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Edenton Mecca For Xmas Shoppers

Chowan's Farmers Strongly In Favor Marketing Quotas

85% Vote for Tobacco And 91.6% For Cotton Control

COTTON CURBED

Result of Lack of Tobacco Quota Appears Problematical

Had the farmers generally voted as they did in Chowan County last Saturday, there would be little doubt as to the continuation of the government's marketing quotas for tobacco and cotton in 1939. Though returns show that the tobacco referendum failed to secure the necessary two-thirds majority, Chowan voted 136 for tobacco control and 24 against or 85 per cent in favor of maintaining the quota.

As for cotton, in the county's four townships 538 voted for control with only 49 opposing the measure, or a percentage of 91.6 favoring the quota arrangement.

Nationally, the cotton program won when 84 per cent of the farmers voted in favor of marketing quotas. In the tobacco referendum, however, a majority signified their desire to cooperate with the government, 57 per cent voting in favor of control, but this total lacked the necessary 66 2-3 majority to carry the marketing program.

Chowan's vote was as follows.

Tobacco		
	For	Against
Edenton Township	74	16
Middle Township	27	1
Upper Township	5	0
Yeopim Township	30	7
	136	24
Cotton		
	For	Against
Edenton Township	161	22
Middle Township	148	15
Upper Township	133	2
Yeopim Township	96	10
	538	49

Just what effect the result of Saturday's voting will have on conditions generally is problematical. There are those who firmly believe that with the absence of control measures for tobacco, many farmers will greatly increase their acreage, thus producing a much larger surplus and consequently resulting in disastrous prices. Others, too, believe that in view of this fact it will be more difficult to borrow money on crops as well as secure fertilizer for use on farms.

Contributions Lag For Stocking Fund

Appeal Made For Immediate Response By Friends

With Christmas rapidly approaching, the Christmas Stocking Fund at present is greatly lacking in contributions, and to date is running far behind last year. According to Miss Louise Coke, the names of 70 children have already been presented to be remembered on Christmas eve. This number will be added to as reports of investigations are made, and is expected to exceed the 100 mark, which number received stockings last year.

Miss Coke wants it to be generally known that while the Stocking Fund originated in St. Paul's Church, neither the recipients of gifts or contributions are confined to that church. It is an effort to remember all children in the community, regardless of church affiliation, who might not otherwise be remembered on Christmas. In view of this fact, contributions are solicited from any person interested, and these contributions should be made at once, so that those in charge of this worthy cause can make proper plans to purchase what will be placed in each stocking.

Aside from Miss Coke, Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr., and Miss Sarah Jones will be glad to receive any donation.

HE'S ON HIS WAY, FOLKS!



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Days Until Christmas SHOP Now...and Save Time and Trouble

Cross Roads Community House No Longer A Vision Says Mrs. Warner Evans

Incoming Day Tuesday Proves Very Successful

INSPECT SCHOOL

Mrs. J. B. Spillman Principal Speaker on Program

"Our community house is no longer a vision and our hearts are filled with gratitude for the cooperation and interest shown in our efforts," joyfully remarked Mrs. B. Warner Evans at the close of the morning program in the Chowan High School auditorium as part of Incoming Day. Mrs. Evans is chairman of the ways and means committee of the Chowan Woman's Club which organization conceived the necessity of a community building, and by overcoming great obstacles, she and her fellow club members now cherish the fact that actual construction will soon be under way on the building with the help of WPA.

Though the audience in the morning was not as large as was hoped for, it was an attentive and interested group who enjoyed a well-balanced program.

The principal speaker for the occasion was Mrs. J. B. Spillman, vice chairman of the N. C. Unemployment Commission.

"The National Youth Administration, the Civilian Conservation Corps camps and the Public Works Administration, all established in the United States by the Roosevelt administration, are three of the greatest movements ever started in this nation," Mrs. Spillman told the gathering.

Mrs. Spillman, known to hundreds of Chowan county people as Miss Johnetta Webb, returned to her home county with a message which lent inspiration and encouragement to the efforts being made to raise this section's contribution, aided by a PWA grant, for a community house, as a community center. Since the days of (Continued on Page Five)

Booby Prize

Not to be outdone by Town Council in offering prizes for the most attractive Christmas decorations in town, the Chamber of Commerce has also decided to award a prize. This prize, however, will go to the merchant whose place of business shows the least desire to decorate.

The prize was not made known, but may likely be a brass ring or skull cap.

Prizes

Aside from favoring this year's Christmas decorations in the business section, Town Council will again this year offer prizes for the most attractively decorated residence and business establishment.

As was done last year, \$15 was appropriated Tuesday night as prizes in the two groups. The Garden Club will be asked to determine the winners.

Edenton Sporting Best Holiday Dress In Town's History

O. B. Perry Decides to Do It Right or Not At All

MUCH COMMENT

Beautiful Sight as One Approaches Business Section

Edenton this Christmas will experience the most elaborate holiday decorations in the history of the town, and already the most favorable comments have been heard about the attractive appearance of the business section.

The major portion of credit for this year's decorations goes to O. B. Perry, who together with W. M. Wilkins and Graham Byrum were appointed by Town Council to arrange for the Town's holiday dress. Mr. Perry has taken almost full responsibility for the decorations and has been showered with congratulations for his interest and good taste. (Continued on Page Eight)

Midnight Christmas Eve Service At St. Paul's

The Christmas services at St. Paul's will be a midnight communion on Christmas eve, and service Christmas Day at 11 A. M. The vestry is asking the congregation to be as generous as it can in the Christmas offering so that repairs and so on made at the church and rectory may be taken care of. The vestry is anxious that St. Paul's carry over no deficit this year.

Benefit Show At Taylor Theatre On Thursday, Dec. 22

All Requested to Bring Presents to Be Distributed Among Poor

SHOW FREE

Distribution Will Be In Charge of Red Cross Chapter

As has been the custom the past few years, the Taylor Theatre will again give a benefit show this year for the poor and needy. This show will be held Thursday morning, December 22, at 11 o'clock. There will be no admission charge, but all who can are asked to bring something for the needy of the community. What is collected will be turned over to the Red Cross for distribution.

Manager Jimmy Earnhardt asks those who attend this free show to bring something that will be of some good to the poor but requests nothing perishable to be included in the list. As a suggestion he names any kind of groceries, canned goods, clothing or toys.

A specially selected picture for this occasion has been secured which features Ann Gillis, Robert Kent and June Travis in "Little Orphan Annie."

Last year's benefit show far exceeded expectations when a large quantity of materials was distributed among the town's unfortunates and Mr. Earnhardt hopes this year's contributions will exceed that amount.

The show begins at 11 o'clock, but the doors will be open 15 minutes before that hour.

White Christmas Service At Methodist Church On Sunday

Methodists will observe a White Christmas service in the church on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, when everyone attending is asked to bring a present for the less fortunate of the community. Rev. W. C. Benson, the pastor, is hopeful that a large congregation will be on hand and that a substantial amount of gifts will result from this service.

At the same time a short Christmas program will be rendered by the Sunday School and presents distributed to members of the primary and junior departments of the Sunday School.

White Christmas At Baptist Church Sunday

Baptists will observe a white Christmas Sunday morning at the Sunday School hour. At this time every one attending is asked to bring a present which will later be distributed to the poor of the community.

Merchants Stocked With Every Conceivable Sort Of Merchandise For Presents

Santa On Parade

Santa Claus will parade in Edenton Friday night and all youngsters are asked to come down to see him. He will lead the Edenton High School band in a parade through the business section which will interest every kiddie in town. The parade will begin at 8 o'clock.

Santa will not only parade, but he will be loaded down with peanuts and candy which he will hand out to all of his little friends—that is if they are good little boys and girls.

Christmas Dance Is Expected To Be Largest In Years

Many Have Expressed Intention of Attending Affair

ON DECEMBER 26

Advance Tickets on Sale at Three Local Drug Stores

Following widespread advertising in adjacent towns and conversations wherever he has gone, W. P. (Spec) Jones feels very optimistic about the big dance to be staged in the Armory on December 26. He is even willing to predict, following numerous promises of dance enthusiasts to attend, that the affair will be the largest and most successful held in Edenton in recent years.

The dance has been widely advertised and all arrangements have been practically completed, and aside from out-of-town guests, Mr. Jones figures it is an ideal time for Edenton dancers to enjoy the dance.

It is sponsored by Ed Bond Post of the American Legion which in itself will be reason for many to attend. Music will be furnished by Hal Thurston and his swing orchestra of Rocky Mount.

Advance tickets have been put on sale which will afford a saving of 50 cents for those who buy a ticket before the night of the dance. These tickets may be purchased at Leggett & Davis, Mitchener's and Sutton's drug stores.

MISS BRYAN ILL

Edenton friends sympathize with Miss Tunis Bryan in the recent sudden death of her father. Miss Bryan, who was beautician with Mrs. Howard Jackson for some months, is now quite ill at her home in Farmville.

Not Dead

Though very little more is heard about a bus for the Edenton High School band, Director C. L. McCullers has not given up the idea and feels very optimistic that ere the summer is very far under way, he will have transportation facilities to take his band for appearances in other communities.

He says he is assured of \$300 from parents of children in the band, and loyal friends have offered substantial contributions if there is a chance of getting a bus. Mr. McCullers didn't explain exactly how the money would be raised, but does say he hasn't given up the idea by any means.

A new crop of band members will join the organization after the holidays and the director says the band is becoming better every day.

Christmas Spirit Apparently Pervades Entire Community

BUY AT HOME

Stores Remain Open at Nights Beginning Monday

With a gaily decorated business section, the most attractive in the town's history, coupled with displays of all sorts of articles appealing to shoppers, the Christmas spirit has about taken complete charge of Edenton's population. Though the same old cry of hard times has been continually heard, the holiday spirit monopolized the situation and instead of grouches the entire community is apparently becoming permeated with the spirit of happiness and of making others happy.

In anticipation of this condition, Edenton's merchants have attractively decorated their stores, bought large stocks of appealing merchandise and will have a corps of congenial clerks to wait upon the customers who enter their stores.

It is impossible to itemize the many kinds of presents available in local stores. Only by a visit can one realize how adequately every store is prepared to provide what is wanted by those seeking Christmas gifts. In fact a gift list is almost useless for with the great variety of items, it is a very simple matter to select a present for dad, mother, son, daughter, or any other relative or friend.

All of the stores in Edenton vie for Christmas business and for this reason it is a pleasure to go even on a window shopping tour, and every single merchant welcomes an inspection of the merchandise in the interior of their stores.

Merchants, generally, are very optimistic over the prospect of a good Christmas business, many of them already being favored with large purchases by those who are sold on the idea of doing their shopping early.

All of the stores will remain open at night starting Monday and until Christmas eve. Of course, this is for the convenience of shoppers who find it hard to do their shopping during the day. However, the earlier in the day shopping can be done, the more satisfaction there will be in being waited upon and in selecting merchandise.

Never before has there been such (Continued on Page Five)

School Lunch Room Goes In Operation After Christmas

Parent-Teacher Association Pushing Plans For Project

Members of the Edenton Parent-Teachers Association are now busily engaged in planning for opening of a lunch room in the Edenton school, which it is hoped will be ready for operation after the Christmas holidays. This project is sponsored by the P. T. A. with the cooperation of WPA and the school board. Officials of the P. T. A. have heard of several instances of citizens desiring to contribute to this project and they desire it to be known that any individual, whether a member of the organization or not, can make a contribution toward this work. Mrs. J. Clarence Leary has been designated to receive any contributions.

A large percentage of P. T. A. members were present at last week's meeting, when encouraging reports were made by all committee chairmen. It was reported that \$50 was realized by the Association in staging the recent home talent play "Oh Doctor."