

## Spring Festival Of Values In Edenton April 5th to 13th

### Superior Court Halted Long Enough Monday Morning To Memorialize Pruden Family

First Time Since 1869 Bar Has Been Without a Pruden

Immediately after Sheriff J. A. Bunch officially opened the April term of Chowan Superior Court Monday morning, Judge Joseph W. Parker, who was presiding, held up the wheels of justice long enough for William S. Privott to pay tribute to the late J. N. Pruden in glowing terms. Some members of the immediate family of Mr. Pruden were present.

In opening his remarks Mr. Privott said, "This is the first time since 1869 that a term of Chowan County Superior Court has convened without a man named Pruden being a member of the Chowan County Bar," and compared the long Pruden service to the immortal words of Abraham Lincoln's "four score and seven years ago."

He referred back to the late W. D. Pruden who was a very prominent attorney throughout the entire district. Following him were his two sons, W. D. Pruden, Jr., and Norfleet Pruden, after which J. N. Pruden, son of Norfleet Pruden, carried on the tradition of the Pruden family in the cause of justice in the legal field in this area of North Carolina.

"There is no Pruden as a member of the Chowan County Bar at present," said Mr. Privott, "but we hope the son of the late J. N. Pruden will feel an urgent call to enter the legal profession and thus continue to carry on the outstanding record of the Pruden family. We revere the name of Pruden and honor what they have done. We sympathize with the grief-stricken family, who have given more than they received."

In closing his remarks Mr. Privott said the Pruden record in the halls of justice should be an incentive for those of the Bar to resolve to carry on in the same dedication of service.

Before proceeding with court matters Judge Parker also paid tribute to J. N. Pruden and the entire Pruden family.

### Plans Completed For Art Show To Be Held April 5 - 6

Public Cordially Invited to Inspect Exhibits on Display

All art lovers are cordially invited to attend the Edenton Woman's Club annual two-day art exhibit to be held Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6 at the Penelope Barker house. Between the hours of 10 A. M. and 5 P. M., on Friday and 10 A. M. to 6 P. M., on Saturday the Barker house will be open to the public.

On display will be the paintings of the students of the elementary and high schools of Edenton and Chowan County plus the work of a number of local artists. An added feature will be the hobby corner where ceramics, needlecraft and handicrafts will be shown.

Archie Griffin of Robersonville, owner of The Nature Shop, has brought a collection of wood bird prints, cypress knee lamps and bird feeders and houses to be exhibited. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded by William T. Persick, assistant art instructor of East Carolina College, judge of the show.

It is hoped that a large number of people will turn out to see the many interesting and colorful exhibits on display.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETS**  
Town Councilmen will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday night, April 9, at 8 o'clock in the Municipal building.

### Chowan Farmers Becoming More Conscious Concerning Benefits Of Proper Drainage

30,211 Feet of Tile Installed Thus Far This Year

Drainage of farmlands in Chowan County has been the desire of a lot of farmers since January 1, 1957. The local Soil Conservation Service has handled around 70 requests this year. To date farmers have spent \$18,135.30 for drainage system and \$10,524.25 worth of work is planned and being done now.

So far this year, 30,211 feet of six-inch tile has been installed at a cost of \$9,063.30. This is more tile than was installed in the whole county up to December 31, 1955. There are still 11,700 feet more to be installed before planting season. The tile trencher moved back into the county Wednesday, April 3 to install all but 3,000 feet which will be installed later. Most farmers are well pleased with this tile system and two people have requested assistance from SCS next year.

Six and three-tenths miles of open ditch has been done so far this year at a cost of \$8,479.00 with \$5,674 more being done or waiting for drainage. Almost all of the open ditch completed or planned are group ditches or main outlets.

Surveys have been run on about four group ditches that the groups have not decided when they will do the ditches. It appears that about \$35,000 will be spent in Chowan County for open ditch and tile drainage by planting time this year. During the year 1956, farmers spent only \$22,068 on open ditches and tile. Almost this much was spent during the first three months of 1957. Last year 17,462 feet of tile was installed and about 13 miles of open ditches dug.

### New Officers Installed By Auxiliary Of VFW At Tonight's Meeting

Ladies' Auxiliary of William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280 will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Post home. A feature of the meeting will be installation of new officers for the year. Mrs. Bertha Meiggs of Elizabeth City, president of District I, will make an inspection visit. Mrs. Betty Perry, president of the Auxiliary, requests every member to attend.

### Chowan County Is Included In '57 Farm Income Contest Among 54 Eastern Counties

May 1 Is Deadline to File Applications to Participate

A farm income contest is being staged in 1957 to encourage Eastern North Carolina farms families to maintain and increase their net income and improve their living standards.

The contest area covers the 54 eastern counties, including Chowan. Sponsors are the Raleigh News and Observer and various local sponsors over the area. Prizes range from \$500 first place to \$100 fifth place.

The basis for judging is 100 points. A maximum of fifty points for increase in net agricultural income achieved through adoption of new enterprises. Up to 30 points for increasing income through us-

### Cancelled

Due to untoward circumstances which have developed, the banquet of local chapters of the North Carolina Education Association and National Education Association has been cancelled. The banquet was scheduled to be held tonight (Thursday) in the Masonic Temple.

### County School Unit Forms Organization

Potter Is Again Chairman and W. J. Taylor Superintendent

With the present member of the Chowan County Board of Education re-appointed by the General Assembly now in session, an organization was effected at Monday's meeting of the Board.

All of the members were re-appointed and include G. B. Potter, J. A. Boyce, Caray Evans, G. E. Nixon, Conroy Perry and D. H. Berryman. Mr. Potter was again chosen chairman by members of the Board and W. J. Taylor was re-elected as county superintendent.

The present district committee was also reappointed for two-year terms and includes B. W. Evans, McCoy Spivey, Willie H. Saunders, W. J. Privott and Weldon Hollowell.

### CIVIC CALENDAR

Art Show sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club will be held Friday and Saturday, April 5-6 at the Penelope Barker house.

Pi Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society will meet Saturday, April 6, at the home of Mrs. Inglis Fletcher at Bond.

Annual fatstock show, sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled to be held on the Legion grounds Wednesday, April 24.

The Fidelis NCO Wives Club will hold a Chinese supper in the game room of the Staff NCO Club Tuesday night, April 11, at 6:30 o'clock.

Edenton's Business and Professional Women's Club is sponsoring a

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### M-m-m Delicious

Ladies of the Oak Grove Home Demonstration Club will sponsor a barbecue chicken dinner in their community building Friday night, April 12, at 7 o'clock.

Tickets are now being sold and may be purchased from any member of the club or they can be reserved by calling 3939 or 3930 not later than Wednesday, April 10.

**TAX COLLECTIONS**  
Sheriff J. A. Bunch reports that 1956 taxes collected during March amounted to \$5,342.66. This brings total 1956 taxes collected to date to \$158,847.22.

The penalty added to 1956 taxes is now 2%, plus one-half of one per cent per month or fraction thereof until paid.

### Scouts Inspecting Squirrel Boxes



In a recent project Edenton Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts made and put in place a number of squirrel boxes and above is pictured a group of Explorer Scouts just before leaving for the woods to put them in trees. Left to right they are Dallas Stallings, Jack Overman, Scoutmaster Jack Habit, Arthur White and Billy Harry. (Photo by James Griffin, Assistant Cubmaster).

### Term Of Superior Court Completes Business Tuesday

No Action Taken on Civil Cases Placed On Calendar

Chowan County's April term of Superior Court wound up its business Tuesday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock when Judge Joseph W. Parker adjourned the term.

Court convened at 10 o'clock Monday morning, but before proceeding he gave the floor to William S. Privott who paid glowing tribute to the late J. N. Pruden and the entire Pruden family for their long and enviable record in the halls of justice.

Judge Parker made a brief charge to the grand jury, explaining the procedure in returning bills of indictment. He charged the jury to make a careful examination of the county home and county jail as well as to make an inquiry to find anybody under 21 years of age who has an estate and no guardian. Such persons are to be reported to the solicitor in order to provide protection to the estate. He also ordered the grand jury to investigate school buses and to find out if drivers are proper persons to transport school children and if they are properly licensed.

Those chosen to serve on the grand jury were: J. H. Conger, foreman, S. A. Britton, Dennis Bass, Daniel P. Reaves, Everett Haste, Lloyd Williams, Eric Jones, Everett F. Small, M. P. Ashley, William L. Brabble, Muriel G. Byrum, Charlie H. Small, E. M. Ward, Andrew H. Parrish, Kelly R. Hare, Fred Britton, Dallas Jethro, Sr., and S. F. Small.

Quite a few criminal cases were disposed of in the two days, but the only civil action considered was the case of L. E. Francis vs. David Smith which concerns a land boundary. (Continued on Page 5—Section 1)

### Pre-School Clinics Will Begin April 17

Schedule Released By District Health Officer

Pre-school clinics are scheduled to begin in the health District Tuesday, April 9 and continue through Monday, May 13, according to Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer. Children are urged to be on time so as not to miss the examining physicians.

The schedule for Chowan County follows:  
Rocky Hook—Wednesday, April 17, at 9 A. M.  
St. John's—Wednesday, April 17, at 10:30 A. M.  
Chowan High School—Thursday, April 18, at 9 A. M.  
Edenton Colored High School—Tuesday, April 23, at 9 A. M.  
White Oak School—Wednesday, April 24, at 9 A. M.  
Edenton Elementary School—Thursday, April 25, at 9 A. M.

### Light Bulb Sale

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will stage another light bulb sale Friday night, April 5. The purpose of this sale is to contact many people who were missed previously when the sale was held. Jaycees will call from house to house and hope many people will purchase bulbs.

### Roads Eliminated From Chowan's Highway System

Action Taken Due to Extension of City Limits

Due to the recent extension of Edenton's city limits, Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday dropped from the county highway system .82 mile of roads.

The roads affected are those within Westover Heights, the road running through the Twidly project and the road running from U. S. Highway 17 through the M. G. Brown Company's property.

These streets will, of course, be maintained by the Town of Edenton due to the annexation.

### First Aid Course Will Begin Friday

Classes For 12 Weeks At Junior-Senior High School

Plans are progressing for a first aid course to be sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club. The course, to continue for 12 weeks, will begin Friday night, April 5, at 7:30 o'clock at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School.

Dr. Edward Bond will teach the course and anybody 15 years of age or over is invited to enroll. In order to receive a certificate, 18 hours of training is required.

### \$100 Boost

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday agreed to appropriate \$100 toward the expense of the forthcoming A. H. fatstock show and sale which is sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Caswell Edmondson, chairman of the affair and Assistant County Agent Robert S. Marsh, appeared before the Commissioners in behalf of financial assistance.

### Bill Is Introduced To Create Office Of Tax Collector

Commissioners Given Authority to Appoint And Set Salary

Representative Albert Byrum on Wednesday of last week introduced House Bill 466 in the General Assembly. This bill will authorize the Chowan County Commissioners to create a separate office of tax collector for the county and to fix the compensation of such tax collector.

As the title indicates, if the office is created, a collector shall be appointed by and serve at the will of the Commissioners with the same powers and duties the sheriff now has as to tax collection. The sheriff shall make a full accounting and be relieved of all further duty as tax collector. Salary, expense allowance and clerical assistance shall be set by the Commissioners and paid from the county general fund. The tax collector's fees and commissions shall be paid to the county general fund and premium on such bond as may be set by the Commissioner, for tax collector shall be paid from the same fund.

The bill was sent to the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns.

### L. H. Haskett Will Be Candidate For Mayor Of Edenton

20 Years Ago As Found In The Files Of The Chowan Herald

Considerable interest prevailed among local merchants and business men regarding a proposed reversal of the Suffolk star route making Edenton the terminal instead of Suffolk.

Mayor E. W. Spiers and Major M. P. Whichard felt confident a project would be approved to complete the new Edenton armory for which \$18,000 was needed.

Plans were presented to the Beaver Hill Cemetery Association to construct a driveway through the unsold plat to eliminate traffic congestion at funerals. Complaints were also made that vases and pottery had been destroyed on graves and shrubbery removed from lots.

Mrs. R. F. Tuttle was re-elected president of the association.

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### Conservation Posters From Chowan Will Be Judged In Elementary School Friday

Resigns

Melvin Ashley will resign as manager of the local Sears Catalog Store, with the resignation going into effect Monday, April 15. He has served as manager of the store for about a year.

Mr. Ashley has accepted a position with the Larson Electric Corporation in New York, where he and his family will move.

### Veterans' Officer Changes Schedule

Stephen Alford, district officer of the North Carolina Veterans' Commission, announces that his visits to Edenton have been changed.

Mr. Alford will be in Edenton every other Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4 o'clock, with his next visit scheduled for April 16. He can be seen in Room 304 in the Citizens Bank Building and his home office in the Kramer Building, Elizabeth City.

### Merchants Offer Bargains For 'Shop In Edenton Days'

First Of Season



LEROY H. HASKETT

With a Town election scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 7, Leroy H. Haskett this week announced his candidacy for Mayor. Mr. Haskett is a former Mayor and is the first candidate to announce for any of the offices to be filled in the election.

### L. H. Haskett Will Be Candidate For Mayor Of Edenton

First to Announce For Any Office In Coming Election

A ripple was caused in Edenton's tranquil political waters Tuesday of this week when former Mayor Leroy Haskett announced that he will be a candidate for Mayor in the municipal election which is scheduled to be held Tuesday, May 7.

Town Council will not officially call the election until its April meeting Tuesday night of next week, so that Mr. Haskett is the first candidate to announce for any

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### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold a stated communication tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. William Adams, master of the lodge, urges a full attendance. An attendance contest is now in progress with the side captained by T. B. Willford leading McKay Washington's side.

### Winners Will Qualify For District Contest April 12th

The Chowan County Conservation Poster Contest has been closed and posters will be judged Friday afternoon, April 5, at the Edenton Graded School library at 2 o'clock. Judges for the contest will be W. C. Boyce, Work Unit Conservationist, Bertie County; Harry Q. Simmons, county agent, Bertie County, and A. T. Hicks, vocational agricultural teacher, Windsor.

This contest is sponsored by the Chowan County Supervisor of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District. Prizes of \$10 for first prize, \$5 for second place in each of the three grades will be given by the supervisors.

These winners will then be entered in the district contest at Elizabeth City on April 12. The district contest is sponsored by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce and posters from the five counties in the Albemarle Soil Conservation District will be displayed.

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### \$1,000 Worth of Merchandise Will Be Given Away as Prizes

Twenty-four of Edenton's merchants and business concerns are cooperating in the observance of a Spring Festival of Values from Friday, April 5, through Saturday, April 13. The purpose of the event is primarily aimed at an effort to attract shoppers to Edenton to do their trading, not only during this shop in Edenton Days, but throughout the year.

As an incentive to attract shoppers into the various stores, Edenton business concerns have arranged special prices on a large number of items of merchandise which will provide bargains for those who take advantage of the reduced prices during this special spring event.

A feature of the event will be distribution of free prizes, which will take place on Broad Street each of the two Saturday nights at 9 o'clock. Merchandise with an approximate value of \$1,000 will be given away, for which to be eligible it is only necessary to register in the various stores.

Edenton merchants are of the opinion that just as good merchandise, as just as economical prices, can be obtained in Edenton than anywhere else, so that an all-out effort is being made to attract shoppers to their stores during this outstanding trade event. There are also plenty of clerks who will be delighted to serve customers so that there will not be long waiting periods as is the case in many of the metropolitan stores. The merchants believe that if more shoppers from the habit of trading in Edenton they will be delighted with the service given them as well as

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### Jury Men Chosen For Civil Term Of Superior Court

April - May Term Will Convene Monday, April 29

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning drew from the jury box 36 names, all men, who will be summoned for jury duty at the April-May civil term of Chowan Superior Court.

The term will begin Monday morning, April 29, for civil cases only with Judge Joseph W. Parker of Windsor scheduled to preside.

Those chosen for jury duty include the following:  
David George White, Kenneth J. Worrell, E. J. Goodwin, George W. Comer, Robert J. Boyce, George W. Smith, John L. Parrish, H. J. Chapell, Archie E. Layden, Thomas E. Francis, Guy Perry Williams, V. E. Jordan, Robert A. Boyce, Lester Bass, E. R. Eason, R. P. Baer II, David M. Warren, D. T. Ward, Jr., Leroy Boyce, Henry C. Jenkins, Kistler M. Phillips, Lloyd Irvin, E. E. Goodwin, Luther G. Dail, Henry Copeland, Ralph K. Hollowell, Jasper W. Hassell, William S. Elliott, W. L. Bateman, D. F. (Jack) Hopkins, T. Stillman Leary, Ellsworth Blanchard, R. C. Ward, Percy E. Saunders, Julian E. Ward and George C. Swain.

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### BAKE SALE SATURDAY

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will sponsor a bake sale Saturday, April 6. The sale will be held at the P & Q Super Market beginning at 9 o'clock with all kinds of cakes and baked goods on sale. The proceeds of the sale will go into the Methodist Youth fund.