

"The fight against polio is far from won and only through the March of Dimes can we supply the sinews of war to carry it through to the finish."  
—President Truman.

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## Chowan Digs Out Of Sunday's 8-Inch Snow

### DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE WRITES LETTER TO MRS. CHARLES P. WALES THANKING LOCAL LADIES FOR PROPOSED GIFT OF TEA

Spirit of Motive Splendid Example of Feeling Existing

THRILLED

Opportunity Still Open To Make Contributions of Tea

Mrs. Charles P. Wales, who has assisted in securing contributions for a gift of tea to be sent to England in memory of the ladies of the Edenton Tea Party, and who has acted as secretary in the movement, wrote some time ago to Col. R. W. Hills, secretary of the Victoria League in London, which was chosen as the organization for the distribution of the tea, and is now in receipt of a letter from the Duchess of Devonshire, chairman of the organization. Mrs. Wales' letter explained to him the idea in sending the gift as follows: "Dear Col. Hills:

"On October 25, 1774, fifty-one ladies of the village of Edenton in the Colony of North Carolina, met together and drew up resolutions declaring that they would drink no more tea until the 'odious tax' imposed by Great Britain was removed.

"Now, in this year of our Lord 1947-1948, in the Town of Edenton, in the commonwealth of North Carolina, USA, fifty-one or more descendants, in fact or in spirit, of those patriotic ladies, deeply conscious of the valiant spirit of the British people through the terrible days of 'blood, sweat and tears,' and moved by the drastic rationing now in effect in England, wish to express their friendship and admiration by sending a gift of tea to the Victoria League in memory of the Edenton Tea Party ladies of the past and in recognition of the tie that binds us to a common ancestry of courageous tea drinkers.

"Inglis Fletcher, author, who was in England some months ago and was in contact with the Duchess of Devonshire, chairman of your organization, recommended that we send the tea to the Victoria League as the channel of distribution, and His Excellency, Lord Inverchapel, Ambassador from Great Britain, to whom we wrote, approved the selection of the Victoria League and advised us that the tea would be delivered to you duty free.

"Five packages containing sixty pounds have now gone forward and (Continued on Page Eight)

### Clothing Collection Scheduled Sunday

### Snow Storm Prevents Collection Being Made Last Sunday

Though a collection of clothing for overseas relief was scheduled to be made last Sunday, the snow storm made it impossible to carry out the schedule. The drive, therefore, has been postponed a week, so that the collection will be made next Sunday, February 8, beginning at 2 o'clock.

J. L. Chestnutt, in charge of the Edenton collection, says he will need 12 cars and drivers for the job and asks all volunteers to please report at the Municipal Building by 2 o'clock. Boy Scouts will help in gathering the clothing.

Those who will make a contribution are asked to have clothing bundled and placed on front porches, where it can be plainly seen, so that it can be collected without disturbing anybody.

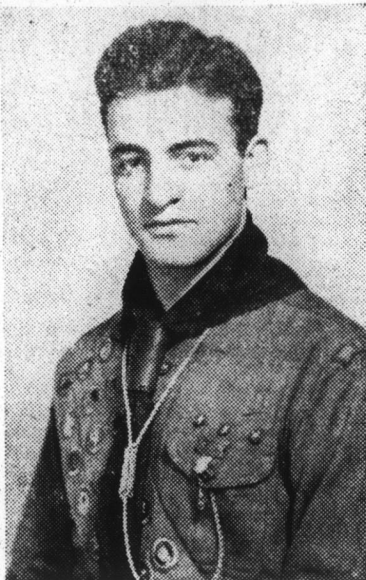
C. W. Overman is Chowan County Chairman, and urges Chowan County people to make a liberal contribution in order to help relieve suffering among millions of unfortunate people.

### Bunch Speaker At Rotary Last Week

Edenton's Rotary Club will hold its regular meeting this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

At last week's meeting, W. C. Bunch, superintendent of the U. S. Fish Hatchery, gave a very interesting address on fish culture, stressing the development of private fish ponds.

### BROTHERS PROMOTED TO EAGLE SCOUTS



JACK HABIT



FRANK HABIT

Featuring the Court of Honor held Monday night at the Lions Club meeting, Jack and Frank Habit, brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Habit, were promoted to the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. Both boys are members of Troop No. 156. (Photos courtesy of Stevens Studio, Elizabeth City, N. C.)

### Future Of Edenton's Concerts Apparently Hanging In Balance

### Continuance Will Depend Upon Meeting February 10

Whether or not Edentonians will have the opportunity to enjoy future community concerts will depend upon the attendance and interest shown at a meeting which will be held in the Court House Tuesday night, February 10, at 7:30 o'clock.

Present officials are frank in asserting that while they believe the community concerts are very enjoyable and an asset to the community, they positively will not continue to shoulder the responsibility and efforts necessary in staging the concerts. It is, therefore, hoped that a goodly number will be present at the meeting next Tuesday night, at which time a new organization will have to be formed if the concerts are to be continued.

J. W. Davis has been president of the local association for two seasons, but feels that some other person should serve in this capacity. "It isn't right," he said early this week, "for a mere handful of people to continue to shoulder the work and make sacrifices of time, money and effort in connection with selling memberships as well as other responsibilities."

James Wolfe, New York representative of the Community Concert Association, will attend Friday night's meeting, at which time it must be decided if another contract is to be signed. "Unless sufficient interest is shown at this meeting," stated President Davis, "our contract will not be renewed."

It is pointed out by some of those most active in the local association that but for the splendid cooperation of adjoining towns, the Edenton concerts would not have materialized. Sales of memberships in Edenton have been rather disappointing. This fact, coupled with the information that other nearby towns are desirous of sponsoring their own concerts, adds to the reluctance on the part of present officials to continue to serve.

The future of the Edenton concerts, therefore, depends upon the number who attend the scheduled meeting, the interest shown and the willingness on the part of enough to carry on the work of the organization.

### Chowan PTA Will Meet At School February 10th

The Parent-Teacher Association of Chowan High School will meet in the school auditorium Tuesday night, February 10, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

An executive meeting of the association will be held at 7 o'clock.

### Lieut. Junius Davis Returns From Korea

First Lieut. Junius W. Davis, Jr., of the Army Medical Corps, has returned to the United States after several months' service in the 34th General Hospital in Seoul, Korea. Lt. Davis is now assigned to duty in the Station Hospital at Camp Stone-man, Pittsburg, California.

### SNOWFALL HAS CRIPPLING EFFECT ON ALL LOCAL ACTIVITIES; TRAVELERS FORCED TO ABANDON JOURNEYS DUE TO ICY HIGHWAY

### Second Call

In view of the fact that very few put in an appearance last Friday night for the purpose of organizing a Junior Chamber of Commerce, another meeting has been called for next Friday night at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Court House and will be attended by a delegation from the Rocky Mount Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the proposed Edenton organization.

Postcards have been sent to those who are invited to attend the meeting, announcing the time and place of meeting.

### Weather Cripples March Of Dimes Drive In Chowan

### Only Few Reports Received Up To Wednesday Morning

Chowan County's March of Dimes has been hard hit by the recent bad weather, so that very few reports have come in to either Chairman R. L. Pratt or J. Edwin Buflap, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Not only is this the case in Chowan County, but is more or less the rule throughout the entire State, for early this week Chairman Pratt was notified by State headquarters at Chapel Hill that due to the unfavorable weather conditions, the drive has been continued until Saturday, February 14.

Thus far the only reports to reach Pratt or Buflap came from Mrs. John Graham, Mrs. Joe Thorud, Mrs. William P. Jones, D. F. Walker for the Edenton colored schools and a number of contributions received by Mr. Pratt, which included \$10 from G. H. Harding of Virginia Beach and \$10 from the Varsity Club.

Chairman Pratt realizes that weather conditions have been very unfavorable ever since the drive started, and though initial reports are rather discouraging so far as meeting the county's quota is concerned, he recalls last year's experience, when it appeared that the quota would fall far short, but when all reports were in Chowan again went over the top. This year's quota is \$2,200, the largest the county has ever had, but Mr. Pratt has an optimistic outlook and says he will not believe Chowan will fall down this year until the final report is made. He realizes that it will be hard to collect \$2,200, and for that reason urges canvassers to see as many people as possible and to stress the importance of securing more funds with which to fight infantile paralysis. He desires reports as soon as possible, which should be delivered to him or to The Herald office.

A report of the amount of contributions will be carried in next week's issue of The Herald.

### Basketball Games Called Off Due To Shortage Of Coal

### Mayor Appeals For Cessation of Activities In Emergency

Early this week Mayor Leroy Haskett called upon Coaches Nick George and Tex Lindsay to cancel all basketball and other recreational activities which require heat in the armory. The reason for Mayor Haskett's action is the fact that there is no coal in Edenton and no assurance when any more will arrive, coupled with the fact that many homes have very little or no coal at all in the face of the longest period of cold weather in many years. Mayor Haskett appealed to the coaches to refrain from using coal for any recreational purposes until the present emergency is eased.

### Church Services Called Off and Schools Also Closed Monday

FUN, TOO

### Groups Spend Sunday Wading in Snow and Making Snow Men

With eight inches of snow falling from about 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning until shortly before noon, Edenton and Chowan County experienced its deepest snow in over 20 years. It is recalled that on March 2, 1927, more snow fell over a longer period of time and had a more crippling effect than Sunday's precipitation. It was in 1927 that the roof of the old Edenton armory on West Eden Street caved in under the weight of the snow.

Local people were surprised to wake up Sunday morning to find everything blanketed with snow. Of course, the weather was cold, but it was sleeting and raining practically all day Saturday and Sunday night. So disagreeable was the weather Saturday that practically all stores in the business section closed their doors around six o'clock.

The snow had a crippling effect on all activity. All church services were called off and schools were not opened until Tuesday morning. For a while electric current was off on Sunday and telephone service was also disrupted.

Traveling was almost impossible and many people were stranded in Edenton until Monday. A large number of Northern travelers heading South spent the night in Edenton, the Joseph Hewes Hotel being filled to capacity, as well as tourist homes. At the hotel it was necessary for Mr. Sanders to press into service the old dining room in order to serve breakfast to over-night guests.

Many cars were stalled in the snow and it was a common sight to see groups pushing and pulling as cars slipped and turned in the snow and icy streets. Fortunately, no accidents were reported.

State Highway crews on Sunday morning cleared the main arteries of traffic and on Edenton streets the local Street Department, not equipped to handle snow, put into service a (Continued on Page Five)

### Directors Of C. Of C. Planning For Annual Banquet Very Soon

### Outstanding Man and Woman For 1947 Will Be Named

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, held last week after this paper went to press, the members of the Board made plans to hold the annual banquet and to again sponsor the awarding of prizes to the outstanding man and woman of Chowan County for the year 1947.

The date of the banquet was not definitely set, but given leeway ten days before or after February 25, to allow for conflicts in dates in securing a speaker and procurement of the armory for the event.

Chairmen appointed by President H. A. Campen included Marvin Wilson, in charge of arranging the program and securing the speaker; Meredith Jones, in charge of providing the meal. The committee on awards was not selected as yet, nor were the qualifications and the method of the selections disclosed at this time.

### Aid Being Solicited For Maggie Felton

Friends of Maggie Felton, colored, whose home was burned early last week, have been busy collecting clothing, furniture, food and cash for the unfortunate woman. The collection is sponsored by the Jernigan-Granby Post of the American Legion, and anyone desiring to make a contribution is urged to contact the Rev. J. A. Stringfield, phone 416-W.