

Holiday Gift Is Offered

The Edenton Little Theater will present a "Christmas Gift to the Community" on Sunday, December 20, in the old Chowan County Courthouse. The festivities will get underway at 2 p.m.

Members of the group will read familiar Christmas stories. John A. Holmes High School students will join them in a program of carols and instrumental music.

Christina Rawley will read "The Night Before Christmas," Gail Singh "The Gift of the Magi," Harvey Binns, Joe Conger Jr., Ross Inglis and Preston Sisk "A Christmas Carol," Lanita Rawley "How Come Christmas?" and Vicky Leary "The Christmas Story".

The music will include Handel's Third Sonata, "Jingle Bells," "Greensleeves," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "O Come, Emmanuel," "Gentle Jesus Meek and Mild" and "O Holy Night".

Vicky Leary, Lanita Rawley, Gail Singh and Harvey Binns are on the committee. Rei Shapter and Barbara Conger are responsible for decorations, and Terry Wackelin will be in charge of refreshments.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission is free. So, drop by the old Courthouse during the afternoon and stay as long as you like. Listen to the music. Sing "Silent Night". Have some punch.

Celebrate the holiday season in a special way this year...with the Edenton Little Theater's "Christmas Gift to the Community".

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FRIENDLY PUPPY -- This cute puppy is from one of two litters currently in residence at the Chowan Animal Shelter needing good permanent homes in which to grow up. If you can help, please call Chowan Animal Control at 482-4366 or the SPCA at 482-8090 and leave a message. The SPCA is pleased to report that the last several dogs pictured with the "SPCA FOOTNOTES" column have all been adopted.

SPCA Footnotes

Thinking of giving a youngster a puppy for Christmas?

Think carefully before you make your decision. First consider whether the youngster and his or her family are in a position to provide a suitable home for a dog. The following are questions to consider in arriving at an answer:

-- Will the dog be kept indoors or outdoors? If indoors, will there be a continuing tolerance for dog hair on the floors and elsewhere if a long-haired breed is chosen, and for the likelihood of fleas in the summer?

-- Will someone be at home to care for and train a young animal? Children may enjoy pets, but cannot be counted on to provide consistent daily care.

-- Are means available to provide the necessary shots and other veterinarian care throughout the lifetime, possibly 15 years, of the dog? Will the animal be spayed or neutered at a suitable age in order not to contribute to the tragic overpopulation of dogs in the nation?

-- Is the family likely to keep the dog and care for it until the end of its days, or to assume responsibility for finding a suitable home for it if unanticipated circumstances should arise?

Unless the answer is "yes" to all of these questions, a dog may not be the right choice of gift. If, however, the prospects for a "good dog home" are assured, another set of questions must be answered pertaining

to the type of dog to match the prospective circumstance:

-- If the pet is certain to be an indoor dog, a number of small breeds are possible. Large breeds are fine, too, for the true dog lovers who know their tolerance for all that goes with an indoor animal. But in either case a less active breed will be preferable. Above all, don't select a small lap dog for someone who may decide that the poor thing must live outdoors after all.

-- Should or must the dog chosen be purebred? If so, find a responsible breeder and verify the background of the dog to be purchased.

-- Will a mixed breed suffice? If so, consider selecting a young adult dog from the local shelter or any other reliable source. The advantage of this course is that the disadvantages of an overbred dog may be avoided and the adult product may be assessed at the time of selection.

However the selection is done, include the entire family in the process and don't yield to the appeal of the first puppy seen. They all look adorable at the start. Consider the fate and future of the animal in your decision. This will ensure a Merry Christmas for the dog, too.

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COA Course Is Planned

College of the Albemarle's Continuing Education Department is offering a "Phonics for Teachers" course this winter which will allow teachers to earn two renewal credit units.

The course provides instruction in the 45 separate sounds of speech. Standard pronunciation in various speech regions in the United States will also be covered with emphasis on the standard phonics of the South.

"This course is really good for teachers who teach phonics or anyone interested in learning the correct sounds of speech," said Lucy Vaughan

who will teach this course from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday evenings through February 24. The class will meet in room 107 of Building C. The cost is \$15.

Persons interested in attending may register during the first two class meetings. A social security number is needed to register.

Teachers taking the course for renewal credit may request approval and be reimbursed from their superintendent's office for the cost of the class.

There is no charge for persons 65 or older.

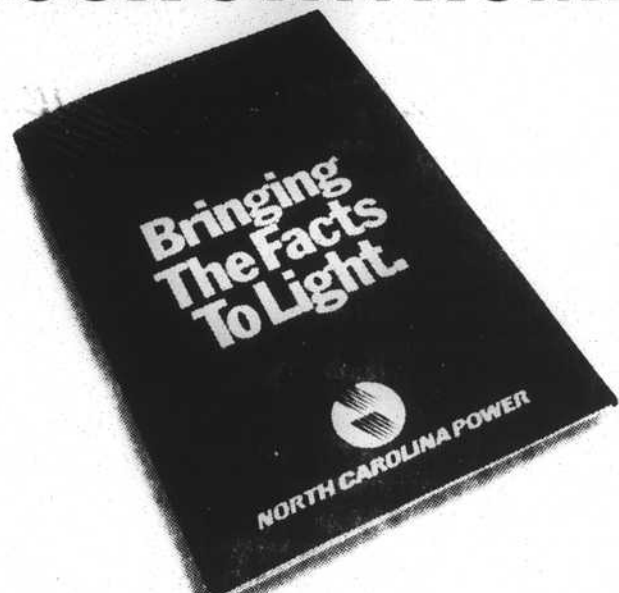
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