elliott, Linda Brabble, Priscilla Bunch, Milly Price, Judy Israel, Pat Bennett, Norma Blaney, Wanda Singletary, Jane Dunaway, Harriet Bond, Sadie Crumney, Donna Mitchell, Mary Pearl Harrell, Betsy Ross, Avis Forehand, Kathryn Wozelka, Marcine White, Continued on Page 5—Section 1.

### CIVIC CALENDAR

Majority of stores in Edenton will close Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27, in observance of Christmas. Stores will remain open nights through Saturday until 9 o'clock.