

## Five Communities In County Given High Recognition In Chowan's Progress Contest

### Ryland Club Awarded Top Honors at Program Held Monday Night

Five communities held the spotlight in the 1958 Chowan County Progress Contest. The white communities of Ryland, Center Hill and Oak Grove received high recognition at the Awards Program held at Chowan High School on Monday night. The two Negro communities will receive their awards at the White Oak School on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

On Monday night, the Ryland community led in awards. They received a prize of \$30 for having the most people, a total of 41, from their community attending the awards program. At the ticket drawings for door prizes, electric clocks were won by Mrs. Phyllis Byrum and Mrs. Naomi Ward. An electric frying pan was won by Mrs. Mary Outland. Mrs. Mack Jordan won an electric iron. Mrs. Henry Bunch of the Rocky Hook community also won an electric clock as a door prize.

Ryland community was judged a blue ribbon winner in 1958, for which they were awarded a prize of \$125. Accomplishments of the Ryland community in the 1958 contest represents substantial progress. They held their organizational meeting, elected officers and committees and selected projects. Community co-chairmen elected were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jordan. Several officer and committee meetings were held during the year. A Boy Scout troop was sponsored. A community Christmas party was held. A community hot dog supper was held. Approximately 100 people attended the community picnic in July. They helped build a new church and Sunday School rooms out of an old building. A new heating system was installed in another church and 12 Sunday School rooms added. There was an increase in the membership of the Farm Bureau and the Home Demonstration Club. A building fund was started for a community house. Thirty-two families planted shade trees and 37 families planted shrubbery. Six families installed bathrooms and three others constructed rooms for bath installation. Eleven families remodeled or refinished furniture and many more fine ac-

### Consecration Of St. Paul's Will Mark Milestone In Long History

By Jacqueline Ricks  
The consecration of St. Paul's Episcopal Church marks a milestone in her memorable 257-year history. The church will be consecrated on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on Monday, January 26, in an impressive ceremony.

The service will begin at 8 P. M. with the knocking on the door by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Henry Wright, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, with the pastoral staff in accordance with the service for the consecration as found in the Book of Common Prayer.

Bishop Wright will be received by Dr. Frank Wood, senior warden, and David Warren, junior warden, and the vestrymen. The procession of distinguished churchmen will go up the aisle to the chancel.

This will be an auspicious occasion in the history of the Parish, which is the oldest Parish in the state, founded in 1701. The church is eligible for the

service of consecration at this time because it now enjoys full parish status, the building has been completely restored following a tragic fire in 1949, and for the first time since the fire the church is completely free of debt.

In addition to Bishop Wright, who will consecrate the building, the Rt. Rev. George Purnell Gunn, D.D., Bishop of Southern Virginia, will address the congregation. The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, LL.D., will conduct Evening Prayer, and he will be assisted by the Rt. Rev. Matthew George Henry, D.D., representing the Diocese of North Carolina and Western North Carolina. Each of these dioceses is somewhat associated with the life and history of the Parish, and the Episcopacy so assembled will symbolize "That unity and strength which the Episcopal Church enjoys."

The congregation will be welcomed to the ceremony by the

### Farm Bureau Meets Tonight

Benbury Wood, president of the Chowan County Farm Bureau, announces that a very important meeting will be held tonight (Thursday). The meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the Chowan Community Building. It will have to do with a farm program permitting buying, selling or trading of allotments, so that every member is especially urged to be present.

### Cub Scouts Will Meet January 27

Cub Scout Pack No. 159 will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, January 27, at 7:15 o'clock in the Edenton Junior-Senior High School cafeteria. All awards earned during December and January will be presented at this meeting. All Cub Scouts are reminded to be present with their parents.

### SPECIAL MASONIC MEETING CALLED FOR JANUARY 29th

Ernest J. Ward, Jr., master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., has called an emergent communication of the lodge for Thursday night, January 29, at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to confer the third degree upon a candidate.

### CHICKEN SALAD SUPPER

The Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church will sponsor a chicken salad supper today (Thursday). Plates will be delivered from 4 to 6 o'clock and can be secured by calling Mrs. Gerald James, phone 2440.

### Two Called

Chowan County Local Board No. 21 of Selective Service System received only one call for the month of January. This call was for the physical examination of three registrants from this board.

Calls for the month of February from the Local Board are for one registrant to be ordered for induction into the armed services and one registrant to be ordered for physical examination.

### Thomas Paul Griffin Is Chosen For Farm Technology Course Sponsored By State's Bankers

North Carolina's bankers long ago learned that good investments are not limited to stocks and bonds, treasury certificates or real estate.

In fact, for more than a decade, Tar Heel bankers have won a national award every year because of their recognition of another all-important investment—a sound farm economy in North Carolina.

The Key Banker for Chowan County is Richard S. Atkinson, vice president of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

This week Mr. Atkinson and George Lewis, farm relations officer of the Peoples Bank, announced that the bank will send Thomas Paul Griffin of the Cowpen Neck section, a young farmer, to Raleigh in February for a two-week study of the latest developments in farm technology. All expenses of the young farmer will be paid by the local bank. Griffin will attend classes at the School of Agriculture of North Carolina State College beginning February 2 and ending February 13.

A total enrollment of about 175 young farmers is expected

### B. B. Townsend BPW Speaker

An interesting talk on "North Carolina Laws of Descendants and Distribution of Property" by Braxton B. Townsend, vice president and legal advisor of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Rocky Mount, featured the January dinner meeting of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club held Thursday night at the Edenton Restaurant.

"Where there is no will left," said Mr. Townsend, "the court will appoint your administrator and your property will be disposed of by law." He pointed out that everyone should have a will. "Have an attorney draw up a will for you," he urged. "By so doing, you have the right to dispose of your property as you see fit. Failure to exercise this right by a properly drawn will means that your estate will be distributed strictly according to law, irrespective of the relative needs of your dependents, and will be handled by an administrator named by the court."

Mr. Townsend stated that a bill will be presented to the Legislature to revise the law of distribution of property. "If this bill is passed," he said, "then the man and wife will share equally. This

### Hospital Auxiliary Progressed In '58

The Chowan Hospital Auxiliary met at the nurses' home Friday, January 16, at 3 o'clock. After the roll was called, minutes read and reports of standing committees read, Mrs. Edward Bond, president, gave her report for the year 1958.

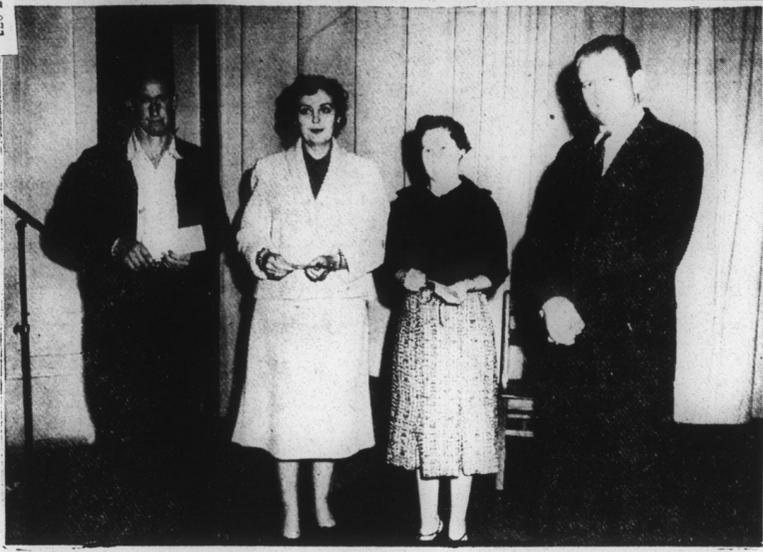
Mrs. Bond's report follows: In retrospect, 1958 has been a very productive year for the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary. Our accomplishments were many, and the cooperation of the members was most gratifying in seeing these goals fulfilled. First, in January a hostess service was established during the evening visiting hours to ease the nurses for other tasks. This service was rendered by the volunteer efforts

### CIVIC CALENDAR

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will celebrate its 257th anniversary at the consecration service to be held Monday night, January 26, at 8 o'clock.

A dedication service will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday morning, January 25, at 11 o'clock as a tribute to the late Dr. Martin Wisely. Edenton Woman's Club will sponsor a Thrift Sale to be held Saturday, January 24, in the for-

### Presented Community Progress Awards



Pictured above, left to right, are Marvin Evans of the Oak Grove community, Mrs. Lester Copeland of the Ryland community, Mrs. Emmett Jones of the Center Hill community and William Wood, president of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company. The first three were presented awards in Chowan County's Community Progress Contest, which was sponsored by the Chowan Agricultural Workers Council and the awards presented by Mr. Wood for the bank, which financed the contest.—(Photo by James Griffin)

### Store Hours Recommended By C. Of C. Merchants Committee

A schedule of remaining holidays to be observed in 1959 and hours of operation for Wednesdays was recommended Tuesday by the Chamber of Commerce Merchants Committee. Chairman Ralph Parrish said the schedule is being published with the recommendation that it be adopted by local merchants for the balance of the year.

"Should any merchant find that it conflicts with his present schedule, please get in touch with me or with the Chamber of Commerce," Parrish advised. "We wish to adopt a schedule which will be satisfactory to the maximum number of business firms

and at the same time suit the convenience of the buying public. We feel that uniform hours of operation which can be published will bring increased business."

Holiday closings recommended are Easter Monday, March 30; July 6 instead of July 4, which falls on Saturday; Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas both December 25 and Saturday, December 26.

It was recommended to close at 1 P. M. on Wednesdays through September 30 and to remain open all day beginning October 7 through December. No change was recommended in the present Saturday evening closing hours.

### Leigh Dobson An Outstanding Actress At East Carolina College

Leigh Dobson of Edenton is proving to be one of East Carolina College's most talented and versatile student actresses. Twice during the present school year she has done commendable work in major productions by the East Carolina Playhouse, college dramatic club.

Miss Dobson was cast as the servant girl Tweney, "young person with a heart of gold" to whom the butler Crichton gave approval, in Barrie's "The Admirable Crichton." Contrasting with the delightful comedy of this part was the dramatic power demanded by the role of Linda, wife of Willy Loman, the salesman, in Arthur Miller's famous American tragedy "Death of a Salesman."

In a review of the Miller play, the Greenville Daily Reflector said of Miss Dobson's contribution to the East Carolina Playhouse production of the drama: "Leigh Dobson of Edenton, as Willy's wife Linda, played a difficult role with insight and emotional power. Her tenderness toward a man broken and dying, her fierce protectiveness toward her husband, her anger against the sons who deny Willy their love and respect were admirably portrayed."

"Her pity and anguish, the emotion held in restraint, at Willy's grave as she begged forgiveness because she could not cry provided one of the finer moments

### Officers Of Edenton Jr.-Sr. H. S. Band



This year the Edenton Junior-Senior High School Band began operating under a system of elected and appointed officers who are assigned various duties and responsibilities. They are given recognition by insignia, which are worn on the uniform. The Band Captain is the highest ranking officer in the band. He is elected by the band members and is the student director of the band. This year's Captain is Ashby Tarkington.

The Personnel Officer of the band is also an elected officer. He holds the rank of 1st Lieutenant and is responsible for all matters relating to band records. Bud Skiles is the Personnel Officer for the 1958-59 school year. The Equipment Officer also holding the rank of 1st Lieutenant is an appointed officer. He is in direct charge of all band equipment except sheet music. It is his duty to see that all equipment is kept in good repair, and on trips is responsible for the loading and transportation of equipment. Buck Wheeler, Jr., is the Equipment Officer for the band.

### Bandsman Of Week



BERT WILLIS  
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert C. Willis, Bert Willis has been named the Edenton Junior-Senior High School bandsman of the week. Bert is 15 years old and is in the 10th grade. He has been a member of the band for four years. He plays French horn in the band and is assistant section leader for the horn section. He is also a member of the band library staff. In addition to his school activities, he has been a member of the Cub and Boy Scouts. He is a member of the Edenton Baptist Church.

### Panel Features Meeting Of PTA

The Edenton Junior-Senior High School Parent-Teacher Association met in the school auditorium Tuesday night, when the feature of the meeting was a panel discussion of the Teen Age Club.

President Haywood Bunch opened the meeting with the audience singing "America," followed by a devotional led by John A. Holmes. Following the reading of the minutes and treasurer's report, a brief business session was held when it was agreed to join the Edenton Elementary School PTA in sponsoring a May Day Festival.

Mr. Bunch then turned over the program to Mrs. Joe Thorud who served as moderator for the panel discussion. Members of

### Dr. Martin Wisely Will Be Honored At Dedication Service

Next Sunday morning, January 25, at the 11 o'clock service a dedication service will be held at the Edenton Methodist Church. At that time a beautiful baptismal font will be dedicated as a memorial to the late Dr. Martin Wisely, who was a member of the official board.

The solid walnut font was made by Hubert Williford and was presented to the church by members of the Wesleyan Service Guild as a memorial to Dr. Wisely. An appropriate program has been arranged for the occasion which is expected to be attended by members of the Wisely family, including Dr. Wisely's mother, Mrs. W. L. Wisely. Friends of Dr. Wisely are cordially invited to attend the service.

## Plans Shaping Up For Pilgrimage To Be Held April 17-18

### BEWARE!

Sgt. A. F. Beeler, caretaker of the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station, reports that some persons have been trespassing on the base property, primarily for the purpose of hunting. He wants it to be known that the base is still under government contract and he has no other alternative than to issue a warrant for the arrest of anyone trespassing upon the property.

### Marvin Wilson On State Committee For Court Improvement

Organizations have been set up in each of North Carolina's 100 counties to promote improvement in North Carolina's court system from the Superior Court down. It was revealed this week.

The county groups are working with Governor Hodges' State Committee for Improved Courts, which has headquarters at Greensboro with Spencer Love, Greensboro industrialist, as chairman.

New chairmen for the northeastern counties are: Marvin Wilson for Chowan, Grady Stevens for Camden, Ray Etheridge for Currituck, Martin Kellogg for Dare, Pilston Godwin and Paul Edmond for Gates, W. H. Oakley, Jr., for Perquimans, Edward Rodman and Thomas D. Litchfield for Beaufort, George T. Davis for Hyde, Charles H. Manning for Martin, D. M. Pledger, Jr., for Tyrrell, Carl L. Bailey for Washington, Jerry J. Willis for Carteret, W. L. Cooke for Bertie, C. Gordon Maddrey for Hertford, G. E. Fisher for Northampton.

### Fourteen Homes and Buildings Are Scheduled To Be Open For Benefit of Visitors

Plans for the fifth Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Country, to be held April 17 and 18, are shaping up rapidly, according to Mrs. Helen Kramer, chairman of the publicity committee.

Sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club, the 1959 Pilgrimage promises to be even better than the tours held in the past when thousands of tourists flocked to Edenton to view the many historical points of interest.

Fourteen homes and buildings will be open to the public the two days of the tour. In addition, there will be many other historic places marked for the benefit of visitors. An antique show, waterfront tours, Albemarle Sound Bay, a regatta at old St. Paul's Church, and other events are being planned.

Folders with a complete listing of the places to be open and giving all information concerning Pilgrimage will soon be available. Anyone desiring these folders can secure them by writing Mrs. Edward Bond, general chairman, 102 Pembroke Circle, Edenton, N. C.

### Missionary Speaker At Baptist Church

On Sunday, January 25, Miss Ola Lea, Southern Baptist Missionary to Formosa, will speak at the Edenton Baptist Church as a part of the morning worship service.

Miss Lea, currently at home of furlough, is a veteran of thirty-three years of service with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Until the Communist seized control of China, she served in that country. When forced to leave China Miss Lea, along with many other missionaries, was transferred to Formosa, where she is continuing her work with the Chinese.

The Edenton Baptist Church claims Miss Ola Lea as its own missionary since for many years the church has contributed directly to her support. Miss Lea is well-known to the church, at least by name, as two of the missionary organizations of the church are named in honor of her. Her visit in the church on next Sunday will give the congregation a rare opportunity to become acquainted with her in person.

### Fry Taking Part In Lucky Delta

Major Cecil W. Fry, local National Guardsman, will participate in Lucky Delta, a Third U. S. Army-directed command post exercise to be held at Fort Gordon, Georgia, February 7 and 8. He will participate as a member of the 30th Infantry Division under Major General Claude T. Bowers.

Lucky Delta is a continuation of Lucky Charlie and Lucy Bravo, command post exercises previously held at Fort Gordon. More than 4,100 National Guard, Reserve, active Army and Air Force commanders and their staffs will participate.

### Annual Meeting Of B. & L. February 2

R. E. Leary, executive vice president of the Edenton Building & Loan Association, announces that the annual shareholders' meeting will be held Monday evening, February 2. The meeting will be held in the Court House at 8 o'clock. Mr. Leary urges shareholders to attend this meeting, at which time the annual report will be read and officers and directors for the year elected.

### 20 Years Ago

Residents of North Edenton, following a petition presented to Town Council, were up in arms relative to conditions prevailing about their premises as the result of ashes from the stack of the Albemarle Peanut Company.

G. H. Harding installed two neon signs at Broad and Queen Streets and Broad and King Streets directing travelers to Hotel Joseph Hewes.

### House-To-House Canvass Will Be Held Friday Night To Help Raise March Of Dimes Money

On Friday night members of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, Edenton Woman's Club and Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club will conduct a house-to-house canvass for the March of Dimes. The three groups will call at homes from 6 to 9 o'clock and it is hoped they will receive generous contributions for the campaign. The various chairmen are requested to make a report at the Penelope Barker house by 9 o'clock Friday night, so that progress of the drive can be determined.

Another source of revenue in the 1959 March of Dimes drive will be a road block. This feature will be conducted by the Jayvees next Sunday, with the road block to be located on Broad Street. March of Dimes workers call attention to the fact that funds raised in the campaign not only go toward work in connection with polio, but a considerable amount of research is being done in an effort to combat arthritis and birth defects. The need for money is great, so that those connected with this year's March of Dimes hope Chowan County will again make a substantial contribution.