

## Edenton Aces Capture State Class A Championship

### Thousands Gather Friday Evening To Greet Santa Claus

#### Affair Is Considered Most Successful Ever Held

Broad Street Friday afternoon was overflowing with thousands of children and adults who witnessed one of the most colorful and elaborate Christmas parades ever to be sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club and merchants.

Keen disappointment prevailed Friday morning as it was raining and some doubt existed as to whether the parade would be held or not. However, by the time the parade got under way the rain had stopped and the sun had come through beautifully.

Santa Claus, as usual, drew the attention of the younger ones as he rode along in his glittering sleigh drawn by eight reindeer. He delighted the children with his friendly waves and kisses and created so much excitement that some of the youngsters ran along beside his sleigh in hopes of being the first to talk with him at his interviewing throne at the Court House Green, where the party was held.

To expedite the distribution of goody bags, the children moved along four roped-off lanes and then took their turns in line to chat with Santa Claus. On the opposite side of the Green the colored children were also going through four lanes for their Christmas bags. More children were present at the party than ever before, the day being warmer than previous years. Charlie Swanner was master of ceremonies for the party.

A church choir float entered by the Rocky Hock School won first prize of \$15 for the best float, and St. Ann's Catholic Church's scene (Continued on Page 5—Section 1)

### Polling Places For Dec. 11 Referendum

#### Voting In Three Communities From 8 A. M. Until 7 P. M.

A. C. Griffin, chairman of the Chowan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, has announced the polling places in Chowan County to vote on the 1957 corn, peanut and cotton program, which will be held Tuesday, December 11.

The county is divided into three communities with the polling places being as follows:

Community No. 1—ASC office from 8 A. M., to 7 P. M.

Community No. 2—W. E. Smith's store from 8 A. M., to 1 P. M., and Melvin Evans' store from 1 P. M., to 7 P. M.

Community No. 3—J. C. Hendrix' store from 8 A. M., to 1 P. M., and Lloyd Briggs' store from 1 P. M., to 7 P. M.

### Tax Listers Appointed To Serve For Year '57

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning appointed tax listers for Chowan County, who will serve for the year 1957.

Those appointed were:  
First Township—Mrs. Margaret Floors, Mrs. Jean Cullipher and Mrs. George Hoskins.  
Second Township—Henry Bunch.  
Third Township—T. D. Berryman.  
Fourth Township—Ward Hoskins.

### ROTARIANS MEET TODAY

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of Dr. Edward Bond and President George Alma Downum urges every Rotarian to be present.

### Nominations Now Being Received For Annual Jaycee DSA

#### December 31 Deadline To Present Names For Honor

Dick Dixon, president of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, announces that nominations are now being received for the annual Jaycee Distinguished Service Award. This award will go to a young man in the community, between the ages of 21 and 35 inclusive who has rendered outstanding service to and in the community during the year. It is given for service over and above the usual calling of his business or profession. He can be, but need not be, a Jaycee.

The basis on which the winner is chosen includes contribution to community welfare during 1956, participation in all around community activities, evidence of lasting contribution to community, exhibition of leadership ability, evidence of personal and business progress and cooperation with individuals and civic organizations.

Nominations will be received until December 31 by sending them to Luther Parks, who in turn will give them to a secret committee which names the winner. Last year the honor went to Luther C. Parks. This year's winner will be made known at a banquet to be held in January.

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council will meet Tuesday night, December 11, at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building. A full agenda is in prospect for the meeting.

### Sworn In Office

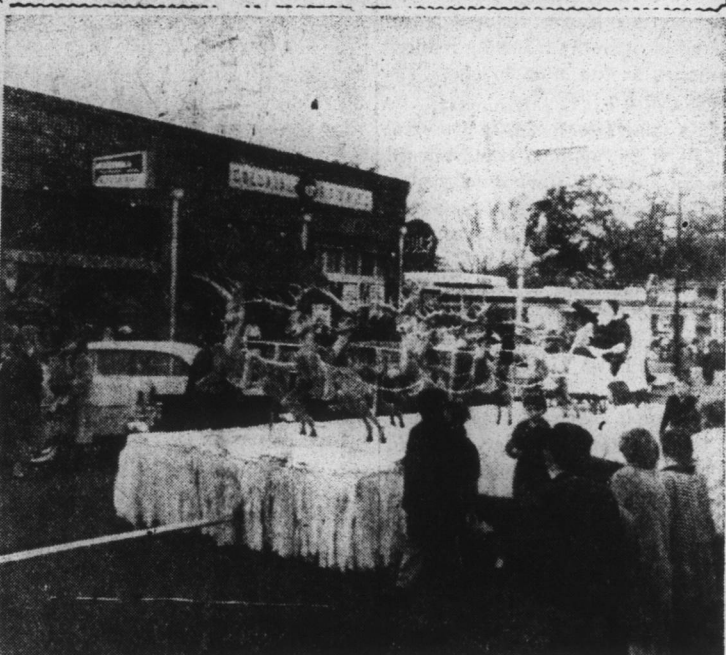
Clerk of Court E. W. Spiers on Monday administered the oath of office to the Chowan County Commissioners, as well as other county officers who were elected recently in the general election.

The officers taking the oath were: Commissioners W. W. Byrum, J. A. Webb, W. E. Bond, J. R. Peele and Carey Hollowell; Judge of Recorder's Court Marvin Wilson; Prosecutor of Recorder's Court Weldon Hollowell; Register of Deeds M. L. Bunch; Treasurer George Hoskins and Coroner Hubert Williford.

The Commissioners appointed J. R. Peele as assistant chairman of the Board.

The balance, \$2,074.45, goes by (Continued on Page 8—Section 1)

### Santa Claus Arrives In Edenton



Above is pictured Santa Claus as he put in his appearance in Edenton Friday afternoon in the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club annual Christmas parade and party. Many people lined the street to witness the parade which ushered in the Christmas season.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

## Referendum To Be Held December 11 On Peanut Quotas

### Two-thirds of Voters Must Approve Program

Peanut farmers of Chowan County will vote in a referendum on Tuesday, December 11, to determine whether marketing quotas will be used for the 1957, 1958, and 1959 crops of peanuts. A similar vote is being held on the same day in all areas where peanuts are grown.

According to A. C. Griffin, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, all peanut growers are eligible to vote in the referendum who are entitled to share in 1956-crop peanuts planted for harvest as nuts on a farm with more than one acre of peanuts planted.

At least two-thirds of all farmers voting must approve the quotas before they may be made effective. If marketing quotas are not approved, they will not be used for the 1957 peanut crop, and another vote will be held next year on quotas for the following three crops.

Explaining that the secretary of agriculture is directed by law to proclaim peanut marketing quotas, Mr. Griffin stated that each year, between July 1 and December 1, the Secretary must proclaim the amount of the quota for the next crop. This quota is converted into a national acreage allotment which is apportioned to states and to farms according to provisions of law. All farm operations have been (or will be) notified in writing. (Continued on Page 8—Section 1)

### 20 Years Ago

As Found In The Files of The Chowan Herald

Representative Lindsay C. Warren informed local people that he feared there was much misunderstanding about news articles relative to a national park for Eastern North Carolina, except possibly on the beach. The Rev. C. A. Ashley, however, stated that he had not given up the idea.

Work on the new Chowan High School was progressing nicely, but addition to the Edenton school was held up.

Belts and badges arrived for four Edenton High School boys who served as traffic directors at dangerous intersections.

Local shad fishermen registered objections to proposed limiting of the shad season from February 15 to April 15.

Red Cross ends roll call with 340 members enrolled.

State Highway Commission Chairman Caprus M. Waynick announced that the U. S. Bureau of (Continued on Page 8—Section 1)

### Masons Will Elect '57 Officers Tonight

At a stated communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F., & A. M., tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock new officers for the year 1957 will be elected. Ernest P. Kehayes, master of the lodge, urges a full attendance to attend to this important business.

### Red Cross Chapter Asked To Help In Hungarian Relief

#### Chowan Chapter Requested to Raise \$185 Quota

Dr. Al Stanton, Chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the Red Cross, has been notified that the Chowan Chapter has been requested to contribute to a fund being raised for Hungarian relief. The county's quota is \$185.

Dr. Stanton points out that the tragic suffering of the people of Hungary has caused every American to want to help and that this help has gone from the American Red Cross, which joined other Red Cross societies throughout the world in rushing medical supplies, food, blankets and other necessities to the stricken area. Red Cross chapters are requested to launch a campaign to raise five million dollars.

Anyone in Chowan County desiring to make a contribution to the relief of Hungarians are urged to contact Dr. Stanton as soon as possible.

### White Cane Drive Nets Total Of \$285

Dr. Al Stanton announced at the Lions Club meeting Monday night that the White Cane Drive in Edenton had netted \$285 in its 1956 drive. The Rev. Earl Richardson spoke of some of the worthwhile projects for the blind aided by this fund. Acknowledgement of the assistance on the part of Marine personnel in this fund as well as others was made by W. J. Taylor, Mr. Taylor and Ernest J. Ward, Jr., stated that the Base personnel had always been generous and cooperative in civic fund-raising matters. Jimmie Earnhardt, Jr., was a guest of Ray Childers.

### Welfare Board Permitted To Employ Local Case Worker

#### County Will Not Share In Salary Until July 1

Members of the Chowan County Board of Public Welfare met with the Chowan County Commissioners Monday morning and presented a recommendation that the county employ a case worker to relieve the work load in the Edenton office.

It was explained that a case worker can now be secured with very little cost to the county. The only expense until July 1 will be \$35 per month for car depreciation and seven cents per mile for traveling.

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## Play Fired Up Game And Easily Outclass Westerners 45 To 6

### Grateful

Miss Inez Felton, general chairman of the Christmas parade and party, Miss Goldie Layton, parade chairman, and the merchants of Edenton wish to express their gratitude and thanks for the interest and excellent cooperation by those who gave their time and efforts to make the BPW and merchant sponsored parade and party the most successful ever staged in Edenton.

"We are very grateful for the cooperation of those who took part in the parade as well as those who contributed in any way to see that the children of Chowan County experienced one of the happiest days of their lives," said Miss Felton. "This event would not have been the huge success it was without the help of those who took part in the affair. We especially thank the Marines and their wives for their wholehearted interest and cooperation in all phases of the activities."

### CIVIC CALENDAR

Edenton PTA will meet Tuesday night, December 11, at 8 o'clock in the Elementary School auditorium. New officers for the year 1957 will be elected tonight (Thursday) at a meeting of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F., & A. M., at 8 o'clock.

St. Paul's Auxiliary will meet in the Parish House Tuesday afternoon, December 11, at 1 o'clock.

Tea Party Chapter of the DAR will meet in the Iredell house Wednesday afternoon, December 12, at 3:30 o'clock.

Cotton, peanut and corn growers will vote Tuesday, December 11, to (Continued on Page 8—Section 1)

### Jerry Downum Winds Up Gridiron Career In Blaze of Glory

Playing one of their best all-around games of the season, Coach Bill Billings' Edenton Aces on Friday night in Burlington completely outclassed Mebane, Western champions, in every department of the game to win the State Class A championship by the lop-sided score of 45 to 6. The Aces scored their first of seven touchdowns in less than two minutes after the game started when Johnny Kramer passed to Bruce White for 43 yards and on the next play Downum thrilled the crowd when he raced 41 yards to score. From that time on the Aces dominated the play and aside from the lone touchdown made by Mebane late in the game, the Tigers never got nearer than the Edenton 40-yard line.

The Aces chalked up seven touchdowns, four of which were by Downum, two by Overton and one by Kramer. Kramer scored his touchdown before the first quarter ended when, with good blocking, he broke through for 44 yards. Early in the second quarter Downum skirted end for 14 yards for his second touchdown and late in the quarter he wiggled through for 29 yards to score his third TD. His fourth touchdown electrified the crowd when he took a Mebane punt and, aided by superb blocking, he ran 80 yards for his final touchdown. Late in the second quarter Overton grabbed a Kramer pass to score his first touchdown and about midway of the third quarter Overton again snagged a pass from Kramer to score his second touchdown.

Jerry Downum played just about the best game of his high school career, his speed and shiftness dazzling the Mebane team and impressing spectators and sports writers.

Johnny Kramer, too, played an outstanding game with his deception baffling the Westerners and picking up yardage when least expected.

Bruce White and Billy Bunch also made a valuable contribution to the victory, with each adding yardage although not in on the scoring.

Downum, Kramer and White were powerful line backers during the night, with White playing end on defense. The three stopped many Mebane plays with tackles about as vicious and damaging as any the Tigers had experienced up to Friday night.

None of the credit for the victory can be taken away from the Edenton line. Each one from end to end played just as well as the ball carriers, for it was the line in most instances that kept the Tigers in their own territory most of the game. It was some of the linemen. (Continued on Page 1, Section 2)

### Rotary Christmas Party December 13

#### Program Arranged Including Visit By Santa Claus

Edenton's Rotary Club will hold its Christmas party next Thursday night, December 13, at the American Legion hut, beginning at 7 o'clock, with supper scheduled to be served at 7:30 o'clock.

Frank Holmes is chairman of the party and says Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute presents to everyone and that a program has been arranged including talent from the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, as well as local talent.

### New Den Chiefs For Cub Scouts

#### Several Changes Are Made For Den Mothers

Three new den chiefs were selected this week to help with the Cub Scout program in Edenton. They were: Jack Ashley, John Marshall and Richard Baer.

Jack Ashley was assigned to work with Den No. 6 of which Mrs. Gerald James is the present den mother. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Ashley and has been a Boy Scout since April, 1956.

John Marshall was assigned to work with Den No. 5 of which Mrs. R. P. Baer is the new den mother. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Perry and has been in the Boy (Continued on Page 8—Section 1)

### Methodist Bazaar Will Be Held Today

Everything is in readiness for the annual Christmas bazaar to be held in the Methodist Church annex today (Thursday). The affair will begin at 10 A. M., and continue until 10 P. M., with a turkey dinner scheduled to be served from 5:30 to 7:30 o'clock.

The bazaar is sponsored by the Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Christian Service, members of both groups exerting a great deal of effort in securing various items to be sold during the day.

### DAR MEETING DECEMBER 12

Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the DAR will meet in the Iredell house Wednesday afternoon, December 12, at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. R. P. Badham, regent of the chapter, requests all members to be present.

## United Fund Drive At Edenton NAAS Amounts To \$4,449

### Over Half of Amount Goes to Local Organizations

Edenton Marines have contributed \$4,449.45 to charity organizations in their United Fund Drive, which ended last week at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station. Over one-half of the total goes to welfare groups in Edenton and Chowan County.

Distribution of the funds was made Wednesday, when Col. Frank H. Collins, commanding officer of the Edenton Marine Base, presented checks to representatives of local charity organizations. The contributions to Edenton and Chowan County groups total \$2,375.

The balance, \$2,074.45, goes by (Continued on Page 8—Section 1)

## EDENTON ACES — 1956 STATE CLASS A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS



Here is pictured the Edenton Aces who on Friday night defeated Mebane 45 to 6 in Burlington to win the State Class A football championship. Pictured are: Front row, left to right, David Fletcher, Henry Overton, Sid White, Jerry Downum, Billy Bunch, Bruce White, Jesse Copeland, Ralph Chappell and Charlie Small. Second row, left to right, Donald Roche, Ted Harrison, Robert White, Tommy Kehayes, Ervin Copeland, Billy Harry, Jack Overman, Dallas Stallings, Clyde Cobb. Third row, left to right, Jack Harrison, Marvin Ashley, Jerry McLaughlin, Gus Hughes, Ray Hollowell, Jack Bunch, Billy Wilkins, Gene Ashley, John Mitchener and Coach William Billings. Back row, left to right, Jimmy White and Claude Barnett, managers. Billy Cooke Griffin, one of the managers, was not present when the picture was taken. Johnny Kramer, and Oscar White were not present when the picture was taken. Absent also from the picture are Johnny Speight and Sherwood Harrell, who were sidelined for the last few games due to being injured. These two boys played an important role in the climb of the Aces to the State championship.—(Photo by Nick George).