



West Leary (second from left), a founding member of the Edenton Lions Club, was honored recently after being named president emeritus of the club. Offering their congratulations are (l-r) Lions Ken Stalls, current President Blair Currie, and Sam Cox.

## Leary receives special recognition

### Lion cited for his generosity, concern work on behalf of club and county

West Leary was honored recently by the Edenton Lions Club for his many years of service by being named president emeritus of the club.

Leary was a founding member of the club, which was begun in 1937. A former president, he has also held a number of prestigious positions in the district as well.

"He has been unable to attend meetings in recent times, but is a steadfast supporter of all Lions-related causes, and maintains a keen interest in all Lions activities," said Blair

Currie, who currently serves as president of the Edenton Lions Club.

"In earlier years, West Leary was honored by Lions International as a Melvin Jones Fellow, and also as a Jack Stickley Fellow, awards of distinction that made all the members of the Edenton Lions Club proud," Currie added.

Currie added that in addition to his devotion and service to the Lions Club, Leary is also admired and respected for his record of personal service to

others in his church and the community at large.

"West was a deacon at Edenton Baptist Church for over 40 years, and he is well-known locally as a Good Samaritan," said Currie. "West will be 97 in March, but he still likes to visit people on occasion practicing his deeds of kindness, and his wit and charm endear him to all he meets."

"Understandably, the Edenton Lions are very proud of this esteemed member, and there is a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that a lifetime of dedication to Lionism has finally been recognized in such a manner," Currie said.

## Response good for 'Tree of Life'

### Fundraiser helps Chowan Hospital and its patients

Enthusiasm for the Tree of Life campaign benefiting the patients of Chowan Hospital in Edenton, as run high this year. Many commemorative lights

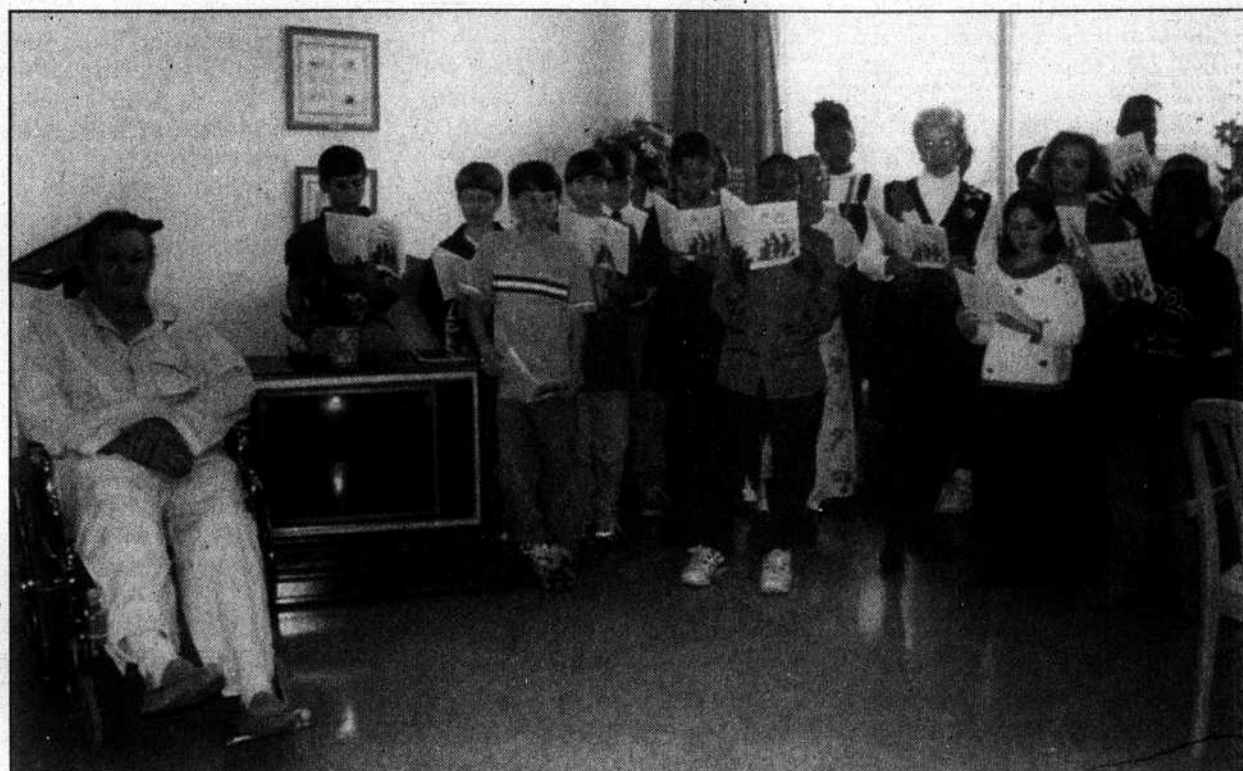
have been given in recent weeks. These include:

A Star light given in memory of Johny Moye and Marjorie Demorier, by Wanda Moye.

Tree lights were purchased in memory of the following: Mrs. Anne Taylor Boyce, given by Patsy A. Taylor; Herbert Hollowell, given by Rob Barker; Paul H. Ward, Sr., given by Peggy Ward; Mrs. John Bertrand and Mrs. Odell Hill,

given by Stan and Beckie Hege; Helen Jane Melvin and George McCormick, given by Blair and Chris Currie; Ellis Roland Lassiter, given by Shelby Lassiter Nixon; Bill Dudley and Louis Koenig, given by Thelma Koenig; Lucille Stalls, given by Beth Taylor.

Tree lights were purchased in honor of the following: Rebecca D. Warren, given by Pete and Betty Manning.



## Entertain at SNF here

Before their Christmas vacation began, students in Mrs. Patricia Timberlake's fifth grade class visited the Skilled Nursing Facility at Chowan Hospital as one of their community outreach projects. The D.F. Walker Elementary School students sang Christmas carols and gave each patient a card they had made, as well as a spoonful or two of "hugs and kisses." Two students in the class have grandparents at the nursing home. The class was accompanied at the piano by Mr. Kirby Johnson of Edenton Baptist Church. The group of students was also accompanied by a volunteering grandparent, Mrs. Carolyn Bunch, who joined them for the sing-a-long.

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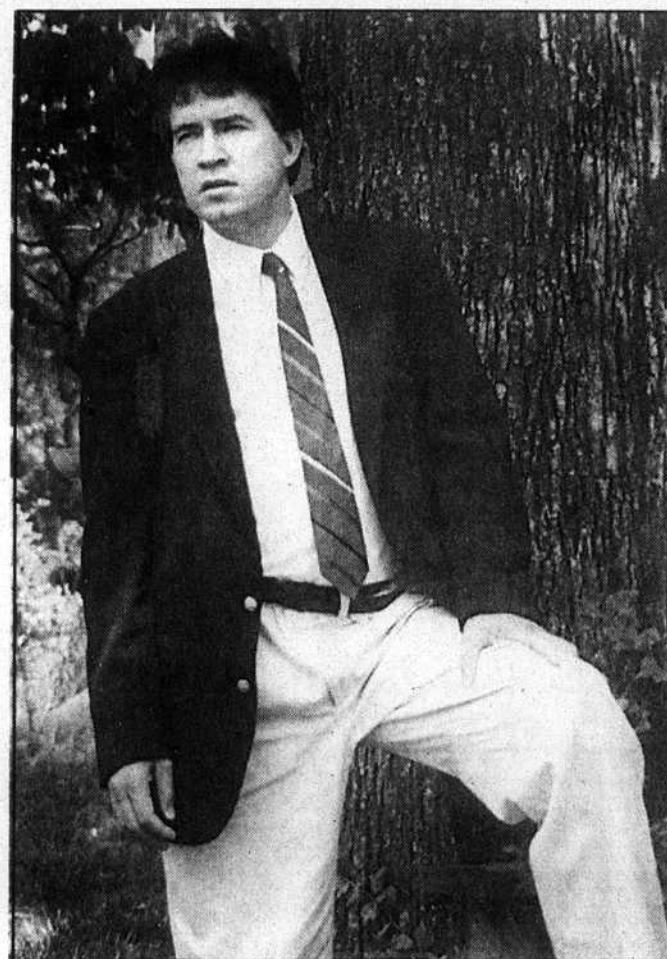
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