

Jr. Woman's Club Is Planning To Stage Home-Garden Tour

Tentative Dates Are Set By Club For April 1, 2 and 3

BIG EVENT

Already 17 Homes Have Been Offered For Inspection

Mrs. John A. Kramer, president of the Edenton Junior Woman's Club, announced this week that the organization will sponsor a home and garden tour in Edenton and the countryside, the tour being under the auspices of the North Carolina Garden Club. While a definite date has not been set, Mrs. Kramer said the tour will be in progress three days, and that the dates will most likely be April 1, 2 and 3.

This will be the first time in the history of Edenton that the homes of Edenton and surrounding territory will be thrown open to the public for a tour, so that the Junior Woman's Club is asking for the wholehearted cooperation of citizens to the end that the tour will be a success.

Everyone is asked to keep the tour in mind and to concentrate on cleaning up grounds and where possible to plant spring bulbs and shrubs. It is not too late to plant now, says Mrs. Kramer.

The club suggests that the three-day tour be observed as "Edenton Homecoming Week," during which friends and relatives are invited to visit.

Tentative plans call for awarding prizes for beautifying and improving grounds, details of which will be announced later.

Interest in the tour is rapidly mounting, and already 17 homes and plantations in Edenton and Chowan County have been offered to be thrown open for the benefit of those on the tour. The event will attract many not only from North Carolina, but from other states, and members of the Junior Woman's Club are of the opinion the tour will be one of the biggest and most worthwhile projects ever held in Edenton.

Band Concert At School Tonight

Outfit Will Appear on Stage Dressed In New Uniforms

H. W. Williams, director of the Edenton High School Band, announced early this week that the band will present a concert in the school auditorium tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

Band members will wear their uniforms for the first time in public, so that the concert should not only have color, but the band members will, no doubt, be in a mood to play better.

The program will include Christmas music, and the public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no charge, so that Mr. Williams and band members hope they will have an opportunity to play for a large audience.

Lions Christmas Party Next Tuesday Night

Edenton Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas party Tuesday night in their hall, when the room will be appropriately decorated and presents exchanged. A feature of the party will be Christmas music.

The Lions called off their regular meeting Monday night of this week due to the Christmas party.

Christmas Program At Ballard's Bridge

Young people of the Ballard's Bridge Church will present a Christmas program at the church on Sunday night, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock.

The program, entitled "The Bells of Bethlehem," will be presented by means of pantomime, Scripture and song, and portrays the birth and the meaning of the birth of Jesus as prophesied by the prophet Isaiah. A narrator will read the story and the choir will give a musical background.

Wheeler And Spruill Win Most Valuable EHS Player Awards

Varsity Club Project Results In Tie Vote For Honor

In awarding a trophy to the most valuable player on this year's high school football team, the Varsity Club last week was confronted with a tie, with the honors going to Russell Wheeler, sensational tailback, and Gene Spruill, a tackle. As a result, a second trophy has been ordered so that both boys will receive one.

Bill Cozart, chairman of the award committee of the Varsity Club, stated that Wheeler's award was for his outstanding offensive record, but that Spruill won the honor for his persistent dependable defensive ability in the line, where there are many unsung heroes on a football team.

Entering into the award for the most valuable player went cooperation, attitude, sportsmanship, ability and leadership.

The awards were announced at the school assembly, when Coaches George Thompson and Cecil Fry spoke briefly about the success of the past season.

Paving Requested For Cotton Mill

Manager Philip McMullan Again Meets With Town Council

Philip McMullan, manager of the Edenton Cotton Mills, again appeared before Town Council Tuesday night relative to paving streets in the cotton mill village. Mr. McMullan stated that he had appeared a number of times in an effort to remedy deplorable street conditions, and that he hoped Town Council would give a definite answer as to whether or not the streets will be paved.

Although all streets in the village need attention, Mr. McMullan stated that a great deal of relief would result by paving Queen and Office streets from Railroad Avenue to Mill Avenue and Railroad Avenue from Office to Queen Street.

The estimated cost of this paving is \$2,295, of which the cotton mill agrees to pay half and the town, of course, will have to pay the other half. The suggestion was also made by Councilmen when later considering the request that all of Railroad Avenue be paved between King and Church Streets, which will cost approximately \$965 more.

The Councilmen were in sympathy with the project and Mayor Leroy Haskett was instructed to confer with the Electric & Water Department to ascertain if the town's share of the cost is available.

Contributions Urged For Stocking Fund

Gifts and Cash Needed At Once to Provide Christmas Joy

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, Jr., request that all contributions for giving the needy of Edenton a Merry Christmas be turned over to them at once. Toys, candy, fruit or money will be gratefully appreciated and will be added to the generous selection of toys provided by Fire Chief R. K. Hall and the local firemen for distribution to needy children Christmas eve night.

Due to the amount of work involved, all donations will have to be received by Mr. and Mrs. Jones by December 20.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Community Choir will present a Christmas carol service Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in the Kadesh Methodist Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

CROP Food Train Feeds 25,000



Food received in Europe from one of the American food trains sponsored by the Christian Rural Overseas program (CROP), is now providing approximately 25,000 needy Austrians with one good meal a day. Fifty old folks' homes are also maintained by this CROP food. Above, a charming old lady in one of the homes for the aged has assisted in the distribution of food for CROP. At left is Bill Mathues and at right is Ralph Smeltzer. Thousands of additional persons overseas will be provided with food through the North Carolina food train which will be assembled soon and which will be one of 23 CROP Christmas trains. The goal in North Carolina is 100 cars, according to Wayne McLain, state director. Contributions of seed cotton, peanuts, corn, and other products are especially needed.

Masons To Install Officers Tonight

Ceremony In Charge of William J. Bundy of Greenville

Officers for the year 1949 will be installed tonight (Thursday) for Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., with the installation ceremony scheduled to be in charge of William J. Bundy of Greenville, past Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina. Other prominent Masons and visitors from nearby lodges are also expected to witness the ceremony.

Due to the installation and a barbecue dinner to be served by Richard P. Baer, tonight's meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock instead of 8 o'clock, the usual meeting hour.

Officers to be installed are as follows: Master, Richard P. Baer, II; senior warden, Hubert Williford; junior warden, C. B. Mooney; treasurer, C. H. Wood; secretary, J. Edwin Buflap; senior deacon, W. A. Harrell; junior deacon, C. T. Griffin; stewards, C. M. Speight and W. M. Rhoades; tiler, E. T. Rawlinson; chaplain, the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer. W. P. Goodwin will act as marshal.

Mr. Baer has also appointed various committees, with the following named as chairmen:

Program, H. A. Campen; auditing, R. E. Leary; degrees, W. P. Goodwin; building, H. A. Campen; finance, C. H. Wood; entertainment, C. B. Mooney; attendance, C. M. Speight; music, W. J. Daniels; orphanage and Masonic and Eastern Star Home, C. W. Overman; widows and sick, W. J. Daniels; Masonic education, Dr. W. S. Griffin; publicity, Peter Carlton.

Church School Class Plans Carol Singing

Group Plans to Begin Singing at 9 P. M. Sunday, December 19

The Young Adult Bible Class of the Methodist Church School, which is taught of Mrs. W. E. Baker, will sing Christmas carols Sunday night, December 19, the group scheduled to begin caroling shortly after 9 o'clock. In event of rain, the carol singing will take place Monday night.

The group plans to sing at Chowan Hospital and will be delighted to sing at any place requested especially for those who are sick or shut-ins. Anyone desiring to have the group sing is requested to telephone Mrs. Frank Elliott, whose number is 357-J.

The project is non-denominational, so that anyone who desires, may join in the singing and the group will sing for a member of any denomination.

Rotary Club Abandons Its Christmas Party

Edenton's Rotary Club at last week's meeting decided to abandon the annual Rotary Christmas party, and instead will contribute the cost of the meal to some worthy project. Several ideas were advanced for disposition of the amount, and it was finally agreed to let it go toward purchasing shoes for some needy children in the Edenton school.

Shoes will be purchased under the direction of Principal Fenton Larson, who is pretty well acquainted with cases where shoes are sorely needed.

Chamber Of Commerce Offers Support To Junior Woman's Club Home-Garden Tour

Practically All Merchants Will Close Stores on Monday After Christmas; No Holiday Will Be Observed New Year's Day

President Marvin Wilson of the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, speaking for the assembled board of directors at the regular meeting on Monday evening in the Municipal Building in Edenton, offered complete cooperation of the organization in the forthcoming "colonial homes visitation" project to be sponsored by the Edenton Junior Woman's Club under the auspices of the North Carolina Garden Club.

Appearing before the members were Mrs. Inglis Fletcher, well known North Carolina authoress, who lives on historic Bandon plantation in Chowan County, and Mrs. John Kramer, president of the Edenton Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. Fletcher outlined the plan and pointed out the value which would accrue to Edenton and Chowan County from such a project.

David L. Strain, contractor and builder from Raleigh, appeared by invitation before the directors and outlined the progress made in the planned building project in Edenton to take care of the expected increase in families with the opening of the base. If all goes well, it is expected that foundations will be laid for 27 houses on January 1. He stated that it will be possible to build a house every other day from there on.

M. A. Hughes, co-chairman of the merchants committee, read the results of the poll taken by two teams consisting of Miss Sadie Day and Frank Elliott, Henry Cutrell and Louis George Wilkins. The majority of the merchants and firms favored closing from December 24 through the 27th.

It was agreed that New Year's Day not be observed and stores will open. Stores favored remaining open nights for the Christmas week beginning Wednesday, December 22.

Herbert Hollowell, chairman of the community chest committee, briefly reported to the directors and it was agreed that information concerning same be placed before the public and sentiment analyzed.

Earl Harrell, chairman of finance, and George Twiddy, chairman of membership, gave brief reports, details of which are to be mailed to each member of the organization.

According to President Marvin Wilson, the contract of Manager Peter Carlton was renewed only through March, 1949, and until a better picture of the finances of the organization can be had. Mr. Carlton accepted and expressed his willingness to serve until such time as he ceased to enjoy the confidence of the membership, the Board and of the people.

Edenton Air Station Taken Over By Navy At Midnight Tuesday

J. W. Davis Elected Chairman Methodist Board Of Stewards

Succeeds John Holmes In Election Held Last Week

At a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church held Wednesday night of last week, J. W. Davis was elected chairman, succeeding John A. Holmes. Mr. Holmes served as chairman for a year in conjunction with his duties as secretary-treasurer, and informed the Board that he was unable to fill both positions.

Mr. Holmes was re-elected secretary-treasurer, while T. B. Williford was elected vice chairman of the board.

At the meeting the church's budget for the new year was made up, which calls for a slight increase over last year.

Edenton Girl Will Sing In 'Messiah'

Myrtle Edwards Chosen By Norfolk Civic Chorus

Friends in Edenton will be interested to learn that Miss Myrtle Jeanette Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edwards, has been selected to participate in the Norfolk Civic Chorus in its winter concert on December 19.

The chorus, conducted by Mr. Schankman of New York, will give a rendition of Handel's "Messiah" and will be accompanied by the Norfolk Symphony Orchestra in the Center Theater, Norfolk, at 2:30 P. M. The concert will also be broadcast over WTAR.

Miss Edwards is a graduate of Edenton High School and Coastal Business College. At present she is employed by the government in the capacity of a secretary. During her spare time she sings, takes art lessons and models for the Norfolk Art Corner.

Capt. Mildred Smith Returns From Japan

Chowan Girl Will Be Re-assigned to Langley Field

Captain Mildred Smith, Army Air Corps nurse, has arrived from Japan to spend the holidays with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith and other relatives and friends.

Captain Smith has completed a two-year tour of service in Japan, where she was connected with the 361st Army Air Corps Hospital. At the conclusion of a 45-day furlough, she will be reassigned to Langley Field, Va.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Smith, Captain Smith has the distinction of being the first Chowan County girl to volunteer for service in the armed forces. Before she was sent to Japan, she was stationed at West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will entertain in honor of Captain Smith at their home on Virginia Road Wednesday afternoon, December 29, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Post Office Open On Saturday Afternoon

In an effort to serve patrons during the Christmas season, Postmaster C. E. Kramer announces that the Post Office will remain open until 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon instead of closing at 1 o'clock as usual.

The office was open last Saturday afternoon, when many people sent Christmas mail. Mr. Kramer urges all Christmas mail to be sent as soon as possible due to the increasing rush of business as Christmas approaches.

Town Retains William Privott to Transfer Inventories

BASE GUARDED

First Contingent of Marines Expected Early In March

Effective at midnight Tuesday, the United States Navy again officially became in possession of the Edenton Naval Air Station, and 15 guards arrived Wednesday to go on duty at the gates, as well as at various buildings on the base where materials are stored.

Preliminary work toward reconditioning the base for occupancy by the Marines has been going on for several weeks, but this work was more or less handicapped due to the policy of the Navy not to interfere with any of the buildings sub-leased by the Town of Edenton. Now, however, the work will be stepped up, with major attention being directed to getting into shape first the utilities and heavy equipment on the base.

Commander von Keller is in charge of public works at the base, and expects to have the base ready for the Marines by March 1, when it is expected that the first contingent will arrive, comprising possibly about 900 enlisted men and 150 officers.

At Tuesday night's meeting of Town Council, William Privott, who has been manager of the base for the Town of Edenton under the Navy's lease, was retained for a period of 30 days to transfer the various inventories to Commander von Keller for the Navy. It is expected that this work can be completed within that time.

While the base officially went back to the Navy Tuesday night, no specific orders were released. It is understood, however, that there will be no change in the status of the hospital and golf course. Satisfactory arrangements will be worked out for entering the base in connection with the hospital and for those playing golf.

Fire Chief Warns About Decorations

Precautions Urged In Order to Prevent Holiday Fires

Fire Chief R. K. Hall this week issued a warning that flammable Christmas decorations introduce a needless fire hazard during the current holiday season and urges local citizens to avoid the possibility of turning the Yuletide period into a time of grief and tragedy.

Mr. Hall pointed out the danger of using paper or cotton in decorating trees and said decorations should never be used near chairs or other places where people may smoke. "Candles should not be used as part of the Yuletide decorations," said Mr. Hall, "and curtains and other flammable materials should be pulled back at least six inches from any electric light."

Mr. Hall also pointed out the importance of inspecting any electric wiring used for decorating as to worn insulation.

Another Bingo Party Planned By Jaycees

Sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, another bingo party will be held in the Edenton armory Thursday night, December 23, starting at 8 o'clock.

Six prizes will be awarded, with the B. & B. Venetian Blind Company offering venetian blinds for any room in a residence. A bingo party was recently held by the Jaycees, which was attended by a large crowd and proved very successful.

Two Local Policemen Attend FBI School

Two Edenton patrolmen, J. A. Jones and W. H. Peele, on Tuesday completed a course in the FBI school held in Elizabeth City. The school has been in progress for eight days, with the local policemen being very much benefitted by the instruction.