

12 Christmas Opportunities Listed In Chowan County By Department Of Welfare

Hoped Unfortunate Will Be Made Happier During Christmas

MAY BE MORE Mrs. J. H. McMullan Is Prepared to Furnish Details

With Christmas in the offing, the attention of The Herald has been called to the fact that, although prosperous conditions more or less prevail, there are a number of cases in Chowan County where there is need.

Mrs. McMullan has furnished only general information concerning the 12 cases, but she is prepared to give more details if any individual or organization is interested in assuming one or more of the opportunities to help make unfortunate individuals happier during the Christmas season.

The opportunities listed follow: 1.—Middle aged Negro woman unemployed since April 1947 when leg was amputated provided with minimum subsistence needs by relatives and social agencies, would appreciate food and money for self, toys, candies, etc. for grandson, age 8.

2.—Young white woman with 5 children ranging in age from 8 to 1 whose husband is in prison would appreciate clothing, toys, candies, etc. for children at Christmas.

3.—White family with 5 children ranging in age from 17 to 4, father totally paralyzed, would be glad to receive clothing, toys, Christmas candies, etc. for children, bed clothing for father.

4.—Old crippled non-family man needs and would appreciate new or used clothing size 40 or larger.

5.—Old Negro woman drawn by rheumatism and confined to chair needs and would appreciate a sweater, material for warm underclothing and dresses.

6.—Young white woman with 4 children, husband in prison, would appreciate toys, Christmas candies, extra clothing for children.

7.—White family, mother and father semi-invalid, with 4 children ranging in age from 9 years to 6 months would gladly receive extra clothing, bedding, toys and candies for children.

8.—White family, father able to provide subsistence needs only, would

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Fish Talk

W. Roy Hampton of Plymouth, chairman of the Commercial Fisheries Commission, announces a called joint meeting of a committee from the Wild Life Resources Commission and a committee from the Fisheries Commission of the Department of Conservation and Development.

EHS Glee Club Sings At Meeting Of PTA

New Organization Well Received At Initial Appearance

Featuring the meeting of the Edenton PTA Tuesday afternoon in the high school auditorium was a program rendered by the High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Mary L. Browning.

Numbers sung by the Glee Club were "Prayer of Thanksgiving" by Edward Kremer; "Go Down Moses," a Negro spiritual; "A Little Song of Life" by Carl Busch, and a sextet number, "Here a Torch Jeanette Isabella," an old French carol.

Boiler For Court House Reported As Shipped

With the boiler room at the Court House practically completed by C. B. Mooney & Son, West Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners, on Monday informed the Commissioners that he was advised that the boiler had been shipped and that radiators are expected to be shipped about January 1.

Benjamin Henry Smith Instantly Killed In Fire Truck Accident Thanksgiving Morning

Al Owens Recovering In Chowan Hospital and Howard Spruill Also Injured When Heavy Truck Overturms Returning From Fire

One of the most gruesome tragedies in Edenton in recent years occurred about 7:30 Thursday morning when Benjamin Henry Smith, 32, was instantly killed, Al Owens seriously injured and Howard Spruill fortunately escaped with only chemicals splashed in his eyes.

The accident occurred when one of the Edenton fire trucks overturned as it was returning from a chimney fire on Carteret Street. The truck was traveling south on Granville Street and upon reaching Queen Street Al Owens, driver of the truck, apparently turned suddenly to the right in order to prevent a collision with a station wagon driven by James T. Gibbs, who was driving west on Queen Street.

The station wagon was hit a glancing blow, forcing it into the iron fence around the old Baptist cemetery on the corner. The front wheel of the truck hit the curb and, according to reports, rose from the street, and the rear wheel struck the curb and overturned. Smith, Owens and Spruill were thrown from the truck as the result of the first impact, and when it overturned Smith was pinned under the middle. In a very

short time Willie Bunch had his wrecker on the scene, but when the truck was upright, Smith was dead. Owens was caught only partially under the truck, but sustained some broken ribs and internal injuries. He scrambled from the wreckage, but his foot was caught and had to be helped. Upon being released, he became unconscious and was rushed to Chowan Hospital, where grave concern was at first entertained for his recovery. He is, however, gradually improving and is able to sit up.

Howard Spruill was injured about the eyes due to splashing chemicals, but otherwise escaped injury. He has recovered.

Walter Holton Again Elected As President Of Albemarle League

Several Important Matters Settled at Meeting Monday

At a meeting of directors of the Albemarle League, held Monday night, Walter Holton was re-elected president, a position he filled since late last season following the resignation of W. H. Oakley of Hertford.

At the meeting Plymouth was admitted to the league and other important matters discussed, with another meeting scheduled to be held in Edenton early in January to continue perfecting machinery for the 1948 season.

The matter of an umpire-in-chief was considered, Bill McClung of Elizabeth City informing the directors by letter that Dutch Kroger of Norfolk is interested in the position. It was voted to pay such a man \$200 plus expenses and an umpire's salary if he officiates as such. Kroger was to be contacted and a report submitted at the next meeting.

Marvin Wilson reported that copies of the by-laws will be mailed to all clubs within a few days. It was also agreed that all clubs in the league post a \$500 bond by January 1 or forfeit their franchise.

The salary of the president was fixed at \$400 per year, out of which he shall pay a secretary.

The power of the president will be embodied in the by-laws and the number of games to be played weekly and the hiring of non-resident players was left to be decided at a subsequent meeting of the directors, when all clubs are expected to be represented.

\$6,000 Band Quota Has Been Realized

Mrs. John White Thanks All Who Helped In Any Way

As the result of the recent contributions by the County Commissioners, Town Council and the proceeds from the Thanksgiving dance sponsored by the Junior Women's Club Thursday night, the \$6,000 goal for an Edenton band has been reached. In fact, Mrs. John F. White, chairman of the fund raising campaign, stated that the quota is somewhat over-subscribed, but on Tuesday was unable to release definite figures.

Realization of the goal is reason for no small amount of satisfaction on the part of members of the Parent-Teacher Association, sponsors of the movement. Though at no time since the drive was started have the ladies doubted the ultimate success of the venture, yet several times the sledding became rough and it was hard to figure out where the next dollar would come from to aggregate \$6,000.

Mrs. White early this week expressed her gratification over the success of the drive and stated that she desires to thank from the bottom of her heart all those who sacrificed their time and effort in soliciting in one way or another, as well as those who saw fit to make a contribution toward the project.

Though the necessary funds are now in hand to organize a band, it will, of course, require a little time to employ a competent director, as well as iron out a number of other details.

Fire Wood Donated To Local Boy Scouts

Due to the generosity of the M. G. Brown Lumber Company and B. Warner Evans, the Boy Scouts will be able to keep warm this winter. The two concerns obligated to furnish enough fire wood at the Boy Scout cabin during the winter, which fact is very much appreciated not only by the Scouts themselves, but by the Scouters as well.

LYN S. BYRUM IS APPOINTED MEMBER BOARD OF ELECTIONS

L. S. Byrum last week was appointed by the chairman of the State Board of Elections as a Democratic member of the Chowan County Board of Elections. Mr. Byrum succeeds the late Lloyd C. Burton, who for many years served as chairman of the local Board.

CHOWAN HIGH JUNIOR PLAY SCHEDULED ON DECEMBER 12

The Junior Class of Chowan High School, under the direction of Miss Louise Wilson, will present the junior play, "Under Western Skies," in the school auditorium Friday, December 12, at 7:30 o'clock.

McMullan Obligated To Give Up Duties As Tax Supervisor

Agrees to Continue In Office For 1948 Term; Complimented

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday increased the salary of the list takers of the County's four townships by 10 per cent. The increase was recommended by P. S. McMullan, county tax supervisor, who stated that the list takers had not had an increase since 1941.

At the same time Mr. McMullan informed the Commissioners that he could positively not serve as tax supervisor after next year. Mr. McMullan was recently elected manager and treasurer of the Edenton Cotton Mills, succeeding the late J. A. Moore, so that he cannot devote the necessary time to tax matters. Mr. McMullan also urged the Commissioners to be thinking about a successor and recommended that the appointee serve in the tax supervisor's office several months before Mr. McMullan's term expires in order to become acquainted with the tax set-up.

W. W. Byrum and Mr. McMullan will name the tax listers prior to December 15.

The Commissioners complimented Mr. McMullan upon his interest and efficiency in handling the county's tax affairs, especially thanking him for his willingness to more or less instruct his successor.

J. L. Pettus Chairman Methodist Stewards

Succeeds Dr. W. A. Leggett, Who Served For 25 Years

At a meeting of the stewards of the Methodist Church Wednesday night of last week, J. L. Pettus was elected chairman to succeed Dr. W. A. Leggett. An effort was made to have Dr. Leggett continue to serve as chairman, a position he has filled for 25 years. However, due to his health, he declined to serve and Mr. Pettus was subsequently unanimously elected his successor.

Dr. Leggett has been a member of the Board of Stewards 46 years and succeeded the late Dr. J. H. McMullan as chairman. He will continue to serve as a steward and his fellow members voted him the title of Chairman emeritus.

John A. Holmes was re-elected secretary and treasurer of the Board.

At the meeting the budget was adopted, which is increased in the neighborhood of 50%, due in large measure to a full time pastor. On Monday night of this week the membership assessments were considered and church envelopes are now being distributed.

The stewards reported very favorable comment relative to the new pastor, the Rev. W. L. Freeman.

Chowan Farm Bureau Reaches Year's Goal

T. O. Asbell Scheduled To Attend Convention In Chicago

According to County Agent C. W. Overman, the Chowan County Farm Bureau has reached its 1947-48 membership goal. With the quota being 617 members, a total of 622 members have been enrolled, with the possibility of a few more being added.

W. A. Harrell was awarded a free trip to the Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago, but will be unable to attend, so that in drawing names until one was selected who could attend, T. O. Asbell's name was drawn and he will represent the Chowan group at the convention.

Philip S. McMullan Succeeds J. A. Moore As Mill Executive

At a meeting of the directors of the Edenton Cotton Mill, held Friday, Philip S. McMullan was elected manager and treasurer. Mr. McMullan succeeds the late J. A. Moore. Due to Mr. McMullan's promotion, R. F. Elliott, secretary of the organization, has been elected as assistant treasurer, the position previously held by Mr. McMullan.

Peanut Quota Referendum Will Be Held December 9; Farmers Urged Cast Ballot

"Purdy"

Edenton and Chowan County experienced its first snow of the winter late Sunday afternoon when about an inch fell, forming a beautiful mantle of white. The snow clung to trees, shrubbery, automobiles and housetops, but as it struck the streets and sidewalks it disappeared almost at once.

Vestrymen Elected For St. Paul's Church

Committee Appointed to Conduct Every Member Canvass

The annual Parish Meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was held in the Parish House, Sunday night, November 30. At this time reports from the various organizations were read and approved. Fred Wood gave a summary of the financial condition of the church, which was reported as very satisfactory. He then presented the budget for 1948 which was approved and adopted.

J. H. Conger, acting Senior Warden, then presented the matter of the Every Member Canvass and appointed committees to attend to the same.

The following were elected as Vestrymen for a period of three years: J. E. Wood, Oscar Duncan, Dr. W. I. Hart and Graham White.

After the business session a fine social hour closed the meeting.

"St. Paul's faces the coming year with confidence and an united purpose," says the Rev. Harold Gilmer, rector.

Methodists Planning Christmas Bazaar

The Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church will sponsor a Christmas bazaar which will be held in the Taylor Building on Broad Street Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6.

The bazaar will open at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon and sales will begin at 4 o'clock. There will be no previous sales.

Offered for sale at the bazaar will be gifts, home-made cakes, pies, candy and other items contributed by members and friends of the congregation.

Proceeds of the bazaar will be used for repairs and enlargement of the church. The affair is in charge of Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt and Mrs. George Dail.

Edenton Parking Meters Subject Of Special Meeting Of Town Council Held Last Week

Opinion Advanced That Meters Cannot Be Taken Out Until After Eight Months Trial Period Provided For In Contract

Edenton's parking meters were the target of much criticism at a special meeting of Town Council held Tuesday night of last week, called in answer to a petition signed by a large number of merchants who object to the meters. While most of the remarks were in opposition to the meters, a few of the large number present stated that they were neutral and still a few said they favored the meters.

Failure of Quotas Will Result In Five-cent Parity Price

VOTING PLACES

Farmers Invited to ACA Office For Any Information

Farmers again will have a chance to help solve their own problems by voting in the Peanut Marketing Quota Referendum on Tuesday, December 9, according to J. M. Price, Secretary of the Chowan County Agricultural Conservation Committee.

On that date farmers in Chowan County will join peanut farmers in 14 states, other than North Carolina, to determine whether they will adopt for peanuts the 10-year-old system of marketing quotas for basic farm commodities, which has successfully limited production to its proper relationship to demand, thus avoiding huge surpluses that tend to depress prices.

During the war, farmers produced a lot of peanuts for use in the armed services—peanuts for peanut butter, for candy and other confections. Also a huge amount for oil. But today, that big extra demand is gone and that's the reason a downward adjustment in production is being sought by the U. S. Department of Agriculture through the use of marketing quotas and acreage allotments. Unless the supply is kept in line with this decreased demand, surpluses will accumulate, and the growers will receive a much lower price than that received for peanuts at the present time.

"A big turn-out of voters will be a sure way of demonstrating that Chowan County farmers understand the problems facing peanut growers and that they realize the importance of exercising the ballot to safeguard their democratic privileges," Mr. Price said.

In the last peanut referendum held in 1941, 87 per cent of those voting favored quotas. At least two-thirds of those voting must approve quotas before they can become effective. If two-thirds of those voting in the referendum favor quotas, farm acreage allotments and quotas will be in effect for the 1948, 1949 and 1950 crops. Then all peanuts produced in 1948 on a farm that is not overplanted will be eligible for a loan or other price support at 90 per cent of parity.

If quotas are disapproved, the only support for the 1948 crop would be a program supporting the price of peanuts at about one-half of 90 per cent of parity. This would be less than 5 cents per pound based on the present parity price for peanuts.

Mr. Price invites every farmer who still has unanswered questions to visit the county ACA office. "We want every farmer," he says, "to

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At the outset of the meeting Mayor Leroy Haskett stated the purpose and Ernest Kehayes was called upon to speak for the petitioners.

Mr. Kehayes, though one who opposes the parking meters, was very fair in his presentation of the matter and urged any comment contrary to his view in the matter.

The gist of the many remarks was to the effect that the meters hurt business in that customers are meter conscious and thereby are reluctant to spend any more time in the stores than absolutely necessary. Another complaint was that the meters are a nuisance and that there is no need for them in Edenton, the argument being advanced that there is no parking

problem in Edenton, and if it is, the meters have not remedied the condition. A number of other comments were to the effect that if the meters do not hurt business, they have not by any means helped.

On the other hand, there are those who claim it is a distinct advantage to be able to find parking space near the stores where business is transacted, thus eliminating a great deal of inconvenience and saving time.

After all had an opportunity to express themselves, Town Attorney J. N. Pruden was called in to pass an opinion on the contract the Town made with the Karpark Corporation. Not having seen the contract before, Mr. Pruden expressed the opinion that the Town was bound by the contract to keep the meters on trial for eight months, though he requested more time to thoroughly go into the matter. Late last week Mr. Pruden submitted the following opinion:

"Since the meeting of Town Council, I have had an opportunity to examine and study the agreement between the Town of Edenton and The Karpark Corporation relative to

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