

Christmas Season Ushered In Tonight

Cotton Farmers Will Decide Fate Of Marketing Quotas In Saturday's Referendum

Every Grower Urged to Register His Wishes At Polls

POLLING PLACES

Loans on Cotton Depends Upon Approval Of 1941 Quotas

Cotton growers of North Carolina and other states in the Nation where the lint crop is produced will go to the polls Saturday to decide in a referendum whether to have cotton marketing quotas in effect on the 1941 crop. Quotas have been in effect for the past three years, including 1940.

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, urges every farmer who produced cotton this year to go to his community polling place and express his opinion. "A large majority of cotton growers voting will mean that the referendum outcome represents the true opinion of producers as a whole," he declared.

The nation-wide vote in favor of cotton marketing quotas for 1940 was 877,297 for quotas and 84,976 against quotas, or 91.2 percent of those voting in favor of quotas. North Carolina gave 1940 quotas a 50,737 to 5,767 vote (89.8 percent) vote of approval.

Floyd pointed out that cotton loans, which have helped this year in maintaining cotton farmers' incomes, can be made available to cotton growers in 1941 only if marketing quotas are approved in Saturday's referendum. The Agricultural Adjustment Act, passed by Congress in 1938, specifically provides that if quotas are proclaimed and then voted down, loans cannot be made.

The Triple-A officer also said that if marketing quotas are rejected, the 1940 cotton loan program would have to cease at the time ballot results are announced, and a loan could not again be available until August 1, 1942.

Polling places for Chowan County cotton growers to register their wishes in the referendum will be as follows:

Edenton Township—Court House.
Middle Township—Z. W. Evans' office.

Upper Township—G. A. Hollowell's store.
Yeopim Township—R. E. Coffield's store.

These polling places will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., during which time any farmer who produced cotton this year is eligible to cast a vote.

Perfect Fire Record During November

Fire Chief R. K. Hall reports a perfect fire record in Edenton for the month of November. During the month there were only three alarms sent in and in each instance the damage was less than \$5. It was reported that the damage at the Boy Scout Cabin last week reached \$100, but according to Mr. Hall only old, disused tents were burned which were to be sent to the trash pile.

33 Persons Jailed During Last Month

During the month of November there were 33 inmates in the Chowan County jail, according to Jailer Shelton Moore's monthly report. Prisoners were confined for from one to 30 days, entailing an expense of \$105.40, which includes jail and turnkey fees.

Rotary Club Back On Regular Schedule

Having missed the last two regular meetings, the Edenton Rotary Club will today get back on regular schedule by meeting at the Parish House at 1 o'clock. According to the monthly report, the local club has made considerable progress in attendance rating and for that reason every member is especially urged to be present.

Coming Slow

According to Sheriff J. A. Bunch, tax collections in Chowan County during November have not been up to par. During the month he collected only \$6,911.24 of the 1940 taxes, and \$207.18 was collected for 1939 taxes. The drop in collections was a source of concern to the County Commissioners, who attributed the drop in payment of taxes in comparison with other years to the fact that a considerable portion of the peanut crop had not yet been picked and that money not put into circulation.

Picture 'Golgotha' Will Be Shown At School On Sunday

Only Talking Picture Ever Taken of Passion Play

THREE SHOWS

Night Showing Will Not Start Until 8:30 O'clock

On Sunday night in the Edenton High School auditorium will be presented the picture "Golgotha," the first and only talking picture ever made of the famous Passion Play. This picture is shown in this community under the sponsorship of the

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December Term Chowan Superior Court Next Week

Judge William C. Harris of Raleigh Will Again Preside

Fifteen civil actions and as many more criminal cases are on the calendar for next week's December term of Superior Court, at which Judge William C. Harris, of Raleigh, will again preside. Of the civil matters perhaps the most prolonged will be suit again brought by G. H. Harding, owner of the Hotel Joseph Hewes, against the Southern Loan and Trust Company, of Elizabeth City, for alleged contractual misrepresentations.

A similar action by Harding was on the court dockets for several terms this and last year and was finally disposed of by the Supreme Court of North Carolina against the plaintiff. In the new suit Harding claims that he has paid \$10,833 on account to the defendant corporation besides expending \$8,000 on improvements, and asserts that building defects unanticipated by him induce him to believe he has been damaged to the extent of \$15,000, for which amount he is suing.

Criminal cases have been set down for the opening two days of the term and the civil docket, starting Wednesday, is as follows:

Jackson vs. Perry; Francis vs. Smith; Johnson vs. Cooke; Hudgins vs. Hotel Company; Parrish vs. Hotel Company; Hawkins vs. Edenton Cotton Mills; Perry & Hofer vs. Hassell; Bank vs. Lowry.

Thursday, December 12
Scott vs. Holley; Davis vs. Winslow and Waff; Collins vs. Northcutt; Kelly Furniture Co. vs. Mrs. J. W. Griffin; Dall vs. Wood Manufacturing Company; Zachery vs. Payne; Robinson's Slaughter House vs. Friendly Market.

Motions and Divorce cases heard at the convenience of the Court.

Christmas Seal Sale Off To Splendid Start On Tuesday Morning

Group of Canvassers Making House to House Calls

NEED IS GREAT

75 Cents of Each Dollar Collected Remains In County

Edenton's sale of Christmas Seals for the campaign against tuberculosis got off to a good start Tuesday morning and by this time most of the people in Edenton have been visited by one of the authorized canvassers. However, some who were visited were not at home, and those who missed the opportunity to buy, are urged by Seal workers to telephone the canvasser on their street so that the total sales may be as large as last year.

As in former years, all proceeds from the sale of Christmas Seals will be used to fight tuberculosis. Seventy-five cents out of each dollar collected in Chowan County remains in the county.

Again the fact is emphasized that the need is great and it is hoped that this year's sale will exceed all former years.

The canvassers appointed to sell seals are as follows:

Hotel and Business Blocks—Mrs. George C. Wood.

Business Section Broad Street, West side—Mrs. J. S. Davis; East side—Mrs. Albert Byrum.

Colonial Square and Water Street—Mrs. Herbert Leary.

Oakum Street—Mrs. Jim Daniels and Mrs. A. S. Hollowell.

West Eden Street—Mrs. Branning Perry.

East Eden Street—Mrs. C. T. Doughtie.

Mosely Street—Mrs. George C. Hoskins.

West Albemarle and Gale Streets—Mrs. W. J. Berryman.

Granville Street—Mrs. John F. White.

North Broad Street, West Side—Mrs. J. L. Pettus; East Side—Mrs. Dave Holton.

West Queen Street, North Side—Mrs. W. W. Byrum; South Side, Mrs. M. G. Brown.

East Queen Street—Mrs. Wallace Church Street, North Side—Mrs. Philip McMullan; South Side, Mrs. Lee Sledge.

West King and Blount Streets—Mrs. Roy Leary.

East King Street—Mrs. Frank Hughes.

Industrial Plants—Mrs. W. I. Hart and Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr.

North Edenton—Mrs. Garriss.

Virginia Road—Mrs. West Leary.

Bridge Road—Mrs. T. B. Smith.

Mrs. Elliott Resigns As President Of Parent-Teachers

Resignation Is Read at Meeting Held Tuesday Afternoon

NO SUCCESSOR

Illness In Family Reason For Giving Up Presidency

Members of the Edenton Parent-Teachers Association at their meeting Tuesday learned with a great deal of regret that Mrs. Richard Elliott had resigned as president. Though not present, Mrs. Elliott, in a letter, explained that due to illness in her family it would be impossible for her to devote the time which she feels is necessary to properly direct affairs of the organization and therefore would be obliged to give up the presidency. Mrs. W. D. Pruden, vice president, presided over Tuesday's meeting in Mrs. Elliott's absence, but no successor was named.

After reading of the minutes, reports were made by the committees on the lunch room, finance, clothing,

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Warren Explains Revaluation Plan To Corps Workers

Tax Listers and Appraisers Meet With Commissioners

WANT EQUALITY

To Concentrate In Placing All Property on Tax Books

Newly appointed list takers and appraisers in Chowan County's revaluation set-up appeared before the County Commissioners Monday at the request of Tax Supervisor Philip McMullan. It was Mr. McMullan's idea to have his group of workers know just what the County Commissioners expect of them and for that reason Chairman D. M. Warren very ably explained the present status of affairs and the results which are desired.

Mr. Warren told the group that the purpose of the revaluation is to get all tax-payers on an equal basis, to put all real estate, personal property and polls on the books. In this connection he said the County Commissioners felt reasonably sure that a considerable amount of taxable property is not now listed, and this is not fair to those who list property. It isn't fair, he said, for one man to list a high-priced automobile at \$250 and another party to list a car of far less value at the same amount.

Mr. Warren also explained the inequality of present valuations by reason of changes resulting in the past 10 or 20 years. To bring out his point, he explained that certain Edenton property which 10 or 20 years ago was in a thriving neighborhood and worth what it is listed on the tax books is now worth, in some cases, not half that amount. On the other hand, there is some property in Edenton which 10 or 20 years ago was worth very little, but by reason of a change in trend of business, improvements and highways, is worth far more than it is listed. The same condition prevails in the county. Sandy land, he said, used to be considered worth very little, but now some of this land produces the best sort of crops and yields more revenue than land previously considered worth far more.

It is matters of this sort which are to be ironed out by the revaluation group. It is to consider the worth of land and buildings and value on an equal basis, irrespective of where the property is located. The Commissioners are frank to admit that some property is valued too low and that in some cases too high a valuation is placed on the books.

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Benefit Musical Review Tonight At High School

Interesting Program to Be Presented at 8 O'clock

FEATURES

Proceeds Will Go Toward Purchasing Band Uniforms

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium a musical revue will be presented for the benefit of the band uniform fund. During the evening vocal and instrumental numbers will be rendered, together with a band concert consisting of numbers ranging from symphonic to jazz, as well as a number of Christmas selections. An added feature will be a colored quartet which will be in charge of Emma Foreman and Sadie Badham.

Another feature will be a dance team composed of Jimmy and Marjorie Weathers.

At the conclusion of the program a beautiful solid mahogany end table will be awarded which is now on display in the Quinn Furniture Company window.

Parade In Business Section With Santa Claus In Line Will Quicken Holiday Spirit

Here's Hoping

Edenton, along with other towns along the eastern seaboard, was visited this week by Representative Herbert C. Bonner and a three-member party of (Navy men headed by Captain C. E. Rosendahl, in the interest of locating a 95,000,000 naval station for lighter-than-air craft.

The delegation, arriving earlier Tuesday morning than expected, was met and accompanied by Richard Dixon, J. W. Davis, John Graham, D. M. Warren and Julien Wood, Sr. The local men felt very optimistic regarding a site that will comply with the requirements, and escorted the visitors to the scene. Of course, no commitments were made, except the fact that there will be no delay in beginning the project when the location has been determined.

Red Cross Roll Call In Chowan County Passes Last Year

\$382 Turned Over to Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Chairman

EXPECT \$400

Still a Few Canvassers To Send In Final Reports

Immensely pleased by the incomplete results of the officially finished Red Cross Membership Roll Call Drive, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Chowan Chapter chairman, reported Tuesday that she was confident the campaign total will aggregate \$400. To date she has had turned over into her \$382.07, which is around \$40 more

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Mrs. Julien Wood, Sr. Appeals For Aid To Bundles For Britain

Says Our Destiny Inseparably Linked With England

Mrs. Julien Wood, Sr., chairman for Bundles for Britain in Chowan County, is somewhat disturbed at the lack of cash contributions for this cause and is hopeful that citizens will realize the importance of the movement and rally to its support as is the case with other worthy causes. Mrs. Wood reports that some few weeks ago a creditable amount of clothing was collected and sent to England, but she feels that cash contributions have not been what they might be.

Mrs. Wood is vitally interested in this aid for England and because of its importance has sent the following letter to The Herald, which is printed in full:

"If the destruction and agony of England were in a nearby city, we in Edenton would have no heart for anything but its relief, even if it were involuntary suffering, so much easier is it to realize things close at hand.

"But England's is a voluntary martyrdom for those things which she and we believe in and value more than life. It was she who planted on our soil Christian civilization and all that flows from it. Alone in all the world—and against most of the world—she is battling for them. Our destiny is inseparably linked with hers, for it is the avowed intention of the power which is raining death

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Black Out Except For Town's Christmas Decorations

AT 7 O'CLOCK

Affair Expected to Stimulate Christmas Shopping

Santa Claus will hit town tonight (Thursday) on the first lap of a stay which will last for exactly three weeks longer. It will be a great visit. Illuminatingly and happily he will time his arrival at the very hour when the street lighting of the community's main thoroughfare will be turned on for the Yuletide season, and while the rest of that avenue is blacked out Old Saint Nick will head a lively parade of school children, bands, Boy and Girl Scouts.

It will be the official Christmas opening for industrial Edenton, and will usher in the holiday and shopping time here. The Merchants Association and Chamber of Commerce are combining forces to make the occasion a memorable one, and in case you may wish to know, it will be that very thing.

Prior to the night celebration the merchants will start their first of three weeks Thursday afternoon prize distributions in front of Quinn's Furniture Store as last year. The prizes, money awards, told of elsewhere in an advertisement, will go to the holders of winning coupons registered by town tradespeople to purchasers of the week before. This, of itself, will be quite an affair and bids fair to draw a crowd.

But tonight's show will be the big time, and will be very colorful. For several weeks now Main Street has been ready for the street lighting illumination, gaily colored bulbs strung in and out and back and forth across Broad Street from the Post Office to the water front. Delay in turning on the display has been occasioned by the desire to start the whole holiday show at the same time, and tonight, promptly at 7 o'clock, Broad Street will be black as the starless night save for the colored display.

After the parade is over there will be a grand and sudden lighting of the shop windows everywhere and Christmas will officially be declared an open season of buy and sell.

The parade itself will make a start on Broad Street beyond the Post Office, being led off by Miss Lena Jones' rhythm band, each youngster tugging and tooting a horn or banging a drum in a way to occasion admiration, perhaps, much laughter.

Then will come Santa himself—who he will be or is, is your guess as well as anybody else's—probably in an open auto tonneau, maybe toting his huge form afoot, but minus a sack of candy presents for the

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Registrants' Blood Tests Now Available

The Health Department announces that all registrants who had samples of blood taken during the registration may now find out the results of the tests at the Health Office. There were 415 tests taken, 66 of which were either positive or doubtful. These results are the same percentage that is usually found in a national survey. There are both white and colored among the positive tests, so everyone is urged to find out the results of his test in order for those having a positive result to start treatment immediately.

City 1941 Auto Tags Now Ready For Sale

Chief of Police G. A. Helms urges all automobile owners to purchase their city tags at once, the tags now being on sale by Miss Louise Coke, tax collector, at the Municipal Building. These new tags must be bought and displayed before January 1, 1941, and in displaying them a favor would be conferred upon the Police officers if the tags are placed in front of cars instead of in the rear, thus aiding in checking on cars during the one hour parking regulation on Saturdays.