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Cotton Referendum In Nation Scheduled To Be Held Dec. 15th

90% of Parity Loan on Cotton If 1950 Quotas Are Maintained

NOTICES SENT

Two-third Majority Is Necessary to Approve Quotas

Cotton farmers throughout Chowan County will be receiving notices this week of the national cotton marketing quota referendum scheduled for Thursday, December 15.

On that date, "eligible" voters will go to the polls in every cotton growing community in the United States to decide if marketing quotas are to be used for the 1950 crop. A two-thirds majority of those voting is required to approve quotas.

The Chowan County office of the Production and Marketing Administration defines an eligible voter as any person who, as landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, had an interest in a crop of cotton produced in 1948. Only one vote may be cast by each eligible producer, however, even though he may have had an interest in cotton grown on more than one farm.

J. M. Price, County PMA Committee Secretary, explains that the notices were sent to every known eligible voter in the county. Any person who believes he is eligible to vote in the referendum and does not receive one of the notices is asked to contact the PMA office in Edenton.

If quotas are approved farmers who plant within their acreage allotment will be eligible for 90 percent of parity loans on all cotton they produce in 1950. If quotas are disapproved by eligible growers the support loans will be made at only 50 percent of parity to cooperators.

Each eligible voter whose name is on the register will be notified by letter of the voting place for his community and the hours.

Cotton growers who vote will decide for quotas or against quotas. Will you be among them?

Lions Club Christmas Party December 19th

Nathan Dail Principal Speaker At Meeting Monday Night

The annual Christmas Party of the Edenton Lions Club will be held at 7:30 Monday evening, December 19, according to John A. Mitchener, chairman of the program committee. The wives and ladies of members will be invited, otherwise the party will have to be restricted to members, due to the lack of space.

Nathan D. Dail gave a short talk on the duties of a rural mail carrier, at Monday night's meeting which was very interesting to all. "There are over 42,000 mail carriers in the United States," stated Mr. Dail. "We can render our patrons every service furnished at the Post Office, except Savings Bonds. We take the order and can give 24 hour service on these."

The Rev. R. N. Carroll was a guest, as were Colonels Hopper and Smith of the Marine Corps Air Station. Also a guest was M. A. Grubbs, a member of the Lions Club in Norfolk, who has been a member for 13 years and for the past 8 years has not missed a meeting.

Hospital Auxiliary Will Meet On December 14

An important meeting of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary will be held in the nurses' home Wednesday afternoon, December 14, at 3 o'clock. At this meeting plans will be considered for a Christmas party and election of officers will be the highlight of the business session.

Every member of the Auxiliary is urged to make a special effort to be present.

ROTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Edenton's Rotary Club will hold its annual Christmas party in the Parish House next Thursday, December 15, at 7 o'clock, at which time Rotary Annes will be special guests. Various committees have been appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the party and already plans have been completed.

Santa Arrives

Youngsters by the hundreds gathered on Broad Street Friday afternoon to meet Santa Claus, who followed the Edenton High School Band astride a jeep fire truck. Little hearts were apparently made happy as Santa waved at the kiddies and at the foot of Broad Street occupied a chair, where many boys and girls told him what they wanted for Christmas.

The Christmas party was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and with the street Christmas decorations lighted for the first time, officially ushered in the Christmas season.

Community Chest Meeting Scheduled Early In January

Final Meeting Called to Definitely Decide on Plan

Herbert Hollowell, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Community Chest Committee, informed The Herald early this week that a final meeting on the proposition of forming a community chest in Edenton will be held the first or second week in January, depending upon securing a speaker for the occasion. Mr. Hollowell stated that a prominent speaker will be secured who will be able to answer any questions which might be asked about the Community Chest idea.

Various civic clubs and other organizations have been asked to appoint two representatives to attend the meeting, so that it can be definitely decided by Edenton and Chowan County if they desire to adopt the Community Chest method of raising contributions for various purposes. Mr. Hollowell also said that he hoped everybody who is interested in the Community Chest will attend the meeting.

Maj. Al Williams Will Be Rotary's Speaker

Prominent Aviation Authority Guest of Club Today

Edenton Rotarians are scheduled to have an outstanding program at their meeting today (Thursday) when they will have as their principal speaker Major Al Williams, prominent authority on aviation.

President George Twiddy is very anxious to have a 100 per cent meeting and asks any member who expects to have a guest to notify him as soon as possible so that the ladies will know how many to prepare for.

Legion Auxiliary Will Hold Christmas Party At Hotel December 13

Mrs. James M. Bond, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, has announced that plans have been completed for the Christmas Party of the Legion Auxiliary which will be held at the Joseph Hewes Hotel on Tuesday night, December 13, at 8 o'clock.

During the evening games and special music will be enjoyed, after which there will be a drawing of gifts. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of members and their guests.

Important Meeting Of Jaycees Tonight

Thomas Byrum, president of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, calls attention to the Jaycee meeting scheduled to be held tonight (Thursday) in the Triangle Lunch Room at 7 o'clock.

All members are especially urged to attend, for after the meeting a practice will be held for the Womanless Wedding to be staged Friday night at the high school.

Henry Quinn Elected District Commander Of Foreign War Vets

James Bond Also Chosen as Quartermaster For District

At a district convention in Elizabeth City Sunday, December 4, the Edenton V. F. W. Post went up front when local Commander Henry Quinn was unanimously elected District Commander after being nominated by the Plymouth Post. Then close on the heels of Commander Quinn's election, James Bond was elected as District Quartermaster.

The First District represents Eastern North Carolina with eight posts, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Manteo, Plymouth, Ahoskie, Hertford, Columbia and Windsor, and V. F. W. members of the William H. Coffield, Jr., Post in Edenton are very proud and honored to have two capable men holding the two most important offices.

As guest speaker at the convention the State Legislative Officer, Mr. Samuel, from Winston-Salem, gave a talk stressing the fact that disabled war veterans should by all means have their V. A. claims sent in with V. F. W. as the power of attorney, in order to get speedy and satisfactory results.

A dinner of fried chicken was served and there were numerous talks of interest by V. F. W. members including a lengthy discussion on a program to help the paralyzed victims of war.

The Edenton Americanism drive, which ended November 11, has received state-wide recognition, and it was a big job well done by the committee with Bill Crumme, chairman. There are more drives of this nature in the making and with the help of the new district officers, Edenton V. F. W. should stay up front.

Membership Drive For Little Symphony Is Now In Progress

Junior Chamber Commerce Will Canvass Every House

Members of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce are this week conducting a canvass to secure memberships in order to bring to Edenton the North Carolina Little Symphony Orchestra during the early part of February. The drive began November 28 and is in progress this week in the hope that 300 people will enroll. An effort will be made by the Jaycees to canvass every house in Edenton, and if anybody is missed who desires to join, President Thomas Byrum should be contacted and he will see to it that the membership is secured.

When the orchestra appears in Edenton a free matinee performance will be presented for the school children of the county, with the night performance presented for the members who join.

The Jaycees are sponsoring the Little Symphony in the firm belief that it will be an uplift to the community and a treat for the lovers of music.

Contributions Asked For Stocking Fund

St. Paul's Group Will Again Make Children Happy

Various organizations of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will again this year sponsor the Christmas Stocking Fund, which for many years has provided Christmas presents for unfortunate children of the community. Cash contributions, as well as toys or food will be accepted for use in making up these presents.

Any member of St. Paul's Church organizations or James Bond at the Bank of Edenton will be glad to receive contributions.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported to the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday that 1949 taxes collected during November amounted to \$24,754.40. The Commissioners are somewhat concerned that payment of taxes is trailing last year.

Womanless Wedding Will Be Presented At School Friday Night

Sponsored By Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce

Everything is in readiness for the Womanless Wedding which is scheduled to be staged Friday night in the high school auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock. The entertainment is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and is expected to attract a capacity crowd.

Those scheduled to take part in the entertainment include the following:

- First Usher—Logan Elliott.
- Uncle of the bride—Elbert Cope-land.
- Aunt of the bride—Mike Byrum.
- Second Usher—J. M. Boyce.
- Mrs. Knowall—Tom Byrum.
- Miss Russia—Maurice Bunch.
- Miss Spain—Willie O'Neal.
- Aunt Africa—Scott Harrell.
- Grand Mother—Buss Wozelka.
- Grand Father—Ernest Ward.
- Mother—George A. Byrum.
- Miss Brazil—Eill Cozart.
- Minister—Booty Bootright.
- Groom—Hal Davis.
- Bride—Frank Holmes.
- Father—Lewis Leary.
- Best Man—(Mr. Montreal Canada), Charles Wales.
- Marseilles—(Baby sister of bride), Bill Holmes.
- Mr. Lyden Holland (Ring Bearer), Horace White.
- Twins—Graham White, Dick Aikens.
- Train Bearer—Paul Partin.
- Flower Girl—John Mitchener.
- Pianist—Mrs. Gus Hughes.
- Bridesmaids—Herbert Hollowell, Henry Quinn, William Privott, G. B. Potter, Leroy Hasket, Elwood Nixon.
- Groomsman—Lloyd Burton, Ray Blanchard, Emmett Dail, John Oliver, J. E. Bufflap, Gus Hughes and West Byrum.

Restoration Of St. Paul's Church Now Showing Progress

Steel Framework Being Put In Place By Contractor

Work has been resumed in the reconstruction of old St. Paul's Episcopal church, which was recently destroyed by fire. The contract to rebuild the church was awarded W. R. Wyatt & Company of Rocky Mount, and already the debris has been cleared and steel framework is now being put in place. The work is under the supervision of Harry Tugwell of Manteo.

Finlay Ferguson of Norfolk is the architect and it is the plan to rebuild the church as near as possible as it was before the disastrous fire.

The reconstructed church will be fire-proof and members of the congregation are anxiously awaiting its completion.

PTA Secretary Will Give Lecture Dec. 13

General Public Invited To Attend Meeting At High School

Miss Genevieve Burton, field secretary of the Parent-Teacher Association, will give a lecture on "Schools of Instruction" at the Edenton High School on December 13 at 8 P. M.

This lecture promises to be very educational as well as interesting, according to Mrs. Leon Leary, president of the local PTA organization, and all PTA members are urged to attend. Also a very cordial invitation is extended to all citizens of Edenton and Chowan County, regardless of whether or not they are members of a PTA organization.

97 Persons Help In War Against Rats

According to County agent C. W. Overman, 97 people participated in the war on rats Friday, when 113 packages of bait were mixed and delivered. Mr. Overman said 12 more packages of bait have been ordered, which will be filled this week.

Commissioners will Crack Down On All Who Fail Pay Taxes

Chest X-rays

Wednesday of this week a mass chest X-ray survey was inaugurated in the Pasquotank-Camden-Perquimans-Chowan Helath District which will continue through January 14. During this time it is hoped all persons above 15 years of age will be X-rayed in order to discover the presence of tuberculosis. The service is free, it is not necessary to undress and requires only a minute or so.

A mobile X-ray unit was at the Edenton graded school Wednesday. It will be at St. John's colored school today (Thursday) and Friday at the Chowan Produce Exchange; Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10, 13, and 14; Chowan High School December 15, 16, and 17; Halsey Hardwood Company December 22; Edenton colored school January 3; Brown Lumber Company January 4 through 14, except Sundays and Mondays.

Every person is urged to be X-rayed at the place and date most convenient.

Jaycees Sponsoring Home Decoration During Christmas

Displays In Contest Will Be Judged Between Dec. 20 and 25

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce this year is sponsoring a home decorating contest. Their aim is to interest everyone in displaying some expression of Christmas good will and cheer through outside lighting and decorations.

These may include any number of decorating ideas. It may be a lawn display, a roof or doorway decoration, a tree decoration, or merely the use of lights. It is not necessary to have anything elaborate. The type of decoration will be left entirely up to the individual and everyone is eligible except members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The following table of values will be used in judging the contest:

General effect	50%
Originality	25%
Conformity to Christmas Spirit	25%

There will be a grand prize of \$20, second prize \$10 and third prize \$5.

All those competing in the contest must have their display lighted between December 20 and 25.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest may do so by mailing a post card to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 256, Edenton. This entry is necessary so that the judges may know which homes to consider.

A group of impartial judges have been chosen. They will not be members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

District Firemen Meet In Edenton

Between 250 and 300 Are Expected to Attend January 13

Firemen of Eastern North Carolina are scheduled to meet in Edenton Friday, January 13, when the Edenton Fire Department will be host. Fire Chief R. K. Hall says between 250 and 300 firemen are expected to attend the meeting.

A free meal will be served to visiting firemen and Fire Chief Hall was assured \$125 by the County Commissioners for the purpose at their meeting Monday. Mr. Hall will request a similar amount from Town Council at the meeting next Tuesday night.

Chowan's Share Beer And Wine Tax \$5,625

As a result of a check from the State, Chowan County's coffers is \$5,624.37 richer. The check represents the county's distributable share of beer and wine excise taxes for the period October 1, 1948 to September 30, 1949.

May Adopt Policy of Selling Chattels to Cover Taxes

MONEY NEEDED

Delinquents Referred to As Using County as "Loan Agency"

Concerned about the amount of delinquent taxes on Chowan County's tax books, the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday decided to crack down on taxpayers who are able to pay their taxes but are more or less using the county as a loan agency.

The Commissioners called in Sheriff J. A. Bunch to discuss the delinquent tax situation in the county, and they will, no doubt, adopt a policy of selling chattels for unpaid taxes. "Taxes must be paid," was the theme of the Commissioners' discussion, and after a lengthy discussion decided that at the January meeting all delinquent taxes will be turned over to the county tax attorney with instructions to liquidate to the full extent of the law.

A number of instances were pointed out where a substantial amount of taxes were carried over from year to year and the belief advanced that the guilty parties are able to pay the taxes if they want to. In these cases, the belief was advanced that if chattels were sold to cover taxes due, there will be more of a desire to pay the taxes due.

The Commissioners pointed out that the cost of operation of the county government is figured on the payment of all taxes, and that when anyone fails to pay, a burden is caused in meeting the budget. It was also rightly emphasized that there is no fairness in some people paying taxes and some going from year to year with taxes being charged against them but no money coming in to the county.

The Commissioners said that they are not desirous of placing a burden on anybody or causing embarrassment but they are determined to use every means at their disposal to collect delinquent taxes, so that it is up to the taxpayer if he wants to be embarrassed.

Local Masons Elect Hubert B. Williford Master For Year

Slate of Officers Elected at Meeting Thursday Night

Hubert Williford was elected master of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., for the year 1950 at the meeting of the lodge held Thursday night. He will succeed Richard P. Baer II.

Other officers elected for the new year are: Senior Warden, C. B. Mooney; junior warden, W. A. Harrell; treasurer, C. H. Wood; secretary, J. Edwin Bufflap.

These officers, together with those to be appointed by the new master, will be installed Thursday night, December 29.

During the meeting Mr. Baer was highly complimented for his very successful year as master and he in turn expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him and the cooperation of the members during his term of office.

Principal Of School In Automobile Accident

Fenton Larson, principal of the Edenton school, figured in an automobile wreck over the week-end, while he was returning to Edenton after visiting his family at Greensboro.

The accident occurred near Durham and while Mr. Larson's car was completely torn up, he escaped without serious injury. He was expected to return to Edenton Wednesday.

Attempt Made To Break Into Store

An unsuccessful attempt was made to break into the Hughes-Holton Hardware Company Saturday night, when Daniel Davis, a Marine, was caught at the rear of the building by Edenton police.