

EDENTON'S WOMAN OF THE YEAR



Mrs. Lena Leary, at left, is shown presenting Inglis Fletcher a dozen roses when she was selected "Woman of the Year" by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club. The presentation was made at the club's annual Christmas party held in the Masonic Temple dining room Tuesday night of last week, when Bosses' Night was observed.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

Methodists Will Hold Sub-District Meeting Dec. 19th

Boy From Orphanage Will Be Guest of Young People

The Perquimans-Chowan Subdistrict of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will meet at the New Hope Methodist Church on the Winfall Charge at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, December 17. This means a change in schedule. The regular time for the meeting would be Monday, December 19.

The reason for this change is to make possible the Subdistrict's having as special guest Eddie Taylor, from the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh. For the past several years the young people of the Perquimans-Chowan Subdistrict have partially sponsored Eddie at the orphanage, and by arrangement with the Rev. Forest D. Heiden, orphanage superintendent, Eddie will be present for a party to be given in his honor by the Subdistrict. Annually he receives Christmas presents from the Methodist youth groups in this area. This year's presents will be presented to Eddie at this party.

THIS BABY NEEDS HELP



Above is pictured 14-month-old Mike Spruill, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spruill, who was seriously burned on November 4, and since when he has been a patient in Chowan Hospital. Skin was grafted on the boy's left leg and at least four more operations are necessary. The Spruill family is unable to meet hospital and doctor expenses, so that an urgent appeal has been made for contributions to help this unfortunate family. Contributions should be sent immediately to Mrs. Henry G. Quinn.

Only \$297 Is Raised For Fund To Come To Aid Burned Boy

Mrs. Henry Quinn Is Making Personal Solicitations

Up until Tuesday of this week Mrs. Henry G. Quinn reported contributions in the amount of \$297.91 toward a fund to help save the life of 14-month-old Mike Spruill, who was seriously burned November 11 and since has been a patient in Chowan Hospital.

This amount has been secured by Mrs. Quinn through personal solicitations from house to house except for \$48.21 which was realized through a bake sale held Friday morning at the P & Q Super Market.

The amount in hand is far less than what will be needed to pay hospital and doctor's bills, so that Mrs. Quinn plans to continue her solicitation in the hope that the unfortunate family will be able to meet the expenses of trying to save the little boy's life.

One grafting of skin was made on the boy's left leg and it is the belief that at least four more operations will be necessary if the youngster makes satisfactory progress. The parents of the boy, Mr. and Mrs. George Spruill, are unable to meet the expenses, so that they are at the mercy of sympathetic friends if the boy is to receive the attention necessary to recover.

Mrs. Quinn has made application for assistance from the Daisy Alice Ward Fund, which is administered by the North Carolina Crippled Children's Society. She has been informed that there are only three ways help can be secured, first, by helping to pay for skin grafting; second, providing blood plasma, and third, providing special nursing care.

An appeal was also made to have Mrs. Spruill appear on the "Strike It Rich" television program, but no word has been received from this source and the chances are believed to be remote that she will be invited to appear on this program.

A considerable amount more is needed to help this unfortunate family, so that Mrs. Quinn will greatly appreciate any contributions sent to her. She expresses her sincere thanks to those who patronized the bake sale and those who have made contributions thus far.

Tobacco Growers' Meeting Dec. 21st

Latest Information to Be Given By Extension Specialist

An important tobacco growers' meeting will be held at the Court House in Edenton at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 21.

The Extension tobacco specialist from North Carolina State College will be present to discuss varieties, fertilization, insect and disease control and many other factors important to producing good tobacco.

There has been much controversy over the new varieties Coker-139 and 140. Many farmers have inquired about the new Dixie Bright-244 variety. "This is an opportunity for Chowan County tobacco growers to get the latest information to assist them in tobacco production," County Agent C. W. Overman says.

Edenton Firemen Will Hold Christmas Party

Edenton firemen and their wives will enjoy a Christmas party which is scheduled to be held tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the fire station.

A feature of the meeting will be special music by the Gospel Trumpets, a local colored musical aggregation.

135 Women Attend Legion Auxiliary's Area Conference

Delightful Program at Legion Home Last Week

One-hundred and thirty-five women attended the First Area Conference of the American Legion Auxiliary held Monday of last week in the Edenton Baptist Church. Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt of Edenton, First Area Vice President, presided over the meeting.

The program opened with the advancement of colors by Mrs. Sam Twiford and Mrs. H. A. Thorson, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag by Mrs. W. L. Mayo. The group then sang the national anthem and prayer was offered by the Rev. J. Paul Holoman. Mrs. A. F. Baker led in reading the preamble.

Mrs. J. E. Cozzens, unit president, and Thurman Harrell, commander of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, delivered the address of welcome and Mrs. James R. Worsley gave the response. The devotional was given by Mrs. Jack Collins, who stressed "Why We Should Honor the Birth of Christ." Reports were then heard from all department chairmen.

Mrs. C. A. Phillips delighted the group with two solos "Nearer My God to Thee" and "He," accompanied by Mrs. Paul Holoman. Introductions of the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth District committee women and alternates were made, who gave brief talks on the various phases of Auxiliary work, after which the group sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Mrs. Wagner of Tarboro, was nominated for area vice president for 1956. It was announced that the next conference meeting will be held in Tarboro. Awards were presented for membership in the units and district, the Elizabeth City unit being the first to reach the quota. Greetings from the department secretary and treasurer were given by Mrs. Mary Brooks Hoy.

Mrs. W. S. Carowan extended the greeting from the national organization, after which Mrs. John W. Hearn, Department President, delivered an interesting and informative address on "The Meaning of the Preamble." The meeting concluded with retirement of colors, after which a delicious barbecue chicken dinner was served at the American Legion hut. Mrs. Blount O'Neal submitted the committee report. Mrs. C. M. Miller and Mrs. C. R. Tillet are also on this committee.

Knotty Problems Result In Lengthy Session Of Council

Open Later

Postmaster J. L. Chestnutt announces that the Edenton Post Office will remain open until 6 o'clock the next two Saturday afternoons, December 17 and December 24.

The usual closing time on Saturday is 1 o'clock, but the office will extend the hours for the next two Saturdays due to the Christmas rush.

Choral Groups Will Render Christmas Program Tonight

Program Begins at 8 O'clock In Elementary School

The combined choral groups of Edenton Junior-Senior High School will present a program of Christmas music in the auditorium of the Edenton Elementary School tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. This program, which is an annual event of the holiday season, has previously been given on the Sunday afternoon before the beginning of the school's Christmas holidays, but because of the unusually early vacation this year, has been moved up to Thursday night, the night before the school's Christmas recess begins.

The Senior High Chorus, Junior High Chorus, and Treble Clef Club of the Edenton School, assisted by Donald Welch, who will act as narrator, will sing a program of traditional carols and Christmas songs. The public is urged to attend; there will be no admission charge.

Churches Will Call Off Night Services Dec. 18 For Glee Club Concert

Churches in the Chowan High School community will dispense with the night services Sunday, December 18 in order to give the congregations an opportunity to attend the Christmas concert which will be presented by the Chowan High School in the school auditorium. The concert will be presented at 8 o'clock.

Grand Opening Of Edenton Furniture Co. Begins Today

New Store Adds Considerably to Business District

The Edenton Furniture Company today (Thursday) will open its new store on Broad Street between the P & Q Super Market and Belk-Tyler's. The new store is modern and up-to-date in every respect and adds considerably to Edenton's business district.

The owners of the store, Jesse Harrell and J. P. Partin have announced that their grand opening will be observed today (Thursday) Friday and Saturday and they cordially invite the public to visit and inspect the new store and the large line of merchandise.

The new store has a display space of 15,000 square feet and warehouse space is 7,500 square feet. It is modern in every respect with summer and winter air conditioning, elevator and rest rooms for both white and colored.

The Edenton Furniture Company came into being in January, 1946, when Mr. Harrell and Mr. Partin formed a partnership and purchased the former Ziegler Furniture Company building. At first Mr. Harrell was in charge of the store

but about a year later Mr. Partin sold his filling station to also devote his full time to the furniture business.

The business thrived so that it outgrew the present building and a lot was purchased across the street from Belk-Tyler's. Construction of the three-story brick building was begun March 28 of this year by the Edenton Construction Company and now that it is completed the concern will have more room for displaying and storing merchandise.

Aside from Harrell and Partin, who devote full time to the business, the concern employs the following: B. Carroll Berry, salesman and buyer; Jack Jordan, service man; John R. Lewis, television technician; Jake Dunlow, service man; Miss Aurelia Layden, bookkeeper, and Henry Rodman and Carroll Edney, delivery men.

For the grand opening days prizes will be awarded, with drawings scheduled to be made Thursday at 8 P. M., Friday at 10 A. M., 2 P. M., and 4 P. M., and on Saturday at 10 A. M., 2 P. M., 4 P. M., and the grand prize drawing at 8 o'clock Saturday night. To be eligible for the prizes visitors will only have to register and will not be obliged to be present to win.

Drainage, Trailer Ordinance and Alley Hold Councilmen In Session Until 11:30

Two knotty problems facing Town Councilmen held them in session until about 11:30 at the December meeting held Tuesday night and though considerable time was devoted to both these matters, no solution was reached.

What consumed a great portion of the time was a request from George S. Twiddy for the town to change the course of a ditch which carries a tremendous amount of water and runs across his property recently acquired at Albemarle Court and on which he plans to build seven houses.

Mr. Twiddy desires to have the ditch filled and, therefore, requested the town to lay a pipe along the northern and western end of his property to connect with a large pipe which now runs through Morris Circle and also carries the water from the ditch.

Mayor Ernest Kehayes recommended that the Town lay the ditch with the understanding that Mr. Twiddy will pay half the cost of the pipe which amounts to something like \$1,500. The Councilmen balked, however, and after a long discussion two propositions were made, first, that the town will pipe the present ditch if Mr. Twiddy pays for the pipe or, second, change the course of the drain if Mr. Twiddy will pay half of the cost of the pipe and installation.

Town Clerk Ernest Ward, Jr., was instructed to inform Mr. Twiddy of the action taken.

The other matter requiring considerable time was the proposition to acquire an alley back of the stores on the east side of Broad Street between King Street and Belk-Tyler store.

The property is owned by the Byrum Implement & Truck Company, but the problem is far from being solved. The owners recently sent letters to the effect that no trespassing will be allowed, so that no loading or unloading could be done in the rear and also that trash would have to be collected from Broad Street.

The property is between 50 and 60 feet wide and is that portion left after selling the remainder to the county. A committee recently offered the owners \$9,000 for the land, but a price of \$15,000 is placed on it, which the Councilmen deemed excessive.

Following receipt of a letter from some of the merchants, Mayor Kehayes recommended that enough land be condemned in order to provide an alley, but this would leave a small strip which would be of very little use. An alley is needed not only for loading and unloading and collection of trash, but also for fire protection.

Finally it was agreed to hold another conference between the owners and town officials in the hope that a price can be agreed upon before condemnation proceedings are begun. In the meantime, the owners will allow the land to be used as heretofore, or until a decision is reached.

At the meeting a petition was

Red Men Will Elect Group Of Officers At Next Meeting

Members of Chowan Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men nominated officers at their meeting held Monday night and election will be held at next Monday night's meeting at 7:30 o'clock.

As a special feature John Lewis, Jr., and his Hillbilly Band will furnish music during the meeting. Carl Keeter, sacheem of the tribe urges a full attendance.

HOLIDAYS TO BE OBSERVED BY EMPLOYMENT OFFICE
Milton Bass, manager of the N. C. Employment office, announces holiday hours for the office. The office will be closed Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26, reopening Tuesday, December 27, at 8 A. M.

Lions Club Enjoys Christmas Party

Ernest Ward, Jr., Delightful Master of Ceremonies

The annual Christmas party Monday evening, staged by the Lions Club of Edenton, in honor of their ladies, was highlighted by a simulated TV program.

Ernest Ward, Jr., in the capacity of master of ceremonies, kept the crowd in a continual uproar of laughter with his stunts, which were full of fun, frivolity and just plain foolishness. Many "contestants" performed to the delight of the audience.

An ode to the Lionesses, composed by Mrs. Mary Belch George, was read by President Al Phillips in connection with his address of welcome. "We are deeply grateful to you ladies for the fine meals you have served us during the past year and are taking this means of expressing in a small way our sincere appreciation to you," said

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Unanimous

In the referendum affecting 1956 cotton quotas which was held Tuesday, Chowan County farmers voted unanimously in favor of the marketing quotas. There were 104 ballots cast in favor of the quotas with none voting against.

With most of the state returns reported, the marketing quotas carried by an overwhelming majority. That little interest in the referendum was taken in Chowan County is reflected in the fact that out of 800 eligible voters only 104 cast a ballot.

Christmas Concert At Chowan High School Sunday, December 18

The Chowan High School Glee Club will present a Christmas concert in the auditorium of the school Sunday night, December 18, beginning at 8 o'clock. The contest will be an interpretation in music of the Christ Child.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

VMA-225 Football Champs Lose Game To Marine All-Stars

Financial and Attendance Result Disappointing

The Edenton Marine All-Stars by the grace of a missed extra point attempt in the last 30 seconds of the game, squeezed out a 40-38 victory over league champion Marine Attack Squadron 225 Saturday night at Hicks Field.

The game, the most exciting of the Marine league's season, was played before a disappointing crowd of around 300 persons. Only \$9.10 was realized from a collection taken at the game, which was played for funds to construct a field house at Hicks Field. In fact, the sponsors of the game went into the red some \$56.

Those who were there, however, got an eyeful of the most wide-open scoring melee of the season. The game had everything from long runs to a last-second effort to tie the game by the losers.

Even in defeat, however, the Flying Eagles lost no prestige. They hung on, within striking distance, all through the game, and then made their bid, but it just wasn't their night. Quarterback Ken Kite's kick, hurried by the All-Star linemen, went wide to the left, and that was it. Kite had previously

booted four perfect conversions

and played an outstanding game. Speedy little Jim McCauloy, moving behind devastating blocking scored two touchdowns to lead the All-Stars to their hard-earned victory. Other scorers for the victors were Russ Polling, John Angler, Bill Schneider and Al Strauss. Joe Taylor booted two conversions in six attempts.

Neither team could move the first time it got the ball, but the second time the All-Stars had it, they took the lead, and never gave it up. Polling scored from five yards out after a pass from Taylor to Schneider had set it up with about two minutes left in the first period.

The champions dropped 14 points behind at the beginning of the second period when John Agler scored and Taylor converted. But then it was the Eagles' time to shine. On fourth down with about five yards to go on the Stars' 30, Kite hit Halfback Clarence Guthrie with a screen pass, and Guthrie bulled his way to the five. On the next play Guthrie scored, and Kite's first conversion made the score 14-8.

The awesome All-Star offense, behind outstanding blocking, then got rolling and couldn't be stopped until late in the fourth quarter. Taylor, seemingly caught behind

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OPEN NEW FURNITURE STORE



JESSE L. HARRELL
Pictured above are Jesse L. Harrell and J. P. Partin, owners of the Edenton Furniture Company, who today (Thursday) will open their new store on Broad Street between the P & Q Super Market and Belk-Tyler's store. The new store adds considerably to Edenton's business section and the owners will observe their grand opening today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday, to which they cordially invite the general public to attend. Prizes will be awarded.



J. P. PARTIN

Letters From High Officials Commend Local Outfit

Edenton's Heavy Mortar Company of the North Carolina National Guard last week was informed that the unit, following the recent final inspection, was awarded a superior rating and as a result Captain Cecil W. Fry, commanding officer, has received several letters of praise and commendation for the showing made by the local National Guardsmen.

The inspection was in charge of Lieut.-Col. Joseph C. Matthews, Jr., assistant army inspector general, who in a narrative report had this to say:

"The unit had gained a net of one officer and 18 enlisted men since the last annual Federal inspection and was appropriately organized for current strength. This was a well seasoned organization with a high proportion of experienced enlisted men, 52 of whom were enrolled in army extension courses. Morale and individual interest of members was very high. The unit appeared strong in all departments and observed training was from excellent to superior. Administrative and supply records were superior. Maintenance of weapons and equipment was superior. The unit was receiving strong leadership from its officers and non-commissioned officers and was adjudged capable of operating very effectively under field conditions. The unit meets requirements for continued federal recognition."

Following the inspection Major General R. G. Gard, deputy commanding general, wrote Captain Fry as follows:

"The army commander has noted with pleasure that during the annual Federal inspection the Heavy Mortar Company was rated Superior. . . . The achievement of this high standard of proficiency is very gratifying and the army commander is appreciative of the outstanding manner in which all personnel are accomplishing their mission."

Adjutant General John H. Manning, in part, had this to say in a letter to Captain Fry: ". . . The effort expended by you and the members of your unit in order to obtain this 'superior' rating is most gratifying. Each of is commended for this outstanding achievement, and this Department sincerely appreciates the results which you have attained, as it has brought credit to your unit and the National Guard of this State."

Major General Claude T. Bowers, in commenting upon the rating, had this to say: "This splendid effort is highly commendable and reflects credit upon the officers and men responsible for this achievement."

Lieut.-Col. B. A. Peterson, regimental commander, had this to say: "This outstanding achievement merits recognition of each officer

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