

Consolidation Of The Bank Edenton And Peoples Bank & Trust Co. Consummated

Richard S. Atkinson, Jr., of Rocky Mount Joins Staff In Capacity of Vice President

The consolidation of The Bank of Edenton with The Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Rocky Mount was completed as of the close of business on Friday, January 31.

John G. Wood, Jr., chairman of the local board of managers and director of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, said, "we take pride in joining hands in service with the Peoples Bank and Trust Company. They have had a phenomenal growth in services and facilities in Northeastern North Carolina. At the present time they operate the home office and four other offices in Rocky Mount and have branches in Nashville, Whitakers, Middlesex, Battleboro, Pinetops and Enfield."

John A. Kramer, executive vice president of the local branch and director of the Peoples Bank and Trust Company, in a statement Wednesday said, "the consolidation of these two banks brings to our community a bank with resources of more than \$30,000,000. It is the desire of the management of the bank to serve agriculture, business, industry and the people of the Edenton community in a manner that will help it to continue to grow and prosper in the years ahead."

Mr. Kramer announced that Richard S. Atkinson, Jr., had joined the staff as a vice president of the bank. Atkinson is an experienced young Rocky Mount banker, having served for several years as cashier of a \$25,000,000 bank before coming here. He was

Over 150 Attend Masonic District Meeting Thursday

Over 150 Masons from the eastern part of North Carolina gathered at the Masonic Temple Thursday night of last week when members of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, were hosts at a meeting of the First District. A barbecue dinner preceded the meeting.

Willie H. Burgess of Old Trap, district deputy grand master, presided over the meeting, the principal item of business being reports from the various lodges in the district. The lodges represented were Indiantown, Camden, Hertford, Gatesville, South Mills, Elizabeth City, Coinjock and Edenton. A number of visitors were also present from various other parts of North Carolina, including P. C. Stott of Wendell, a certified lecturer.

The feature of the meeting was exemplification of the Demolay degree by a group of young men from Norfolk under the direction of George Schultz. The young men performed like professional actors and drew thunderous applause and many flattering comments from the large number on hand to witness the degree.

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

Officers of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce were disappointed to learn that Governor Clyde R. Hoey would be unable to speak at a proposed Chamber of Commerce banquet.

R. C. Holland, president of the peanut cooperative, reported the sale of 101,223 bags of peanuts to be diverted into oil.

The community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of W. S. Vincent, superintendent of the U. S. Fish Hatchery at Edenton.

Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion received a beautiful certificate of Most Distinguished Service from national headquarters for its successful membership program.

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New Bank Officials



With the consolidation of The Bank of Edenton and the Peoples Bank and Trust Company of Rocky Mount consummated Friday of last week, Richard S. Atkinson, Jr., left of Rocky Mount joined the staff in the capacity of vice president. John A. Kramer, right, will serve the new bank as executive vice president. The merger of the two banks results in a banking institution in Edenton with resources of more than \$30,000,000.

County Commissioners Employ County Assistant Home Agent

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning voted unanimously to approve the employment of Miss Catherine Aman as assistant home agent for Chowan County. Miss Aman will succeed Mrs. Jacqueline Lewis, who resigned to return to High Point.

Miss Aman attended the Commissioners' meeting, accompanied by Miss Florence Cox, Eastern District Home Agent, who highly recommended her for the position. Miss Aman will graduate this month at East Carolina College at Greenville and will report to take up her duties in Chowan County Monday, March 3.

Miss Aman is a native of Onslow County, graduating from On-

slow High School before entering East Carolina College. She has an unusual club background in that her mother has been an outstanding home demonstration club member for many years, and before entering college Miss Aman received state recognition for 4-H club work. She also will come to Chowan with splendid recommendations from East Carolina College.

Miss Cox stated that Mrs. Lewis did a splendid job in the county and that she was of the opinion that Miss Aman will also do an equally good job among the county's clubs.

The Commissioners immediately agreed to approve the employment of Miss Aman.

Rotary President



Edenton Rotarians at their meeting Thursday of last week elected Dr. Ed Bond president, to succeed Robert S. Marsh. Dr. Bond will be installed at the first Rotary meeting in July.

LIONS MEET MONDAY
Edenton Lions will meet Monday night, February 10, at 7 o'clock. Medlin Belch, president, is very anxious to register a 100 per cent meeting.

J. H. Conger, Sr., New Chairman Of Chowan Hospital Trustees

At the January meeting of the directors of the Chowan Hospital, J. H. Conger, Sr., was elected chairman. Mr. Conger succeeds J. W. Davis, who has served in that capacity continuously for 11 years. Mr. Davis was elected chairman to succeed Albert Byrum, who served for a one year-term when the hospital was first organized and was operated on the Edenton Naval

Candidate

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner late last week informed The Herald that he had filed with the State Board of Elections notice of his candidacy for the nomination as Representative to Congress from the First Congressional District of North Carolina in the Democratic Primary to be held May 31.

Mr. Bonner, very popular in the entire district, has represented the district about 15 years, succeeding Lindsay Warren when the latter was appointed Comptroller General.

Penalty Goes On '57 Taxes

Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported to the County Commissioners Monday morning that 1957 taxes collected during January amounted to \$58,916.89. This figure brings total 1957 taxes collected to date to \$148,138.69.

As of February 3, a penalty of one per cent will be added to the 1957 taxes and after March 1 a penalty of two per cent will be added.

Auxiliary Air Station when the deactivated base was taken over by the Town of Edenton. Mr. Davis served as chairman during the early phases of a local hospital and during the building program when the directors were faced with many perplexing problems.

Other officers elected by the directors were: W. P. Jones, vice president; Jesse Harrell, secretary and James Bond, treasurer.

Winners Of Jaycee Awards



Edenton Jaycees at their DSA banquet held Wednesday night of last week conferred outstanding honors on three young men other than Gilliam Wood, the DSA winner. Caswell Edmundson, left, was selected for the Jaycee Key Man award, while Lindsay Ray Bunch, center, was chosen as Chowan County's outstanding young farmer of 1957, and Gene Ward, right, received the Jaycee Rookie of the Year award.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

Woman's Club Art Show Will Be Staged In Penelope Barker House Two Days, March 8 And 9

Announcement was made early this week that the annual art show sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9, in the Penelope Barker house. The judge will be announced at a later date.

It is hoped that a large number of school children in both grammar and high schools in the town and county and that adults both civilian and the Marines will participate. It is requested that work be turned in one week in advance of the exhibit and that exhibits are at the owner's responsibility.

Following are the rules of this year's art show:

1. All work must be original. Copies of other pictures are not acceptable.
2. Any medium may be used, such as pencil, ink, charcoal, oils, crayons, etc.
3. Any size paper or canvas may be used.
4. Seven (7) entries only from each class.

(To be chosen by the teacher or a vote of the class) will be accepted. Each work submitted must have the name and grade of the entrant on the front.

5. Ribbons will be awarded in each homeroom in each individual school.

6. First, second, and honorable mention in the form of ribbons will be given for over-all exhibits from individual schools or school grounds. Twelve cash awards will be given for outstanding work.

7. Adult work will be in a separate class and not placed in competition with that of school children.

8. A hobby corner—arts and crafts—will be set up where unclassified entries such as: photographs, ceramics, needlecraft, tinting of photographs, handicrafts, etc., may be exhibited.

For additional information call Mrs. Scott Harrell at phone number 2933.

Valentine Dance Scheduled In Edenton Armory Friday Night For Benefit March Of Dimes

Friday night, February 7, a Valentine dance will be held in the Edenton armory. The dance, sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, is being held for the benefit of the Chowan County March of Dimes, with all of the proceeds going toward the fight against polio.

Music for the dance will be furnished by John Piland and his orchestra from Scotland Neck. Mr. Piland is no stranger in Edenton, so that it is expected

that a large crowd will turn out to enjoy good dancing music and at the same time make a contribution to a very worthy cause. March of Dimes contributions are lagging, and Tom Ridgeway, Chowan March of Dimes Chairman, is hopeful that the dance will boost the amount already in hand. As a special inducement a charge of only \$1.00 will be made for each person attending.

Table reservations can be made by contacting any member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Byrum Seeks Re-election As Representative

Albert G. Byrum late last week announced that he will again be a candidate to represent Chowan County in the North Carolina House of Representatives in the Democratic primary election to be held Saturday, May 31.

Mr. Byrum has served one term in the General Assembly and stated that if re-elected he will perform the duties of the office to the best of his ability and the best interest of Chowan County.

BONDS ORDERED PAID

West Byrum, Chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, on Monday morning was authorized to pay \$5,080.19 on the county indebtedness. The amount represents school building bonds and coupons which fall due March 1.

RED MEN MEETING

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night, February 10, at 7:30 o'clock. Hurley Ward, sachem, urges a full attendance.

Dr. Ed Bond New President Of Rotary Club

Edenton Rotarians at their meeting Thursday of last week had as their principal item of business the election of officers for the new Rotary year which begins July 1.

Dr. Ed Bond, vice president, was elected as president to succeed Robert S. Marsh. Jimmy Earnhardt was elected vice president and J. P. Ricks, Sr., Philip McMullan, Jack Habit and Lloyd Bunch were elected directors of the club.

Officers are elected so far in advance in order for the new president and secretary to attend Rotary assemblies, but they will not be installed until the first meeting in July.

At Thursday's meeting Gene Ward became a member of the club with John A. Holmes in charge of the induction ceremony.

Guest Speaker At Methodist Church Sunday

The Rev. Paul Carruth, executive director of Christian higher education for North Carolina Conference Methodists, will preach in the Edenton Methodist Church Sunday morning, February 9, at 11 o'clock.

On a nationwide scale, Methodists have launched an emphasis on strengthening its colleges and its Wesley Foundation work with students in state-supported schools. Of special significance for eastern North Carolina in this program is the recent establishment of North Carolina Wesleyan at Rocky Mount and Methodist College at Fayetteville. A \$5,000,000 program for this work is currently being developed. Methodist schools involved in addition to North Carolina Wesleyan and Methodist College are: Louisburg College, Duke University, Greensboro College and High Point College.

Mr. Carruth came to this work following a four-year pastorate at Tabor City. He was appointed to Tabor City following a period of service as chaplain in the U. S. Air Force. He was born in Mississippi, and earned degrees from Millsaps College and Duke University. He and his family, including three children, make their home in Durham.

Speaking On World Peace February 12

Edenton Junior-Senior High School will sponsor the high school world peace study and speaking program which is conducted by the Extension Division of the University of North Carolina.

The program, for seniors only, will be held Wednesday morning, February 12, at 10:50 o'clock in the school's gymnasium. This year's topic will be "The United Nations In The Search For World Peace."

The purpose of this program is to stimulate interest and furnish information on the problems of peace. The aim is to reach not only high school students, but through them the masses of the people upon whose collective conviction eventual world peace must hinge.

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J. Gilliam Wood Is Winner Of Jaycee Annual DSA Honor

DSA Winner



Edenton Jaycees at a meeting held Wednesday night of last week proclaimed Gilliam Wood as Edenton's most outstanding young man of 1957, and was presented the coveted Jaycee Distinguished Service Award.

C. Of C. Directors Will Meet Today

Harry Smith, Jr., executive vice president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, announces that a meeting of the board of directors will be held in the Chamber of Commerce office in Hotel Joseph Hewes this (Thursday) afternoon at 5 o'clock.

This will be a very important meeting, so that every director is urged to make a special effort to be 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 County Agent C. W. Overman and President Robert Marsh urges every member of the club to be present.

LEGION MEETING

Ed Bond Post No. 40 of the American Legion will meet in the Post home Tuesday night, February 11, at 8 o'clock. Commander Troy Topin is very anxious to see a good turnout of members.

Visiting Preacher



REV. PAUL CARRUTH
Next Sunday morning, February 9, at the 11 o'clock service, the Rev. Paul Carruth of Durham will preach at the Edenton Methodist Church.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Will Be In Edenton Monday, Feb. 10

order to meet the quota.

At the last appearance of the bloodmobile in November Chowan people donated 107 pints, which was very encouraging in view of the fact that at previous visits donations were short of the quota.

Mr. Swanner states that arrangements will be made for transportation for any who desire to donate a pint of blood, but have no way of getting to and from the armory. If any transportation is desired, it will be provided by phoning 2521.

Mr. Swanner stated that Chowan's quota will be 100 pints of blood and points out the great need for blood, so that he hopes enough people will volunteer in

Lindsay Ray Bunch, Caswell Edmundson And Gene Ward Also Presented Awards

J. Gilliam Wood won the coveted Distinguished Service Award by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce at the annual Jaycee DSA, Bosses' and Ladies' Night banquet held in the dining room of the Masonic Temple Wednesday night of last week. The award was presented to Mr. Wood by Bob Cox of Chapel Hill, national vice president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Wood was chosen for the honor by a secret committee and but for the committee members the winner was not known until it was announced by Mr. Cox. Mr. Wood is president of the Bank of Edenton, now the Peoples Bank and Trust Company. He also spearheaded, almost single-handedly the drive to organize a Chamber of Commerce in Edenton, now a reality. He is president of the Home Feed & Fertilizer Company, a director of the Edenton Cotton Mills and the Edenton Development Corporation, past president of the Edenton Rotary Club, a licensed lay leader of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and is very active in all civic and religious activities in Edenton. He was also chosen by the Jaycees last year as Chowan County's most outstanding young farmer.

In accepting the award Mr. Wood said he hoped everything so nicely said about him was true and that in being chosen for the honor he was truly appreciated and that he was so flattered that adequate words failed him to properly express his appreciation. Another coveted honor was awarded Lindsay Ray Bunch, who

Committees For C. Of C. Named

Gilliam Wood, president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, has announced the following standing committees to be appointed for the remainder of the year. Chairman and members of the various committees will be submitted to the Chamber's board of directors for confirmation at a later date.

President Wood emphasized the importance of members serving on Chamber committees to carry out its program of work. He welcomed the offer of several members who have already indicated their interest in a specific committee and have requested appointment to it. Any member with special interest in the committees listed should contact Mr. Wood or the Chamber of Commerce office.

The committees are: Advertising and promotion, agriculture, education, health and safety, highways and transportation, industrial development, merchant parking and traffic, state and national affairs, tourist and recreation.

Committees concerned with the internal administration of the Chamber are: Executive, finance, memberships and classification, and projects.

CIVIC CALENDAR

The Red Cross bloodmobile will again appear at the Edenton armory Monday, February 10, from 9:30 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. Chowan's quota is 100 pints of blood.

Edenton Jaycees will sponsor a Valentine Dance in the Edenton armory Friday night, February 7, from 9 o'clock to 1 A. M., with the proceeds going toward the March of Dimes.

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