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## Peanut Marketing Quotas Approved By Growers Of Nation

### Chowan County Growers, However Vote Against Plan

Complete, but unofficial returns from the national peanut marketing quota referendum held Thursday, December 14, show that 77.7 per cent of the growers who cast ballots favor quotas for the three years beginning with the 1951 crop, the Chowan County office of the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

A favorable vote by two-thirds or more of the growers who cast ballots was required to approve the continuation of quotas for another three years.

Chowan County peanut growers cast 179 votes "for" and 256 "against" quotas. This is a favorable percentage of 41.1 per cent which is considerably different from the national trend. There were approximately 900 farmers eligible to vote in the county. Out of this number 435 or 48 per cent took part in the referendum. The vote for and against quotas by communities is as follows: Edenton, for 39; against 28. Macedonia, for 19; against 40. Center Hill, for 41; against 32. Rocky Hock, for 21; against 92. Ryland, for 19; against 38. Gliden, for 29; against 15. Yeopim, for 11; against 11.

"As quotas were approved by more than the necessary two-thirds majority of growers voting in the referendum, the program will continue for another three years unless suspended by the Secretary of Agriculture because of a national emergency or material increase in the export demand," says J. M. Price, Secretary to the County PMA Committee.

"The favorable vote also guarantees that government price-support will be available to cooperating producers on their 'quota' peanuts at no less than 80 per cent of parity for the 1951 crop," Mr. Price points out. Had quotas been defeated, the level of price support to cooperators would have dropped to 50 per cent of parity.

Chowan County's part of the national peanut allotment quota is 6,895 acres. The 1947 harvested acreage for the county was 11,805 acres. Farmers can plant up to their 1947 acreage next year and sell the peanuts in excess of the allotment for oil without penalizing the 1951 farm quota.

On Thursday, December 14, the following farmers, listed by communities, were elected to administer PMA farm programs in 1951. Edenton community: L. C. Bunch, J. Wallace Goodwin and W. M. Chesson, all re-elected. Macedonia community: A. A. Parrish and W. S. Bass were re-elected. Wallace Bass was elected a new member. Center Hill community: T. O. Asbell, E. D. Byrum and H. W. Dale, all re-elected. Rocky Hock community: M. J. Evans, J. B. Bunch and Willie Harrell all new members. Ryland community: W. J. Bunch, J. E. Baker and E. M. Ward all new members. Gliden community: E. G. Blanchard, re-elected, A. D. Ward and L. B. Jordan, new members. Yeopim community: J. L. Hassell and J. T. Brabble.

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## Ruritan Club At Rocky Hock Holds Its First Meeting

### R. T. Harrell President And Willis McClenney Secretary

The Rocky Hock Ruritan Club held its first regular meeting Wednesday evening of last week. R. T. Harrell, president, conducted the meeting with Willis McClenney acting as secretary. The club added to its officers the Rev. R. E. Gordon as chaplain and O. C. Long, Jr., as sergeant-at-arms.

The club had as guests at the meeting I. C. Yagel, Charles Ward and Julian Long from the Bethel Ruritan Club. Each of the guests made interesting talks and complimented the Rocky Hock Ruritans for their achievement in getting a good start. The club decided that on the second Tuesday evening of each month as the schedule for the regular meeting time.

A delicious turkey dinner was served the club by the ladies of the Gum Pond Home Demonstration Club. The dining hall was attractively decorated with Christmas season colors and favors were red and white candy canes.



## Edenton Naval Air Station Scheduled To Be Opened Again

### \$16,500,000 Asked to Expand Bases In North Carolina

#### OTHER PROJECTS

### Local Station Salalite of Oceana Naval Air Station

No little interest has again been aroused in Edenton since announcement was made late last week that the Navy has asked Congress for more than \$16,500,000 for expansion and improvement of Navy and Marine Corps facilities in North Carolina.

Among the projects for which the funds are sought is the Edenton Naval Air Station, satellite No. 2 for the Naval Air Station at Oceana, Va. Additional aviation facilities are needed calling for an appropriation of \$2,695,000 for the beginning of a program that is estimated to cost \$8,982,000 in all.

The requests were included in connection with the 1951 second supplemental appropriations bill reported to the House Friday by the Appropriations Committee, which asked for \$303,378,000 most of which is earmarked for added facilities in the continental United States.

Other projects in North Carolina include the following:

Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point—\$10,784,000 for development of support jet operations.

Marine base, Camp Lejeune: For temporary emergency barracks for 7,280 men—\$1,219,000.

For correction of deficiencies in raw water supply—\$290,000.

For expansion of primary sewage treatment facilities—\$275,000.

Marine Barracks, New River—an unspecified amount for reactivation or acquisition of 409 defense housing units, part of funds already available, but some \$400,000 or more needed.

Intermittent rumors have gone the rounds that the base will be reactivated ever since it was closed in May of last year.

### BPW Members Invited To Luncheon In Honor Eight Congresswomen

Mrs. Raymond Carr, president of Business and Professional Women's Club, has received an invitation from Judge Sarah T. Hughes inviting the Edenton club members to attend the luncheon at the Statesville Hotel in Washington, D. C., on January 13, honoring the eight women representatives and one woman senator to be seated at the 82nd Congress. All who can attend are asked to notify Mrs. Carr before January 3.

## New Record

Richard D. Dixon, who last week began his duties as Edenton's postmaster, informed The Herald Wednesday morning that the local post office on Monday experienced the biggest day's business in the history of the Edenton office. This information was revealed by veteran employees.

Over 23,000 letters were cancelled during the day and record business was recorded in all other branches.

## Old Byrum Home Destroyed By Fire

### Only Two Chairs Saved During Sunday Night Blaze

About 8:30 o'clock Sunday night the Edenton Fire Department answered a call in the Rocky Hock section, where the old homeplace of Joseph Byrum was totally destroyed by fire. The blaze had gained too much headway for the firemen to be of much assistance when they arrived.

The two-story frame house was owned by Noland Toppin, but was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. William Spruill. The house and its contents were totally lost with the exception of two chairs which were on the front porch.

The origin of the fire is unknown, it having occurred when the Spruills were away from home.

## CHRISTMAS IN KOREA

By JIMMIE CHURCH  
The tired, cold and hungry American soldier in Korea will remember the American people on Christmas day. He will remember a cozy fire-side where only a few years ago he would find that toiled stockings filled with fruits, nuts, and candies early Christmas morning. He will remember the expression of peace and contentment on his father's face as he smoked his pipe in comfort, and the soft touch of a mother's kiss and her warm smile that did not hide the pride she held in her home and family. He will remember the country store and the service station where everybody went to spread and hear the news and gossip, where men would lie not even expecting their yarns to be taken seriously. Yes, those are days that G. I. Joe can so vividly remember, and

## Christmas Dance By Edenton Varsity Club Next Monday Night

### Music By Dick Levin And His State College Orchestra

The Varsity Club's annual Christmas dance is scheduled to be held in the Edenton armory on Christmas night, starting at 9 o'clock. The armory will be attractively decorated for the occasion and the dance is expected to attract a large number of people.

Music for the dance will be furnished by Dick Levin and his State College orchestra.

Table reservations can be made by calling Wendell Copeland, phone 111-J-1, or Parker Helms, phone 382-J, till Monday, January 1.

## Ben Twiddy Killed In Korean Fighting

### Parents Notified Death Occurred on November 29th

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Twiddy were notified by the War Department Tuesday that their son, Ben Twiddy, was killed in action in Korea on November 29.

Young Twiddy was only 19 years of age and has been in the army almost two years, most of which was spent overseas.

He was a member of the Eighth army and the Seventh Division.

## Schools Close For Christmas Holidays

Schools in the Edenton and county administrative units closed Tuesday of this week for the Christmas holidays. Schools will remain closed und-

## C. of C. Reorganized Following Meeting Edenton Merchants

### Not Too Late!

Contributions are still being received for the Stocking Fund sponsored by St. Paul's Church. By this method, many unfortunate families will be made happy over the Christmas holidays. Anyone who will contribute toys, clothes or money, should contact Miss Sara Wood, 106 West King Street, immediately.

## Christmas Party By Lions Monday Night Enjoyable Occasion

### Next Two Meetings Are Called Off Due to Holidays

The Christmas party, held by the Edenton Lions Club Monday evening, impressed the members and their ladies as being one of the most enjoyable of these gala, annual events ever held by this very active organization. Over 100 were in attendance.

John Mitchener, chairman of the committee on arrangements, presented Nick George as master of ceremonies, whose wit and humor produced almost continuous merriment for the crowd.

Mr. George called upon various members for brief remarks and many of them responded with jokes, interspersed at times by the more serious side, but fun was the order of the evening, much of it at the expense of some other member.

The Lions den was elaborately decorated with holly, pines and candles, also a lovely Christmas tree.

J. Clarence Leary, accompanied at the piano by Earl Harrell, lead the singing of Christmas carols in which the entire assemblage joined lustily.

W. J. Taylor, secretary of the club, made a brief but interesting talk on "What It Means to Be a Lion." Taylor also outlined the projects which the club has undertaken during the year just ending.

An appropriate gift was provided for each lady, as well as a nice box of candy and various other favors which were given by business concerns, most of whom are members of the club.

The dinner was served buffet style and consisted of turkey, Chowan ham and all the trimmings, incident to the great success of the occasion. President Leroy Haskett proposed a vote of appreciation to John Mitchener and his committee for their fine work.

Dr. Richard Hardin was initiated into the club, the ceremony being performed by John Mitchener and Ernest Ward, Jr. This produced a lot of fun, especially for the ladies.

A rising and rousing vote of thanks was accorded the Lionesses for their fine cooperation in providing the dinners for the club during this year.

The invocation was rendered by Gus Hughes.

It was announced that the next meeting of the club will be held on January 8, due to the holidays.

## Virginia League Is After New Clubs

### Edenton Expected to Be Invited as New Member of Circuit

Plans are going forward for organizing the Virginia League for next season, with a meeting of the directors held at Franklin Sunday. Elizabeth City was a member of the league last year, and it is understood that several other North Carolina towns, including Edenton, will be asked to become members of the circuit.

Thus far Elizabeth City, Petersburg, Hopewell, Franklin, Emporia and Suffolk are expected to soon complete their organization for the 1951 season.

Just what action local baseball fans will take if and when Edenton is invited to become a member of the league is problematical.

## David Holton President; Succeeds George S. Twiddy

### OTHER OFFICERS

## Meeting of New Directors Will Be Held at Early Date

David Holton was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning at a reorganizational meeting of Edenton merchants held in the panel room of the Court House.

With some 50 representatives of business firms present, the group voted to reorganize and to begin functioning again as a chamber of commerce in view of the dire need for such an organization here.

Holton will succeed George S. Twiddy as president of the group. Other officers elected included J. H. Conger, Jr., as vice-president, and the following directors: Marvin Wilson, P. S. McMullan, Mrs. Carrie Earnhardt, Walter Miller, William Perry, Henry Quinn, Herbert Hollowell, Louis George Wilkins, Frank Holmes, Henry Cuthrell, Frank Elliott, Percy Smith, Carey Evans, Eerie Haste, Wendell Copeland and Earl Harrell.

Twiddy, past president of the group, presided over the meeting whose purpose it was, he stated, to reorganize in view of the need for such an association here. Remarks were heard from Holton and J. W. Davis in support of such reorganization and after a short discussion, a nominating committee was appointed to recommend officers for the coming year. Twiddy requested that he not be considered for re-election as president.

During the meeting, Twiddy brought out the reasons why the chamber of commerce failed here last year. He, and others, cited the failure of members to pay their dues as the cause of the organization folding. To emphasize his point, Twiddy read off a total of more than a \$1,000 in bills due. The bulk of this amount is something like \$800 due Peter A. Carlton, former secretary of the group, in back salary. The remainder was for the salary of the assistant secretary, office rent, telephone bills and a small sum which was paid by two members to the collector of internal revenue. Twiddy stated that there was between \$1,500 and \$2,000 in back dues owed by chamber members.

The nominating committee brought back, along with their recommendations for officers, three recommendations. One was to approach the Town Council on the possibility of using the back room of the Municipal Building as an office for the chamber group. This would cut the rent expense from the organization. The chamber already has furniture to equip an office.

The committee recommended that a secretary be hired and that all members of the organization send in their checks for the year 1950. If this is done, the outstanding bills against the organization can be paid and the new year started with confidence and a clean slate.

The newly elected president thanked the group for their vote of confidence in electing him and stated that he will do his best to further the group. He urged each member present to get behind the organization and help boost it. Holton stated that a meeting of the directors will be called later this week to formulate plans for the coming year.

## Christmas Service At Methodist Church

The Rev. E. B. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Church announces a special Christmas service Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. The service was previously announced for 5 o'clock, but was changed because of a service at the Baptist Church at the same hour.

Singing of Christmas carols and special music by the choir will feature the service.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

## Bicyclists Warned Not To Ride On Sidewalks

Complaints have been made to Edenton police relative to bicycles being ridden on the sidewalks in Edenton. There is an ordinance prohibiting this practice, and as of this date the police have been instructed to arrest any person riding on the sidewalks.