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### Revaluation Work On Real Property Nears Completion

#### Property Owners Will Be Notified of New Values

Chowan County is in the process of a real property revaluation, the purpose of which being to equalize the values of all property in the county.

This work will not be completed by tax listing time, January 1, 1957. The work is being done by Associated Surveys of Asheville, N. C., and their representatives here state that the work will be completed during the month of January, at which time all taxpayers who own real property (land) will be notified of the value placed on his or her property.

The value placed on each piece of property is determined by the percentage of sound value agreed upon by the County Commissioners, based upon the total amount of taxable property in the County, and the amount of funds needed to operate the business of the County during the ensuing year.

The opinion is held that there will be a reduction in the present tax rate. The fact that property has been revalued does not necessarily mean that the amount of taxes will be greater than the year before, unless the previous value was too low on an equal basis with like property in the County.

It is believed that some values will be raised and some will be lowered, and some will remain practically the same. This has been the case in other counties in North Carolina who have held recent revaluations.

The Township Tax Listers will not have the new values at the time taxes are listed in January, but each property owner will be notified by mail the value placed on each piece of property when the work is completed.

### Rotary's Christmas Party At Legion Hut

#### Lieut. Jim Bowers and Ray Childers Enter- tain Rotarians

Edenton Rotarians and their wives enjoyed a splendid Christmas party which was held in the American Legion hut Thursday night of last week. Frank Holmes was chairman of the party, who with his committee had the building attractively decorated, with a Christmas tree as the center of attraction.

The group sang a number of Christmas carols, led by C. W. Overman with Mrs. Wood Privott at the piano and after a sumptuous meal served by ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary, Ray Childers read a Christmas sermon by Peter Marshall and several solos were sung by Lieut. Jim Bowers, with Mrs. Conlith MacDonald as accompanist. Thunderous rounds of applause greeted Mr. Bowers, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" as an encore.

Robert S. Marsh also brought down the house in the capacity of Santa Claus and, with the aid of a few assistants, distributed gifts to all who were present.

**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 Gilliam Wood. The club will not meet Thursday of next week due to the Christmas holidays, so that President George Alma Bryson urges a 100 per cent meeting today.

#### Not Too Late!

Mrs. J. A. Moore, Chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale, reported Tuesday morning that the response to letters and seals sent in the mail has been gratifying but that quite a few still have not been heard from.

It is not too late to purchase the seals or to make a contribution, so that any who haven't returned their contribution or the seals are urged to do so at once.

### Festival Of Carols At St. Paul's Church On Sunday Morning

#### Entire Nativity Story Will Be Presented At 11 A. M.

The Rev. George B. Holmes, rector of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, announces that a Festival of Carols will be presented Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the church. The entire Nativity Story will be presented from Holy Scripture as read by a chorister, a Church School scholar, a college student, a server, a Church School teacher, an usher, a lay reader, a vestryman and the clergy.

Miss Peggy Dale and Mrs. Robert Young will share the console of the organ for special music. The public is cordially invited.

Holy Communion will be celebrated Christmas Eve at 11:30 P. M. and again Christmas Day at 10:30 A. M. The rector will celebrate and Miss Betsy Duncan will be organist for the two occasions. A special choir will sing December 24 under the direction of Miss Duncan.

#### CIVIC CALENDAR

Edenton Varsity Club will hold its annual Christmas dance on Christmas night in the Edenton armory, beginning at 9 o'clock.

VFW Auxiliary will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Post home.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will elect officers at its meeting Monday night, December 31, at 7:30 o'clock.

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### Building & Loan Association Announces 4% Dividend On Savings For 6-Months Period

#### Previous Interest Pay- ments Were at Rate Of 3 Per Cent

Members of the Edenton Building & Loan Association will be delighted within a few days when they receive a letter from the association informing them that a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent will be paid on stock instead of the usual 3 per cent.

The letter, signed by R. E. Leary, secretary, reads as follows: "We are pleased to report that in 1956, due to your confidence and support and a substantial increase in loans made by your Association, you will receive a dividend on your savings in this Association for the six months' period ending December 31, 1956, at the rate of 4 per

### Edenton's "Woman Of The Year"



Miss Paulina Hassell (left) who has been selected as Edenton's "Woman of the Year," is shown receiving a gift of red roses presented by Mrs. Lena Leary on behalf of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, which conferred the honor upon her.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

### Ten New Members Tapped Into National Honor Society At Edenton School Friday

#### Impressive Candlelight Ceremony Held at School

In an impressive candlelight ceremony held at the Junior-Senior High School Friday, 10 new members were tapped into the National Honor Society. An appropriate program was arranged which was also enjoyed by parents of members. The meeting was opened by Billy Buche, president, who welcomed those present for the induction ceremony. Each member explained some phase of the society.

Rachel Wilder read sections of the constitution, Jerry Downum explained the keystone and flashing torch. The principles of the society were discussed as follows: Character, Rachel Wilder; scholarship, Billy Adams; leadership, Jerry Downum; service, Bonnie Wright. During the meeting Jeannine Stathopoulos sang "I Believe."

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### Firemen Will Hold Christmas Party In Fire Station Tonight

Edenton firemen will hold a Christmas party tonight (Thursday) beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The party will be held in the fire station, with Skinner White, captain of the department, being in charge of the affair. Wives of the firemen will be special guests for the occasion.

### Large Crowd At Christmas Concert Sunday Afternoon

#### Delightful Program In Auditorium Sunday Afternoon

With a goodly number present in the Elementary School auditorium Sunday afternoon, choral groups of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School presented a very delightful Christmas concert which was very much enjoyed. Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning directed the singing and Jerry Downum served as narrator. Student accompanists were Patricia Bunch, Roger Lamm, Jo Ann Leary and Betty Jo Webb.

The program opened by the combined chorus singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," followed by the following numbers: "O Come, O Come Immanuel," 8th Century Plainsong, by the Senior and Junior Chorus.

"Jesu Bambino," Pietro Yon, by the Senior High Chorus.

"As Joseph Was A-walking," English Carol, by Elementary Chorus.

"Bethlehem," Williams, by Junior High Choir.

"Carol of the Little King," Caldwell, by Senior High Chorus.

"Jesu, Thou Dear Babe," Folk-song of Hayti, by Elementary Chorus.

"The Angel and the Shepherds," French Noel, by Junior High Choir.

"Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep," French Noel, by Senior High Chorus.

"No Candle Was There and No Fire," Lehmann, and "Sleep of the Child Jesus," Gevaert, by Girls' Triple Trio.

"Silent Night," Gruber, by Boys' Ensemble.

"Carol of the Reindeer," Lee, by Elementary Chorus.

"O Nightingale, Awake," Swiss Folk Song, by Senior High Chorus.

"Here a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella," Old French Carol, by Elementary Chorus.

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem," Combined Chorus.

Incidental solos were also rendered by Arthur White and Jane DuLaney.

**LIONS CALL OFF MEETINGS**  
Ernest Ward, Jr., president of the Edenton Lions Club, announced that the club will not meet the next two Monday nights, December 24 and 31, due to the Christmas and New Year holiday. The regular schedule of meetings will be resumed Monday night, January 7.

### Dec. 31 Is Deadline For Nomination Of Outstanding Man

#### Award Will Be Made At Jaycee Banquet In January

Dick Dixon, president of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, calls attention to the fact that nominations will be received for Edenton's most outstanding young man for 1955 until Monday, December 31. The Jaycees each year honor a young man between the ages of 21 and 35 with a distinguished award which is based on his contribution to community welfare during the year, participation in all-around community activities, evidence of lasting contributions to the community, exhibition of leadership ability, evidence of personal and business progress and cooperation with individuals and civic organizations.

Nominations are not confined to Jaycee members, the only requirement being that those nominated are not over 35 years old. Any nominations can be sent to Luther Parks, who will in turn give them to a secret committee which makes the selection and the winner honored at the Jaycee DSA award banquet which will be held some time in January.

The two previous winners of the DSA were Jimmie Rieck and Luther Parks.

### Empty Stocking Fund Reaches \$201

#### 140 Children Placed on List to Be Remem- bered

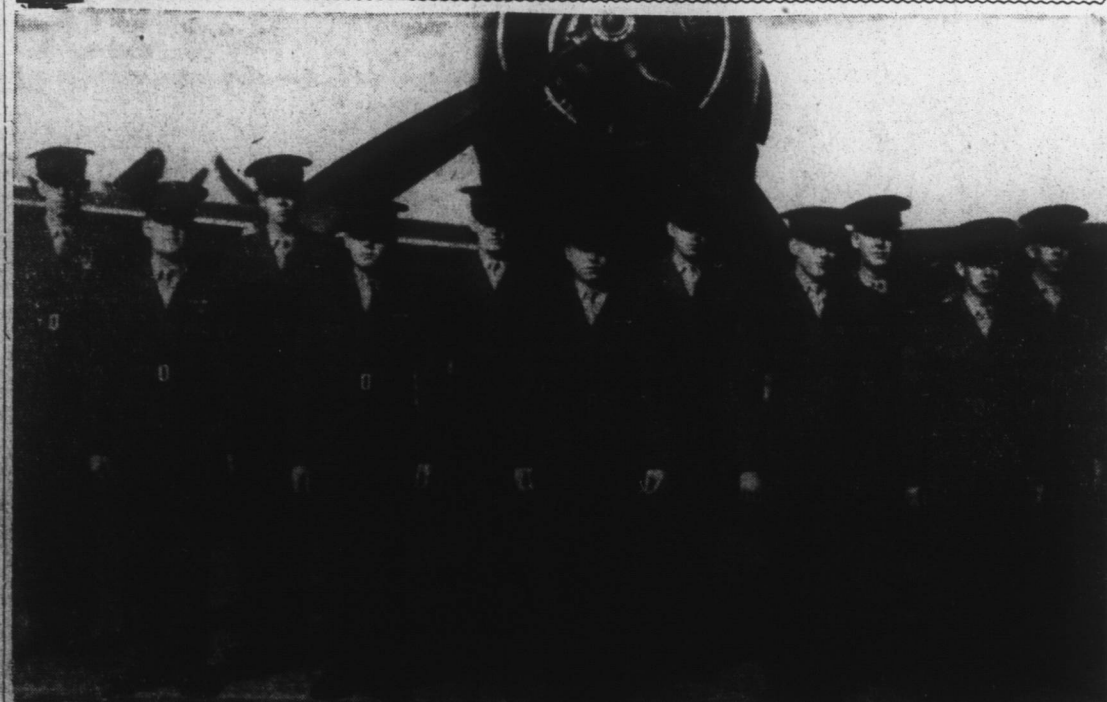
Tommy Kehayes, president of the Young Churchmen of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, wishes to acknowledge gifts totaling \$201.42 received during the last two weeks to assist the Empty Stocking Fund.

Saturday the young people will again be on Broad Street asking for contributions since 140 children will be provided for this year.

Old but useful clothing, toys, non-perishable food will be gratefully received at the Parish House on Gale Street. Local merchants are assisting in the effort and the faithful firemen are repairing toys again this year.

You are urged to help during the few remaining days!

### MARINES RETURN FROM FLIGHT TO BERMUDA



Edenton Marines pictured above have just returned from a flight to Bermuda. The special trip was awarded to Marine Attack Squadron 211 for winning a re-enlistment contest of the Second Marine Aircraft Wing. The Marine Aircraft Group 14 squadron had a higher percentage of re-enlistments during August, September and October than any other squadron in the competition. The Marines pictured here who re-enlisted during the contest period and enjoyed the special liberty in Bermuda as a result are: First row, left to right, Cpl. T. H. Watson, Cpl. B. A. Brzoska, Cpl. A. P. Trappell, Cpl. T. J. Crawford, S/Sgt. J. S. Wood. Second row, left to right, Pfc. G. A. Morse, Cpl. W. H. Noyes, Cpl. D. F. Bolender, Cpl. D. B. Bishop, Cpl. T. J. Rubeling, Pfc. J. R. Johnson.—(Official Marine Corps Photo).

### Only 20 Per Cent Of Farmers Take Part In Program Election

#### Closed Three Days

In order to celebrate the holidays, Town and County offices will be closed three days over Christmas. The offices will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, December 24, 25 and 26, so that important business should be transacted accordingly.

### 280 Children Of Marines Enjoyed Christmas Party

#### Gifts Distributed To Happy Youngsters By Santa Claus

Two hundred and eighty Marine Corps children attended the Christmas party given last Saturday at the Edenton Marine Base station theatre. The festivities were opened with carol singing led by Chaplain Mates. This was followed by a showing of cartoons and then Santa Claus made his entrance and distributed gifts. Refreshments were served out-of-doors by Lt. Emerson, Mess Officer, and his staff. The party was under the supervision of Col. Frank Collins and Captain Cobb, Special Services Officer, was over-all coordinator.

Santa's helpers included Mrs. Aynes, Mrs. Beeler, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Busler, Mrs. Case, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Dalton, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Eddins, Mrs. Engemann, Mrs. Feldmeier, Mrs. George, Mrs. Joos, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Mattox, Mrs. Metz, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Schuster, Mrs. Sparks, Mrs. Whitten, Mrs. Zabitchuck and Mrs. Zander.

### Cub Scouts Enjoy Christmas Party

#### Santa Claus Present At Meeting Mon- day Night

Cub Scout Pack 159 held its Christmas party Monday and Santa Claus was there with gifts for all the Cubs and other children who attended. The meeting was held at the Edenton Elementary School.

The program included decorating a Christmas tree, singing carols and other activities. It was announced that the January theme will be "Eyes in the Sky" and that the Pack meeting next month will be held on Tuesday evening, January 29 at 7:15 o'clock at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School cafeteria.

Awards were presented to the following boys:  
Den 2—Brian Leahy, Denner, and Bruce Richardson, Gold Arrow and Assistant Denner.  
Den 4—Michael Miranda, two Silver Arrows; Nicholas Zabitchuck, Denner, and Bobby Breeze, Assistant Denner.  
Den 5—Thomas Brinson, Wolf.  
Den 7—Douglas Sexton, Silver Arrow.  
Den 9—John White, Silver Arrow; Joseph Conger, Jr., Silver Arrow and James Wisely, Gold Arrow.

One-year service stars were presented to the following:  
Michael Miranda, Nicholas Zabitchuck, Bruce Richardson, Garry

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#### County Agent Over- man Concerned Due To Little Interest

According to County Agent C. W. Overman, the vote in Chowan County in the cotton, peanut and corn referendums held last week was very light. Mr. Overman points out that at least 1,000 persons in Chowan County were eligible to vote, but that only about 200 votes were cast in the election, or about 20 per cent. "Where were the other 80 per cent?" asks Mr. Overman, "and what are their wishes?"

In the Chowan County election corn base acreage was favored rather than corn allotments by those who voted. The cotton and peanut acreage control and marketing programs were also voted favorably. In the nation as a whole corn allotments were favored and voters preferred cotton and peanut acreage control and marketing quota programs.

"Our representatives in the federal government are representatives of the people," says Mr. Overman, "but if they looked at Chowan County in view of the vote cast, they could assume that 80 per cent of the farmers do not care about an agricultural program or do not want one. If non-voters do not want a program, then surely they should vote against it."

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### Musical Program Features PTA Meet

#### Lieut. Jim Bowers and Methodist Children's Choir Participate

A large crowd was present at a meeting of the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association which was held in the Elementary School auditorium Tuesday night of last week. Mr. J. J. Ross, president of the Association, presided and announced that the next meeting will be held Tuesday night, January 15.

A feature of last week's meeting was a musical program with Lieut. Jim Bowers and the Children's Choir of the Methodist Church participating.

Lieut. Bowers sang three numbers, Aria from Tosca, "Eileenan de Stille," "White Christmas" and "The Lord's Prayer." He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Jay McDonald.

The Children's Choir, under the direction of the Rev. J. Earl Richardson, sang "Away In A Manger" and "Once In Royal David's City." Bud Skiles was accompanist.

### 20 Years Ago

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An enthusiastic meeting of the North Carolina Dental Society was held at Hotel Joseph Hewes with Dr. W. S. Griffin presiding.

Paul Spencer, Edward Wozelka and Calvin Sexton were praised for their work on the Augusta Military Academy football team.

Edenton Rotarians sponsored the organization of a Rotary Club at Windsor.

Miss Lena Mason became the bride of Leon Leary in a ceremony held at the Episcopal rectory in Hertford.

The body of Walter Modin, who drowned, was found on the surface of the water, after being missing

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