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## Records Broken At November Session Of Superior Court

No criminal cases develop in county since September term

HARRIS PRESIDES

45-Minute Divorce Mill Grinds Out Five Divorces

At least two records were broken at the November term of Chowan Superior Court which convened Monday morning with Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh presiding.

In the first place, it was not necessary to try any criminal cases. There was only one criminal case docketed, which was a capital crime, William Outlaw, colored, being charged with killing Latham Roberts as the result of knife wounds, inflicted at Small's Paradise on Oakum Street in April. The case was continued until this term of court and was again continued by Judge Harris due to the absence of witnesses, some of whom were out of town.

It is somewhat of a record, therefore, that no criminal cases developed in the county since September. Another record noted is the fact that only one colored spectator was in the court room.

At the outset of the court term, the first order of business was selecting a Grand Jury. The following were chosen for this duty: Gilliam Wood, C. C. Webb, Kenneth Floors, C. P. Wales, Jr., J. P. Partin, David M. Warren, Eric Jones, J. Q. Bass, D. A. Berryman, P. E. Saunders, Henry Jordan, H. M. Nixon, C. B. Mooney, Jr., Henry S. Rogerson, R. Graham White, T. E. Bunch, A. V. Asbell and J. Wallace Goodwin. Gilliam Wood was chosen as foreman.

Because there were no bills of indictments or presentments, Judge Harris eliminated the usual charge. His only instructions to the Grand Jury was that it consider the two previous Grand Jury reports and ascertain if all recommendations had been carried out, and if not, to investigate and find out the reason. "We don't want Grand Jury recommendations to become covered with dust," said Judge Harris. "I want you to get the last two Grand Jury reports to see if all the recommendations have been carried out. There may be some good reasons for some recommendations not to be complied with, but the court wants to know why." The work of the Grand Jury, therefore, at this term of court was very little.

After his brief charge and the Grand Jury departed for their room, one of two petit juries was called into the box, but with no criminal cases to be tried, and no civil cases ready, the judge dismissed the jury until 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock Court convened and a 45-minute divorce mill went into operation during which five divorces were granted, using two juries. There were four white couples and one colored, as follows:

Mrs. Fannie Sutton Bailey from Al-

## Two Special Services At Ballard's Bridge Church Next Sunday

The Rev. J. O. Walton of Thomasville Orphanage Will Speak

Special services will be held at the Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church Sunday, December 3. The Rev. J. O. Walton of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage of Thomasville, N. C., will conduct the morning service which will begin at 11 o'clock. Immediately following the morning service, a free dinner will be served at the Chowan Community Building to everyone attending these special services.

The afternoon service will begin at 2:00 o'clock and will consist of nothing but group singing such as solos, duets, quartets, and congregational singing.

The pastor of Ballard's Bridge Church, the Rev. J. W. Davis, cordially extends an invitation to the public to attend the special services.

## Coming In Slow

As the 1950 Christmas Seal Sale in Chowan County enters the second week, Mrs. Guy C. Hobbs, County Seal Sale chairman, on Monday announced that returns to date total only a little above one per cent of the county's quota of \$1,200,00.

"Answer your Christmas Seal letter today," says Mrs. Hobbs, "and help fight TB by supporting your tuberculosis association."

## Richard D. Dixon, Jr. Will Be Chairman Of March Of Dimes

Campaign This Year to Be Sponsored By Jaycees

Chowan County, along with all the counties in North Carolina, is planning for the March of Dimes drive to fight infantile paralysis. In Chowan County the drive will be sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, with Richard D. Dixon, Jr., selected as chairman.

The drive will be held in January, and J. Edwin Buflap, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is delighted to learn that the Jaycees will sponsor the drive and that Mr. Dixon will serve as chairman. The Chowan County chapter, as well as all chapters in North Carolina, will be called upon to make generous contributions due to the fact that all chapter treasuries have been considerably drained due to being called upon for contributions for the National Epidemic Fund, funds of which are practically exhausted.

Mr. Dixon will choose a list of canvassers for the drive and it is hoped Chowan County people will be even more generous than in previous years.

## Soil Conservation Committee Member Election Dec. 4 To 9

Lloyd C. Bunch and Curtis O. Forehand Are Candidates

Election of a member of the Chowan County Soil Conservation Supervisors Committee, under the Albemarle District, will be held December 4-9, according to R. C. Jordan of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service.

The term of Lloyd C. Bunch of Edenton, R. F. D. 1, expires this year in accordance with the rule for staggered membership on the three man committee. The terms of Joe A. Webb, Jr., and R. H. Hollowell will expire in 1951 and 1952, respectively.

Curtis O. Forehand of Cowpen Neck community has been nominated to oppose Bunch for the position. Petitions required to nominate candidates for the supervisor's post have been circulated for Bunch and Forehand. Twenty-five registered voters signed the petition for each candidate, as required for legal nomination.

Ballot boxes will be placed at several spots in the county during the election period, according to Jordan. The following places have been designated: Hoskins Harrell's store, Hughes-Holton Hardware store, Grover Cole's store, Henry Bunch's store, Elbert Peeler's store, Earl Ashley's store, J. L. Boyce's store, Bertram Hollowell's store, and Lloyd Briggs' store. Any registered Chowan County voter, farmer or not, may vote in the election. The Chowan Soil Conservation Committee urges everyone to cast ballot during the election week.

The Albemarle Soil Conservation District is composed of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties. The supervisors in the five counties compose the district soil conservation board which was established by the N. C. General Assembly to handle organization and supervisory work for the area.

## CHOWAN SWEET POTATO CHAMPIONS



Above is pictured H. H. Lane and his son, Herbert Raye, in their sweet potato field in the Ryland section. Mr. Lane and his 4-H Club son won a number of prizes at the N. C. State Fair in 1949 and 1950, competing with growers from Tabor City, the sweet potato capital of North Carolina, as well as many other sections of the State.

## West Leary Fund Chairman For 1950 Christmas Party

Big Affair Is Scheduled To Be Held Friday, December 8

West Leary has been appointed fund chairman for the Edenton Christmas Party, which this year is being sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club. The party is scheduled to be held Friday afternoon, December 8, starting at 4 o'clock, with a parade in the downtown section and ending at the baseball park, where Santa Claus will distribute gifts to the youngsters. Santa will lead the parade, which will include the Edenton High School Band and floats of various kinds. Prizes will be awarded for the best floats.

Those who plan to enter floats in the parade are requested to assemble on East King Street in front of the Court House Green at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of December 8. There will be a \$10 prize offered for the best float, and a \$5 prize for the second best float.

All merchants participating in the dressed window contest are urged to have their windows dressed, and to leave their lights on at night by December 8. This contest should create considerable interest as in each firm's window there will be a suggestion representing a popular song title, and a prize will be given to the person who guesses the most song titles in the windows correctly. There will also be a prize given for the most outstanding dressed window among the business concerns. The public is invited to go in the stores participating and cast their vote in the song title contest.

Santa Claus tickets for the children's bag of goodies will be distributed at the Edenton school next week, according to program chairman Miss (Continued on Page Eight)

## Auxiliary Bazaar Planned Dec. 6th

Ladies Will Also Serve Meals In Connection With Sale

In connection with the bazaar which the ladies of St. Paul's Auxiliary will hold on December 6 at the Parish House on Gale Street, it is announced that luncheon will be served on that day from noon until 2:00 P. M., for 85c a plate. A turkey dinner will be served that night at 7:00 for \$1.50 a person. Tickets for the dinner will be sold by members of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Frank Wood, chairman of the bazaar, asks that members of the Auxiliary deliver their articles no later than Monday evening, December 4, to the home of Mrs. J. E. Wood, 104 W. King Street. Packaged foods are to be taken to the Parish House Tuesday afternoon, December 5, and the perishable foods delivered to the Parish House early Wednesday morning, December 6.

Members of the Auxiliary have been working hard to make this bazaar a huge success. There will be numerous gift items on sale, including dolls, doll clothes, hand made articles of all kinds, plants, shrubs, Christmas table decorations, and practically everything anyone would want for Christmas gifts. The bazaar opens at 10:00 A. M., on Wednesday, December 6.

## Important Meeting Infantile Paralysis Workers On Dec. 8

Necessary to Lay Plans For Intensive Fund-Raising Drive

Mrs. Phillips Russell, director of organization of the North Carolina March of Dimes, announces a very important March of Dimes Dutch dinner at the Virginia Dare Hotel in Elizabeth City on Friday, December 8, at 6 P. M.

The purpose of the meeting is to go over plans for the coming fund-raising drive and to discuss money-raising potentialities this year. Mrs. Russell points out that North Carolina has suffered well over 600 new cases of polio to date this year, which is only a little over 200 cases fewer than for the entire year of 1949—the "miracle of Hickory" year. She also points out that very little money is left in chapter treasuries, and there is no money left in the National Epidemic Fund. North Carolina chapters have received from this national fund more than \$1,100,000 since the first of the year.

Due to the present situation of funds with which to fight infantile paralysis, it is imperative that generous contributions should be made during the forthcoming March of Dimes drive. In the present emergency the Chowan Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis sent \$1,000 so that the local fund is insufficient to pay any substantial demand which may be made upon it.

## BPW Bosses' Night Party Friday Night

Delightful Affair Planned In Parish House At 7 P. M.

Plans have been completed and everything is in readiness for the "Bosses' Night" Christmas dinner party to be held in the Parish House Friday night, December 1, staged by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club. The affair will get underway at 7 o'clock and a good crowd is expected to be on hand for the evening's fun.

An enjoyable entertainment program has been arranged by the program committee, who will pull a few surprises out of the bag. The Parish House will be attractively decorated with the usual holiday spirit.

Members of the club will invite their bosses and the night is expected to bring forth considerable merriment. It is hoped that all members have turned in the number of guests they plan to invite, in order that proper arrangements may be made.

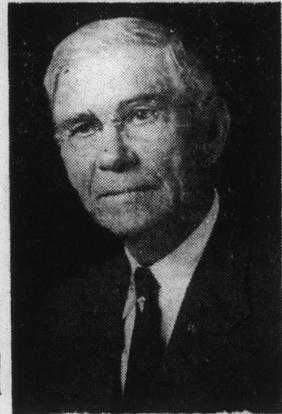
## County Agent Overman At Meeting In Chicago

County Agent C. W. Overman left Thursday of last week for Chicago, where he is attending the annual meeting of the National County Agents' Association. He is expected to return home today (Thursday) or Friday.

In a conversation with Mrs. Overman Sunday night, Mr. Overman said that due to a snow storm, he was forced to leave his car in West Virginia and travel the remainder of the way by train.

## Peanut Referendum Scheduled Be Held Thursday, Dec. 14th

NEW PREACHER



REV. HERMAN CATHY Beginning next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. Herman Cathy will begin his ministry at the Edenton Presbyterian Church. The church has ben without a regular pastor for many months.

## Rev. Herman Cathy Begins Ministry At Presbyterian Church

Newcomer Will Hold His First Service Sunday Morning

Beginning next Sunday, December 3, the Edenton Presbyterian Church will have a regular pastor. The new minister is the Rev. Herman L. Cathy, who comes to Edenton from Lynchburg, Va., where he located after retiring.

Mr. Cathy was born and reared in Mecklenburg County near Charlotte, and was educated at Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va. He held pastorates in Lynchburg, Va., Little Rock, Ark., Richmond, West Virginia, and Lexington, Va.

Mrs. Cathy, nee, Estelle Starke, was born in Raleigh, but moved to Lynchburg, Va., in girlhood. The couple will make their home on Granville Street.

Mr. Cathy will begin his ministry in Edenton next Sunday morning, when services will be held in the church at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

PTA MEETS TUESDAY

A meeting of the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association will be held Tuesday afternoon, December 5, at 3:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the school library and all members are especially urged to be present.

CLASS MEETS TUESDAY

The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at the church at 8 o'clock. All members are especially urged to attend.

## TOWN COUNCIL FACES PUZZLE REGARDING DECISION TO DISCONTINUE RENT CONTROL

Groups In Favor and Opposed to Control Argue Before Town Council at Special Meeting Held Monday Night

Town Councilmen at a special meeting Tuesday night listened to groups who are in favor of continuation of rent control and those who are opposed to control.

As previously, owners of property stated that with present rents received, they were losing money and due to the limited income they were unable to make necessary repairs much less improvements.

According to a statement of the law, the purpose of the meeting was to determine if there is actually a shortage of housing units in Edenton requiring rent control.

Each group presented convincing arguments as to their opinion regarding rent control and after all were given an opportunity to express their views, Mayor Haskett called for a show of hands which resulted in 16

Marketing Quotas Will Depend Upon Vote Of Growers

SECRET BALLOT

Nearly 90% of Growers Favored Quotas In Last Election

Whether peanut marketing quotas will be continued for another three years will depend on how peanut growers in North Carolina and the other 15 peanut producing states vote in the marketing quota referendum on Thursday, December 14. Quotas will continue in effect if approved by two-thirds or more of the growers who cast ballots in the referendum.

When approved by growers, marketing quotas are used to apportion the available market for peanuts among growers, thus helping to maintain a reasonable balance between supplies and requirements. Quotas were in effect on the 1949 and 1950 crops. Nearly 90 per cent of the growers who voted in the last referendum favored quotas for the three-year period beginning with 1948, but the program was suspended for the 1948 crop because of the world shortage of fats and oils.

Government price support at the full rate provided by law—between 80 to 90 per cent of parity for 1951—will also continue to be available to cooperators if quotas are approved in the coming referendum.

If quotas are not approved, price support will be limited by law to 50 per cent of parity to cooperating producers.

Voting in the referendum is by secret ballot at polling places to be established in every peanut growing community. Every person who had an interest in the peanuts produced in 1950 on a farm on which more than one acre was harvested for nuts is eligible to vote.

The referendum is being conducted under the supervision of the county Production and Marketing Administration (PMA) committee. Full information is available from the county PMA office in Edenton.

## Chowan Group At Peanut Meeting

Efforts Are Being Made To Have Congress Change Law

Several Chowan County farmers, accompanied by Assistant County Agent Robert S. Marsh, left Sunday to attend a National Farm Bureau meeting concerning national peanut legislation, which was held Monday in the Raleigh Hotel.

Unless the law is changed by Congress, North Carolina and Virginia farmers will suffer a 16 1/2 per cent cut in their acreage allotment in 1951.

Those who attended the meeting were L. E. Francis, W. M. Chesson, Charlie Small, Jennings Bunch, Marcel Ward, Tom Asbell, A. C. Griffin, Ellie Byrum and Robert Marsh.