

# Big Edenton Christmas Parade 4 P. M. Today

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**COMMISSIONER HONORED**—C. M. Evans, center, who bowed out Monday after 12 years as a Chowan County commissioner is shown on the courthouse steps with Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, clerk, and C. A. Phillips, chairman. Other commissioners are: Alton G. Elmore, David T. Bateman, J. D. Peele and N. J. George.

## Phillips Re-Elected Chairman

C. A. Phillips was re-elected chairman of Chowan County commissioners Monday morning shortly after taking the oath for a four-year term along with N. J. George and J. D. Peele.

David Bateman was re-elected vice chairman and Mrs. Bertha B. Bunch, register of deeds, clerk to the board.

Peele replaces C. M. Evans who chose not to run after serving on the board for 12 years. Evans had

## Mrs. Niblett

Mrs. Goldie Layton Niblett, 933 North Broad Street, died in Chowan Hospital Tuesday following an illness of several months. She was 65.

Mrs. Niblett was a prominent community leader. She was retired agent for the Carolina Motor Club and self-employed insurance agent.

Funeral services will be held at 2 P.M. today (Thursday) at Edenton Baptist Church. Rev. Robert E. Gray will officiate. Burial will be in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

A native of Chowan County, Mrs. Niblett was the daughter of the late Henderson T. and Nonie Leary Layton. She was married to Burley N. Niblett, who survives. Also surviving are three brothers: Archie H. Layton of Elizabeth City; Kermit L. Layton of Edenton; and Melvin Q. Layton of Winston-Salem; and two sisters: Mrs. Lillian L. Tanner of Charles City, Va.; and Ms. Jacqueline L. Manning of Elizabeth City.

She was a member of Edenton Baptist Church, a charter member of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club and Edenton Historical Society.

Pallbearers are: Ricky Manning, Jimmy Manning, Gary Manning, Kermit Layton, Jr., Fielding Tanner and Richard Hollowell.

Williford-Barham Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Judge Beaman Assumes Chowan Court Duties

Judge Grafton Beaman began his judicial career Tuesday morning in Chowan County District Court. And he waded through a calendar on which appeared 42 cases.

As court opened at 9:30 A.M., the young jurist made a short statement. He said he considered it a privilege to begin his judicial career in "such a historic town and an equally historic building".

Judge Beaman said he has "deep admiration for the people of Chowan County and look forward to returning often in the future."

He made it clear from the beginning that he would not be a push-over on the bench. When a defendant requested a time payment plan for payment of a fine and costs, the judge said such would not be the policy of the court.

"It will not be the policy of this court to accept partial payment of a fine and costs."

previously been on the county school board and there ended 25-years of public service.

Mrs. Bunch noted that she had served as a county official with Raleigh Peele, the younger man's father who was a county commissioner.

The board members presented Evans with a silver tray in honor of his years of service and individually heaped words of praise on their retiring colleague. Phillips described him as a "steadying influence" and a man who provided "solid, mature judgments" concerning the county's business.

Bateman said Evans is a man who has been "100 per cent".

"I know I cannot fill Mr. Cary's shoes but it is a pleasure to become a member of the board," Peele said.

As a point of personal privilege, Evans said he had enjoyed serving on the board but said poor health and years had caught up with him. He recalled a lot of decisions that had been made but expressed disappointment that the proposed courthouse-jail project had not gotten under construction during his tenure.

"I think this could have come about if we had had a little more cooperation and togetherness," he said.

## Toy Exhibit Set

The annual exhibit "Toys of Christmas Past", is now opened at the Museum of the Albemarle and will be shown until New Year's Day. Items consist of toys the Museum own, and this year tea sets are being featured in a newly acquired case, and both old and young will enjoy the lovely dishes.

Most of the exhibit is in the theater room, but there are other toys around the old fashioned Christmas tree in the lobby.

In the lobby also is the Museum Shop, showing crafts of the area and books for all ages, so put a trip to the Museum on your December "things to do".

## Picture This!

Gov. James Holshouser comes to Bertie County next week to participate in the announcement of a new processing plant to be built in the area by Perdue Foods, Inc. of Salisbury, Md. This is in itself is not unusual.

What gives this a different twist is that the private luncheon will be held at State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington's clubhouse which is known for its Democratic gatherings.

Franklin P. Perdue, president, who has made it big in a touch industry, was asked at a luncheon in Salisbury earlier this year attended by are farm leaders, about the possibility of his firm leaving "monuments" throughout Northeastern North Carolina. (This seems to be a phrase in the industry for abandoned broiler houses).

Mr. Perdue assured his audience there wouldn't be any. We hope he knows from whence he speaks, but there should be some kind of plaque left at Monk's place were the GOP chief executive stood.

That can be a special project for Don Mabe, the genial Tar Heel who is executive vice president of the Perdue empire. He could maybe start by getting Gov. Holshouser to have the rough road paved into the hunting grounds.

## Play By Rules

This week we received a letter as a "counter note" to a poem which appeared in an article in The Herald last week regarding deer hunting. The letter makes a good argument for hunters but we are unable to run it because it is not properly signed.

The poem entitled "Carnage" was clearly identified as being written by Mrs. Viri Stokely. The "counter note" was signed "The Sportsman" which won't pass the test.

The Chowan Herald welcomes letter to the editor. However, they must be signed. You know who we are, and you know who, in this case, who the poet was. And you can't have your "two cents worth" along the Public Parade by hiding behind your anonymity.

## Mr. Evans Bows Out

Poor health and age are two toughies either of which usually will take their toll. They, unfortunately, caught up with C. M. Evans, the senior member of Chowan County commissioners.

Mr. Evans served with distinction on the board for 12 years. Earlier he had been a member of the county board of education and th curtain rang down on 25 years of public service along the Public Parade Monday.

Realizing that he would not be able to give the position his usual 100 per cent, Mr. Evans chose not to seek re-election this year. He took a seat in the audience

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## Church Fire Is Investigated

Authorities are continuing their investigation in an attempt to determine the cause of a fire which early Friday morning did extensive damage to the educational building and sanctuary at Providence Baptist Church on West Church Street.

It has been determined that it will be two and three weeks before temporary arrangements can be made to use the sanctuary, because of smoke and water damage, as well as destruction of the heating plant. In the meantime, regular services are being held on Sundays at the Edenton Housing Authority community center on Blades Street.

Church officials were high in their praise of the work firemen did to contain the blaze within the educational building. They have also expressed appreciation to the commissioners of Edenton Housing Authority for the emergency use of the community center.

Fire in the W. E. Charlton

Educational Building were discovered at 2:10 A.M. Friday by policemen patrolling the area. When firemen arrived, according to Chief Luther C. Parks, both the educational building and sanctuary were filled with smoke.

The fire was located in the furnace room contained in the educational building and burned through to the second floor. There were severe heat and smoke damage to the sanctuary, according to the fire chief.

Chief Parks said the cause of the fire is still undetermined and because it was located in the furnace room does not necessarily mean it was a furnace malfunction.

Local firemen remained on the scene for four hours.

Chief Parks said he is extremely proud of the "terrific" job done by members of his department in containing the fire to the educational building.

The entire church was destroyed by fire in 1958.



**CHURCH DAMAGED**—Pictured here is the damaged W. E. Charlton Educational Building of Providence Baptist Church which was heavily damaged by fire early Friday morning. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

## Manpower Courses Designed Spur Employment

Under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, Region "R" has been awarded three training projects that will be based in Edenton. These training projects will be for the 10 county area and hopefully applicants will apply from one of the ten counties to be considered for training.

According to Mrs. Alice W. Bond, manager of the Edenton Employment Security Commission Office, selection and referral will be done entirely by the ESC in Edenton, at 709 North Broad Street.

Persons taking training under any of these projects will be paid at the rate of \$2 per hour plus 10 cents a mile to and from the facility. Dependence allowances will be paid for each dependent in excess of two, not to exceed a total of four.

The three training projects, which will be coordinated with the office of Special Projects at the College of the Albemarle, will be Orientation and Motivation, Woodworking-Machine Operator

(Woodworking), and Nurse Aid. Orientation and Motivation training includes training in work habits, behavior expected of an employee, promptness in reporting for work regularity of attendance, appropriate dress, cleanliness and neatness of appearance, conducting an effective job search, presenting one's qualifications to a prospective employer, and attitudes helpful in obtaining a successful occupational adjustment.

Nurse Aid training will be conducted at Chowan Hospital and will involve training in the care of

hospital patients under direction of nurses and medical staff.

Trainees will be at least 18 years of age.

Successful completion of training will insure a job as Nurse Aid or orderly as openings become available at the hospital.

In the Woodworking-Machine Operator course trainees will be trained to operate one or more hand or power fed woodworking machines to surface, size or joint lumber or to cut tongues, grooves, bevels, beads or molding patterns. These training will be provided basic education in conjunction

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## Announcement Set

**LEWISTON**—Gov. James Holshouser will be on hand at State Sen. J. J. (Monk) Harrington's clubhouse near here Wednesday when Perdue Foods, Inc. makes an announcement about plans for their new processing plant on Highway 308 near here.

Franklin P. Perdue, president, will make the announcement. The Salisbury, Md.-based poultry firm has a feed mill under construction near Coiled and is contracting for up to 300 broiler houses to provide birds for a processing plant in Northeastern North Carolina.

Ralph Moore, plant engineer for the Processing Division of Perdue, said there was not much to be announced up to this point except that land acquisition has been assured.



**SOLOISTS**—Mrs. Otis Strother, center, director of the Edenton Choral Society, is pictured here with soloists for Sunday's performance at Edenton Baptist Church. Left to right are: W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., John Becker, Mrs. Strother, Mrs. Sherry Jordan and Dr. John VanDuy.

## Choral Society Plans Concert

On Sunday at 4 P.M. the Edenton Choral Society will present a concert of Christmas music. The Edenton Baptist Church will host the event.

The program will consist of a group of Alfred Burt carols and solos and choruses from the

Christmas section of Handel's "Messiah".

Under the direction of Mrs. Otis Strother, the Edenton Choral Society will be accompanied by Mrs. Mary Smith, organist, and Mrs. Robert Gray, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.



**NEW JUDGE**—District Court Judge Grafton Beaman is shown here with Mrs. Lena M. Leary, clerk of court, prior to beginning his judicial career in Chowan County on Tuesday.