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## Carlton Resigns As Manager Of Chowan Chamber Commerce

Resignation Went Into  
Effect Sunday, Janu-  
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### REMAINS HERE

#### Remains Public Relations Office In Citizens Bank Building

W. A. Carlton has tendered his resignation as manager of the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce Merchants Association, which will take effect Sunday, January 1.

Carlton has served in the capacity of manager for three years, before he was field Scout executive of the Edenton Water Council.

By severing his connection with the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Carlton will not leave Edenton. He has opened an office in the Citizens Bank Building, where he plans to carry on public relations business.

Mr. Carlton's letter of resignation follows:

"In regard to our conversation, I am here with endeavoring to you and to the members of the Board my resignation as Manager of the Chamber of Commerce. So doing, I regretfully leave behind me something that has become a part of me.

"However, I propose to continue working in this great town and county, assisting my family here, if the good Lord so wills it.

"In work of this type, due to its extreme intensity, one is bound to inadvertently find some one at some time or other. If such has been the case among any of our membership, it is one of unconscious offense and not premeditated. I've enjoyed my labor and it is only an honest analysis of the situation which dictates that I follow this course of action. Each of us must earn his subsistence to continue in any work. Our organization does not appear able to support this activity on a full time basis.

"I have met and worked with some great people in this organization. They are the more great because everything they did was with no material reward other than the satisfaction of justifying their existences in this community and on earth. I believe in Chamber of Commerce, because Chamber of Commerce is really the people of the community working together. I am ready to do my share of the work when and if called upon, as a member of this community.

"I propose to have a little office in the Citizens Bank Building. The welcome sign is up to you, my former employers and neighbors.

"This resignation to take effect January 1, 1950."

## Bids Opened Jan. 24 For Colored School

### Plans Call For Modern New Building With 18 Class Rooms

According to John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton Schools, bids will be opened for the construction of a new school Tuesday, afternoon, January 24, at 2 o'clock in Mr. Holmes' office. The new school will be built on North Oakum street just north of the present colored school.

Plans call for a building of 18 class rooms, a home economics department, science laboratories and a large combination auditorium and gymnasium.

In event a bid is accepted, Mr. Holmes expressed the belief that construction will get under way early in February. In anticipation of building Mr. Holmes and members of the Board of Trustees have requested the Edenton Street Department to widen Oakum Street and close the ditch which is now almost in the middle of the main right-of-way.

### ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet in the Parish House today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock. President George Twiddy points out that the club's attendance during November was 83.76, just a little below the average attendance for the district. He, therefore, urges every Rotarian to attend today in order to boost the club's standing.

## Meeting Changed

Town Council will step up its January meeting so that the meeting will be held Monday night of next week instead of Tuesday. The change has been made on account of the district firemen's convention scheduled to be held in Edenton Tuesday and which members of Town Council are especially invited to attend.

Anyone having matters to present to Town Council are, therefore, urged to note the change of meeting.

## Collection Sunday For Legion Post's 'Tide Of Toys' Drive

### People Asked to Mark Toys Which Are to Be Given

Members of Ed Bond Post, American Legion, which is participating in the nation wide "Tide of Toys," experienced more or less of an embarrassing situation Sunday when they made their rounds to collect discarded toys. Early in the collection it was learned that some toys on porches were not to be donated, so the rounds were called off and decided to make another collection next Sunday, January 8, between 12:30 and 4 o'clock.

In order to be sure that only discarded toys are collected, those who make contributions are asked to mark the toys to be given in this drive. It is not the purpose to take toys which are wanted, so an appeal is made to plainly mark those toys which are not wanted.

The local Post of the American Legion has joined posts throughout the country sponsoring the "Tide of Toys" which is a program to collect discarded toys for shipment to children in the war-devastated countries of Europe. It is hoped that throughout the nation a sufficient number of toys can be collected to make a ship load. The toys when collected will be distributed by CARE, which has had a great deal of experience in the distribution of friendship packages.

J. Meredith Jones is general chairman of the drive, who has co-ordinated the activities of the other committees, which includes the following:

Publicity Committee—Willis McClenney and Hal Davis.

Soliciting and Collecting Committee—Wesley Chesson, Jr., Richard Davis, E. J. Hobbs, Daniel Reeves, Joe Thorud, Shelton Moore, George Alma Byrum, A. W. Wright, Shelton Rogerson and William S. Elliott.

Packing and Shipping Committee—Jesse L. Harrell, Louis George Wilkins, Elbert Copeland, Maurice Bunch, Jr., William Wells, Kermit Layton, Walter Bond and Charles Wales, Jr.

The assembly and storage place will be at the Edenton Furniture Company.

Members of the Ed Bond Post are hopeful that many toys will be contributed in order for Edenton to make a creditable showing.

## Important March Of Dimes Meeting Called In Windsor Tonight

Mrs. Percy Smith, chairman of the March of Dimes in Chowan County, together with a number of workers, will attend a pre-campaign dinner meeting which will be held in the Duke of Windsor Hotel, Windsor, tonight (Thursday) at 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Smith has her organization about completed for the drive, but will wait until after tonight's meeting to announce when the canvass will be made to raise funds with which to fight infantile paralysis.

The state goal is one million dollars, but no quota has been released for Chowan County.

### FIRE CHIEF HALL ILL

Cap'n R. K. Hall, veteran Edenton Fire Chief, has been confined to his home for the past three weeks suffering from a slight heart attack and narrowly missing an attack of pneumonia. Early this week, however, Chief Hall was showing some signs of improvement and was able to sit up.

## Mass Chest X-Ray Unit Operating In Edenton To Jan. 14

### Appeal Made For Every Person In County to Be X-Rayed

For the purpose of taking chest X-ray pictures of all people, white and colored, over 15 years of age, a mobile unit is now on Broad Street, beginning Wednesday and will continue in operation until January 14. Of course during that time the unit will not operate Sunday and Monday, and on January 6 it will be stationed at 305 East Queen Street for the convenience of cotton mill employees and people living in that vicinity. The hours for taking the X-ray pictures will be from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M.

The purpose of this Mass Chest X-ray survey is to detect the presence of tuberculosis, so that treatment can be begun before the disease has made appreciable headway. It is one of the most forward steps in the fight against tuberculosis, so that it is hoped every person will take advantage of this opportunity to learn if he is a victim of the disease.

The X-ray is free, being sponsored by the four-county Health District including Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and Chowan counties.

It requires only a few minutes and it is not necessary to undress. A report of each person X-rayed will be mailed so that everyone will have intelligent information as to his status regarding the presence of tuberculosis.

To date the number who have been X-rayed has been more or less disappointing, so that it is hoped that during the time the unit is in Edenton thousands will take advantage of the opportunity to be X-rayed free of charge.

## Firemen Of District Meet Here Tuesday

### Free Dinner Will Be Served In Armory At 7 O'clock

Members of the Edenton Fire Department will be hosts at a district meeting of firemen scheduled to be held in Edenton Tuesday of next week. Between 250 and 300 firemen are expected to attend the meeting from the eastern part of the state.

A free meal will be served the visiting firemen, for which both Town Council and the County Commissioners made an appropriation of \$125. The meal will be served in the Edenton armory at 7 o'clock.

Members of the county and town official boards have been invited as special guests and due to this meeting the January meeting of Town Council will be held on Thursday night of next week instead of Tuesday.

Leading state officials are expected to attend along with local town and government heads, Edward Spires, clerk of the Superior Court, himself a retired volunteer fireman of 25 years service, will act as toastmaster. Mayor Leroy H. Haskett will give the address of welcome.

### CHOWAN PARENT-TEACHERS WILL MEET ON JANUARY 10

The Parent-Teacher Association of Chowan High School will meet Tuesday night, January 10, at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. All members are especially urged to attend.

## IT'S YOUR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

—The World's Worst Businessman.

(North Carolina's Future, Official Publication of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce)

How long would your company stay in business if it lost money and ran into debt year after year? For that matter how long could you run your own home if you spent \$10 to go to the store to buy one dollar's worth of goods?

On any such basis, you'd soon be out of a job—and a home. Year after year the federal government loses money. It spends, literally, more than \$10 filling out forms to place a single purchase order. And half the things it buys cost less than \$10.

Uncle Sam is just about the world's worst manager. He owns \$29 billions worth of goods, including a million automobiles, and has no clear account of where they are or what they are. Some of his departments are stocked up 50 years ahead on simple supplies. He borrows money from himself and pays interest on it. He maintains enough records and documents—mostly worthless—to fill six Pentagon Buildings. He keeps seven different sets of books. Neither his books nor his budget give any real notion of the financial score. The Post Office, for example, has to wait eight months to find out exactly how much money it has lost. This year it will lose about \$500 millions. This is more than the cost of the whole government 50 years ago.

If you're an ex-serviceman you saw money thrown around in wartime just as I did. In war some extravagance is unavoidable. But in peacetime the Army asked funds for houses in Alaska at \$58,000 per house, and for 829,000 tropical uniforms at \$129 each.

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## Tomato Growing Sign-up Meetings Scheduled Jan. 10

### Canning Company Rep- resentative Will Ex- plain Contracts

On Tuesday, January 10, Chowan County farmers will have an opportunity to sign contracts for growing tomatoes for canning in 1950, says C. W. Overman, County Agent. Sign-up meetings have been arranged as follows:

Edenton, Court House—9 o'clock.  
Rocky Hook School—1:00 o'clock.  
Chowan Community Building—2:00 o'clock.

Gliden—L. C. Briggs' Store—4:00 o'clock.

At these meetings, Claude M. Mapp, representative of the G. L. Webster Canning Company of Cheriton, Va., assisted by one or more leading farmers, and the County Agent, will explain the provisions of the contract, Overman says. Mr. Overman points out that the contract offered farmers has been drawn up by a committee of local farmers in cooperation with Mr. Webster. The committee has attempted to stipulate in this contract as many provisions as possible that were recommended by a joint committee of farmers in Chowan and Pasquotank counties.

"The growing of 200 to 300 acres of canning tomatoes will be a means of utilizing such acreage taken out of allotted crops in 1950. The returns from this venture should prove reasonably profitable and should be a means of helping to maintain the farm income," Overman says. Mr. Overman points out that he believes that this is the opportune time to try other crops on this acreage. He and the committee believe that this contract is reasonably safe and that growers who do a good job will be pleased with their returns.

The canner will arrange for the growing of the tomato plants in Florida. To do this he must make immediate arrangements for the seed and growing of the plants so that the seed may be sown by the last of January.

The canner cannot proceed with arrangements for the plants until he is satisfied that a sufficient acreage will be contracted to justify the operation. This means the signing-up must be completed next week, possibly by Friday morning, January 13, and certainly not later than noon, Saturday, January 14. "The time is short and we must act quickly if we are to take advantage of this opportunity," says Overman. "Farmers who find it impossible to attend one of these meetings may get copies of the contract at the County Agent's office up to noon Saturday, January 14."

Mr. Overman says that Mr. Mapp informed him that Mr. Webster is interested in contracting the growing of other vegetable crops in this area if he is successful with the tomato venture. This may be a possibility of utilizing more of the land to a good advantage.

### METHODIST SOCIETY WILL MEET NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT

A meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Cecil Fry, Mrs. Edward Speight, president of the society urges all to attend this, the first meeting of the new year.

### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold a regular communication tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Hubert Williford, the new master of the lodge, is very anxious to have a good attendance.

## Norfolk & Carolina Tel. & Tel. Company Seeks Boost In Rates

### Hungry Mouse

Due to the mouse severing an electric wire in the blower of the oil burner at the Methodist Church, it was necessary on Sunday to call off the church school session as well as the evening preaching service. A make-shift arrangement was made in order to heat the church for the morning service.

That a mouse was responsible for failure of the boiler to heat was discovered when T. B. Williford, a member of the building committee, turned on the switch and saw the mouse jump out of the end of the motor. The trouble has been remedied.

## Jimmy Gibbs Clear In Suit Involving Death B. H. Smith

### Jury In Florida Rules Defendant Was Not In Fault

According to information from Fort Myers, Florida, two North Carolina men suing James T. Gibbs for \$50,000 lost their case in circuit court. A jury ruled that Gibbs was not at fault in a collision with an Edenton fire truck in Edenton after deliberating 30 minutes.

Gibbs was being sued for \$25,000 by A. R. Owens, who was injured when Gibbs' station wagon collided with an Edenton fire truck November 27, 1949, and for the same amount by W. D. Smith, administrator for his son, B. H. Smith, who was killed in the wreck.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs, James A. Franklin, Sr., Parker Holt and Lloyd Hendry, argued that Gibbs failed to yield right of way to a fire truck and did not hear a siren that he should have heard. However, Guy and Norwood Strayhorn, attorneys for Gibbs told the jurors the defendant did not hear a siren and that he had the right of way since the street he was on was a federal highway. The truck was returning from a fire.

Jurors were John J. Fohl, J. L. Pendleton, Perry English, W. E. Osborne, Winfred M. Bass and Robert Foxworthy.

## Cozart President Of Varsity Club

### 1950 Officers Elected at Meeting Held Mon- day Night

At a meeting of the Varsity Club Monday night Bill Cozart was elected president for the year 1950. The meeting was held in the private dining room of the Triangle Restaurant.

Cozart will succeed Gilliam Wood as president. Other officers elected for the new year were Cecil Fry, vice-president; Ernest Ward, secretary; and Wendell Copeland, treasurer. Elected to the Board of Directors was Bill Brotton who will serve along with George Thompson and James Cozzens whose terms have not expired. Brotton was elected to serve three years.

The outgoing president, Gilliam Wood, expressed his appreciation to the entire club for its fine support during his term in office and stated that nowhere has he seen such wholehearted response by club members as in the Varsity Club.

The incoming president expressed his thanks for the vote of confidence given him by the club in electing him to the post and stated that he would do his utmost to carry the Club forward.

The club gave a rising vote of thanks to Wood for his services during the past year.

Routine business matters were discussed and reports from various committees were heard. The club voted to meet every other Monday night during the coming year. The entire club was present at the meeting.

Scott Harrell was voted as a new member of the club.

### Makes Application to N. C. Utilities Com- mission

#### SAY COSTS RISE

### Claim Rates Are Below Average of Other Companies

The Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, through its general manager, H. W. Dewey, announces that the company has made application to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for authority to increase its telephone rates in its exchanges which is the only increase this company has requested in the past 28 years with one exception of a small increase granted to the company in 1947.

"The company's local rates have always been, and under our request still will be, below the average of other companies in similar exchanges by reason of the fact that its toll revenues from long distance lines were ample to enable the company to render service at low rental rates," said Mr. Dewey. "However, due to the increase in operating costs in recent years, it is not possible to continue the local rental rates as charged in the past."

According to Mr. Dewey, beginning in January, 1950, the company's payroll costs will be increased due to the increase in the Federal Wage and Hour Law increasing the minimum wage rates from 40 cents to 75 cents an hour and it is estimated that this additional cost will amount to approximately \$50,000 annually to the company. The company is now engaged in major additions to its property and the cost of the additions to be completed during the year 1950 will have cost the company in excess of \$1,000,000 between the years 1947 and 1950 inclusive.

The expenditures for plant construction will continue at substantial levels for several years, according to officials. In order to complete the existing program the company's general funds have been supplemented by bond issues and stock sales amounting to \$1,100,000, which is being invested in the plant for the convenience of customers.

It is pointed out that during and immediately after the war, shortage of equipment and materials caused a delay in plant expansion and improvement. During the period January 1, 1946, to June 30, 1949, gross plant additions amounted to \$664,372 and the company had a net increase of 2,275 telephones.

"We have extended our service to many rural communities which were not previously served and made the service available to our farm customers which has enabled them to keep in direct communication with our business enterprises in the cities," said Mr. Dewey, who also said, "most telephone companies have requested and been granted rate increases two or three times more than the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company. It has always been the policy of this company to furnish service at the lowest possible rates in order to make the service available to all our people in the area served by the company. We shall continue to follow this policy and render service as cheaply as operating cost will justify, and we trust that our patrons will appreciate our position at this time, which is forced upon the company by reason of the inflationary trends of costs of labor, materials and equipment."

## Campen Installs Masonic Officers

Elected and appointed officers for 1950 for Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., were installed Thursday night of last week with H. A. Campen in charge of the installation ceremony. W. P. Goodwin acted as marshal.

The elected officers installed were 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, who were also installed, included C. T. Griffin, senior deacon; W. M. Rhoades, junior deacon; Paul Ober and D. Skiles, stewards; John C. Goodwin, tiler, and the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, Chaplain.