

Local Christmas Parade Will Be Staged Friday

Shopping Season Is Being Opened By Annual Event

A gala Christmas parade will be held in downtown Edenton Friday afternoon, ushering in the yule shopping season and being highlighted by the arrival of Santa Claus.

The parade will begin at 4 P. M. Thousands of spectators from throughout the Albemarle area are

'Bartered Bride' Set By Society On December 16

"The Bartered Bride" has been acclaimed by historians and music lovers as the most popular and universally appealing comic opera ever written. Its attractive melodies, catchy rhythm and romantic and comic situations appeal to young and old.

It will be presented December 16 at the College of the Albemarle.

Because of its attractive scenic and costume effects, its beautiful and catchy music, its intriguing plot and the fact that all the performing arts are featured, this work has a long history of sparking arts movements in various parts of the world, in America and in North Carolina. It is hoped it will produce similar effects on the talents and people of the Albemarle.

The production is under the general direction of Dr. Clifford Bair, who appeared in the world premier of the English version in Chicago and has since produced it many times in North Carolina and other parts of the country. Scott Calloway is acting as music director and conductor, with Roy Askew as stage director. Mrs. Lucy Vaughn is technical director and Pat Twiddy is in charge of the dancing.

The entire project is being sponsored by the College of the Albemarle Concert and Lecture Series. Mrs. Nelson Cheers and Mrs. Myrtle Pritchard, presidents of the Southwest and Northeast Divisions of the Albemarle Choral Society, have been active in the planning of the production.

The directors are warm in their praise and appreciation of the Edenton group for their faithfulness and loyal support of the production. Edentonians starring in "The Bartered Bride" are Mrs. Emily Amburn as Ludmilla, Sam Braswell as Kezai, the marriage broker and Charles Overman as the bartender.

Members of the chorus are Mrs. Nell Jones, Mrs. Grace Wallace, Mrs. Marginette Lassiter, Mrs. Esther Elliott, Mrs. Willie B. Moore, Mrs. Celine Hunt, Miss Faye Cartwright, Mrs. Lena Leary, Garth Ferguson and Fred Ashley.

Mayo Selects Committee Heads

President Hiram Mayo has appointed members of 12 standing committees of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce and designated chairmen for the groups.

The committee assignments were released this week by Robert Moore, chamber executive vice president, from his office at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

J. Gilliam Wood heads the industrial committee while Dr. Richard Hardin is president of the airport commission and will work in the same capacity with the chamber.

George Lewis is chairman of new quarters, W. J. P. Earnhardt, tourist, Britton Byrum, merchants, Wesley Chesson, agriculture, Dr. Ed Bond, education, E. L. Hollowell, membership, Shelton Moore, highway, West Byrum, downtown, W. S. Privott, governmental affairs, and L. F. Amburn, Jr., publicity.

BAND PARENTS

The Band Parents of John A. Holmes High School will meet at 7:30 P. M., Monday in the band room at the school, according to Mrs. Artje Ange, president.

expected here for the parade. Miss Jean Clark, chairman of the BPW sponsored event, said units will begin gathering at John A. Holmes High School at 3 P. M. She encouraged all units and parade participants to be prompt in assembling so the parade will not be held up.

The parade route is straight down Broad Street to Water Street where the units will disband.

Santa Claus will be on the Green in front of Chowan County Court House to greet children.

Edenton merchants have again been generous in their contributions to provide treats for all children attending the parade. Children in school will receive tickets for their treats at school. Smaller children will be given their sacks of goodies without a ticket.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Edwin Bufflap will represent Edenton's Town Council in the parade due to a conflict in engagements demanding that Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., be in Raleigh.

"I am dreadfully sorry that I will not be able to attend this parade which each year means a great deal to our town," the mayor said. "However, the nature of the Raleigh meeting is such that it is a must that I attend," he said. "From past experience I know the BPW, in cooperation with local merchants, will stage a beautiful parade and one which will bring much credit to this entire area."

W. B. Gardner, town administrator, said the town's electric department has completed downtown decorations and the colorful lights will be turned on during the parade.

Miss Clark said more than 60 units have agreed to participate in the event this year. "We believe this will be a nice parade and one everyone in town will be proud of," the chairman said.

Five Democrats In House Race

Democrats in the First Congressional District will find five names on the ballot December 18 when they go to the polls to nominate a candidate for Rep. Herbert Bonner's seat in Washington.

Walter Jones of Farmville was the first to announce as a candidate. This was followed by an announcement last week by Roger Jackson of Murfreesboro.

As the deadline neared for candidates to file their intentions to seek the nomination, speculation increased that it would be a Jones-Jackson race.

However, this was wiped away Monday when traffic was heavy in the State Board of Elections office in Raleigh.

Before the noon deadline, three additional candidates had filed, including Mrs. Sara E. Small of Williamston, a Negro housewife and Civil Rights worker.

Dr. O. Woodrow Pittman of Ahsokie and C. Don Langston of Winterville round out the Democrats in the race.

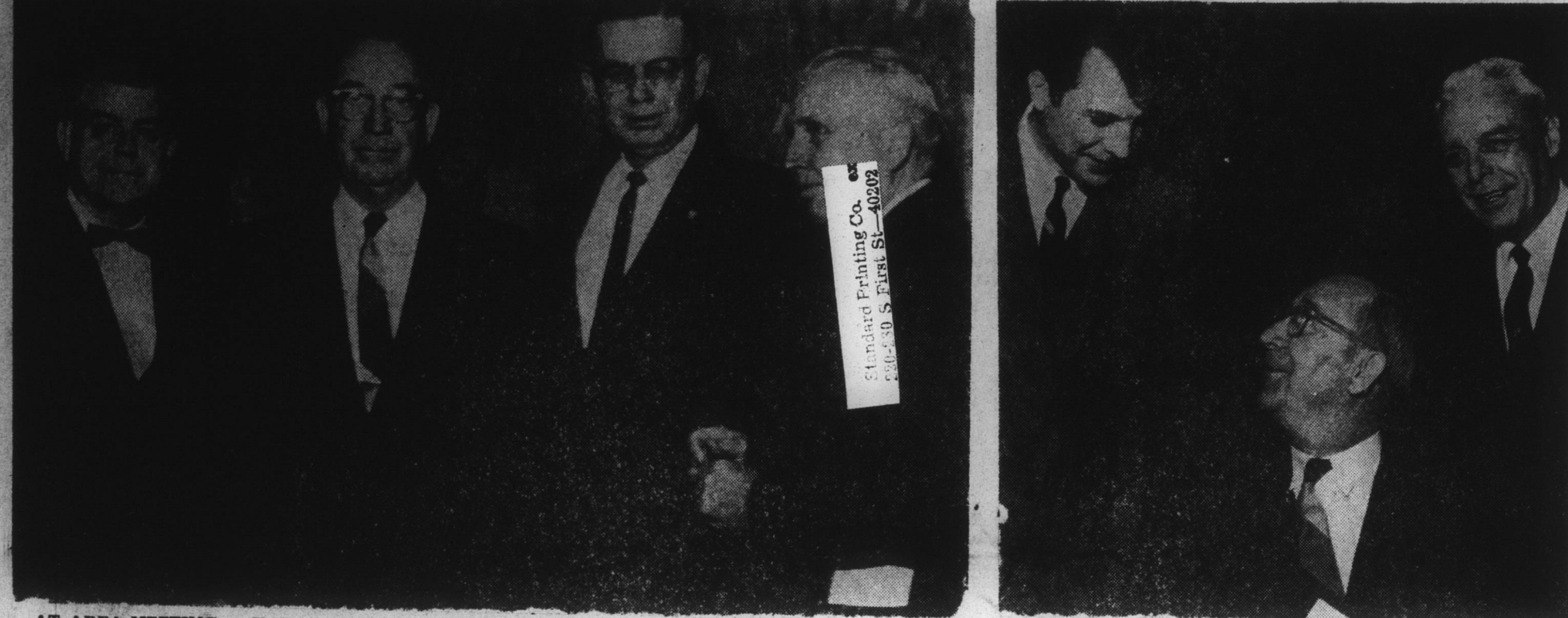
The lone Republican to file was Dr. John E. East of Greenville.

AADA Meeting Slated Tonight

The annual meeting of Albemarle Area Development Association will be held tonight (Thursday) at Elizabeth City Armory.

Dr. Leo Jenkins, president of East Carolina College in Greenville, will be the principal speaker.

A highlight of the annual meeting is the awards program during which top communities will be presented and other awards given.



AT AREA MEETING — U. S. Senator B. Everett Jordan was the center of attention here Monday night at the Northeastern Area meeting of soil conservation supervisors. At left the junior senator from North Carolina is pictured with Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., L. C. Bunch of Chowan, district chairman, and A. C. Edwards of Greene County, area chairman, Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., of Chowan, and State Sen. Emmett Winslow of Hertford get in a few words with Sen. Jordan prior to the banquet at National Guard Armory.

Senator Jordan Cites Advances In Area Farming

Citing the progress being made in Eastern North Carolina and the importance of agriculture to the economy of this state, U. S. Senator B. Everett Jordan has pledged his continued support to aid and improve farm and conservation practices.

In a speech here Monday night, Sen. Jordan called this area "one of the best bread baskets of America." He said this is due to good farm and conservation practices.

Speaking at the Northeastern Area conservation rally at National Guard Armory attended by nearly 400 from 19 counties, the speaker warned that one cannot conserve something he doesn't have. Tar Heels is blessed with good soil, a good climate and good people. Therefore, it is more important than ever before to take steps to conserve our natural resources.

"Our economy gets better each year because of good conservation practices," the lawmaker said as he praised the work being done by professional and lay workers.

After pointing to important agricultural legislation passed in the last session of Congress, Sen. Jordan added: "It is getting harder and harder to pass any kind of farm legislation that costs any money." He attributed this to the fact that more and more representatives and senators are coming from cities.

Such legislation is important to North Carolina, he said, because this state ranks tops in the nation in the

Saturday Last Day To Register

Saturday is the final day to register to vote in the special Democratic primary on December 18 to nominate a candidate for the First Congressional District seat.

West W. Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections, said registrars in the county's precincts will be at their respective polling places Saturday to register anyone not yet on the books.

Challenge Day is December 11.

Basketball Season Opens Friday For Edenton

Edenton Aces open the cage season here Friday night against Pasquotank Central and Coach Jim Kinion is pleased with the team's progress in the first week of drills.

Coach Kinion has three starters back from the 1964 squad which posted a 16-6 record and was in second place in conference play.

Returning are Charles Swanner, a 6 ft. 3 in. guard; Bill Griffin, 6 ft. 8 in. center, and Wes Chesson, 6 ft. 1 in. guard. Dwight Flanagan, a 5 ft. 10 in. guard, saw only limited action at the end of the season, being sidelined most of the year with a broken arm. Rounding out the squad is Thomas Willis, a 5 ft. 11 in. forward.

Other members of the cage squad will be Rusty Bootwright, Donald Pierce, a

transfer from D. F. Walker High School, Mike Overton, Tony Webb, Randy Hollowell, Joe Stokley, Brian Twiddy and Mike Spruill. Twiddy or Spruill will start in Griffin's place until he returns.

Coach Kinion said Chesson has been slowed in practice due to football injuries. The team will also be without the services of Griffin in early games because of his participation in the Shrine Bowl football game this week in Charlotte.

The Aces have drilled only a few times because all the players with the exception of Willis were on the grid squad which won the Regional 2-A crown last Wednesday night.

Coach Kinion says the Aces will be a big, fast

squad that when they get "the football out of them" will be able to run and shoot with the best of them.

The coach believes the first few conference games are the most crucial and if the Aces can go into the Christmas holiday break with a good record they will be tough the remainder of the season. The team has five of its 18 conference tilts prior to Christmas.

The team goes to Chowan High School Saturday night and journeys to Bertie Tuesday for the second conference game. On December 10 they meet Hertford and then go on the road to play Gates on December 14 and Northampton on December 17.

The Aces will play a combination of defenses while the offensive attack is yet undetermined.

Coach Kinion said the Albemarle Conference is stronger this year than in 1964 and the calibre of basketball in the area is getting better each year. So is competition as each school brings along better teams.

He said Scotland Neck and Ahsokie will be the big guns in the league, thereby giving the Aces their toughest games. Northampton, last year's champion, lost the top six players on the squad and are not expected to be among the contenders this year.

When questioned further about the Aces this year, Coach Kinion said, "After four practice sessions we are as far along as I had hoped for."

The girls' game starts at 7 P. M. and the boys' contest will follow.



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The Public Parade

KEEP IT LOCAL—A local woman was overheard this week telling a friend she had completed her Christmas shopping.

"And surprisingly enough I was able to find all my gifts in Edenton," she said.

Her surprise is a credit to merchants along The Public Parade who have shopped markets themselves to acquire a wide variety of merchandise for the holiday season.

If a local resident is honest about the matter, it will be admitted that day in and day out there are but few items which cannot be purchased from local merchants. Shopping at home should be a habit and not a rarity.

Consider the time and money spent in driving out of town to buy and one will find that bargains are plentiful in Edenton.

However, the main thing to consider is outside merchants don't add a dime to the local economy. This fact should be uppermost in our minds throughout the year and not only during the holiday season.

Before you risk your life on the busy highways and big city congestion, shop at home first. You, too, may be pleasantly surprised at what you find.

WIDE VARIETY — Edenton Methodist Church is becoming one of the best eating establishments along The Public Parade. But actually, it isn't as bad as it would seem.

Recently the women of the church had a very successful chicken salad plate sale. There has also been a lot of interest in the two pickled herring breakfasts held this season.

Now things are doubling up for the Methodist chefs. The monthly PHB will be held Saturday with 7 A. M. to 9 A. M., with all you can eat for \$1.

The church is currently involved in a funds campaign and the young folks wanted to do their share. They decided on a barbecue dinner on Saturday, December 11.

Plates are selling for \$1.25 and the church fellowship hall will be the center of activity while the plates will be delivered to the homes.

And for those who don't like pickled herring or barbecue, Cliff Shoaf serves up some good food for thought every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. So you see, the Methodists in Edenton can suit the most discriminating of tastes.

REDISCOVERY—One candidate for Congress in the forthcoming primary advocates letting the "people" have a voice in Washington. This is a popular plank for anyone's platform.

On the same card he advocates a "program of progress for the First District through conservative and constitutional principles." This, too, is commendable.

But, let's see now. Isn't this the same man who for so long has been in bed with this state's most liberal wing of the Democratic Party?

Yes! People and conservatism have been rediscovered.

Oh well, politics do make strange bedfellows.

Legal Tangle Holds Up Bank

Peoples Bank & Trust Company's application for permission to open a drive-in branch on North Broad Street was approved last week by the State Banking Commission.

However, court action was immediately started by First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina to halt the move.

The Jacksonville based bank filed a suit in Wake Superior Court and a hearing on the matter is scheduled for Monday in Raleigh.

First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina has attempted for some time to open an office here but are faced with a federal court injunction obtained by the local bank.

In Marijuana Case

Tango Matthews Guilty

William Tango Matthews of Elizabeth City has been convicted in Chowan Superior Court for growing marijuana in this county.

An all-male jury deliberated

at length before returning the guilty verdict against the Negro farmer. Judge William J. Bundy delayed sentencing the defendant until later in the week.

Trial of the marijuana case took the better part of a day in a court which had a light docket.

The field in Yeopim where marijuana had been grown was found by agents of the State Bureau of Investigation in late September.



ROGER JACKSON

Jackson Seeks Primary Support

Former Hertford County Rep. Roger R. Jackson, Jr., of Murfreesboro, has formally announced his candidacy for Congress from the First Congressional District in the special Democratic Primary December 18.

Jackson, 37, stated his filing fee would be submitted to the State Board of Elections this week. He said he had submitted his resignation, effective immediately, from his present job as Executive Director of Chowanoke Area Development Association.

From 1961 through 1964 Jackson served as Assistant to the Chairman and Public Relations Officer of the North Carolina State Highway Commission. He represented Hertford County in the 1959 and 1961 Sessions of the General Assembly, where he served as Chairman of the House Committee on

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Cheek Named ESC Manager

Rupert E. Cheek of Kinston has replaced William A. Hollar as manager of the local Employment Security Commission office.

Hollar, who assumed the local post in July, 1962, has been promoted and transferred to the ESC office in Lumberton.

The new manager is a 20-year veteran with the Employment Security Commission. All of his service has been in Kinston.

A World War II veteran, Cheek is a graduate of Wake Forest College. He is a Mason, a member of the American Legion, and Forty & Eight organizations.

Cheek is married and the father of one son. The Cheeks are Baptists. The manager plans to move his family to Edenton around January 1, 1966.

The local Employment Security Commission office, located on North Broad Street, has a staff of five. The office is responsible for ESC activity in Chowan, Gates, Perquimans and Tyrrell counties.

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Masons Will Elect Officers

A stated communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

Carroll Boyce, master of the lodge announced that a special item of business will be the election of new officers for the coming year, and for that reason urges a large attendance.



CHANGE IN COMMAND—William A. Hollar, left, head of the local Employment Security Commission office for more than three years, is pictured with Rupert E. Cheek of Kinston who has been assigned here. Hollar is going to Lumberton.