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Edenton Aces Win 1954 State Football Championship

Parker Helms 'S-D Day' Chairman For Chowan On Dec. 15

Appointment Is Announced By Mayor L. H. Haskett

Mayor Leroy Haskett this week appointed Parker Helms safe driving director for Edenton and Chowan County for S-D Day which will be observed Wednesday, December 15th.

Issuing an appeal to all residents of Chowan County to prevent traffic accidents on S-D Day, Mr. Helms says the challenge of highway safety is one that must be met on rural roads as well as urban streets.

"Roads outside the incorporated limits of cities and villages may be the proving ground where the success of S-D Day is decided," Mr. Helms pointed out, stressing the fact that more than twice as many deaths in traffic occur in the county than in the city.

Mr. Helms says that in 1953, for example, there were 27,200 deaths on rural roads compared with 11,100 on urban streets according to statistics compiled by the National Safety Council.

"Traffic safety is particularly important to persons who live on farms and in rural areas," says Mr. Helms. "That's because no other segment of the population is more directly dependent on highway transportation, so that the support of farm people is urgently needed to assure the success of S-D Day and the whole continuing program of highway safety."

City drivers, venturing on the open road are urged by Mr. Helms to be particularly attentive because driving on the rural highway differs from driving on the urban streets in many important respects.

"With more than 3,000 pedestrian deaths on rural roads last year, it behooves drivers to remember that there are walkers in the county as well as in town," says Mr. Helms.

"Motorists and pedestrians in Chowan County can assure the success of S-D Day," says Mr. Helms "if they will do these three things:

"First, observe the letter and the spirit of all traffic regulations.

"Second, be courteous to every driver and pedestrian — practice sportsmanship.

"Third, give full attention to driving and walking. In other words, drive and walk as they would have all others drive and walk."

Hundreds Flock To Edenton Friday To Meet Santa Claus

Jaycees and Kindergarten Class Win Float Prizes

Edenton's Christmas party, sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club was held Friday and the concensus of opinion is that it was the best party ever held in Edenton. Although it was a cold day, it attracted youngsters and adults by the hundreds, who lined the streets and then, went to the Court House Green to talk to Santa Claus and receive a present.

Three bands in the parade added to the success of the party, which included bands from Windsor, Plymouth and Edenton, all of which performed very creditably.

In the parade, too, were a group of Marines, Boy Scouts, floats, decorated cars and, of course, Santa Claus, who waved at the kiddies as he went by.

First prize for the best float went to the Jaycees for their rocket ship with Scotty Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Harrell in the cockpit. Second prize went to the kindergarten class of Mrs. John F. White and Mrs. John Ross.

Christmas Program At Yeopim Church

A Christmas program, "The Life of Christ," will be presented in the Yeopim Baptist Church Sunday night, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the comforts of the newly installed heating system and join in the worship.

Music will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Philip H. Quidley.

Carroll Speaker At Rotary Club Meeting

The Rev. R. N. Carroll was the principal speaker at last week's Rotary meeting, being introduced by M. M. Perry, who had charge of the program.

Mr. Carroll used as a subject "A Way Out." He referred to the unrest and fear in the world today and said there are three courses to take: Preventive war, massive retaliation and spiritual awakening.

He said the latter was the surest way out, pointing out that it is necessary to change the thinking of those who would destroy. "We can," he said, but asked "will we?"

Grateful

Mrs. Adelaide Chesson, president the BPW Club, and Mrs. Margaret Phthisic, chairman of the Christmas parade and party, wish to thank the merchants and professional people and all others for their generous contributions, the Edenton police and highway patrol, military police, Town of Edenton, stagecraft boys of the Edenton High School, Negro Woman's Club, Negro Boy Scouts, judges of the floats, Degree of Pocahontas for decorating the Green and helping distribute bags, VFW Auxiliary for helping fill the bags, members of the National Guard, all civic clubs and schools, and any others who helped to make the affair the huge success it was.

C. R. Betts Cleared Of All Charges In Superior Court

Judge Gives Verbal Spanking to Jury In Case

Marine Sergeant C. R. Betts was found not guilty by a jury in Chowan Superior Court late Saturday night which displeased Judge Q. K. Nimocks, who after giving the jury a verbal spanking, ordered a warrant issued charging the defendant with drunken driving according to his own testimony during the trial.

Betts was charged with rape and carnal knowledge, but after the state's testimony Solicitor Walter Cahoon dropped the rape charge and resorted to three minor charges, assault with intent to commit rape, assault on a female and carnal knowledge of a girl over 12 and under 16.

The case was one of the longest drawn out in recent years. Judge Nimocks ordered a special venire of 75 men from which to select a jury and after the regular jurors were exhausted only one juror was chosen. About 60 of the special veniremen were used before the jury was completed and included: Thomas Edward Francis, Lloyd G. White, Herbert Raye Lane, Percy L. Smith, Johnnie Bass, Ernest Lee, Herbert S. Small, J. P. Partin, Wallace T. Bass, William Augustus Perry, Willis Ray Poole, L. E. Davenport and J. E. Waff, Jr.

A night session of court was held Friday and the court was not adjourned until about 10 o'clock Saturday night.

The verdict of the jury not only displeased Judge Nimocks, but many of those who attended the trial voiced their displeasure.

Before court adjourned Judge Nimocks passed judgment on Lewis C. Gordon and Ernest R. Castonguay, charged with breaking and entering a storehouse with intent to commit larceny. Each was sentenced to one year, suspended upon good behavior and not violate any state or federal law for five years and pay a $100 fine and costs of court.

Edenton PTA Will Meet Tuesday Night

Edenton's Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday night, December 14, at 8 o'clock in the Elementary School auditorium. A feature of the meeting will be Christmas music, which will be rendered by the High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning.

All members are especially urged to attend.

RE-APPOINTED TO OFFICE

Chowan County Commissioners their meeting Monday re-appointed W. P. Jones as tax supervisor and J. N. Pruden as county attorney. Both appointments are for one year.

Empty Stocking Fund Plans Started For 1954 Campaign

Christmas Boxes Will Be Given Needy Families

Members of the Young People's Service League of St. Paul's Episcopal Church are in the process of planning the Empty Stocking Fund campaign for 1954. They are asking 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 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 583. 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 Church assume no credit for this work. They consider it a county project and are most appreciative of the aid given to them by interested people of the county during the past years. "We know we will receive the same interest and help from you as we have in the past," says Mike Malone. "Together we can make this Christmas a joy and pleasure to many people, and particularly to children who need to feel the love and devotion of the people of our county.

"You, the people of Chowan County, aided 33 families last year through your contributions."

County Agent Says Cotton Yield Good In Chowan County

Dusted Fields Show Better Yield Than Undusted Fields

Cotton yields in Chowan County were very good this year, says County Agent C. W. Overman. Lester T. Copeland of Ryland community reports making 10,440 pounds of seed cotton on 3.4 acres. This is 3,070 pounds of seed cotton per acre or over two bales per acre. Woodrow Lowe of Advance made 2,326 pounds of seed cotton per acre. Generally, growers report a bale or more per acre.

With limited allotments, most growers determined to make the most of what acreage they had. Generally, good fertilizer and cultural practices were followed. Approximately 80 per cent of the growers dusted to control cotton insects. Although too dry in some areas, the dry weather was favorable to good cotton production.

Some growers question the value of dusting cotton to control the boll weevil and other insects on a dry year like this. Overman says that some yield checks were made on dusted and undusted fields of possible equal productivity. On two adjoining farms the one dusted made 1,446 pounds and the one undusted made 1,034 pounds of seed cotton per acre. Records received to date show that dusted fields made an average of 531 pounds more seed cotton per acre than undusted fields in Chowan County.

Charles P. Bunch Is Burned To Death In Fire Tuesday Night

Home Completely Destroyed Near Center Hill

Charles P. Bunch, 85, was burned to death Tuesday night when his home near Center Hill was destroyed by fire. Edenton firemen were called to the scene about 10 o'clock, but the only service they could render was to throw water on the ruins in an effort to find the body of Mr. Bunch. Only the bones were found by Coroner Hubert Williford and Hoskins Bass.

Origin of the fire is unknown, but Mrs. Bunch, who was in another part of the house escaped.

Mr. Bunch is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Benjamin Lamb of Ocean View and Mrs. Joe McNider of Tyner. Two grandsons and one granddaughter also survive.

Edenton Objects To Telephone Increase

Conference Scheduled With Telephone Officials Today

Some customers of the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company met in the Municipal Building Tuesday afternoon to protest against the proposed increase of telephone service.

The proposed increase was termed ridiculous and every effort will be made to prevent the proposed boost.

It was decided to adopt a resolution protesting the increase, but it was decided not to take any action until a conference can be held with telephone officials. This conference is scheduled to be held in the Municipal Building this (Thursday) morning at 10:30 o'clock, when the matter will be discussed. The meeting is expected to attract quite a few telephone users in Edenton.

Dressing Up

Chowan County's Court House will be made more up-to-date, so far as lighting is concerned. At Monday's meeting the County Commissioners accepted a bid from R. J. Boyce of $800 to do this work.

New lighting arrangements, switches and outlets will be installed in the Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds offices, as well as in rest rooms in the Court House, which will replace the present antiquated lighting system.

Lions Realize $410 From Bread Sale

Club Will Hold Annual Christmas Party on Monday Night

Members of the Edenton Lions Club instituted a real door-bell campaign last Thursday afternoon when they sold loaf bread to the housewives of Edenton, for the purpose of raising funds toward the purchase of a bus for use in school activities.

When the sound of the bells had subsided, the Lions counted as proceeds the sum of $410.50, according to Medlin Beloh, chairman of the committee.

"We wish to thank the good people of Edenton that made this campaign a success, as well as the Tip Top Baker, who so generously gave the bread to the cause. We also appreciate the wholehearted cooperation of our committee and each Lion who participated," said Beloh.

In recognition of the fine showing made by the Edenton High School football team in winning the State Class A Championship over the Bessemer High School team in Greensboro Saturday night, the Lions voted to entertain them, together with the coaching staff, at a dinner in the near future, date for which will be announced later. Moving pictures of the game are expected to be shown at that time.

Plans for the Lions annual Christmas party are rapidly taking shape, according to Al Phillips, chairman of the food and arrangements committee. The date was announced as Monday night of next week, December 13, at 7:30 o'clock. The party will be held in the Lions Den and the lady Lionesses will be special guests. John Mitchener is chairman of the program committee.

Dr. Martin Wisely, chairman of the White Cane Committee, announced that letters have been mailed to the citizenry in general, and it is hoped that donations will be generous. "This money is used in connection with our work among the blind and visually handicapped persons and funds are badly needed at this time," said Dr. Wisely. Contributions may be sent either to him, or W. J. Taylor, secretary of the club.

The Rev. J. E. Richardson, new pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, was extended a welcome as a guest of the club.

USO CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Officers Wives Club will sponsor a Christmas party at the USO Club Wednesday night, December 15.

Town's '55 License Plates Now On Sale

Town Clerk Ernest J. Ward Jr., announces that town vehicle license plates for 1955 are now on sale at the Municipal Building. Mr. Ward calls attention to the law which requires 1955 plates to be purchased and displayed on vehicles before February 1.

"M" Night Rally Is Scheduled Monday At Ballard's Bridge

Postponement Caused Due to Inclement Weather

Because of the frigid weather and treacherous condition of the highways, the annual "M" Night Rally of the Training Unions of the Chowan Baptist Association was necessarily postponed until Monday night, December 13, at 7:30 o'clock. The rally will be held at the Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church and the public is asked to take note of the revised date.

The original program of music, talks, demonstrations and conferences will be carried out and the inspirational message of the evening will be delivered by Dr. J. S. Hopkins, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Suffolk, Va., whose subject is "Be Strong In the Lord."

Those who are not members of a training union are urged to join with the members of training unions in the fellowship and benefits of this Rally and goal-setting meeting.

Recital And Supper At Masonic Temple Monday, Dec. 13th

R. Warren Glocke Will Render Christmas Music

In the Masonic Temple dining room Monday night, December 13, the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association and Edenton Chapter of the Eastern Star will sponsor a chicken salad supper and organ recital by R. Warren Glocke.

Mr. Glocke will render a program of Christmas music and will be assisted by a soloist and violinist, so that a splendid evening of entertainment is promised.

Tickets for the supper and recital are now being sold by members of both groups, but it is pointed out that tickets can be secured by telephoning 13-J or 101-W. In event anyone cannot secure a ticket, one will be available at the door.

A small admission will be charged for the recital for those who do not wish to attend the chicken salad supper. It is hoped many will attend the affair.

Cotton Referendum Will Be Held Tuesday, December 14

Vital and Important Questions Face All Cotton Growers

The outcome of the cotton marketing quota referendum to be held throughout the nation's cotton-growing area on December 14 will determine the level of price support for cotton produced in 1955 and therefore is of vital concern to every cotton grower, says W. A. Harrell, Chairman of the Chowan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The marketing quota program will be in operation for next year's crop, the chairman explains, if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case, price support will be available for the 1955 crop of upland cotton at a level between 82½ and 90 per cent of parity. If more than one-third of the votes are against quotas, the price support level to eligible growers would drop to 50 per cent of parity.

The choice before cotton growers, according to Mr. Harrell, essentially is whether or not they want a reduced acreage and price support between 82½ and 90 per cent of parity. He explains that acreage allotments will be in effect even though quotas are disapproved; compliance with such cotton allotments and with any other crop allotments established for the farm will be required for eligibility for price support, no matter what the level of support.

Mr. Harrell urges all cotton growers to vote in the referendum. In his opinion, the decision will have far-reaching effects and the question deserves the serious study and the carefully considered vote of all who grow cotton. All persons who, as landlord, tenant, or sharecropper, had an interest in growing upland cotton in 1954 are eligible to vote in the referendum.

The referendum will be held between the hours of 8 A. M., and 6 P. M., on December 14 at the following polling places:

Edenton community in ASC office located in basement of U. S. Post Office.

Macedonia community at Grover Cale's store.

Center Hill community at Melvin Evans' store.

Rocky Hock community at Henry Bunch's store.

Ryland community at Henderson Ray Peele's store.

Gliden community at Lloyd Briggs' store.

Yeopim community at Lester Jones' Gulf Service Station.

Again Mr. Harrell urges all cotton producers to vote as they like, but vote and vote early.

Defeat Bessemer Champions of West By Score of 41-20

Getting Tough

Shortly after the County Commissioners re-appointed W. P. Jones tax supervisor for 1955, the Commissioners instructed him to comply with the law, which requires property to be listed for taxes during the month of January.

For those who neglect to list their property a penalty of 10 per cent of the taxes will be added, with a minimum of $1.00.

And in event property is not listed by the time the April term of Superior Court convenes, the names of those who have failed to list will be presented to the Grand Jury for court action.

The Commissioners are losing patience with those who fail to list property on time, as well as those who refuse to pay taxes, so that they intend to enforce the law to the letter.

Mr. Jones' recommendation for tax listers was approved by the Commissioners, who are as follows:

First Township—Mrs. Margaret W. Jones and Mrs. Gene B. Cullipher.

Second Township—Henry Bunch.

Third Township—T. D. Berryman.

Fourth Township — Ward Hoskins.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Edenton PTA will meet in the Elementary School auditorium on Tuesday night, December 14, at 8 o'clock.

Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its annual Bosses' Night Christmas party tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

Christmas program in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium Sunday afternoon, December 12, at 5 o'clock with the Glee Club, Junior High School Chorus and the Elementary School Chorus participating.

Rotary Club's annual Christmas party will be held Friday night, December 10, at 7 o'clock in the American Legion hut.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F., & A. M., will have a public installation of officers for 1955 in the Masonic Temple Friday night, De-

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Large Crowd of Edenton Fans Accompany Team

GIVEN TROPHY

Champion Given Rousing Reception Upon Return Home

Edenton's Aces on Saturday night convincingly defeated Bessemer High School in Greensboro to win the State Class A football championship by a score of 41 to 20. Despite the distance, a large number of Edenton fans attended the game and joined in a lively celebration after the game.

Mayor Leroy Haskett, who attended the game contacted the Police Department and requested townspeople to meet the Aces' bus Sunday afternoon upon its return. Accordingly, a goodly number of cars met the bus on the Windsor highway, so that the State champions had a "triumphant" return home. Some pent-up energy was directed to strewing torn up paper along the streets, not to mention horns blowing and yelling.

Things didn't look so good for the Aces at the start of the game, for on the first play Bessemer recovered an Edenton fumble and in about three minutes scored a touchdown and extra point to lead 7-0.

Edenton fans were soon comforted, however, when Jimmy Harrison scooted 50 yards for a touchdown and Milon Stilley rammed through for the extra point to tie the score. Again, near the end of the quarter Harrison on a make punt raced around left end and with beautiful blocking raced 55 yards for the second touchdown and Stilley again converted putting the Aces out in front 14-7.

In the second quarter Don Cagle snagged a pass for Bessemer and scored on a 38-yard play, but the try for the extra point failed, making the score 14-13. Late in the quarter Sonny Wright advanced five yards and then lateralled to John Whitson, who ran 40 yards to score. Stilley again made the extra point, putting the score at 21-13.

Early in the third quarter Stilley made a brilliant run of about 50 yards to score and added the extra point, giving the Aces a comfortable lead of 28-13. Bessemer, however, took on new life when Morrison got loose and ran 73 yards to score. The try for the extra point was good and was the last time the Western Champions were able to seriously threaten.

For good measure, the Aces added two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Stuart Holland made both of the counters on jaunts of 18 and 27 yards and added one of the extra points, so that the final score was 41-20.

The entire Edenton team played as a unit, so that just as much credit is due one as the other.

Before leaving Greensboro, Hap Perry, executive secretary of the High School Athletic Association, presented All-State Billy Hardison with the State Championship trophy which will be placed beside the one won in 1934, when the Aces, under Coach Henry House, won the championship, going through the season undefeated and unscored on.

Mrs. Dick Leary Breaks Hip In Fall

Mrs. Dick Leary had the misfortune to fall in her backyard Monday morning which resulted in breaking a hip. She was X-rayed at Chowan Hospital and removed to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, where she will be confined for a week or 10 days.

On Wednesday morning Mrs. Leary was able to be put in a wheel chair and is getting along very well.