

## Nathan Yelton Will Speak In Edenton On Aging Problems

### Step Taken to Insure Replacement In Case Of Fire or Various Other Reasons

Nathan H. Yelton, secretary of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System will speak in Edenton Thursday, March 31, representing the North Carolina Governor's Coordinating Committee on Aging.

The occasion is a county-wide workshop meeting on needs and services for Chowan County's elder citizens, sponsored by the Chowan County Coordinating Committee on Aging, of which Mrs. Eugenia R. Babylon, regional librarian, is chairman. Similar workshops are being carried on in other counties under the auspices of the Governor's Coordinating Committee on Aging, with a twofold purpose: (1) to evaluate existing services and resources for older citizens, identify growing or unmet needs and make recommendations for improving services, and (2) to develop facts and recommendations from the local communities to the state committee planning the statewide Governor's Conference on Aging called by Governor Hodges for July 27-29, 1960, in Raleigh.

Mr. Yelton, appointed by Governor Hodges as a member of the Governor's Coordinating Committee on Aging in 1956, is a native of Bakersville, N. C., and a graduate of Vanderbilt University, having studied also at Maryville College, Tenn., the University of Tennessee, the University of North Carolina and George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. He has been president of the High School Principals Association, Western District, NCEA, and of the Western District Superintendents' Association, during his tenure as superintendent of Mitchell County schools. He has held the positions of state director of public assistance, executive secretary of the State School Commission, controller of the State Board of Education, secretary of

### Officers Elected By Rocky Hock Group

The Rocky Hock Community Center held a meeting Wednesday night of last week when approximately 50 members were present.

During the meeting officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Billy Leary; vice chairman, Sherlon Layton; secretary-treasurer, Cora Harrell; photography, Jack Leary.

Miss Pauline Calloway, C. W. Overman and E. S. Smith attended the meeting and explained the community progress contest.

The group will decide on a project and a goal at the next meeting which will be held Monday night, April 4, at the Rocky Hock School building at 8 o'clock.

## Hospital Auxiliary Meets Goal Of 400 In Membership Drive

Chowan Hospital Auxiliary at the outset of its 1960 membership drive set a goal of 400 members. This goal has been reached, much to the satisfaction of Auxiliary officials, who presented for publication the names of the following as members for the year 1960:

Mrs. J. H. Allsbrook, Mrs. Watson Bell, Mrs. William Corprew, Mrs. George H. Privott, Miss Beulah Privott, Mrs. Richard Copeland, Miss Betsy Ashley, Miss Mildred Menden, Miss Harriett Leary, Miss Celia Spivey, Mrs. J. N. Frueden, Jr., Mrs. Inez Moran, Mrs. William J. White, Mrs. H. J. Cuthrell, Mrs. James Bond, Mrs. Mona Hoffer, Mrs. Gene Taylor, Mrs. Haywood Phthisic, Mrs. Richard Hardin, Mrs. Preston Rogerson, Mrs. Wood Privott, Mrs. Thomas Sheppard, Mrs. George A. Byrum, Mrs. Allen Downum, Mrs. Ralph Slades, Mrs. Joe Conger, Jr., Mrs. Ernest Roberts, Mrs. W. S.

### An Appeal

Tom Ridgeway, administrator of Chowan Hospital, as well as the medical staff, are appealing to the public to observe visiting hours at the hospital. Mr. Ridgeway also points out that when a sign is placed on a door it is done so by order of a doctor.

Proper observance of visiting hours and other regulations are for the welfare of patients, Mr. Ridgeway points out, and disregard often proves harmful to patients. The public is therefore, earnestly requested to comply with the hospital rules and regulations.

## Seniors At Chowan High Will Present Play Friday Night

### 'Aunt Samantha Rules The Roost' Will Be Staged In Auditorium at 8 P. M.

Sponsored by the senior class of Chowan High School, a play, "Aunt Samantha Rules the Roost," will be presented Friday night, March 25, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium. The play will be directed by David J. Johnson.

The play centers around a man-hating eccentric old maid who owns a chicken farm and frightens—all the young men away from her charming nieces. However, she drinks some lemonade in which love powders had been placed, and by a scheme of one of her nieces, who signs eggs "Miss Simpkins," a purchaser of some eggs turns up to claim Aunt Samantha as his soul mate.

Those who compose the cast of characters are Faye Oberkay, Hare, Kathryn Tynch, Margie Evans, Marian Chappell, Janet Parrish, Billy Whiteman, Jeff Ward, E. C. Toppin, Edgar Ray Jordan and Woodrow Slades. Ushers will be Linda Spivey, Jean White, Betty Bunch and Ruby Bunch.

Special entertainment will be provided by Robin Hendrix. **Continued on Page 3—Section 1**

## March Of Dimes Drive Nets \$1,570

Tom Ridgeway, Chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the National Foundation, has announced that total contributions in the March of Dimes drive total \$1,570.

Mr. Ridgeway praised the Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the annual drive, and this year's chairman, Billy Gardner, for the highly successful campaign.

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Privott, Mrs. Pete Smith, Mrs. Bruce Jones, Mrs. Charlie Swann, Mrs. Lloyd Bunch, Mrs. L. E. Davenport, Mrs. C. E. Kramer, Mrs. John Wheeler, Mrs. T. W. Jones, Mrs. Jesse L. Harrell, Mrs. Medlin Belch, Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Mrs. Henry Quinn, Mrs. Thelma Edmundson, Mrs. Scott Harrell, Mrs. McKay Phthisic, Mrs. James H. Griffin, Mrs. William Wells, Mrs. Nathan Smith, Mrs. John Douglas, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Mrs. Murray Byrum, Mrs. R. P. Badham. Mrs. W. D. Townson, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Mrs. Lloyd Griffin, Mrs. George Mack, Mrs. Oscar Elliott, Miss Jessie McMullan, Mrs. John Mitchener, Mrs. Allen Boyd Harless, Jr., Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Phillip McMullan, Mrs. Sydney McMullan, Mrs. A. B. Harless, Sr., Mrs. Thurston Dunbar, Mrs. Leland Plant, Mrs. John Pavlich, Mrs. John W. **Continued on Page 3, Section 1**

## John Marshall Presented Eagle Scout Award



Pictured above is a court of honor held Thursday at the Rotary Club's meeting. In center Scoutmaster Jasper Hassell is preparing to present John Marshall with his Eagle Scout award. At left is Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Perry, parents of young Marshall, with members of the Boy Scout troop looking on.—(Photo by J. P. Ricks, Jr.)

## Edenton Cotton Mill Host To Students From Nine Counties

### Wm. E. Smith of State College Points Out Many Opportunities In Textile Industry

Edenton Cotton Mill was host to a group of school officials and seniors from nine eastern counties Tuesday afternoon. The group met at the Edenton Restaurant, where a delicious fried chicken dinner was served. Counties represented were Chowan, Dare, Currituck, Gates, Martin, Washington, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Camden.

Philip McMullan, president of the cotton mill, welcomed the group and briefly told about the operation of the local mill. The principal speaker for the occasion was William E. Smith, associated with the School of Textiles at N. S. State College. Mr. Smith was introduced by Al Phillips, vice president of the cotton mill, a classmate of the speaker.

Mr. Smith stated that the textile is the largest industry in the state and that this state had the finest textile school in the world. It offers tilt edge opportunities for young people, he said, and urged the students to look at textiles as the No. 1 industry to greater accomplishments and dynamic progress.

The speaker said no other industry has so many opportunities to offer, saying that only 6 will graduate this year from the textile school and 500 good **Continued from Page 7—Section 1**

## Masons Of District Meet In Edenton

Tonight (Thursday) a meeting of the First Masonic District will be held in the Masonic Temple. Masons from all over the district are expected to be present.

A free barbecue supper will be served in the dining room at 7 o'clock, after which the district meeting will be held in the lodge room.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be Ed Rucker of New Bern, recorder of Sudan Temple.

## Jaycee Light Bulb Sale Friday Night

Sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, a light bulb sale will be held in Edenton Friday night, March 25. The proceeds will go toward purchase of rescue equipment to be used by the Edenton Fire Department.

Clay Rochelle is chairman of the light bulb sale and urges citizens to purchase bulbs when canvassed so that this needed equipment for the Fire Department can be secured.

### CIVIC CALENDAR

An important meeting for cotton growers will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Chowan Community Building at 7:30 o'clock. Sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, a fashion show will be held in the auditorium of the John A. Holmes High School Friday night, April 1, beginning **Continued on Page 4—Section 1**

## PTA Groups Plan Merger

Dr. L. F. Ferguson, president of the John A. Holmes High School Parent-Teacher Association, and N. J. George, president of the Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, on Tuesday night called a joint meeting of the board of directors and committee chairmen of both groups to consider the advisability of merging the two associations.

It was unanimously voted to present the matter to both organizations for action at a joint meeting to be called. Superintendent John A. Holmes and Principals Hiram Mayo and Ernest Swain are in favor of the merger. A joint committee was appointed evenly divided between the two groups to study the suggestion more thoroughly and present their report at a joint meeting of the two associations.

The two groups have been operating independently for about two years, but the consensus of opinion now is that more efficient work can be accomplished with only one association.

## Walter Jones Speaker At Meeting Of Rotary

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. Walter Jones, a Farmville Rotarian, and a candidate for Congress, will be the speaker for the program.

President Jimmy Earnhardt urges every member to be present.

## Mayor Appoints Committee To Aid In Promotion Of Industry

In order that Edenton might be in a better position to negotiate with industrial prospects, Mayor John Mitchener has appointed a liaison committee to be composed of representatives from organizations in Edenton that are directly involved in industrial promotion.

The duties of this committee will be to compile accurate data from each organization represented and to be in a position to advise an industrial prospect just exactly what Edenton has to offer. The committee will from time to time advise the

## Town Councilmen Vote To Purchase B. G. Willis Property

### Area Deemed Advantageous To Edenton; May Rent Portion of Big Warehouse

At a special meeting of Town Council held Monday night it was unanimously voted for the town to purchase the property of B. G. Willis at the foot of Broad Street. The price offered is \$5,700.

The finance committee reported that about half the purchase price was available and possibly the other half could be raised by the end of the fiscal year. The finance committee was also authorized to negotiate with Railway Express to rent a portion of the warehouse at least until it was decided what would be done with the property.

Mr. Willis expects to retire about June, which is his reason for disposing of the waterfront property.

It was the opinion of the Councilmen that the town could ill afford not to purchase the property.

### JAYCEES MEET TONIGHT

Edenton's Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock at the Edenton Restaurant. President West Byrum urges every Jaycee to attend.

Mayor and Council of progress being made with industrial prospects.

Mayor Mitchener's committee is composed of the following:

From Town Council — A. C. Phillips.  
From the County Commissioners — Gilliam Wood.  
From the Board of Public Works — Thomas Byrum, Jr.  
From the Edenton Development Corporation — Joe Conger, Jr.  
From the Chamber of Commerce — Richard S. Atkinson, Jr.

## Contract Awarded For The Burnt Mill Watershed Project

### Henry Winslow, Elizabeth City Lowest of Eight Bidders at Almost \$20,000

I. S. Blanchard, contracting officer for the Burnt Mills Drainage District, announced Tuesday that a contract had been awarded for the Burnt Mill watershed project. The bids were opened Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Perquimans County Court House, with Henry Winslow of Elizabeth City being the low bidder at a cost of a little less than \$20,000. There were eight bids submitted for the work.

Mr. Blanchard stated that the work is expected to be started on the project in about 30 days and that the contract calls for completion in 112 calendar days. The drainage area will affect about 8,000 acres of land.

## Records Of County Being Preserved By Microfilm Process

### Visiting Speaker



At a county-wide workshop meeting on needs and services for aging citizens at St. Paul's Parish House Thursday night, March 31, Nathan H. Yelton of Raleigh will be the principal speaker.

## Coach Bill Murray Scheduled Speaker For Sports Banquet

### Club Elated Over Acceptance of Invitation By Outstanding Coach

Al Phillips, president of the Varsity Club, has announced that Coach Bill Murray of Duke University will be the principal speaker at the annual Varsity Club's sports award banquet. The banquet will be held Tuesday night, May 3.

Mr. Murray has been one of the nation's most successful football coaches and following his acceptance to speak here, Mr. Phillips had this to say: "We of the Varsity Club are especially pleased to have Coach Murray to speak for us this year. He is considered one of the nation's finest coaches and in addition, is a gentleman of high standards who is warmly regarded by coaches and sportsmen throughout the country."

## Citizens Urged To Buy Easter Seals

Ernest Ward, Jr., general chairman for the Easter Seal drive, reminds all citizens of Edenton and Chowan County to keep and use the Easter Seals they received this week. "Contribute as much as you can, but even if you give nothing, use Easter Seals on your mail as a message of hope for crippled children and adults," Ward said.

## Activities Planned In Edenton For Library Week April 3 To 9

A committee of interested citizens has been formed to draw the attention of the public to the importance of books and libraries both at the present and in the future. This committee is headed by Nick George. It will continue to function year round with its primary purpose being that of increasing the awareness of the libraries in the community and in the county. They open the gates to knowledge, recreation and understanding and "open wonderful new worlds" to all who take advantage of their free services. The slogan is, "Wake up and read."

## Meeting Scheduled to Be Held In St. Paul's Parish House Next Thursday

In the Court House at Edenton the State Department of Archives and History has a microfilm camera operator busily engaged in recording on film for security purposes, and at state expense, the Chowan County records of permanent value. Records being microfilmed include deeds, real estate maps, marriage records, wills, court minutes and judgments, estate records, and other records of permanent administrative or historical value.

The need for such a security program has long been recognized by North Carolinians interested in preserving their valuable county records. As evidence of the need for such a program, thirty-three counties have had Court House fires in which many, if not all of the public records were destroyed. Many other records have been lost due to water, vermin, theft, deterioration and a variety of other reasons.

The State Department of Archives and History, ably assisted by the North Carolina Associations of County Commissioners, clerks of superior court, and registers of deeds, sponsored a bill in the 1959 General Assembly to provide funds for a program of microfilming for security purposes the permanently valuable county records. Chowan County officials, realizing the importance of such a program, supported it wholeheartedly and deserve much credit for the passage of the bill.

Legislation, as enacted, provided funds for the next two years and directed the State Department of Archives and History to embark upon a program of inventorying, repairing, and microfilming for security purposes those county records classified by the Department as permanently valuable.

The program got off to a good start during the last months of 1959 and January, 1960, when the records of Wake and Chatham counties were inventoried and those of permanent value microfilmed. On Tuesday, March **Continued on Page 6—Section 1**

## 15 Participating In Fashion Show

With a fashion show, sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club, scheduled to be held Friday night, April 1, fifteen local business concerns will cooperate. The show will be held in the auditorium of John A. Holmes High School beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The participating merchants are Anita's Hat Shop, Anne's Beauty Salon, Belk-Tyler's, Elliott Company, Cuthrell's Department Store, Jill Shopp, Leary's Beauty Shop, Margaret White's Beauty Shop, Malone's, Nu-Curl Beauty Shop, Sports Specialties, Tots & Teens, Una's Beauty Nook and Rose's.

## If Spring Comes Softly

*If Spring comes softly in all her gayness  
And surprises me still bedecked in ice and snow,  
With the frosty breath of Winter yet a halo  
About a dreary world unmantled in grayness,  
And whispers to me: Awake, arise  
From your couch and greet the new earth,  
The new budding and greening and fresh-washed skies,  
Herald the dawn, the year's new birth:  
I shall obey and arise, rejoicing,  
Put away Winter's garments with a lightened heart,  
And with an ear to catch the earth's new voicing  
Face the glorious awakening, and living, be a part.  
I shall say, Weep, Spring-clouds, your tears of rain,  
For Winter lies dead, and gladness comes again.*

—WILBORNE HARRELL

## 20 Years Ago

As Found in the Files of The Chowan Herald  
At a meeting of the Chowan County Board of Elections Lloyd C. Burton and Phillip McMullan were re-elected chairman and secretary, respectively. The board also decided to call for a new registration rather than re-listing voters in the county, two methods provided for in new legislation. A meeting was scheduled to be held in Edenton with election boards from 12 eastern counties invited to hear the new changes in the election laws explained. **Continued on Page 6—Section 1**