

## Jolly Old Santa Claus Make Triumphant Edenton Entry As Many Kiddies Greet Him

### This Year's Party Best Ever Staged By BPW Club

**By EVELYN G. LEARY**  
More than 5,000 children and adults overflowed Broad Street here Thursday afternoon to witness a glittering parade of floats, bands, marching units and Santa Claus. The children were so anxious to see Santa that when his dazzling sleigh came into view shouts of delight filled the air. Police had a difficult time trying to keep the youngsters in line while the parade was in procession. Spectators claimed that this year's affair was the best ever staged by the BPW Club and merchants.

It was a little chilly, but the day was ideal. Following several days of rainy weather, the sun finally broke through to give the kids the perfect day they had been waiting for a year. To add a festive spirit to the occasion, as well as usher in the holiday season, the colored lights and decorations on Broad Street were turned on.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the parade left Hicks Field under the direction of Miss Goldie Layton, parade chairman. In the line of march were the following:

Highway patrol cars, horseback riders, a clown, a car in which were Mayor Ernest Kehayes, Col. Frank Collins, Col. A. R. Stacy, Geddes Potter and other Marine officials, the crack Marine Band from Cherry Point, honor guard, color guard and marching units

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## Teen-Age Party Scheduled For December 18th

Tom Hopkins, president of the teen-age council, announces plans for a teen-age party to be held at the Teen-age Club Wednesday night, December 18 at 8 o'clock. An orchestra has been obtained for the party and all teen-agers with 1957 membership cards are invited to attend. All boys are requested to wear shirts, ties and coats and, of course, the girls are to dress up, too.

Warren Twiddy is in charge of decorating the club. Mrs. Kathryn Goodwin, Mrs. Warren Twiddy, Mrs. Merle Wilkins, Mrs. Juanita Cozzens and Mrs. Helen Perry are in charge of planning and refreshments. Both committees will be assisted by a group of teen-agers.

Mr. Hopkins advises that the Council is most anxious to welcome the presence of all parents, members of sponsors and anyone interested in teen-age functions. He also announces that recently a juke box has been acquired for the club, along with a new bank pool table. These pieces being acquired mostly through the generosity of some of the boosters and it is hoped that additional equipment will be available in the near future. The new pieces just acquired are free to the children with no money being required for operation.

## Methodists' Family Night December 13

Family Night will be observed at the Methodist Church Friday night, December 13, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged so that it is hoped a large number will attend this popular monthly church affair.

A feature of the meeting will be an address by Linwood Blackburn, who recently returned from a missionary tour in Africa.

Mr. Blackburn will also be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, which will be held at the church Saturday morning, December 14, at 10:30 o'clock. All interested young people are cordially invited to hear a stirring address by Mr. Blackburn.

## Edenton Merchants Consider Schedule For Closing Hours

A general meeting of retail merchants was held Monday night at the County Court House to try to formulate a uniform program for store hours for the year 1958. The Merchants Committee of the newly organized Edenton Chamber of Commerce proposed an agenda for the 1958 program.

There seemed to be disagreement by some of the members on two issues which included the period of time to be closed on Wednesday afternoons and closing on Saturday nights at 7 o'clock. By majority vote it was decided that stores begin closing at 7 o'clock on December 28th.

The Wednesday afternoon issue may be compromised at a later meeting as the difference of opinion are minor ones.

The following 1958 holidays

## Edenton Aces Scheduled To See Professional Football Game In Washington Sunday Afternoon

As a token of appreciation for their prowess on the gridiron the Edenton Aces will be treated to a trip to Washington Sunday, where they will attend the Red Skins-Pittsburgh football game. The group will spend Sunday night in Washington and return to Edenton Monday.

The expense of the trip will be borne by townspeople who generally are very proud of the record the Aces have made this season with their playing bringing another State Class A football championship to Edenton. Not only have the Aces again won the state championship against some

were adopted: Easter Monday, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and two days for Christmas. The stores will remain open six trade days before Christmas and Saturday nights until 9 o'clock from Thanksgiving through Christmas.

It was decided by vote that stores begin closing Saturday night, December 28 and close every Saturday night at 7 o'clock until the holiday schedule. Beginning Wednesday afternoon, December 28, stores are to close at 1 o'clock every Wednesday through October with the exception of Wednesday before Easter. Grocery stores will remain open 30 minutes longer than other merchants on Saturday nights and Wednesday afternoons in order that downtown employees may pick up perishables and groceries after leaving work.

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## 20 Years Ago

Though confronted by a strong delegation, the Chowan County Commissioners failed to make any move toward equipping the Chowan County Court House with an up-to-date and safe heating system. The request followed two recent instances of narrowly averting a fire in the court room. The Commissioners decided that an up-to-date heating system was too costly and agreed to move the first bench from in front of the stove, construct a metal shield around the stove and employ an elderly man whose duty was to

## Lagging

According to Mrs. James Bond and Ralph E. Parrish, co-chairmen of the Chowan County Christmas Seal Sale, returns are coming in rather slowly. The Chairmen appeal to those who have apparently forgotten to send in their contribution to do so as soon as possible.

## Masons Elect Reeves Master

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., elected officers for the year 1958 at a stated meeting held Thursday night. Daniel P. Reeves was elected as master, who will succeed William W. Adams.

Other officers elected were as follows: Senior Warden, Ernest J. Ward, Jr.; junior warden, McKay Washington; treasurer, R. E. Leary; secretary, Louis George Wilkins. T. B. Williford was elected as a trustee for a three-year term, succeeding H. A. Campen, whose term expired.

According to present plans these new officers, together with those appointed by the new master, will be installed at a meeting to be held Thursday night, January 2.

## POCAHONTAS MEETING

Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall. Mrs. Ella Mae Parrish, Pocahontas, urges every member to make a special effort to attend.

## New Bookmobile Is Purchased For Pettigrew Regional Library

Mrs. Eugenia Babylon, director of the Pettigrew Regional Library, announces the recent acquisition of a new bookmobile for the library, which will be used for colored people in Chowan, Tyrrell and Washington counties. The vehicle is a Gerstenslager and the company is located in Wooster, Ohio. The chassis was purchased from the B.B.H. Motor Company in Edenton.

Mrs. Verdie Alexander, bookmobile librarian for colored people and Mrs. Harris, bookmobile librarian for white people, made a trip to Wooster by bus and drove the new vehicle back home. They report a successful and very pleasant trip despite the real cold

weather experienced. They had a personally conducted tour of the Gerstenslager plant, which they especially enjoyed.

The bookmobile is a walk-in type, of all steel construction and is very well made throughout. It carries in the neighborhood of 1,000 books.

To make the bookmobile purchase, a grant of \$2,000 was received from federal funds and the remainder of the cost was furnished from State funds, which will amount to approximately \$1,000.

Mrs. Babylon and the librarians are very well pleased with the new bookmobile, which will add greatly to the service.

## New Bookmobile For Regional Library



Only recently the above bookmobile was purchased for the Pettigrew Regional Library to serve colored people in Chowan, Tyrrell and Washington Counties. Mrs. Verdie Alexander, in front of the bookmobile, librarian for the colored people, and Mrs. Harris, bookmobile librarian for white people, made a trip to Wooster, Ohio, and drove the vehicle back home.

## Joe A. Webb, Jr., Is Re-elected As Chowan District Supervisor

Joe A. Webb, Jr., was re-elected in Chowan County's supervisor election which was held last week. He will be one of the representatives from the county on the board of supervisors for the Albemarle Soil Conservation District. The other two from Chowan County on the board are L. C. Bunch and R. H. Hollowell. The district is composed of five counties, Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan.

Mr. Webb has served as a district supervisor since his elec-

tion in December, 1947, and is secretary for the Chowan County supervisors. He now will serve a term of three years.

The next meeting of the board of supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District will be January 9 in Hertford at 7 P. M. The public is invited to attend these meetings. This meeting will be for the purpose of electing officers for 1958. Officers for 1957 are: L. C. Bunch, Chowan County, chairman; H. A. Leary, Camden County, vice chairman; Frank Skinner, Perquimans County, secretary.

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The club will not hold its regular weekly meetings on Monday night for the next three weeks, so that the next regular meeting will be held Monday night, January 6.

## VFW Post Will Burn Mortgage

William H. Coffield Post No. 9280 will celebrate a momentous occasion Saturday night, December 14, when a Christmas party will be held in the Post home at 9 o'clock. A turkey dinner will be served, with a feature of the meeting being a mortgage burning ceremony.

All members and their wives are cordially invited to attend and enjoy a sumptuous turkey dinner and see the mortgage on the building go up in smoke.

## Brotherhood At Rocky Hock Will Hold Ladies' Night

Rocky Hock Brotherhood will observe its annual Ladies' Night banquet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock at the Oak Grove Community Building. The organization has been organized only two years, but already has about 40 members, and much interest has been aroused. Lloyd M. Peele is president of the group and Jack Evans is secretary. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served by members of the Oak Grove Home Demonstration Club, after which a special Christmas program will be presented.

## Town Council Winds Up Year's Business In Hurry Tuesday

### Another Request For Making Change In Zoning

Town Council wound up the year's business in record time Tuesday night. Though the meeting started a little late due to several members attending a portion of the Business and Professional Women's Club Christmas party, all business was transacted and the Councilmen were released before 10 o'clock.

A request was made to rezone the area on the South side of West Queen Street between Granville and Mosely Streets from RA-7 residential to RA-5 residential. A public hearing on the request is scheduled to be held at the January meeting of Town Council, Tuesday night, January 14, when action will be taken. The purpose of the request is to change the former Baptist parsonage into an apartment house.

Chief of Police George I. Dail made a report relative to stop signs at all streets entering Broad, Granville and Oakum Streets. Due to a ruling made in Recorder's Court by Judge Marvin Wilson, there is no liability in case of wrecks when no stop signs are provided at intersections. Chief Dail listed a number of accidents at some of these intersections and stated that 35 signs would be needed at a cost of approximately \$150. Action was delayed until the next meeting.

Councilmen Luther Parks and J. Edwin Buffalup made a report relative to a meeting with Tom Rivers and Mr. Carlisle regarding a difference in cost of the Park

## Red Men Oyster Roast Dec. 16th

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will stage a "dutch" oyster roast Monday night, December 16, at 7 o'clock. The affair will be held at the Scott & Ackiss Recapping Company on West Eden Street. Any of the Red Men who plan to attend are requested to contact Albert Cullipher at the B.B.H. Motor Company before Saturday night, so that arrangements can be made to secure enough oysters.

The oyster roast was previously scheduled to be held Friday night, December 20, but the date was changed to December 16 at Monday night's meeting.

## Houses Wanted

With some 20 people recently arriving in Edenton in connection with the Douglas Aircraft Corporation's activities at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station, a need has developed for housing facilities. Some are single men and have found living quarters, but at least three families and possibly more are looking for houses or apartments.

Anyone having a house or apartment for rent is requested to contact Ernest J. Ward, Jr., at the Municipal Building.

## Annual Christmas Concert Will Be Presented At Elementary School Sunday, December 15th

The Music Department of the Edenton City Schools will present its annual Christmas Concert on the afternoon of Sunday, December 15, at 5 o'clock, in the Elementary School auditorium. Edenton Cub Scouts will hold a Christmas party Monday night, December 16, at 7:15 o'clock at the Elementary School cafeteria. William H. Coffield Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will stage a Christmas party and mortgage burning ceremony in the Post home Saturday night, December 14, at 9 o'clock. A Masonic play by the Acacia

## BPW Club Names Mrs. Campen New "Woman Of Year"

### Award Winner

Thursday night in Raleigh six persons were presented Charles A. Cannon awards for their work in historical research and restoration in North Carolina. The awards climaxed the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities.

Among the six receiving the awards was Grayson H. Harding of Edenton.

## 500-Gallon Still Is Captured In Chowan County

Chowan County ABC officers and ATU officers early Saturday morning swooped down on one of the largest and best-equipped stills ever to be seized in Chowan County. The outfit was found on the road leading from Cross Roads to Center Hill and was in operation at the time.

Two white men, Harold Copeland and Earl Reid, were arrested and taken to Elizabeth City for a preliminary hearing. A third man made his escape.

The still was a 500-gallon capacity outfit and was totally destroyed. It included a 400-gallon FREE heater, a 400-gallon cooler box, fifty 250-gallon barrels, 500 gallons of whiskey and three trucks which were confiscated. A small building used as living quarters, together with other equipment was destroyed or seized.

The lane leading to the site of the still was camouflaged with limbs of trees.

## Masonic Play At Meeting Tonight

A treat is in store for local Masons tonight (Thursday) when a Masonic play will be presented in the Masonic Temple by members of the Acacia Club of the Norview Lodge.

Each year a play is presented by their club at various Masonic lodges in Virginia and Eastern North Carolina, each of which wins commendation from all who see it. It will be the third time the Acacia Club has presented a play in Edenton and a large crowd is expected to be on hand to witness it.

A "Poor Richard" dinner will be served in the lodge dining room at 6:30 o'clock with the Acacia Club members being guests of local Masons. William Adams, master of the Unanimity Lodge, urges all members to be present and extends a cordial invitation to all visiting Masons to enjoy the play.

## ROTARIANS MEET TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Parish House. The program will be in charge of Dr. Ed Bond and President Robert Marsh requests a 100 per cent attendance.

## Announcement Made At Party Held Tuesday Night

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Mrs. Ida Campen was named "Woman of the Year" by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club at its annual Bosses' Night Christmas Party held Tuesday night in the Masonic Temple. She is the first woman who has ever been selected as a woman of the year with in the BPW Club, of which she is a charter member. Mrs. Lena Leary, mistress of ceremony, presented the honoree with a dozen roses on behalf of the club.

Mrs. Campen was so astonished when her name was announced, a few seconds elapsed before she could compose herself. With the assistance of club members she made it to the speaker's table, where she exclaimed in a tearful voice, "You don't know how much I appreciate it. It was the greatest surprise I ever had."

Mrs. Campen's joviality is one of her greatest assets. She has never known a stranger. Once one meets this "live wire", he is immediately put at ease by her constant flow of laughter and friendliness. Never at loss for words, this lovable lady warms the hearts of those who come in contact with her. Mrs. Campen is always surrounded by friends who enjoy her peals of laughter and humorous chatter, which has become her "trademark" in Edenton. Her vivacity and force is

## Harry Smith Is Interviewed As To C. Of C. Post

The board of directors of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce held an interview Friday, December 6, with Harry Smith of Old Saybrook, Conn. The board was very much impressed with Mr. Smith, who has been recommended very highly by former associates and has had several years experience in Chamber of Commerce work. Mrs. Smith accompanied Mr. Smith here and was entertained by a group of Edenton ladies while here. Both were very much impressed with Edenton and enthused with the possibilities, geographical location and general surrounding. By unanimous vote the board offered Mr. Smith the position as manager of the new chamber.

Mr. Smith explained that he was very much interested in the position. However, due to some personal holdings in his home town he was unable to make an acceptance before working out some other details. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left Edenton with the highest praise for the hospitality enjoyed and indicated that the Chamber would be notified within a short time of his decision.

## Christmas Party For Cub Scouts Monday, Dec. 16

Col. W. A. Free, Cubmaster of the Edenton Cub Scouts, has announced that the monthly meeting for the Cub Scouts will be in way of a Christmas party. The party will be held Monday night, December 16, at 7:15 o'clock in the Elementary School cafeteria.

At this meeting some awards will be presented, with a feature being a visit by Santa Claus. Gifts will be exchanged during the meeting, after which refreshments will be served.

The Cub Scouts are requested to bring gifts of canned food, which will be distributed among the needy. Any information about the meeting can be secured by contacting any one of the six den mothers, who are Mrs. Nancy Carson, Mrs. Todd Whitten, Mrs. Anthony Miranda, Mrs. Gerald James, Mrs. Earl Carpenter of Mrs. Louis George Wilkins.

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