

## Thanksgiving

Let us devoutly give thanks to the Almighty for the many and great blessings we have received.



And let these altars, wreathed with flowers and piled with fruits, awake again Thanksgiving for the golden hours. The early and the latter rain.



## Tom's Thankful - -



---There Are Only  
26 'Chopping Days'  
Until Christmas

This high-flying turkey hopes to make it through the holiday season without having his goose cooked. If you'd do likewise SHOP NOW, while there's a generous assortment of gift items in the stores, and while merchandise is fresh.

## Plans Being Rapidly Whipped Into Shape For Staging Local Christmas Party And Parade

### Those In Charge Predict Biggest Affair Ever Held

By EVELYN G. LEARY  
An air of excitement and enthusiasm is being created among the small fry of Chowan County as plans go into completion for the big Christmas parade and party to be held Thursday, December 1, under the sponsorship of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club and local merchants. This event is always looked forward to by the youngsters, for it not only gives them an opportunity to witness a glittering parade but a chance to talk with their favorite subject, Santa Claus, to say nothing of the goodie bags they receive at the party.

Electric and Water Department employees have already placed the Christmas lights and decorations in the business district, ready to be lighted on the night of the party. Edenton merchants will also have windows decorated with Christmas merchandise, ready for the official opening of the holiday season.

Mrs. Margaret Phibisic, general chairman, says that plans are to have the affair the biggest and most attractive yet for the thousands of children expected, and that the steering committee has spared no efforts to accomplish this. Many floats will take part as well as clowns and other added attractions. Business concerns are invited and  
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## New Edenton Radio Station WCDJ On Air Since Saturday

### Judge Fountain To Preside Over Term Of Superior Court

### Term Is Scheduled To Begin on Monday Morning

The December term of Chowan County Superior Court is scheduled to convene next Monday morning, November 28, at 10 o'clock.

E. W. Spires, Clerk of Court, was notified early this week that Judge George M. Fountain of Tarboro, a special judge, will preside over the term instead of Judge Chester Morris, who will be enjoying a vacation.

Clerk Spires reports that there are 15 criminal cases and 25 civil cases on the docket.

### MEETING CALLED OFF

Edenton's Rotary Club will not meet today (Thursday) due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Next week's meeting will be held as usual Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House, when Jack Mooney will be in charge of the program.

## Local Jaycees Begin Contest To Name Most Outstanding Edenton Young Man For '55

### Nominations Received From Today to December 22

In keeping with presentations to be made on a nation-wide basis by Junior Chambers of Commerce during Jaycee Week, the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce will present a Distinguished Service Award key to Edenton's outstanding young man. The award will be presented at a special banquet to be held during Jaycee Week January 14-21.

In order to determine Edenton's outstanding young man for 1955, nominations can be submitted by

any local organization or individual. A great deal of secrecy shrouds the winner of the award in that nominations should be presented to Gilliam Wood, chairman of the DSA Awards Committee of the Edenton Jaycees. Mr. Wood will keep secret the various nominations to a group of judges composed of local citizens, who are also kept secret except to Mr. Wood. Nominations for the honor can be submitted to Mr. Wood from today (Thursday) to Thursday, December 22.

Nominations must be for a young Edenton man between the ages of 21 and 35 who has rendered outstanding service to his community.  
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### Owners Plan to Hold Open House In Very Near Future

Edenton's new radio station, WCDJ, went on the air early Saturday morning after waiting for some time for the green light from the Federal Radio Commission. The station, with studio and transmitter, is located on Paradise road a short distance from Edenton and operates on 1,260 kilocycles with 1,000-watt power.

The station is owned by four men, Ray A. Childers, who is president; Harry Doggett, vice president; William E. Johnston, secretary-treasurer; and David Ward, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Doggett is program director; Mr. Childers, commercial manager; Mr. Ward, technical supervisor; Mack Barnes, chief engineer; and Miss Janice Sumner, receptionist and woman's director.

The owners are very well pleased with the reception they have received in Edenton and with the success of their broadcasting with coverage reported strong and clear 85 miles in every direction. At night they have been advised the broadcasts have extended as far as California, Maine, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, Florida, Missouri, as well as other states.

The station goes on the air at 6 o'clock each morning and signs off at sunset.

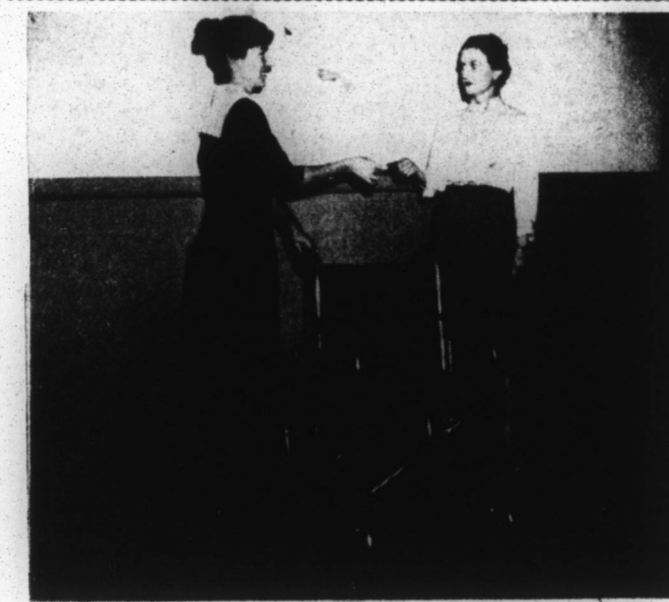
The quartet of owners point out that 260,000 people live in the immediate area served and that retail sales in the area amount to \$235,000,000.

The owners of the station are planning to observe the formal opening of WCDJ in the very near future, at which time the public will be invited to join in the observance of open house.

### Thanksgiving Service At Methodist Church

The Rev. J. Earl Richardson, pastor of the Methodist Church, announces that a Thanksgiving worship service will be held in the church this (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock. A special sermon appropriate for Thanksgiving will be delivered by Mr. Richardson and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## HOSPITAL DONATION



In the above picture Mrs. Al Phillips, left, president of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary, presents a check for \$78.25 to Miss Frances Tillett, superintendent, to pay for a wheelchair the Auxiliary recently donated to the hospital. The presentation was made at a meeting held in the Nurses' Home Friday afternoon.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

## Richard Lowe Wins State's 4-H Peanut Crown For Year '55

### Leaves Friday on Way To 4-H Congress to Be Held In Chicago

Richard "Dick" Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lowe of the Advance community, has been declared the 1955 State 4-H peanut winner. Dick grew 2,904 pounds of Jumbo Runner peanuts on his acre.

As state winner, Dick is awarded a free trip to the National 4-H Club Congress which will be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel Chicago, Illinois, November 27-December 1. The Plant Food Institute of North Carolina and Virginia sponsors the contest. E. Y. Floyd of Raleigh is Director of the Plant Food Institute.

All State winners will be honored at a State 4-H Recognition Day at the State College Student Union on Friday, November 25, at 10:30 A. M. After the banquet they will board charter buses which will transport them to Lynchburg, Va., where they will take the train for Chicago.

While at Chicago, the delegates will be honored by various sponsors, they will appear on radio and television programs and attend many interesting meetings as well as go on several scenic tours. All State winners will return to North Carolina via air. This is the first time that delegates to the National 4-H Club Congress have had the privilege of traveling by air.

Dick Lowe has been determined to be a State 4-H peanut winner for several years. He has been county and district winner and second.

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## Ready For Santa

Members of the Electric and Water Department have finished installing Christmas lights and other decorations in the business section, which will add to the spirit of the Christmas season.

The lights will be first turned on Thursday, December 1, when Edenton's Christmas parade and party will be held. The affair is expected to attract many children and adults from this section.

## CIVIC CALENDAR

Edenton's Christmas parade and party will be held Thursday afternoon, December 1, at 4 o'clock.

Sponsored by the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association, Grass Roots Opera will present "Hansel and Gretel" in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium Monday night, December 5, at 8 o'clock.

Christmas Seal sale in progress in Chowan County, with a goal of \$2,000.

Farm placement clinics in Room 204 at the Citizens Bank Building Monday through Thursday from 8 to 9:30 A. M., and on Friday from 10 to 12 noon.

December term of Chowan County Superior Court will convene in the Court House Monday morning, November 28.

Methodist ladies plan to stage their annual bazaar Thursday, December 1, beginning at 10 A. M. in the educational building. A turkey dinner will be served from 12 to 2 p. m.

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## "POST-MORTEM"

By GEORGE RORRER  
Alone and forlorn, save for a pair of friends awkwardly trying to extend sympathies, but not quite knowing just how, the little man stood beside the school that his football team had brought much honor over the past two years.

He looked at the ground, and absent-mindedly kicked at pebbles with his foot. Pondering, perhaps, the fates that can turn a year of glory into just another season—the fates that sometimes leave a champion on the outside looking in as an inferior contender receives honors that are rightly his.

Though he full well knows that losses are just part of the great game of football, he never thought it would happen to his team quite like it did. At least, he thought, when he lost he'd be sure that a better team had beaten his boys.

Yes, Edenton Coach Bill Billings has a lot of things to think of now

that his Aces have been eliminated from the North Carolina football race. In retrospect he can think back to several situations in which, had his players acted just a little differently, they wouldn't have lost to Cary last Friday night 13 to 12.

A loss by a single point is always a heart-breaker, but the one dealt the Aces was a doubly cruel one. Especially when just about everyone who saw the game will tell you straightforwardly that Edenton has a better football team than Cary.

Coach Billings and a lot of Edenton fans who saw the game at Greenville, which gave the Region One title to Cary, are still wondering if it pays to do things right. The loss was that type of a crusher that stuns its victims.

The tiny grid general from Catawba, brooding like a man with  
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## Substantial Expansion Of Edenton's Naval Auxiliary Air Station Aired In Report

### Postmaster Chestnutt Urges Early Mailing For Christmas

### Edenton's Post Office Getting Prepared For Big Rush

"It's time to start those Christmas mailings!" Postmaster J. L. Chestnutt warned this week, launching his 1955 "Mail Early for Christmas" campaign.

"On the calendar it's a month away but here in the Post Office it's Christmas today—and every day until December 25th," he said. Extra mail carriers and office help have been secured, the delivery trucks services, Post Office inkwells filled and in fact everything is ready for the mammoth flood of Christmas mail that is expected to smask all records.

The Post Office has already dispatched a tremendous quantity of gift packages headed for members of the Armed Forces overseas. Christmas cards for service personnel can still be delivered in time if they are sent by air mail before December 1st. In the U.S.A., smart people are now mailing gifts to friends and relatives living in other states.

Postmaster Chestnutt especially calls on housewives to help in his effort to deliver every package and Christmas card before December 25th. "The lady of the house," he emphasized, "is really in charge of each family's Christmas mailing program. She selects the Christmas cards, buys most of the gifts and sees to it that the mailing list of friends and loved-ones is up-to-date.

"Actually, success in having all Christmas gifts and greeting cards delivered on time is largely a matter of advance planning and preparation, which should be done this week," Postmaster Chestnutt pointed out.

He urges that you take the following steps at once: Get out your Christmas card list and carefully  
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### Harvey Point Is Also Considered For New Seaplane Base

### State Winner



RICHARD "DICK" LOWE

Chowan County boasts another 4-H Club State winner, with Richard Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Lowe, being declared the 1955 State 4-H peanut winner. Dick raised 2,904 pounds of peanuts on <sup>one</sup> acre to win the coveted State honor.

## Prominent Singers Will Take Part In 'Hansel And Gretel'

### Grass Roots Opera To Be Presented Monday, Dec. 5th

Grass Roots Opera, which will appear in Edenton Monday night, December 5, in the operas "Hansel and Gretel and The Telephone", looks with pride on many of its young artists who are making names for themselves in music all over the world.

Norris Greer toured the nation with the Wagner Opera Company's production of Madam Butterfly last season, following a nationwide tour with Musical Americana. Greer will be remembered in Edenton as Ernesto in Don Pasquale.

Vera Seamon, soprano, sang one season with City Center Opera in New York and toured southeastern Asia this past summer. She appeared in many concerts in the Midwest during 1954-55.

Imogene Gunter, brilliant young coloratura, recently returned to the United States after having appeared.  
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## Edenton Aces Lose Region 1 Championship To Cary 13-12 In Heartbreaker Friday Night

### Local Outfit Goes To Pieces After Two Early Scores

Starting off with a bang and scoring two touchdowns by about midway of the first quarter, something happened to the Edenton Aces Friday night in Greenville, so that they and a host of faithful but disappointed fans returned to Edenton with the short end of a 13-12 score, thus losing the Region 1 Championship to Cary, and putting an end to Edenton hopes of competing again for the State Class A football championship.

At the outset it appeared that the Aces would win by a one-sided  
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According to reports, Northeastern North Carolina, especially Chowan and Perquimans Counties, is being given serious consideration by the Navy Department in plans for expansion of its air facilities.

Two specific projects already are in the thinking and planning stages, according to a report. These being expansion of the air station at Edenton and construction of a seaplane base at Harvey Point. Costs of the two projects were said to be in excess of sixty million dollars.

In connection with Harvey Point, a high ranking Navy official confirmed that the Harvey Point site is a "logical possibility" for the planned new seaplane base, needed within the near future of operations of the newly developed Martin P6M SeaMaster, a four-jet bomber type water craft.

One of the basic reasons for the selection of Harvey Point, the report stated, is its remoteness from cosmopolitan areas. Operations of the SeaMaster would be limited or cosmopolitan areas. Operations of almost impossible in congested residential and industrial areas.

The Harvey Point area was submitted as a possible site for the new seaplane base when the Navy asked for recommendations for a seaplane base meeting the requirements.

A feasibility study of the Harvey Point site is now under way and it is likely a decision will be made on the matter very soon due to the Navy needs.

Full development of the Edenton base is expected to make that station comparable in size to the Oceana Jet Base near Norfolk, which cost 70 million dollars.

The development of the two projects, if given final approval, is expected to take some five years.

## ECC Alumni Form Chowan Association

At a meeting of alumni of East Carolina College held Thursday night at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School a temporary organization was formed for the college alumni in Chowan County.

Mrs. Louis George Wilkins was elected acting president and Mrs. Murray Byrum, acting secretary, and it was decided to organize a permanent alumni association early in January.

James W. Butler, alumni secretary of ECC, was the principal speaker at the meeting, using as his subject "New Look and New Outlook at ECC."