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Jaycees In Edenton Joining In National 'Operation Economy'

Frank Holmes Appointed Chairman For the Seventh District

At their last meeting the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce endorsed the Hoover Commission Report and will join with Jaycees throughout the nation in "Operation Economy" a movement to reorganize the federal government and urging Congressmen to support all the essential features in the Hoover Commission recommendations.

Frank Holmes has been appointed chairman of the movement for the Edenton Jaycees, as well as for the Seventh District, which takes in Elizabeth City, Enfield, Plymouth, Roanoke Rapids, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Spring Hope, Tarboro, Wilson, Williamston and Weldon.

"Grass-roots determination to keep the Hoover Commission Report out of Washington's dusty pigeonholes is the purpose behind the 'Operation Economy' drive," says Mr. Holmes.

"The Hoover Commission, formed two years ago to recommend reforms to reorganize the executive branch of the government, found that we are spending \$4 billion annually for waste, duplication and inefficiency. Former President Hoover, head of the Commission, recently stated: 'Our recommendations of reforms are opposed by many bureaucratic empire builders. It is only the citizens who can stop such obstruction.'

"The Junior Chamber of Commerce, a national organization with 1,800 local chapters, has made 'Operation Economy' their number one project for the year. The immediate goal is to have at least ten per cent of the residents in every community write Congress and the President in support of the Hoover recommendations. Repeat letters are urged as each bill of the Hoover recommendations is presented to Congress.

"An educational campaign to mobilize public opinion in every community has been planned. Speakers' bureaus will present the facts to show conditions existing in our federal government and tell the citizens of the Hoover recommendations to correct the situation. In every community the battle cry of the local campaign is: 'Waste not, want not... Support the Hoover Report and its recommendations for streamlining our government,'" Mr. Holmes said.

Mrs. C. B. Mooney Winner Christmas Decoration Contest

George Thompson and Hubert Williford Also Win Prizes

Mrs. C. B. Mooney won first prize in the Christmas home decorating contest which was sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce. Second prize went to George Thompson and third to Hubert Williford at the Williford Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mooney's decoration portrayed Santa Claus on a side porch with other Christmas decorations about the house. Mr. Thompson portrayed Santa Claus going down a chimney and Mr. Williford presented a scene of shepherds watching their sheep.

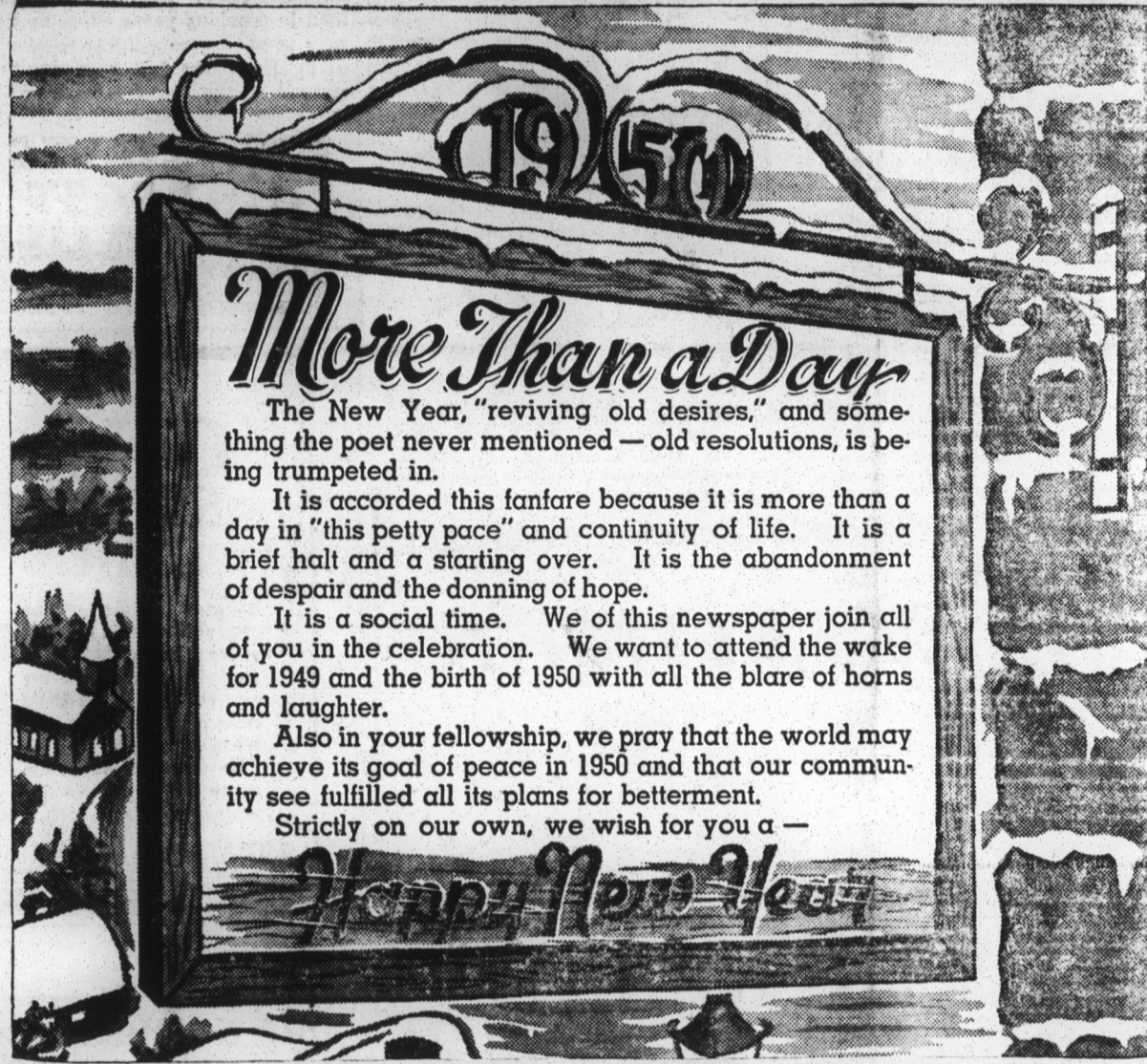
This year there were far more Christmas decorations at home than in previous years, and some outstanding displays were in evidence which were not entered in the contest. The judges were impressed with the many beautifully decorated homes which made competition keen.

Judges in the contest were representatives from four civic groups, Mrs. John W. Graham representing the Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. E. K. White the Business and Professional Women's Club, Hector Lupton the Lions Club and George S. Twiddy the Rotary Club.

The Jaycees desire to thank the judges and all those who participated for their interest and cooperation in making the contest a success.

PRESENTS CHRISTMAS STORY

Miss Mamie Thomas Hogg delightfully entertained members of the Methodist Church School Sunday morning, when she presented an interesting story, "The Owner of the Stars." The story had been previously presented by Miss Hogg at a meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Education.



MASS CHEST X-RAY SURVEY LAGGING IN FOUR COUNTIES OF HEALTH DISTRICT

Health Officials Say Only Approximately 5,000 X-rayed, When the Number Should Have Been More Than 10,000

According to officials of the four-county health district, approximately 5,000 X-rays have been made to date in the counties of Pasquotank, Camden, Perquimans and Chowan. The survey is about half over, and at this time there should have been over 10,000 X-rayed. The Health Department, therefore, urges all people, white and colored, over 15 years of age, to get their X-ray at once.

Important points concerning the X-ray are:

1—This survey was requested three years ago. After so long a wait, it provides a golden opportunity to combat tuberculosis.

2—It is vital that all old people—70 and 80 years of age and up be X-rayed. It is from some of the older people that children and grandchildren get tuberculosis, and no one should be willing to jeopardize the health of their loved ones.

3—The films show other conditions than tuberculosis of which one should be aware. Some of these conditions

can be cured if discovered by the X-ray films.

4—This survey is for all people over 15 years of age who are well. It is not the purpose for tuberculosis patients and ex-patients to attend the X-ray units. They will soon have a chance to have a large film made.

5—It is the earnest desire to have all well people X-rayed.

The next scheduled visit of the X-ray unit in Edenton will be January 3, when it will be at the colored High School. From January 4 through the 14th the unit will be at the foot of Broad Street, except Friday, January 6, and of course, Sunday and Monday. On Friday, January 6, the unit will be moved to 305 East Queen Street for the convenience of cotton mill employees and people living in that community.

A separate unit will be at the Brown Lumber Company one day, Wednesday, January 11. Hours for taking the X-ray pictures are from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Masons Will Install Officers Tonight

Hubert Williford New Master of Unanimity Lodge

At the meeting of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Thursday) officers for the year 1950 will be installed. The installation ceremony will be in charge of H. A. Campen with W. P. Goodwin acting as marshal.

The new officers are Hubert Williford, master; C. B. Mooney, senior warden; W. A. Harrell, junior warden; C. H. Wood, treasurer, and J. Edwin Bufflap, secretary. The officers appointed by the new master will also be installed at the same time.

Mr. Williford succeeds Richard P. Baer, II, as master who had a very successful administration.

Fire Destroys Home Of Colored Couple

William and Hattie Peterson, colored, had the misfortune to lose their home Wednesday morning of last week about 9:30 o'clock when it was totally destroyed by fire. The home was located a few miles from Edenton on Route 32. The couple has two children, but none of the family was at home at the time, the blaze being reported to the Edenton Fire Department by a passerby.

Local firemen rushed to the scene, but the house was too far gone to be saved.

The fire is thought to have started in the kitchen and only a few pieces of furniture were saved.

Christmas Observed Quietly In Edenton

No Accidents Reported By Police; Only Two Arrests Made

So far as the Police Department is concerned Edentonians observed one of the quietest and sanest Christmases in many years, according to Chief of Police George I. Dail. Over the extended holiday police were obliged to make only two arrests, one drunk and one reckless driver.

Despite the fact that many were killed and injured throughout the nation over the holidays, the police report that not a single accident occurred in Edenton.

Stores and business houses were close Monday and Tuesday so that little activity of any kind prevailed. Business, however, was resumed Wednesday morning.

Kenny Black Signs With Raleigh Club

Baseball fans will be interested to know that Kenny Black, who played for the Elizabeth City Senators in the Albemarle League last season, has signed a contract to play next season with Raleigh in the Carolina League. Black will be remembered as a superb outfielder and a dangerous man at bat. He is now a student at the University of North Carolina.

BANK CLOSED MONDAY

In observance of the New Year's holiday, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Monday of next week, January 2. Important banking affairs should, therefore, be attended to accordingly.

Many People Are Likely Infected With Polio Virus

Opinion Advanced Following Surveys By Scientists

With the March of Dimes campaign scheduled to be held in January, Mrs. Percy Smith, March of Dimes chairman this year, points out that if you are over 15 years of age the chances are four out of five that you have already been infected with the polio virus.

This statement—startling as it may seem—is based on prevailing scientific opinion, according to Mrs. Smith.

In a review of a recent research report from national headquarters, Mrs. Smith revealed that March of Dimes scientists came to this conclusion after completing sample surveys to detect polio antibodies in the blood of normal persons. She says that the presence of polio antibodies in the blood result from some previous contact with the polio virus.

Fully 80% of normal adults tested showed the presence of polio antibodies in their blood streams," Mrs. Smith declared. "Scientists now believe polio is much widespread than the actual reported number of cases would indicate. In most of the individuals tested, there was no known previous history of polio. Scientists feel that the majority of these infections were of the unrecognizable, sub-clinical type which produces no symptoms at all or symptoms so mild that they cannot be diagnosed."

Scientists believe that these sub-clinical polio infections are fortunate, inasmuch as it is this type of repeated exposure which can build up strong resistance to the disease. Without such protection, polio would be an even greater tragedy than it now is. More than \$11,000,000 in March of Dimes have already been spent in seeking a preventive to the disease and to minimize its crippling after effects.

Williamston Defeats Edenton Flyers 53-51

The Edenton Flyers, Marine Corps basketball team, were defeated Friday night by the Williamston All Stars in a tight game by a score of 53-51.

Anderson was high scorer for the Marines with 14 points, followed by Szabo with 13 and Hogue with 10. Taylor and Martin tied for high scoring honors for the Williamston outfit with 14 points each.

COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY OF NEXT WEEK

All county offices will be closed Monday of next week in observance of the New Year's holiday. Any important business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

BIBLE CLASS MEETS

The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at the church at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

3000 Less Of Peanuts And Cotton For Chowan In 1950

Mayor Irked

Mayor Leroy Haskett is apparently becoming disturbed by continued rumors that the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station is to be closed.

"If the base is closed, but I hope it isn't," said the Mayor, "it will just have to close. However, I do not appreciate all this comment and rumors about it when nobody knows what they are talking about. Such talk does the town no good and besides tends to breed dissatisfaction among civilians and the Marines as well."

Property Must Be Listed In January For 1950 Taxation

Schedule Released For Tax Listers In Various Townships

Property owners in Chowan County are reminded that they are required to list their property for 1950 taxes during the month of January. As in former years, taxpayers are especially urged to make their listing early in order to avoid the rush near the end of the month. Listing of property is required under penalties imposed by law.

Crop acreage for 1950 will also be taken by the various list takers, so that farm owners or tenants are required to have this information to be recorded when listing taxes. This information will be confidential and not used in any manner for tax purposes. Information required includes the acreage for each crop harvested during the calendar year 1949, the number of cows, sows and hens on the farm in January, 1950 and the number of people living on a farm in January, 1950.

Blanks can be secured upon which a verified statement of property is to be made by each taxpayer. Only females and non-residents of townships and persons physically unable to attend and file their lists are permitted to appoint an agent to list their property.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are required to list their polls during January.

List takers for Chowan County are Mrs. P. S. McMullan, First Township; Paul Ober, Second Township; T. A. Berryman, Third Township, and C. W. Parker, Fourth Township.

These list takers will observe the following schedule for listing of property:

First Township—Court House daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Second Township—Center Hill, January 12; Bertram Byrum, January 17; Coke Nixon, January 19; Walter Miller, January 24; Elbert Peele, January 26 and Henry Bunch, January 31.

Third Township—Spivey's store, January 5 and 19; G. A. Hollowell's store, January 12 and 26; Briggs' store, January 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Fourth Township—At home of C. W. Parker except 21 and 28, when he will sit at Neal Hobbs' store.

Varsity Club Dance Successful Affair

Spacious Armory Filled With Dancers Monday Night

Edenton's Christmas dance, sponsored by the Varsity Club, in the Edenton armory Monday night was one of the most successful affairs held in Edenton in recent years. The spacious armory was filled with dancers, and the building was profusely decorated for the occasion.

Music was furnished by Dick Levin and his State College orchestra, which brought forth much favorable comment.

Opportunity Offered to Grow Tomatoes For Canning Concern

MEETINGS CALLED

Reduction Due to Marketing Quota and Allotment Programs

Due to the marketing quota and allotment programs on peanuts and cotton Chowan County farmers will have approximately 3,000 acres of land taken out of these crops in 1950 as compared to the 1946-48 average, says C. W. Overman, County Agent. Many farmers are asking the question, "What can I put this land in?"

Growing early tomatoes for canning may be one possibility of utilizing two or three hundred acres of this land, Overman says. A large canning company is interested in contracting the growing of tomatoes in Chowan County for canning in 1950. To get such a contract it will be necessary to have at least three hundred acres. The canning has offered a contract which may be satisfactory to the growers or which may possibly be changed if not satisfactory.

For the purpose of explaining this proposition, meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Rocky Hock School, Rocky Hock, Wednesday morning, December 28, at 10 o'clock.

Gliden, L. C. Briggs', Wednesday afternoon, December 28, at 3 o'clock.

Community Building, Cross Roads, Wednesday night, December 28, at 7 o'clock.

Chowan Court House, Edenton, Friday night, December 30, at 7 o'clock.

A list will be made of farmers who indicate an interest and these will be notified when a County-wide meeting will be held within the next 10 days or so, at which time a representative of the canning company will be present to discuss the proposal and have contracts for farmers to sign up.

Farmers who are interested in growing tomatoes for canning should contact the County Agent's office as soon as possible, Overman says. The time is short and it is necessary for the canning company to make provisions for purchasing seed and the growing of plants in Florida. It will be necessary to sow the seed around the last of January.

Legion New Year's Dance In Armory On Saturday Night

Affair Promises to Be One of Best of Current Season

Kermit Layton, general chairman of the New Year's Eve Mid-Century party and dance, announces that all arrangements have been completed for the affair which will be held in the local armory Saturday night. The party and dance is sponsored by Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, American Legion and will begin at 9 o'clock and continue until 1 o'clock.

Music for the dance will be provided by Fuzzy Wade and his orchestra and promises to be one of the most outstanding social affairs of the current season. Any who desire table reservations should telephone 39 as early as possible.

Golf Club Dance Scheduled Tonight

Affair Will Be Held In Officers Club at Air Station

What promises to be a very delightful social affair will take place in the officers' club tonight (Thursday) when the Marine Air Corps Golf Club will stage a dance.

Music will be furnished by Walter Plemmer and his All Stars. The dance will begin at 9 o'clock and continue until 1 o'clock.