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Santa Claus Is Coming To Edenton Friday

Applications Being Received By FHA Office For Erektion Of 30 Critical Housing Units

December 18 Designated As Deadline to Make Application

READY TO START

Government Empowered To Meet Housing Needs

As of Monday of this week and until December 18, the Federal Housing Administration office at Greensboro will receive applications for mortgage insurance under Title IX for programmed housing in Edenton, recently declared a critical defense housing area. The announcement was made by R. C. Millikan, FHA director.

The program of 30 housing units to be built in the Edenton area, including Chowan County, was announced recently by the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Washington. All of the programmed housing is intended for in-migrant defense workers and military and civilian personnel of the Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Station, the designated defense establishment in the area. The announcement by FHA that it is ready to receive applications means that the program can now get started, Mr. Millikan said.

Details of the defense housing program for this area are as follows:

All of the 30 housing units programmed for this area are to be rental. Of these rental units, 10 are programmed as two-bedroom units with a maximum monthly rental of \$65.00, and 20 as three or more bedrooms with a maximum rent of \$75.00. The maximum rents specified are shelter rents exclusive of extra charges for various utilities and services which may be approved by the FHA office in amounts consistent with normal charges in the area for such services.

In considering applications the FHA will take into consideration the following factors:

1. The proximity of the site of the proposed housing to the defense plants
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Rental Instruments Now Available For New School Band

Now Logical Time For Students to Enroll In Band

With the intention of recruiting a large number of students for the school band, Bandmaster Ernest Gentile has announced that all students will be given an opportunity to enroll the new band to be formed in the near future.

While conferring with Principal Gerald James the decision was reached that all students would be tested with a scientific test to check their musical ability, and that arrangements would be made whereby instruments could be rented for three months to determine the instrument best suited to each individual child and his interest in it. This method of starting children on musical instruments is being widely used by schools throughout the country with great success.

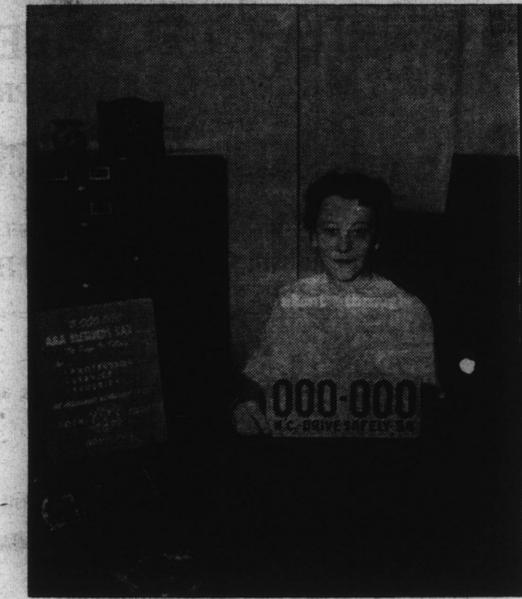
Lessons will be furnished by the school. Now is the logical time for children to start and it will only be a matter of months before they will be given an opportunity to win a chair in the regular band and to participate in all of the school band functions.

Presents Sought For Tubercular Patients

Mrs. J. A. Moore is making an appeal to the various churches for Christmas presents to be given tubercular patients during the holidays. These presents should include such items as wash cloths, soap, shaving lotion, combs, tooth paste, tooth brush, book of stamps, writing paper, envelopes, bedroom slippers, white socks and the like.

Anyone who will make a contribution is asked to take it to Mrs. Moore's home on or before Tuesday morning, December 8.

Ready To Sell 1954 Automobile License Plates



Above is pictured Miss Goldie Layton, branch manager for the Carolina Motor Club at 102 East Water Street, where the new 1954 automobile license plates can be purchased. Miss Layton is displaying the new 1954 tag and urges automobile owners to make their purchases early in order to avoid the last minute rush. Sale of tags began Tuesday morning of this week and can be purchased daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

Teen Age Christmas Dance Scheduled For Thursday, Dec. 17th

In Neighborhood of 150 Youngsters Enjoying Club Room

Plans are now being made to hold a Christmas dance for the teen-agers at their club in the Edenton Elementary School. The dance is scheduled to be held Thursday night, December 17, starting at 8:30 o'clock and continuing until 11:30.

Mrs. Tom Cross, Mrs. Muriel Wilkins, Mrs. Dorothy Campen, Mrs. Bill Partin and Mrs. Robert Boyce are making preparations to make the dance a very wonderful occasion for the young people.

There are about 150 members of the Teen-Age Club and Mrs. Wilkins reports that last Saturday night from 7 o'clock to 11 practically every member was there. This is certainly a worthwhile project and a very popular one to claim such enthusiasm and support from the children.

Those in charge of the Teen-Age Club say no amount of time and trouble spent on the children is too great, for it is a joy to see, such a crowd of young boys and girls in a clean, wholesome group learning to find pleasure and harmony in each other, acquiring a few social graces and cultivating friendship that will endure for many years.

Members of the board of directors are very appreciative for the cooperation given by the various sponsoring organizations in helping to pay the supervisor's salary. This has been a
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WMU Homecoming Monday, December 7

The Women's Missionary Union of the Edenton Baptist Church will observe homecoming day Monday afternoon, December 7, at 8:30 o'clock. Mrs. C. T. Doughtie, chairman of the social committee, urges every member to be present. Refreshments will be served and a treat is in store for all.

Edenton PTA Meeting Is Scheduled Dec. 8th

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night, December 8, in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The program will consist of several musical selections presented by the two sixth grades under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Stokes. All members are urged to attend.

Farm Equipment Field Day At Fair Grounds Thursday, Dec. 17th

Over 700 People Attend And Interest Was Quite Intense

The Farm Equipment Field Day, held at the American Legion Fair Grounds, Tuesday of last week was quite a success. Total attendance was near 700 people and interest appeared to be quite intense.

An adult tractor operator's contest was the starting feature of the day. Jimmy Parrish, of the Yeopim community, was winner of the white operator's contest. Willie Brothers was winner of the colored contest. An attendance prize was awarded immediately following the contests.

The John Deere Equipment Dealer, Guy C. Hobbs, and his co-workers, took over for their demonstration at 10:00. This group did an excellent job demonstrating and showing their various equipment suited to this area. The group seemed to be particularly impressed with the operation of the control depth bottom plow. At the close of their demonstration, a large applause was sufficient to indicate a job well done.

L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine, N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, was introduced by Chowan County Representative John F. White. Mr. Ballentine's address was centered around the importance of farmers doing real thinking.
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Spiritual Life Service At Methodist Church

Sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, a spiritual life Christmas service will be held at the Methodist Church Wednesday night, December 9, at 7:30 o'clock. Christmas music will be featured and a cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

Edenton Rotarians To Visit Columbia Club

Edenton Rotarians will meet in a body with the Columbia Rotary Club Tuesday night, December 8. At that time the Columbia Rotary Club will celebrate its birthday and inasmuch as the Edenton Club sponsored the Columbia Club, President John Kramer urges every Rotarian to make a special effort to attend.

The Columbia meeting will take the place of next week's regular meeting, so that no Rotary meeting will be held next Thursday.

Criminal Docket Of Superior Court Is Wound Up Tuesday

Joe Manley Given Three Years; Ward Trial Is Continued

Judge Chester Morris opened the December term of Chowan Superior Court promptly at 10 o'clock Monday morning, and shortly afterward began grinding out cases on the docket.

After jurymen answered roll call the following were chosen to serve on the Grand Jury: Ward Hoskins, Murray Rudolph Dail, L. E. Twine, William A. Elliott, Albert Hugo, W. S. Bunch, D. S. Kelly, William E. Jordan, Jr., B. F. Bateman, Herbert E. Harrell, C. Lloyd Lane, Edward J. Chappell, Elton Jordan, Merrill Perry, J. E. Copeland, P. W. Nixon, Junius White and A. E. Layden. Mr. White was chosen to act as foreman.

In beginning his charge to the Grand Jury Judge Morris said it was a pleasure to preside over this term of court for he always enjoys a visit to Chowan County. At the outset he stated he would excuse nobody from serving except in case of sickness or extraordinary hardship which might result from serving. Only one jurymen was excused from the 50 who were summoned.

"The grand jury system has been in operation a long time," said Judge Morris, "and the law is very jealous to safeguard the rights and privileges of individuals. It is an important cog in a wheel of the court for carrying out justice."

Judge Morris emphasized the importance and honor in being called upon to serve as a member of the
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Parade Is Scheduled To Leave Hicks Field Approximately 3:45

Help Firemen To 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 as soon as possible. (The firemen want time to do the repair work).

If you have an old doll that can be repaired, please bring it in as quickly as possible in order that someone will be able to clean and dress the doll for the Christmas boxes.

Thanks to Fire Chief R. K. Hall and his firemen for helping to make Christmas a joy to many children.

Double Referendum For Cotton-Peanuts Will Be Held Dec. 15

Farmers Will Choose Between 90% of Parity Or 50% of Parity

On December 15 Chowan County peanut and cotton producers will vote in a double referendum. One will be to determine the peanut program for the next three years, the other to determine the cotton program for 1954.

The peanut referendum will be the fourth one in which peanut producers have voted on whether or not marketing quotas shall be used for their crops. The three previous votes were held in April, 1941, December, 1947, and December, 1950. In each, farmers approved quotas for the following three crops.

The cotton referendum will be the second one on which cotton farmers have voted since 1942. The other was held in 1950, at which time quotas were approved for the 1950 crop.

W. A. Harrell, chairman of the Chowan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, points out that the Secretary of Agriculture has less leeway in proclaiming peanut quotas than for most other basic crops.
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J. H. Asbell Is New Cubmaster Of Pack Sponsored By Lions

Meeting Scheduled to Be Held Tonight In Boy Scout Cabin

After being inactive since last spring the Edenton Cub Pack, sponsored by the Edenton Lions Club, has taken on new life and a meeting has been called to be held in the Scout Cabin tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock.

A new Cub Scout committee has been appointed which includes Haywood Bunch, chairman, M. A. Hughes, W. B. Jones, Dr. A. F. Downum, Richard P. Baer and Dr. R. H. Vaughan.

John H. Asbell has agreed to act as Cubmaster under the new set up and Frank E. Twiddy will be assistant Cubmaster. At tonight's meeting Raymond Heck, field Scout executive, will attend and will present a very interesting moving picture on Cub Scouting. All former Cub Scouts, as well as boys of Cub Scout age, 8, 9 and 10 years old are especially urged to be present, accompanied by their parents.

Town's Vehicle License Plates Now On Sale

Town Clerk Ernest Ward, Jr., announces that 1954 vehicle license plates are now on sale at the Town Office. These new plates must be displayed before February 1, so that Mr. Ward urges the purchase of them as soon as possible.

Presents Will Be Distributed at Court House Green

FLOAT PRIZES

In Neighborhood of 2500 Bags Ready For Distribution

Plans have been completed and the stage is all set to welcome Santa Claus when he makes his annual visit here Friday afternoon to participate in the big Christmas parade and party sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, in cooperation with the business concerns of town.

A festive air was created and excitement prevailed among the youngsters when workmen this week began to string up the multicolored lights along Broad Street. The lights will be turned on for the gala affair Friday afternoon and at the same time usher in the Yuletide season. Edenton merchants have gone all out this year to add to the Christmas spirit by having beautifully decorated windows and an abundance of various gifts and toys.

Approximately 2,500 goody bags have been prepared for distribution to the children of Edenton and Chowan County. Tickets have been distributed to all county and city schools, both white and colored. It has been announced that the county schools will let out at 2:30 o'clock, with the City schools running on through their regular schedule and getting out at 3:15 o'clock. Pre-school children will receive tickets at the Court House Green where the party will be held.

The parade will start as soon as Santa Claus gets off the 3:45 bus at the ball park and mounts his sleigh. Headed by police escort, town and BPW officials and the Edenton High School Band, the line of march will pass along Broad Street and turn on East Water Street, where it will disband after Santa Claus mounts his reviewing stand on the Court House Green. There, bags of sweets will be distributed to the children, who will also get an opportunity to talk with Santa Claus. Those taking part in the parade are again reminded to assemble at the ball park at 3 o'clock, so that the parade will be ready to move when Santa arrives.

At the Green, a lane will be roped off for the white children, with distribution of bags being in charge of members of the VFW Auxiliary, who are also in charge of the decorating. The colored children will also have their own lane and the colored Woman's Club will handle distribution of bags for them.

As in previous years, the affair expects to draw an immense crowd and people begin to line the streets long before the parade gets underway. Several streets will be blocked off and traffic directed in other directions by Edenton and military police while the parade is in progress.

A prize of \$15.00 will be given for the best float in the parade and \$10.00 for the second best float.

Civic Calendar

Edenton's Christmas Party and Parade will be held Friday afternoon, December 4, starting at 3:45 o'clock.

Teen Age Club Christmas dance in the Elementary School Thursday night, December 17, from 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock.

Edenton Rotarians will attend the Columbia Rotary Club's birthday anniversary Tuesday night, December 8.

VFW Auxiliary meets tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the VFW hall.

Semi-monthly meeting of Edenton Chapter of the Eastern Star will be held in the Court House Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Young Woman's Bible Class of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will elect officers for the year 1954 at a stated communication tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

Chowan County Commissioners meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the Court House.

Edenton Rotary Club meets to
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