

Mayor John A. Mitchener Writes Personal Letter For Information Of Citizens

Points Out Some Activities of the Town Council First Half of Fiscal Year

Mayor John Mitchener this week released the following letter in order to acquaint Edenton citizens with activities of Town Council which may not be generally known. The Mayor's letter follows:

"Dear Fellow Citizens: In order that you might be informed of the Town Council's action on major projects during the first half of the 1959-60 fiscal year, I have requested J. Edwin Buff-lap, Editor of The Chowan Herald, to publish this open letter to the citizens of the Town of Edenton.

"Plans for a sewage treatment plant are progressing very nicely. A deed for a site for the plant at the former U. S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station was received from the United States Government in August. The Council is now preparing for an election for a \$557,000 bond issue. Public notice has been given that the Town of Edenton intends to make application to the Local Government Commission for the issuance of these bonds and a formal application will be submitted on December 21. The election is tentatively scheduled to take place in February, 1960.

"I am sure that all of you realize the importance of a sewage treatment plant for Edenton. The State Stream Sanitation Commission has classified the Chowan River basin and has ordered that construction begin on our sewage treatment plant by October, 1960.

"The removal of sewage from our bay and sound will provide many advantages for industrial and recreational growth.

Last Minute Rush On At Post Office

The time has passed to talk about "Mailing Early for Christmas." Postmaster J. L. Chestnut says, "but you can still help us to avoid a tremendous last minute pile-up of Christmas mail if you'll send all your gift packages and Christmas cards right now!"

To the inevitable last minute mailers he suggests the use of air mail for every Christmas card or gift going to distant places out-of-town. He points out that even a few hours delay at this critical time may mean disappointment for friends and loved ones on Christmas Day.

Postal employees are digging in harder than ever, and for your convenience, the Post Office will remain open from 8:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M., including Saturday. There's still time for local deliveries, but all Christmas cards should be sent by First Class mail.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Edenton stores will remain open until 9 o'clock seven nights before Christmas, beginning tonight (Thursday).

The annual Christmas concert by the John A. Holmes High School Band will be presented in the school auditorium Friday night, December 18, at 8 o'clock.

The Christmas message in song will be presented at the Methodist Church Sunday morning, December 20, at 11 o'clock.

Five choirs of the Edenton Baptist Church will present a program of Christmas music in the church sanctuary Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 5 o'clock.

Edenton's Varsity Club will hold its annual Christmas dance at the Edenton armory Friday night, December 25, from 8 to 11 o'clock.

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Court Officials Take Oath Of Office



New Chowan County Recorder's Court officials are shown above taking the oath of office. The oath was administered by Mrs. Lena Leary, assistant Clerk of Court, right. At left is William S. Privott, who is now prosecuting attorney and center is Weldon Hollowell, who succeeds the late Marvin P. Wilson as judge.—(J. P. Ricks, Jr. Photo).

Five Edenton Aces Honored By News & Observer's Selection Of All-Eastern '59 Class AA Squad

Two members of the Edenton Aces were placed on the 1959 All-Eastern AA football team chosen by the Raleigh News & Observer and three made honorable mention.

The two named on the All-Eastern team were Fred Britton, end, and Minton Small, guard.

Those who received honorable mention were Johnny Phillips, end; Johnny Forehand, center, and Leroy Spivey, halfback.

The Albemarle Conference placed six boys on the All-Eastern team. Aside from Britton and Small from Edenton, the others were Golden Simpson, Plymouth tackle; Marion Allen of Plymouth, Preston Winslow of Hertford and Brent Williams of Ahoskie, all backfield.

It was a close race between Britton and Phillips for an end

position. Phillips was considered about the best defensive end in the Albemarle Conference, but he did not want to Britton due to his sensational pass receiving ability and his outstanding job as a linebacker on defense.

Johnny Forehand was a stiff contender for first place center, but Frank Creech of Smithfield was selected on the basis of his outstanding defensive play during the season.

Minton Small won out over several other very good guards. Small was chosen due to his outstanding blocking and a terrific guard on defense. He turned in a good job in the Charlotte Shrine Bowl game, which had some bearing on his selection.

Leroy Spivey won considerable support for honorable mention due to his speed and hard line plunging near the end of the season.

Festival Service At St. Paul's Sunday

A festival service of lessons and carols will be conducted Sunday at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton. The 11 o'clock service has become an annual tradition from the Advent to the Christmas season.

Based on the ancient English service, nine lessons will be read from the Holy Scriptures by laymen in the parish. The choir will sing various selections between the lessons and the congregation will also participate.

The service tells the story of man's first disobedience in the Garden of Eden. God's promises to Abraham that in his seed shall all nations be blessed are

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Special Service At Methodist Church Sunday Morning

A special service will be held at the Methodist Church Sunday morning, December 20, at 11 o'clock when the Christmas message will be presented in song. The service will be the highlight of the Advent season and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The music will be under the direction of Mrs. Mary Brown with Mrs. J. J. Ross at the organ.

MISSES APPOINTMENT

P. E. Bettendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, will not be in Edenton Thursday, December 24, due to the Christmas holidays.

Band's Christmas Concert Will Be Presented Friday At 8 P. M.

Plans have been completed for what is expected to be one of the most outstanding holiday events when the John A. Holmes High School Band will present its annual Christmas concert. The concert will be held in the school auditorium Friday night, December 18, at 8 o'clock and it is hoped the auditorium will be filled to capacity.

The program will open with the audience requested to participate in singing the National Anthem and will close with the audience requested to join in Christmas carol singing.

The program as arranged follows:

March of the Skaters, Albert A. Pollock; A Christmas Fest-

Edenton Stores To Begin Tonight To Open Until 9 O'clock

Practically All Places Of Business Will Be Closed Saturday, December 26

According to the schedule of the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Edenton stores will begin tonight (Thursday) to remain open until 9 o'clock every night until Christmas.

The stores for the most part will remain closed Saturday, the day after Christmas, in order to give employees an extra holiday. An exception will be the A & P Store, which will open Saturday, but will be closed on New Year's day, when other stores are scheduled to be open.

Stores will be open all day Wednesdays through December, but most of them will begin observing the Wednesday half holiday on Wednesday, January 6.

Aces Given Trip To Red Skin-N. Y. Game In Washington, D. C.

Edenton's Aces and a few other friends were guests of Joe Mitchener and his father, Mayor John Mitchener, at the Washington-New York football game in Washington Sunday. The group left Edenton early Sunday morning in the Aces' bus for Suffolk where they boarded a specially chartered bus for the nation's capitol.

In the group were: Coach Bill Billings, Principal Hiram J. Mayo, Lloyd Lassiter, Joe Mitchener, Bubba Hopkins, Billy Cates, Carroll Forehand, Johnny Phillips, Jerry Tollev, George Nixon, Zackie Harrell, Richard Dixon, Erwin Griffin, Leroy Spivey, Alex Kehayes, Jimmy Johnston, Fred Britton, Freddie Ferguson, Jack Sawyer, Bryant Griffin, Wayne Baker, Jimmy White, Lloyd Mills, Laddell Parker, Donald Faircloth, Robert Halsey, Charles Cuthrell, Minton Small, Donald Forehand, Wayne Griffin, student managers Melvin Barnett, Jack Ashlee, Walter Holton and Roland Tolley. Mayor Mitchener, Bill Mitchener, West Leary, Bill Cozart and Edward Wozelka.

New Books At Local Library

Miss Harriet B. Leary, librarian at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, announces that the following list of new books are now in the library:

For Adult Readers: Burman, The Street of the Laughing Camel; Strode, Jefferson Davis; Costain, The Darkness and the Dawn; Gardner, Case of the Singing Skirt; Duggan, Children of the Wolf; Chegaray, Hawaii: Isles of Dreams; Feller, How to Pitch; Barnes, King's Fool; Hubbard, A Message to Garcia; Keyes, Station Wagon in Spain; Hale, Dear Beast; Seifert, Doctor on Trial; Hitchcock, My Favorites in Suspense; Anderson, Perish by the Sword; Depew, The Cooks Party Book; Arnold, Flight from Ashiya; Reilly, Not Me, Inspector; Quentin, Shadow of Guilt; Gallico, Too Many Ghosts; Coker, Without A Country.

For Juvenile Readers: Cavanna, The Scarlet Sail; Picfort, Little Lost Kitten; Coe, Picture Story of Buffalo Bill; Devine, Davy's Little Horse; Chase, A Visit To The Hospital; Teters, Cowboys; Hyde, Playtime for Nancy; Botts (ill) Hey, Diddle Diddle.

POCAHONTAS PARTY

Members of Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, met at the home of Mrs. Essie Perry on West Eden Street Tuesday night to hold their annual Christmas party.

Various games were played, Christmas carols sung, refreshments served and gifts exchanged, all of which proved to be a very enjoyable get-together.

BPW Clubwoman Of The Year



In above picture is Mrs. Lala Smith, right, as she was named Clubwoman of the year by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club. At left is Mrs. Lena Leary, 1958 Clubwoman, who presented Mrs. Smith the rotating silver bowl on which her name and the year 1959 will be engraved. Mrs. Smith was also presented a bouquet of red roses.—(J. P. Ricks, Jr. Photo).

Rocky Hock Group Bids In Old Rocky Hock School Plant

Purpose Is To Transform Property Into A Suitable Recreation Center For Section

Three citizens of the Rocky Hock section, representing the Rocky Hock community, on Monday bought the abandoned Rocky Hock School property. The Chowan Board of Education previously declared the property to be unnecessary and undesirable for public school purposes and a sale was subsequently authorized to be held at the Court House door Monday morning, December 14, at 11 o'clock.

The three citizens authorized to bid on the property were Paul Ober, Lester Harrell and Murray Tynch, their bid being \$2,000. The bid will, of course, be open for 10 days, but residents of the Rocky Hock community are hopeful that this bid will not be raised.

It is the desire of a large group of Rocky Hock citizens to use the school property as a recreation center. The property includes school rooms, an auditorium and lunch room. Continued on Page 2, Section 1

Farm Census Is Half Completed In Area

The 1959 Census of Agriculture is about 50 percent completed in this area, it is announced by Field Director Joseph R. Norwood of the Census Bureau's regional office at Charlotte.

The Census official stated that he was well pleased with the cooperation the census takers are receiving from farmers in the area and has high hopes of completing the canvass within the next few days. He pointed out that the field canvass of farms is one of the larger costs of the census and that cooperation of farmers in completing questionnaires promptly will be a vital factor in keeping down the final cost of the undertaking.

Quick completion of the census will not only help in keeping costs down but will aid in prompt publication of the results, the field director said. He urged local farmers who have not already done so to complete the census questionnaire and have it ready when the census taker calls.

DIRECTS ECG PLAY

Two one-act plays by North Carolina authors made up an evening of drama recently presented by the East Carolina College Playhouse in their Studio Series for the school year. An audience from the campus and the city gathered in the auditorium of Whichard Music Hall, gave the program an enthusiastic response.

Among those taking part was Leigh Dobson of Edenton, a student director.

Approved

Congressman Herbert Bonner has been notified by John D. Porterfield, acting surgeon general, that the initial application for a project at Chowan Hospital has been approved under the provisions of Title VI of the Public Health Service Act.

The projects provides for air conditioning in the Chowan Hospital at an estimated cost of \$40,000. Of this amount the estimated federal share will be \$22,000.

Christmas Concert By School Groups Draws Big Crowd

John A. Holmes High School Auditorium Is Filled to Capacity on Sunday Afternoon

The John A. Holmes High School auditorium was filled to capacity, with many standing, Sunday afternoon when the choral groups of Edenton schools presented their annual Christmas concert. The program was directed by Mrs. Mary L. Brown, with Jo Ann Leary, Jean Goodwin and Susan Byrum as

Red Men To Nominate New Officers Monday

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night, December 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Clyde Hollowell, sachem, urges a full attendance for at this meeting the principal item of business will be nomination of new officers for the tribe. The election will be held Monday night, December 28.

Standardized City Directory Being Distributed In Edenton

The first standardized City Directory ever published for Edenton is now being delivered to subscribers by Hill Directory Co., Inc., of Richmond, Va.

The new reference work is a handy volume, listing 3,811 names of adult residents and business places in Edenton, with eighteen established as the minimum listing age. By a standardized City Directory is meant that it contains all features, and in the same sequence, as most City Directories in the country, including those of the great cities, the publishers said.

Departments of the 1959 guidebook are as follows, in order, Introduction, a Buyer's Guide, classified section (yellow pages),

BPW Club Chooses Mrs. Lala Smith As Year's Clubwoman

Close Friday

Schools in the Edenton and County Administrative Units will close Friday of this week for the Christmas holidays and will remain closed two weeks, reopening Monday morning, January 4.

Many of the students will be working during the holidays and, of course, many of the teachers will return to their homes to visit friends and relatives.

Christmas Dance Will Be Held Friday Night, December 25

Sponsored By Edenton Varsity Club; Music Furnished By Notables of Suffolk

Edenton's Varsity Club will sponsor its annual Christmas dance again this year. The dance is scheduled to be held in the Edenton armory Christmas night, December 25, starting at 9 o'clock and continuing until 1 o'clock.

Music for this year's dance will be furnished by The Notables of Suffolk. This group has appeared in Edenton several times before, so that it is expected a large crowd will turn out for the affair. Jess Harrell, president of the Varsity Club, expects this year's dance to be as good or even better than previous Christmas dances.

Anybody desiring to make table reservations is requested to phone 2429 or 2601.

Baptist Choirs To Present Christmas Music Next Sunday

On Sunday afternoon, December 20, at 5 o'clock, the five choirs of the Edenton Baptist Church will present a program of Christmas music in the church sanctuary. The program will include many well-known carols and anthems, as well as several carols which are not often heard. There also will be singing by the congregation.

The public is invited to attend the service.

Libraries Close For Christmas Holidays

Shepard-Pruden Memorial and Brown-Carver Libraries will be closed December 24, 25 and 26 for the Christmas holidays.

Patrons wishing to return books or get new ones are urged to come in before the holiday.

The bookmobiles will not operate and all libraries in the Pettigrew Regional Library system will close since State holidays are observed. They will also close New Year's Day, January 1.

Selection Announced At Club's Christmas Party Held Friday Night

By EVELYN G. LEARY

Mrs. Lala Smith was named "Clubwoman of the Year" by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club at a Christmas party held Friday night at the Edenton Restaurant.

Mrs. Lena Leary, 1958 clubwoman, made the announcement and presented Mrs. Smith with a rotating silver bowl on which her name and the year 1959 will be engraved. In accepting the honor bestowed upon her, Mrs. Smith said, "I am speechless. I couldn't make a speech if I had to. This is such a surprise. But I do want to say this. I thank you sincerely from the bottom of my heart." She was also presented a bouquet of red roses by the president, Mrs. Alice Twiddy.

The clubwoman of the year is judged by the following: (1) Participation in club activities. (2) Participation in community activities. (3) General attitude and achievements as a business or professional woman. The selection is made by secret ballot of club members.

Mrs. Smith was born in Chowan County, the youngest of three children of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Ashley. Her mother died when she was very young and she went to live with her sister, Mrs. Celia Forehand, in Murfreesboro, N. C., where

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Red Men Sponsor Two Turkey Shoots Tonight And Friday

Sponsored by Chowan Tribe of Red Men, two turkey shoots are scheduled to be held tonight (Thursday) and Friday night.

The shoots will be held on the American Legion grounds on the Windsor highway and will begin at 6 o'clock or shortly thereafter.

Leroy Harrell is chairman of the committee in charge of the shoots, and he hopes many will turn out to enjoy the fun and try to win a turkey for Christmas.

Road Projects

The secondary road plan for Chowan County was released this week by the State Highway Commission which calls for a construction expenditure of \$47,700. The project includes 5.19 miles of roads to be graded, drained and surfaced.

Total maintenance funds for the county amounts to \$84,693.93. This fund is for roadway maintenance and bridge maintenance allocation.

20 Years Ago

As Found in the Files of The Chowan Herald

Edenton and Chowan County received prominent mention in a publication of "Old Homes and Gardens" published by the Garden Club of Chapel Hill. Frequent mention was made of Edenton and Chowan County and included five local pictures, the Cupola House, Beverly Hall, Hayes, the garden at Beverly Hall and the Booth House.

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan Red Cross Chapter, reported that the county exceeded its \$400 quota by \$16, the largest amount ever collected in the county during a roll call.

The Taylor Theatre staged a show for the benefit of the needy in the community at which no admission was charged other than a gift left in the lobby.

C. W. Sawyer was elected

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