

Important Meeting For Farmers Called Court House Jan. 13

Diverted Acreage In 1955 Will Be Topic For Discussion

"Diverted acres is the \$64.00 question to the 1955 farm program," says C. W. Overman, County Agent. "How many farmers use them to advantage this year? The answer to this question will be given at a farmers' meeting in the Court House in Edenton on Thursday, January 13."

"How to use Diverted Acres to the Best Advantage in 1955" is the subject that will be discussed by Extension Specialists in a county-wide meeting. The meeting will be held at the County Court House starting promptly at 10:00 and adjourning at 4:00 o'clock, with time out for lunch. All farmers and interested persons are urged to attend.

Agricultural Extension Specialists will discuss ways and means to use diverted acres toward maintaining farm income. "If you have an open mind for suggestions, this meeting can help you with your 1955 farm plans," Overman says. In view of the importance of this meeting, Mr. Overman is hopeful that many of the farmers in the county will attend.

Edenton Boy Helps Entertain Orphans At Party In Naples

Wesley S. Twiddy, teleman third ass, USN, 102 East Church Street serving with Fleet Aircraft Service Squadron 77 at Naples, Italy. The squadron recently contributed \$1,500 for a Christmas dinner for 300 orphans of the Naples area. In addition to the dinner, the orphans were treated to Walt Disney movies and a visit from Santa Claus.

This marks the fourth consecutive year the squadron has played host to the orphans of Naples at Christmas.

COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING
Gene Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taylor, has completed his army basic training at Camp Gordon, Georgia, and is now spending a furlough as guest of his parents. Young Taylor has been assigned to a leadership school at Fort Jackson, where he is scheduled to report on January 7.

56 JAILED IN DECEMBER
Jailer Herman White reports that during December 56 persons were placed in the Chowan County jail, with confinements ranging from one to 31 days. The expense amounted to \$402.80 which included jail and turnkey fees, securing the jail, soap and powders and telephone bill.

Project Meeting At Methodist Church Scheduled Today

The Rev. Carl R. Key Of Durham Will Be Discussion Leader

A group of ministers, church women, youth and Sunday School leaders and teachers are scheduled to meet at the Edenton Methodist Church this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock to consider a series of inter-church projects centered in the Bible. The Rev. Carl R. Key of Durham will be the visiting guest discussion leader.

Mr. Key is the Regional Director of the Committee on the Use and Understanding of the Bible in this State. He maintains a staff relationship with the Commission on Christian Education of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

This new work in the field of the Bible was inspired by a growing national interest in the Book of

Reappointed

At their meeting Monday morning Chowan County Commissioners appointed West W. Byrum to succeed himself as chairman of the board and J. R. Peete as chairman pro tem.

The Commissioners had very little, other than routine business, to transact so that they were able to adjourn shortly after 12 o'clock.

Kindergarten Class To Present Program At Meeting Of PTA

Pupils of the Kindergarten Class of Edenton's Elementary School, under the direction of Mrs. John F. White and Mrs. John Ross, will present the program at the January meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night, January 11, in the Elementary School auditorium. The meeting will get under way at 8 o'clock.

The theme of the Kindergarten Class program will be "A Tiny Top Circus" and the cast will include the 21 members of the class.

A full attendance at this meeting is urged by President W. T. Harry.

752 Arrested In '54 By Edenton Police

Annual Report Submitted By Chief of Police Dail

According to Chief of Police George I. Dail, Edenton police during 1954 made a total of 752 arrests, of whom 683 were found guilty as charged. Miscellaneous traffic arrests led the list at 222, followed by 97 arrested for being drunk. There were 18 arrests for disorderly conduct, 37 for speeding, 63 for assault, 15 for participating in affrays, 25 for operating automobiles while intoxicated, 5 for careless and reckless driving, 8 for larceny, 51 for whiskey violations, 67 miscellaneous arrests, 3 for breaking and entering, 71 for operating an automobile without a license.

CANCER CLINIC FRIDAY
The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will hold its first clinic of the new year at the Health Center in Elizabeth City Friday, January 7. Registration will begin at 10 A. M. No appointment is necessary and a free chest X-ray will be given.

Inspiring Service At St. Paul's Church On Sunday Evening

Feast of Lights Will Be Observed at 7:30 O'clock

On Sunday evening in St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7:30 o'clock there promises to be held a most beautiful and inspiring service. It is known as the Feast of Lights or the Epiphany Service. The service symbolizes the manifestation of Christ to the world.

"Christ is that light which came into the world to light the hearts and minds of all men in order that they may return to their creator," says the Rev. Gordon D. Bennett, rector. "Christ is the light that continues to grow every day, though at times we feel that His light has not reached into some parts of the world. During this service we cannot help but feel that we become a part of the early church as we witness the spread of the Christ light out into the world." Candles will be presented to those who attend the service. These candles are taken from the church to the homes of those who participate in the service, the burning of which symbolizes the light of Christ that shines in every Christian heart and home.

The public is cordially invited to participate in this glorious service to be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

"Use the church daily. It is God's house and you are always welcome," says Mr. Bennett.

Two Edenton Boys Completing Courses At Lakeland AFB

Preston Wright, 17, son of Mrs. William J. Wright and Douglas Ray Holland, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Holland, are completing their Air Force military training course at Lakeland Air Force Base, the "Gateway to the Air Force."

Their basic military training is preparing them for entrance into Air Force technical training and for assignment in specialized work. The course includes a scientific evaluation of his aptitude and inclination for following a particular vocation and career.

Dance Saturday Night At Legion Post Home

Sponsored by Ed Bond Post, No. 50, American Legion, dances are being held in the American Legion home every Saturday night from 8 o'clock to midnight.

Music for these dances is now being furnished by Bugs Bunny and his orchestra, who played for dances held a few years ago at the base and played at Virginia Beach during the summer. Goodly numbers have been enjoying these regular Saturday night dances.

Discussion Leader



THE REV. CARL R. KEY

Leading a discussion of a series of inter-church projects at the Edenton Methodist Church this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock will be the Rev. Carl R. Key of Durham.

Penalty Goes On '54 Taxes February 1st

Payments Accepted at Face Value During January

Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported to the County Commissioners Monday morning that 1954 taxes collected by him during December amounted to \$38,985.44. This amount brings total 1954 taxes collected to date to \$95,756.81. The 1954 tax levy is \$185,800.98, so that \$90,043.17 remains uncollected.

Taxes for 1954 are now payable at face value, but after February 1 a penalty of 1% will be added until March, when the penalty will be 2%. After April 2, in addition to the 2% penalty, one-half of one percent per month will be added until taxes are paid.

CIVIC CALENDAR

March of Dimes campaign in progress during the month of January. Property must be listed for taxation during the month of January.

Kindergarten class will present program at the PTA meeting in the Elementary School Tuesday night, January 11, at 8 o'clock.

Feast of Lights service in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Farmers of county requested to attend an important meeting in the Court House Thursday night, January 13, from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Meeting in the Edenton Methodist Church this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock to consider a series of inter-church projects.

Edenton Lions Club will entertain the Edenton High School State Class A championship football team at its meeting Monday night, January 10 at 7 o'clock.

Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held at the Health Center in Elizabeth City Friday morning, January 7.

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Christmas Seal Sale Lagging In District

Four Counties Report Deficit In 1954 Drive

Dr. Allan Bonner, president of the District Tuberculosis Association, reported early this week that a total of \$6,137.25 had been raised in the district by sale of Christmas Seals. This amount represents a deficit of \$3,462.75 in the district's quota of \$9,600.00.

Up to late last week Pasquotank County reported \$3,500.95; Perquimans, \$1,050; Camden, \$510.80, and Chowan, \$1,075.50.

Dr. Bonner urges everyone to send in their money for the Christmas Seals which were mailed in November, so that the drive can be completed.

Dr. Bonner said without the contributions from seals, the association could not exist, that the secret

Lions Club Plans To Again Stage Annual Minstrel

To Entertain Edenton High Football Team Next Monday Night

Edenton's Lions Club is getting off to a flying start in the New Year, according to planned activities announced at its meeting Monday evening.

The club decided to again stage their ever popular Lions Minstrel show this spring, at a date to be announced later. President Earl Harrell appointed West Byrum, Jr., as general chairman, which is sufficient assurance that the show will prove an outstanding success.

Next Monday evening the club will have as its guest the members and coaches of the Edenton High School championship football team, according to Modlin Belch, chairman of the Boys' and Girls' committee. It is expected that Coach Bill Billings will show movies of the championship game.

On the following Monday evening, January 17, the club will entertain the members of the 4-H Corn Club, as has been the custom for the most several years, Belch announced.

Construction of the swimming pool will begin in the early spring, it was announced by Jesse L. Harrell, who is general chairman of the project. "We are going to begin digging a hole this spring," said Harrell, "and I hope that each member of the Lions Club will turn over their pledges to either R. W. Leary, Jr., N. J. George or Bruce Jones promptly in order that we may proceed without further delay in this fine community undertaking."

President Earl Harrell expressed the deep appreciation of the club to Al Phillips, chairman of the arrangements committee, and Ernest Ward, Jr., chairman of the program committee for outstanding work they and their committee members did in staging one of the most enjoyable Christmas parties the club ever held.

Bell's Store Moves To New Quarters

Bell's store, which for six years was located in the Sam Habit building next to the P & Q Super Market property on Broad Street, this week moved to new quarters.

The store is now located in the Cozzens building on the southeast corner of Broad and King Streets. Mr. and Mrs. Watson Bell invite their friends to visit and inspect their new location.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS WILL RESUME MEETINGS JAN. 9

The Royal Ambassador Chapter of the Edenton Baptist Church will hold a reorganizational meeting Sunday morning during the 11 o'clock worship service. All boys between the ages of 9 through 12 are urged to meet with Pete Manning, Counselor, in the Junior Department of the Sunday School building.

Wm. Coffield Post, No. 9280 Veterans Foreign Wars, To Sponsor March Dimes Drive

President Of Young People's Service League Appreciative For Interest In Stocking Fund Approximately 150 In County Remembered During Christmas

Mike Malone, president of the Young People's Service League of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, sponsor of the Empty Stocking Fund, extends his thanks and appreciation to the people of Chowan County for the support in this year's effort to help make Christmas happier for unfortunate people.

"This year, through your help and support, many of our neighbors had a happier Christmas," said Young Malone. "Some received clothing which couldn't be afforded for their children. Some received supplementary food. Some received toys and Christmas gifts. But all received one thing in common. They received what you shared with them. This was perhaps their greatest gift—the gift of love."

"The young people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church were happy and privileged to have had a hand in this project. Through the Empty Stocking Fund 25 families, approximately 150 people, were given Christmas boxes this year. These

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N. C. Peanut Yield Highest On Record

Production Up 5 Per Cent; Acreage Is Down Slightly

The 1954 peanut yield is estimated at 1,650 pounds per acre. This is the highest yield of record, exceeding the previous record of 1,590 pounds in 1952 by 60 pounds per acre.

The total production of picked and threshed peanuts is 5 percent above last year but 5 percent below the 10-year average production. This year's crop was harvested from 173,000 acres—4,000 acres or 2 percent below the acreage harvested in 1953.

Eastern Star Plans "Friendship Night"

Affair Will Be Held Monday Night, Feb- ruary 7th

At its meeting Monday night, Edenton Chapter, No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, decided to hold Friendship Night in the Masonic Temple Monday night, February 7, at 8 o'clock.

The affair will be in conformity to Valentine and definite plans will be made and committees appointed at the next meeting of the chapter Monday night, January 17. Members of all chapters in the district will be invited to attend the affair.

Methodist Society Meets At Parsonage

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet at the parsonage Wednesday night, January 12, at 7:30 o'clock. Hostesses will be Mrs. J. E. Richardson and Mrs. Gerald James. Mrs. G. A. Helms, president, urges every member to attend.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETS

Edenton's Town Council will hold its January meeting in the Municipal Building Tuesday night, January 11, at 8 o'clock. Requests to be placed on the agenda must be reported to Town Clerk Ernest J. Ward, Jr., not later than Monday.

On Even Keel

E. W. Spires, County auditor, on Monday morning presented the County Commissioners a departmental budget balance sheet for the first six months of the county's fiscal year.

According to the figures the budget is running on an even keel with about half the amount of the various appropriations spent except in a few instances where large amounts were paid, and which will not occur again during the year.

Streets In Edenton Being Resurfaced

Work was begun Monday of this week to resurface the major portion of Edenton's streets. The work is being done by Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe. The resurfacing will be asphalt and will cost over \$21,000, which will be paid by the town from money received through the Powell Bill.

The work is expected to be completed within 10 working days.

Varsity Club Elects New Group Officers

Medlin Belch Succeeds Nick George as President

Medlin Belch was elected president of the Varsity Club for this new year at a meeting of the organization held Monday night in the school building. Mr. Belch succeeds Nick George as president of the club.

Other officers elected included Joe Thord, vice president and J. Clarence Leary, Jr., treasurer. Parker Helms was re-elected secretary of the club. The newly elected president immediately set up a planning committee for the organization, naming the four elected officers and appointing Nick George and Bill Cozart to the committee. This group will draft plans for the club's activities during the year.

SUNBEAMS TO MEET

According to Jesse Harrell, chairman of the Edenton Merchants Committee, the majority of stores in Edenton will resume Wednesday afternoon closing, effective this week.

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The Sunbeams of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Sunday morning during the 11 o'clock worship service. All members and any children between the ages of 4 through 8 are invited to attend.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall Warns About Cars Chasing Fire Truck

Opinion of Attorney General Cited to Back Action

Fire Chief R. K. Hall again urged automobile drivers to refrain from the practice of racing after the fire trucks when answering alarms.

In this respect Chief Hall calls attention to a recent opinion given by Attorney General Harry Mc-Mullan, which is as follows:

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Bill Perry, Command- er, Will Serve as Chairman

J. Edwin Buflag, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announces that the William H. Coffield Post, No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will sponsor Chowan County's 1955 March of Dimes campaign. Bill Perry, commander of the post, will serve as chairman of the drive and under his leadership the drive is expected to prove successful.

Mr. Perry made no little contribution to the March of Dimes success last year, when the drive was sponsored jointly by the VFW Post and Crowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas. He is now perfecting his organization and is, of course, appealing for the wholehearted cooperation of every citizen in the county, both in way of workers and contributors.

No specific quota is set for the county, but state and national headquarters are urging all chapters, in the face of the great need for funds, to surpass last year's contributions. March of Dimes contributions in Chowan County last year amounted to \$2,576.84, so that Mr. Perry and his workers are hoping Chowan will this year reach the \$3,000 mark.

It will be interesting to know what Chowan County during the year had one infantile paralysis victim who spent 42 patient days in Maryview Hospital at Portsmouth. The parents of this child were un-

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The outgoing president, Nick George, reviewed the activities of the club during the past year, and expressed his appreciation to the membership for their superb cooperation during his tenure in office. The club gave him a rising vote of thanks for his splendid service as president.

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