

Training For Driving Starts In Edenton School Next Month

15 Students Have Already Enrolled and More Expected

PERRY REPORTS

Car Loaned By Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Company

Ben Perry, who recently attended a school for driver training instructors at East Carolina College, announced Monday night at the regular Lions Club meeting that driver training courses will begin at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School in January.

Mr. Perry stated that 15 students had already enrolled and more are expected daily. Each student will receive 36 hours of classroom instruction and 18 hours of automobile instruction.

President A. E. Jenkins announced that the annual Midwinter Convention for Districts 31E and 31F will be held in Rocky Mount on January 19 and 20.

The Edenton High School Band will represent the Edenton Lions Club at the Convention.

Thomas E. Francis was the guest of R. W. Leary, Jr.

Forest Ranger F. V. White Distributing Timely Book Covers

Points Out Importance Of Protecting Tiny Young Trees

Chowan County Forest Ranger Frank V. White is making short talks on fire prevention in connection with his current program of distributing book covers to the sixth grade students of the county schools.

County Ranger White is also distributing the first poster in "The Little Tree" series to stores and business establishments through Chowan County. Colorful and descriptive, the "Little Tree" series tells a picture story of the significance of tiny seedlings, nature's source of future timber.

Parent-Teacher Meet Next Tuesday Night

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association will meet next Tuesday night, December 9 in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium.

ROTARY CLUB MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet today (Thursday) in the Parish House at 1 o'clock.

GUILD MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Edenton Methodist Church will meet Tuesday night, December 9, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Frank Elliott.

Overman Is Honored At Meeting Of Boy Scouters In Norfolk

Is Given Silver Beaver Award For Work Among Boys

Fifteen Scouters from the seven counties that make the East and West Albemarle Districts attended the recent annual meeting of the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts of America in Norfolk.

Group sessions of the six operating committees were held in order to outline plans and objectives for 1953. An overall increase of 10 per cent was set by most committees.

Charles W. Overman, veteran Scoutmaster for 11 years in Edenton, was awarded the highest award within the province of a local Boy Scout Council, the Silver Beaver award for distinguished service to boyhood.

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W. T. Harry Given Highway Safety Award In Raleigh

Honored For Loaning Car For School Education Program

W. T. Harry of B. B. H. Motor Company, Inc., received the "1952 Highway Safety Award," presented by the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association in Raleigh on Wednesday, December 3.

The presentation took place at a special luncheon given by the Association in honor of Mr. Harry and the other Tar Heel dealers who have loaned new cars free of charge to high schools for use in the driver education program.

Governor-elect William B. Umstead paid tribute to the dealers receiving the award. Dr. Charles F. Carroll, Superintendent of Public Instruction, made the presentation on behalf of NCADA, the National Automobile Dealers Association, and the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee.

In addition to remarks by Umstead and the presentation, the program included a talk by Audrey H. Ward, who is one of the outstanding inspirational speakers in the South.

Members of the Council of State of North Carolina, zone managers representing manufacturers who have arranged for above-quota cars, and officials from the various finance organizations attended.

T. A. Williams of Greensboro, chairman of the NCADA Highway Safety Committee presided at the luncheon which honored more than 100 dealers throughout the State.

Masons Will Elect New Officers Tonight

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold a stated communication tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

W. A. Harrell, master of the lodge, urges as many members as possible to be present and take part in the election.

County Gets \$6,856.36 From Beer-Wine Taxes

West Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners, reported Monday that he had received and deposited to the credit of the county, a check for \$6,856.36.

The check was the county's pro-rata share of beer and wine taxes from October 1 to September 30.

Insurance Boosted On County Buildings

Court House Raised to \$100,000 By County Commissioners

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday boosted fire insurance on two of the county's buildings, the ancient Court House and the County Home, and put all of the county's fire insurance on a five-year payment plan.

The Court House has been insured for \$75,000, but this policy has been increased to \$100,000. The county home fire insurance was raised from \$6,750 to \$10,000.

Other coverage on county buildings includes \$6,000 on the jailer's home and \$5,000 on the jail.

The insurance was given to Wood & Berryman, local insurance agents.

PROBLEM OF EDENTON DROPPING FROM NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE NOW IN LAPS OF EDENTON SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Committee's Findings Show Opinion Divided on Proposition, But Majority In Favor of Joining Albemarle Conference

Growing out of the recent meeting of the Edenton School Trustees, when a goodly number of citizens discussed Edenton school affairs, a committee on Tuesday night compiled its findings regarding Edenton withdrawing from the Northeastern Conference to affiliate with the Albemarle Conference.

The committee, which was appointed at the school trustees' meeting, was instructed to study the situation, poll public sentiment and submit a recommendation. The committee is composed of C. W. Overman, Gerald James, George Twiddy, Bill Cozart and J. Edwin Buffap.

The committee last week met with Coaches George Thompson and Ben Perry to seriously consider the proposed changes from all angles, with the meeting taking up about three hours. Members of the committee reported that from their investigation by far the majority favored Edenton participating in the Albemarle Conference.

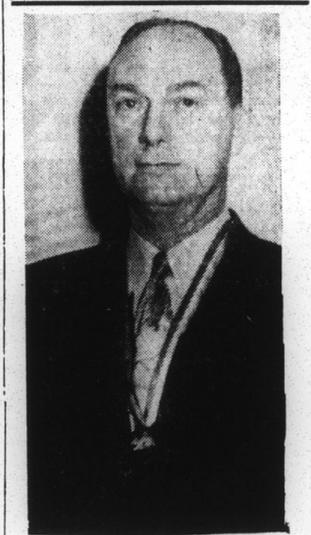
lack of manpower. It was pointed out that the Northeastern Conference Schools have many more students from which to select athletic teams, making it almost impossible for Edenton to make a bid as conference winners.

Members of the committee pointed out that while a change to the Albemarle Conference did not mean that Edenton will be able to run rough shod over the teams in the conference, but that the strength of the various teams is more evenly matched and over a period of years Edenton should be able to develop a conference champion more often than in the Northeastern Circuit.

Of course, some people interested in the change point out some advantages by remaining in the Northeastern loop, in that competition is stronger and that heretofore the conference was more stable. It was stated that in the Albemarle Conference it occasionally happens that when a good football team is developed a town will remain in the conference, but with a weak team it will withdraw for that year.

Stage Is Now All Set For Christmas Party On Friday Afternoon

Silver Beaver



C. W. OVERMAN At the annual meeting of the Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America, held in Norfolk, C. W. Overman was awarded the Silver Beaver for his outstanding work among boys.

N. C. Auto Plates For 1953 Now On Sale

Current Plates Will Not Be Valid After Midnight Jan. 31

Registration officials of the Department of Motor Vehicles watched the last of 1,275,000 license renewal cards hit the mail Saturday. The cards should have reached their owners by December 1 the Department estimated.

On that date 1953 plates went on sale throughout the state and the renewal cards are necessary to purchase a tag. Owners who fail to receive a card are asked to contact the Department of Motor Vehicles and request one.

Next year's color scheme will be black with orange numerals and letters. The 1953 plate will have a tiny slot cut into the lower right hand corner. Officials explain it was put there so that a date tab, like those used during World War II, may be attached to the plate in the event of a steel shortage or other emergency.

Current plates are valid until midnight January 31, 1953, but officials urge owners to buy early and avoid the usual last minute rush.

Truck and trailer owners again will be asked to check their vehicle's body type, tank capacity and fuel used. This information is requested for the Department of Defense, which seeks a reliable estimate of the nation's total motor transport capabilities.

New plates in this section may be purchased at the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club on East Water Street, of which Miss Goldie Layton is branch manager.

Trees Available For Reforestation

County Forest Ranger Frank V. White says that it is time now to order trees for reforestation and that he has application blanks for forest tree seedlings which can be obtained from the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

The species of trees available and the price for 100 delivered are as follows: Loblolly pine, \$3.00; longleaf pine, \$3.00; slash pine, \$3.00; white pine, \$3.50; red cedar, one year, \$43.50; red cedar, two years, \$4.50; yellow poplar, \$3.00; black locust, \$3.00; black walnut, \$10.50.

Mr. White urges anyone who desires to purchase trees to contact him at once.

Local Stores Will Remain Open Until 7 O'clock

PARADE ABOUT 3:30 Santa Claus Will Greet Children on the Court House Green

According to Mrs. Percy Smith, chairman of the Christmas Party sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, plans have been completed for the annual affair staged for the benefit of the children of this community.

Members of the local National Guard unit will help in distributing bags to white children and members of the Junior Colored Woman's Club will help among the colored children.

Floats and those who will participate in the parade are asked to assemble at Hicks Field by 3 o'clock in order for the parade to move as soon as Santa Claus arrives.

Mrs. Smith announced that merchants will remain open until 7 o'clock Friday night in order to provide an opportunity for parents and children to visit the stores and look over the many items of seasonal merchandise. Many of the merchants will give away a prize during the holidays which will go to lucky persons who register in the stores.

Stores will also compete for the best decorated window during the Christmas season. Judges will announce the winner on Monday, December 15.

Stores cooperating in the Christmas party are as follows: Western Auto Associate Store, Campen's Jewelers, Edenton Furniture Company, The Betty Shoppe, Cuthrell's Department Store, Quinn Furniture Company, Hobowsky's Department Store, Byrum Hardware Company, Ralph E. Parrish, Harrell & Leary, Leggett & Davis Drug Store, Badham Bros., Tots & Teens, Preston's, Elliott Company, Belk-Tyler's, Rose's 5 & 10c Store, Malone's 5 & 10c Store, Mitchener's Pharmacy, Bell's Goodyear Store, Layton's Flower Shop, Forehand Jewelers and Lula White's Flower Shop.

The affair is expected to attract a large crowd of parents and children and will officially start the Christmas season.

Overman Attending Chicago Convention

County Agent C. W. Overman left Edenton Thursday of last week for Chicago, where he is attending the annual convention of the National County Agents Association.

Pocahontas Nominates Officers Friday Night

Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet Friday night in the Red Men Hall at 8 o'clock. One of the items of business will be the nomination of new officers for the six-month term, so that Mrs. Beulah Cale, Pocahontas, urges every member to attend.

After the business meeting refreshments will be served by Mrs. Myrtle Tynch.

COMEDY TONIGHT AT CHOWAN HIGH SCHOOL

The Senior Class of Chowan High School will present a three-act comedy, "The Absent-minded Professor," by James C. Parker, tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock.

The entertainment is expected to attract a capacity house.