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District Meeting In Edenton January 7th For March Of Dimes

Workers From 13 Counties Expected to Meet At Parish House

Marvin Wilson, chairman of Chowan County's March of Dimes, announced this week that plans have been completed for a district meeting of local chapters of the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis which is scheduled to be held in the Parish House Friday night, January 7, at 7 o'clock.

This meeting is expected to bring March of Dimes workers from Chowan, Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Hertford, Gates, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Tyrrell and Washington counties. Besides, Dr. Ralph MacDonald, State chairman, and Mrs. Phillips Russell of the State office in Chapel Hill, are expected to be present and give any advice which might be needed concerning the infantile paralysis situation in the State and nation.

Mr. Wilson accepted the March of Dimes chairmanship this year and while his plan of action for the drive has not been made public, he has been working on various ideas in the hope of stimulating interest in the drive, so that Chowan County will meet its quota this year. Last year was the first time Chowan failed to reach and even oversubscribe its quota, which was attributed in part to the very unfavorable weather while the campaign was in progress. While this year the quota is \$4,400, double that of last year, Mr. Wilson hopes the people of the entire county will respond generously in order to join the ranks of those counties who raise the amount asked.

In view of the financial emergency which faces the National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis, quotas have been doubled in every county. North Carolina was hit hard by the infantile paralysis epidemic this year and in this State alone the national organization sent \$1,191,000, about one-fourth of the national epidemic aid fund.

Mr. Wilson hopes to have his plans completely perfected, so that Chowan County's drive will begin the early part of January.

White Schools Will Reopen On Monday

Colored Schools Begin Classes Today After Holidays

White schools in the Edenton administrative unit are scheduled to reopen next Monday, January 3, after a two weeks' Christmas holiday, according to John A. Holmes, superintendent.

During the Christmas season many of the teachers enjoyed the vacation at their various homes, and the entire faculty is expected to be on hand for the reopening Monday.

Colored schools in the unit had a shorter holiday, being scheduled to resume classes this (Thursday) morning.

Edenton PTA Meeting Postponed To Jan. 11th

Announcement was made Wednesday morning that the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association meeting has been postponed until Tuesday, January 11, when the meeting will be held at 3:15 in the school library.

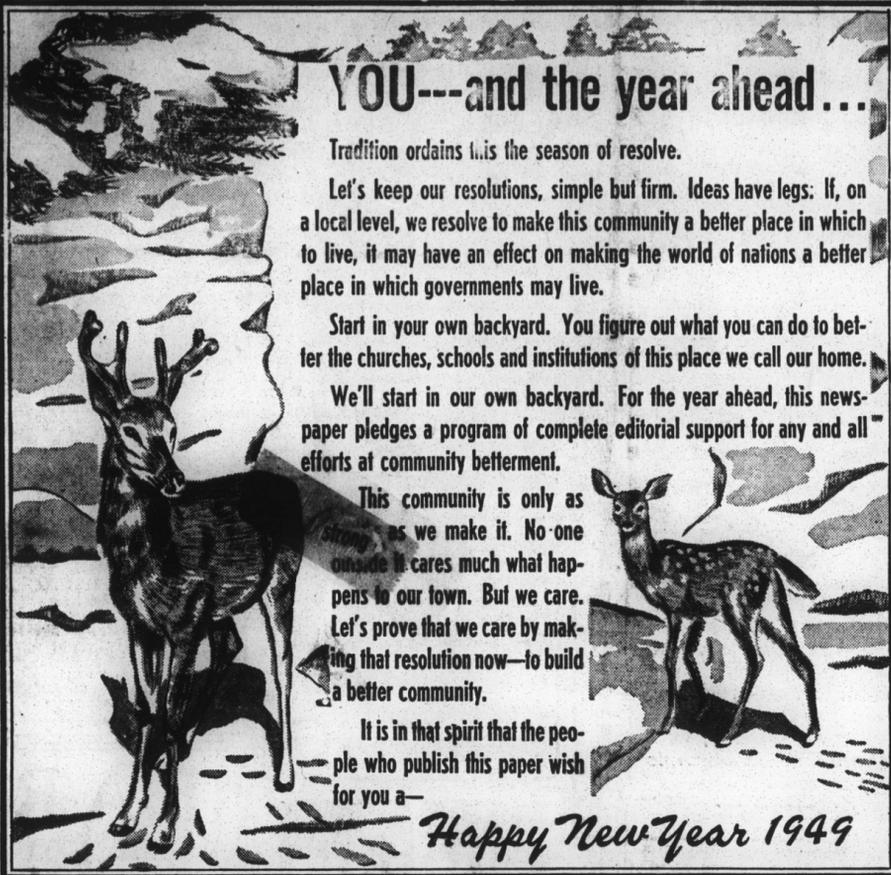
The meeting was originally scheduled for next Tuesday, but due to reopening of school only the day before, it was deemed advisable to meet a week later.

Delightful Christmas Party At Nurses' Home

One of the most delightful local holiday affairs was the Christmas party held on Christmas eve in the nurses' home at Chowan Hospital. The party was planned by the Hospital Auxiliary for all of the personnel of the hospital, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In the lobby of the hospital a beautiful Christmas tree helped to engender the Yuletide spirit, and in the nurses' home the decorations were gorgeous.

Presents were distributed and refreshments served during the evening, so that the party was one long to be remembered by those who were present.



YOU---and the year ahead...

Tradition ordains this the season of resolve.

Let's keep our resolutions, simple but firm. Ideas have legs: If, on a local level, we resolve to make this community a better place in which to live, it may have an effect on making the world of nations a better place in which governments may live.

Start in your own backyard. You figure out what you can do to better the churches, schools and institutions of this place we call our home.

We'll start in our own backyard. For the year ahead, this newspaper pledges a program of complete editorial support for any and all efforts at community betterment.

This community is only as good as we make it. No one outside it cares much what happens to our town. But we care. Let's prove that we care by making that resolution now—to build a better community.

It is in that spirit that the people who publish this paper wish for you a—

Happy New Year 1949

REGIONAL RED CROSS BLOOD CENTER IS AUTHORIZED TO BE ESTABLISHED WITH BLOOD MOBILE SERVICE FOR LOCAL UNIT

Chairman Geddes Potter Notified That Meeting Will Be Held In Norfolk Tuesday, January 11, To Discuss Organization of Program

Geddes Potter, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has been notified by Francis P. Simerville, regional director of the Southeastern Area, that the establishment of a regional blood center has been authorized for chapters located in the southeastern section of Virginia and northeastern North Carolina. The laboratory and main storage facilities for this operation will be in Norfolk, so that the Chowan chapter's jurisdiction is within a convenient distance and may be served effectively by a blood mobile.

For the purpose of discussing the organization of this program, the Chowan chapter is urged to participate in a meeting which will be held on Tuesday, January 11. This meeting will convene promptly at 10 A. M. and will close not later than 3:30 P. M. It will be held in the assembly hall of the Navy YMCA, corner of Brooke Avenue and Boush Street in Norfolk.

Representatives from the Eastern Area will be Mr. Wilhelm, Regional Director, and Mr. Nevin, assistant director of the blood program. Miss Cox, the general field representative, will also be in attendance.

The plan for development of the program will be determined at this meeting. The decisions that will be made are purely chapter administrative matters. It is for this reason that Mr. Potter is urged to have the Volunteer Services chairman and Public Information chairman to attend. In addition, such other chapter representatives as may be designated, including prospects for the chairmanship of the blood program, are invited.

"Knowing that many of our chapters have been anxiously awaiting an opportunity to participate in this new national activity of the American Red Cross," said Director Simerville, "we are looking forward to the Chowan County chapter being represented at the meeting."

No Tickets Issued For Over-Parking During Holidays

Police Insert Pennies In Meters Instead of Giving Tickets

Imbued with the Christmas spirit, Mayor Leroy Haskett and Edenton policemen saw to it that no parking tickets were issued in Edenton during the holidays to throw a cold blanket over the Yuletide spirit of a motorist who happened to park longer than the parking meters registered.

Mayor Haskett said he didn't want to see anybody become angry due to receiving a ticket during the Christmas season, so that he instructed the policemen to carry some extra pennies and where cars were parked at a red signal to insert a penny in the meter rather than make out a ticket.

Quite a few motorists noticed that somebody apparently had taken care of their over-parking offense, so that Mr. Haskett and police believe the idea was very worthwhile.

Lions Will Hold Next Meeting January 10

Edenton's Lions Club will not meet next Monday night, the meeting having been called off due to the New Year's holiday. The regular meetings of the club will be resumed Monday night, January 10.

Calvin Mills Given Chance To Attend U. S. Naval Academy

John Harney Also Mentioned as First Alternate at Annapolis

Calvin Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mills, has received notice that he has been selected as principal nominee for an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md. Young Mills' name appeared among a group of Eastern North Carolina nominees for appointment at West Point and Annapolis.

Another Edenton boy to be honored by appointment to a service institution is John Harney, son of Mrs. Thomas B. Wood, who was chosen as first alternate to the Naval Academy.

Both Edenton boys are 17 years old and members of the 1949 class at Edenton High School.

County Schools Will Reopen Next Monday

According to W. J. Taylor, county superintendent of schools, classes will be resumed next Monday, January 3, bringing to an end the Christmas holiday season. The schools closed for the holidays Tuesday of last week.

Both white and colored schools in the unit will reopen Monday.

Very Quiet

That a very quiet holiday season prevailed in Edenton is reflected in a report of Chief of Police R. L. Pratt. During the holidays, Chief Pratt stated, only two arrests were made, one for drunkenness and the other a Negro woman charged with stabbing another with a knife.

No break-ins, robberies or automobile wrecks were reported during the holidays.

Fortunately, too, there were no fires reported to mar the enjoyment of the festive season.

Preliminary Work Rushed On New Belk-Tyler Building

Tool House Already up And Trees Removed Tuesday

Very little time will apparently be lost in the erection of the new Belk-Tyler store on the former site of the Penelope Barker Hotel on Broad Street. Shortly after the contract was awarded to J. L. Batton & Bro., local contractors, last week, a tool house and storage shed was erected on the site.

On Tuesday morning employees of the contracting concern removed two elm trees in order to provide an entrance to the property on the northern end. The lot, which has been used as a free parking area, was roped off Tuesday morning, so that this parking space will be no longer available. The Belk-Tyler concern gave permission to the Town to use the lot for parking since the old hotel property was torn down and the lot cleaned up. Due to the installation of parking meters, many cars have been parked on the lot since it became available. The Belk-Tyler company, however, informed Mayor Haskett that permission will be given to use the space back of where the store is to be built while construction is in progress.

Annual Parish Meeting Of St. Paul's January 9

The Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, announced early this week that the annual parish meeting will be held Sunday night, January 9, at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting vestrymen will be elected and other business of the church transacted.

County Offices Will Be Closed Saturday

All county offices will be closed all day next Saturday, January 1 due to the New Year's holiday. Any important business therefore should be attended to accordingly.

Increase in Postage Rates Goes In Effect On Saturday, Jan. 1

Almost White!

The weatherman tried mighty hard to provide Edenton and Chowan County with a white Christmas, and did so far as early risers were concerned. At about 5 o'clock the ground was covered with snow, but as the day wore on, most of the white mantle disappeared, although during the day the precipitation included snow flurries, sleet and rain.

Coupled with a cold north wind, the day was very unpleasant outdoors, so that the greater part of the holiday was spent indoors.

Machinery Set Up For Listing Taxes In Chowan County

Property Must Be Listed For Taxation During January

Machinery is rapidly being put in shape for listing of property for taxes in Chowan County, which will be required during the month of January, with a penalty provided for those who fail to list during the month.

Tax lists in the county's four townships are as follows:
First Township—Mrs. Philip S. McMullan.
Second Township—Paul Ober.
Third Township—T. A. Berryman.
Fourth Township—C. W. Parker.

Taxpayers will within a few days receive blanks for filing their return for 1948, and these blanks should be taken or sent to the tax lister of the township in which property is located. The tax listers should also be informed if any property has been sold during the year.

In the First Township Mrs. McMullan will list taxes in the office on the second floor of the Court House during the month from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
In the Second Township Paul Ober will observe the following schedule: January 14 at Elliott Belch's office; January 18 at Nixon's store; January 20 at Elbert Peele's store; January 25 at Lindsay Evans' store; January 27 at Walter Miller's store; January 28 at Henry Bunch's store.

T. A. Berryman in the Third Township will list taxes as follows: January 6 and 20 at G. A. Hollowell's store; January 13 and 27 at Mrs. Spivey's store at Ryland; January 8, 15, 22 and 29 at Briggs' store; January 21 at Chappell's store.

In the Fourth Township C. W. Parker will list at M. C. Hobbs' store January 22 and 29, and other days at his home from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Of course, the tax listers urge everyone to list as early as possible in order to avoid the last minute rush.

Methodists Elect Five New Stewards

First Quarterly Conference Held Wednesday Of Last Week

Members of the Edenton Methodist Church held the first quarterly conference in the church Wednesday night of last week, at which time the Rev. J. H. Miller, district superintendent, preached. At the conclusion of the sermon, the conference was held and included reports from the various organizations of the church. Encouraging reports were made by each representative.

During the meeting five new members were added to the Board of Stewards. These were: Robert S. Marsh, R. E. Aiken, Jr., L. T. Dunbar, Jimmy Earnhardt and Walter Holton.

BIBLE CLASS WILL HOLD MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT
The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. S. F. Small. All members are urged to attend.

Air Mail Boosted From Five to Six Cents Per Ounce

THIRD CLASS UP

No Change, However, In Rates For First Class Mail

Effective January 1, postage rates and special delivery fees will be increased, according to Postmaster C. E. Kramer.

Air mail will be boosted from five cents to six cents per ounce or fraction thereof.

Circular matter of third class, including greeting cards and other miscellaneous printed matter will be as follows: Two cents for the first two ounces or fraction thereof, plus one cent for each additional ounce or fraction thereof.

There will also be increases on parcel post rates, books, catalogs, special delivery fees, money order fees, postal note fees, fees on registered mail, C.O.D. fees and other such matter, in accordance with the service desired.

According to Postmaster Kramer, ordinary first class letter mail will not be increased. This will continue to be three cents for each ounce or fraction thereof.

When in doubt as to the amount of postage due on any mail, Mr. Kramer urges that inquiry be made at the window for the rates on any particular service desired.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall Turned Over 250 Toys For Stocking Fund

Expresses Appreciation To All Who Sent Toys To Be Repaired

Fire Chief R. K. Hall this week expressed his thanks and appreciation for so many toys which he received prior to Christmas to be reconditioned and distributed on Christmas eve. About 250 toys were put in good shape at the fire station and turned over to the Stocking Fund for distribution. Mr. Hall also said he was very grateful to firemen Tom Goodman and J. T. Layton, who contributed no little of their time in helping to repair toys of all kinds.

The veteran fire chief was also the recipient of Christmas presents from the firemen, all of which he appreciated from the bottom of his heart.

County Commissioners Will Meet On Monday

Chowan County Commissioners will meet in monthly session Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Among the business to be transacted will be the appointment of a county physician for the new year.

Large Crowd Attends Christmas Night Dance

One of the best attended dances in recent years was held in the Edenton armory Christmas night, the affair being sponsored by the Edenton Varsity Club.

Music for the dance was provided by Bob Lee and his Collegians, which was very much enjoyed by dance enthusiasts not only from Edenton, but from Chowan and adjoining counties.

Gilliam Wood was general chairman of the dance and is delighted with the success of the occasion. The proceeds of the dance will go into the fund to purchase portable bleachers at Hicks Field.

Bank Will Be Closed On New Year's Day

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day next Saturday in observance of the New Year's holiday. Important banking business, therefore, should be transacted accordingly.

RED MEN WILL MEET MONDAY
With this week's meeting called off due to the Christmas holidays, the regular meetings of Chowan Tribe of Red Men will be resumed next Monday night. The meeting will be presided over by Leroy Skinner, new Sachem of the tribe.