

Machinery Set Up To List Property During January

List Takers of Various Townships Release Schedules For Month

With the end of 1959 just around the corner, machinery has been set up for listing property for calculating taxes for the year 1959. According to law listing of property will begin the first day of January and all property owners are required to list their property during the month of January.

Tax listers have received their instructions and have arranged their schedules so that it will not be a hardship for any property owner to list their real estate, personal property, etc., which he or she owns as of January 1.

All persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are also required to list their polls during the same time.

Also when listing taxes a 1959 crop acreage and other information must be furnished the tax listers. The tax listers are required to make records but farm owners or tenants must furnish the facts. The list takers must receive the following information: (1) Acreage for each crop harvested during the calendar year. (2) Number of cows, sows and pens on farms January 1. (3) Number of people living on farm January 1. This information will be confidential and will not be used in any manner that is detrimental to the farmers concerned. It is not used for tax purposes.

It is pointed out that after February 2 a penalty of 10 per cent will be levied on property owners who fail to list their property by that date.

Christmas Services At St. Paul's Church

Wednesday, December 23rd—Holy Communion, 10:30 A. M.
Thursday, December 24th—Holy Communion, 11 P. M.
Friday, December 25th—Holy Communion, 10:30 A. M., and evening prayer, 5 P. M.

Special music has been arranged by the Senior Choir for Christmas eve under the direction of Harry H. Smith, Jr. Evening prayer Christmas Day, Miss Sue Byrum will be at the console with the Junior Choir leading the congregational singing.

CIGARETTES STOLEN

Following a wave of petty thievery in Edenton, somebody entered the plant of Spedic Products Company on Oakum Street Saturday night. Only cigarettes were taken from the plant.

The theft was discovered Sunday morning when William Granby, janitor at the Negro schools, noticed some cigarettes under the platform at the Spedic plant, after which he reported to the police.

ENTERTAIN STAFF

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ridgeway entertained members of the Chowan Hospital staff and their friends at their home in Morris Circle Monday night.

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

County and town offices will close at 5 o'clock Wednesday for the Christmas holidays and will remain closed until Monday morning, December 28.

Chowan Hospital Will Again Honor First Baby Born In 1960

The first new baby to arrive at Chowan Hospital in 1960 will receive gifts contributed by local business men, Tom L. Ridgeway, hospital administrator, has announced.

Ridgeway said that gift certificates will be presented to the parents of the lucky New Year baby. The certificates may be exchanged for free baby merchandise given by the sponsoring firms.

Several storks are in the race, according to Ridgeway. It will be very exciting, he said, to see the first baby arrive here first after the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve.

James M. Bond Is Appointed As New School Trustee

Named Monday to Fill Unexpired Term of Late Marvin P. Wilson

Meeting in a joint session Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Town Council and the Edenton School Trustees unanimously appointed James M. Bond as a member of the board.

Mr. Bond was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge Marvin Wilson, who served only about 13 months before his death.

Mr. Bond's appointment raised the question of dual office holding, he also holding an elective office as Town Treasurer. However, it was pointed out that the Edenton School Trustees are operating under a special act of the North Carolina General Assembly passed in 1903. In the law is included a paragraph which states that appointment as a school trustee does not constitute dual office holding. Mr. Bond does receive some remuneration as Town Treasurer, but members of the School Trustees are not paid for their services.

Christmas Mail Is Highest On Record

Postal authorities in Washington estimate the current Christmas mail on a nationwide basis will be the highest on record for both greeting cards and parcels. Postmaster J. L. Chestnutt has announced.

These conclusions are based on samplings of postal receipts made in several major cities across the country which show anticipated increases of 2 to 5 per cent over last year.

Postmaster Chestnutt called attention to the recent action of the Civil Aeronautics Board which approved Postmaster General Summerfield's plan to make use of surplus space on commercial planes to speed the movement by air of first-class mail during the Christmas rush.

The Post Office Department once again plans to deliver all Christmas mail prior to Christmas day as it has for the past several seasons, the Postmaster said.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Edenton's Varsity Club will hold its annual Christmas dance in the Edenton armory Friday night, December 25, from 9 to 11 o'clock.

Chowan Hospital, in cooperation with the Edenton Chamber of Commerce will honor the first baby born in the hospital in 1960.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9288, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

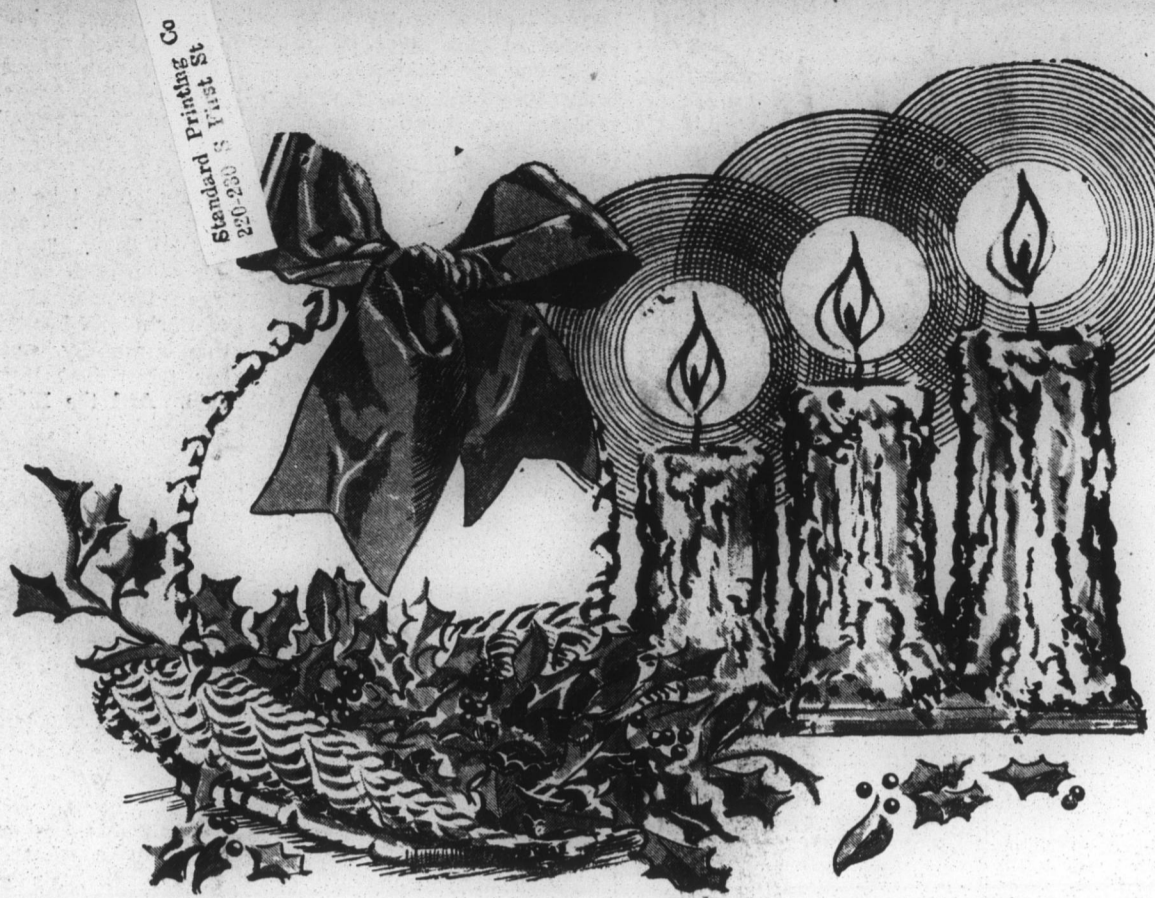
Red Men Tribe Elects New Officers Monday

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night, December 28 at 7:30 o'clock. At this meeting new officers will be elected, so that Clyde Hollowell, sachem of the tribe, urges a full attendance to participate in this very important item of business.

A new slate of officers were nominated at the meeting held Monday night of this week.

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

The Chowan County ASC office will be closed one-half day December 24 for Christmas holidays and open Monday, December 28 at 8:00 A. M. This office will also be closed all day January 1, 1960 for New Year's



merry christmas

We look back over the past year... a good one, full of the enjoyment of life and count ourselves extra fortunate to have friends such as you.

May the coming year have a full measure of happiness. And for this season, again we say,

merry christmas

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Planning March Of Dimes Drive



Plans for the 1960 Chowan County March of Dimes drive in January are mapped out by (left to right) Carlton Jackson, assistant campaign director; William B. Gardner, campaign director; Tom L. Ridgeway, Chowan County National Foundation chairman, and Mrs. James P. Ricks, Jr., 1959 North Carolina Mother of the Year and local publicity chairman. (Photo by James P. Ricks, Jr.)

Farmers In Favor Marketing Quotas Banking Houses Closed Two Days

In the recent cotton marketing quota referendum held December 15, two-hundred and fifty farmers voted. Nineteen farmers voted against quotas for the 1960 crop year.

Two-hundred ninety-one farmers voted in the peanut marketing quota referendum. Seventeen farmers voted against quotas for the 1960, 1961 and 1962 crops.

This was the largest vote Chowan County has had in a number of years.

Two Rotary Meetings Have Been Called Off

Edenton's Rotary Club will not meet this (Thursday) afternoon due to the Christmas holiday.

The meeting for Thursday, December 31, has also been called off due to observance of New Year's Day.

The next meeting will be held Thursday afternoon, January 7.

Dec. 31 Deadline For Conservation Program

The 1959 Agricultural Conservation Program will come to a close on December 31. Farmers who have not completed conservation practices for which cost-sharing has been approved are reminded that the practices must be completed and performance reports made by the date shown on Form ACP-245 in order to qualify for payment.

North Carolina Minimum Wage Law Goes Into Effect January 1

January 1, 1960, will be a red-letter day for more than 55,000 low-wage workers in the Tar Heel State.

On that date a new state law guaranteeing covered employees a minimum wage of at least 75 cents an hour goes into effect. Passage of the North Carolina minimum wage law by the General Assembly on May 7, 1959, made North Carolina the 33rd state in the nation to enact minimum wage legislation. It made the 13th state in the nation to require payment of minimum wages to both men and women workers.

North Carolina also became the first state in the South to establish a statewide, statutory minimum wage.

Enactment of the minimum wage law has been widely acclaimed as a milestone of progress in the economic and social history of the state.

Minimum wage bills had been introduced and defeated in seven previous sessions of the General Assembly, the first in 1939 and then regularly each session from 1947 to 1957. Finally this year the law was enacted with decisive majorities in both houses, notwithstanding the continued vigorous opposition of the low wage industries.

The measure was a cardinal feature in both the 1957 and 1959 administration programs of Governor Luther H. Hodges. Minimum wage legislation had been endorsed and recommended to the legislature by former Governors W. Kerr Scott and William B. Umstead.

The state's need for such a law had been pointed out continuously on Page 6—Section 1.

The Rug Shop New Edenton Concern

Edenton's newest business concern is The Rug Shop, now in operation at 204 South Broad Street in the building formerly occupied by the Western Gas Service.

The Rug Shop carries a complete line of all types of floor, wall and ceiling covering and ceramic specialists. A complete line of Pittsburgh Glass Company products and aluminum awnings is also carried.

A special service is tile laying, wall-to-wall carpet laying and a Duraclean rug and upholstery service, including moth-proofing and fire-proofing.

Operators of the new store are Gene Taylor and Alex Martin, who announce that in connection with the opening five big prizes will be given away with drawings to be held Thursday, December 24, at 9 A. M., and 4 P. M. Friends are invited to visit and inspect the new store and register for the prizes.

IN IRS FIGURE

Last week IRS members at Salem College at Winston-Salem staged their annual Christmas dance. A feature of the affair was when Dr. Gramby called the figures as the IRS members were presented.

Members of the figure presented by the IRS Council included four new freshmen, one of whom was Grace Townson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Townson of Edenton.

School Property At Rocky Hock To Be Resold Jan. 4

New School Trustee



JAMES M. BOND

At a joint meeting of Town Council and the Edenton school trustees held Monday afternoon James M. Bond was unanimously appointed a member of the School Trustees. Mr. Bond was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge Marvin Wilson.

Plans Completed For Varsity Club Christmas Dance

Annual Affair Will Be Held In Local Armory Friday Night Beginning at 9 O'clock

Plans have been completed for the annual Christmas dance sponsored by the Edenton Varsity Club. The dance will be held in the Edenton armory Christmas night, December 25, beginning at 9 o'clock and will end at 1 o'clock.

Music for the dance will be provided by The Notables of Suffolk, an organization well known by local dance enthusiasts. Jess Harrell is president of the Varsity Club and expects this year's dance to be as good or even better than in former years.

Those who have not reserved tables can do so by telephoning 2429 or 2601.

Stores Remain Open Until Nine O'clock

Edenton stores will remain open until 9 o'clock through Thursday of this week for the convenience of shoppers. Most of the stores will remain closed on Christmas Day and the following day Saturday, but will reopen Monday, December 28, as usual.

NO LIONS MEETING

Edenton Lions Club will not meet next Monday night, December 28, due to the Christmas holidays. The next meeting of the club will be held Monday night, January 4, at 7 o'clock.

Providence Church To Reopen Sunday After Fire In 1958

Providence Baptist Church will open its doors for services Sunday, December 27, at 3 P. M. for the first time since the disastrous fire which occurred February 23, 1958.

By the help of God, under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. F. H. LaGarde, the sanctuary has been completed. This has been done through the generous help of friends and the untiring work and help of the officers and members of the church.

The doors will be open to all who wish to enter to worship God in beauty and comfort. Friends are invited to march into the church, with the pastor and members Sunday, December 27, at 3 P. M.

MEETING CALLED OFF

A meeting of Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pochontas, scheduled for tonight (Thursday) has been called off due to the Christmas holiday. The next meeting will be held Thursday night, January 14.

A CORRECTION

In this issue appears two Taylor Theatre advertisements, one of which was inserted by error. The correct advertisement appears on page 8 of this section, with corrections made after Manager Jimmy Earnhardt contacted The Herald from Charlotte Monday night.

High Bid of \$2,000 Is Raised; Difference of Opinion as to Use of Property

The bid for the abandoned Rocky Hock School property has been raised, so that another sale will be held in accordance with law.

The second sale will be held at the Court House door Monday morning, January 4, at 11 o'clock. A committee of three men representing a group of Rocky Hock citizens placed the highest bid on the property at a sale held Monday, December 14, at a price of \$2,000. The three bidders were Paul Ober, Lester Harrell and Murray Lynch.

The starting bid at the sale on January 4 will be \$2,150.

It was stated by one of the committee, Paul Ober, that the purpose of purchasing the property was to provide a recreation center for the Rocky Hock community, especially for teenagers. However, another member of the committee, Lester Harrell, informed The Herald Monday morning that he agreed to be one of the bidders on the assumption that the property would be used primarily as a Rocky Hock Community Building for the benefit of the Home Demonstration Club women, P. Y. Scouts and other community functions and not as a recreation center.

A CLARIFICATION

Concerning the article in last week's paper about the future plans of the Rocky Hock School, Lester Harrell states that he had been misinformed. He understood that the building, if purchased, would be primarily used as a Rocky Hock Community Building for the benefit of the Home Demonstration Club women, the Boy Scouts and other community functions.

20 Years Ago

As Found in the Files of The Chowan Herald

A game of basketball was played in the Edenton armory between fast-stepping William Martin and Olson's Terrible Swedes.

Mr. and Mrs. West Leary were winners in the Christmas decoration contest for residences and Badham's won the prize among business houses.

Taxpayers were notified that property was required to be listed for tax purposes during January instead of April as heretofore. The change was made effective by an act of the Legislature.

One of the most successful dances in several years was held in the armory. It was a Christmas dance sponsored by the Edenton Rotary Club.

Thieves entered the Home Fertilizer Works and carried away 50 gallons of white and gray paint and about 1,000 containers.

The Greatest Gift

The greatest gift is not tied with ribbon,
And holiday paper with tinselled snow;
It more than says, "Merry Christmas", and on
Its merry face no boastful price tags show.
What we give to others is all we'll hold
In our hands when comes the reckoning day;
And all we have or own is never gold,
But just the kindnesses we give away.

The Star that shone from out the East still shines,
Although its lustre man has caused to dim;
And when some day mankind awakes and finds
Itself, we'll know the greatest gift was Him.

—WILBORNE HARRELL.