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Dr. Frank Wood Employed As Surgeon For Hospital At Edenton Naval Air Station

Miss Lucille Hall Will Be Head Nurse and Manager

HERE NEXT WEEK

Plans Are For Opening Of Hospital During January

Efforts in connection with operation of the hospital at the Edenton Naval Air Station have materialized to such an extent that it is expected the hospital will be ready to accept patients early in January. The latest news regarding the hospital is the acceptance of Dr. Frank Wood as surgeon and medical director, and Miss Lucille Hall as head nurse and manager.

Dr. Wood, a native of Edenton, will come from Marion and is expected to arrive Sunday, January 5. He has an enviable reputation as a surgeon and members of the hospital committee and trustees consider the Town very fortunate in securing him as a surgeon. Negotiations have been in progress ever since the hospital trustees accepted the hospital from the Town after a temporary lease was signed between the Town and the Navy Department.

Miss Hall is a native of Durham, but will come to Edenton from Lumberton, where she is presently employed. She is expected to arrive to begin her new duties Monday, January 6. Miss Hall has the reputation of being a splendid nurse and manager, and was sought after being highly recommended by Dr. Wood.

Dr. Wood and Miss Hall, upon their arrival, will proceed immediately to make necessary arrangements for opening the hospital, and while it is possible to set a definite date, it is expected that they can complete arrangements some time during January.

There will be, of course, a need for nurses, and any Chowan County nurses who are interested in accepting a position are asked to contact either Dr. Wood or Miss Hall after their arrival.

Peanut Picking Is About Completed

80% of Crop Reported Passed From Farmers To Millers

Favorable weather conditions during most of the fall enabled North-eastern North Carolina peanut growers to complete picking operations prior to Christmas except for a few scattered lots. Approximately 80 per cent of this year's North Carolina and Virginia peanut crop has passed from farmers' hands to millers, according to week-end reports by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Prices paid growers at country shipping points for farmers' stock peanuts during the week continued mostly at CCC support loan levels except for a few lots of fancy stock, which brought around 10 cents per pound.

Shellers in the Virginia-Carolina area reported an increase in inquiries for future shipments.

Methodist Services In Charge Of Students

Student Recognition Day was observed in the Methodist Church Sunday morning, when they had charge of the morning service at 11 o'clock. Speaking of the program were Misses Carolyn Elliott, Mary Griffin, Rosa Asbell and Margaret Griffin.

The first three very ably told of the church's influence in their respective colleges while the latter briefly told about the Methodist Caravan with which she is associated.

Miss Elliott is a student at Flora MacDonald College, Mary Griffin at Woman's College and Rosa Asbell at CTC, Greenville.

During the service Miss Julia Burton sang a solo.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will hold its weekly meeting today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. Last week's meeting was abandoned due to the Christmas holidays, so that President C. W. Overman is very anxious to have a good attendance.

Demonstration Club Meeting On Monday

Making Down Comforts Will Be Feature of Meeting

Chowan County home demonstration clubs will meet at the Community Building, Cross Roads, Monday afternoon, January 6, at 2:30 o'clock. Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, extension specialist, will be at this meeting and give a demonstration on making down comforts. According to the method used, a comfort can be made for one-fourth to one-third the cost of those ready-made.

Not only club members are urged to attend, but the meeting will be open to any women in the county who may be interested.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, has notified club members concerning the meeting, but the hour has been changed from 2 to 2:30 o'clock since the letters were sent out.

Thomas G. Wilburn New Representative At Edenton VA Office

World War Veteran Assistant to Warren G. Knight

Warren G. Knight, contact representative of the Veterans Administration, announces the assignment to the Edenton VA contact office of Thomas G. Wilburn, contact representative. Mr. Wilburn is a veteran of World War II, with more than three years service, 28 months of which was spent overseas in the China-Burma-India theater of operations, where he was engaged in cryptographic services. Since his return to the United States, and discharge from the military service, he has been engaged as a vocational and educational advisor at the Separation Center, Fort Bragg, N. C., and comes to the Veterans Administration with an excellent background of experience in veterans' affairs. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, class of 1933, with a degree as Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Wildlife Club Will Meet Monday Night

Legislators of District Invited to Attend Meeting

Rodney Harrell, president of the Chowan County Wildlife Club, has called a meeting of the club which will be held Monday night, January 6, in the Court House at 8 o'clock. This is a very important meeting, says Mr. Harrell, so that he urges every member to make a special effort to attend.

Senators Charles H. Jenkins and Lorimer Midgett and Representative John W. Graham have been invited to attend the meeting in order to acquaint them with the purposes of the organization.

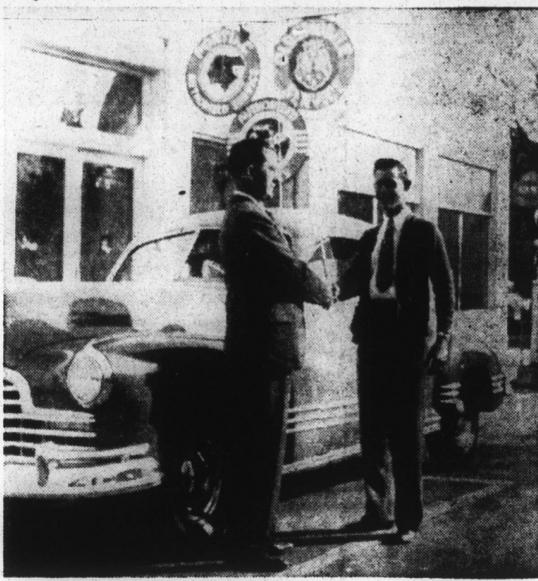
Davises Will Observe Fiftieth Anniversary Of Wedding Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Davis will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, January 5. In honor of the occasion the couple will observe open house at their home on Court Street Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, during which hours they will be delighted to have their friends call.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis request that no presents be brought.

BIBLE CLASS MEETS TUESDAY
The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. W. M. Wilkins. Mrs. Jesse White, president of the class, urges all members to be present.

First Injured Vet To Get New Car In Chowan



Willis Edward Hinton of Hobbsville, above right, is pictured receiving a Pontiac streamliner automobile from A. E. Jenkins, manager of the Charles H. Jenkins Motor Company. Mr. Hinton is the first injured veteran in Chowan County to receive a new automobile. The order was given for the Pontiac November 28, 1946, and delivery made December 10. Mr. Hinton was injured in his left leg while serving overseas.

90,575 Pieces Of Mail Navy Department Dispatched By Post Office Over Holidays

23,402 More Pieces Sent Out From Edenton Than Last Year

Edenton's post office established quite a record during the Christmas period, December 16 to December 25, when the office dispatched 90,575 pieces of letter mail, which is 23,402 more than was dispatched during the same period in 1945, despite the fact that the Edenton Naval Air Station is practically abandoned.

These figures include Christmas greetings and first class letter mail. The cash receipts of the office, which are not released in conformity with postal regulations, as a whole, were somewhat lower than last year, which is attributed to the closing of the base and smaller demands for air mail service.

FATHER OF MRS. NATHAN DAIL DIES SUDDENLY AT MONROE

Mrs. Nathan Dail was called to Monroe, N. C., Monday morning due to the sudden death of her father, H. V. Tucker, who died very suddenly from a heart attack.

Death occurred while Mr. Tucker was about his usual occupation.

Revised Instrument to Be Considered By Town Council

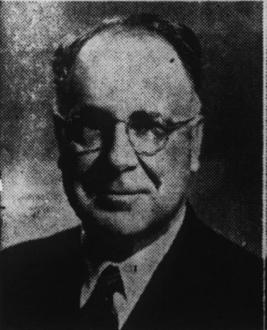
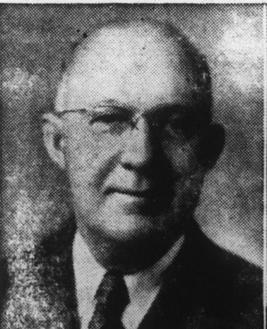
Mayor Leroy Haskett is in receipt of a new lease from the Navy Department relative to the Town of Edenton leasing the Edenton Naval Air Station. Several weeks ago a lease was prepared by the Navy Department was considered by Town Council, but several objectionable features were noted, resulting in re-writing of the lease.

The new lease has been turned over to John W. Graham, Town Attorney, and will be further considered by the Town at a meeting called for the purpose.

Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Friday Night

The Auxiliary of the American Legion will meet Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. Paul Holoman. Mrs. Holoman is very anxious to have a large attendance at this, the first meeting in the new year.

SPEAKERS FOR METHODIST HOUR



Bishop W. W. Peele, Richmond, Va., will inaugurate the 1947 series of the Methodist Radio Hour Sunday morning, January 5, when he speaks over the 45 station independent network of the Southern Religious Radio Conference. This program will be heard at 8:30 EST. Other speakers to be heard on Sunday mornings in January are Senator W. Sparkman, Washington, D. C., President Umphrey Lee, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and Bishop W. C. Martin, Topeka, Kansas. These broadcasts can be heard in this territory over stations WPTF, Raleigh, and WTAR, Norfolk, at 8:30 Sunday mornings.

E. & W. Department Now Occupy New Headquarters On West Freemason Street

March of Dimes Director Named



RALPH McDONALD

Ralph McDonald, of Winston-Salem, has been named North Carolina State Chairman of the 1947 March of Dimes which takes place January 15-30. Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, has announced.

This is the fifth consecutive year Mr. McDonald has headed the state fund raising drive in the fight on polio. Widely known as an educator and for his interest in educational activities, Mr. McDonald has served a term in the North Carolina State Legislature and has been legislative representative for the schools in his state.

Mr. O'Connor, in making known Mr. McDonald's acceptance of the chairmanship, revealed that in coping with the 1946 outbreaks of infantile paralysis the National Foundation sent to its chapters in the field more than four million dollars in epidemic aid through the end of October.

"Many of this year's polio patients," Mr. O'Connor said, "will require hospitalization and care for a long period of time. The aftercare of these patients will be more expensive than treatment in the acute stage. The high cost of epidemics points up the real need for the services of public-spirited men such as Mr. McDonald. His efforts will prove of great value in the forthcoming appeal."

Christmas Quietly Observed Locally

Police Have Very Little To Do Until Week-end Arrives

With every place of business in Edenton, including drug stores and restaurants, closed on Christmas day and very few open on the following day, business was more or less at a complete standstill during the latter part of last week. As a result Christmas was generally very quietly observed.

Police, too, report little activity but, as usual, there was more activity over the week-end, the principal trouble being with drunks. The most serious disturbance was Thomas Ed Harris, colored, being cut Saturday night by Lyman Sutton, also colored. The cutting was the outcome of an argument at Small Paradise on Oakum Street, six stitches being necessary to close a gash on the forehead of Harris.

Sutton was arrested Sunday morning.

REV. W. C. FRANCIS SPEAKER AT MISSIONARY MEETING

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet at the church Monday afternoon, January 6, at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. W. C. Francis will be the speaker, and every member is urged to attend. The public is cordially invited.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Colon Sawyer of Newport News, Va., announce the birth of a son, Colon Warren Sawyer, III, who was born at the Buxton Hospital on Wednesday, December 18. Mrs. Sawyer is the former Miss Pearl Nixon of the Rocky Hock section of Chowan County.

Equipment Is Already Moved To Temporary Building

PLANT VACANT

Change Expected to Affect Location Of Other Town Departments

Preliminary to extensive improvements to electric service in Edenton, headquarters for the Electric and Water Department have been transferred from the old power plant at the foot of Broad Street to West Freemason Street. The switchboard and other equipment has been moved to the new headquarters.

While a temporary building has been erected on the Town property on Freemason Street, tentative plans call for a modern and up-to-date building when materials are more plentiful.

With the former plant vacated, there has been some discussion relative to making arrangements for the police to use quarters owned by the Town and thus eliminate the expense of paying rent. One suggestion has been advanced that the Fire Department move into the power plant, thus making way for the police to use the present Fire Department quarters.

The Street Department is shamefully crowded in its present portion of the power plant, so much so that there is not sufficient room to house equipment and causing many handicaps to the department.

The Street Department absolutely needs more space, so that if none is allowed in the change, a request will be made to Town Council to build an addition adjoining the present headquarters.

Moving of the Edenton and Water Department headquarters was made primarily as a means of preventing loss of electricity, as well as dividing circuits so that the load will be reduced on certain lines and at the same time prevent interruption to fewer users when it is necessary to make repairs or correct other electric problems as they arise.

Couple From Cairo Visiting In Edenton

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickson at Home of Mrs. J. C. Dail

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickson have arrived in Edenton from Cairo, Egypt, to spend some time with Mrs. Dickson's mother, Mrs. J. C. Dail. Mrs. Dickson, the former Miss Katie Dail, has been stationed in Cairo for over two years in connection with UNRA.

Mr. Dickson is a native of London, England. He was a member of the British Army and since his discharge has been personnel officer in charge of displaced persons in Cairo. He served under Sir Bernard Montgomery in his famous Desert Rat outfit and is a veteran of the bloody battle of El Alamein. He was wounded in the Salerno invasion.

The couple was married in Cairo early in the spring of 1946.

Cotton Ginning '487 Bales Less Than 1945

Chowan County's reduced cotton crop is reflected in a report of F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, which shows that ginning in the county is 487 bales less than last year as of December 13.

According to the report, 934 bales were ginned from the 1946 crop prior to December 13, which compares with 1,421 bales ginned at the same time last year from the 1945 crop.

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER BEGINS ON SUNDAY MORNING

Observance of the Universal Week of Prayer will begin in most of the churches throughout Chowan County next Sunday morning. The general theme of the observance is "For This Cause I Bow My Knees."

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7/A. F. & A. M., will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. Due to last week's meeting being called off, W. O. Elliott, master of the lodge, urges all members to attend.