

Local Club Women Are Presented With State Certificate

Local Group Cited For Achievement In Preservation of Antiquities In Edenton

A Certificate of Achievement awarded by the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities was presented to the Edenton Woman's Club at the December meeting of the club.

Mrs. Wesley Chesson, Jr., and Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt attended the recent meeting of the Antiquities Society in Raleigh by invitation of the society to receive the award, the first to be presented to a North Carolina Federated Woman's Club.

The certificate and a check for \$50 is given annually to a North Carolina Woman's Club for outstanding achievement in the preservation of antiquities. The Edenton Club received the award for the planned improvements to the Court House Green and the area at the foot of Broad Street, as well as for other historical work.

It was also announced at the meeting that the club had won first place for the club float in the annual Christmas parade and had been presented a check for \$25.00.

The club is sponsoring an outdoor Christmas decorating contest in order to make Edenton more attractive during the holidays. A prize of \$15 will be awarded for the best decorations and \$10 to the next best.

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Schedule Of Hours For Edenton Stores

Everyone has high praise for the town's Broad Street Christmas decorations this year. They are even more beautiful when viewed at night with their hundreds of electric lights glowing.

Beginning next Monday, December 19, the merchants of Edenton will be observing store hours from 9 A. M. until 9 P. M., each night until Christmas. They will also be open this coming Saturday night, December 17, until 9 o'clock. These hours will give everyone an opportunity to view the Christmas decorations with all their lighting and complete the shopping for everyone on the Christmas list.

According to the Merchants Committee of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, the wide selection of practical gifts in every store have never been more diverse in variety, and of such quality as to appeal to price conscious shoppers.

Stores in Edenton will be closed Monday, December 26 and also Monday, January 2.

20 Years Ago

As Found in the Files of The Chowan Herald

A memorial tablet was unveiled in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in memory of the Rev. Robert Brent Drane, D.D., for 56 years rector of the church.

C. L. McCullers, director of the high school band, reported that an order had been placed for new band uniforms.

N. K. Rowell, Chowan County farm agent, died at his home following an illness of over a year.

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J. A. Webb, Jr. Elected Chowan Soil Conservation Supervisor

December 5-10 was soil conservation district election week in Chowan County. The voters in the county have chosen J. A. Webb, Jr., for a three year term to begin January 1, 1961. The response from the eligible voters in the county was quite gratifying to the supervisors, and they wish to express appreciation to all who participated.

Soil Conservation District supervisors occupy a position of public office and public trust. As a member of the local board, Mr. Webb will assist in program planning, policy making and the carrying out of a soil and water

Population

According to final population counts of the 1960 census, the official population count of North Carolina as of April 1, 1960, was 4,556,155. This is a gain of 494,226, or 12.2 per cent over the 4,061,929 inhabitants of the state in 1950.

According to the census report, Chowan County's population stands at 11,729, of which 4,458 is urban or 38% and rural population 7,271.

Broken down the population in the county is as follows: First Township, which includes Edenton, 7,294; Second Township, 2,224; Third Township, 1,449; and Fourth Township, 762.

Requests Already Coming For Edenton's Promotional Film

The educational and promotional film "Ye Towne on Queen Anne's Creek," sponsored by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR, and the James Iredell Historical Association, has been shown to many organizations in the town and county in the last week. Two copies of the film, in color and with narration and music background, are available to organizations for programs. One copy of the film will be reserved for the Edenton Woman's Club to use in helping publicize the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside which will be held in April, 1961 for a month preceding the tour.

Mrs. John Kramer, chairman of the film committee, reports that requests for the film have been received from many towns in North Carolina, Virginia and other states.

Jack McGowan, president of Guided Tours Productions, who made the film, has given the

Christmas Dance Monday, Dec. 26

Annual Affair Will Be Held In Edenton Armory

Sponsored by the Edenton Varsity Club, the annual Christmas dance will be held in the Edenton armory Monday night, December 26. The dance will begin at 9 o'clock and continue until 1 o'clock.

Music for this year's dance will be furnished by Ray Abernethy and his orchestra. Mr. Abernethy is no stranger in Edenton, having appeared in Edenton on a number of occasions, most recently for the Thanksgiving dance sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Aces and Acelets Will Tangle With Hertford Tonight

By BILL GOODWIN
The Edenton Aces and Acelets will dip into Albemarle Conference basketball activity tonight (Thursday) when they meet Hertford in the final game before Christmas.

Contributions Needed For Stocking Fund

Alex Kehayes, president of the Young Churchmen of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, requests contributions to the annual Empty Stocking Fund. This fund is aimed at providing Christmas for underprivileged but worthy boys and girls where such a Christmas would not be otherwise provided. This year the group sponsoring the endeavor is carefully compiling in the town and county under 12 its own list of names and at present has more names than it can properly accommodate with current funds or the toys now being repaired at the fire station by the local firemen.

Please send contributions to Alex Kehayes, 103 Pembroke Circle, Edenton, or take toys to the fire station now to be repaired.

Paradise Road Progress Club Wins Top Award

Challenge Is Presented By Assistant Negro Home Economics Agent of Greensboro

Throughout the awards program held at White Oak Consolidated School, Monday night, December 12, that climaxed the Community Progress Contest for 1960, the point emphasized most was the idea of working together as an organized community group to help make each community a better place to live, work and provide opportunities where youth may have a chance to develop into worthwhile citizens and leaders for the years to come. For the interest and efforts of making this point of emphasizing a reality, Continued on Page 3, Section 1

Band Will Present Annual Christmas Concert Dec. 16th

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Road Block Will Be In Operation Friday

Purpose to Emphasize Importance of Careful Driving

Members of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with State Highway patrolmen, will sponsor a road block in the interest of safe driving during the Christmas holidays.

The road block will be in operation on U. S. 17 south in the vicinity of the American Legion building Friday, December 16, between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M.

All cars will be stopped and free refreshments served. Motorists will also be presented some literature concerning safe driving as well as pamphlets about Edenton.

The idea is to impress upon motorists the importance of driving carefully during the Christmas holidays in order to reduce the slaughter on the highways.

Local Club Women Praise Decorations

Mayor John Mitchener last week received a letter from the Edenton Woman's Club expressing the club's appreciation for this year's beautiful Christmas decorations on Broad Street.

The letter, from Mrs. Wendell Copeland, corresponding secretary, had this to say: "Dear Mayor Mitchener: The members of the Edenton Woman's Club wish to express their delight with the Christmas decorations. We believe they are the prettiest in many a year. The Councilmen and their departments should be commended for a very nice job."

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Edenton Woman's Club Honored



In above picture Mrs. Wesley Chesson, Jr. is presenting Mrs. J. D. Elliott, president of the Edenton Woman's Club, a certificate of achievement from the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities. It is the first such certificate awarded to a North Carolina Federated Woman's Club and was presented at the December meeting of the Edenton Club. Mrs. Chesson received the certificate for the club at a recent meeting of the society in Raleigh for the outstanding achievement by the club in the preservation of antiquities.—(Photo by J. P. Ricks, Jr.)

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The Clubwoman of the Year is judged by the following qualifications: Versatility, love for others, business or professional merit, community service, character and club service.

Miss Munden is a very versatile person whose interests are wide and varied. She has genuine love for her fellowmen. She is particularly interested in her

home, its furnishings and most of all, her family. One of her greatest interests is antiques and her chief hobby is her vegetable and flower garden.

Miss Munden's love for people is deep and she always finds time to visit the sick and bring cheer to those that are shut in. Her thoughtfulness is always shown by a flower arrangement from her garden or a card.

Two Programs Of Christmas Music At Baptist Church

Various Choirs of the Church Will Sing on December 18 and December 21

Two programs of music are scheduled to be held at the Edenton Baptist Church during the Christmas season. Next Sunday afternoon, December 18, at 5 o'clock the Concord Choir and the Adult Choir will present a program of carols and anthems.

The numbers for this service will include: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night, Holy Night," "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by the congregation.

Numbers to be presented by the choirs include: "Praise Ye the Lord," "Saint-Suens," "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Wilson," "Glory and Praise," "Peery," "Deep Is the Silence," "Polish Carol," "What Child Is This?" "Greensleeves," "Conventy Carol," arranged by Lynn; "What Wondrous Love Is This," "Appalachian Carol," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," arranged by Heller.

On Wednesday night, December 21, at 7:30 o'clock the Cherub, Carol and Crusader choirs will present a program of Christmas carols.

Edenton Jaycees Begin Search To Find Outstanding Farmer

Who is this community's most outstanding young farmer? That's the question raised by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, according to James Perry, Jaycee president.

Very soon a community-wide search will begin with the public asked to nominate any farmer aged 21 through 35 who is making outstanding progress in his agriculture career, is practicing soil and natural resource conservation and who maintains a consistent contributory role in community improvement and affairs.

The purpose of the search, according to Mr. Perry, is to increase public understanding of the farmer and his problems—and to create, through example, more youth interest in farming as a profitable and satisfying career.

Bobby Bunch has been appointed as chairman of a committee which will organize a community search to find and honor this area's most outstanding young farmer in the 21-35 age group.

Post Office Open Longer Saturday

Christmas Mail Now Nearing Peak at Edenton Office

Postmaster J. L. Chestnutt announced Monday that the Edenton Post Office will be open Saturday from 8:30 A. M. until 5 P. M., for the convenience of local patrons.

With the Christmas mail load hitting its peak within the next few days, Mr. Chestnutt expresses his appreciation for the cooperation on his annual "Mail Early For Christmas" campaign.

"While it's too late to talk about early mailing of Christmas gifts and cards," the Postmaster said, "you can avoid disappointing your friends and loved ones on Christmas Day by using Air Mail. There's still time for local deliveries, but be sure to send all Christmas cards by first class mail, and do include your return address on all Christmas card envelopes and package labels."

Postal employees are digging in for the final drive to get everything delivered by Christmas Eve.

CIVIC CALENDAR

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E. J. Hobbs, Jr. Is Appointed As Town Clerk For Edenton

Time Short! Will Succeed Ernest J. Ward, Jr.; Scheduled To Begin New Duties January 15

As in previous years, Edenton firemen are repairing discarded toys to be distributed as Christmas gifts among the less fortunate children of the community. Time is short to do this work, so that any toys which might be donated should be taken to the fire station at once.

4-H County Council Will Meet Tonight

The 4-H County Council will meet tonight (Thursday) at the Chowan Community Building at 7:30 o'clock. There will be an interesting Christmas program and also some business items to discuss. All County Council members and adult leaders are urged to attend.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of Hiram Mayo and President Elton Forehand is especially anxious to register a 100 per cent meeting.

White Christmas At Baptist Church

The annual observance of White Christmas will be observed at the Edenton Baptist Church Sunday, December 18. Each person attending Sunday School is asked to bring a package of food which will be used to fill baskets for needy families for Christmas.

Mrs. Joe Thorud and Thomas Byrum are co-chairmen of the committee to be responsible for distributing the baskets. Assisting them will be Luther Parks, Lewis Leary, Joe Thorud, Scott Harrell, Jesse Hanel, West Byrum, Thurston Stallings, Wesley Chesson, Warren Twiddy, Joe Barrow, Edgar Hollowell, Married Byrum, Clyde Hollowell, Tom Cross, J. D. Elliott, McKay Phiniss, Johnny Owens, Frank Roberts and Richard Atkinson.

Turkey Shoots Are Planned For Band

Popular Affairs Sponsored By Band Parents Association

The Edenton Band Parents Association will sponsor another turkey shoot, which will be held at the American Legion grounds Saturday, December 17; Monday, December 19, and Tuesday, December 20.

The Saturday shoot will be in progress from 1 until 11 P. M., while the Monday and Tuesday shoots will be held from 7 until 11 P. M.

These shoots are repeats of those held the latter part of November at which a record number of 643 participants enjoyed themselves.

Tickets will not be sold, but they may be purchased at the school. Free coffee will be served to all shooters.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

Edenton Chapter No. 302, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Monday night, December 19, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Margaret Bell, worthy matron, especially urges all members to attend.

The numbers presented by the junior and senior choruses and the Treble Clef Club were as follows:

Junior Chorus
O Come All Ye Faithful, Traditional.

Will Succeed Ernest J. Ward, Jr.; Scheduled To Begin New Duties January 15

In a lengthy meeting of Town Council held Tuesday night E. J. Hobbs, Jr., was appointed Town Clerk to succeed Ernest J. Ward, Jr., who resigned November 1 to accept a position as finance officer of Rocky Mount.

There were 11 applications for the position and several special meetings were previously held to screen and consider the applicants. Mr. Hobbs is scheduled to begin his new duties January 15th.

Mr. Hobbs graduated from Hobbsville High School in 1939 and was previously employed by the B.B.H. Motor Company. At present he is employed by the Atlantic Discount Corporation at Elizabeth City. He is also now serving as veterans service officer for Chowan County. He is a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

At Tuesday night's meeting the Councilmen agreed to pay town employees 20 per cent.

Lions Christmas Party Dec. 19th

Edenton Lions will hold their annual Christmas party Monday night, December 19. The party will be held at the Edenton Restaurant beginning at 7 o'clock and President James Griffin hopes all Lions and their wives will be present to enjoy the annual affair.

The fire was caused by a faulty flue and Edenton firemen were unable to save any of the house.

The family is in dire need and will appreciate contributions of any kind.

Need Help!

The Negro family of Watson White was extremely unfortunate to lose their home and practically all of their earthly possessions about noon Monday. Their two-story frame house in the Rocky Hock section was totally destroyed by fire.

In the family are three children three and six years old and one 10 months old.

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Large Number Brave Rain To Hear Christmas Concert Sunday

Despite a continuous downpour of rain Sunday evening, the John A. Holmes High School auditorium was practically filled by people to hear the annual Christmas concert. The program, which was very well received, was in charge of Miss Suzanne Hardison, public music teacher.

The numbers presented by the junior and senior choruses and the Treble Clef Club were as follows:

Senior Chorus
Here We Come A-Caroling, English Carol.