



JAYCEES HONOR YOUNG FARMER—Benny F. Bateman, left, holds the Outstanding Young Farmer Award he accepted last week for his son, David T. Bateman. The OYF banquet was held by Edenton Jaycees at their community center on Base Road. Shown with Bateman are: S. L. Lowery of Elizabeth City, the speaker; Dick Bryant of Elizabeth City, Vepco representative, and Wallace Evans, Edenton Jaycee president.

Bateman Is OYF Winner

David T. Bateman, one of Chowan County's busiest young men, Thursday was voted to receive the Outstanding Young Farmer Award, presented annually by Edenton Jaycees. Bateman was enroute home from the national Farm Bureau convention and unable to

attend the banquet.

Benny F. Bateman accepted the award for his son.

Richard Bryant of Elizabeth City, Vepco representative, in presenting the award, said the man selected annually as Chowan County's Outstanding Young Farmer is one of the thousands of young men engaged in America's oldest and greatest industry. He said the purpose of the OYF program is to bring about a greater understanding and appreciation of the vital role the farmer plays in our way of life.

Bryant said the judging criteria is: Progress in agricultural career; extent of soil and water conservation practices; and contribution to the well-being of the community, state and nation.

Bateman, 30, is a native of this county and graduated from Chowan High School. He later attended N. C. State University in Raleigh.

The OYF recipient is an active member of the Farm Bureau, having served

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Holiday Closings Slated For Area

Edenton-Chowan Schools will close Friday afternoon for the Christmas holiday and will re-open January 2, 1969, according to Supt. Bill Britt.

At the same time it was announced that the Learning Resources Center in Swain Elementary School will observe the same holidays.

Most Edenton business establishments will close Wednesday and Thursday for the holiday. Financial institutions, including Peoples Bank & Trust Company, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, and Edenton Savings & Loan Association, will close at 1 P. M., Tuesday and re-open at 9 A. M., Friday.

Employment Security Commission's Edenton office and the ASCS office will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. County, state and municipal offices will be closed Wednesday and Thursday.

There will be no District Court on Tuesday.

The Chowan Herald will publish early next week in order to give merchants benefit of Christmas Eve advertising and allow employees to have an extra day for the holidays. All news items must be submitted by 10 A. M., Monday to be printed in next week's newspaper.

Norman, Gregory Confess Roles In Armed Robbery

The first armed robbery in Edenton in modern times occurred last Wednesday night at Parker's Drop-In on North Granville Street. Police Chief J. D. Parrish reported the arrest of two suspects in less than 24 hours.

Ronald C. Norman, 20, 203 East Albe-marle Street, was arrested at his home at 4 P. M., Thursday. Thirty minutes later officers arrested Johnnie Gregory, 22, 602 North Oakum Street, at Chris-Craft Corporation, where he works. Both are Negroes.

Judge Fentress Horner continued their bonds at \$5,000 each when the defendants waived preliminary hearing in Chowan District Court Tuesday.

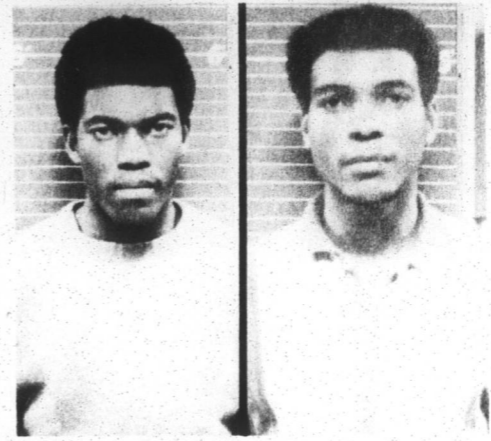
Mrs. Mamie Parker, owner of the neighborhood grocery store, reported the robbery at 6:48 P. M., Wednesday. It was reported that \$242.83 had been taken from the cash register.

Mrs. Parker was struck on the head and knocked to the floor after she refused to lie down. After the holdup pair

fled the store she called police.

Chief Parrish pieced together the following account of the incident from Mrs. Parker and confessions signed by Norman and Gregory:

At about 6:30 P. M., Gregory and Norman parked Gregory's car on Albe-marle Street, crossed a vacant lot and



Ronald Norman Johnnie Gregory

Gregory entered the store. He purchased a loaf of bread and gave Mrs. Parker a bill. When she opened the cash register to make change Norman entered, carrying a .22 calibre revolver.

Norman told Mrs. Parker "This is a stick-up, lie down on the floor." Mrs. Parker thought they were joking and replied: "You wouldn't rob a poor widow like me, would you?" Norman told her it was "for real" and again instructed her to lie down. When she refused she was struck on the head, requiring seven stitches to close the wound.

The cash register was rifled and the two fled. Gregory and Norman then divided the money, each taking \$113. As they left the store they dropped \$5 into a potato basket.

Chief Parrish said when Gregory was arrested he had \$9 in his possession. Later all but \$2 of the share Gregory said he got was turned over to police. Norman told police where to find the \$113

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The Public Parade

Holiday Greetings

Dr. J. H. Horton, acting chairman of the Edenton-Chowan Good Neighbor Council, has asked us to pass on holiday greetings from this group to those along The Public Parade.

This biracial group plays an important role in the scheme of things in this community. They can point with pride to the calm which has prevailed hereabouts when brush fires have flared elsewhere.

So, we pass Dr. Horton's season's greetings on to you and say it is this type concern for the total community that brings about success for his council.

Sharp Detectives

In the past three weeks, area law enforcement officers have demonstrated an almost uncanny ability to solve difficult crimes quickly. They have said through their action that those who run afoul of the law can expect to be brought to trial.

First, arrests were made within a matter of days after bomb threats were reported at schools in Chowan and Bertie counties. It is rare indeed when arrests are made for this type crime. The threats made via telephone and once the connection is broken leads are most difficult to come by.

Then last week officers were able to make arrests in an armed robbery case before the holdup men could hardly hide their loot. Last Wednesday's robbery of Parker's Drop-In is believed to be the first in Edenton in modern times. It was one of the few ever in Chowan County.

Local officers, cooperating together and enjoying the cooperation of the public, were able to arrest suspects in the robbery case in less than 24 hours

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Services Are Held For Mr. Holmes

William D. Holmes, Jr., died Sunday at Chowan Hospital following a brief illness. He was 52.

He was formerly an official of W. D. Holmes Wholesale Company and was currently employed by Taylor Biscuit Company.

William Daniel Holmes, Jr., was a native of Edenton. He was a son of Mrs. Georgia Bland Holmes and the late W. D. Holmes, Sr.

In addition to his mother, surviving is his wife, Mrs. Margaret A. Holmes; two daughters: Miss Margaret Austin Holmes of Atlanta, Ga.; and Mrs. Susan Clark of Ft. Campbell, Ky.; one brother, Frank M. Holmes of Edenton; and three sisters: Mrs. R. N. Hines, Sr., and Mrs. J. H. Phelps, both of Edenton; and Mrs. F. G. Morgan of Durham.

Mr. Holmes was a member of Edenton Baptist Church, Edenton Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge and was a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Edenton Baptist Church with Rev. R. N. Carroll and Rev. George B. Holmes officiating. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John A. Mitchener, Jr., Charles Wales, Dr. Richard N. Hines, Jr., Frank M. Holmes, Jr., Kermit Layton and Richard Elliott.

Williford Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

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PERFORM FOR STUDENTS—The six members of the Hand Bell Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church this week shared their unique talent with students in Edenton-Chowan Schools. Making their first appearance before the students were, left to right, Jane Holmes, Shelley Eiberidge, Rosemary Holmes, Peggy Nixon, Rachel Holmes and Marion Hassell. The program was part of the Fine Arts schedule in the schools, arranged by Mrs. Mary Partin.

Chowan Academy Will Add Grades

Chowan Academy at Rocky Hock will be expanded to include seven grades for the 1969-70 school year.

This decision was made this week by the board of directors and announced

Judging Monday

Edenton Woman's Club will again offer prizes for home decorating.

Judging of homes will take place Monday night by an independent committee and prizes will be offered for originality and doorway decorations.

Mrs. James M. Reel reports that \$10 first place prize will be offered in both groups as well as \$5 for second place. Honorable mentions will also be announced.



DELIVERING THE MESSAGES—Edenton Post Office is a beehive of activity this time of year as are other such offices throughout the country. Mail is arriving daily at a record rate and postal employees are rushing to get it delivered on time. Postmaster James M. Bond said the local office will remain open Saturday until 5 P. M. for the convenience of patrons. In the picture here Rodney Harrell sorts mail for his rural route. Postal patrons are encouraged to mail their cards and packages early to insure delivery by Tuesday.

Yule Events Are Planned In Edenton

A series of Christmas programs and services in the Edenton area begins tonight (Thursday) with a joint concert by John A. Holmes High School Band and Chorus. The program will begin at 8 P. M., in the school auditorium.

To begin the holiday season with the proper spirit, area families are encouraged to attend the program and "enjoy a delightful evening of entertainment".

"White Christmas" will be observed by both Edenton Baptist Church and Edenton Methodist Church Sunday and special musical programs will be held.

Members of Edenton Baptist Church will bring their gifts, wrapped in white, to the church Sunday morning and it will be distributed by designated members to the needy of the church membership and of the community.

For a number of years, the choirs of Edenton Baptist Church have presented the Christmas message through a special twilight service of music and narration on the Sunday afternoon prior to Christmas. The date for the service this year is Sunday and the hour is 5 o'clock.

Choir Director Earl G. Harrell has announced that the adult and intermediate choirs, comprising approximately 60 voices, will sing "Love Came Down at Christmas", a cantata for mixed voices by Carl W. Vandre. The accompanist is Miss Agnes Chappell, church organist, and the pastor, Rev. R. N. Carroll, will serve as the narrator.

The varied presentation of the cantata consists of group, trio, duet, and solo variations with a background of the nar-

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Hollowell Named To Chowan Board

E. L. Hollowell, 115 Pembroke Circle, has been elected to a four-year term on the Board of Trustees of Chowan College in Murfreesboro. His election was at a recent meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The new trustee will attend a conference in Durham on January 3 and 4 and attend his first official board meeting February 10 at the college. He will be installed by H. D. White, chairman.

Dr. Bruce E. Whitaker, president, wrote Hollowell: "We predict and believe that your service, on many levels and in many ways, will prove to be a source of both great challenge and tremendous satisfaction to you."

Hollowell, an active Baptist layman, is president and chairman of the board of Chowan Veneer Company, Inc., here. He is also president of Colonial Funeral Home.

He is first vice president of Edenton Lions Club and Zone Chairman of Region Two, Zone One, District 31-J, Lions International. He is currently serving on the board of directors of Governor Morehead School under appointment by Gov. Dan K. Moore.

Hollowell is past chairman of both the Chowan County Board of Elections and

Edenton Planning and Zoning Commission. He has been cabinet secretary-treasurer of the Lions District 31-J.

He has been active in two veterans' organizations—the American Legion and the 30th Division Association.



E. L. Hollowell