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Year.

## J. L. Chestnutt Takes Oath Office Monday As New Postmaster

Succeeds David Holton Who Recently Resigned

A REPUBLICAN

### First Republican Postmaster In Edenton Since 1930

J. L. Chestnutt on Monday morning of this week took the oath of office as postmaster at the Edenton Post Office. Mr. Chestnutt, who is a Republican, succeeds David Holton, a Democrat, who recently resigned when he was appointed director of the State Division of Purchase and Contract. Of course, under the Republican administration a change in the Edenton postmastership had been anticipated and with several anxious to get the job, Mr. Chestnutt was selected.

Mr. Chestnutt late last week was informed by Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield that the appointment was made and that he was to assume his duties Monday morning. J. T. Johnson of Ahoskie administered the oath of office to Mr. Chestnutt as he checked out David Holton.

Mr. Chestnutt has operated a dry cleaning plant in Edenton for 17 years and as he takes over the Edenton postmastership he has sold his dry cleaning plant to his son-in-law, Robert Powell, who will continue to operate the concern under the name of Chestnutt Cleaners.

In assuming his duties Mr. Chestnutt is the first Republican postmaster in Edenton since 1933, when Miles S. Elliott was succeeded by the late C. E. Kramer.

## John Dobson Wins Duke Scholarship After Late Start

### Edenton Boy Holder of \$3,750 Angier Duke Scholarship

According to a news release from Duke University, John Thomas Dobson of Edenton has good reason to tell you that the last often shall be first.

A freshman at Duke University and holder of a highly-prized \$3,750 Angier Duke Scholarship, John can well remember entering competition at the last possible moment.

With his sights set on becoming a doctor, the 18-year-old youth says, "I thought it was useless to look forward to medicine before I won the scholarship."

Early last December, John just got in under the application deadline to compete for one of the nine Angier Duke Prizes given each year to North Carolina students. He won his way through regional tests, and finally came out on top in the finals on the Duke Campus last Spring.

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## Rotarians Planning To Attend Birthday Of Columbia Rotary Club

Edenton Rotarians at their meeting Thursday voted to call off the regular meeting Thursday, December 10 and instead attend a meeting of the Columbia Rotary Club Tuesday night, December 8, at 7 o'clock.

At that time the Columbia Rotary Club will celebrate its birthday and being sponsored by the Edenton club, President John Kramer is urging all Edenton Rotarians to make plans to attend the celebration.

### SUNBEAMS TO MEET

The Sunbeams of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet next Sunday afternoon, November 29, at 3 o'clock at the church. Mrs. Betty L. Manning, director, urges all children between the ages of 4 and 9 to attend.

## Help Santa Claus

All people who have toys that can be repaired and painted for use in connection with the Empty Stocking Fund are asked to take them to the Fire Department on Broad Street.

Thanks to Fire Chief R. K. Hall and the firemen, they help to make Christmas a joy to many children.

### New Postmaster



Edenton's postmaster as of Monday of this week is J. L. Chestnutt, who was sworn in office Monday morning. Mr. Chestnutt, a Republican, succeeds David Holton, a Democrat, who resigned recently when he was appointed by Governor William Umstead as director of the State Division of Purchase and Contract.

## Equal Rights Is Topic At BPW Club Meeting Held Thursday Night

### Members Will Meet December 2 to Fill Bags For Christmas Party

Featuring the monthly meeting of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club meeting Thursday night, which was held in the Penelope Barker house, was a panel discussion on the equal rights amendment.

Mrs. Anne Jenkins, chairman of legislation, presided over the discussion and those taking part were Mrs. R. S. Carr, whose topic was "History of the Equal Rights Amendment"; Mrs. Lena Leary, "State Laws Which Might Be Affected by the Equal Rights Amendment"; Mrs. Margaret White, "The Equal Rights Amendment, a World Issue," and Miss Lena Jones, "How To Approach Your Congressman or Senator."

The Equal Rights Amendment was added to the Federation's Legislative support program in 1937 by convention action. It has been re-adopted at all subsequent conventions. The Amendment now reads: "Equally of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress and the several states shall have power, within their respective jurisdictions to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

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## Study Course At Library December 1

### Sponsored By PTA and The Edenton Woman's Club

Under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association and the American Home Department of the Edenton Woman's Club, a study course on "Family Relations Between Parents and Children," will be held Tuesday night, December 1, at 8 o'clock in the Edenton High School library.

The meeting which will be informal, will be conducted by an interesting speaker, Miss Blanch Haley, State Field Secretary of the PTA. There will be a film shown on children's delinquency, an open discussion, plus a mid-way intermission at which time drinks will be sold.

## Thanksgiving Service At Methodist Church

The Rev. E. B. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Church, announced Sunday that a special Thanksgiving service will be held in the church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The service will be brief, he said, so that it will not interfere too much with the Thanksgiving dinner.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Plans Shaping Up For Christmas Party Friday, December 4

### Hour of Parade Changed From 3 O'clock To 3:45

By Evelyn G. Leary  
"Here Comes Santa Claus," will be the cry of the children of Edenton and Chowan County when Santa makes his appearance in the mammoth parade here Friday afternoon, December 4. The jolly old fellow will ride in the line of march in a beautifully decorated sleigh along with the numerous other floats. This event is staged annually for the little ones by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, in cooperation with the merchants of town, and long before plans get underway the kids start talking about the affair with excited eagerness. They can hardly wait for the big day, for Santa always throws them friendly waves and kisses, to say nothing of the goody bags they receive.

Mrs. Annie Mills, general chairman and members of her committee are working hard to get everything in shape for the parade and party. She announces that the time of the parade has been changed from 3 o'clock, as previously announced, to 3:45 o'clock Friday afternoon, December 4. It is hoped the public will note this change.

Santa Claus will arrive in Edenton on the 3:45 bus. He will get off the bus at the ball park and the parade will start immediately after he has mounted his float. Mrs. Lena Leary and her committee, who are in charge of the parade and floats, asks that those entering floats as well as children participating in the parade to assemble at the ball park at 3 o'clock so that the parade can be lined up by the time Santa arrives. The parade will not begin until he is settled in his sleigh.

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## Allotment Notices To Be Mailed Before Cotton Referendum

### Farmers Will Vote on Allotments Tuesday, December 15

Cotton growers will be notified of their 1954 acreage allotments before they vote in the referendum on Tuesday, December 15, Will A. Harrell, chairman of the Chowan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, advises. The 1954 farm acreage allotments are now being established and notices to farmers will be mailed out by December 4th.

Every farmer, landlord, tenant, or share-cropper, who had a share in cotton planted in 1953 will be eligible to vote in the referendum.

State and County allotments are determined from acreage planted in 1947, 1948, 1950, 1951 and 1952.

## Appeal Again Made For Stocking Fund

### Project of Members of St. Paul's Young People's Service League

Members of the Young People's Service League of St. Paul's Church are in the process of planning the Empty Stocking Fund campaign for 1953. They will soon ask for donations of clothing, toys and money to be used for the filling of Christmas boxes for those families in Chowan County who, because of unfortunate circumstances cannot help themselves. Any persons having clothing or toys suitable for the filling of the boxes are asked to contact the Rev. Gordon D. Bennett, rector of St. Paul's Church, or Mike Malone, president of the Young People's Service League. Mr. Bennett's phone numbers are 254-W and 533. Mr. Malone's phone number is 328-W.

Persons who are interested in receiving help this year must have their applications in before December 20. By so doing the Service League members will have time to interview families and to prepare the Christmas boxes according to each family's particular needs. The annual Christmas Stocking Sale will be held on the Saturday before Christmas and Christmas Eve. The funds obtained from this means help to purchase food, clothing and toys.

The young people of St. Paul's (Continued On Page Seven)

## Progress Made In Local Effort to Get Edenton USO Club

### Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., Advised Representative Will Visit Edenton

Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., who a week ago was named chairman of the movement to secure a USO Club in Edenton, reports progress on the project in that with 17 organizations supporting the idea, she has been advised that a USO representative will soon arrive in Edenton to make a study of the situation.

David M. Robison, regional executive of Region III at Atlanta has written Mrs. Ricks to the effect that he is happy to know so much concern has developed regarding recreation for local service men and that Thomas J. Kunz is planning to make a trip to Edenton very soon, possibly early next week, at which time he will be happy to meet with those interested and discuss the situation and offer what assistance is possible.

Mrs. Ricks stated that the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Business and Professional Woman's Club and the Edenton Woman's Club have approved recommendations of the governing board of the Penelope Barker house which stated a willingness to have the USO director look over the house as a possible site for a location of a club. Possible sites for a colored USO are the Brown-Carver Library and the old colored school building on West Church Street.

Local organizations favoring a USO Club in Edenton include Town Council, the PTA, First Christian Church, Woman's Club, DAR, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Red Men, Rotary Club, Degree of Pocahontas, Business and Professional Woman's Club, Baptist Church, Methodist Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, American Legion, VFW and VFW Auxiliary.

## 1954 Auto License Plates Go On Sale Tuesday, Dec. 1st

### Miss Goldie Layton Urging Motorists to Buy Tags Early

New 1954 license plates will go on sale Tuesday, December 1, at 9 A. M., at the Carolina Motor Club office, 102 East Water Street, Goldie Layton, office manager, has announced.

Motorists were urged by Miss Layton to buy their licenses well in advance and avoid the perennial last minute rush, which always finds hundreds of persons in long queues throughout the State.

This year, the license plates are black on orange, reversing the 1953 color scheme.

Certain changes were made by the 1953 Legislature with regard to licensing of trucks. In general, licenses will be issued on the basis of the driver's declaration as to the empty weight and maximum load of his vehicle. All truck owners are requested to fill in information requested on back of 1954 license renewal cards before presenting them for 1954 license.

Miss Layton recently returned from a Carolina Motor Club license school at Greenville, N. C. During the all-day meeting, club managers were instructed by State officials in the application of new licensing regulations. During the license season, the Carolina Motor Club's business hours will be from 9:00 A. M., to 4:00 P. M.

## Civic Calendar

Boys' Brigade will hold an overnight hike Friday night.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold an oyster roast Wednesday night of this week at 6:30 at Halsey Hardware Company, followed by a special communication in the lodge hall for the purpose of conferring the third degree.

BPW members will meet at the armory Wednesday night, December 2, at 8 o'clock to fill bags for Edenton's Christmas party.

Sub-district meeting of MYF will be held in Hertford Monday night, December 14.

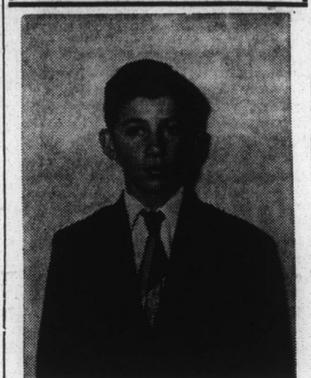
Special Thanksgiving service in the Methodist Church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Sunbeams of Baptist Church will meet Sunday afternoon, November 29, at 3 o'clock at the church.

Study course on "Family Relations Between Parents and Children" (Continued on Page Twelve)

## Peanut Referendum Scheduled Be Held On Tuesday, Dec. 15

### State 4-H Winner



VANDY PARKS  
L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leader, has announced that Vandy Parks of the Hobbesville community has been named North Carolina's 4-H Club corn winner for 1953. Vandy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parks.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

## Vandy Parks Wins Honor As State's 4-H Corn Champion

### Awarded Free Trip to National 4-H Congress In Chicago

Vandy Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parks, of the Hobbesville community, is the N. C. State 4-H corn winner for 1953, states L. H. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leader. As State winner, Vandy will be given a free trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, Illinois, November 29-December 3. The trip is sponsored by the Plant Food Institute of North Carolina and Virginia.

Vandy planted Wood's Yellow Hybrid, Number V-50 on his acre, and made a weighed yield of 94.02 bushels. However, Vandy was not declared to be State winner merely on basis of his yield in 1953. The contest was based on a two-year average. Vandy produced 113.75 bushels of Pioneer 302 corn on the same acre in 1952.

Vandy, who is 15 years old, prepared his land by cutting the stalks and discing the land thoroughly. Six loads of stable manure were applied to the land before it was disced. After the land was disced the rows were laid off with a tractor middle buster and 1,200 pounds of 3-9-9 fertilizer was applied. Vandy took a soil test two months before planting time. The land was fertilized according to soil test report recommendations. The corn was planted April 8, and spaced 12 inches apart on 3 1/2 foot rows.

Vandy top-dressed his corn with 700 pounds of A-N-L, which gave 140 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre. The top-dressing was applied when (Continued on Page Twelve)

## Three Concerns In Edenton Burglarized

### In Neighborhood of \$700 Stolen Sometime Saturday Night

Edenton experienced a break-in spree Saturday night, when three establishments were entered and in the neighborhood of \$700 taken.

Byrum Implement & Truck Company on Highway 17 was relieved of about \$500 in cash, with the next biggest loser being the B.B.H. Motor Company, where something over \$200 was taken from a safe. The third concern, the Perry Metal and Sheet Metal Works, was more fortunate in that only a few cents were found.

Police are making an investigation, but no clues to the burglars have been found.

## Thanksgiving Service At Baptist Church

A Thanksgiving service will be held in the Baptist Church Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. This service will take the place of the usual Wednesday night prayer meeting.

## Growers Eligible to Vote Who Shared In 1953 Crop

### NEEDS 2/3 MAJORITY

### If Passed 1954 Crop Will Be Available at 90% Of Parity

Chowan County peanut farmers will vote in a referendum on Tuesday, December 15, to determine whether marketing quotas will be used for the 1954, 1955 and 1956 crops of peanuts. A similar vote is being held on the same day in all areas where peanuts are grown.

According to W. A. Harrell, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, all peanut growers are eligible to vote in the referendum who shared in 1953-crop peanuts produced on a farm with a picked or threshed acreage of more than 1 acre.

At least two-thirds of all farmers voting must approve the quotas before they may be made effective. If marketing quotas are not approved, they will not be used for the 1954 peanut crop, and another vote will be held next year on quotas for the following three crops.

Explaining that the Secretary of Agriculture is directed by law to proclaim peanut marketing quotas, Mr. Harrell stated that each year, between July 1 and December 1, the Secretary must proclaim the amount of the quota for the next crop year. This quota is converted into a national acreage allotment which is apportioned to States and to farms according to provisions of law. All farm operators have been notified in writing of their farm acreage allotments, Mr. Harrell said.

The farm marketing quota is the quota of peanuts produced on the farm acreage allotment. Peanuts produced on a farm where the 1954 peanut acreage is larger than the allotment will be subject to a marketing penalty.

If growers vote approval of quotas, price supports on 1954-crop peanuts will be available at 90 per cent of parity to peanut farmers who harvest within their acreage allotments. Support for the 1955 and 1956 crops, under existing legislation, will be available at not less than a per cent of parity between 75 and 90 per cent which depends on the supply available at the beginning of the marketing year. If growers oppose peanut quotas, the level of support on the 1954 crop to cooperators will drop to 50 per cent of parity.

## Defense Housing Project Scheduled For Edenton Area

### 30 Houses Programmed To Rent to Marine Personnel

Information from Washington this week is to the effect that the Housing and Home Finance Agency has programmed 30 defense rental housing units for private construction in Edenton.

The houses will be rented to personnel of the Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Station.

The agency approved 10 two-bedroom houses to rent for no more than \$65 a month and 20 three-bedroom houses with a rent ceiling of \$75 a month.

## Singspiration Will Be Held At Macedonia Church November 29

A fifth Sunday Singpiration will be held in the Macedonia Baptist Church next Sunday night, November 29, starting at 7:30 o'clock. The Singpiration will be led by the pastor, the Rev. Bennie Crawford and everyone is cordially invited to join in the singing.

## Little Early

This week's Herald should reach readers a day earlier than usual. The Herald went to press Tuesday instead of Wednesday in order for The Herald employees to have off for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday of this week.