

## Ministerial Association Urges Prayerful Thought Before Voting September 8

### Moral and Spiritual Issues Are Involved In Problem

The Tri-County Ministerial Association, whose members are ministers of Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties, at its regular meeting in August, expressed its concern over the matters involving public education which are to be decided by the voters of North Carolina in a special referendum on September 8. Rarely has an issue arisen to match this problem in importance, complexity and need for careful and prayerful deliberation. Although the immediate issue is the future of the public school system, the underlying problem involves racial relations so directly that the two must be considered together. Because this underlying problem is basically moral and spiritual, it is a vital concern of Christian people of each race.

"We call upon all Christians to give prayerful consideration to moral and spiritual issues involved before going to the polls on September 8. It is our sincere prayer that under the guidance of God's spirit we can reach a Christian solution which will be fair in its effect on all people.

"We believe on the one hand that past and present customs in race relations are not the last word in governing our plans for the future. There has been, and is now, a plain inconsistency between our practice and our faith, both as followers of Christ and as believers in democracy. On the other hand, we are aware of the fact that adjustments between present custom and ideal practice must be orderly and at different rates of speed in different localities.

"We heartily endorse the Advisory Committee's statement: 'The advancement of our economy and the preservation of our democracy depend in a large part upon the education, the understanding, and the morality of the Negro as well as the white. If there prevails ignorance in either race, servitude

### Woman's Club Will Meet September 5th

Wednesday of next week, September 5, the Edenton Woman's Club will hold its first meeting of the fall season. The meeting will be held in the Parish House at 1 o'clock.

Mrs. Thomas Cross, Jr., president of the club, urges every member to attend this initial meeting in order to get off to a good start for the year.

### BANK CLOSED LABOR DAY

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Monday, September 8, in observance of Labor Day. Important banking business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

## Chowan Coon Dog Field Trial Will Be Labor Day Feature

### Affair Scheduled to Be Held Near Bandon Plantation

The Chowan County Coon Club will hold its annual coon dog field trial on Labor Day, Monday, September 8. The trial will take place near Bandon Plantation, about 12 miles north of Edenton just off Route 32.

Entry fee for each dog will be \$2.00 and dogs from all parts of Virginia and North Carolina are expected to take part. There will be no admission charged for the trial and the public is cordially invited to attend and watch the dogs. Drinks and sandwiches will be sold on the grounds.

## N. C. Medical Society Urges Coaches To Have Football Players Vaccinated For Polio

### Shots Given Monday And Friday Afternoons

The Medical Society of North Carolina through its Committee on Poliomyelitis is calling on High School and College athletic officials to encourage immunization against polio for their teenage football and basketball squad members.

"This is particularly important for the squads in football and basketball who may participate in late summer pre-training assemblies," says Dr. S. F. Ravenel, of Greensboro, Committee Chairman, in a letter to the coaches and physical education directors.

All young people up to the age of 20 years are eligible for the vaccine and this older age group is among the more susceptible to the disease.

Almost every fall a number of our state high school and college players become victims of polio. Since the hot early football practice season is also polio's peak time, the Medical Society Committee is encouraging coaches to "have your boys protected now with two injections, 14 days apart, and they can be safe in September."

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## Chowan County Ranks 20th In 100 Leading Counties For Peanuts Harvested In 1954

### Infestation Reports as Almost Double That Of Last Year

Peanuts harvested for picking or threshing from 1,270,386 acres on United States farms in 1954 totaled 884,664,110 pounds, with 1,095,748 acres, or 86.2 per cent, in 100 leading counties producing 807,121,165 pounds, according to 1954 Census of Agriculture figures for ranking counties just released by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Comanche County, Texas, was the leading county in acreage in peanuts for picking or threshing with 34,862 acres—2.8 per cent of the U. S. total, and 27th in quantity harvested with 10,424,670 pounds. Early County, Georgia, was second in acreage with 29,973 acres, and 10th in quantity harvested with 19,091,185 pounds. Southampton County, Virginia, Continued on Page 4, Section 1

### Red Men Change Hour Of Meeting

Chowan Tribe of Red Men has called off its meeting next Monday night, September 3, due to the Labor Day holiday.

The tribe will begin its fall and winter meeting hour Monday night, September 10, when meetings will begin at 7:30 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock each Monday night.

### COMMISSIONERS MEET SEPT. 5

Chowan County Commissioners will meet Wednesday of next week, instead of Monday, September 3. The meeting has been postponed due to the observance of Labor Day which falls on the first Monday.

### Well Baby Clinic

It has been announced that a well Baby Clinic will be conducted by the Medical Department, with the help of volunteers of the Officers' Wives Club, at the Dispensary of the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station.

Children up to six years of age will be examined on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Examinations will be by appointment only, starting at 1:30 P. M. Phone the NAAS Edenton, Extension 16 for appointments.

### P. O. CLOSED MONDAY

The Edenton Post Office will be closed next Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. There will be no mail delivery in the city or rural routes, nor will the windows be open. Mail will be dispatched as usual, however, and the lobby will be open so that boxholders will be able to get their mail.

### B & L CLOSED LABOR DAY

R. E. Leary, secretary-treasurer of the Edenton Building & Loan Association, announces that the office will be closed all day next Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. Important business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

## Travel Bureau Will Conduct An All-Out Membership Drive

### Meeting Is Held Last Week at Lake Mattamuskeet

Grayson H. Harding, Shelton W. Moore and Ernest J. Ward, Jr., attended a meeting of the Albemarle-Pamlico Travel Council held Wednesday of last week at Mattamuskeet Lake Lodge.

At the meeting it was decided to conduct an all-out membership drive which will start at once. Watson C. Jennette of Elizabeth City, president of the Travel Council, stated: "We must educate our own people first in what we have to offer and what the advertising campaign our Travel Council is staging will produce in increased business for the entire area."

Dr. Zeno L. Edwards, Sr., of Washington said: "The Travel Council not only should attempt to attract more tourists but should also concentrate in getting all of our people, farmers, business men and professional men working as a team to promote our area." He further stated, "If Florida had half of what we have right here in Eastern North Carolina in the way of historical features, they would really go to town." He said Eastern Carolina has so much to offer and, therefore, should be willing to spend money to tell the world about the many attractions in this section.

George Attix, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the travel industry in North Carolina, pointing out the increase experienced in some localities, which sponsored advertising campaigns.

Ernest Ward, Jr., reported that Chowan County is expected to have its minimum quota of members by the end of the month.



HOW SHY CAN ONE GET?—To stare at a queen is one thing—to be stared at by Britain's Queen Elizabeth is something else again. However, the "shy" airman hiding his face isn't overcome by the experience. He's demonstrating the action of an ejection seat canopy which shields a pilot's face when he must bail out from jet aircraft at speeds in the near-supersonic range. Her Majesty was treated to the demonstration while touring an air base at Marham, Norfolk, England.

## City Fathers Decide To Widen S. Oakum Street Eight Feet

### Town Council In Special Session Monday Night

Meeting in special session Monday night, Town Council voted to widen Oakum Street between Church and Queen Streets and also awarded insurance contracts. Another item on the agenda, discussion of personnel policy for town employees, was postponed until Clerk Ernest J. Ward, Jr., can secure some information from the League of Municipalities relative to a definite policy of municipal employees.

The vote to widen Oakum Street was split, with J. Clarence Leary, John Mitchener and J. Edwin Bufalup voting for the motion and George Alma Byrum and Luther Parks voting against it. Councilman Graham Byrum was not present at the meeting.

Actually there was only one bid to do this work, that being the Brown Construction Company of Lexington whose bid was \$5,090.00. Since receipt of the bid, however, the State Highway & Public Works Continued on Page 6—Section 1

## Picture Framing Workshop Planned In County Sept. 27

### Scheduled to Be Held In Chowan Community Building

Chowan Home Demonstration women are planning a picture framing workshop for club and non-club members in Chowan County and neighboring counties. The workshop will be under the supervision of Miss Pauline Gordon, Extension specialist in housing and house furnishings, North Carolina State College, Raleigh. The workshop will be held on Thursday, September 27, from 10:00 A. M. to 2:30 P. M., at the Chowan Community Building.

Miss Gordon suggests that women attending take any old or new frames that they have, or any old pictures that need to be cleaned or pictures that they want to frame. Each woman should also take containers such as mayonnaise jars, newspapers, old rags.

Miss Gordon has had years of experience," says Mrs. Hattie Byrum, home agent, "and I am sure that she will conduct a very worthwhile workshop."

## NAAS Mores Unit Will Participate In Big Aircraft Show

### Affair Will Be Held at Will Rogers Field In Oklahoma Sept. 1-3

The Mores Unit from the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station has left to participate in the National Aircraft Show to be held at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 1-3.

Civilians were able to see the Mores Unit in action on Armed Forces Day when the unit put on a demonstration of their work. With the use of arresting gear the Mores Unit engages aircraft bringing the craft to a halt. This function, performed on land, is similar to the method used aboard aircraft carriers in stopping planes.

The present gear being used has been under evaluation since August 1954. Since that time a total of 937 engagements have been made with all type of aircraft.

Being mobile, the unit has been airlifted, beached from LTS's, towed over highways and moved by way of railways. At Oklahoma City gear has already been installed, thus necessitating only a move of personnel from Edenton.

## Edenton Marines Lead Sharpshooters At Cherry Point

Pfc. R. E. Miller and Pfc. R. C. Converse, stationed at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station, led all MAG-14 shooters at the Cherry Point rifle range on August 10. They chalked up a sharpshooter score of 215. Six other men from MAG-14 fired expert on that day.

Following close behind the two leaders was Sgt. G. H. Wilson with a score of 214. A total of 29 men were fired for qualification at the range.

## North Carolina Cotton Crop Estimated As Of August 1 To Be 31,000 Bales Below 1955

### 20 Years Ago

Town officials became alarmed when it was learned that the new well on the fair grounds property was not capable of furnishing an adequate amount of water.

David Holton was employed as football coach at the Edenton High School, succeeding Leon Brogden who resigned to accept a similar position at Wilson High School.

Edenton delegation returned from Raleigh very optimistic about construction of a bridge crossing Albemarle Sound after a conference with State Highway & Public Works Commission.

Jimmy Partin expressed intention to lease the Bridge-Turn Service Station.

Though work had been held up, the belief was advanced that the Edenton armory would be completed by December 1.

T. Wallace Jones rented the Dixon building on East King Street, formerly occupied by Campen's Jewelers, for displaying Duo-Therm oil burning stoves.

J. C. (Dick) Leary was painfully injured when he fell down a flight of stairs at his home at the corner of Queen and Oakum Streets.

Approximately 1500 were expected to attend a county sing at the Baptist Church.

Mrs. E. N. Elliott spoke at the Edenton Rotary Club on the 15th anniversary of woman's suffrage.

Frank Williams and George Wood entertained a number of the younger set at a swimming party at the Greenfield Club House.

Rocky Hook Home Demonstration Club held a picnic at Ocean View, Va., on August 14.

Mrs. S. X. Stephenson announced the engagement of her daughter, Margaret Garland Stephenson, to Thomas Merit Long of Norfolk.

Edenton High School Band joined a number of other bands for a week's picnic held at Camp Leach near Washington.

## Assignments Made For Local Students For School Opening

### Promoted



OSCAR GRIFFIN  
J. A. DuLaney, manager of the Edenton Belk-Tyler store, announced this week that Oscar Griffin has been promoted to assistant manager of the store. —(Evelyn Leary Photo).

## Chaplain Mates Will Speak At Meeting Of Methodist Group

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Edenton Methodist Church will meet Tuesday night, September 4, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Harry Lassiter. The program will be featured by an address on the work of the military chaplain. The speaker will be Chaplain John Mates, chaplain at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station. All members are especially urged to be present.

## 37 Now Signed Up In Golf Tournament

### Report Just Released By Bureau of Census

The first cotton production forecast is for a crop of 320,000 (500-pound gross weight, bales. This first estimate is based upon August 1 reports from growers, ginners and others throughout the cotton growing areas of the State. If the forecast materializes, a crop of this size would be 31,000 bales less than the 351,000 bales harvested in 1955 and 137,000 bales less than the 10-year (1945-54) average. Based upon cotton in cultivation on July 1 and average abandonment, it is estimated that 459,000 acres will be for harvest—the smallest acre-

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No deadline for registration for the tournament has been announced. Entries are being accepted by Special Services Officer Capt. John L. Cobb at the Base.

## Bids Invited For Construction Jobs At Local Air Base

### CIVIC CALENDAR

Extra general election will be held Saturday, September 8, to vote on an amendment to the North Carolina Constitution to change the school laws regarding segregation.

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Picture framing workshop will be held for Chowan home demonstration club women, as well as non-members at the Chowan Community Building Thursday, September 27, from 10 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. Golf tournament will be held on the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station course September 5-9. Revival services are in progress this week at the Rocky Hook Baptist Church. Continued on Page 6—Section 1

## Boys and Girls Urged To Report to Rooms Designated

Next Tuesday morning, September 4, at 9 o'clock, some 400 students will enter the Edenton Junior-Senior High School to begin the fall term of school.

Students are urged to report directly to home rooms assigned and for the convenience of students and parents, names of students and home room assignments are listed below:

Grade 7—Home Room Teacher, Mrs. Alice Belch, Room 124  
Boys—Herbert Ray Adams, Richard Baer, Stephen Batton, Jimmy Dail, Charles E. Cuthrell, Cecil Fry, Gary Hardison, Richard Hollowell, Roger Lamb, Joe Mitchener, Joel Reynolds, Roland Tolley, Paul Whitman, Mac Wright, Frank H. Collins.

Girls—Joan Adams, Ella Ambrose, Carolyn Bass, Brenda Bass, Marian Lee Bunch, Ida Campen, Joyce Cullipher, Hazel Garrett, Betty Jean Harris, Ann Jenkins, Estelle Jones, Dorothy Mizelle, Judy Riley, Jean Smith, Carolyn Twiddy, Vivian Twiddy.

Grade 7—Home Room Teacher, Mrs. Rebecca Shepard, Room 125  
Boys—John Alexander, Leroy Barrow, Joe Boucher, Henry Dail, Carroll Forehand, Vern Goodwin, Daniel Himmelheller, Maurice Hopkins, Harry Lassiter, Jerry Nixon, Robert Skinner, James West, Brad Willford, Sam Wright.

Girls—Barbara Alexander, Jean—Continued on Page 4, Section 1

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## Includes Public Works Shop Building and Barracks Repairs

The District Public Works office of the Fifth Naval District, U. S. Naval Base at Norfolk is advertising for bids on two construction projects at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station. The bids call for the construction of a Public Works Shop Building, and rehabilitation of barracks and bachelor officers' quarters.

The shop building will be approximately 3,360 square feet in area, one story, and will be generally of masonry and concrete construction.

The work at the officers' quarters includes removal of existing roofing, re-roofing with asphalt

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