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## Organization Tuberculosis Association Approved At Thursday's Mass Meeting

Committee Appointed to Nominate Officers For Group

### VIEWES DIFFER

Organization Expected To Be Effected After Holidays

Although there were some conflicting opinions at the mass meeting held Thursday night relative to organizing a Chowan County Tuberculosis Association which is to be affiliated with the State association, a motion was finally passed approving the formation of an association. Quite a few interested persons attended the meeting, which was presided over by W. J. Taylor as temporary chairman. Mr. Taylor stated the purpose of the meeting and called upon Lathan Miller, assistant executive secretary of the N. C. Tuberculosis Association. Mr. Miller said tuberculosis scares people, many of whom are sensitive and hide the fact that they have the disease. "The objective of all Tuberculosis Associations, national and local, is the dissemination of information concerning tuberculosis and spurring activity to eliminate it," he said. "A bill is in Congress to appropriate five million dollars to make available more hospital beds in more hospitals for tuberculosis patients."

"Almost 70% of the national population have tuberculosis germs," he said, "and all localities need a group to unite in the fight, so that there is need to raise money for stamping out the disease."

Mr. Miller stated that \$70,000,000 was spent in 1944 in the nation fighting tuberculosis and that the danger is still growing. He said tax funds could not be expected to pay for all this work. He told those present that he was very much encouraged by increased interest in the situation in Chowan County.

The principal objection to organizing an association affiliated with the State association was the belief that 25% of all money raised in the county would go to the State group, but Mr. Miller explained that only 25% of the money raised during the Christmas Seal campaign goes out of the county and that all money secured at other times remains in the county. He also explained how the 25% going to the State association is used, which for the most part goes for educating the public about tuberculosis, case finding and rehabilitation of arrested cases of tuberculosis. Mrs. Hartwell Hurt, field secretary of the State association, accompanied Mr. Miller.

After a number of persons expressed their opinion both for and against organizing, the motion to organize was passed. Mr. Taylor subsequently appointed a committee, the duty of which is to present recommendations for officers of the association. Mr. Taylor will, most likely, shortly after Christmas, call another meeting, at which officers will be nominated and the organization effected, including adoption of a constitution and by-laws. At that meeting he plans to again have field workers of the State association present to assist in organization.

Those appointed by Mr. Taylor to serve on the interim committee are: M. A. Hughes, W. W. Byrum, Geddes Potter, J. A. Moore, J. P. Partin, Mayor Leroy Haskett, J. Edwin Bufflap, the Rev. W. C. Francis, the Rev. Arthur Stephenson and Dr. R. H. Vaughan. The committeemen represent various organizations throughout the town and county, and were chosen in the hope that those nominated for officers will include men or women interested in the fight against tuberculosis.

## Shelton W. Moore Resigns As Jailer

Shelton W. Moore has resigned as Chowan county jailer and has been succeeded by Herman White. Mr. Moore, who has held the position for 13 years, has moved to his new home North Edenton. He will continue his duties as deputy sheriff.

## County Offices Close Three Days Next Week

In keeping with the policy of state affairs, Chowan county offices will be closed all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week in observance of the Christmas holidays. Any important business matters, therefore, should be transacted accordingly.

## Stores In Edenton Close Two Days

According to Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, office secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, all stores in Edenton will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday of next week in observance of Christmas.

Beginning tonight (Thursday) the stores will remain open every night through Monday until 9 o'clock for the benefit of Christmas shoppers.

## Rotarians And Lions Favor Reviving Band At Edenton School

Rotary Club Requests Directors to Approve \$200

Committees from the Rotary and Lions clubs met last week in the interest of reviving the Edenton High School Band and at the Rotary club's meeting Thursday the members present voted to recommend to the directors that the club contribute \$200 from the treasury if the band is revived.

Earl Goodwin, chairman of the Rotary committee, reported that both committees were in favor of again having a high school band, but that more time was requested to confer with Superintendent John A. Holmes to ascertain how many instruments were available as well as the approximate cost of equipping a band and securing a director. Due to the Lions Christmas party Monday night, no action was taken, but at the next regular meeting the matter will be brought up.

Due to being ill at his home, the information was not available from Mr. Holmes before last week's Rotary meeting, but all information will be gathered by the committees to report back to the clubs.

## Town Employees Get Two-Day Vacation

Employees of the Town of Edenton will enjoy a two-day holiday for Christmas, the offices being closed Tuesday and Wednesday in keeping with the general policy adopted in Edenton.

Members of the Street Department will collect garbage Monday and clean up the business late Monday night, but no further rounds will be made until Thursday morning. Edenton people are urged to note the two-day holiday and refrain from placing trash and garbage in front of their homes until Thursday.

## Bank Of Edenton Closed Two Days

Pursuant to a proclamation issued by Governor Gregg Cherry, declaring Wednesday of next week a legal banking holiday the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Tuesday and Wednesday in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Regular business will be transacted Monday after which the institution will be closed until Thursday morning. Patrons of the bank are urged to arrange their banking affairs accordingly.

**TOM SHEPARD ON WAY HOME**  
Tom Shepard, RM 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shepard, is expected to arrive home Friday to spend the holidays with his parents. Young Shepard has been stationed on Guam for a year and a half.

**HANKE FAMILY MOVES**  
Lieut. and Mrs. John D. Hanke and son, Johnny, left Monday to make their home in Troy, Illinois. Lieut. Hanke will be discharged December 20 at Chicago, Ill.

**TAKES PRE-CLINIC TESTS**  
Miss Emily Russell spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Winston-Salem taking pre-clinical tests and examinations prior to her entrance in March in the School of Nursing at Baptist Hospital.

**RETURNS TO CRAIG FIELD**  
Sgt. Earl Jackson, son of Joseph Jackson, returned Monday to Craig Field in Alabama after spending a two weeks furlough at home.



*It occurs to us that the ideal and spirit of Christmas should be of three hundred and sixty-five days duration. So, right now, please accept our sincerest Best Wishes for every day of the New Year.*

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## John Holmes Again Governor Of Rotary

189th District Reduced To 37 Clubs In Recent Redistricting

John A. Holmes has the distinction of being Governor of the 189th Rotary District for the second time, having been appointed by the Board of Directors of Rotary International to serve from January 1 to June 30.

Mr. Holmes last year was Governor of the 189th District, but since that time the 189th and 190th districts were shuffled around, so that three districts were formed, leaving one for which no governor had been elected.

Edenton remains in the 189th District which now has only 37 clubs instead of 63 as originally, and Bert Weaver, who was elected to succeed Mr. Holmes as governor of the 189th was shifted to governor of the 190th District.

Edenton Rotarians are proud of the appointment and paid tribute to Mr. Holmes at last week's meeting.

The Edenton club vigorously protested to the redistricting idea, but protests were to no avail.

## Masons Install New 1946 Officers

Ceremony Is Performed Thursday Night By H. A. Campen

At last week's meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., officers for the year 1946 were installed, the ceremony being performed by H. A. Campen, district deputy Grand Master, with W. J. Daniels acting as marshal.

The officers installed were as follows: W. P. Goodwin, master, W. O. Elliott, senior warden; the Rev. W. C. Francis, junior warden; C. H. Wood, treasurer; J. Edwin Bufflap, secretary; Richard Baer, senior deacon; Harrell Pratt, junior deacon; Hubert Williford and Jack Mooney, stewards; B. H. Smith, tiler and W. J. Daniels, Chaplain.

## Johnnie Saunders Plans Leave Edenton

Johnnie Saunders, who has been connected with the Supply Department at the Naval Air Station for almost three years, has tendered his resignation, effective next Friday. He will leave Friday for his home at Reedville, Va., to spend the holidays, after which he will accept a new position, possibly in Chicago.

During his stay in Edenton Mr. Saunders has made many friends, who regret to see him leave. He only recently composed a dance number, "Tonight In Dreams," which he and his friends feel optimistic will become popular among dance orchestras.

**RED MEN CALL OFF MEETING**  
Chowan Tribe, No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, has called off its regular meeting next Monday night due to the Christmas holiday. Regular meetings will be resumed the following week.

## Mayor Haskett Makes 2-Day Trip

Compares Conditions As They Exist In Several Towns

Mayor Leroy Haskett last week spent two days visiting various cities, going as far as Raleigh and Smithfield in order to compare conditions as they exist in Edenton. While on his trip Mayor Haskett had a conference with Attorney General Harry McMullan and the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill relative to zoning and parking problems.

Mayor Haskett upon his return reported that from the information he gathered by conferring with various city officials Edenton is more lenient so far as parking is concerned, and that the problem is more satisfactory in Edenton than in any town contacted. In his travels Mayor Haskett said he found no town which allowed double parking for any length of time, and that by comparison he was told in some towns that Edenton is ahead of most of them in meeting the parking problem.

## Lions Club Enjoys Christmas Party

One Of Most Delightful Meetings Of Year Monday

One of the most enjoyable Lions club meetings of the year was held Monday night in the Lions den, when the annual Christmas party was staged, with wives of the members as special guests. The room was very attractively and appropriately decorated for the occasion, a feature of the evening being presenting gifts to the ladies on behalf of the club.

A sumptuous turkey dinner was served buffet style, which was in charge of a group of attractive Edenton girls.

## Baptist Entertainment Sunday Is Called Off

Mrs. C. T. Doughtie, superintendent of the Primary Department of the Baptist Sunday School, announces that due to so many children being sick with flu the annual Christmas entertainment will not be held Sunday morning, December 23, as planned.

The white Christmas will be observed, however, and old Santa Claus will leave a package for every child. Mrs. Doughtie urges all children to be on time and to bring a package for white Christmas to be distributed among those of the community who are less fortunate.

**FIRE CHIEF HALL BETTER**  
Fire Chief R. K. Hall, was able to be out Monday after being confined to his home for more than a week due to an attack of the flu.

**CITY AUTO TAGS ON SALE**  
City automobile tags are now on sale at the Town office and automobile owners in Edenton are reminded that these tags must be purchased and properly displayed before January 1.

## Edenton Takes On Aspect Of Normal Christmas For First Time In Four Years

### Wintery!

Edenton and Chowan County this week experienced a real taste of winter, with Monday reported the coldest day of the year. Coupled with a sharp drop in the temperature, snow fell the latter part of the week in such quantity that scenes typical of northern winters were in evidence everywhere.

## J. Pugh Roberson Dies After Three Months Illness

Funeral Services Held At Home Tuesday Afternoon

Joseph Pugh Roberson died at his home on Court street about 8 o'clock Monday morning, where he had been confined for nearly three months suffering from rheumatism and dropsy. He was 58 years old and though suffering during his illness, he appeared very much brighter Sunday and expressed a desire to attend to his business Monday.

Mr. Roberson was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Roberson. His father, familiarly known as "Uncle Jimmy" was Edenton's chief of police for over 50 years and was known throughout the eastern part of the United States for his uncanny police work.

Deceased, aside from assisting his father, was for many years a barber, but for the last few years operated a wine store on Broad street.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ida Register Roberson; a daughter, Grizzelle, and a granddaughter, Ida. A sister, Mrs. Howard Chappell, also survives.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. E. L. Wells, pastor of the Baptist church officiating.

Interment was made in Beaver Hill cemetery. Pallbearers were R. C. Holland, Hector Lupton, Ernest White, J. N. Pruden, John F. White, and J. Edwin Bufflap.

## Ration Board Office In Municipal Building

Friday of last week all of what remains of the Chowan County Ration Board was moved to the Municipal Building, so that what business remains to be transacted in connection with rationing can be attended to by contacting Miss Willie Love Morgan, whose office is in the Town Council chamber.

## Jacob Asbell Dies At Home Saturday

Jacob Asbell, well known Chowan county farmer and fisherman, died at his home along Pembroke Creek early Saturday night following an illness of five weeks, death resulting from cerebral hemorrhage. He was 72 years old and was a native of Chowan county, having lived for many years in the Macedonia section before moving to Edenton several years ago.

Mr. Asbell was a devout Baptist and until his health prevented he was a regular attendant at the Baptist church, where he was a member.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pattie Asbell, and a brother, Jesse Asbell.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon with the Rev. E. L. Wells officiating. Interment was made at the homeplace.

Pallbearers were Sidney Ward, Cliney Briley, James Byrum, Elijah Harrell, Hunter Hoggard and A. C. Griffin.

**MASONIC DEGREE TONIGHT**  
At the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Thursday) the first degree is scheduled to be conferred upon a candidate. The new officers for 1946 will conduct the meeting, so that a large attendance is requested.

**HOME ON FURLOUGH**  
Pfc. Walter L. Jones, son of Mrs. Maggie Heckstall, is now home on a 60-day furlough. Young Jones has been in the Army 27 months and has recently re-enlisted.

## Business Section Again Brightly Illuminated At Night

### BUSINESS BRISK

Return of Many Veterans Adding Joy to Occasion

For the first time in four years, Christmas in Edenton is taking on a near normal aspect, one of the contributing factors being an illuminated business section with many varicolored bulbs criss-crossing Broad street from Water to Queen streets and on King street from Broad to the hotel. A large star also appears at the intersection of Broad and Church streets. It is the first time the streets have been decorated since the start of war, so that it is a welcome sight to both old and young, and tends to create more of a Christmas spirit than during the dark days of war.

Added, too, to a more joyous Christmas season is the fact that many have returned from the armed forces, many are on their way home and there is the satisfaction of loved ones still having relatives in uniform to know that they are not subject to be a target for the steel of a strong and cruel enemy.

While merchandise is still limited, Edenton's merchants managed to secure many items which are useful and appropriate as gifts, and apparently all are enjoying a splendid business. For the convenience of shoppers, all stores will begin tonight (Thursday) keeping open nights until 9 o'clock, so that up until Christmas eve business is expected to be very brisk. All stores in Edenton are scheduled to remain closed Tuesday and Wednesday, thus providing an opportunity for merchants and employees to enjoy a two-day holiday for Christmas.

## Program At Methodist Church Called Off Due To Many Sick Children

Though a Christmas entertainment was planned to be presented in the Methodist Church Sunday night by Church School pupils, it was deemed advisable to abandon the idea early this week. Reason for calling off the program was due to so many of the children having parts being sick.

The program was in charge of Mrs. W. C. Moore, who, together with the superintendent, decided to call it off when it was learned that quite a few of the children were sick. The usual presents will be distributed among the children Sunday morning.

## Holiday Hours For Chowan Draft Board

By order of Selective Service, the office of the Chowan County Draft Board will be closed from 5:30 p. m. December 21 until 8:30 a. m. December 26. Also from 5:30 p. m. December 29 until 8:30 a. m. January 2. The office will also be open on January 5.

Anyone who needs to attend to any Selective Service business is urged to see the board before the close of business on December 21 or immediately upon reopening of the office on the above date.

## Rotary Club Begins Attendance Contest

At last week's meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club it was decided to stage another attendance contest in an effort to improve the club's standing in the district's attendance standing.

The club's membership will be equally divided, with James E. Wood and David Holton chosen as captains of the two teams. The contest will begin January 3 and continue for three months. At the conclusion of the contest the winners will be entertained at the expense of the losing side, with provision made that half of the expense be borne by those members whose absence was responsible for losing the contest.

**METHODIST SERVICES**  
Preaching services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, when the service will be in keeping with Christmas, a feature being singing of Christmas carols. Church School will be held at 9:45 Sunday morning and the Youth Fellowship meeting at 6:30 Sunday evening.