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Year.

## March Dimes Drive Will Begin Jan. 16 And End On Jan. 31

Mrs. Percy Smith, County Chairman Perfects Organization

QUOTA IS \$2,200

### Meeting of Chairmen Is Called For Monday Night

Mrs. Percy Smith, chairman of Chowan County's March of Dimes, announced this week that the campaign to raise funds with which to fight infantile paralysis will begin Monday, January 16, and close Tuesday, January 31. Mrs. Smith has her organization completed and is hopeful that the county will this year reach its quota. The quota is the same as last year, \$2,200.

Mrs. Smith has announced the following chairmen:

Town of Edenton—Mrs. Raymond Carr, Mrs. W. L. Freeman, Mrs. Richard Davis, Miss Mildred Munden, Mrs. John Lee Spruill, Mrs. Leon Leary, R. F. Elliott, Miss Mary Lee Copeland, Mrs. Corie White and D. F. Walker, principal of the Edenton colored school.

In the county Miss Rebecca Colwell is chairman and will conduct the drive through the various home demonstration clubs. Mrs. O. M. Blanchard, president of the County Council, is hopeful that the club women will do an outstanding job. The various chairmen are as follows:

Advance—Mrs. Thomas Francis, Enterprise—Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, Beech Fork—Mrs. I. E. Halsey, Jr., Rocky Hook—Mrs. Alvin Byrum, Oak Grove—Mrs. Percy Nixon, Wards—Mrs. Curtis Chappell, Ryland—Mrs. G. A. Boyce, Chowan—Mrs. E. L. Winslow, Center Hill—Mrs. B. P. Monds, Yeopim—Mrs. C. O. Letcher and Mrs. Jim Hassell, Byrd—Mrs. S. F. Small and Mrs. M. W. Jackson.

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## City Tags Past Due Warns Chief Police

### Those Failing to Comply With Law Will Have Trouble

Chief of Police George I. Dail calls attention to the fact that the time for displaying new city bicycle and automobile license plates is past due and that if bicycle riders and automobile drivers do not comply with the law they will find themselves in trouble.

New bicycle tags were required to be purchased July 1 of last year and a penalty will be added purchasers of city tags after February 1.

## EDENTON'S FIREMEN DELIGHTFUL HOSTS AT CONVENTION HELD MONDAY IN ARMORY

### Glowing Tribute Paid to Edenton's Fire Chief R. K. Hall, Oldest Active Fireman in Nation; W. J. Yates Elected Vice President

From all sides members of the Edenton Fire Department were complimented as hosts at the Eastern Firemen's Convention held in the armory Tuesday night. Firemen from towns as far west as Warsaw were in attendance and all apparently enjoyed the meeting.

Edenton's veteran fire chief, R. K. Hall, more or less stole the show, for speaker after speaker paid tribute to him for his long service as a fireman. Capt. Dick has been confined to his home by illness for several weeks, but recovered sufficiently to attend the meeting.

Guests, which aside from the firemen, included county and city officials and members of the press.

The Rev. Harold W. Gilmer opened the convention with prayer, after which E. W. Spires took over as toastmaster for the Edenton part of the program. He called upon Mayor Leary Haskett to deliver the address of welcome, which was brief but sincere. Mr. Spires then recognized the various group and individuals, including Colonel R. E. Hopper, commanding officer of the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station.

Mr. Spires then turned the meeting

## Cracking Down

Chowan County Commissioners and Town Councilmen apparently have reached the end of their leniency with delinquent taxpayers and according to action taken by both Boards, back taxes will have to be paid or else.

Each Board has instructed Tax Attorney J. N. Pruden to proceed at once to institute suits for back taxes, which include years as far back as 1943 and including 1947 taxes.

County Commissioners and Town Councilmen agree that there is no fairness for some people to pay their taxes, while many others do not.

## Important Meeting Of Hospital Auxiliary

### Mrs. Elizabeth Corbet Will Present Interesting Program

The first meeting of the 1950 Chowan Hospital Auxiliary will be held Wednesday afternoon, January 18, at 3 o'clock in the Nurses' Home.

Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr., Chairman will appoint all committees for the year at this meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Corbet of Edgewear, London, England, who is now on the hospital staff will talk on her wartime experiences in England. She was Matron of John Groom's Crippleage during the war and her work among the London children was most interesting.

Miss Frances Tillett, superintendent of the Hospital wishes to thank all members of the Auxiliary and friends for a successful Christmas season.

Favors were provided for all the patients and there were boxes of confections for the employees. An egg nog party was arranged at the Nurses Home on Christmas Eve for the nurses and staff.

### S. E. Morris Will Be 90 Years Old On Jan. 14

Friends will be pleased to learn that Sam E. Morris will celebrate his 90th birthday next Saturday, January 14. In honor of the event, a family dinner will be held at his home Sunday. Mr. Morris is, if not the oldest, one of the oldest men in Chowan County.

**JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT**  
Thomas Byrum, president of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, calls attention to the meeting of the organization which will be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Triangle dining room.

over to Curtis Flannegan, president of the Association. Mr. Flannegan called upon Jerome Flora of Elizabeth City to give the address of welcome. In his usual inimitable style Mr. Flora paid glowing tribute to Edenton as the cradle of the colony as well the firemen of the State.

The principal speaker for the evening was Sherwood Brockwell, deputy State Fire Marshall. Like all other speakers, Mr. Brockwell paid a loving tribute to Fire Chief Hall and said he wished all could see Edenton as he sees it. He has relatives buried at St. Paul's churchyard and referring to Edenton's early history, urged his hearers to take advantage offered in North Carolina if here by birth or by choice.

Mr. Brockwell went into detail regarding firemen going beyond the city limits to save lives and property, pointing out that over one-third of the State's fire loss occurs in rural sections. He said he hoped the time will soon come when people in the rural sections will have fire protection and that county government boards will be allowed to make appropriations for this purpose.

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## Edenton Ladies Win Permanent Cup



Edenton's Junior Woman's Club recently won the permanent possession of the Mary Fearing Cup for the most outstanding work among clubs in the 16th district. The Edenton ladies won the award three times in succession, making them eligible for retaining the cup. The first year they won it for their outstanding work in establishing and maintaining a playground for the kiddies. The second year for the noteworthy free Hallowe'en festival which drew over 2,000 children from the town, county and neighboring towns. The last and final year the women won the honor for sponsoring and conducting the Edenton Home and Garden Tour, which attracted close to 6,000 people to Edenton for the three-day affair. In the photo the officers of the Junior Woman's Club manifest pleased looks, and the cup is held by Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt, who was chairman of the Garden Tour Committee when the event took place. From left to right, Mrs. Peter Carlton, secretary; Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt, historian; Mrs. John Graham, president; Mrs. Frank Holmes, vice president, and Mrs. Richard P. Baer, II, treasurer. (Photo by Peter Carlton).

## Garden Tour To Be Held In Spring 1951

### Decision Agreed Upon At Meeting of Junior Woman's Club

The December meeting of the Junior Woman's Club of Edenton was held at the James Iredell House, with members of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR as hostesses. Mrs. J. M. Jones, Regent of the DAR, welcomed club members and Mrs. Frank Holmes, vice-president expressed the club's appreciation for the delicious turkey dinner served by ladies of the DAR. Following the business meeting, Mrs. C. P. Wales, Jr., presented a Christmas program.

The regular January meeting was held on Wednesday, January 4th, at the Hotel Joseph Hewes. The pledge was read by the entire club and the Collect by Mrs. R. N. Hines. An article from the N. C. Clubwoman concerning the activities of the Edenton club was read by Mrs. Logan Elliott. Committee reports were given, after which Mrs. John Graham, president, announced that Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt has agreed to serve as chairman of the Home and Garden Tour. After some discussion a motion was made that the tour be postponed until the spring of 1951 and this was given an affirmative vote by the membership.

A nominating committee was appointed by the president as follows: Mrs. Robert Smith, chairman, Mrs. R. N. Hines, Mrs. Martin Wisely, Mrs. Ruth Vaughan and Mrs. C. P. Wales, Jr.

Members were urged to take advantage of the free chest X-rays being offered by the Tuberculosis Association. At the conclusion of the business meeting, a short program on "Operation Economy," a united Jaycee effort for government economy, was presented by Mrs. W. D. Holmes, Jr.

## Town Council Holds Very Brief Meeting

### Authorization Given to Widen Oakum Street And Close Ditch

Meeting Monday night instead of Tuesday night, Town Councilmen held a brief session this week.

Except for routine matters about the most important business was a request from John A. Holmes, superintendent of schools to close the ditch on North Oakum street where the new colored school will be built, as well as widen the street to its proper width.

The Street Commissioner was instructed to proceed with the work.

## Third Degree Tonight At Masonic Meeting

At the meeting of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., tonight (Thursday) the third degree will be conferred. Hubert Williford, master of the lodge, urges a full attendance.

## Marvin Wilson New Part Time Secretary Chamber Commerce

### Directs VFW Play



MISS ORA NORVELL

Now in Edenton, Miss Ora Norvell, is directing the VFW sponsored 10-act local talent comedy, "It's A Date," which will be presented in the high school auditorium Thursday and Friday nights, January 19 and 20.

## Plans Started For Consolidated Negro School In Chowan

### W. J. Taylor Authorized To Sell Buildings and Purchase Site

Chowan County Commissioners at their regular meeting held Wednesday of last week authorized W. J. Taylor, superintendent of County schools, to purchase eight acres of land, more or less, for the purpose of building a consolidated colored school.

The Commissioners limited Mr. Taylor to \$4,000 and at the same time authorized him to sell the school buildings at Britts, Center Hill, Hudson Grove, Warren's Grove and Green Hall. Money from the sale of these school sites will be applied on the debt service of the county.

## Fire Damages Home Of J. Edwin Bufflap

Edenton firemen were called to the home of J. Edwin Bufflap two times Monday and as a result considerable damage was done to three rooms.

The first alarm was sounded about 9 A. M., when the chimney caught fire. Later, about 10 o'clock the chimney became so hot that wood ignited between the floor, so that much of the rooms had to be removed to get to the burning wood. Firemen prevented spread of the flames.

## VFW POST SPONSORING 10-ACT COMEDY, "IT'S A DATE" SCHEDULED JANUARY 19-20

### Over 150 Local People Will Take Part In Performances Which Will Be Staged In Edenton High School Auditorium

Sponsored by the Wm. H. Coffield Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars, a 10-act comedy, "It's A Date," will be presented in the Edenton High School auditorium two nights, Thursday and Friday, January 19 and 20. The show each night will begin at three minutes after 8 o'clock. The cast will include all local talent, with approximately 150 people taking part.

A feature of the performance will be a Tiny Tots Popularity Contest which will include children under six years of age. This feature is expected to attract a great deal of interest and the royal family of Toyland will be crowned at the Friday night performance. The winners will be a king and queen, prince and princess and duke and duchess, each of whom will be presented a silver trophy. The winners will be decided by popular vote.

The committee in charge of the tiny tots' contest includes Mrs. Jack Moore, Mrs. Edith Nixon, Mrs. Jimmy Church and Mrs. Paul Ferguson. The committee met Tuesday night at the

## Chosen After Recommendation of Nominating Committee

### PLANS PROGRAM

## Appeals For Unity of Purpose and Pulling Together

Directors of the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, on the recommendation of a nominating committee, at a meeting held last week, appointed Marvin Wilson, local lawyer and judge of Recorder's Court, part time secretary of the organization.

Henry G. Quinn, chairman of the committee, reported that his group had chosen Mr. Wilson and after some discussion the Board approved the selection. Prior to appointment Mr. Wilson indicated that he would accept the job if assured of the unanimous support of the board of directors and if, among other things, an executive committee would be appointed to work with him, particularly on matters of policy.

The executive committee, composed of George Twiddy, P. S. McMullan, J. H. Conger, Jr., and M. A. Hughes met with the secretary after the regular meeting adjourned, and plans were discussed for a program for January which will feature organization work in the Chamber. It was the feeling of the committee that considerably more could be accomplished for the town and county if the Chamber of Commerce was set up and prepared for the work. Enlargement of existing committees and the creation of new ones was discussed.

Mr. Wilson, at a later date, said that he was glad to be back as part time secretary and he hoped that the Chamber of Commerce could be put on a sound basis. "No one person can hope to accomplish a great deal," he said, "but a group, co-operating together, with a unity of purpose can do anything. What we want to do is to get our organization enlarged and pulling together and then we can be of real service to our members and the county at large."

## Lions Club Host To 4-H Club Contestants In Recent Corn Contest

The 4-H Club corn contestants of Chowan County, who participated in the corn contest during the 1949 season, will be the dinner guests of the Edenton Lions Club at the regular meeting of the local club Monday night of next week at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced by President Hector Lupton.

The Edenton Club sponsored the contest during the past year.

The fathers of these boys will also be guests of the Club for dinner, at which time prizes will be awarded to the winning boys.

## B. & L. Planning To Move In New Office

### Mrs. Shirley Ashley Employed as Assistant Secretary

R. E. Leary, secretary of the Edenton Building & Loan Association announced this week that the association expects very soon to move to its new office in the building on the corner of Broad and King Streets. The office will be located between the barber shop and the bus station.

Mr. Leary also announced that the association has employed Mrs. Shirley Ashley as assistant secretary, who will begin her duties on February 1.

The office of the association has for the past 28 years been located in the Municipal Building, where Mr. Leary has transacted the business and also served as Town Clerk. He recently resigned the latter position.

The committee in charge of the tiny tots' contest includes Mrs. Jack Moore, Mrs. Edith Nixon, Mrs. Jimmy Church and Mrs. Paul Ferguson. The committee met Tuesday night at the