

Cotton Growers To Vote On '56 Quotas In Election Dec. 13

All Producers of Cotton In 1955 Eligible To Vote

Cotton growers have an important decision to make on Tuesday, December 13, W. A. Harrell, chairman of the Chowan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, reminds farmers.

On that day growers will vote in a referendum to decide whether marketing quotas will be in effect for their 1956 cotton crop.

"If at least two-thirds of the growers voting approve the quotas," Mr. Harrell said, "marketing quotas will be in effect on all farms growing cotton in 1956, penalties will apply on 'excess' cotton and price supports to those growers who comply with their cotton acreage allotment will be available at the full level of effective supports. Under current legislation this support will be between 75 and 90 per cent of parity, the level depending upon the supply situation at the time the determination is made.

"If more than one-third of the growers disapprove quotas, there will be no marketing quotas or penalties, but price supports to eligible growers (who comply with their allotments) will be available at 50 per cent of parity.

"In either case, acreage allotment will continue in effect for the 1956 cotton crop."

The chairman pointed out that the Secretary of Agriculture is directed to proclaim marketing quotas for the next cotton crop when the cotton supply exceeds normal. Quotas are not put into operation, however, unless they are approved by at least two-thirds of the growers voting in a national referendum on the question.

All farmers who produced cotton in 1955 are eligible to vote in the referendum.

Nominations Are In Order For Edenton Jaycee 1955 Award

Year's Most Outstanding Young Man Selected In January

Edenton Jaycees are looking forward to the week of January 14-21, when Edenton's outstanding young man for 1955 will be named at a special banquet. The Jaycees will present a Distinguished Service Award key to the young man who receives the honor.

Nominations for the outstanding young man are now being received by Gilliam Wood and can be made by any individual or organization. Those nominated will be kept secret by Mr. Wood and will be submitted to a group of judges who are also secret except for Mr. Wood. Nominations for the honor must be a man between the ages of 21 and 35 who has rendered outstanding service in the community during the year 1955.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Edenton Town Council will hold their December meeting next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Marines will play a benefit football game on Hicks Field Saturday night, December 10, at 8 o'clock to help raise funds for a new field house at Hicks Field.

Majority of stores in Edenton will close Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27, in observance of Christmas. Stores will begin Wednesday, December 21, to remain open until 9 P. M., through December 24.

Edenton Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday night, December 13, at 8 o'clock in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium.

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CHRISTMAS PARADE FEATURES



At top is the attractive Cathedral Church Choir float which won first prize in the mammoth Christmas parade held in Edenton Thursday afternoon. The float was entered by Chowan High School. Tired, but happy, Ida Campen and her dog Rest, at bottom, followed the mile long trek from the ball park, where the parade started. This little Santa Claus float attracted so much attention it almost took the spotlight from Papa Santa.—(Evelyn Leary Photos).

Grateful

Miss Inez Felton, president of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, and Edenton merchants wish to take this means to express their gratitude and thanks for the interest and excellent cooperation shown by those who gave of their time and efforts to make the BPW Christmas parade and party the most successful ever held in Edenton.

"Such cooperation as yours made it possible and easier for us to put on such an event for the children of Chowan County," said Miss Felton. "We especially thank the Marines and their wives for their wholehearted interest and cooperation in all phases of the activities."

Holland And Keeter Awarded Berths On All-Eastern Teams

Chan Wilson Also Given Honorable Mention as End

Three members of the Edenton Aces' 1955 football team are honored in the Raleigh News and Observer's Class A All-Eastern team which was announced Sunday.

The three are Stuart Holland, quarterback; Wayne Keeter, guard and Chan Wilson, defensive end. Holland was named on the first team, Keeter on the second team and Wilson was given honorable mention.

The teams were picked in a poll of the Class A coaches with 27 participating.

Holland received more votes than any player on the squad, with opposing coaches saying he is one of the best quarterbacks they've seen during the last two seasons. He has dazzled opponents and fans as well with his clever ball handling. He can pass accurately, is a fine runner and scored eight touchdowns this season.

Masonic Christmas Party December 14

Edenton Masons and members of the Eastern Star will hold their annual Christmas party in the dining room of the Masonic Temple Wednesday night, December 14, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Wives of Masons who are not members of the Eastern Star, as well as husbands of Eastern Star members have been invited.

A delightful program is being arranged, so that an evening of genuine pleasure is anticipated.

13 Year Old Negro Boy Killed On Hiway When Hit By Car

Patrolman Mack Rogerson Rules Accident Was Unavoidable

Willie Henry Hardy, a 13-year-old colored boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hardy, died in Chowan Hospital late Wednesday afternoon of last week shortly after he was struck by an automobile driven by Edwin Morris Small, 27, who lives on Route 3.

The accident occurred almost in front of the boy's home, about two miles north of Edenton on Route 32.

According to Highway Patrolman Mack Rogerson, who made an investigation, the boy was walking approximately two and a half feet on the highway. Mr. Small was meeting another car on a curve and just after the glare of lights he saw the boy on the road approximately 30 feet in front of him. He applied brakes and pulled to the left but was unable to avoid striking the boy.

It is the opinion of Patrolman Rogerson that the boy was attempting to cross the highway since he lived across the road from the scene of the accident. Physical evidence showed that the vehicle was not traveling more than 40 miles per hour and Rogerson reported that as far as he could determine, the accident was unavoidable.

Rogerson says he has had no little amount of trouble with people using the highway for walking and wishes to plead with pedestrians to be more careful about walking on roads. He gives this advice, "If you want to flirt with death, walk on the highways. If you want to live, yield the right of way to vehicles, or walk to the left facing traffic."

Rogerson reports that this was the first traffic fatality in two years on Chowan-County roads and the first anywhere in the county since May, 1954.

Marines Ready For Game To Be Played On Saturday Night

Proceeds of Game Will Go Toward a New Field House

Saturday night is the big night for Marine Corps six-man football in Edenton this season. That's the night when the Edenton NAAS champions, Marine Attack Squadron 225, take on an All-Star team from the rest of the league in a benefit contest.

Game time for the Hicks Field battle is 8 P. M.

Ever since the Flying Eagles clinched the championship over two weeks ago, the All-Stars have been working hard for the contest, and Coach Joe Presutto says that they are ready to go Saturday night. When VMA-225 clinched the title, the rest of the league schedule was cancelled and the All-Stars went to work.

The contest will be played to collect funds for the construction of a field house at Hicks Field. The Edenton High School Band will perform at halftime, and a trophy will be presented to the league champs.

Also, the 1955 Edenton Aces football team will be introduced as Continued on Page 4—Section 1

Speaks Tonight



JAKE WEST, JR.

Using as his subject "Operation Civic Service," Jake West, Jr., of Kinston, national director of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, will address Edenton Jaycees tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Penelope Barker House.

Ernest P. Kehayes Elected Master Of Unanimity Lodge

1956 Officers Elected At Meeting of Lodge Thursday Night

At Thursday night's meeting of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., officers for the year 1956 were duly elected.

Ernest P. Kehayes was elected master of the lodge, succeeding C. W. Overman. Other officers elected were: William Adams, senior warden; Daniel Reeves, junior warden; Roy E. Leary, treasurer, and Louis George Wilkins, secretary. J. Edwin Bufflap was re-elected as a trustee for a term of three years.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion will meet Tuesday night, December 13, at 8 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. James E. Cozzens on North Broad Street. Mrs. Cozzens is especially anxious to have all members attend.

Jake West Speaker Tonight At Meeting Of Edenton Jaycees

National Director Will Pay Official Visit to Edenton Group

Jake West, Jr., of Kinston, national director of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled to address the Edenton Jaycees tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Penelope Barker House with the topic "Operation Civic Service."

West, one of 200 national directors in the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce and is visiting Edenton as part of his series of official visits to 31 clubs from Red Springs to Elizabeth City. The national directors are elected each year and visit the 2,750 Jaycee clubs throughout the nation and serve as a sounding board and guiding force for the 200,000 Jaycees in the U. S.

West, who will meet with the Edenton Board of Directors following his address, is president and manager of West Machinery Company in Kinston and is a member and past president of the Kinston Jaycees. For the years 1951 and 1953 he was selected as Kinston's "Young Man of the Year." Serving as one of the 10 State Jaycee vice presidents for the 1954-55 year he received the Cou Browne award for being the most outstanding state vice-president. He was elected a national director for North Carolina at the State Jaycee Convention in Charlotte in May.

According to Luther Parks, local Jaycee president, the four major goals the Jaycees will strive to achieve this year through their varied projects are: Attempt to make the community a better place in which to live; develop leadership among their members, offer educational, recreational, and social activities to men of similar age, and give young men between 21 and 36 the opportunity to participate in the affairs of the community, state and nation.

41 Boys Admitted To Cub Pack 159

Cubmaster Baker After More Boys From 8 to 11 Years Old

The first regular meeting of Edenton Cub Scout Pack No. 159 was held Tuesday night of last week in the Junior-Senior High School cafeteria, which was well attended.

Cubmaster Robert R. Baker welcomed the parents at the meeting and explained the duties of parents in the Cub Scout organization. Most of the parents of the Cubs were present and the boys put on a very interesting program.

The following boys were admitted to the Pack at this meeting and were presented their registration cards and Bob Cat pins: Edward Jenkins, John Bunch, Jr., Charles Wood, Jr., Tom Phillips, Joe Harrell, Bob Breeze, Jimmie Aynes, Bobby Calvert, Arthur Baer, Jim Elliott, Billy Cozart, Douglas Twiddy, Arthur Stowe, Bobby Fallis, James Wisely, Nicholas Zabitchuck, Charles Antos, Jimmy Quicksall, Benne Harrell, Hugh Hambrie, Gary Sparks, John Hartman, Bruce Richardson, Tim Maxwell, Phil Harrell, Lee Griswold, Bill Driver, Johnnie Floars, Michigan. Continued on Page 8—Section 1

Tax Listers

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning appointed tax listers for the year 1956. Those appointed were as follows:

- First Township—Mrs. Margaret Floars and Mrs. Pattie S. Byrum.
- Second Township—Henry Bunch.
- Third Township—T. D. Berryman.
- Fourth Township—Ward Hoskins.

Taxes must be listed during the month of January.

Mrs. Inglis Fletcher Named Woman Of Year At Meeting Of BPW Club Tuesday Night

Fidelis NCO Wives Club Officers



Above are pictured the new officers of the Fidelis NCO Wives Club, who were installed last week in the game room of the Staff NCO Club. Left to right, they are: Mrs. R. C. Keyes, second vice president; Mrs. D. F. Richardson, first vice president; Mrs. Claude Estes, president; Mrs. C. C. Hook, secretary and Mrs. A. T. Backherms, treasurer.

Appeal For Help

Seriousness of the plight of the family of Mr. and Mrs. George Spruill is called to the attention of the general public in the hope that many people will come to their rescue.

On November 11 Mr. and Mrs. Spruill's son, Mike, 14 months old, was seriously burned when he got hold of some matches which he ignited in his crib. The child was seriously burned on both legs, his stomach and arms and hands.

A patient in Chowan Hospital since the accident, skin was grafted on the boy's left leg last week and in two more weeks more skin grafting will be necessary. It is the opinion of doctors that at least four more operations will have to be made.

The family is financially unable to pay the expense of hospitaliza-

tion and operations, so that friends of the family are seeking contributions in order to do everything possible to save the life of the boy.

Mrs. Henry G. Quinn is among those vitally interested in coming to the relief of the unfortunate family and she will greatly appreciate any contributions made for the purpose.

An application has been made to have Mrs. Spruill appear on the "Strike It Rich" television program but up until Tuesday no word has been received from the application. An effort is also being made to secure aid from the Daisy Alice Ward fund, which was set up following the death of the girl as the result of burns. The fund is administered by the North Carolina Crippled Children Society.

Over 5,000 Gather To Welcome Santa Claus In Edenton

Parade Is Acclaimed Best Ever Held In Edenton

By EVELYN G. LEARY

More than 5,000 children and adults packed Broad Street here Thursday afternoon to witness the biggest and, by far, the most elaborate Christmas parade ever to be staged in Edenton. Spectators took the cold, but clear, day in stride by tightening up their wraps and forgetting the discomfort as the antics of the clowns, bands and beautiful floats drew their attention.

Sneals of delight filled the air when Santa Claus appeared with his six reindeer and sleigh to hail the youngsters with his jolly laugh and warm greetings. Right behind Santa's float and concluding the parade came his helper in the form of a miniature Santa Claus with a pack of toys in his glittering sleigh, pulled by Ida Campen's dog, dressed up in red toboggan cap and other festive regalia. This feature drew considerable comments from the crowd.

Among other added features this year which created much attention was the Cherry Point Marine Band and marching unit, for which Miss Goldie Layton, parade chairman, and the BPW Club, sponsors of the affair express their deepest appreciation to Colonel Davis of the Edenton Base for securing this out- Continued on Page 7—Section 1

Store Hours

Jesse L. Harrell contacted a majority of the merchants of Edenton relative to the number of days stores will be closed for Christmas and they have decided to be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 26th and 27th. All stores will be open Monday, January 2nd.

The merchants also decided to stay open until 9 P. M., beginning Wednesday, December 21, through Christmas eve night. Stores will be closed on Wednesday afternoon beginning January 4, 1956.

Lin Bond Awarded Honor Roll Ribbon

At a special parade held Tuesday of last week at Waynesboro, Va., 19 Fishburne Military School cadets received top honors for outstanding academic achievements for the second school month.

Before the entire cadet battalion, the cadets were presented ribbons by Major Edward B. Young, Jr., director of activities, and Captain Albert J. Brown, professor of military science and tactics.

Among the cadets to receive first honor roll ribbons for having made no grade less than 85% in all subjects was Linwood D. Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Bond of Edenton.

Selection Revealed at Annual Bosses' Night Christmas Party

By EVELYN G. LEARY

Dr. Inglis Fletcher, one of America's leading novelists, was named "Woman of the Year," by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club at its annual Bosses' Night Christmas Party held Tuesday night in the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Lena Leary, who made the announcement, cited Mrs. Fletcher for her outstanding work in the community and State and, on behalf of the club, presented her with a dozen red roses as a tribute of the high esteem in which she is regarded.

In accepting the honor conferred upon her, Mrs. Fletcher was so surprised that she delighted the group when she said, "What does a Woman of the Year do? Am I supposed to be good, or something? She then thanked the club, declaring "It is a very perfect experience and a very great honor for any woman to have. She then laughed and said, "Hereafter, I'll try to write better books about Edenton."

Mrs. Fletcher was born in Alton, Illinois, the first of three children of Maurice William and Flora Dean Chapman. She is the great, great granddaughter of Richard Chapman, who settled in Tyrrell County. The creative instinct appeared at a young age, and soon the authoress was delighting her school mates with her stories. Following a seige of juvenile writings, she began to develop a taste for good literature and spent considerable time in the library at Edwardsville, where the family had moved.

Later, Mrs. Fletcher became interested in art and attended the St. Louis School of Fine Arts at Washington University. Her plans were to become a sculptor, but she cast these aside to become a bride when she met handsome John Fletcher, a Continued on Page 5—Section 1

Treble Clef Group Delights Rotarians

Girls Sing Several Selections at Meeting Thursday

Edenton Rotarians were treated to some excellent music at their meeting Thursday afternoon when members of the Treble Clef Club of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School sang several numbers.

The group, directed by Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning, included the following: Minta Hobbs, Brenda Mooney, Frances Boyce, Leigh Dobson, Page Cayton, Irene Lawrence, Betsy Ross, Peggy Elliott and Patricia Bunch at the piano.

The girls were greeted by rounds of applause by the Rotarians for their program, which was in charge of Jack Mooney.

Band Association Will Hold Christmas Party

The Edenton Band Parents Association is planning to entertain members of the band and their parents at a Christmas party to be held Monday night, December 12. The affair is scheduled to be held in the Teen-Age Club beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

An interesting program is being arranged and Jack Mooney, president of the association, is hoping all band members and their parents will attend and enjoy an evening of genuine pleasure.

MEETING POSTPONED

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning agreed to hold their January meeting on Wednesday, January 4 instead of January 2. This postponement is due to New Year falling on Sunday and observed as a holiday on Monday.