

Prizes Are Awarded For Best Christmas Decorations In Town

Badham's and Mr. and Mrs. West Leary Win First Prizes

FINE DISPLAYS
Committee Pleased to Notice Many New Ideas Used

Prize winners for the most attractive Christmas decorations for residences and business houses in Edenton were announced Tuesday by a committee from the Edenton Garden Club. In making the decision the committee experienced some difficulty in choosing the winners due to so many beautifully decorated residences and business houses, and based their judgment primarily upon the ingenuity and originality of the decorators. The judges were especially pleased to note the increased number of decorations and were particularly pleased at new ideas put into effect.

In the residence group Mr. and Mrs. West Leary were awarded first prize and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dail second prize. Honorable mention was given to the decorations of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Byrum, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cross and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Earnhardt.

Among the business houses Badham's won first prize and Gulf Service Station second. Honorable mention was given to Preston's.

First prize in each group is \$5.00 cash, and \$2.50 for second prize, the total amount of \$15 being appropriated by Town Council in order to stimulate interest in decorating for the Christmas holidays.

Loan Is Available On Classed Cotton

North Carolina farmers who had their 1939 cotton classed by government classifiers through approved cotton improvement associations are reminded by J. A. Shanklin, Extension cotton specialist of State College, that they can use their grade and staple reports in obtaining loans on their crop.

Regulations governing loans on 1939 cotton require that it must be classed by Government classifiers. Where the cotton already has been given the free classification provided for cotton growers who are members of approved improvement groups, no other classification is needed to qualify for the loan as long as warehousemen can identify the gin bale number from warehouse numbers.

Shanklin says that 55 cotton improvement groups in North Carolina were approved this year to have their cotton classed free by the government. These approved groups, with a total of 3,434 members, planted 48,073 acres to adopted varieties. This cotton acreage grown by members of improvement groups represented 6.5 percent of the cotton acreage planted in the State for the 1939 crop.

The specialist also announced that a total of 918 cotton improvement groups were organized in the United States in 1939, with 64,399 members who planted 1,766,289 acres to adopted varieties. This represents 7.8 percent of the total acreage planted to cotton in the Nation.

New Mexico planted 93.1 per cent of its cotton in improvement groups, and California 33.6 per cent in one variety communities. Other states using the organized program are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

"Captain Dick" Hall Deserves 74th Birthday

An affair of considerable interest was held on Christmas Day when Mr. Hall celebrated his 74th birthday anniversary together with Christmas. "Captain Dick," as most everyone knows him, is the oldest active fireman in the State, being actively associated with the Edenton Fire Department for 45 years.

The event Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harrell and daughter and Mr. Brantley McCoy and sons, Elizabeth City, were guests of Mr. Hall.

Men Will Install New Officers Monday

At the next Monday night's meeting of the Edenton Fire Department, new officers for the next year will be installed. A member of the Tribe is urged to be present for this occasion.

Fast Basketball Played Tuesday In Edenton Armory

Williamston Quintet Defeats Olson's Swedes 33 to 15

A small group of basketball lovers were treated to a sample of real basketball Tuesday night when Olson's Terrible Swedes played the fast-stepping Williamston Martins on the local Armory court. The game was given scarcely any publicity, thus the crowd was nothing like a game of this calibre warranted.

The Martins won the contest 33 to 15, the edge being secured during the last half, when after an injury to one of the Swedes, they apparently lost interest. At half time the score was deadlocked at 8-8, but in the second half the Martins hung up 25 points while the Swedes managed to tally only 7.

The game was a treat for the handful of fans on hand for big Geo. Campbell, 6 feet 8, and Jumping Joe Satovich, another six-footer, executed all sorts of tricks with the ball while playing to startle those who looked on.

Drug Store Prizes Awarded Saturday

Dorothy Lee Chestnutt And Leamon Jethro Win Bicycles

One of the most interesting contests in Edenton came to a close Saturday afternoon when Leggett & Davis drug store announced winners in their toy contest, in which 18 splendid prizes were awarded. There were two grand prizes of a girl's and boy's bicycles which went to Dorothy Lee Chestnutt and Leamon Jethro, who were leading when The Herald was printed last week. Other prize winners were:

Girls
First prize—Doll dressed in velvet, Kitty Campen; Second, Doll in peasant dress, Betsy Duncan; Third, Charlie McCarthy doll and wardrobe, Cherry Boyce; Fourth, Doll in yellow dress, Anne Hollowell; Fifth, Dydee Doll, Ann J. Partin; Sixth, Xylophone, Mary Godley; Seventh, Tea Set, Joan Cobb; Eighth, Toy Stove, Eva Ann Jackson.

Boys
First Prize—Electric train, Bubber Dobson; Second, Erector set, Sam Holmes Elliott; Third, Kaster Kit, Maurice Hassell; Fourth, Mechanical train, Bobby Smith; Fifth, Boxing Gloves, Edsel Waff; Sixth, Basket Ball, Shack Small; Seventh, Prize Puzzle, Teddy Lupton; Eighth, Roller Skates, Ernest White.

Business Houses To Close On New Year's

With New Year's Day falling on next Monday, there will be quite a bit of interruption to business in Edenton. In observance of the holiday, the Bank of Edenton, post office and the Chowan County liquor store will be closed all day. Aside from these places being closed, a majority of the merchants on Wednesday expressed their intention of closing their establishments in observance of the holiday.

W. J. Daniels Taken To St. Vincent's Hospital

W. J. Daniels, veteran rural mail carrier, has been very ill at his home for the past several days, and was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk this (Thursday) morning. Mr. Daniels is suffering with a heart ailment and has gone to the hospital for treatment in the hope of evading an operation.

Students Of Norfolk College On Vacation

Edenton students at Norfolk College, Norfolk, Va., who are spending their Christmas vacation with their parents include Miss Gladys Layton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Layton; Miss Lillie Mae Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Saunders; and Elwood Nixon, son of G. R. Nixon. Miss Layton and Miss Saunders, who are enrolled in the Norfolk College secretarial course, and Elwood Nixon, who is taking the managerial course, will resume their studies early next month with the opening of the mid-winter term.

Listing Of Taxes Will Be Required During January Of This Year

Fine or Imprisonment For Failure to Comply With Law

ONE NEW LISTER

Mrs. J. G. White Succeeds Mrs. B. W. Evans Who Is Sick

Beginning Monday, January 1, tax listers in the various townships will sit for the purpose of giving in taxes. This should be taken notice of due to the fact that heretofore taxes were listed during April, the change being made effective by an act of the Legislature.

Under the law all persons who are liable for a poll tax and fail to give themselves in, and all who own property and fail to list it, will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction fined or imprisoned.

Each farm owner shall prepare a list of the acreage of each crop grown, including acres of truck. The list should show the total acres cultivated by the owner, also the acres cultivated by tenants on each separately recognized farm, the acres in improved pasture, woodland, idle and other lands. He shall be required to report the number of bearing fruit trees, the number of livestock of breeding age, number of hogs sold or slaughtered during past 12 months and tons of fertilizer to be used during this crop year. This information is kept confidential and has no relation to taxes. Its purpose is for agricultural education, economic analysis and safer guidance of county agents and farmers generally.

W. S. Privott, tax supervisor, has re-appointed all of last year's tax listers except Mrs. B. W. Evans in the Second Township, who cannot serve because of illness. Mrs. J. G. White will replace Mrs. Evans.

The tax listers are:
First Township—Mrs. C. T. Hollowell.
Second Township—Mrs. J. G. White.
Third Township—Mrs. A. D. Ward.
Fourth Township—Mrs. Evie C. Umphlett.

Mrs. Stillman Victim Of Pneumonia Attack

Mrs. Claudia Stillman, age 71, died in the State Hospital, at Raleigh, Monday night after a very brief illness. She had been ill only a few days, being the victim of an attack of pneumonia. Deceased was the widow of the late J. D. Stillman, and is survived by three daughters and three sons, Mrs. Neal Hobbs and Mrs. E. W. Mason, of Edenton, and Mrs. M. W. Chesson, of Waverly, Va.; Lowry Stillman and James Stillman, of Norfolk, Va., and O. J. Stillman, of Philadelphia, Pa.

A sister, Mrs. Ella Stillman, of Washington County, and three brothers, Alvie, Stewart and Willie Davenport, all of Washington County, also survive, as do 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home on Broad Street Wednesday afternoon with Rev. E. L. Wells officiating. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Important Masonic Meeting Tonight

With tonight's Masonic meeting being the last of the year and very important matters scheduled to come before the membership, the master, J. R. Byrum, is desirous that as many of the members as possible will be on hand.

This will be the final meeting at which Mr. Byrum will preside as master of the lodge, new officers for 1940 being scheduled to be installed at the first meeting in the new year. Mr. Byrum will be succeeded by C. W. Sawyer.

Lions Club Meeting This Week Called Off

The regular meeting of the Edenton Lions Club this week was called off, due to falling on Christmas Day. Regular meetings, however, will be resumed next Monday night, when the president, Dr. W. S. Griffin, urges every member to attend.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie White, of Colerain, on Tuesday, December 18, a daughter, Sandra Catherine. Mrs. White was formerly Miss Lois Barrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barrow, of Edenton.

Enumerators For Business Census Are Announced

Supervisor D. W. Lupton Selects 12 to Aid In Work

IN CONFERENCE

Farm and Population Figures Will Be Taken In April

D. W. Lupton, District Supervisor of the Census of the First Census or Congressional District, has announced that his office had completed preparations for the taking of the business census in January. The Bureau of the Census only allotted 12 people to do this work in the entire district and selections have been made as follows:

Pitt—Frank Brooks, Greenville, and Mrs. John Andrews, Ayden.
Beaufort—Ruffin O'Neal, Washington, and R. H. Paul, Jr., Edward Martin—Claude T. Smith, Robertsonville.
Pasquotank—J. J. Hughes, Elizabeth City.
Hyde—W. W. Watson, Lake Landing.
Dare—Mrs. Vivian Ryder, Manteo.
Camden and Currituck—James A. Taylor, Maple.
Washington and Tyrrell—Delbert Allen, Plymouth.
Hertford and Gates—W. A. McGlohon, Murfreesboro.
Chowan and Perquimans—R. T. Brinn, Hertford.

These enumerators will be in conference during the week with Mr. Lupton and the Assistant Supervisor, W. A. Everett, of Edenton.

Mr. Lupton stated that the farm and population census would not be taken until April and that enumerators for that work would not be selected until the latter part of March. No information has yet been given him as to how many enumerators will be assigned to each county and those who do the work must successfully pass a test.

Enumerators do not receive any salary nor travelling expenses and are paid fees for their work.

Thieves Raid Storage House Of J. G. Wood

That thieves had been at work in a storage building owned by John G. Wood, located near the Home Fertilizer Works was discovered Saturday afternoon. In checking up materials stored there, it was learned that about 50 gallons of white and gray paint had disappeared, as well as about 1,000 pounds of heavy copper wire which was salvaged and stored there after the Farmers Peanut Company plant was destroyed several years ago.

Just when the material was taken is not known and police have as yet no clue upon which to work in order to apprehend the guilty parties.

Police Make Only One Arrest Over Holiday

Police report a very quiet Christmas celebration, only one arrest being made over the week-end. The person arrested was John White, colored, who was charged with assault upon Roosevelt Ford, also colored.

When White was arrested officers found a long dangerous pocket knife opened and concealed upon one of his sleeves. He was fined \$5 and costs when tried before Justice of the Peace F. W. Hobbs Tuesday.

Texaco Warehouse Relieved Of Tires

On Monday it was discovered that the Texas Company warehouse had been entered and a quantity of tires stolen. The robbery occurred either Saturday night or Sunday, but J. H. Conger was unable to say exactly how many tires were carried away.

Entrance was gained by breaking out a window, and though some finger prints were secured, no arrests have been made.

Rotary Club Will Meet As Usual Today

With last week's Rotary meeting called off due to the holiday rush, the regular meeting of the Edenton club will be held in the Parish House today at 1 o'clock.

President William Jones is very anxious that every member presents himself at this meeting, the last one in the year 1939.

Rotary Christmas Dance Was One Of Best Ever Staged

President Jones Turns Over Profits to Club Treasury

One of the most successful dances ever held in Edenton took place on Monday night when the Rotary Club's Christmas dance was held in the Armory. The spacious floor was well filled with couples coming from every section of the Albemarle, and from various expressions heard, it was as delightful a dance as could be expected.

Music was furnished by "Dutch" McMillin and his Duke Ambassadors from Duke University, who provided snappy music all evening to the delight of those on the floor.

William (Spec) Jones, president of the Rotary Club, who had charge and promotion of many previous dances, directed the affair and is now receiving congratulations of fellow Rotarians as well as other friends for the success of the dance.

Mr. Jones, in order to bolster the treasury of the Rotary Club, has very kindly turned over every cent of the profits of the dance to the club to be used for various Rotary activities.

Roper Negro Faces Hit And Run Charge

Colored Woman Taken To Hospital as Result Of Accident

Willis Howell, Roper Negro, was arrested Tuesday and placed in the Chowan County jail facing a charge of hit and run. On Monday night Rosetta Blanchard, colored, was seriously hurt when she was struck by a passing vehicle on the new road leading from Edenton to the Albemarle Sound bridge road.

After an examination, following the accident, she was taken to the Windsor Hospital, when it was thought that her neck was broken. Harry Ford, with the Blanchard woman at the time, was also knocked to the ground, but escaped with slight injuries.

The accident was investigated by State Patrolman Vernon Spruill, who was home for the Christmas holiday, and being furnished only with the information that the couple was hit by a truck, Patrolman Spruill later arrested Howell and lodged him in jail.

Howell told officers that if his truck hit anybody while he was on his way home Monday, he knew nothing about it. The right fender of his truck was dented and several pieces of broken glass rested on the running board when his truck was brought to police headquarters.

Cotton Ginning Still Trailing 1938 Figure

Chowan County cotton ginning continues far below last year's level, according to F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Agriculture. According to a report just released by Mr. Hobbs, 848 bales were ginned from the crop of 1939 prior to December 13 as compared with 1,267 bales from the 1938 crop to the same date.

35 Beer Dealers Lose Licenses In Clean-up

Raleigh.—Thirty-five retail beer licenses have been revoked in all parts of North Carolina at the behest of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee.

This means that 35 proprietors of anti-social beer outlets have been forced by the local authorities to get out of the beer business as a part of the beer industry's "clean up or close up" campaign in North Carolina.

While the committee pressed against the few bad actors in the beer business, it took time off to congratulate the great majority of law-abiding, respectable beer retailers who have cooperated in the purge of the bad element forming the minority.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET NEXT WEDNESDAY

Due to New Year's Day falling on next Monday, the County Commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday of next week, instead of the first Monday as usual.

Watch Service In Methodist Church On Sunday Night

Rev. W. C. Benson, the Pastor, Eager For Crowded House

10:30 TO 12 O'CLOCK

Various Groups Will Submit Program For New Year

Next Sunday night, from 10:30 o'clock until the new year arrives, a watch night service will be in progress in the Methodist Church, to which not only members of the congregation are earnestly urged to be present, but a cordial invitation is extended to anybody to attend. The pastor of the church, Rev. W. C. Benson, is very anxious to have a full house, for what he says should be one of the most impressive services of the year.

Various groupings of the church are expected to submit programs of activity during the new year as well as a brief resume of the past year's work, the climax to the service being a communion service as 1940 makes its debut. Mr. Benson assures all who attend that the meeting will not be tiresome and he is confidently looking forward to a great and well attended service.

Mrs. John E. Waff, Sr., Dies Saturday Night

Mrs. John E. Waff, Sr., died Saturday night at 11:45 o'clock at the home of her son, Ernest Waff. She was 69 years of age and had been ill for about three weeks. Her husband preceded her to the grave about two years ago.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Christmas afternoon, the service being held in Full Gospel Tabernacle, with the pastor, the Rev. Andrew Stirling officiating. Interment was made in the family burying ground at The Emperor.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. G. Davis, of Berkeley and Mrs. A. C. More, of South Norfolk, and three sons, Hugh Waff, of Portsmouth, John, Jr., and Ernest Waff, of Chowan County.

Pallbearers were: Clincy Briley, Eric Jones, Reuben Bass, Johnny Bass, Jasper Copeland and Asa Griffin.

AAA Leader Reports Soil Building Gains

In a preliminary report on Triple-A activities in 1939, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College, says gains were made in every phase of soil building during 1939, and that there is promise that 1940 will be even a greater year for the Agricultural Conservation Program.

The use of ground agricultural limestone increased to 108,464 tons as grants of aid alone, with individuals buying and applying an equal amount in excess of that required for practices under the program. This compares with 78,169 tons of lime used in 1938 and 30,584 tons used in 1937, Floyd said.

In 1939 the use of triple-superphosphate as a grant of aid totaled 3,514 tons, as compared with 1,863 tons in 1938 and 370 tons in 1937. The construction of terraces totaled more than 20,000,000 linear feet during the past year, as contrasted with 15,233,000 linear feet in 1938 and 9,849,000 linear feet in 1937.

"There were also encouraging gains in the seeding of lespedeza, winter legumes, and blue grass," the AAA executive said. "We had a greater participation in carrying out soil building during the year, and 75 percent of the total soil-building allowance set apart to be earned by producers was earned.

In addition, cotton parity payments are being made to 118,000 farmers, and wheat parity payments to 3,024 producers.

Colored Organization Distributes Presents

"The Secret 15," group of young colored people organized to spread Christmas cheer among the unfortunate of their race, on Saturday distributed 20 baskets of food, each valued at \$1.00, in addition to many clothes and toys. Members of the organization have asked The Herald to express their appreciation to both white and colored friends for their contributions which made the aim of their group possible.