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Watch Night Service In Methodist Church Sunday, December 31

Service Will Begin at 10:30 and Last Until New Year Arrives

ON KNEES

Rev. W. C. Benson at Work on Interesting Program

Watch night services will be observed in the Methodist Church this year, Rev. W. C. Benson, the pastor, announcing Sunday that a service will begin at 10:30 o'clock Sunday night, December 31, and continue until the new year 1940 makes its debut. Plans for a very interesting service, and one which it is hoped will fill the church, are already under way. Mr. Benson is asking each organization of the church to attend and be prepared to submit a report of what is expected to be done during the new year. As a climax to the service, Mr. Benson will conduct a communion service to be so timed that those attending will be on their knees when the new year arrives.

The pastor is hopeful that the biggest majority of the congregation will be on hand for the service, to which members of other denominations are also cordially invited.

Chancing Off Car To Raise Money Been Abandoned

100 Asked to Contribute \$5 Each Toward New Field House

With little progress made in the sale of tickets for a chance on an automobile to raise funds with which to complete the erection of a field house on the athletic field, the idea was abandoned Tuesday night and all who bought tickets will have their money refunded. Only around 300 of the 2,000 tickets were sold and because of the slow progress and some criticism, it was decided to adopt another plan to raise the necessary \$500.

One hundred civic-minded people will be asked to contribute \$5.00 to the cause, which will complete the field, and from early indications the money will be raised. Wednesday morning a short solicitation was made, in which every person approached agreed to pay \$5 for the cause and it is hoped the required number will contribute to clear up the debt and make possible an athletic field of which the entire community will be proud.

Those who have already contributed \$5 each toward the fund are as follows:

Guy Hobbs, J. P. Partin, W. J. Yates, W. A. Leggett, J. E. Jackson, Wm. Jones, J. A. Holmes, C. L. McCullers, Dave Holton, W. W. Byrum, Geddes Potter, Dr. W. S. Griffin, R. F. Elliott, Philip McMullan, Leroy Haskett, Graham Byrum, J. H. Conger, W. M. Perkins, Earl Goodwin, J. Edwin Bufflap, Hector Lupton, Albert Byrum, W. J. Daniels, Wood Privott, G. A. Helms.

Plans Made For All Star Band Concert To Be Held Feb. 16

At a meeting in Hotel Joseph Hewes Monday night plans were discussed for a program to be rendered in Washington, N. C., on February 16, by the All Star Eastern North Carolina Band. Those present at the meeting were Floyd Steib, of Washington; L. W. Ziegler, of Plymouth; Walton Harrell, of Ahoskie; H. T. McDuffie, of Wendell; J. Robert Merritt, of Creswell; Miss Minnie Nash, of Currituck, and C. L. McCullers, of Edenton.

Plans call for a parade by the band at 3 p. m., led by the drum majors and majorettes. At 6:30 a luncheon will be held for all the participants, with the concert scheduled to take place at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

SCOUTS HOLD DANCE

The Boy Scouts of Colerain sponsored a square dance in the Beach Pavilion on Friday evening. The proceeds will be kept in the treasury and will go toward buying camping equipment next summer. John Westbrook and Harry L. Smith are Scout Masters.

Postoffice Open On Next Two Saturdays

With prospects already pointing to a big Christmas business, Postmaster C. E. Kramer on Wednesday announced that the postoffice will be open all day Saturday of this week and again on Saturday, December 23, for the convenience of patrons. Ordinarily the postoffice closes at noon on Saturday.

W. A. Everett Named As Census Assistant

Appointment Is Recommended By Lindsay Warren

Representative Lindsay Warren last week announced that he had recommended the appointment of D. W. Lupton of Pantego as director of the census in the First District and W. A. Everett as assistant director. Both men attended a census school in Raleigh to qualify for the positions.

All other positions in connection with the census will be enumerators. No information has yet been received as to how many enumerators will be allotted to each county. The business census will be taken in January and the population and farm census in April and enumerators will work for about thirty days.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Ward Loses In Court Battle With Rose's Concern

Action Outcome of Accusation of Stealing Pair of Hose

NO GRAND JURY

Judge Zeb Vance Nettles of Asheville Presiding

Chowan Superior Court for the December term got into action Monday with Judge Zeb Vance Nettles, of Asheville, sitting here for the first time, and with the court room all dolled up with flags, a United States and North Carolina emblem, banking him on both sides of the platform dais. It was the initial appearance of the flags, placed in accordance with a suggestion of the Supreme Court, and their presence seemed befitting in this time of world stress.

Except for two criminal appearances at the outset of the term, the session was purely a civil one, but few of the score or more such cases were expected to be reached during the week.

Through an understanding with the court, Clerk Richard Dixon was able to avoid having a grand jury called, which pleased the judge as it did away with the necessity of the usual long court charge. The two criminal cases had to do with William McKinley Bond, Negro, accused of robbing D. L. Cobb of \$4 last month, and Paul Moore, former employee of the Manhattan Produce Company, charged with embezzlement of \$439.11. Bond pleaded guilty and was given two years on the road. Moore, by Judge Nettles' order, was referred back to the recorder's Court on Thursday for a new bond in lieu of the case's continuance until the April term.

Of the civil cases, suit by Mrs. Lillie Mae Ward against Rose's store for alleged false arrest growing out of the alleged disappearance of a pair of stockings from the establishment last May, ran all day Monday and Tuesday and up to noon yesterday. Herbert Leary represented Mrs. Ward and W. D. Pruden and Kenneth Perry, of Henderson, appeared for the defendant concern. The jury returned a verdict in favor of Rose's.

Following the Ward-Rose suit, before a jury the case of Marcia Nixon against her erstwhile husband, Mordecai Nixon, which has been running through three years of court procedure, and which the plaintiff is again pressing for a continuance of the alimony set by a previous court, was taken up.

Although a jury was summoned, Judge Nettles intimated he felt the case had been running long enough and advised a settlement if possible. Agreement in this regard was quickly reached when Mrs. Nixon agreed to take \$300 alimony and drop the case. (Continued On Page Five)

Local Arbor Day Claims Attention Of Oregon College

Far Away Dean Reads Article Appearing In The Herald

COMPLIMENTARY

Says Such Movements Result In Better Citizenship

Edenton citizens, and especially members of the Edenton Garden Club and Parent-Teacher Association, will be interested to know that the recent Arbor Day activities claimed the attention of far-away Oregon State College. In an air mail letter received this week by The Herald's editor, the following was written: "Complimentary remarks concerning Arbor Day exercises in Edenton were made recently by Earl G. Mason, acting dean of the Oregon State School of Forestry.

"Mason, who read the Arbor Day story in The Chowan Herald of November 16th, declared that such active programs tended to make better citizens. Tree planting gives a local interest to those who plant them, a kind of 'local kick.' For example, he added, our old grads always point proudly to certain trees in the arboretum which they planted while they were here.

"Such movements not only make better citizens by adding to their esthetical appreciation, the dean continued, but in the long run will cause future generations to be more prosperous on account of having less forest fires, and better and larger forest resources.

"It was Mason's opinion that Edenton's Arbor Day activities were indicative of progress in forest and natural science education."

McCullers Selected As County Chairman For President's Ball

Plans For Dances to Be Held In Edenton Armory

C. L. McCullers has been appointed chairman for Chowan County in the 1940 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign, succeeding C. E. Kramer, who has served in that capacity several years.

McCullers was named by Arthur Carpenter, Knoxville, Tenn., regional director of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's birthday.

"This is part of a national campaign carried on annually to raise money for combatting this dread disease which attacks without warning, usually upon children," the county chairman said. "It will reach its height during January, and will conclude with the celebration on Tuesday, January 30, 1940, of the birthday of President Roosevelt, who is a former victim of the disease.

Mr. McCullers' plans for observance of the event in Chowan County includes a dance in the Edenton Armory, which will include square dancing from 8 to 10 o'clock, and round dancing from 10:30 to 2.

Edenton Laundry Begins Operations

Despite the fact that not all the work could be handled locally, operations were resumed in the Edenton Laundry Monday morning, and unless something unforeseen develops, C. P. Wales hopes to be able to take care of all of his trade by the first of next week.

The laundry was recently totally destroyed by fire and with a new building and the latest type equipment ready for use, Mr. Wales feels sure he will be able to provide more satisfactory service than even before the disastrous fire.

M. P. Jennings Speaks To Chowan P. T. A.

M. P. Jennings, superintendent of Pasquotank County schools, who was accompanied by Mrs. Jennings, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the Chowan Parent-Teacher Association held Tuesday night.

During the meeting it was reported that at present 250 lunches are being served daily in the school lunch room.

Chowan's Vote For 1940 Cotton Quota Almost Unanimous

Two Negative Votes In Referendum Held Saturday

218 CAST VOTE

All Cotton Sold In Excess of Quota Will Be Penalized

Chowan County joined the remainder of the State Saturday in turning in an almost unanimous vote in favor of continuation of cotton marketing quotas during 1940 under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program. Of the 218 votes cast in this county, only two opposed the program, these being registered in Edenton Township.

Chowan's vote follows:

	For	Against
Edenton Township	62	2
Middle Township	52	0
Upper Township	67	0
Yeopim Township	35	0
Total	216	2

Throughout the entire cotton belt overwhelming majorities were registered in the referendum to decide whether or not cotton farmers desired to continue under the control program. The necessary two-thirds majority vote was exceeded by far in practically every section of the cotton belt.

Under the quota system, growers receive marketing shares from the Agricultural Department. Cotton sold in excess of the marketing share is subject to a penalty tax of three cents a pound. Likewise, only those who produce and market within their allotments are eligible for government loans on surplus cotton and maximum farm benefit payments.

Red Cross Roll Call Amounts To \$352.42 In Chowan's Drive

Mrs. J. N. Pruden Still Lacks Two More Reports

With still two more reports to be received, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the American Red Cross, has received \$352.42 as the result of the annual Red Cross roll call which ended on Thanksgiving Day. The county's quota is \$400 and Mrs. Pruden is hopeful that the two remaining reports will reach the goal.

Those who have joined and whose names have not heretofore been published are:

Mrs. W. H. Hollowell, Canvasser—Gus Spruill, Mrs. W. H. Hollowell, Enterprise Club (\$2.00). Mrs. E. N. Elliott, Canvasser—Miss Pattie Winborne.

Omitted from previous report—Mrs. Lindsay Evans, Mrs. H. C. Goodwin, W. S. Summerell. Mrs. Kermit Perry, Canvasser—W. H. Pearce, Henry Bunch and Rocky Hock Home Demonstration Club.

Mrs. Julia Hines, Canvasser—Mrs. Dinah Robins, Mrs. S. N. Griffith, V. D. Jones, Dr. O. L. Holley, Rev. L. G. Nichols, W. D. Roberts, Willie Charlton, Walter White, Rev. U. G. Privott, Miss Sadie P. Harris, Mrs. E. N. Bond, Miss Delilah V. Holley, Mrs. Ruth Blount, Mrs. Esther Harris, Mrs. M. L. Price, Mrs. Elton Hall, Mrs. Ethel Blount, Joe Wynn, Mrs. Sophie Jernigan, Mrs. Virgie Johnson, Mrs. Maybelle Bowser, Mrs. Hattie Haughton, Miss Sophie V. Etheridge, Stephen Welch, Mrs. Matie Burrell, Mrs. Annie Martin, Mrs. Henrietta Cox, Mrs. Julia A. Hines, Mrs. A. E. Dowdy, Gale Street Baptist Church, Eighth Grade B Colored High School.

Mrs. W. E. Cox, Canvasser—Mrs. Mary E. Blount, Mrs. Zenobia Edney, Mrs. Emma Roberts, Mrs. W. E. Cox (\$2.00), W. E. Cox, Herman Worrell, Geonae Capps, Rev. W. H. (Continued On Page Eight)

Masons Elect Officers At Tonight's Meeting

Officers for the year 1940 will be elected at the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight. A large attendance is expected for this occasion and the present master, J. R. Byrum, issued instructions to have every member notified. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

B. & L. Is Paying Interest In Advance

The Edenton Building and Loan Association will assist in spreading Christmas cheer, which fact was made known Wednesday by Secretary R. E. Leary. On January 1, interest on stock in the amount of \$1,004 is due, but Mr. Leary stated that this money will be distributed this week in order to be used by stockholders for Christmas buying.

Huge Crowd Hears Dr. Koch Monday

Parent-Teacher Association Take In \$246 Selling Tickets

Registering next to the largest audience to gather in the Edenton High School auditorium, a large number of people on Monday night listened to Dr. Frederick H. Koch as he very impressively read Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

Mrs. R. F. Elliott, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, which organization sponsored the reading, is very appreciative for the cooperation shown in the entertainment and for the large number who attended. Only a few rows of seats were vacant in the rear of the room, which seats 1006.

From a financial viewpoint the affair was also quite a success, Mrs. Elliott reporting that \$246 was received through the sale of tickets.

Prizes Will Again Be Awarded For Best Decorations

Business Houses and Residences Included In Contest

\$15 IN PRIZES

Fireworks Nuisance Results In Lengthy Council Discussion

Aside from a lengthy discussion of the fireworks nuisance, little business was transacted Tuesday night at the meeting of Town Council. Complaints were received regarding shooting fireworks, but the councilmen realized the impossibility of breaking up the practice entirely. The police were, however, asked to use every effort possible to curb shooting in the business section and to be on the lookout for disregard for person and property.

There is an ordinance now in force which prohibits shooting firecrackers except on one's premises and an appeal is made to parents to urge children to abide by the law.

Paul Holoman, during the week was sworn in as a special police officer at Rose's store and this appointment was approved. The Rose Company will pay Holoman's salary.

Complaint was again made by North Edenton residents relative to peanut hulls from the Albemarle Peanut Company's plant littering porches and sidewalks. A committee was appointed to contact peanut mill officials in an effort to have a screen installed in the stack.

In an effort to provide an adequate place for drying out fire hose, a committee was appointed to investigate a satisfactory site to build a new hose house. It was also decided to purchase a siren for the police car.

Town Council will again offer prizes for the most attractive business house and residence during the holidays. As was the case last year, two prizes will be offered in each instance \$5 going to the first prize winner and \$2.50 for second place. Awarding of the prizes will again be delegated to the Garden Club with the understanding that no prize be awarded to any who has won a prize within the past two years. To be eligible in the contest all decorations must be completed before Wednesday, December 20.

No Bonus Extension

World War veterans and their dependents—and there are about 150,000 of them—who have not made application for their bonus, or Adjusted Compensation Certificates, are warned to do so before January 2, 1940. Time for filing will not be extended. A bill passed by Congress providing for an extension did not meet with Presidential approval and, under the present law, the time limit definitely expires on January 2nd. —American Legion Magazine.

Vestry Elected At St. Paul's Church On Sunday Morning

White Christmas Will Be Celebrated Next Sunday

AT 3 O'CLOCK

Members Asked to Send Gifts For Stocking Fund

At a congregational meeting held last Sunday after the service, reports from the organizations were made, and the following vestry elected for 1940: E. R. Conger, D. M. Warren, Fred P. Wood, R. Graham White, Chas. P. Wales, Joe M. Vail, John W. Graham, Hector Lupton, Ernest A. Swain, J. A. Moore, Wm. I. Hart and Joe H. Conger.

Next Sunday afternoon at three, the Sunday School will have its Christmas celebration in the Church, with Graham White, of the School, as the speaker on "What Christmas Means To Me." Members of the parish and of the School are asked to send gifts of food to the Church to be distributed to the poor by the Stocking Fund. It is the usual White Christmas celebration.

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday the 22nd, and the Auxiliary has appointed a committee for this purpose. Those who can contribute bamboo, cedar and other appropriate decorations are asked to have them at the Church not later than Thursday the 21st.

Film For Farmers At Parish House

"The New South" Will Be Presented Tonight At 7 O'clock

Carrying as a theme the importance to the South of the goal of self-containment, "The New South," a sound and color motion picture of vast scope, will be shown to farmers of this section in the Parish House tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock. A preview of the picture was shown Monday night at Hotel Joseph Hewes for the benefit of agents and dealers, when they were also guests of the Barrett Company at a banquet.

This remarkable picture, which is being shown by the distributors of Arcadian Nitrate, traces the history of the Southland agriculturally and industrially from the coming of the first white man, and depicts in a series of beautiful color shots the lands and vegetation that make up the South.

For the future, "The New South" foresees self-containment for a more prosperous South, Southern agriculture building Southern industry; home industry supporting Southern farms, more and better crops, with profitable markets awaiting them, and homefolks buying from homefolks.

Long Commissioners' Meeting Wednesday

Chowan County Commissioners had a lengthy meeting last Wednesday, at which time they settled with Sheriff J. A. Bunch for taxes, which were uncollectable. The accounts included personal property and poll taxes dating as far back as 1933. The Commissioners, together with Sheriff Bunch and A. T. Allen, accountant, remained in session until after 9 o'clock working on the books.

The special meeting was called to release the Sheriff of the old taxes, some appearing on the books for people who have died and others who have left the county. The revision brings the Sheriff's books up-to-date and eliminates to a great extent the possibility of a mix-up in accounts.

Agricultural Building At Chowan Accepted

At a meeting of the Board of Education Tuesday the new agricultural building at Chowan High School was accepted. The building has been completed, but because the application for a teacher was late in being made, no teacher has as yet been provided. However, Superintendent W. J. Taylor is of the opinion that a teacher for the classes will be named the early part of next month.