

## Santa Claus Coming To Edenton Friday Night

### Objection Is Raised To Extending Route 13 As Now Proposed

**Belief Is That Business Will Be Diverted From U. S. Route 17**

#### INFRINGEMENT

### Ocean Highway Plans to Take Case Before Proper Authorities

Edenton is joining with cities from Elizabeth City down into South Carolina in protesting a new U. S. north-south highway route which is believed will not create new travel business but rather divert travelers from U. S. 17.

The seriousness of the situation was called to the attention of Edentonians last week when Henry Callahan, traveling field representative of the Ocean Highway Association, conferred with a number of Edenton officials and business concerns.

Mr. Callahan stated that the Ocean Highway had spent a great deal of money and worked diligently to build up and maintain the Ocean Highway as one of the principal north-south arteries, and that while the Association will not oppose any section in getting out and working up a new route, it did not consider infringement by the newly proposed extension of Route 13 just right.

"It is proposed to divide the traffic near Little Creek, divert it inland and then run it over the Ocean Highway for about thirteen miles, shift it inland again and carry it through Lumberton into South Carolina, stopping at somewhere about Marion," Callahan said. "Now, if the proponents will go north, drum up more traffic and move it south and back over their own route, we could not complain," the Ocean Highway representative said.

Mr. Callahan said the Ocean Highway is gaining on U. S. 1 and 301, and that No. 13 extension is hardly feasible over the type of roads it would be routed in many areas, that the roads would be torn to pieces under the heavy traffic, and that millions of dollars would be required to condition them for heavy traffic. He also stated that the Ocean Highway will carry its case before the proper authorities, but that the support of the towns affected by the proposed diversion of traffic will be necessary.

The proposed extension of Route No. 13 has been endorsed by officials

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### BPW Bosses' Night Party Tuesday Night

### Mrs. W. J. Daniels Now Planning Very Interesting Program

Edenton's Business and Professional Women's Club will have their "Bosses' Night" Christmas Party in the Parish House Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. W. J. Daniels, program chairman, says an interesting program has been arranged and it is hoped a large crowd will be on hand for the night's fun. One of the features will be solos by Miss Nelson Powell and Jack Mooney.

Members of the club are asked to bring to the office of Mrs. Corie White in the Citizens Bank Building, a wrapped gift for herself and each invited guest as soon as possible.

### Likes Chowan

An unexpected visitor at the County Commissioners' meeting Monday was Attorney General Harry McMullan, who was in Edenton in connection with the Bond trial. He was cordially greeted by the Commissioners and while not on his regular job he was asked a number of legal questions by the Commissioners.

The Attorney General was highly complimentary for the manner in which Chowan County affairs are handled and while not living here, he almost said Chowan County was the best county in the State, referring, of course, to his boyhood days which were spent here.

### Open Nights

E. W. Hooper, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, informed The Herald that effective Thursday night, December 20, most of Edenton's stores will remain open at night for the convenience of shoppers.

The stores are scheduled to remain open until 9 o'clock each night from December 20 until Christmas eve.

### Burton Harrison Chosen Member Of All-Eastern Team

### Touchdown Club of Wilson Honors Group on Tuesday Night

Twenty-two players representing 15 eastern North Carolina high schools have been selected on the mythical All-Eastern High School Football Team of the Wilson Touchdown Club.

The players were selected by 25 high school coaches and were honored at the Touchdown Club's annual banquet in Wilson Tuesday night at the Hotel Cherry at 7 o'clock.

Main speaker for the event was John "Bo" Rowland, head football coach at George Washington University in Washington, D. C.

Six of the high schools in the eastern AAA conference placed two men each on the squad. They were Durham, Wilmington, Raleigh, Wilson, Fayetteville, and Rocky Mount.

Washington, a AA conference school, also placed two men on the team. They were Dick Cherry, a back, and Horace Dixon, tackle.

Other schools represented with one player are Goldsboro, Roanoke Rapids, Kinston, Sanford, Henderson, Edenton, Laurinburg, and Wallace.

There is no distinction made between first and second team members.

The All-Eastern Team follows:

Ends: Jennings House, Durham; J. D. Bradford, Fayetteville; Julian Rogers, Wilmington; and Ed Bundy, Rocky Mount; Tackles: Bobby Ussery, Raleigh; Horace Dixon, Washington; George Rice, Wilson; and Sidney DeLoach, Roanoke Rapids; Guards: Dickie Taylor, Rocky Mount; Fred Paschal, Durham; Jimmy Truelove, Sanford; and Willard Renn, Henderson; Centers: Bud Kelly, Raleigh; and D. C. Daughtry, Goldsboro; Backs: Bob Strickland, Fayetteville; Florenz Worrell, Wilmington; Luther McKeel, Wilson; Bryant Aldridge, Kinston; Dick Cherry, Washington; Burton Harrison, Edenton; Grady Chavis, Laurinburg; and Archie Fairies, Wallace.

### T. B. Williford Again Chairman Methodist Board Of Stewards

### Other Officers Elected At Meeting Held Monday Night

At a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church Monday night, T. B. Williford was re-elected chairman for the new year.

At the same time J. R. Dulaney was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed John A. Holmes, who has served in that capacity for many years.

W. T. Harry was elected new head usher to succeed Robert S. Marsh. At the meeting the stewards were given the church envelopes, which will be distributed this week.

#### STATE TAKES OVER ROAD

Chowan County Commissioners have been notified by the N. C. Highway and Public Works Commission that the state has agreed to take over and maintain Catfish Road. This short road is near Beaver Hill Cemetery.

### Planning Edenton's Christmas Party



Members of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club are pictured above planning for the children's Santa Claus parade, which is staged annually in cooperation with the merchants of Edenton. Left to right are: Mrs. Raymond Mansfield, Mrs. Leon Leary, Miss Inez Felton, Mrs. Kenneth Floors, Mrs. John Lee Spruill and Mrs. Percy Smith, general chairman.—Photo by Evelyn Leary.

### Lions Honor 4-H Club Boys Competing In 1951 Corn Contest

### Wallace Evans, Robert Preston Dail, James Monds Winners

Chowan County 4-H boys who participated in the corn growing contest and most of their fathers were guests of the Lions Club at its meeting Monday night. The Lions Club sponsors the annual contest.

Present with the boys were County Agent C. W. Overman and Assistant County Agent Robert S. Marsh, who cooperated with the boys and announced the winners. Prizes were awarded for various age groups.

In the 10 to 12 year group Robert Preston Dail was declared the winner and received a \$10 prize. His yield was 113.2 bushels per acre. He planted Dixie 17.

Wallace Evans won in the 13 to 14 year age group and also received a prize of \$10. His yield was 97.3 bushels per acre, using Smithwick White.

In the group for 15 year olds and above James Monds won the \$10 prize with a yield of 116.6 per acre. He planted N. C. 27.

Boys in the contest in the 10 to 12 year group were:

Robert Preston Dail, Fabey Harrell, Ronald Perry, Paul Blanchard, Sher-

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### Plan Adopted By Commissioners To Name New School

### Suggest Joint Meeting Of Veterans and Local School Officials

Chowan County Commissioners took some action at their meeting Monday on the request of the local VFW Post to name the new white high school "Edenton Memorial High School," with the added provision that plaques be placed in the school with names of Chohan's war dead inscribed.

The Commissioners proposed a joint meeting of the VFW Post and the American Legion Post with school authorities to consider adopting a name for the school—and if an agreement is reached, then a joint meeting should be held with Town Council and the Commissioners to consider releasing funds with which to purchase the plaques.

Both the town and county governments several years ago appropriated \$500 each to be used as a memorial to Chohan County's boys who lost their lives in the last two wars. No use of the funds have been made and since its appropriation it has remained in the Bank of Edenton.

The Commissioners are of the opinion that the authority of naming the school lies within the province of school officials but they are ready to consider releasing the memorial fund in conjunction with Town Council.

### Term of Superior Court Extended To Try Bond Will Case

### Large Number of Witnesses Called Upon to Testify

Chowan County's November term of Superior Court began its second week Monday morning, the first time in at least 30 years that it has been necessary to carry court over into another week. Reason for the lengthened term is an effort to annul the will of the late William H. Bond, Jr., whose estate is valued at over \$100,000. The caveator in the case is Mrs. Julia Bond Dixon of Norfolk, aunt of the deceased, basing her action on the belief that he made his will and that he was not capable of knowing the value and extent of the estate.

Many witnesses have been summoned in the case, extending even to people who have had only casual acquaintance with deceased.

Attorneys for the propounders are John McMullan of Elizabeth City, Harry McMullan, Jr., of Raleigh and J. A. Pritchett of Windsor. For the caveator, counsel includes Zeb Vance Norman of Plymouth, John F. White, Weldon Hollowell and Herbert Leary of Edenton. Evidence presented by the propounders carries out the opinion that Bond was in his right mind and capable of writing his will, which left \$1,000 each to three women, two of which were Negroes and friends of his and his mother; his home property and furnishings to a cousin, Mrs. Carolyn McMullan Grant, and the bulk of his

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### Edenton Rotarians Planning Unique Christmas Party

### Each One Attending Required to Dress as Boy or Girl

Edenton's Rotary Club plans to stage a rather unique Christmas party which is scheduled to be held at the Officers' Club at the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station Thursday night, December 13. The committee making the arrangements includes H. A. Campen, W. T. Harry, Gilliam Wood and Bill Cozart.

Rotary Annes will be guests at the party and at Thursday's meeting it was decided that everyone attending must be dressed in boy's, or girl's clothing. Prizes will be awarded for the best portrayed famous boy or girl. Each one attending the party will also be required to take a present costing not over \$1.00, which will be exchanged during the party.

The committee is also planning to have some entertainment features, so that it is expected the party will be the most unique and enjoyable the club has ever held. It is hoped every Rotarian and his Rotary Anne will attend.

## Annual Party Again Sponsored By Local BPW Club Members

### Stocking Fund

Again this year the Young People's Service League of St. Paul's Episcopal Church is sponsoring the Empty Stocking Fund. This group is seeking contributions of toys, clothes and cash in order to make some people happy on Christmas day. Local merchants will be called on to donate any stock available.

Anyone having a contribution is requested to contact either Charles Wood, Jr., or the Rev. Gordon Bennett. If necessary, a truck will be dispatched for collections on Saturday morning, December 8, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

### Grand Jury Report Causes Conference Monday Morning

### Commissioners Irked By Reference to Former Recommendations

Members of the County Commissioners were somewhat disturbed at the wording of the Grand Jury report and as a result they called in to their meeting Monday morning David Holton, foreman of the Grand Jury; Judge J. Paul Frizelle, who is presiding over an extended term of Chohan Superior Court; Dr. L. P. Williams, county physician, and Sheriff J. A. Bunch.

What troubled the Commissioners more than anything else was the portion of the report which read: "In reading past Grand Jury reports we find numerous recommendations which are disregarded entirely, and we recommend that Chohan County adopt a permanent Grand Jury system with its members serving staggered terms. We believe that with different members being carried over from one term to another that we will have a better follow up on conditions that should be corrected in Chohan County, and we will always have a Grand Jury available when needed."

W. W. Byrum, chairman, speaking for his Board, told Mr. Holton that the report inferred that the Commissioners were neglecting their duty.

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### Red Men Dance In Armory Saturday

### Music For Affair Will Be Provided By Radio Rangers

In the Edenton armory Saturday night, December 8, Chohan Tribe of Red Men will sponsor a dance which will include both square and round dancing. Music for the dance will be furnished by the Radio Rangers.

The dance will begin at 9 o'clock and continue until midnight.

The committee in charge of the dance includes Butler Williams, Henry Allen Bunch, Worth Layton, Elbert Peel, John Oliver, C. C. Wiggins, and E. G. Williford.

### Colored Hospital Will Hold Bazaar Friday

The Colored Woman's Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a bazaar Friday, December 7, at the Brown-Carver Library from 3 to 8 o'clock.

There will be a large display of articles for sale and at 8 o'clock names will be drawn and prizes given.

### Important Meeting Of Rotary Club Today

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet today (Thursday) in the Parish House at 1 o'clock. Names will be drawn for exchange of presents at the Rotary Christmas party on December 13, so every member is especially urged to be present. The program today will be in charge of Dr. W. I. Hart.

### Kriss Kringle Expected To Arrive at Bus Station at 3:35 P. M.

#### PARADE AT 4 P. M.

### Gift Day December 22 Feature of Holiday Season

Shouts of "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" is being heard in Edenton as the big day, Friday, December 7, draws near. On this day the merchants of Edenton and the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club will stage their annual Santa Claus parade, and according to Mrs. Percy Smith, general chairman, the event will be larger this year with added features and a surprise.

Mrs. John Lee Spruill and Mrs. Leon Leary, co-chairman of the parade, announce that Santa Claus will come from the North Pole by way of the Norfolk Southern Bus Line, and that he is expected to arrive at the Edenton Bus Station at 3:35 Friday afternoon. The jolly old fellow will receive a mighty warm welcome by the children when he steps off the bus. He will be escorted by a police car to his especially decorated sleigh.

Mrs. Raymond Mansfield, chairman of decorations, and her committee report that with the cooperation of the Town, the huge tree at the foot of Broad Street will be beautifully decorated with Christmas ornaments and colored lights for the gala occasion, and that the multi-colored lights strung across Broad Street will be turned on that night to officially open the Yuletide season in Edenton.

Many attractive floats will be entered in the mammoth parade, which will be headed by both the senior and junior majorettes along with the Edenton High School Band. Next in line of march will be the Town and County officials, National Guard Unit, Boy Scouts, Marines, floats, etc.

Mrs. John Lee Spruill and Mrs. Leon Leary, who are in charge of the parade, request that those planning to enter a float or take any part in the affair, to assemble on Water Street down by the old freight depot at 3 o'clock so that the line of march may be formed. The parade will get underway at 4 P. M., and will move along Water Street into Broad Street and on to the ball park, where the floats will be judged and the kids

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### "Planting Day" At Chowan Hospital

### Trees and Shrubs to Be Planted on Grounds Today

Today (Thursday) will be observed as "Planting Day" on the Chowan Hospital grounds. Local people have been requested to contribute trees, evergreens and flowering shrubs, which are needed to beautify the grounds. Miss Rebecca Colwell and Mrs. John G. Wood are co-chairmen of the grounds committee of the Hospital Auxiliary, which group has already gone a long way in making the hospital and its surroundings more attractive.

It is hoped enough contributions will be received today to make the grounds even more attractive. If anyone has a contribution and needs transportation, either Mrs. Martin Wisely or Miss Frances Tillett should be contacted.

### Special Program For Edenton PTA Meeting

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association will meet next Tuesday night, December 11, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. J. O. Powers, program chairman, announces that a feature of the meeting will be a Christmas story, "Why the Chinese Rang," presented by third grade pupils taught by Mrs. L. F. Ferguson.

A delightful meeting is anticipated, so that all members are urged to attend.