

New Cotton Program Important To Area

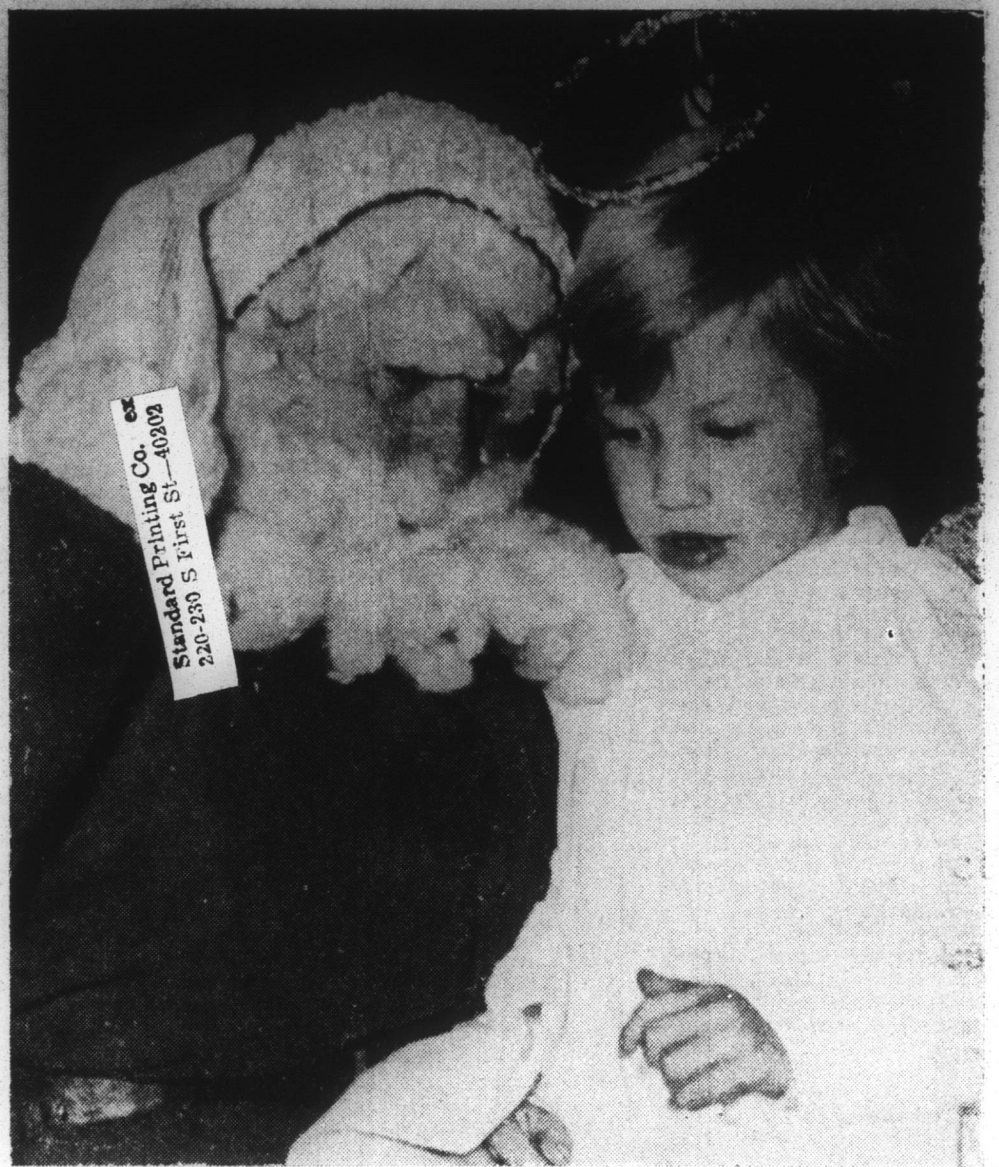
The 1966 cotton program has new features designed to reduce 1966 production and to keep the crop competitively priced without decreasing farmers' incomes. H. O. West, manager of the local ASCS office, said because of the new features of this program, it is important that cotton farmers understand it thoroughly. "If it is not completely understood some cotton farmers can be hurt," West warned. The new cotton program offers price-support payments, acreage diversion payments and price-support loans to participating growers. The price-support payments will be 21 cents per

pound, or about seven cents per pound in the seed. West estimated that 95 per cent of cotton grown in this county is sold in the seed. Participation in the program is voluntary with a minimum acreage reduction of 12.5 per cent from effective farm allotments on all but small farms. Income from small cotton acreages will be protected with no reduction in acreage required. West said if farmers sign up for the program they will be eligible for the acreage diversion payments. He explained that a farmer with a 10-acre or less allotment can get approximately \$40

per acre diversion payment above the price support payment. For farmers with more than 10 acres of allotment, they must take at least a 12.5 per cent cut to qualify for the diversion payment. West pointed out that farmers not signing up for the program can only be assured of the 21 cents per pound price support and it is difficult to raise cotton and realize a profit at this price. The manager said the acreage diversion payments are designed to guarantee a farmer his overhead from planting and cultivating the crop. Also, there are provisions

for farmers to lease and transfer allotments within the county. Farmers wishing to lease his cotton allotment must make application before December 31 at the ASCS office. Currently, the ASCS office has a list of farmers who desire to lease their allotment, along with a list of persons who want to lease allotments. There are 480 cotton farmers in Chowan County and the total allotment is 2,860 acres. West said while the lease portion of the program expires on December 31, farmers have through March, 1966, to sign up for other provisions.

The ASCS manager said the cotton program is designed to aid the farmer but the grower must be willing to become familiar with the program's many features and regulations in order to have the program function to his best advantage. "This is a very, very important program for Chowan County farmers and I want to impress upon everyone the fact that it is vital that they become acquainted with the new features before the deadlines," West said. Farmers who want to learn more about the program are encouraged to contact West or other staff members at the ASCS office in Edenton.



'NOW LISTEN SANTA' — Santa Claus came to Edenton Friday and after participating in a gala parade spent a great deal of time holding children on his lap and listening, listening, listening. Giving Santa the straight poop here is Elizabeth Woolard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Woolard, Westover.

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Town's Removal Of Lester Halted By Court Action

The Town of Edenton's move to reclaim 150 acres of the old base property has met with stiff resistance from United States Lumber Company. The firm, holding a 50-year lease on the property, has gone into Superior Court to keep the town from terminating the lease. A restraining order was signed by Judge William J. Bundy on December 1, the day the town had intended to break the lease. Judge Bundy set a hearing for December 15 and the town is to show cause why the order should not be made permanent. The town claims United States Lumber Co. has not made good on certain conditions of the lease. Included is a clause which states the company would employ 50 people within the first year with employment to increase substantially over the next few years. The company has not been in operation since mid-December, 1964. At that time a company spokesman said the plant had closed to make needed alterations and repairs. He said the firm would resume operations around January 15, 1965, with a 20 per cent increase

The Public Parade

TIME TO ACT—The behind the scenes maneuvering to get a new postmaster for Edenton comes to a head here Saturday when the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee meets. Tom Shepard, chairman, has called the meeting to make a recommendation to Senator Sam Ervin for someone to be named acting postmaster. Postmaster J. L. Chestnut has announced his plans to retire on December 31. Several names have been batted around the drug store circuit. Some of the men mentioned are highly qualified to be postmaster, a position that is quite a political plum in any community. We are confident the Democratic Executive Committee will place more emphasis on ability than politics in making its recommendation.

WORD FROM HOME—Gail Hare, Chowan County's first gift to the Peace Corps, has arrived in India. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Worth Hare, Gail will spend the next two years working with various groups in India who are interested in improving their living conditions. Mrs. Hare said she has received word from Gail that she is about to get settled in her new home and is anxious to hear from family and friends. So, in wishing Gail well

Commissioners Talk About Jail, Hotel Property

Chowan County Commissioners are faced with at least two burdensome problems — the county jail and Hotel Joseph Hewes. W. E. Bond, chairman, told his fellow commissioners to give serious thought to the mounting problems at both places as it appears some action must be forthcoming. The historic old county jail has been termed inadequate and fails to meet minimum standards. Sheriff Earl Goodwin has been instructed not to put women prisoners in the jail in the future. And the hotel building, which the county bought for \$29,000 several years ago, becomes more of a headache each day, Bond said. He noted that recent grand juries have made recommendations for repairs which would be quite costly. He said the county would be better off to level the building and erect a new county office building on the site. The cost of this would be considerable, he estimates. The cost of maintenance is increasing every year, Bond said, with fuel alone costing the county more than \$3,000 annually. The chairman noted that county commissioners have been talking about the jail situation for 12 to 15 years. The hotel building is a recent problem. "The jail is kept clean but it is inadequate," the chairman said. "These are things we are going to have to act on and I ask you to give



ALTON ELMORE
Elmore Named To AADA Post

Alton Elmore of Edenton has been named vice president of the Albemarle Area Development Association. Elmore was elected last week at the AADA annual meeting in Elizabeth City. Elmore, immediate past president of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, is manager of Belk-Tyler here. Leon Ballance of Hyde County was chosen president of the association, succeeding Robert L. Hollowell of Perquimans. Dr. Leo Jenkins, president of East Carolina College, spoke at the meeting, stating "success of little counties and little communities present the image in Eastern North Carolina." "I know of no section in America with a greater potential than Eastern North Carolina," the speaker said. "We have the location, the people and the spirit."

Mrs. Rens Inglis was elected chairman of the Fine Arts Council. George Lewis of Peoples Bank & Trust Company presented the community development awards. Hatteras community was first place winner with Enterprise community in Chowan County being chosen fourth runner up. Mrs. Billy Dail, Enterprise chairman, represented the community.

TURKEY SHOOT
Two turkey shoots have been planned by the Center Hill-Cross Roads Fire Department between now and Christmas. The shoots will be held December 18 and 22 at the fire station. Shooting will be from 3 P. M. to 9 P. M., with proceeds going to the department.

In Physical Education

New Program Offered

Edenton City Schools has begun an experimental physical education program in elementary grades designed to make this area of education more meaningful. Supt. Hiram J. Mayo has announced the employment of Mrs. John Theiss as physical education instructor at Edenton Elementary School. Presently Mrs. Theiss is working with the children two hours a day in 30-minute periods. "As far as we know, Edenton City Schools is the only system east of Raleigh with such a program," Supt. Mayo said. He said only four systems in the entire state offer special physical education instruction in the elementary grades. Supt. Mayo said teachers need help with physical education the same as art, music and other special areas. He added that the necessity for this program is greater today than ever before. "It will

teach children special skills in physical education and give them an opportunity to relieve themselves of boredom." The state requires one half hour of physical education each day for each child. With professional assistance this time is becoming meaningful. In preparation for this program, each student has been examined by Dr. Isa Grant, health officer to determine his or her fitness. By this the school learned first hand the physical capabilities of every student. There are 501 students in Edenton Elementary School and Principal Ernest Swain said most of them are participating in this program. Supt. Mayo said the trustees of Edenton City Schools are quite interested in this special program and if it is successful for the remainder of this school term a full-time instructor will be employed.

Choral Event Tickets On Sale

An Arts Council bus will be available December 16 to take local people to Elizabeth City to witness "The Bartered Bride." Mrs. Thomas Cheers, Jr., head of the local section of the Albemarle Choral Society, said tickets for the bus as well as the opera are on sale at Hollowell's Drug Store and Mitchener's Pharmacy. The tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students with the bus fare being \$1. The first dress rehearsal for the cast with the orchestra will be held Friday night with another rehearsal set for Saturday afternoon. The opera will be staged at the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. Several local vocalists are participating in the performance.

Masons Elect Pickler Master

Members of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., elected officers for 1966 at their meeting held Thursday night. R. T. Pickler was elected the new master, succeeding Carroll Boyce. Other officers elected were: Senior warden, Clarence White; junior warden, Eugene P. Robey; treasurer, R. E. Leary and secretary, W. P. Goodwin. L. E. Francis was also elected as a trustee to serve for a three-year period.

YULE PARTY
Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, and Legion Auxiliary will hold the annual Christmas party Tuesday night at 7 P. M. This will be a covered dish affair.

Winners Named In Corn Contest

The 19th annual 4-H Corn Growers Contest banquet was held at the Edenton Restaurant on Monday night. Twelve 4-H'ers and their Dads were guests of the Edenton Lions Club, sponsors of these contests. A check for \$10 was given to each winner in three age groups. Winner in the 10-12 age group was Eugene Jordan, Jr., a member of the Ryland 4-H Club. Eugene grew 138 bushels of corn on his acre. In the 13-14 age group, Rodney Jordan was winner with 186.6 bushels on one acre. This yield tops the all-time North Carolina record of 183 bushels set in 1963 by a farmer in Western North Carolina. Rodney is the son of Wilbur Jordan and a member of the Center Hill 4-H Club. Glenn Bunch, Jr., a member of the Cross Roads 4-H Club was declared winner in the ages 15 and above age group. Glenn grew 156.8 bushels on his one acre project. The average of the twelve projects was 121.5 bushels, three above the 118.5 bushels record set in 1960. Other 4-H'ers in the contest were Jimmy and Don Evans, sons of Marvin Evans and members of the Oak Grove 4-H Club; Jerry and Tommy Castelleo, sons of Fred Castelleo and Tommy Forehand, son of William Forehand, members of the Advance 4-H Club; Bill Monds, son of Preston Monds and a Center Hill 4-H'er; Tommy Brabble, son of J. T. Brabble, Yeopim 4-H'er; and Gary Jordan, son of G. T. Jordan and Allen Bunch, son of S. J. Bunch, of the Cross Roads 4-H Club.

Open Door Plan Approved; Steps Taken By Board

Chowan County Board of Education Monday night not only approved the city's "open door" policy but adopted one of its own dealing with the acceptance of students from outside the rural administrative unit. Also, the board's proposal for merger of the two administrative units was modified and steps taken toward another joint meeting to further discuss the merger. The new county proposal agrees to a seven member board to serve until an elected board takes over in January, 1971. Earlier, the county had called for an elected board by January, 1969. The selection of the new board has been the primary area of disagreement between the appointed city board and the county panel that is elected. Trustees of Edenton City Schools adopted an "open door" policy some months ago which states they will accept any student from Chowan County that requests transfer to the city schools and released by the county board. Transportation would be furnished. This proposal fell on deaf ears when first submitted. However, the county board, at the suggestion of Dr. A. F. Downum and N. J. George not only accepted it Monday but wrote a similar policy dealing with students living within the city unit's boundaries. The county board also offered any available classrooms to the city for future use. (The city unit this year purchased a mobile classroom for D. F. Walker High School to take care of crowded conditions. There are more than four vacant rooms at

Thousands View Big Yule Parade Held In Edenton

The Christmas shopping season opened here Friday with a big parade witnessed by several thousand people. Estimates of the crowd varied but people generally agreed the parade was one of the best ever witnessed in Edenton. The downtown area was crowded for more than an hour before the parade started moving out from John A. Holmes High School and made its way down Broad Street. At times the people were so thick in the downtown area parade units had trouble making their way along the route. More than 50 units, from clowns, bands with high stepping majorettes and elaborately decorated floats, participated in the event. Cross Roads 4-H won first place in the float division with Edenton Woman's Club placing second. Another 4-H float, this one entered by the Ryland Club, placed third. Honorable mention went to the Heavenly Music Makers, sponsored by Edenton Marina, Ryland Home Demonstration Club and Chowan High School PTA. Judges for the floats were Miss Edna Bishop, Mrs. Paige L. Underwood of Hertford and Cecil Forehand, Jr., of Murfreesboro. Miss Jean Clark, chairman of the BPW committee, was highly pleased with the cooperation she received from persons participating in the parade as well as local merchants who made contributions for treats that were given to the children.

Edenton Aces Post Victories

Both basketball teams at John A. Holmes High School have compiled a 2-1 record in the early stages of the season, including two straight victories in the 2-A Albemarle Conference. The Aces fell victim Saturday night to a well-balanced Chowan High School squad at Chowan. The cliff-hanger ended with Chowan winning 46-45. Thomas Evans, a speedy forward, was high scorer with 16 points while Robbie Boyce poured in 12 for the winners. Wes Chesson led the Edenton attack with 14 points and Charlie Swanner picked up 13. In the girls' contest, Chowan defeated the Edenton team 46-23. The Aces opened conference play Friday night with a 52-43 win over Pasquotank Central. Swanner got 16 points on opening night with Chesson getting 12. The girls won 26-24 in overtime. On Tuesday night the Aces traveled to Bertie and brought home a couple of victories. The boys winning by 48-37 after the girls had posted a 31-25 score in the opener. Swanner again led the Edenton attack with 19 points. Chesson and Thomas Willis each had 10. Coach Jim Kinion said Bill Griffin, 6' 6" center, played in the Bertie game after only one practice session and did a good job rebounding for the Aces. Hertford comes to Edenton Friday night for a couple of conference tilts while the Aces go to Gates next Tuesday.

Local YDC Will Meet Thursday

Chowan County Young Democrats will meet at 5 P. M. today (Thursday) instead of December 14, as previously announced. Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., president, said the meeting will be held in the council room of the Municipal Building. Everyone interested in the YDC is invited to attend. New officers will be chosen at the meeting.

Phelps Appeals Verdict In Liquor, Still Cases

I. J. Phelps, a witness for the state in the recent marijuana case, has been convicted in Chowan County Recorder's Court of possessing untaxed liquor and aiding and abetting in the manufacture of illicit booze. Phelps was convicted of a total of four counts by Judge W. S. Privott Tuesday. The judge gave the Negro farmer two years on the possession case, but suspended the active term upon payment of \$250 fine and court costs. For aiding and abetting in the manufacture of liquor, Phelps was given an additional two year term. However, this sentence was suspended upon payment of \$150 fine and costs. Notice of appeal to the March, 1966, term of Chowan Superior Court was entered. Appearance bond was set at \$500. Judge Privott found probable cause in three cases where Stephen E. Moreland, head of the defunct Steph-

en-Michael Company here, was charged with false pretense. In another case, Moreland was charged with fraud. He waived preliminary hearing in this case where Richard Pate contends Moreland defrauded him of \$1,746.42. Moreland was bound over to Superior Court under bonds totaling \$1,250. In other cases called by W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., substitute prosecutor, the following action was taken: William Jake Stallings, improper turn and driving on the wrong side of the road, 10 days, suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and costs. Notice of appeal was given and bond set at \$250. George Edward Harris, improper registration, 10 days, suspended upon payment of court costs; no liability insurance, 60 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine. Lloyd Alvin Jernigan, speeding, 30 days, suspended upon payment of \$20 fine and costs.



DIRECTS NEW SCHOOL PROGRAM — Mrs. John Theiss is directing an experimental physical education program at Edenton Elementary School. Shown discussing the new program with her is Principal Ernest Swain, left, and Supt. Hiram J. Mayo.