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Solemn High Mass In St. Anne's Catholic Church On Sunday

No Similar Celebration Held In Church's Existence

THREE PRIESTS Special Music By Colored Students From Washington

For the first time in its 80 years of existence in Edenton, the first solemn high mass will be held in St. Anne's Catholic Church on New Year's Day, according to Father E. L. Gross. This service will begin at 11:15 Sunday morning when three priests will officiate at the altar. The service is very impressive and Father Gross extends a cordial invitation to members of all denominations to attend. The gallery will be reserved for colored people.

Father Gilbert, of Washington, N. C., will officiate as celebrant. Father Carey, of Elizabeth City, will act as deacon and Father Daniel, of Washington, D. C., as sub-deacon.

Special music will be furnished during the mass by colored high school students of Washington, who will be accompanied at the organ by one of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The sermon will be delivered by Father Gilbert.

Amateur Contest At Taylor Theatre Midnight Sunday

Double Feature Arranged For New Year's Program

As a special feature for New Year's, the Taylor Theatre will stage a midnight show on Sunday. Aside from the showing of a good picture, "Annabel Takes a Tour," Manager Earnhardt will stage an amateur contest on the theatre stage, when the contestants will be colored performers. Many theatre-goers remember the very good amateur programs sponsored by Mr. Earnhardt some time ago and will no doubt want to see the one Sunday night.

A \$10 prize will be awarded to the contestant winning the most applause by the audience.

The box office will open at 11:30 and Mr. Earnhardt anticipates a full house for the double feature.

Six Couples Granted Licenses To Marry

Santa Claus handed out six marriage licenses over the holidays, Mrs. Maurice Bunch, deputy register of deeds, issuing licenses to the following couples:

Jay E. Coffey and Margaret Hollowell, both of Edenton.

Lamar A. Benton, of Gates County, and Homer Blanchard, of Chowan County.

William Preston Nixon, of Perquimans County, and Bonnie Lee Leary, of Chowan County.

William White, of Colerain, and Lois Barrow, of Edenton.

Joseph Henry Sessoms, colored, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Virginia Lee Cox, of Edenton.

Cecil Hayes and Sadie Leary, colored, both of Bertie County.

Red Men Install New Officers Next Monday

With their last meeting postponed on account of the holidays, a large attendance is expected at Monday night's meeting of Chowan Tribe of Red Men. At that time new officers were recently elected will be installed by Oscar Brown, deputy great sachem.

Reasons Will Install New Officers Tonight

With the installation of new officers for the year 1939 scheduled to take place tonight at the meeting of the Edenton Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., a large number of the members are expected to be present.

T. Raylman, the retiring master, wishes every member of the lodge to make an effort to attend.

Man Appointed To Protect Property At Dare Beaches

Steps Taken to Stop Pilfering of Cottages In Winter

\$50 REWARD Owners Asked to Make Contribution to Pay Patrolman

Edenton owners of beach property will be interested in learning that a standing reward of \$50 is open now to anyone for information resulting in arrest and conviction of any persons robbing, damaging or trespassing upon property on the Nags Head Beach, Soundside, and Kitty Hawk beaches, and Elton C. Twiford, of Kill Devil Hills has been appointed a Deputy Sheriff until May 1 to look after the property, and assist in apprehending law violators, Sheriff Victor D. Meekins stated this week.

The new officer will make a daily patrol of the entire territory, and will promptly begin action against people making unauthorized use of the property owned by non-residents.

The decision to put an officer on the beach in winter is the result of a rising tide of pilfering that has come about as access to the beaches has become easier. More than a hundred cottages are unprotected a large part of the year. There has been some stealing done by people believed to be residents of the nearby communities, but it is pretty definitely reported that property has actually been stolen and carried across the Wright Memorial Bridge, whether to places in Currituck or farther on, is hard to say.

The County authorities have been much concerned about the situation, but did not have sufficient money to keep a man on the job the year round. The Sheriff intimated a plan, adopted by the County Commissioners, and suggested to the property owners, whereby they hire a man as caretaker, who also acts as a police officer. Some of the property owners expressed a desire to cooperate, sent their check and praised the plan. Some others did not reply. Contributors enjoy caretaker service and personal attention to their property; others have the advantage to be derived from the presence of the officer.

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FSA Ready To Help Farmers Who Were Cut From WPA Rolls

Program Helping Put 600,000 Farmers Back On Their Feet

Farmers dropped from WPA relief rolls will be aided by the Rural Rehabilitation Program of the Farm Security Administration if they have, or can get, adequate land for farming, and can meet FSA requirements, according to County Supervisor John H. Pope.

"Farmers without adequate land should make plans at once for the coming crop season," Mr. Pope advises. "Where the land is sufficient to allow the farmer to benefit from the R. R. Loan Program, and to let sound farm plans be made, the Farm Security Administration stands ready to extend help."


The R. R. Program is helping more than 600,000 farmers in the United States to get back on their feet. Present personnel of the Farm Security Administration cannot carry a very greatly increased number of farm people.

Mr. Pope urges that every ordinary source of credit and assistance be sought by farmers for whom WPA is no longer open. County Farm Security Administration offices will give advice on loans or other help to families in this group who cannot get ahead with their farming through using the regular kinds of credit.

Not Long Now

School children and teachers as well as rapidly nearing the close of their Christmas vacation. School will be resumed next Monday, January 2, when college students, as well as local school children will again take up their studies.

All of the local teachers are expected to return from their homes over the week-end.



It's sweet music to hear that 1939 is with us! We need a New Year that's full of health, good fortune and good fellowship, which is the wish of

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Prize Winners In Leggett & Davis Annual Contest

Jack Hicks and Josephine Mills Win Bicycles

Eighteen youngsters were made happier over Christmas on account of the contest held at Leggett & Davis Drug Store when that number of prizes were awarded to nine boys and nine girls for votes given them on purchases and payments made on account. The contest annually creates keen interest and the announcement of the contest is one of the first fore-runners of the Christmas season in Edenton. This year a beautiful bicycle was given as a grand prize to the boy and girl securing the most votes, Josephine Mills winning in the girls' group and Jack Hicks setting the pace for the boys.

The other winners, in order, follow: Girls—Carolyn White, Carolyn Elliott, Bunky Ainsley, Eva Anne Jackson, Fay Dail, Mary Etta Perry, Sara Alethia Saunders and Dorothy Chestnut.

Boys—Julian Wood, III, Jimmie White, Teddy Lupton, Lewis Sikes, Ernest White, Bobbie Pratt, Edgar Rogerson, Keith Emminger.

Location Athletic Field Considered

Meeting Called By J. H. Conger Later This Week

Plans are progressing for improvements on Hicks Field in the way of a new athletic field. Joseph Conger, who has been very active in securing a WPA project, will call a meeting late this week for the purpose of determining where the new field will be located.

There are those who think the grandstand and bleachers for the baseball and football fields should be along Freeman street while others believe it would be better to put the entire field along Oakum street. At any rate the location will be threshed out at the meeting to be called later this week by Mr. Conger.

Oyster Roast Tuesday For Town Employees

Employees of the Town of Edenton were guests of Town Council at an oyster roast held Tuesday night at the power plant, when practically every person employed by the town, together with a few invited guests, enjoyed one of the best oyster roasts in recent years. There were no formalities, each one quickly discharging the duty before them—disposing of three barrels of the best grade of oysters obtainable.

The affair was a gesture of appreciation on the part of Town Council for faithful performance of the duties of town employees during the past year.

Rotary Club Resumes Its Meetings Tonight

With last week's Rotary meeting called off on account of the holidays, the regular luncheon will be held tonight in the Parish House at 6:30 o'clock. President Oscar Brown is anxious to have every Rotarian present for the meeting.

Surplus Products Help Many People During November

93 Persons In Chowan Certified to Receive Commodities

There were 40 cases representing 93 persons certified by Chowan County welfare officials as eligible to receive surplus commodity products during the month of November, Arthur E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, announced this week.

A State-wide total of 174,710 persons comprising 38,105 cases were certified during the month, 94.5 percent of the number being actually serviced during the period, Langston said.

In Bertie there were 391 cases representing 1,357 persons; Gates 95 cases representing 249 persons and Tyrrell 313 cases representing 1,444 persons.

Christmas Dance Very Successful

Over 500 People Gather In Armory Monday Night

As was expected, the Christmas dance held in the Armory Monday night was the best and most largely attended in recent years. The affair, sponsored by Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and managed by William P. (Spec) Jones, attracted about 250 couples from Edenton and surrounding territory.

Music was furnished by Hal Thurston and his orchestra of Rocky Mount. The dance was successful in every way, the Legionnaires netting a substantial amount for their treasury.

Two Edenton Boys Qualify As Gunners

Announcement has been made at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, by the Department of Military Science and Tactics that Cadets W. H. Coffield and C. H. Wood have qualified as second class gunners in coast artillery weapons.

Cadets Coffield and Wood are both members of the sophomore class. Cadet Coffield is assigned to Company "G" while Cadet Wood is in Company "K". Both companies are in the Coast Artillery Battalion.

Gunner's medals are awarded on the work done by the cadets during the previous year. A thorough knowledge of both sea-coast and anti-aircraft gunnery are necessary for qualification.

Lions Again Meet At Hotel Joseph Hewes

Prevented from meeting at Hotel Joseph Hewes the past few weeks on account of improvements being made, the Lions Club will on Monday resume their meetings in the hotel. Leroy Haskett will be in charge of the program and expects to secure a prominent speaker for the occasion. The meeting last Monday night was called off on account of the holidays.

B. Warner Evans Chowan Chairman Jackson Day Dinner

Big Affair Will Be Held In Raleigh January 7th

AT SIR WALTER Chowan Asked For \$75 To Help Liquidate National Debt

The appointment of B. W. Evans as Chairman of the annual Jackson Day Dinner Committee in Chowan County has been announced by State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., of Jones County, State Chairman of the Jackson Day Committee, planning for the annual Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Raleigh on the night of January 7th, at eight o'clock, at the Sir Walter Hotel.

"As the Democratic Chairman in Chowan County, Mr. Evans has been very helpful in the past and we are counting on him and other good Democrats in the county to help us raise our part to help wipe out the deficit incurred by the National Democratic Executive Committee in the recent campaign," said Chairman Larkins.

Chowan County has been asked to raise \$5 as its part in the State-wide campaign that will culminate with the annual Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh, where a Democratic speaker of National reputation will deliver an address that will leave no doubt in the minds of those who hear him that there was a Democratic Administration in Washington as well as one in Raleigh," Chairman Larkins said.

Persons contributing \$25.00 or more will be invited to attend the State-wide dinner in Raleigh and Chairman Larkins announced a three-way plan for those planning to attend the event. Plan One calls for the payment of \$25.00 at the time of the reservation; Plan Two calls for the payment of \$12.50 at the time of reservation and the balance on March 1st, and Plan Three calls for the payment of \$15.00 at the time of reservation, with \$5.00 on March 15th and \$5.00 on April 15th.

One-fourth of the money raised in North Carolina, Chairman Larkins pointed out, will be retained for use of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Names of those securing reservations at the dinner will be sent to James A. Farley, National Democratic Chairman, and each will receive a card of thanks from the National Chairman.

Winners Named For Best Decorations

Quinn's and Mrs. Oscar Elliott Win First Prizes

With Christmas decorations in Edenton far more elaborate this year than in many years, a committee from the Garden Club experienced quite a task in selecting winners for cash prizes offered by Town Council for the most attractively decorated business houses and residences.

Among the business houses, Quinn's Furniture Store, which was awarded first prize last year, again was given first place by the committee. Leggett & Davis Drug Store was the runner up and won second place. First prize is \$5.00 and \$2.50 is second prize.

For the most attractive residence decoration Mrs. Oscar Elliott was awarded first place and Mrs. C. N. Griffin second. As with the business houses, first prize is \$5.00 and second prize \$2.50.

COTTON GINNING

F. W. Hobbs, special agent for Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports that 1267 bales of cotton were ginned in Chowan County from the crop of 1938 prior to December 13 as compared with 4456 bales of the crop of 1937.

Reports Late

According to reports of peanut picker operators received by M. L. Bunch, register of deeds, about 60 operators have as yet failed to make a return. These reports are due January 1, and must be in time for Mr. Bunch to send the information to the Bureau of Agriculture. He, therefore, urges all operators to make reports immediately in order to complete his work on time.

Progress Shown In Beautification Plan In Edenton

Many Trees Trimmed And Dangerous Limbs Removed

EXPERT HERE Telephone Company Co-operating In Clearing Wires

Considerable progress is being made by employees of the Edenton Street Department in trimming trees in the beautification program recently started. Assisting in this work is Mr. C. C. Huie, a Davey tree expert, who is not only himself doing much of the work, but at the same time is instructing Frank Hughes, superintendent of the street crew.

A \$200 appropriation was included in the budget by Town Council as a start for a beautification program and in that trees had been neglected, the major portion of this appropriation will be used this year in tree expert service. By this method intelligent trimming has been done and advice given which will enable the town's street crew to continue with the beautification work after Mr. Huie leaves. He has completed 100 hours for the town and during this time has removed many dangerous and unsightly limbs as well as recommended a number of trees which should be removed. The beautification plan calls for replacement of every tree which is taken down, thus perpetuating trees along the streets.

In cooperation with the beautification idea, the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company on Wednesday signed a contract for Mr. Huie's services for 100 more hours in clearing their lines. While doing this work he will be assisted by the street department employees, and together trim trees so that the most work can be accomplished in the allotted time.

Though it is more costly to the telephone company, Harry Dewey, general manager, and E. W. Spiers, manager of the Edenton office, were favorably impressed with the idea of working jointly with the town's force in clearing their wires and in the interest of beautification and cooperating with the town in the program, signed the contract for Mr. Huie's services.

Many Children Get Presents By Efforts Of Stocking Fund

129 Youngsters Remembered Night Before Christmas

IN 49 HOMES

Sponsors Appreciative For Cooperation In Work

Sponsors of the Christmas Stocking Fund wish to thank all who contributed to the fund this year. These contributions amounted to \$86.20 which added to a balance left from last year's fund, enabled them to furnish Christmas happiness for children in 49 families. The names of these children, numbering 129 in all, were given in by the welfare office.

Those in charge of the fund also wish to thank The Chowan Herald for bringing the cause before the public through its columns, the Home Economics Class for the toys and clothing which it sent, and the Boy Scouts, who rendered cheerful and valuable service.

Christmas Is Quietly Observed In Edenton

With only one arrest, that a simple drunk case, Christmas in Edenton was very quietly observed. Services in the various churches attracted godly congregations where sermons were preached and music rendered appropriate for the occasion.

In many homes members of the family returned to celebrate the holiday while many left Edenton to spend the day elsewhere with relatives and friends.

No accidents were reported to mar the pleasure of the day.