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## Throng of Children Welcome Old Santa's Arrival In Edenton

Thousands Line Streets And Gather at Hicks Field

**COMES ON BUS**  
December 22 Set Aside As Gift Day By Edenton Merchants

Over three thousand happy children thronged the streets of Edenton Friday afternoon to welcome Santa Claus' annual visit to Edenton. The bus station was overflowing with children awaiting the arrival of the jolly old man. Shouts of glee filled the air as Santa stepped off the 3:35 bus to take part in the parade. Santa spoke a few words to the children and then was whisked away by police escort to his beautifully decorated sleigh on water street where the line of march assembled. The affair was sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, in cooperation with the merchants of Edenton.

The Edenton High School Band led the parade, which moved along Broad Street on out to the ball park where Santa Claus treated the youngsters with bags of goodies. In the line of march were Town and County officials, Joe Byrum, "Mayor" of Center Hill, Boy and Cub Scouts, and floats including The Old Woman in a Shoe, Christmas in Korea, The Monkey and the Penguins, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Edenton fire truck, Rotary Club float, with Santa Claus' sleigh bringing up the rear.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce float "Christmas in Korea" won first prize for the best float and "The Old Woman in a Shoe" took second place. Judges were Mrs. Emmett Elliott, L. F. Ferguson and the Rev. Gordon Bennett.

The ball park was roped off into two sections, one for the white children and one for the colored children, where Christmas bags were distributed by Santa Claus. The jolly old man was kept busy listening to the pleas of the little ones as they related what they wanted for Christmas.

Another big day is being looked forward to during the holiday season. The merchants of Edenton have set aside Saturday, December 22, as "Gift Day," when they will give away gifts by means of drawings. Registration boxes have been placed in the stores and every one is asked to come in and register for the big day. Santa Claus will draw names from the boxes beginning at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, December 22, and on through the day until 8:30 o'clock that night.

## Christmas Carols Planned On Court House Green Dec. 24

If Weather Does Not Permit, Sing Will Be Held Wednesday

Plans have been announced for community singing of Christmas Carols on the Court House Green Christmas eve, Monday night, December 24, at 9:30 o'clock. The singing will be led by County Agent C. W. Overman.

If the weather is too disagreeable the sing will be given at the same hour on Wednesday night, the night after Christmas. Everyone is invited to come to the green and help with the singing, the opinion being advanced that "It is a good thing to give praise to the Lord."

## Dr. R. E. Fallis Dies From Heart Attack

Local friends will be shocked to know that Dr. R. E. Fallis, husband of the former Mrs. Ariens Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Jackson, died Monday night in Port Townsend, Washington, as the result of a heart attack.

## Cub Scouts Christmas Party Held Tonight

Edenton's Cub Scouts will hold their Christmas party in the Scout Cabin tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock. James Byrum is anxious to see all Cub Scouts and their parents.

## Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Tuesday Night

Mrs. Paul Holloman, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, calls attention to a meeting of the Auxiliary to be held Tuesday night, December 19 at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Chestnut.

## Miss Nelson Powell, Connected With U. S. Army in Austria, Will Present Slides and Give a Lecture at the Meeting

This being the Christmas meeting, Mrs. Holloman is very anxious to have a large number of the members attend.

## Christmasy

In connection with the Christmas party staged Friday afternoon by the Business and Professional Women's Club, Edenton's Christmas lights were turned on for the first time that night. The vari-colored lights are strung across Broad Street from Water to Church Street, with the Cedar tree at the foot of Broad Street also decorated with electric lights. On the town lot adjoining the police station a nativity scene is also attracting attention. The display, as well as the decorated tree, is sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club.

## Edenton Aces Win Conference Award For Sportsmanship

Local Outfit Honored at Meeting at Kinston Friday

Coaches George Thompson and Ben Perry, as well as the 1951 football squad, the faculty and students, were delighted Friday when the Edenton Aces won the Kiwanis sportsmanship trophy at a banquet held at Kinston. This trophy originated in 1947 in the Northeastern Conference, with Tarboro, Roanoke Rapids, Kinston, and Greenville being previous winners. At the same time Bryant Aldridge, fullback for the Kinston Red Devils, was awarded the George DuBose Defensive Trophy.

Bill Dole, head football coach at East Carolina College, was the principal speaker at the Kinston banquet. Mr. Dole is highly in favor of high school sports and in concluding his remarks said:

"Sportsmanship is so very important. Athletics are a definite part of any high school or college. It develops qualities and character for later life. We have got to build a strong America and the finest way is honesty through competitive sports."

Receiving the Kiwanis Sportsmanship Award for the Aces were Webb Griffin and Charlie Morgan, co-captains of the 1951 football team.

## Chowan River Bridge Claims Another Life

Florida Man's Car Goes Through Railing Wednesday Morning

Another tragedy was charged to the Chowan River bridge Wednesday morning about 7 o'clock when Phillip Henry Smith 58, whose address is 220 Lake View Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, crashed through the railing between the draw bridge and the Chowan River side of the river.

The victim was driving a 1950 Cadillac going south, and State Patrolman Van B. Pierce, the investigating officer, could give no reason for the accident. However, it is believed that with the roadway slippery, Pierce evidently applied brakes causing the car to skid and crash through the railing. Work is now under way on reconstruction of the bridge, which has been in a bad state of repair for several years.

## W. A. Harrell New Masonic Master

Officers For 1952 Elected at Meeting Thursday Night

At the meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., held Thursday night William A. Harrell was elected master of the lodge for 1952, succeeding C. B. Mooney.

Other officers elected were C. T. Griffin, senior warden; W. M. Rhoades, junior warden; C. H. Wood, treasurer, and Louis George Wilkins, secretary. These and the appointed officers are scheduled to be elected at the first meeting in January.

## Jury Sustains Will Of Wm. M. Bond, Jr. Saturday Afternoon

Only 58 Minutes Necessary For Jury to Decide

The November term of Chowan Superior Court ended early Saturday afternoon when a jury returned a verdict sustaining the will made by the late William Bond, Jr., which involved an estate of over \$100,000.

The will was contested by Mrs. Julia Bond Dixon of Norfolk, an aunt of the deceased, shortly after it was found in a safe deposit box in the Bank of Edenton and its contents made known. The will gave \$1,000 each to three women, two of which are colored, the home along Pembroke Creek to a niece, Mrs. Carolyn McMullan Grant, and the bulk of the estate to an aunt, Miss Jessie McMullan.

The case was the longest in Chowan County in the memory of Clerk of Court E. W. Spire. It resulted in extending the court term into the second week, the first time in at least over 30 years.

Mrs. Dixon, caveator, based her action to break the will on the belief that Mr. Bond was not capable of writing the will and that he was unduly influenced by relatives. Many witnesses were called to testify during the trial which accounted for so much time being consumed.

For the caveator were four attorneys, Zeb Vance Norman of Plymouth, Herbert Leary, John F. White and Weldon Hollowell. For the proponents of the will were John McMullan of Elizabeth City, Harry McMullan, Jr., of Raleigh and J. A. Pritchett of Windsor. Each of the attorneys for both sides began addressing the jury Thursday with the last one, John McMullan, completing the arguments Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

On Saturday morning Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, who presided over the lengthy term, charged the jury and the general opinion prevailed that it was the most unbiased charge ever heard in the Chowan Court House. Judge Frizzelle completed his charge at 11:32 Saturday morning and the jury returned its verdict of sustaining the will at 12:30 o'clock, a period of 58 minutes.

Of course, an appeal can be made by the caveators within 10 days, but the general belief is that no appeal will be made to the Supreme Court.

## Rotary's Christmas Party Held Tonight

Unique Affair at Officers' Club Starting at 7 O'clock

Tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the officers' club at the base of the Edenton Rotary Club will stage its annual Christmas party. The affair is scheduled to get under way promptly at 7 o'clock, with Rotary Annes as special guests.

Each one attending is required to be dressed as a boy or girl and prizes will be awarded to the best imitated famous boy or girl.

The committee in charge of the party, H. A. Campen, W. T. Harry, Gilliam Wood and Bill Cozart, have also planned a program of entertainment which will go toward making the party one of the most delightful in the history of the Rotary Club.

Names have been drawn, so that presents will be exchanged among those who attend.

## Songs and Carols in Auditorium Sunday, December 16

On Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 5:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium the High School Glee Club and Chorus plan to present a candle-light service of Christmas songs and carols. The entire choral group of 60 members, as well as various smaller combinations from the group will be used in a service composed of Christmas narrative and music.

Gene Ward, president of the student body, will act as narrator, and Margery Thigpen as accompanist. The service will, of course, be non-sectarian, and there will be no admission charge. This is the first time the High School Chorus has planned a concert of this type and it is hoped many people will attend.

## Christmas Mail Appears Heading For All-Time High

Postmaster Richard D Dixon Is Appealing For Cooperation

The cooperation of last-minute shoppers was requested this week by Postmaster Richard D. Dixon. The Postmaster says that from all indications the Christmas mail for 1951 appears to be headed for an all-time high. He is afraid that those gift packages and cheery Christmas cards may not arrive in time for Christmas if they are not mailed immediately.

"Every possible preparation has been made to take care of the expected record breaking flood of Christmas cards and gifts," Mr. Dixon declared, "but time is now of the essence."

All gifts to be mailed by parcel post should be sent today or tomorrow. Christmas cards for out-of-state delivery should be mailed by December 15th. After that date, the Postmaster warns, use Air Mail—or start sending Happy New Year cards!

Christmas cards for city delivery should be mailed at least a week before Christmas Day and the Postmaster says to be sure and send them First-Class Mail.

In closing his appeal the Postmaster said:

"Almost everyone has 'last-minute' Christmas gift problems. The Post Office can solve yours, and help your family or friends start a systematic savings account, by issuing United States Defense Bonds and Stamps as Christmas gifts. At the same time, you'll be helping your country to build a strong defense."

## L. Gordon Huffines Assistant Editor Of Railway Progress

Recent Article Attracts Attention of J. Edgar Hoover

Friends will be interested to know that L. Gordon Huffines, grandson of Mrs. H. B. Jones, is assistant editor of the Railway Progress, a monthly magazine published in Washington, D. C., by the Federation for Railway Progress.

Mr. Huffines writes for the magazine and one of his writings, "Sabotage on the Railroads," appearing in the November issue, brought praise from J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Hoover had this to say in a letter to Mr. Huffines: "I have reviewed your magazine with interest and I am particularly pleased with the excellent manner in which you handled the article 'Sabotage on the Railroads.' You have presented your material most efficiently and I appreciate your outlining the jurisdiction of the FBI in matters of this type. Special Agents Milton A. Jones and George J. Nagel will be gratified to learn of your kind comments concerning them."

In the December issue Mr. Huffines wrote an article "You Should See the Mob."

## H. S. Glee Club And Chorus Will Present Christmas Program

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## Town Council's Last Meeting Of Year Is Held Tuesday Night

### Through

The following letter was received by The Herald from Mrs. Julia Bond Dixon, with a request that it be published:

To the people of the town of Edenton: I was terribly hurt to return and receive such a lukewarm greeting from most of my friends. Everyone must have been afraid of the McMullans and the power they yield in the community. Of course there are no Bonds there any more. Some of my friends came up to my room at the hotel, but none seemed to know me in the Court House. For two weeks I sat alone with no one to talk to except Capt. Wiggins. He is a true friend.

"I am deeply hurt at the reception accorded me and hope never to return to Edenton again."

## Governor Of Rotary Will Visit Edenton Club December 20th

Club Assembly Will Be Held Before Regular Meeting

Olin H. Broadway of Henderson, Governor of the 278th District of Rotary International, will pay his official visit to the Edenton Rotary Club at its weekly meeting next Thursday, December 20. Prior to the meeting Governor Broadway will conduct a club assembly to hear reports of officers and committee chairmen and will address the club during the regular meeting.

Governor Broadway, who is manager of the Henderson District of the Carolina Power and Light Company, an area comprising all or part of 10 counties, has been active in Rotary for 21 years. Previously he held important offices in Rotary clubs at Hartsville, S. C., Troy, Laurinburg and Henderson. He has a 10-year perfect attendance record.

After graduating with an A. B. degree from Furman University in 1922, he taught school for five years, serving as principal during the last three years. He has been associated with the Carolina Power and Light Company in important positions since 1927.

Governor Broadway has been prominently identified with civic and religious activities in several communities. He has served as director of

## J. A. Webb, Jr., Wins Conservation Post

Yeopim Farmers Given More Than Two-thirds Of Votes Cast

Joe A. Webb, Jr., a farmer of the Yeopim section of Chowan County, was reelected to the Chowan County Board of Soil Conservation Supervisors as a result of the county-wide election which was conducted last week. Mr. Webb will serve for a term of three years, beginning on January 1, 1952.

Certification of Mr. Webb's election was made to the State Soil Conservation Committee by L. C. Bunch, chairman of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, on Monday of this week. According to Mr. Bunch, Mr. Webb received more than two-thirds of the votes cast in the election.

The Chowan County Soil Conservation committee for 1952 will be composed of L. C. Bunch, farmer of the Braille section; R. H. Hollowell, farmer of the Small's Cross Roads section; and Joe A. Webb, Jr., a farmer of the Yeopim section.

The committee will exercise general supervision over the program of the Soil Conservation Service in Chowan County and will engage in activities for its promotion in this area. The Chowan committee will be affiliated with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, which comprises Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties.

## Employees Given 5 Per Cent Increase In Pay As Of December 1

ZONING DISCUSSED Meeting Planned To Improve Traffic On U. S. Route 17

Town Council held its final meeting for the year 1951 Tuesday night with quite a few matters holding the Councilmen in session until almost 11 o'clock.

John Graham, in behalf of the Coastland Oil Company and the Blades Lumber Company, requested the widening of Coke Avenue in order to provide a safer and more adequate road for the increased vehicular traffic. J. Edwin Bufflap, W. J. Yates and Clyde Hollowell were appointed to make an investigation relative to widening this street and make recommendations at the next meeting.

Henry Quinn and Haywood Phthisic appeared at the meeting to request extra sidewalk space during the Christmas holidays to display merchandise. They requested four feet, which was granted in front of their store, but most of the Councilmen expressed the opinion that East King Street is too narrow and would, therefore, interfere with pedestrians on King Street. They were given permission to sell Christmas trees on the town lot next to the police station.

Parking again came in for some discussion and it was suggested that the town fill in the Belk-Tyler lot back of the store, which would accommodate in the neighborhood of 100 cars. John Mitchener, J. Edwin Bufflap and W. J. Yates were appointed a committee to confer with J. R. DuLaney, manager of the store to see if such an arrangement can be made. They are also to secure an estimated cost for filling the lot.

Extension of U. S. Route 13 from Suffolk to Windsor was also considered, and because this route will

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## Piano Students In Recital December 17

Miss Norma Clapp's Students Will Present Program

On Monday night, December 17, at 8 o'clock a number of students of Miss Norma Clapp will present a piano recital at the Edenton High School Auditorium. The program is as follows: "Yankee Doodle" and "He's A Jolly Good Fellow," by Arthur White. "Old MacDonald," "The Detective," and "Monkey Business," by Nettie Fair Lassiter.

"Morning Prayer" and "Just A Song At Twilight" by Araminta Hobbs. "Spinning Song" and "The Waltz King" by Jane DuLaney. "The Skaters Waltz" and "Le Secret" by Frances Holton. "Ballade" and "Dorothy" (Old English Dance) by Jack Overman.

"Brahm's Lullaby" and "Good King Wenceslas" by Kathleen Overton. "Excerpts from H. M. S. Pinafore" and "Neptune's Cave" by Ann Taylor. "Edelweiss Glide Waltz" by Carolyn Ashley. "Rhapsody Maiézy" and "Star Sapphires" by Frankie Privott. "L' Avalanche" by Barbara Spencer.

"Prelude No. 1 in D minor" and "Pavanne" by Mike Malone. "Schon Mosmarin" and "Malaguenas" by Mary Leggett Browning. "Rustle of Spring" and "Polichinelle" by Margery Thigpen.

## Important Meeting Of Chowan Farm Bureau

The Chowan County Farm Bureau will hold its 1951 annual meeting and barbecue at the Chowan High School this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. Every member and family is urged to attend and bring along corn bread.

According to Tom O. Asbell, president, election of officers will be part of the business and a member of the N. C. Department of Agriculture will speak on "What the N. C. Department of Agriculture Is Doing For N. C. Farmers."