

# Agreeable Weather On Christmas Fails To Dampen Joyful Observance Of Day

### Did Business One Reason For Injection Of Happiness

## CELEBRATION Office Breaks All Records For Volume Of Business

Wet and sloppy but it was agreeable and went or sat quietly or in sheer exhaustion. The Eve passed slowly with fireworks popping on some streets, fireworks at a couple of homes. On the day it was a large midday "at the hotel to which several and partook of elaborate festivity. In many private was similar entertaining on a scale. Played everywhere and so happy. There were fine deeds of fine people, baskets and remembering. Everywhere there was joy, but it was a wet and gloomy Christmas.

The Christmas trade of the town was tremendous. Stores speak of more merchandise than ever. Merchants tell of being unable to supply the demands of the town in the last few days. On all sides the town is spoken of as being in the history of the town the same way as the Post here there has never been a volume of incoming and outgoing and carriers and messengers ragged through Christmas before they went home in the morning they had not only a record of mail handled, but was not a piece of mail left in the office on the day of the celebration.

There has been the rush, and to last night, at the moment. More 1941 tags than in any previous year at the drug stores, children their long expected gifts and at the other a so-called (Continued on Page Five)

## Sue At School On Tuesday

## Entertainment Sponsor-By Chowan Red Men Tribe

Entertainment of much interest in the high school auditorium Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Sunshine Sue and her WRVA will appear on the stage. The entertainment is by Chowan Tribe of Red Men. Proceeds going to the Orphans' fund of the Tribe. The ticket sale is new in several of the members of a committee to sell tickets. The Tribe receives a percentage on advance ticket sales and for this reason it is hoped that many will purchase their tickets before the night of the entertainment.

Sunshine Sue is featured on a coast to coast Mutual network and, aside from this popular star, the program will include a radio stars' jamboree and novelty show.

The same entertainment appeared in Edenton some months ago, but due to a church revival and other conflicting meetings, the attendance was not as large as expected. However, many who hear the radio program will be glad to have the opportunity to see the radio outfit perform in person, and Red Men are hoping an entertainment will attract a capacity house.

## R. K. Hall Celebrates 75th Birthday Dec. 25

R. K. Hall celebrated his 75th birthday anniversary on Tuesday. The day was spent at his home in North Edenton. He had as his guests his daughter, Mrs. Brantley McCoy and her husband, Mr. Harrell and their daughter, Elizabeth City.

## Every Sense A Citadel Of Light



Above is a reproduction of Chowan County's ancient Court House as flood lights played upon the ancient building during the Christmas holidays. The building was a source of much Yuletide attraction, but has dimmed again, together with the other Christmas decorations which this year were very beautiful.

## Edenton's Band Will Play At Inauguration

Director C. L. McCullers has received an invitation from Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, at the request of Governor-elect J. M. Broughton, for the Edenton Band to take part in the inaugural ceremonies in Raleigh on January 9. The invitation has been accepted and the band will leave in a specially chartered bus at 6:30 in the morning in order to be ready for formation at the Governor's mansion not later than 10 o'clock.

It will be the first public appearance of the Edenton band in the new uniforms.

## Band Uniform Fund Lacks Little More Of Reaching Goal

## Director McCullers Reports Only \$154.30 Now Needed

With \$1,020 needed for 46 new uniforms for the Edenton High School Band, Director C. L. McCullers on Wednesday reported that the goal is in sight, for that amount all has been raised except \$154.30. The uniforms have been ordered and are expected to reach Edenton next Monday, and because it is a C.O.D. shipment it is very necessary that the small amount is raised before that time.

The band is one of seven to be invited to take part in Governor J. M. Broughton's inauguration next Thursday and it is hoped to use the new uniforms for the first time for that occasion. Anyone who desires to make a contribution should contact Mr. McCullers or Mrs. S. C. Mills at once so that there will be no delay in securing the new uniforms.

Mr. McCullers reports that up to Wednesday of this week he had received a total of \$856.70 which was received as follows:

Total \$856.70

## Prizes Awarded For Christmas Displays

## Badham Bros. and Mrs. R. P. Badham Win First Prizes

Whether prizes offered by Town Council had anything to do with it or not, the fact remains that Christmas decorations in Edenton this year surpassed previous years both in number and beauty.

Town Council offered prizes for the two most attractively decorated business houses as well as the two most attractively decorated homes and a committee from the Garden Club experienced some difficulty in awarding these prizes. The prizes as awarded went to the following:

Business Houses—Badham Bros. first and W. J. Yates Sinclair Service Station, second.

Homes—Mrs. R. P. Badham, first, and Mrs. Guy Boyce, second.

In each division first prize was \$5.00, and second prize \$2.50. The committee also made honorable mention for Jule Elliott's decoration at his fish house along the waterfront.

## Mrs. C. A. Ashby Dies On Sunday, Funeral Tuesday

## Old St. Paul's Church Filled To Capacity For Last Rites

Mrs. Evelyn Garnett Ashby, wife of the Rev. Charles Aylett Ashby, passed away at her home at noon Sunday, following an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Ashby was 64 years of age and had been an outstanding church worker until about eight years ago when she became paralyzed. She had been helpless, her entire left side being affected, but throughout this handicap she remained cheerful and maintained an unusual interest in all that went on about her.

Mrs. Ashby was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Garnett, of Newport News, Va., where she spent her youth. In 1909 she married Mr. Ashby, then a lawyer practicing in Newport News. In the same year Mr. Ashby went to the Virginia Seminary and in 1911 began his ministry at Amherst, Va., afterwards he served Episcopal Churches in Elizabeth City and Raleigh, N. C., and at Jacksonville, Florida, from which latter place he came to Edenton in 1933. In each place, until she was paralyzed, Mrs. Ashby took a very active part in church activities, thus very ably assisting Mr. Ashby (Continued on Page Four)

## U. S. Army Engineers Scheduled To Arrive In Edenton January 6

## Group of 50 Men Will Make Headquarters In Armory

Lieutenant Carr of the U. S. Army engineer corps was in Edenton Monday relative to making arrangements for a corps of engineers making their headquarters in the Edenton Armory. Lieutenant Carr, together with assistants, met with Mayor J. H. McMullan and Fred P. Wood and Graham Byrum, custodians of the Armory, and definitely set the second week in January as the time the engineers will arrive in Edenton.

In the corps will be 50 men, who will make their headquarters in the Armory while making surveys throughout the section.

Permission was granted for an indefinite stay at the Armory, but it is thought the corps will complete its work in about two months. The engineers are all high class men, graduates of West Point, and their presence in Edenton has been cause for much favorable comment. They have been stationed at Wilson.

## DISTRICT POULTRY SCHOOL AT CURRITUCK JANUARY 13

A district poultry school will be held at Currituck Court House on Monday, January 13. Chowan County farmers who are interested in poultry raising are urged to attend.

## 1940 IN REVIEW

## Highlights of Happenings During Past Year as Chronicled In Files of The Chowan Herald

A pretty mean old man of the year went his ominous way over the Western horizon around midnight Tuesday night, waving bombs of death and devastation on all sides and fading into the distant darkness at just about the minute a squalling, howling 1941 baby, with but little more hope in his dangerous face, was prodded up through the Eastern skies to the tom tom beating of war drums everywhere.

It is New Year's, to be sure, but not much of a one to face today. Yet here in Chowan, where we have untroubled temperaments and are undisturbed by the rattle of musketry across the seas save what we read in the papers or hear over the radio, we are at peace with all mankind and intend to keep so.

To us in Chowan 1940 has been replete with other things beside strife and war. The year has been a productively prosperous one in many ways, and a resume of happenings culled from the weekly issues of The Herald show that calamity and danger have avoided us through the twelve months just ending.

Of the 1940 events perhaps the two that stand out as marked in import-

ance and which should make us all give a thought to the recent burning of London by the scalawags from Germany, center about the almost complete demolition of the M. G. Brown Lumber Company by fire last August, the worst conflagration in Edenton in recent years, and but a short time before that another fire at the waterfront end of Broad Street that did great destructive damage, too.

Then there has been the death of a number of the county's prominent residents, including Farm Agent N. K. Rowell, County Commissioner A. D. Ward, Joseph C. Dail, John Harrison Spruill, the county's oldest white man, and Mrs. C. A. Ashby, all of whom will be sadly missed by a regretful populace.

In the criminal line there has been much, but nothing of marked notice save the fall "wipe out" of the slot machine business in the county and the penalization of those most involved including the king bee of the game in the State.

But let the record of the year speak for itself, week by week, as follows: January 4—Rev. George W. Blount, (Continued on Page Seven)

# Organization Home Guard For Edenton To Be Decided At Mass Meeting Tuesday

## C. Of C. Membership Meets Next Tuesday

A membership meeting of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce will be held next Tuesday night, January 7, at 8 o'clock. [The meeting will be held in the Municipal Building and all members of the organization are especially urged to be present.

With the advent of a new year, President Davis is very anxious that every member becomes acquainted with what the association has done as well as with future plans, and for that reason he urgently requests every member to attend.

## 104 Children In 31 Families Helped By Stocking Fund

## \$109.27 Contributed to Help Spread Christmas Cheer

It will be interesting to know that through the Christmas Stocking Fund, 104 children in 31 families were made happy on Christmas morning. The sponsors of this fund, Miss Louise Coke and Mrs. O. M. Elliott, wish to thank all who helped in any way to make it possible to carry on this good work. The amount of cash received was \$109.27.

Below is a list of those who contributed to this worthy cause:

- Miss Mamie Skinner, Mrs. H. C. Wozelka, Mrs. C. E. Kramer, C. E. Kramer, Mrs. E. C. White, Mrs. B. W. Hathaway, Miss Carrie Coke, Miss Margaret Pruden, Mrs. O. M. Elliott, Mrs. S. W. Taylor, Mrs. R. P. Badham, W. D. Pruden, Mrs. H. G. Wood, Mrs. E. N. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Summerell, Mrs. W. H. Coffield, Mrs. C. P. Wales, F. W. Hobbs, Mrs. J. M. Beatty, D. M. Warren, Mrs. H. H. Preston, George C. Hoskins, Mrs. H. C. Jackson, Miss Sophie Wood, Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr., Edenton P. T. A., Mrs. W. B. Shepard, Mrs. R. G. White, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. R. F. Tuttle, John W. Graham, Mrs. W. I. Hart, R. A. Beasley, Mrs. W. A. Graham, Mrs. Julien Wood, Sr., Mrs. W. J. Leary, Mrs. Jessie McMullan, Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Sr., Mrs. Jennie P. Vann, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. John C. Badham, Mrs. John Wood, Gilliam Wood, American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. A. M. Day, Miss Louise Coke, Miss Sallie Jones, Mrs. W. D. Pruden, D. M. Warren, Jr., Jack Badham, Mrs. J. A. Woodard, Mrs. W. M. Bond, Miss Emily Smithwick, Miss Zene Elliott, R. E. Leary, M. F. Bond, J. M. Vail, Mrs. J. A. Powell, Graham White, Rotary Club, Edenton Cotton Mills, Edenton Boy Scouts, The Chowan Herald.

## Masons Will Install Officers Tonight

## G. A. Helms Replaces C. W. Sawyer as Master

Officers for the year 1941 will be installed at the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Chief of Police G. A. Helms will replace C. W. Sawyer as master of the lodge, with Louis E. Francis, senior warden; John Lee Spruill, junior warden; C. H. Wood, treasurer, and J. Edwin Bufflep, secretary.

Mr. Helms has made the following appointments, who will also be installed: Senior deacon, S. C. Mills; junior deacon, W. J. Daniels; stewards, Sidney Campen and Colon Sawyer; orphanage chairman, E. T. Rawlinson; educational secretary, A. S. Hollowell; chaplain, W. C. Bunch; degree team captain, H. A. Campen; auditing committee, R. E. Lear, W. M. Wilkins and E. W. Spires; tiler, Paul Olsson.

## Citizens Urged to Meet At Chowan Court House

## AT 5 O'CLOCK

## Committee Is Named to Pick Officers If Unit Is Desired

In compliance with Governor Clyde R. Hoey's authorization permitting 35 North Carolina cities, of which Edenton is one, to establish Home Guard units to replace national guard troops called into regular army camps for a year's training, a mass meeting of Edenton citizens has been called for the Court House next Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The call for such a meeting went out yesterday from Mayor J. H. McMullan and Chairman D. M. Warren, of the County board, after a letter informing them of the State executive's authorization had been received by both from Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts in Raleigh.

The question of a Home Guard unit here has been a subject of much street talk ever since the local ambulance corps was shunted off to Fort Jackson leaving the Armory vacant. Naturally it would be an emergency unit, prepared to aid in defending the town against any sort of invasion, whether by the hands of a war enemy or as the result of riot or any other civic disturbance. Sentiment has been pro and con relative to the unit's establishment here.

General Metts' communication sets forth that the unit should be made up of 50 men between the ages of 18 and 45, not subject to call into federal service because of dependents or for any other cause, each one to be a "good substantial citizen." The unit will be marshalled by a captain and two lieutenants, preferably men with military training.

No pay or other emolument will be available for such service by officers or men, but armament will be furnished by the War Department. Uniforms will have to be supplied by the unit itself or by the town where (Continued on Page Eight)

## New County Agent Due Jan. 12 To 15

## C. W. Overman Detained For Some Time at Manteo Office

C. W. Overman, who has been appointed Chowan County agent to succeed the late N. K. Rowell, and who was to take over his new duties Wednesday, January 1, will not take charge of the Edenton office until January 12 or 15.

Mr. Overman is serving in a similar capacity in Dare County and has been detained at the Manteo office until a new agent has become acquainted with the program in Dare.

## Bank Of Edenton's 1941 Christmas Club Breaks All Previous Records

Though still more members are expected to join, the Bank of Edenton early this week reported the shattering of all previous records for membership in the 1941 Christmas Savings Club. Ever since this helpful form of saving was inaugurated by the Bank of Edenton, each succeeding year has seen an increase in members as well as in the amount represented in the various clubs.

The club is still open for members and any who desire to join should do so at once.

## Dance Friday Night For Benefit Of Band

For the benefit of the Edenton High School band uniform fund a dance will be held in the Armory on Friday night, beginning at 9 o'clock. Music for the occasion will be furnished by Edenton's newly formed swing orchestra of 10 pieces.

A grand prize will be awarded the holder of the lucky ticket, the drawing to take place at the Armory at 10 o'clock. Tickets for the affair are now on sale.