

Aces Capture State Class A Crown

Overcome Mebane In Thrilling Game By Score Of 14-7

Bruce White Gains Lion's Share of Yardage; Bobby Ashley Thrills Crowd With Long Runs; Entire Team Superb

Coach Bill Billings' Edenton Aces wound up the 1957 football season in a blaze of glory Friday night on Hicks Field when they defeated a strong Mebane aggregation 14 to 7 to win the State Class A football championship. The 1957 football curtain fell before a record crowd of spectators, many of whom accompanied the western champions feeling confident they would carry back the state crown.

The Edenton band presented a fitting program for the occasion, playing before and during the game and entertaining the large crowd of fans during half time. The game attracted three radio stations, two from the western part of the state and the Edenton station, together with newspaper reporters from the west as well as local reporters.

Edenton school officials were also delighted to have L. J. (Hap) Perry, executive secretary of the North Carolina High School Association, attend the game, so that he could see first hand that Edenton supports its football. Mr. Perry was delighted with the large crowd on hand and the caliber of football played by the two championship teams.

The Aces were at their best and had to be in order to capture the State crown. Mebane had a well-coached and hard-fighting team, so that it was rather uncertain which team would emerge the winner until the final seconds of the game. Both teams played a

hard and clean game, interspersed with thrills, making it a contest very much enjoyed by those who saw it.

To single out individual Edenton stars would be more or less unfair, for every member of the team played his part to perfection. The entire line proved to be a formidable wall for the Mebane runners, so that the visitors were held to only two first downs and 38 yards rushing during the night. The linesmen opened holes for the Aces' ball carriers and also did their share of blocking. The Aces netted 163 yards on the ground during which they chalked up 11 first downs.

Bruce White closed out his high school gridiron career playing a brand of ball which claimed the praise of practically all of the fans. He shouldered the brunt of the offense, being called upon to carry the ball 29 times and added 119 yards of the 163 yards gained by the Aces on the ground. His bull-like charging netted yardage on practically every try. He scored Edenton's first touchdown when the Aces got possession of the ball on the Mebane 30-yard line as the result of a bad Mebane kick. From there he lugged the ball five successive times, one of which was a 15-yard jaunt, and plunged through from the one-yard line to make the first score of the game.

Bobby Ashley proved to be a very explosive runner also. It

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Patricia Bunch Is Winner Of DAR Good Citizenship Award

Miss Patricia Bunch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John N. Bunch, has been chosen as the DAR Good Citizen. The Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution again this year sponsored a DAR good citizen in the Edenton Junior-Senior High School. This good citizen must be a girl and from the senior class. She is selected by the principal and faculty and voted on by her classmates. She must possess qualities of honor and dependability, which includes truthfulness, loyalty and punctuality; service, which includes cooperation; courtesy and consideration of others; leadership, which includes personality, self-control and ability to assume responsibility; and patriotism, which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation.

Last week Patricia was presented the good citizen pin by Mrs. Wood Privott, regent of the local DAR Chapter. Mrs. Privott also announced that Patricia will attend the Good Citizens' Day in Raleigh on December 7 with all expenses paid by the local chapter. There she will meet around 200 good citizens selected from high schools throughout the state and participate in a planned program that will include a tea at the Executive Mansion. Mrs. Luther Hodges, wife of Governor Hodges, and Mrs. Roy Cagle, State Regent of the DAR, will receive the girls at the mansion.

Each good citizen winner in each school competes for the winner in each of the eight districts compete for the State winner, which is awarded a \$100 bond as State winner. The local chapter is hopeful that Patricia will be the district winner so that she will be eligible for the State competition and will be the winner in the state.

New Jailer

Sheriff J. A. Bunch has appointed Bertram Byrum as jailer to succeed Herman White, who resigned. Mr. Byrum's family, however, will not move into the jailer's home until about December 15, due to repairs now being made.

Methodists To Hold Family Night Dec. 13

Members of the Edenton Methodist Church will observe family night Friday evening, December 13, at the church. Supper will be served at 6:30 o'clock and a most interesting program is being planned which will feature an address by Linwood Blackburn, returned missionary from Africa.

Edenton Chamber Of Commerce Still Is Seeking Manager

Conference With Another Applicant In Few Days

Gilliam Wood, president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, announced Tuesday that he had communicated with another applicant for the position of manager for the new organization. The latest applicant is Harry Smith of Saybrook, Connecticut, who plans to come to Edenton within the next few days for a conference with the board of directors.

Mr. Wood stated that Smith, who is 52 years old, has had 20 years experience with Chamber of Commerce and business work and that he has excellent references.

The board of directors have been meeting every Thursday and Mr. Wood said the applicants have been narrowed down to three or four and within a very short time a selection will most likely be made. "We are giving this position serious consideration," said Mr. Wood, "for we want the best possible man we can find for this important job. When we feel satisfied we have the right man, we will hire him."

College Day At School Dec. 10

College Day will be observed at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School Tuesday morning, December 10, at which time Miss Sadie Dunn, field representative for Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro will be the principal speaker.

As field representative Miss Dunn's work is with high school students, teachers, parents and Woman's College alumnae. She is a member of the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

She was graduated last year with a B.S. degree in Physical Education; and her very active "extra-curricular career" was climaxed by her election as president of Student Government. Proof of her ability in "things academic" was her selection, upon graduation, as co-recipient of the Weil Fellowship.

254,000 Bream Are Turned Loose In Bennett's Mill Pond

Last week 254,500 bream fingerlings were released in Bennett's Mill Pond, the fish being brought here from Charles City, Va., by F. F. Tanner. Of this number 25,000 were Georgia Cracker bream, which are said to grow up to three pounds, are good biters and a good eating fish. While they have been planted in North Carolina before, it is the first time this species has been released in local waters.

The Bennett's Mill Pond property was recently purchased by Ernest P. Kehayes, who has done a considerable amount of work in rebuilding the dam and repairing the mill. The pond is now full of water and the mill is about ready to grind corn. Mr. Kehayes made a test grinding last week and is well pleased with the result.

Chowan 1958 March Of Dimes Chairman



Pictured above is Tom Ridgeway, administrator of the 1958 March of Dimes campaign in Chowan County. It is nothing new for Mr. Ridgeway, for it will mark the fourth consecutive year he has taken part as a volunteer for the polio-fighting organization—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

Scholarship Is Inaugurated At Junior-Senior High School In Memory Robert Medlin Belch

Robert Medlin Belch, a slender, fair-haired fifteen-year old, was a member of the Sophomore Class in Edenton Junior-Senior High School. He played trumpet in the band, sang tenor in Glee Club, wrote the sports stories for the Athletic Department. Both his Bible and his tennis shoes showed signs of hard, frequent use; he loved people, and the people of his world loved him. He had already begun to dream of the future; he planned to study medicine.

ence, victim of a tragic hunting accident, but his fellow-students have conceived a plan by which he will always live within the walls of the school he loved, and in the hearts and lives of many who never actually walked its corridors by his side. Just before Thanksgiving, the students of Edenton Junior-Senior High School requested that the administration aid them in setting up a Scholarship Fund as a memorial to their fellow-pupil. This fund, to be known as the Robert Medlin Belch Scholarship Fund, will be administered by a Board

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Contribute To Empty Stocking Fund!

The Young Churchmen of St. Paul's Episcopal Church are preparing for their annual Empty Stocking Fund celebration of Christmas to bring joy to many children in this area.

left at the fire station where the Edenton firemen are repairing them. No other solicitation is to be made so people are urged to give generously.

Contributions and toys are needed now to make this program reach the number of children who otherwise will have a meager Christmas morning. Address checks to Empty Stocking Fund, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton. Toys may be

Applications will not be received by those who call at the church. Names of people recommended to be helped may be submitted on a postal card addressed to the Empty Stocking Fund, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton. Recommendations will be received until December 15.

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Group Of Grand Lodge Officers At OES Meeting

Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, held one of the most interesting and best attended meetings in its history Monday night, the occasion being the official visit of Mrs. Lila R. Duke of Washington, N. C., worthy grand matron.

Over 100 attended the meeting with the Edenton and Hertford chapters acting as joint hostesses, and members from many sections of the eastern part of the state were present.

Needs Help

Rosa Hurdle had the misfortune Monday to lose practically all of her personal belongings when her home was destroyed by fire. The house was totally destroyed by the flames and Rosa lost everything she possessed except the clothes she was wearing.

Masons To Elect Officers Tonight

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. At this meeting officers for the year 1958 will be elected, so that William Adams, master, urges a full attendance.

LIONS MEET MONDAY
Edenton Lions will meet Monday night, December 9, at 7 o'clock. President Medlin Belch urges all members to be present.

Important Cotton Vote Will Be Held Tuesday, Dec. 10th

Outcome Will Decide At Which '58 Crop Will Be Supported

In a last minute message to Tar Heel cotton farmers, Tilman R. Walker, chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, stresses the importance that Tuesday's vote reflect the opinion of all cotton farmers.

The vote, whether participated in by all cotton farmers or not, will have a decided effect on all cotton farmers. The vote, he said, will decide the level at which the 1958 cotton crop will be supported. If the vote carries, support will be set somewhere between 75 and 90 per cent of parity. If the vote does not carry, support will drop to 50 per cent of parity. This decision alone can affect the farmer's standard of living and this decision alone merits the attention of all farmers.

In addition to the price support decision, farmers will be voting for or against marketing quotas. A "yes" vote will mean marketing quotas and the high support. A "no" vote will mean no marketing quotas and the lower support rate. Either way, according to Walker, cotton allotments will remain in effect and must be complied with in order for the farmer to be eligible for support at any level in order for the farmer to be eligible to participate in either phase of the Soil Bank Program.

"There are some mighty important decisions to be made on 'Referendum Day' and these decisions should be made by all affected farmers," Walker said.

Meeting Called For Tobacco Growers

A meeting for Chowan County farmers who grow tobacco will be held on Wednesday morning, December 11, at 9 o'clock at the Court House. S. N. Hawks, Extension tobacco specialist of N. C. State College, Raleigh, will conduct the meeting.

Discussions will include the most recent information on tobacco varieties including new ones, fertilization, plant spacing, irrigation, insect and disease control. County Agent C. W. Overman urges all tobacco growers in this area to take advantage of this opportunity. He stresses the fact that being well informed can mean dollars saved in the growing of this important crop and dollars earned with a properly produced product the market will want.

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. Ed Bond and President Robert Marsh urges a 100 per cent meeting.

Contributions In Recent Drive Nets \$911.10 For Edenton Band

Contributions from the recent annual Band Booster Day drive have now reached \$911.10 before expenses. The Band Parents Association and the Edenton Junior-Senior High School wish to take this opportunity to thank every one who donated to the cause. "We thank you not only for your donations, but also for the constant evidences of your appreciation and good will," say Band Association officials.

Following is the present list of business firms and professional people who have contributed, for which the Band Association offers its most sincere appreciation, and to all who have helped so willingly:
Sanitary Cleaners, \$2.00; Malone's 5 and 10c Store, \$1.00; Edenton Furniture Co., \$15.00; Cuthrell's Department Store, \$5.00; David Holton Finance Co.,

Ridgeway Named Chowan Chairman For March Of Dimes

Good Citizen



Last week Miss Patricia Bunch was chosen as "Good Citizen" in the Edenton Junior-Senior High School. The honor was announced by Mrs. Wood Privott, regent of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR, sponsor of the award.

New Vestrymen Elected At St. Paul's Church

Four vestrymen were elected Monday evening by the congregation of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Edenton. Oscar Duncan, Clarence Leary, Jr., David Warren and Dr. Frank Wood will serve as Vestrymen of the parish for three year terms under the present rotation system. They succeed R. E. Forehand, Jr., Ernest Kehayes, Col. W. B. Rose-year and J. Gilliam Wood, who will retire December 31.

Other members of the Vestry remaining in office for one and two year periods include J. H. Conger, Sr., J. E. Debnam, R. D.

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Merchants Will Meet On Dec. 9

Announcement is made that the Merchants Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce will hold a special called meeting of all merchants Monday night, December 9, at 8 o'clock at the Court House.

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt and formulate a program for uniform store hours for the year 1958. It is hoped that all merchants attend this very important meeting or have their firm represented, as a program will be decided upon for the entire year.

District Meeting Will Be Held In Edenton December 11

Tom Hopkins, Chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced this week that Tom Ridgeway, administrator of Chowan Hospital, has been named to direct the 1958 March of Dimes campaign for Chowan County. Chowan County's goal for the drive will be \$2,500.

Jan Pierce of radio station WCDJ has been chosen to head up the publicity for the March of Dimes drive.

The fund-raising drive opens on January 2 and continues through January 31. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Ridgeway has worked as a volunteer for the polio-fighting organization.

In an appeal to the people of Chowan County to rally behind the January drive, Ridgeway reported there are more than 300,000 persons in the United States today who have had paralytic polio. At least one of every three of these is in need of further medical and rehabilitation service he stated. "For them mere survival is not enough. They have a right to whatever assistance will help to make their lives more meaningful," he said.

Four Aces Make All-Conference Team For 1957

With coaches in the Albemarle Conference selecting a 1957 all-conference team, four of the Edenton Aces were included on the mythical football team.

The four Edenton players chosen for the honor were Bruce White, fullback; David Fletcher, tackle; Charlie Small, center and Henry Overton, who was given an end berth.

Two of the Aces were included on the honorable mention list, these being Sid White, guard and Bobby Ashley, back.

The first team as selected by the coaches follows:
Bill Hull of Tarboro and Overton of Edenton, ends; David Fletcher of Edenton and Hazel Matthews of Hertford, tackles; Abe Corey of Williamston and Clayton Piland of Ahoskie, guards; Small of Edenton, center; Shelton Chesson of Williamston, Jack Hackett of Ahoskie, Tommy Matthews of Hertford and Edenton's Bruce White, backs.

20 Years Ago

Chowan County Recorder's Court was postponed for about an hour when it was next to impossible to be in the Court House on account of smoke from an old stove.

According to information from Congressman Lindsay Warren a \$25,000 appropriation was secured for enlargement of the U. S. Fish Hatchery.

The Bank of Edenton distributed \$15,000 to members of the 1937 Christmas Savings Club.

Jimmy Earnhardt announced that a public wedding will be held in the Taylor Theatre with the participants shrouded in mystery. Due to inability to secure someone to act as president of the organization, Bell Battery Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy disbanded.

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