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MERCHANTS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Spires Selects Sixteen On Chowan Hospitality Group

Every Phase of County's Activities Represented On Committee

MAY ADD OTHERS

Meeting Will Be Called Shortly After Holiday Season

E. W. Spires, who was selected by Governor Clyde Hoey as chairman of the Governor's Hospitality Committee for Chowan County in connection with the State-wide hospitality program, named his local committee Tuesday morning, which includes 16 associates in carrying out the purpose of the campaign, which primarily is to welcome and bestow hospitality upon any visitors or tourists who chance to stop in our midst. In selecting this committee Mr. Spires stated that it was his purpose to name those who were representatives of the county's various activities in the hope that full cooperation is assured to the end that Chowan will continue to uphold its reputation of cordially greeting visitors and making them feel like they would like to come back.

Those chosen by Mr. Spires to assist in the important work are as follows:

- D. M. Warren, chairman of the County Commissioners.
- J. H. McMullan, Mayor of Edenton.
- Mrs. S. M. McMullan, librarian of Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.
- Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan County Home agent.
- W. J. Taylor, superintendent of Chowan County schools.
- John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton Graded Schools.
- J. A. Bunch, Sheriff of Chowan County.
- G. A. Helms, Chief of Police of Edenton.
- John W. Graham, president of Edenton Rotary Club.
- William S. Privott, president of Edenton Lions Club.
- G. B. Potter, commander of Ed Bond Post, American Legion.
- Mrs. Wm. B. Shepard, president of American Legion Auxiliary.
- J. Edwin Bufflap, editor of The Chowan Herald.
- J. H. Conger, president of Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.
- R. D. Dixon, Clerk Superior Court of Chowan County.
- N. K. Rowell, Chowan County Farm Agent.

Mr. Spires is very anxious to have a meeting with all the members of the committee, but due to the holiday season, has withheld calling them together until immediately after the holidays. At that time he hopes to have a 100 percent attendance when plans will be outlined.

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Free Show At Taylor Theatre On Dec. 23rd

All Asked Bring Presents For Unfortunate In Community

E. W. Taylor, owner of the Taylor Theatre, was so enthused and impressed with the reception of the benefit show that he gave last Christmas that he is going to give another this Christmas.

Everybody is invited to this free show, which will take place on Thursday morning, December 23, at 11 o'clock for children and grown-ups alike. Everyone that is able is requested to bring toys, fruits, candies, magazines, etc. The gifts thus collected will be turned over to the local Red Cross Chapter for distribution to the poor of the county. Mrs. J. W. Pruden, county chairman, will be in charge of the distribution.

The program includes a Zane Grey picture, "Sage Valley," with a musical interlude, and also a variety of other attractions. It is hoped that a large number of people will be present.

JURY FIRED!

An interesting topic for conversation in Edenton developed Tuesday morning when Judge R. Hunt Parker lost patience with one of the juries in Superior Court, resulting in him ordering them to be dismissed, paid off and told to go home. The jury in question had heard the testimony against A. R. Chappell, whose attorneys put no witnesses on the stand nor made any plea to the jury. The judge instructed a verdict of guilty, but upon being summoned twice, Wood Privott, spokesman for the jurymen, said a decision had not been reached.

Thereupon the judge showed his displeasure as well as his authority, ordered Clerk of Court Dixon to pay them off. "I don't want 12 such men to sit in a jury in my court," rebuked Mr. Parker, "you are dismissed, get out and go home."

They did as ordered that time!

Councilmen Urge Use Of Town Lot For Parking Cars

Plot Now Used Very Little By Drivers of Automobiles

Added to the already vexatious parking problem, Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night were reminded of the crowded condition in the business section, especially on Saturdays, and a discussion ensued relative to a remedy for the situation, especially during the holiday season.

It was suggested by the Councilmen that more general parking be done on the town lot at the corner of Broad and Water Streets, which it was thought would in some measure relieve parking on Broad Street. It was further suggested that merchants themselves and employees in the downtown section, thoughtlessly, no doubt, monopolize choice parking space that very readily could be left vacant for shoppers coming into town. In this regard the Councilmen hoped that local citizens would be as considerate as possible at least during the next few weeks, thus providing better convenience for shoppers as well as benefit to merchants.

Town Appropriates \$15 For Best Outside Holiday Decoration

Town Council on Tuesday night voted to again this year appropriate \$15 for two prizes for the best outside Christmas decoration in Edenton, the same amount as in the past several years. However, this year the amount will be turned over to the Garden Club, which organization has been asked to distribute the prize money in the best way seen fit.

Stores Open Nights

Beginning Monday night, practically every store in Edenton will remain open at night until 9 o'clock for the convenience of Christmas shoppers, giving an entire week for those to shop who find it inconvenient to do so during the day.

Clerks will be taxed to the utmost during the holiday rush and for that reason it is hoped shoppers will do their buying as early as possible.

Large stocks of appropriate merchandise have been secured by merchants and to secure choice selections shopping should be done now.



Large Stocks Include Every Conceivable Kind Of Gifts

ARE YOU READY?

"Is there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said . . . What shall I give Aunt Tiz for Christmas?"

From the four corners of the town and county they are hustling and scurrying to get that one last present, to start out on that enormous list they've been adding to ever since every merchant started making over his store, stringing festive colors and lights, and has announced "We're ready for Christmas, Are you?"

Minor catastrophes are taking place daily. Children are wandering off in a hunt for Santa Claus. The very velocipede little Henry wanted has been sold and Ma starts off in a panic to find its duplicate. Whoever said there wasn't a Santa Claus has lost his senses.

The little ones are being good and mothers are getting exhausted. Merchants are trade tiptoeing and waiting for the last spurt that will bring them to the home plate in a state of collapse. Even those early birds who wrapped their last Christmas gift long before Thanksgiving aren't smiling smugly over the rush.

Only nine days more and Old Kris will be here! Are you ready for him? Edenton stores are ready for you, ready as never before.

Edenton Stores Never Appeared More Attractive

NINE DAYS MORE

Absolutely Unnecessary To Go Elsewhere to Do Shopping

Nine days more and Christmas will be here!

The thrill of Christmas is in the air everywhere. We see it in Neighbor Smith whose face is lighted up by an inward glow that won't be suppressed, thinking, perhaps, of the toy home building outfit he's to buy for Billy, or the little kitchen set for three-year-old Jean, or the long postponed range for mother.

We see it, too, in the face of Neighbor Smith's daughter, who packs a world of joy into just the planning for Christmas, and for the pretty things she's going to give her friends and intimates.

Above all we see it in the face of the throngs of Christmas shoppers, rejoicing, as one, that they are able to give. We feel it ourselves when we buy or make presents for our dear ones. We feel it when we dress the Christmas tree with its glistening trifles, and happily place about it those gifts we've already experienced a thrill in buying.

And in the stores, our stores, for we should view Edenton shops as our own, the spirit of Christmas can be seen on every hand. Shelves have been restocked with the best the land offers. Windows have been decorated with all the beauties of the season. Clerks and owners are amiable with the pleasure they feel at privileging the last minute shoppers to find exactly what they may be seeking.

Never before, perhaps, have the Edenton stores looked so fine. Never before, of a certainty, have they put forth their best effort to display and sell. Those who unpatriotically go elsewhere for their Christmas doo-dads should first try at home. In quantity and superlative excellence and cheapness of price, the same things can be bought in Edenton.

There are plenty of these unpatriotic ones and, maybe, Christmas is not the time to recall this fact. But it continues to remain a strange and non-understandable thing how incomes derived in Edenton and spent elsewhere, how Edenton can be relied upon to feed, but not to clothe or adorn. Yet such a trait is common and the ones possessing it should be ashamed.

Edenton merchants have put themselves out this year to hold your attraction. They rely upon your patronage, they depend upon your purse. Any other viewpoint would be but blarney. And by your patronage and your purse, so they exist.

This issue of The Herald is filled with references to the offerings for the homefolks. Follow these offerings carefully, compare them with advertisements of other city shops, and the realization will soon come that better things at less price can be bought in Edenton than elsewhere.

Let the Spirit of Christmas guide you right. Do your Christmas shopping at home, and do it now.

White Christmas At Local M. E. Church On Sunday Night

A white Christmas will be observed at the Edenton Methodist Church on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, when members of the congregation and friends are asked to bring gifts to be distributed among the less fortunate in the community. In bringing these gifts, Rev. George W. Blount, the pastor, urges that they be in the way of staple groceries and not to include fruit or candy.

In connection with the white Christmas, appropriate music will be given and a reading of Christmas Carols. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

At the morning service the pastor will preach a Christmas sermon, which will be featured by special Christmas music.

Rowell Calls Meeting December Term Of Superior Court Ends Morning At Theatre

R. W. Graeber Will Explain Present Timber Land Situation AT 10 O'CLOCK

Timber One of Eastern Carolina's Greatest Crops

N. K. Rowell, Chowan County Agent, has called a meeting for today (Thursday) at 10 a. m. at the Taylor Theatre to which everybody interested in timber is cordially invited. The speaker for the occasion will be R. W. Graeber, extension forester of State College, Raleigh.

Mr. Graeber has been in this work for the past 18 years and will be able to assist those present with any problems they may have.

"One of our greatest crops in Eastern North Carolina is our forest trees," says Mr. Rowell, "and yet they have been sadly neglected. Many farms have been paid for from the sale of timber. I realize that most of our timber land has been cut over, but by proper management it can be brought back to a profitable state."

"Under the present conditions, I am sure the outlook for a profit from forest trees is as good if not better than any other crop, if they are properly cared for."

Mr. Rowell requests a large attendance at the Taylor Theatre Thursday morning, the meeting being held there due to Superior Court being in session in the Court House. There will be no smoking allowed during the meeting.

White Christmas At Baptist Church Sunday

As has been the custom in the Edenton Baptist Church for many years, a white Christmas will be observed on Sunday morning, when gifts for the unfortunate are asked to be brought at both the Sunday School and church hour. The pulpit will be appropriately decorated in white and whatever baskets or gifts are brought should be deposited in the front of the church auditorium.

MR. WOODARD BETTER
The condition of J. A. Woodard, who has been seriously ill at his home was said to be somewhat improved Wednesday. He is, however, still a very sick man.

December Term Of Superior Court Ends Wednesday Morning

Term Attracts Smallest Group of Spectators In Long Time

PARKER STERN

Ernest Drew Given Two Years In Prison For Patricide

With one of the smallest crowds on hand in a long time the December term of Chowan Superior Court was opened on Monday and brought to a conclusion yesterday. Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, presided in his usual forceful way, and enlivened proceedings a bit on Tuesday when he minced no words in dismissing peremptorily a jury panel for refusal to follow his instructions.

The jurist arrived a bit late Monday, but lost no time in getting started, impaneling a grand jury in a few minutes and making a vigorous charge largely directed at reckless motoring and highway fatalities. He instructed the inquirers as to the interpretation of the law in the seven criminal cases which would be brought before them, and in true Yuletide spirit, admonished the jurymen to give the defendants the benefit of any doubt in deciding upon indictments. The charge was a brief one.

Only one grand jurymen was excused, the fortunate one being Ep Debnam, who is at present assisting in the work of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative. R. C. Holland, president of the Cooperative, asked that Mr. Debnam be excused, and the request was at once granted, the court, however, remarking that he would slate Mr. Debnam for service at the next term.

The grand jury as finally selected with W. A. Everett named as foreman, was comprised otherwise of T. J. Bell, W. T. Smith, George H. Privott, Earl Goodwin, M. C. Hobbs, E. E. Privott, J. E. Jackson, W. H. Hollowell, W. T. Satterfield, J. H. Ward, G. E. Hassell, H. T. Hobbs, George P. Byrum, Thomas Hoskins, George Norris, C. D. Privott and N. Bunch.

On Tuesday the grand jurors had finished their labors and had made one of the briefest reports of recent record, stating that except for the need of two heaters and window
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24 Warehouses Now Cooperating In P-Nut Stabilization Scheme

R. C. Holland Assured Capital and Warehouse Facilities

With 24 warehouses already cooperating in the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, of which R. C. Holland is president, the peanut growing territory of the state is adequately covered, and peanuts are being bought not only in North Carolina, but in South Carolina and Virginia as well.

Mr. Holland is very well pleased with the amount of business being done and has been assured that sufficient capital is available and adequate warehouse room has been promised to carry the program to a successful conclusion. Many of the tobacco warehouses in the peanut growing belt have been offered for storage of peanuts, and according to Mr. Holland, a land office business is in progress at the various warehouses which are cooperating in the movement.

J. N. ELLIOTT VERY ILL
Friends will regret to know that J. N. Elliott continues seriously ill at his home on Church Street.

Better Light Up

Attention to the practice of bicyclists riding at night in Edenton without lights was brought to the attention of Town Council at their monthly meeting Tuesday night. Several accidents have been narrowly averted recently as the result of boys riding without lights and dashing from behind parked automobiles.

No formal action was taken in the matter, it being the opinion that a State law requires all vehicles to have lights at night and the police will warn any offenders in the future.