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## Snag Struck In Laying Sidewalks On Eden Street

### 14 Crepe Myrtle Trees In Path of Proposed Sidewalk

Though two petitions for constructing cement sidewalks have been filed with Town Council and \$5,000 ordered transferred from the Electric and Water account to meet the town's expense, a snag has been encountered in at least one of the projects, and as a result, starting of this work on Eden Street has been held up.

Signatures of the owners of the majority of the frontage on the north side of Eden Street from the Citizens Bank to Granville Street were affixed to the petition, but at the time of signing no thought was apparently given to the group of 14 crepe myrtle trees in the path of a sidewalk. Since the petition was presented to Town Council, no little opposition has developed to removing these trees, so that the street commissioner has held up this work until a meeting of Town Council can be held in order to be equipped with official instructions from the Town's governing body as to what course to pursue.

The only alternative to lay a sidewalk without removing these trees would be to cross private property for about half of the distance. It would be possible to lay a sidewalk adjoining the curb for about half the distance and then swing in several feet so that the sidewalk would be between the line of trees and the houses. This, naturally, would not be an attractive sidewalk and property owners affected would have to give consent to crossing their property.

If these trees are to be removed, at least one of the signers wants to withdraw from the request for a sidewalk, and in this event it may be possible that not a majority of the frontage has been signed for. There are some of the property owners who are very anxious for the crepe myrtle trees to be removed, while others strenuously object to such action. Eden Street is very narrow, the hard surface from curb to curb being only 18 feet, so that with no sidewalks, pedestrians are obliged to walk in the street, thus subjecting them to danger of being injured by automobiles.

## Rotarians Advance Idea Of Plaque For All Men In Service

### Names of Everyone In Armed Service Would Be Inscribed

In traveling about, several members of the Edenton Rotary Club were favorably impressed in several towns recently where large plaques were constructed containing the names of every person in the county now in the Nation's Armed forces. At last week's meeting the idea was presented of erecting an appropriate plaque at some conspicuous place and on which would be placed the name of every person in Chowan County in the service.

At the conclusion of the discussion, R. N. Hines, Marvin Wilson and J. G. Campen were appointed as a committee to present the matter to both the County Commissioners and Town Council and see if the two governing bodies would agree to meet the expense involved.

## Cotton Ginning Far Ahead Of Last Year

Cotton ginning in Chowan County is leading last year at the same time by 963 bales, according to F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census.

Mr. Hobbs' report shows that 4,675 bales of cotton were ginned in the county from the crop of 1942 prior to November 14. This compares with 3,712 bales ginned from the 1941 crop at the same time last year.

## Bank Of Edenton Closed On Thanksgiving Day

Due to Thursday being Thanksgiving Day, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day in order to permit employees to enjoy the holiday. Business will be resumed as usual on Friday morning.

## Tom Byrum Named Co-Captain U. N. C. 1943 Football Team

### Edenton Boy Honored By Lettermen of Tar Heel Squad

Friends will be delighted to learn that Tom Byrum, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Byrum, was on Monday night named co-captain of the University of North Carolina football team for 1943. The other captain is Craven Turner, a Raleigh boy.

Byrum, a 200-pounder, was one of the leading linemen of the Tar Heels this season, developing into the outstanding blocker and tackler of the outfit. He will be a senior next year and was chosen for the honor in a ballot taken among lettermen of this year's squad.

## Mrs. A. T. Bush Dies Suddenly Friday As Result Heart Attack

### Funeral Held In Baptist Church on Sunday Afternoon

Many friends were shocked Saturday morning when they learned that Mrs. A. T. Bush died suddenly at 7:30 o'clock Friday night at her home on West Queen Street. She was 70 years old and though in declining health for some time, her condition was not considered serious until about two weeks ago, when she took a turn for the worse. She succumbed to a heart attack.

Mrs. Bush, before her marriage, was Mrs. Lula Rice Sharp, of Bertie County, coming to Edenton in 1903 to teach school. She was a member of the Edenton school faculty for several years until she married Mr. Bush. She was for many years a faithful member of the Edenton Baptist Church and was known for her sympathy and generosity in behalf of the unfortunate and poor of the community.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lester Todd, of Durham, and Mrs. George R. Shelton, of Seattle, Wash., and a brother, John Rice, of Windsor. Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon with the pastor, the Rev. E. L. Wells, officiating. The many beautiful floral tributes attested to the esteem in which she was held by a large circle of friends. Interment was made in one of the few remaining lots in the Baptist burying ground adjoining the church, where she was laid to rest beside her husband, who preceded her to the grave on November 6, 1923.

Active pallbearers were: C. T. Hollowell, John M. Elliott, W. C. Hollowell, R. E. Leary, William D. Holmes, Nathan Dail, W. C. Bunch and J. L. Chestnut, deacons of the Baptist Church.

Honorary pallbearers were: W. A. Everett, W. M. Wilkins, O. C. Davis, M. A. Hughes, W. A. Leggett, D. B. Liles, C. H. Wood, W. J. Berryman, W. E. Bond, Dr. L. P. Williams, William Privott, Earl Goodwin, David Holton, A. S. Smith, R. C. Holland, Kenneth Israel, D. M. Warren and C. E. Kramer.

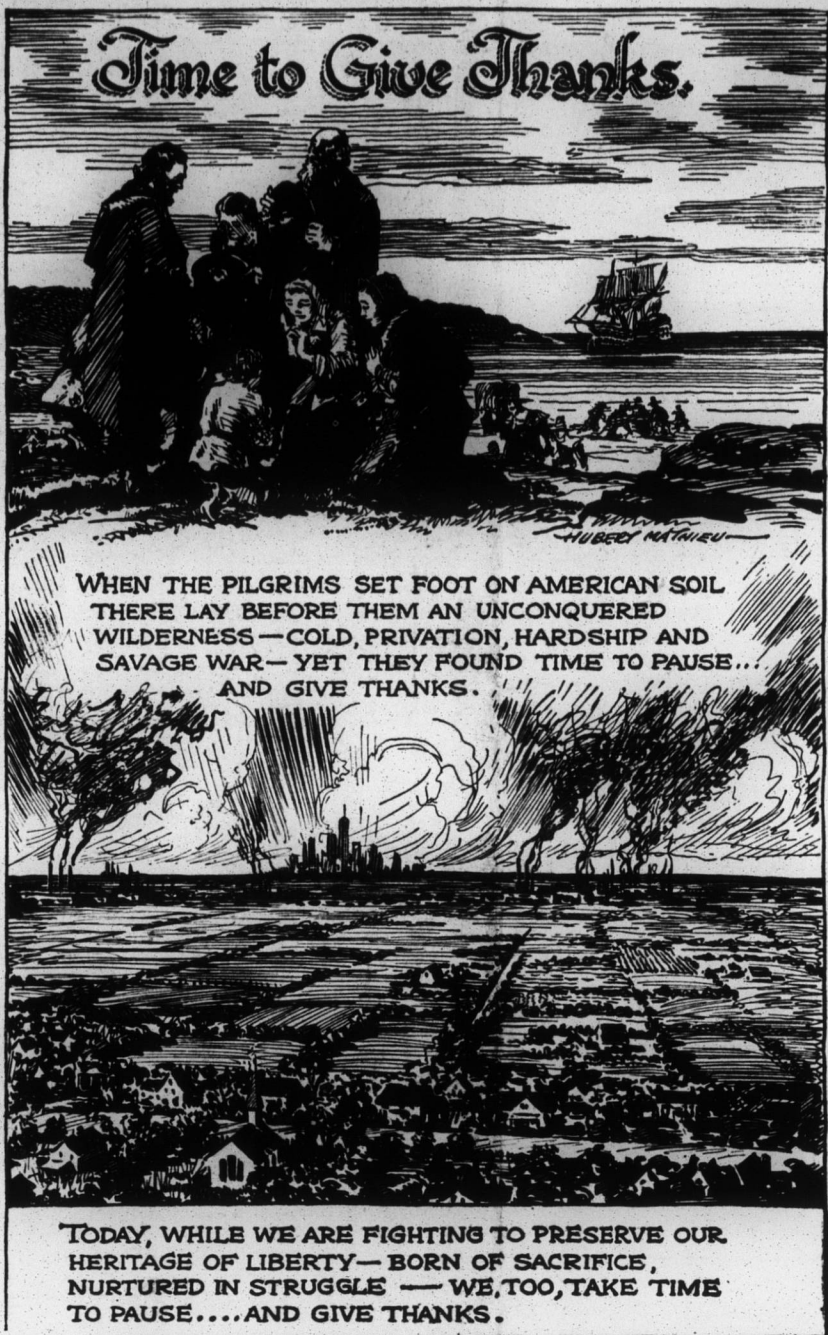
## Bank's Christmas Club Checks Will Be Mailed December 7

### About \$40,000 Will Be Distributed Among 1,000 Members

On or about Monday, December 7, the Bank of Edenton will distribute in the neighborhood of \$40,000 which represents savings accumulated by members of the bank's Christmas Savings Club.

The club this year has broken all previous records both as to the amount distributed and the number of members. There were about 1,000 members this year who participated in this popular method of saving.

**PROMOTED AT PENDER'S**  
Mrs. F. H. Benbury, who has been employed at the local Pender Store since her husband, formerly manager, entered the U. S. Army, has been promoted to manager of the produce department.



## Aces In Final Game Thursday Afternoon

### Columbia Will Be Attraction In Home Contest Starting at 2:30

Edenton High School's football team will draw the curtain on the 1943 season Thursday afternoon, when Columbia is scheduled to play on the local gridiron. The game is scheduled to begin at 2:30 o'clock.

That the final game should be a hardfought battle is reflected in the fact that the Columbia outfit played Hertford to a tie, while the Perquimans County boys handed the Aces their worst defeat of the year a few weeks ago, the score being 31 to 9. However, for the Hertford game, several of Coach Roy Watson's boys were handicapped due to injuries, so that he, as well as the boys, feels very optimistic that, barring injuries during practice, the Aces will tack at least another victory to their credit.

So far as victories for the season go, the Aces are on the short end, having won only two games out of eight games played. However, they have gone through a tough schedule and Coach Watson was greatly handicapped due to lack of reserve strength.

## Boy Scouts Change Night Of Meeting

### Boys Decide to Meet Wednesday Instead Of Friday

At Friday night's meeting of the Edenton Boy Scout Troop, the boys voted to change their meeting night from Friday to Wednesday night, beginning this week. The matter of also changing the hour was discussed, some of the boys desiring to step up the meeting from 7:30 to 7 o'clock. However, the vote resulted in a tie and after hearing arguments on both sides, Scoutmaster C. W. Overman broke the tie by voting for the 7:30 hour.

During the meeting three boys were dropped from the Troop due to non-attendance, but three new members were proposed. The boys had a lively meeting which was climaxed by an I. Q. session led by Wood Privott and William Leary.

**MASONS CALL OFF MEETING**  
Due to Thursday being Thanksgiving, the weekly meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will not be held. At next week's meeting, December 3rd, the lodge will elect new officers for the year 1943, and a request is made for all members to be present for this important matter.

## Teen-age Youths To Register Next Month

### Days of Registration Arranged According To Birthdays

Though the Chowan County Draft Board has not been notified relative to the registration of teen-age youths, this registration is expected to begin December 11 and continue through December 31, the groups to register in three periods in order of birthdays.

This registration follows President Roosevelt's recent proclamation calling for registration of all youths who have become 18 since the last registration this summer.

The periods for registration follow:

December 11 to 17—Boys who became 18 during July and August.

December 18 to 24—Those who became 18 in September and October.

December 26 to 31—Those who became 18 during November and December.

Thereafter there will be a continuous registration for youths as they reach their 18th birthday.

According to the amended selective service law, these youths are liable for induction into service immediately.

## Coffee Added To List Rationed Items

### Sales Frozen For Week From Last Saturday Night

Taking its place on the rationed foods list, sale of coffee was restricted Saturday night and no sales will be permitted for a week, after which rationing will be in effect at the rate of one cup a day. That other foods will be added to the rationed list is reflected in the fact that the Office of Price Administration admits that butter and meat supplies are in pretty bad shape. Meat is expected to be rationed about January 15, when new universal books are expected to be issued.

## Questionnaires Go To 18-19 Year Old Boys

Chowan County's Draft Board is now sending questionnaires to the group of 18 and 19-year-old boys who registered June 30. The advisory committee has set aside Wednesday, December 2nd, as a day when members will sit at the Armory for the purpose of assisting in filling out these papers.

The committee will be on duty from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., and any of those affected who need help are requested to report between these hours.

## Registration For Fuel Oil And Kerosene Is Prolonged Two Days

### Saturday's Crowd Unable To Be Attended To By Workers

Though all day Saturday was devoted to registering for rationing of fuel and kerosene, many consumers could not be waited on, so that the Chowan County War Price and Ration Board continued this registration Tuesday and Wednesday. At both the white and colored schools crowds milled about all day in order to secure their coupons, but the number was too great to be finished in one day and thereby caused no little confusion among consumers as well as members of the Ration Board.

So unruly did the crowd at the colored school become that D. F. Walker, principal of the school, closed the doors and called the police in order to maintain order.

## 4-H Boys Turn In Splendid Reports On Home Projects

### Profits Realized Range From \$7.50 to \$161 Reports Show

According to County Agent C. W. Overman reports of 4-H Club members are showing very good results. Reports show that James Roy Winslow realized \$22 profit on a calf-raising project; Francis Chesson reports 522 pounds of lint cotton from his acre and 2,200 pounds of peanuts from 1 1/2 acres; Horace Rountree netted \$14.50 profit on his poultry project; Wallace Reid Peele made \$7.50 profit on his poultry project; Joe Hurley Ward netted a profit of \$13 on a pig feeding project, the money being invested in war bonds; Edward Copeland realized \$8 profit on a poultry project; Gurney Forehand reported \$10.50 profit on a pig project, and \$8.25 on a poultry project; James Alvin Copeland made a profit of \$12 on a pig-feeding project; Jack White, on a calf project, cleared \$22; John Winborne Privott realized \$161 profit on a brood sow and pig feeding project and a 65-bushel yield on a corn project; Wilford Goodwin reports a return of \$28 for vegetables in a garden project, and Herbert Byrum has a good report on his garden project.

A large majority of the 4-H Club boys have not completed their projects due to late harvesting.

Home orchard planting orders are coming in nicely, and neighborhood leaders, in cooperation with the farm and home agents, are doing a good job in most cases.

## Effort In Making To Contact Families In Share Meat Program

### Requirements Call For 2 1/2 Pounds Per Person Per Day

Neighborhood leaders in the County and block leaders in Edenton are asked to contact every family in the County next week, November 30 to December 5, for the purpose of explaining and securing cooperation in the Share-the-Meat Program. Miss Rebecca Colwell heads up the County group, while Mrs. John F. White is chairman of the block leaders.

To Civilian Defense Councils the Government has entrusted the responsibility of reaching every home with the message of the vital necessity of limiting the consumption of meat to 2 1/2 pounds a week by each adult as outlined by the food requirements committee of the War Production Board.

The list of chairmen and community committeemen will appear in next week's issue of The Herald.

## County And City Offices Closed On Thanksgiving

Both county and city offices will be closed all day Thursday in order to observe the Thanksgiving holiday. Street department employees will observe the usual Saturday night schedule of cleaning up Wednesday night, but will not be on duty on Thursday.

## Base Workers Killed In Accident Near Fish Hatchery

### Bus Loaded With Men And Beer Truck Sideswipe

Two Washington, N. C., Negroes were killed and about a dozen injured shortly before 7 o'clock Saturday morning when a bus, heavily laden with Negro workers from Washington enroute to work at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, and a beer truck sideswiped on the curve near the U. S. Fish Hatchery on U. S. 17.

The dead are John Foster, 55, and Luke Best, 50. Foster died shortly after the wreck, while Best died shortly after reaching the Windsor Hospital, where seven of the other injured men were taken for treatment. The most seriously injured of this group were Ersell Fulcher, who had a fractured skull and William Henry Murrell, whose left hip was fractured. John M. Midgett, Robert A. Smith, William Battle, John Hill and Abraham Hardy were more fortunate, suffering only from lacerations and bruises. Still others hurt in the wreck were taken to local doctors' offices and the first aid station at the base for treatment, none of whom were seriously injured.

The bus was on its way to Edenton, while the beer truck, owned by the City Beverage Company, of Elizabeth City, was going in the opposite direction. The left side of the bus was ripped off, and the men inside were thrown in every direction. The bus was completely demolished, while the beer truck, more sturdily built, was little damaged.

The bus was owned by L. F. Herndon, of Wendell, who had for his driver James Whitley, colored, of Washington. Driver of the beer truck was Clarence Beals, white man, of Elizabeth City. Both of these men were said at the scene of the wreck to be very careful drivers and some of the eye-witnesses estimated that neither of the vehicles was traveling faster than 30 to 35 miles an hour.

Sergeant George Dail arrived at the scene of the wreck shortly after it occurred, but despite a thorough investigation was unable to gather sufficient information to place the blame on either of the drivers for the accident. There were no markings on the highway to show that either of the two vehicles was on the wrong side of the highway. The bus, however, continued for some distance after the crash, but the driver said the wheels locked after his car was hit.

## Three Found Guilty Of Drunken Driving

### Judge Marvin Wilson Imposes Minimum Sentences

James F. Reed, William T. Farless and Enoch Ward, all three white men, faced charges of drunken driving in sessions of Recorder's Court held late last week. The three were found guilty by Judge Marvin Wilson, who imposed the minimum sentence of 60 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs and revocation of driver's license for 12 months. Enoch Ward, however, appealed to the Superior Court.

A. L. Blackwell, white, a worker at the Air Station, was found guilty of stealing clothes from P. G. Turner and was sentenced to six months on the roads.

Gordon Sharpe, colored, was bound over for Superior Court on a charge of stealing a watch and other articles from the home of Percy Smith. Sharpe is being held in jail in default of a \$1,000 bond.

## Ed Bond Post Meets Next Tuesday Night

Robert L. Pratt, commander of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, announces a meeting of the Post in the Red Men's Hall Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. For this meeting Mr. Pratt is expecting to have a number of visiting speakers and for that reason urges every Legionnaire to be present.

## Rotary Meeting Called Off On Thanksgiving

With legal holidays being the only reason for abandoning regular Rotary meetings, the Edenton Rotary Club will not hold its usual meeting Thursday afternoon. The usual meeting will, however, be held next Thursday at 1 o'clock.