

## Special Election Called To Decide \$557,000 Bond Issue For Sewage Improvements

Election Scheduled To Be Held on Tuesday, Feb. 16; Polls Open From 6:30 to 6:30

At the request of Edenton's Town Council, the Chowan County Board of Elections has called a special election to be held in Edenton Tuesday, February 16. The purpose of this election is to submit to the qualified voters of Edenton for their approval or disapproval a \$557,000 bond issue for constructing a sewage disposal plant and extension of the town's present sanitary sewer system.

Town Council at a special meeting held on December 28 adopted an ordinance authorizing the sale of bonds in order to comply with a mandate from the State Stream Sanitary Commission prohibiting dumping of raw sewage into local waters and that a sewage disposal plant be provided.

The improvements will include a disposal plant, interceptor sewers, pumping stations, sewer mains, acquiring land or rights in land, equipment needed and other facilities, the cost of which is estimated to be not in excess of \$557,000.

It is understood that if the bond issue is defeated, the State has the authority and will make the necessary improvements with the cost passed on to Edenton taxpayers. If this becomes necessary, the general opinion is that the cost will be considerably more.

Much thought and consideration has been given to the bond issue by the Board of Public Works and Town Councilmen. The opinion has been advanced by Board of Public Works members that there is a possibility that the interest and principal of the bond issue can be paid from Electric & Water Department earnings. However, this means that the town's general fund will not receive any money from the Board of Public Works, which for many years has been transferred to meet the town's operating expenses and obviously held down the tax rate considerably. Without question, if the major portion of the Electric & Water Department's earnings go toward the bond payment, it will be necessary to increase the

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### CIVIC CALENDAR

Edenton's Aces and Aces will play the Plymouth teams on the local court Friday night at 7:30.

Edenton Band Parents Association will sponsor a barbecue chicken dinner Saturday night, January 23, from 6 to 8 o'clock in the John A. Holmes High School cafeteria.

Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pochontas, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall.

Edenton Jaycees will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant.

Edenton Chapter No. 302, O. E. O. will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant.

## President W. P. Jones Appoints Standing Committee Chairmen To Serve C. Of C. During 1960

Chairmen of thirteen standing committees of the Chamber of Commerce, which carry out the organization's activities, have been appointed by President W. P. Jones to serve through 1960. Those named were unanimously approved by the board of directors at a meeting Wednesday.

## Proclaims March of Dimes Month



Mayor John A. Mitchener, right above, proclaims January in Edenton as New March of Dimes Month. Accepting the signed proclamation is William B. Gardner, 1960 campaign director. Mayor Mitchener asks the people of Edenton and Chowan County to support the New March of Dimes which is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.—(Photo by J. P. Ricks, Jr.)

## Edenton Lions Club Entertains Chowan's 4-H Corn Club Boys

Edenton Lions played host on Monday night to nine members of the Chowan County 4-H Corn Club and their fathers as guests. The corn-growing contest was originated back in 1944 and has been an annual event since that time.

The average this year was the highest since the beginning of the program at 96.86 bushels per acre. Awards of \$10 for highest yield are divided into three groups.

Winner for the age 10 through 12 age group was Tommy Brabble, son of J. T. Brabble. Tommy's yield was 110 bushels per acre.

Winner for the age 13 through 14 age group was Richard White, son of E. S. White. Richard's

yield was 116 bushels per acre. Winner for the age 15 and over age group was Jerry White, son of Sid White. Jerry's yield was 120.9 bushels per acre.

Jerry explained to the group some of his cultivation practices. Richard White spoke for the group and expressed the group's appreciation for the sponsorship of the contest and the evening's entertainment. Others participating in the program were Harry Venters, assistant county agent, and C. W. Overman, county agent. James Griffin presented the awards.

James Parks, son of E. F. Parks, raised 116.5 bushels; Bernard Dale, son of W. R. Dale, raised 109 bushels; Leon Evans,

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## Masonic Program Presented Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) the Arcadia Lodge will present its annual play in the Masonic Temple of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M. This group has previously presented their play in Edenton and each time it has attracted a large number of Masons who were very much pleased with the performance. Tonight's appearance of the Norview Lodge players is expected to attract another large crowd.

The Virginia group is scheduled to arrive in Edenton at 7 o'clock, when dinner will be served in the dining room, with local Masons invited to participate.

The play will begin at 8 o'clock with no business to be transacted by the lodge.

## 73 Pints Of Blood Donated Monday

Tom Ridgeway, Chowan County Red Cross blood program chairman, reports that 73 pints of blood were donated at the bloodmobile here Monday. The quota was 95 pints.

Mr. Ridgeway expresses his appreciation to all who donated blood as well as those who helped in any way. He especially thanks Joe Swanner, James Stillman, Charlie Swanner, West Leary, W. E. Bond, H. A. Camp and Bill Perry, as well as others who have consistently donated blood. Mr. Ridgeway himself is a three gallon blood donor.

## New Master

McKAY WASHINGTON, in an impressive ceremony Thursday night, McKay Washington was installed as master of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., for the year 1960.

## Mrs. J. D. Elliott Elected President Of Woman's Club

Club Goes on Record To Support Bond Issue For Sewage Improvements

At the January meeting of the Edenton Woman's Club, Richard Hines, Superintendent, and T. C. Byrum, Jr., chairman of the Board of Public Works, gave a detailed talk on the bond issue which will be voted on February 16, and the sewage disposal plant for which this bond issue is intended. The Woman's Club went on record to support this bond issue and assist in any way possible the passing of same.

The new officers for the club year 1960-61 were unanimously elected and will be installed at the May meeting.

The following were elected: President, Mrs. J. D. Elliott; vice president, Mrs. George A. Byrum; secretary, Mrs. Herbert Hollowell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wendell H. Copeland; treasurer, Mrs. Myda Taylor; historian, Mrs. James H. Griffin.

Members of the club will participate in the "Mother's March" which will be held on January 28 in connection with the March of Dimes which is sponsored by the Jaycees.

## C. Of C. Endorses Sewer Bond Issue

Board of Directors In Favor of Addition to Present System

The issuance of bonds to construct a sewage treatment plant and to make improvements to the town's present system was endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce board of directors at their meeting Wednesday.

It was the consensus of those present that the new plant and other additions to the sewage system will be advantageous to the future growth of the community.

It is recommended that local voters make a special effort to vote on the question at the election to be held on Tuesday, February 16.

## Band Parents Will Hold Chicken Dinner Saturday, Jan. 30th

Sponsored by the Edenton Band Parents Association, a barbecue chicken dinner will be held in the John A. Holmes High School cafeteria Saturday night, January 30.

The dinner will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock with plates delivered if requested. It is hoped many will buy the plates at \$1.25 each in order to help the association to raise funds.

## Degree Work At Eastern Star Meeting

Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Monday night, January 18, at 8 o'clock. At this meeting a candidate will be initiated, so that Mrs. T. J. Wood, worthy matron, urges all members to be present.

## James Edwin Byrum, Jr., Wins First Round For Scholarship

Five seniors, four from John A. Holmes High School and one from Chowan High School, were recently interviewed by the Chowan County Morehead Scholarship Committee in the first round of awarding the annual scholarship award. The Chowan Committee is composed of John Graham and Herbert Hollowell, Jr. The late Judge Marvin Wilson was chairman of the committee.

Of the five students interviewed, James Edwin Byrum, Jr., was selected to be among students interviewed by the district committee. This interview will be held at the Roanoke Country Club at Williamston the latter part of January. Those students selected from this group will go before the Central Committee for an interview in Chapel Hill in March.

## Gift Certificates For First 1960 Baby



Harry Smith, Jr., executive vice president of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, is shown above presenting gift certificates to Mrs. Rhea L. Adams honoring her on the birth of her son, Marshall Goode Adams, the first baby born in Chowan County in 1960. The baby was born January 1 at 10:30 A. M. at the Chowan Hospital. Local merchants contributed gift certificates and services to the parents of the new baby.—(Photo by J. P. Ricks, Jr.)

## Edenton Tea Party Re-Enacted Here For News Bureau

Group Attired In Colonial Costumes For Pictures to Appear In Magazine

The Edenton Tea Party of 1774 was re-enacted by a small group of citizens Wednesday morning at the old Charlton House on West Eden Street for the benefit of the State News Bureau.

Charles Kelly of the State News Bureau was here to take color pictures of the event for Dodge magazine to use with a recipe for Barker cookies.

The Charlton house, built about 1769, was the home of Abigail Charlton, first signer of the tea party resolutions whereby the ladies of Edenton "resolved not to drink any more tea, nor to wear any more British clothes." The home is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. David M. Warren.

Presiding at the tea was Mrs. Bruce F. Jones as Penelope Barker, attired in a colonial costume and wearing a pin belonging to Penelope and a ring owned by Thomas Barker, her husband. Both heirlooms are now owned by Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Elliott.

Tea was poured from silver belonging to Mrs. Frances Johnston of Hayes, one of the resolution signers, and now in the

## Sewage Disposal Plant Topic At Next Lions Club Meeting

Edenton's Lions Club will meet Monday night, January 18, at 7 o'clock. A feature of this meeting will be an address by a representative of the State Health Department. The speaker will discuss the proposed sewage disposal plant for Edenton.

Members of the Edenton Rotary Club have been invited to join the Lions in order to become better acquainted with the sewage expansion in Edenton.

## Getting Close

According to Mrs. Wesley Chesson, Jr., Seal Sale Chairman for the Chowan County Tuberculosis Association, \$1,416.30 has been contributed by residents of Chowan County to be used in a continuous fight against tuberculosis.

"Only through the generous contributions from individuals in each county can this program be carried on," says Mrs. Chesson, "so it is hoped that all who have not contributed, not through neglect but oversight, will do so at once so that the Chowan County goal of \$2,000 will be reached before the drive is declared officially closed. We need \$583.70 to meet our quota."

## Contract Awarded To Extend Sewage To Industrial Site

Not Sold Yet

Though the abandoned Rocky Hock School property was again sold to Rocky Hock Community Center Monday morning of last week, it will be put up for sale again.

The bid for \$2,150 has been raised, so that when the sale is again held Wednesday morning, January 27, at 11 o'clock the starting bid will be \$2,360.

## Boy Scouts Will Sell Peanuts To Help To Boost March Dimes

Road Block and Crutch Sale Held Last Week Proves Very Satisfactory

As part of the month-long New March of Dimes Drive Boy Scouts will sell peanuts in downtown Edenton Saturday. Proceeds from the sale will be added to money already collected by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the local drive.

Jaycees are contacting businessmen for solicitations this week.

The projects held last weekend were successful. The road-block Sunday totaled \$114.67 and the crutch sale by the teenagers Saturday \$85.62. William B. Gardner, 1960 campaign director, termed the crutch sale headed by Mary Thorud as excellent.

Assisting in the sale of crutches were the following 7th, 8th

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## Masons Install Officers For '60

In an impressive ceremony Thursday night officers for 1960 for Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., were installed with William W. Adams as the installing officer.

Officers installed were: Master, McKay Washington; senior warden, Dr. A. F. Downum; junior warden, J. C. Parks; treasurer, R. E. Leary; secretary, W. C. Bunch, Jr.; senior deacon, J. A. Bunch, junior deacon, Thomas Byrum; senior steward, Rodney Harrell, Jr.; junior steward, Albert Lassiter, Jr.; chaplain, Richard W. King; Tyler, LaDel Parker.

J. Edwin Buffalup, marshal, assisted Mr. Adams with the installation ceremony. At the conclusion refreshments were served in the kitchen.

## JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant. West Byrum, Jr., urges all members to attend.

## VFW MEETS TUESDAY

William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night, January 19, at 8 o'clock. Commander John Bass is anxious to have a large attendance.

## Edenton Methodists Call Special Quarterly Conference Sunday To Discuss Vital Improvements

At the request of the official board of the Methodist Church, a special quarterly conference will be held immediately following the morning service Sunday, January 17.

## T. A. Loving & Co. of Goldsboro Low Bidder For Project at \$107,000

In a lengthy meeting lasting until midnight Tuesday, Town Council awarded a contract to extend the sanitary sewer line from Oakum and North Broad Streets to the new industrial site. The low bid for this extension was \$107,000, submitted by T. A. Loving & Company of Goldsboro. Of the \$107,000 bid, \$92,723.60 is for construction and the remaining \$14,276.40 for contingencies and engineering fees. The cost is far above the original estimate which for the most part is caused by the deep cuts necessary to provide proper drainage. The project is expected to be completed within 180 calendar days and will begin in three or four weeks.

There were five bids presented, which were opened earlier Tuesday night by the Board of Public Works, and they recommended that the Loving Company be awarded the contract.

The Councilmen were no little surprised over the amount of the bid, for previous estimates placed the figure at around \$45,000.

The Councilmen also balked at the recommendation of the Board of Public Works to purchase a piece of land on which will be erected a pumping station. This is less than two-tenths of an acre to be purchased from Jimmy Parrish at a price of \$650. Both boards were of the opinion that this is an excessive price for this piece of low land, but it was the most convenient site for a pumping station. Chairman Thomas Byrum of the Board of Public Works, when asked, stated that his board had not inquired about any other site which could be used and probably not be out of reason in price. The Councilmen, however, in a split vote, agreed to comply with the recommendation to purchase the site at the \$650 figure.

During the meeting the Council received applications for taxicab franchises and operator permits for 1960.

The Councilmen also approved the application of Mr. and

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## 20 Years Ago

As Found in the Files of The Chowan Herald

The Board of Public Works announced the abandonment of the custom of sending out a collector each month to round up light and water delinquents and that after the 10th of the month service would be disconnected and a charge of 50 cents made for re-connection.

Handel's immortal masterpiece, "The Messiah", was presented in the high school auditorium by a chorus of 80 trained voices coming from Snow Hill, Ayden, Goldsboro and Greenville.

Neil Hester, district governor of Lions, visited Edenton and was principal speaker at the Edenton Lions Club meeting.

Edenton's merchants were asked to meet at the Municipal



JAMES EDWIN BYRUM, JR. In a report of the Morehead Scholarship Committee for Chowan County, James Edwin Byrum, Jr., has been invited to appear before the District Committee at the Roanoke Country Club at Williamston late in January. Six boys will be selected from this group to go before the Central Committee in Chapel Hill in March to compete for the coveted Morehead Scholarship.