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Early Morning Fire Causes Total Loss Of W.A. Sexton's Home

House and Contents Total Loss By Flames Saturday

SEEKING HOUSE

Mrs. Sexton and Five Children Escape After Being Trapped

Tragedy had the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Sexton on East King Street as its target about 7 o'clock Saturday morning, when the house was reduced to a mere shell and all of its contents consumed by flames. The fire developed on the first floor shortly after Mr. Sexton left for his work at the post office, with his wife and five children sleeping on the second floor. It is believed that faulty mechanism on an oil stove started the fire.

Unaware that the house was on fire, Mrs. Sexton was aroused when neighbors informed her of the fact. Trapped on the second floor, Mrs. Sexton disregarded the heat and gradually approaching flames to carry them from their beds through a window to the back porch roof, from where they were lowered to the ground. One of them was slightly injured in the race to safety, and Mrs. Sexton herself had a narrow escape as she descended from the roof when flames were leaping out the second story windows.

All of the furniture and clothing were consumed by the fire and even the children's Christmas presents were burned.

Friends have already come to the relief of the stricken family, who are at present making their home with their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cuthrell.

Although the house and its contents were a total loss, estimated at about \$7,500, Edenton firemen were able to keep the fire from spreading to the adjoining houses.

The Sextons are now frantically seeking a house or a several room apartment to make their home.

Appeal Again Made For Stocking Fund

Episcopal and Methodist Youth Join In Yuletide Project

BY SHARON LUPTON

Over 25 years ago a young man by the name of Aubry Shackell saw the need of taking care of the children of needy families on Christmas. This young man and Miss Fannie Coke were the leaders of the Episcopal Young People's Service League at St. Paul's Church. He had seen the Empty Stocking Fund project in action in other towns before coming to Edenton and introduced it to the Y. P. S. L. On Christmas of that year the young people of St. Paul's provided 20 children with toys, clothes, candy, etc., to give them a happy Christmas. This project was continued the following year under the capable leadership of Mrs. Oscar Elliott and Miss Emily Badham, and continued to expand each year. The Stocking Fund did an especially notable job during the depression year by giving 253 children a merry Christmas. When the Fund was just begun the local news-

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Conference Sunday At Methodist Church

Proposed New Church School Will Be Discussed at Meeting

Following the Christmas program in the Methodist Church next Sunday night, the first quarterly conference will be held, with Dr. F. S. Love, district superintendent, presiding.

All those who are required to make reports to the conference are requested to have these reports ready, which are general reports on the state of the work of each organization.

Two or three matters in connection with the proposed new church school building will be acted upon. The pastor of the church, the Rev. E. B. Edwards, says the conference should be held and he urges a large attendance of the official board as well as other members of the congregation.

Gets Purple Heart

Marine Private First Class Thomas Earl Goodwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Goodwin of Route 3, Edenton, was recently presented the Purple Heart Medal by his commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Caputo.

The medal was presented for wounds received by Pfc. Goodwin in action against Chinese Communist forces in Korea.

Pfc. Goodwin is a machine gunner with "Dog" Company, Seventh Marine Regiment, First Marine Division.

New Policy Adopted By Town Council To Hear Petitions

Requests Must Be Submitted Saturday Before Meeting

As of last week's meeting of Town Council, a new policy is in effect relative to business and petitions to be acted upon during a meeting of Town Council.

According to action taken, anyone wishing to present a petition to Town Council will be required to inform Town Clerk Ernest Ward, Jr., of their intentions no later than noon on the Saturday, preceding the regular Council meeting on the second Tuesday night of each month.

This will enable the Clerk to prepare an agenda for presentation to the various Town Councilmen by noon on Monday before the meeting. Such an agenda will lighten the burden of the Councilmen and provide for more thoughtful decisions.

Free Chest X-Ray For Health District

New Unit Now Installed In Cancer Clinic at Elizabeth City

According to Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, the District Health Department, in cooperation with the local Tuberculosis and Health Association and the practicing physicians, announce a program of free chest X-rays for all persons who come to the cancer clinic in Elizabeth City. This program will be started at the next clinic, and persons attending the clinic are urged to come a little early so that the chest X-rays can be made before the attending physicians arrive.

"The new X-ray unit is now installed," says Dr. McGuire, "and we are waiting for the electrician and the city to bring the power to the unit. It is hoped that this will be done next week and that the manufacturer's representative may be able to come early next week to test the machine and give our personnel instructions as to the use of the new equipment."

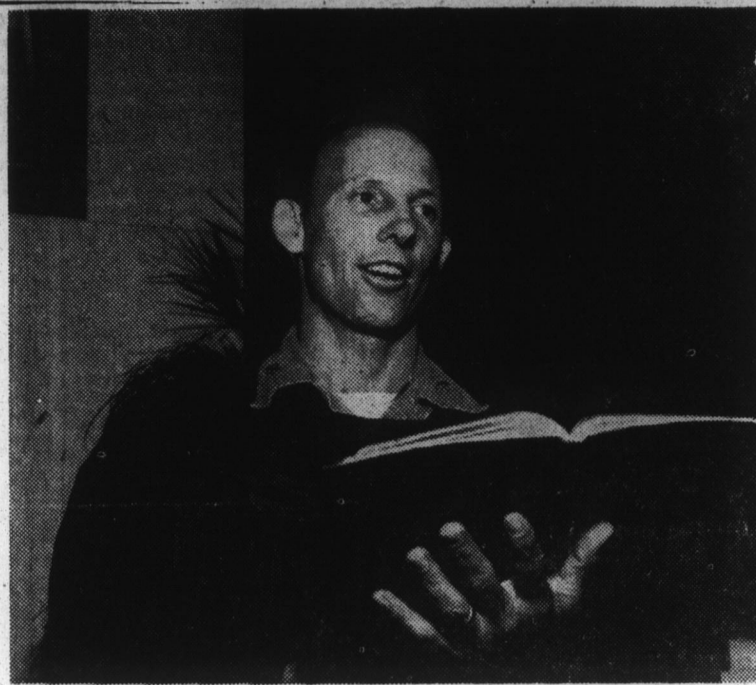
Films for this program will be furnished by the Tuberculosis Association and paid for from Christmas Seal Sale funds.

Quinn's Prize Winner In Window Contest

Mrs. Percy Smith announced Tuesday morning that judges awarded the annual Business and Professional Women's Club Christmas award to Quinn Furniture Company for the most attractively decorated Christmas window.

John F. White Patient In Tennessee Hospital

Friends will regret to know that Representative John F. White is a patient in Erlanger Hospital at Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. White entered the hospital Friday for observation and treatment, so that his stay in the hospital is indefinite.



THAT STATESIDE TOUCH—Singing hymns seems to add a stateside touch in the chapel at Headquarters Squadron of the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea, as Marine Major Ted R. Boutwell of Edenton is shown practicing for Sunday services and the coming Christmas season before leaving Korea. Major Boutwell, wing air freight officer, is pictured above wearing a robe made by a Korean tailor from salvaged material.

BPW Club Hosts At Annual Boss Night Christmas Party

Very Delightful Affair Held at Community Building

An enjoyable affair was held Wednesday night at the Community Building at Cross Roads, when the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club staged their annual Bosses' Night Christmas Party. A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was prepared and served by the Ward's Home Demonstration Club, who went all out in decorating for the Yuletide season.

Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, first vice president, presided in the absence of the president who was unable to attend due to a death in the family. The party opened with the group singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," after which Mrs. Jackson welcomed members of the club and their invited guests. John Fletcher gave the devotional and special guests were recognized, which included Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Towe of Hertford, Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher, Mrs. C. P. Wales, a former Woman of the Year, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Campen, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mooney and daughters, Brenda Dean and Patsy, who delighted those attending the party with a musical program and dance routines. The recreation and hospitality committee was in charge of the program, with Mrs. Lydia Daniels as chairman and Mrs. Corie White, co-chairman, who introduced the Mooney family.

Mrs. Lawrence Towe, 8th District Director of BPW Clubs, gave a brief but interesting history of the organization, in which she stated that it was non-partisan, non-sectarian and self-supporting. She paid the Edenton Club the highest tribute and praised the organization for its many worthy accomplishments.

An impromptu quartet created much merriment when each participant was asked to sing a different song. Taking part in this were Mrs. Frank Elliott, Miss Lena Jones, Johnnie Curran and Jack Mooney, with W. J. Daniels directing. Each guest and member were presented a Christmas gift and when opened the hall echoed with noise-makers and laughter. Several Christmas songs were sung by the entire group.

Jack Mooney sang as the benediction, "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You."

Candlelight Service At Yeopim Church

The Rev. L. H. Miller, pastor of the Yeopim Baptist Church announces a candlelight service at the church on Christmas Eve. The service will begin at 7 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited to attend.

Teen Age Christmas Dance December 20

Sponsored by the Teen Age Club, a Christmas dance will be held in the club room Saturday night, December 20 from 8 to 12 o'clock.

A small admission will be charged and members of the Teen Age Council will be in charge of arrangements.

Early Next Week

An effort will be made to print the December 25th issue of The Herald Monday of next week. The purpose is to allow Herald employees, who have been very busy the past few weeks, to enjoy several days' vacation during the Christmas holidays.

Due to stepping up the issue, all news and advertisements must be in The Herald office for next week's paper by Saturday.

Unique Record Made At Court Of Honor Held Tuesday Night

Korean Casualty

The Herald was notified Monday from the Department of Defense in the Pentagon, Washington, D. C., that Cpl. Johnny Lawrence, Jr., of Edenton was wounded in the Korean battle area and is officially listed as an Edenton casualty of the Korean conflict.

The next of kin, an uncle, Laddell Valentine of 114 East Gale Street, has been notified of his nephew's misfortune. Cpl. Lawrence has been in the service about two years.

Christmas Sing At Rocky Hock Church Next Friday Night

Young and Old Especially Invited to Take Part In Program

The Chowan County Chorus, made up of rural people, has been having a good time at their monthly sings. The December meeting will be held at the Rocky Hock Church on Friday night of this week, December 19, after their choir practice. The group is particularly anxious to have men, both old and young, including teen-age boys, meet with them in order to develop tenor and bass sections. This means also that they want the ladies, both old and young, including teen age girls, to attend.

The November Chorus meeting held at the Chowan Community Building was quite successful. A nice group of ladies was present and they began working by dividing into a soprano and alto sections, but only two men were present.

As well as enjoying singing together the group is trying to learn more about group singing and also correct some of the errors generally made in singing some of the hymns and folk songs. Therefore, County Chorus serves a two-fold purpose, that of enjoyment and also that of learning more about singing and singing together.

The program this time will be largely devoted to singing Christmas Carols and if anyone has special favorites they should come with requests in mind.

Public Masonic Installation Tonight

Public Invited to Attend Ceremony In Court House

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House, new officers of Unity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be installed in a public ceremony, one of the first public installations for Masonic officers to be held in Edenton in many years.

For the occasion H. A. Campen will act as master of ceremonies and special guests will be Ed T. Howard of High Point, deputy grand master, and William J. Bundy of Greenville, a past grand master, who will make the principal address.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremony light refreshments will be served.

Rotary Christmas Party Tonight At VFW Club

Edenton's Rotary Club will stage its annual Christmas party tonight (Thursday) in the VFW building on the old Hertford road. The party is scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Frank Holmes, William Holmes, Thomas Byrum and George Alma Byrum comprise the committee in charge of the party, with William Holmes arranging the entertainment feature of the affair.

BANK CLOSED DEC. 25-26

The Bank of Edenton late last week received a proclamation from Governor W. Kerr Scott ordering all banks in the State to close Christmas day and the following day, Friday. The bank will however, open as usual for half a day Saturday.

Advancement Is Made In Every Rank of Scouting

ANOTHER EAGLE

Outstanding Affair Is Held In Methodist Church

One of the most outstanding Court of Honors ever to be held in Edenton took place Tuesday night in the Methodist Church, when advancements were made in every range of Boy Scouting from Tenderfoot to Eagle and Eagle Palm, the first time this has been accomplished in the history of Scouting in Edenton.

T. L. Maston of Winfall, district advancement chairman, presided over the Court of Honor and was assisted in making the various awards by C. W. Overman, H. A. Campen, both Silver Beavers, and W. T. Harry.

During the ceremony another Edenton Scout, Clifford Overman, was advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout, and Ben Browning was awarded the Eagle Bronz Palm. Overman received merit badges for canoeing, leather work, rowing, bird study, camping, civics, fingerprinting, safety, home repairs, scholarship, woodcarving and wood work.

Browning's merit badges were for landscape gardening, rowing, leather work and wood carving. H. A. Campen presented the awards to Overman and Browning.

Ralph Chappell and Lloyd Mills were advanced to the rank of Tenderfoot, while those advanced to second class were Jack Overman, Dallas Stallings, Arthur White, Terry Bennett, Tommy Kehayes, Robert J. Boyce, Jr., William T. Harry, Jr., Oscar White and Ralph Chappell.

Those advanced to first class were Paul Miles Williams, Stuart Holland, and Caleb White. The badges for both grades were presented by C. W. Overman.

W. T. Harry presented the badges for Star and Life Scouts, which included Jerry Downum, Robert Earl Edwards and Caleb White as Star Scouts and Gordon Proctor as a Life Scout.

Jerry Downum's merit badges included camping, citizenship, home repair, music, pathfinding, personal health, first aid, bird study and art.

Robert Earl Edwards' included bugling, camping, civics, first aid, music, pathfinding and personal health, while Caleb White's was for camping, cooking, first aid, personal health, home repair, art, leathercraft, pathfinding, public health and woodcarving.

Gordon Proctor passed athletics, bird study, canoeing and forestry.

Others receiving merit badges were as follows:

Asa Dail—Camping, pioneering, rowing, pathfinding, first aid.

Billy Moore—Citizenship, fingerprinting, pioneering, rowing and canoeing.

Edward Williams—Home repair and machinery.

Billy Eason—Music.

These merit badges were awarded by W. T. Harry.

Jaycees Will Sponsor Series Turkey Shoots

Announcement was made early this week that the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce will stage turkey shoots Saturday afternoon, Saturday night and Monday and Tuesday nights.

The shoots will be held at Zell Ward's cotton gin on the Virginia Road. Winners will have the privilege of selecting either frozen or live turkeys.

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Christmas Program At Methodist Church

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