

The Superintendent Reports



DR. B. J. CAUTHEN

Washington Irving once wrote in his "Christmas Papers," "Of all the old festivals...that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt

Shortage Effect On Chowan

(Special to the Herald) NEW YORK — With the specter of gas rationing looming on the horizon, to what extent will Chowan County, with its 27,600 or so passenger cars, be affected?

Much less drastically than it was during World War II, when the sinking of ships by German submarines made rationing necessary.

Most of the local population is too young to remember or to know what gas rationing was like, since the median age locally is only 28.3 years.

Those who were around at the time will recall that it was a difficult period. Although there was black marketing and other infractions, the majority of motorists complied with the law, which sharply curtailed the use of gas and limited driving speed to 35 miles per hour.

The way it worked, all car owners were given stickers to put on their windshields. They bore the letters A, B, C, or X. The A sticker entitled them to the basic ration of four gallons a week. This was later reduced to three.

The B one was for people doing essential work. They got supplemental allowances to enable them to get to and from work.

C stickers went to doctors and others whose cars were vital for their occupations. They got a larger quantity.

X ones went to various public officials and other who were permitted to get as much as they wanted.

Each consumer also got a ration book containing stamps that had to be surrendered at the service stations when gas was bought.

Both the administration and many congressmen have been anxious to avoid rationing. They have also opposed a big tax increase on gas.

However, rationing is the probably answer, they indicate, because the reduction, in the speed limit and the ban on Sunday sales of gasoline have not produced sufficient results. Just now this would affect Chowan County, where normal consumption of gas is approximately 21,307,000 gallons a year, will depend upon how the cutback works.

If rationing should result in a reduction of some 20 per cent, it would mean that the average car, which uses nearly 15 gallons a week, would be getting only 12 gallons.

Wage rates of telephone and telegraph workers had reached an hourly average of \$4.47 by the end of 1971, 14.9 per cent above the level recorded a year earlier, according to a study by the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment."

Certainly during this Christmas season there is such a feeling among students in the Edenton-Chowan Schools as they engage in various activities related to this season of the year. This week's column will focus on a few of those activities geared to "lifting the spirits."

Competition is one way of bringing out the best in many individuals. This is especially true when one observes the decorations on classroom doors in some of the schools within the school system. Students have jointly planned, with their teachers, very attractive door decorations. Naturally they add a great deal of festiveness to the school atmosphere. These contests have spurred a great deal of creativity and imagination. The prize winning doors will be selected by impartial judges prior to the closing of school for the Christmas Holidays.

In addition to using art, as a medium for student creative expression at Christmas, drama is also being utilized.

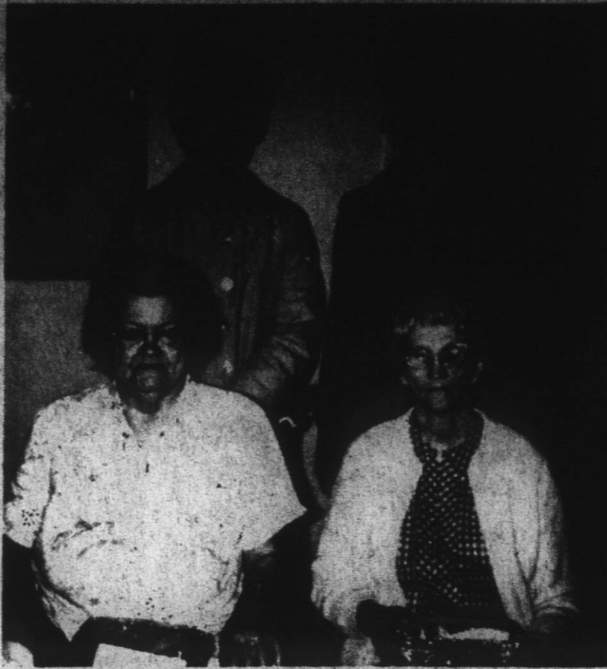
The Drama Classes at John A. Holmes School have formed a traveling troupe which is putting on performances of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" for elementary and junior high students in other schools. Not only entertaining for those students and faculty members watching the performances, it provides a vehicle for both drama students and those observing to learn how to effectively communicate through the medium of the English language. In addition, it adds an even greater special atmosphere for those already excited about Christmas.

On Sunday, December 16, Miss Marlene Williams and Mrs. Elaine Layton direction members of the Glee Club and Drama Classes respectively, in a Christmas concert and play "Star Light, Star Bright." Open to the public this event helped to provide those present with renewed insights into the true meaning of Christmas.

At Chowan High School all students will get a special treat on the last day of school. Following an assembly program each pupil grades 5-8 will receive a bag of goodies to take home with him. In addition, each student enrolled in grades 9-12 will also be the recipient of something special.

Naturally various other activities related to Christmas initiated by teachers and students, are going on within the classrooms in your school system. However, the aforementioned are those which extend school or school system wide.

Needless to say, all such activities are geared to building positive student attitudes toward school. Also, they help to convey to pupils both the sacred, as well as convivial aspects of this holiday season.



DISTRIBUTE BASKETS — Representatives of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Immanuel Baptist Church made and distributed baskets of fruit to the patients in the extended care unit of Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Mearplene Peoples and Mrs. Lucy Browder are shown here with Kizzie Bray of Elizabeth City and Eva Voliva of Columbia.

Swain School News

By TERESA H. GORDAN

As you walk down the corridors of Swain's school you will see the beautiful decorated doors. The Student Council sponsored a door decoration contest.

The judges were Mrs. Vivian Taft, Mrs. Marion Cross, Mrs. Betty Bembry and Mr. Ralph Cole.

The three best decorated doors received awards. First place, Mrs. Bissette's 5th grade. Second place, Miss Bank's 5th grade and Third place, Mrs. Wilkin's 6th grade.

Also, on the main floor there is a seven feet Christmas tree.

Each class made six ornaments for the tree.

On Friday morning to share the Christmas spirit together a Christmas program will be presented. Each class will participate. Afterwards they will sing Christmas carols.

Swain's school wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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To Speak At Edenton Baptist

Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will preach Sunday morning at Edenton Baptist Church. Speaking at a special worship service beginning at 9:45 A.M., he will bring a message on foreign missions.

A native of Texas, he has been associated with the Foreign Mission Board since 1935 and on January 1, 1954 he assumed his present post. In 1954 there were 900 missionaries serving in 33 countries, however, by June 1973, 2,510 missionaries were assigned to 77 geographical and political entities.

Included in his many accomplishments was the publication this year of his book entitled "Beyond Call."

Members of the church should note that Sunday school will begin at a later time this Sunday. Due to the special service at which Dr. Cauthen will speak, Sunday School will start at 11 o'clock this week only.

At the 7:30 evening worship, "The Festival of Carols" will be presented. A program of narration and singing, it will bring to the congregation a deep and abiding worship experience as they participate. The public is extended an invitation to attend this meaningful program.

Davenport Infant Buried Sunday

Robert Daniel Davenport, infant son of Stephen Harry and Shirley Jones Davenport of Columbia, died at Chowan Hospital December 14. He was five days old.

In addition to the parents, surviving is a brother, Stephen Harry Davenport, Jr., of Columbia; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Jones of Brent, Ala.; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davenport of Edenton.

Graveside services were held at 2 P.M. Sunday at Azalia Memorial Gardens in Columbia with Rev. E. C. Alexander in charge.

Williford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

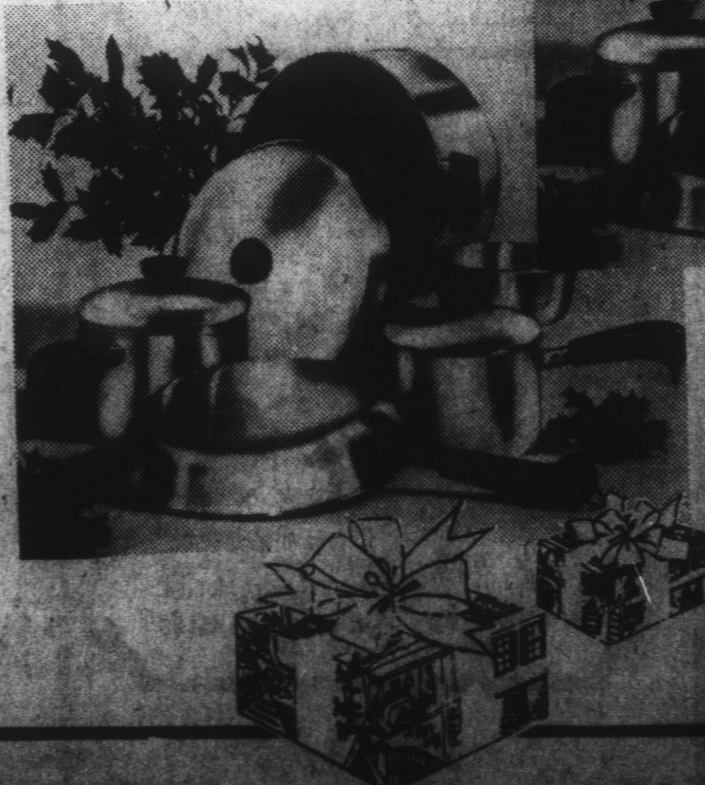
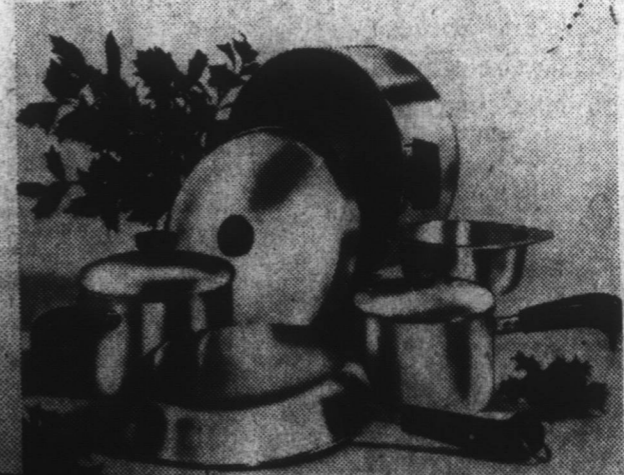
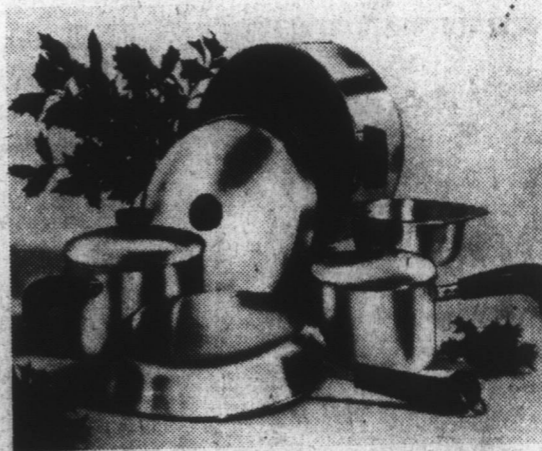
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