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Canning Factory Will Locate In Edenton

Meeting Called Tonight To Reorganize United Charities

Many Cases of Absolute Need Must Be Provided For

MUST ACT QUICKLY

Mayor Spires Urges All Organizations to Be Represented

Efforts will be made at a meeting called for tonight to reorganize the United Charities in Edenton. This meeting was called by Mayor E. W. Spires when conditions of absolute need were reported by W. J. Taylor, County welfare officer.

The United Charities in Edenton has not been functioning since Federal aid was given to counties, but since this appropriation was withdrawn the first of the year, there is no provision made to care for those needing relief who were on the government unemployed list. At present there are between 80 to 90 old people in the County needing help and from 40 to 50 in Edenton, who have been thrown on the County for assistance to secure food, clothing, medicine and fuel. Some of these cases are deplorable. The County has gone as far as possible in aiding in relief, the extra burden being put upon it after the budget had been made.

The meeting tonight will be held at the Municipal Building at 8:00 o'clock at which time all civic leaders are urged to attend. A committee will be appointed to canvass for money, food, and clothing to care immediately for those in the most need. Mrs. J. H. McMullan has issued an appeal for a few old stoves to be placed in houses where people are suffering for lack of heat.

In commenting on the meeting tonight Mayor Spires said:

"Since the ruling of the Emergency Relief Administration whereby all unemployables have become a charge upon the various local government units, an increasing number of cases of abject poverty have been discovered by County School Superintendent W. J. Taylor, who is also County welfare officer.

"Mr. Taylor has advised me that while the County Board of Commissioners are doing everything possible to alleviate this suffering among the sick and afflicted, however, their limited finances will not suffice in adequately taking care of all cases.

"Having made a personal and thorough investigation into the merits of each case, Mr. Taylor states that there are forty to fifty cases where the family is either receiving no help, or from two to four dollars per month, which is insufficient to keep soul and body together.

"Therefore, I desire to announce a public meeting which will be held in the Municipal Building at 8:00 o'clock Thursday night at which time ways and means of meeting this situation will be discussed. I sincerely hope that every organization will be well represented. Our people have always responded in a most gratifying manner on such occasions and I have every confidence that you will do so in this emergency."

Local People Entering Contest To Win Pontiac

Many local people are entering the contest being sponsored by Pontiac in which a total of 14 cars will be given away for the winning papers on "What I Like Best About the 1935 Pontiacs." Two of these cars will be given away free every week for a period of seven weeks.

Official entry blanks can be secured at the Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Company. The contest started on January 27 and closes March 17th. News of the contest and winners will be announced over the radio every Sunday night at 10 o'clock.

Cream route stations established in Stanly County several months ago are handling a large volume of cream, reports County Agent William N. Wood.

The peanut sign-up campaign is getting results in Gates County, according to R. B. Rich, farm agent.

Edenton Boxers Tackle Elizabeth City Tonight

The Edenton High School boxing team will again try its skill tonight in the Armory, when they meet the boxers from the Elizabeth City High School. The Elizabeth City boys will be on hand to weigh in at 7:15 o'clock and the fight will get under way promptly at 8 o'clock. The visitors will bring eight or nine boys and it is hoped all can be matched. Edenton won its first match last week against Roanoke Rapids.

The Edenton boys are in good shape for the fight with the exception of Lance Bufflap, who is suffering with a heavy cold and possibly will not be able to box.

On February 7 the Edenton team will tackle the Rocky Mount High School team here. Rocky Mount is a much larger school, but by comparison Edenton has the edge. Roanoke Rapids defeated Garner, while Garner in turn won the decision over Rocky Mount.

On February 15, a return match will be held with Roanoke Rapids in the local ring and this fight should furnish plenty of fireworks for spectators.

The Edenton boys will go to Rocky Mount February 19 for a return fight, which is all the fights scheduled to date.

Birthday Ball Tuesday Night Very Successful

Although cold weather somewhat cut down the number attending President Roosevelt's birthday ball Tuesday night, a very successful dance was held in the Edenton Armory. Paul Jones and his orchestra from Rocky Mount furnished the music as well as assisted with the floor show which was a feature of the ball.

According to M. F. Bond, Jr., treasurer of the ball, about \$75 was cleared by the affair, approximately \$50 of this sum to be used in Chowan County and the remainder to be sent to the National committee. Mr. Bond was unable to state Wednesday just what disposition would be made of the money remaining here, but rather thought it would be turned over to some relief organization, possibly the United Charities or Red Cross.

The floor show, with William Jones as master of ceremonies, included novelty numbers by the orchestra, Epp Debnam singing "My Song," an interpretation of the modern dance by Emiline Ricks, Bruce Burke, Julia Jones, and James Banks. The Swanee Four, composed of Johnny Wilson, William Skinner, Sherman Spruill and Johnny Bond also contributed to the amusement. "The Continental" by Joe Perry's dance team, and "St. Louis Blues" by Elizabeth Luton brought to a close the show, which was presented under a spot light, adding greatly to the effect. Of particular interest was a sketch of President Roosevelt made on a large piece of cardboard by John Wheeler.

General Chairman William Jones desires through these columns to especially thank members of the various committees and all who in any way contributed to the success of the ball.

OLD AGE PENSION

W. B. Fisher, State organizer for the Townsend Plan old age pension, will explain the bill to the people of Chowan County, in the Court House at Edenton on Friday, February 8th, at 7:30 P. M.

This bill has already been presented to Congress and provides that the government pay all citizens, man or woman, over 60 years of age \$200 per month the remainder of their natural lives upon two conditions, to wit: Job, if any, be given in favor of the unemployed; and, that the entire \$200 be spent within 30 days after its receipt each and every month.

Mr. Fisher will tell what progress is being made and would like for every man and woman in the County to hear him. Everybody is asked to join in a petition for this plan by or before February 10th, as the bill will come up for debate in Congress about March 1st. Women are especially invited.

Patrolman Geo. I. Dail Sent Back To Edenton

State Patrolman George I. Dail, who recently was transferred to Goldsboro by the State Highway Commission, has been transferred to Edenton again, Patrolman Dail taking up his duties last Sunday.

Citizens in this section very much regretted Mr. Dail's removal and are glad to have him back again.

Maximum Reduction In Cotton Is Urged

Since the Bankhead allotments for 1935 will be only a little larger than last year, Charles A. Sheffield, of State College, recommends that all cotton growers sign adjustment contracts and reduce their crop by the maximum amount.

The Bankhead allotments will approximate 65 per cent of the base production, he explained, and any amount sold beyond this percentage will be subject to the tax.

The contracts permit a production of 75 per cent of the base acreage, but provide for larger rental payments to those who produce only 65 per cent, Sheffield added.

Thus, the grower who produces 75 per cent will have to pay tax on the additional 10 per cent and at the same time he will lose part of the rental payment which he otherwise would get.

In the long run, Sheffield pointed out, the grower might lose more in this way than he would gain by the sale of the extra cotton.

However, exact figures cannot be given now, he went on, for they depend upon the price of cotton next fall and the yield per acre this year. If a drought or other handicap should reduce the yield to far below normal, the grower would be better off with as large an acreage as possible, Sheffield said, for even then he might not produce the full amount of his Bankhead allotment.

Or if the grower has a number of surplus tax-exemption certificates left over from last year, he may use these to advantage in selling any cotton he may produce in excess of this year's allotment.

But if the yield in 1935 is anything like it was in 1934, with prices remaining about the same, indications are that the grower will do best by limiting his acreage to 65 per cent of his base, Sheffield stated.

ONE CASE TRIED TUESDAY IN RECORDER'S COURT

Only one case came up for trial at Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court when Judge J. N. Pruden sentenced Gillard Ainsley, colored, \$10 and costs as well as paying the doctor's bill for cutting Worley Wilson, also colored, on Saturday night. The affair occurred near Joe Bunch's filling station on the Yeopim road beyond the city limits.

Building & Loan Association To Award Prizes For Essays

Prizes of \$10.00 and \$5.00 Will Be Given to Students Writing Best Paper In Contest

At the meeting of stockholders of the Edenton Building and Loan Association Monday night in the Court House, 2,454 shares of stock were represented, this being over the amount constituting a quorum. R. H. Bachman was named chairman and R. E. Leary, secretary by an unanimous vote.

Membership directors for the ensuing year include: M. F. Bond, Jr., F. W. Hobbs, W. S. Privott and E. C. White.

Stock directors elected are: R. H. Bachman, R. C. Holland, O. H. Brown, and F. P. Wood. These directors met immediately after the meeting and elected R. P. Badham as the ninth director of the Association.

The Edenton Building and Loan Association will give two prizes to students in the Edenton and Chowan High Schools who participate in the Kessler Memorial Fund essay. First prize will be \$10 in cash and second prize \$5 in cash. These essays will

EDENTON BOXING TEAM WINS FIRST DECISION OVER ROANOKE RAPIDS

Local Boxers Win Three Bouts, Lose Two And Get a Draw

PLENTY OF ACTION

Large Crowd of Fight Fans Enjoy Fast and Furious Boxing

Coming from behind with two losses and a draw against them, the Edenton High School boxing team Friday night won a decision over the Roanoke Rapids High School boxers in the gymnasium of the latter school. A large crowd of fight fans were on hand who were very well pleased with the action in each bout. With the exception of the first match in which Tom Wilder hurt his wrist, every bout was filled with fast and furious fighting, each fighter doing his best to win his fight. Edenton won three fights, lost two, and one resulted in a draw.

Tom Wilder, 95 pounds, was technically knocked out in the first round of the opener by Mosley, 86, when the former hurt his wrist. Mosley, a clever little scrapper with an unique style of fighting easily outclassed Wilder while in the ring.

Pete Everett, 115, fighting Starke, 123, put up a stubborn scrap although he was outweighed. The fight went the three rounds but the judges awarded the decision to Starke.

William Cayton, 119, after being slightly shaded by Midgett, 121, in the first two rounds, came back strong in the final round to earn a draw.

The first decision for Edenton came when Bill Harrell, 130, outpointed Garner, 128. Harrell was cut over the left eye early in the first round which gave him considerable trouble. Both boys put up a terrific fight which at times became over-rough. The judges voted two for Harrell and one for Garner.

Lance Bufflap, 140, chalked up the second win for Edenton by outpointing Brown, 139. Bufflap had the better of the argument during the three rounds and comments from spectators were numerous that it was the cleanest and fastest fight on the card. The judges were unanimous in the vote for Edenton.

Melvin Layton, 146, knocked out Topping, 141, in the third round which was the deciding match of the evening and enabled Edenton to carry off the honors. Layton shaded his opponent in the first two rounds, dealing out a great deal of punishment with a stiff right punch under which Topping crumbled in the last round.

The bout with Roanoke Rapids was the first of the year for Edenton, and there is a possibility of a number of the boxers going to Chapel Hill to try for State honors.

Neuse Packing Corp. Leases Old Oil Mill

Mrs. John G. Wood, Sr. Passes Away Thursday

Entered into eternal rest on January 24, 1935, at her home, "Hayes," near Edenton, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin Wood, widow of the late John Gilliam Wood, aged 75 years.

Mrs. Wood was the daughter of Col. William B. and Mrs. Elizabeth McMorine Martin and was born in Elizabeth City September 3, 1859. Descended from a long line of distinguished ancestors and reared in an atmosphere of culture, the grace and charm of such lineage and environment culminated and found expression in a personality which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Of retiring disposition, yet she met and fulfilled every obligation in life with a dignity and charm which ennobled and beautified it and her warm and generous nature responded readily to the joys and sorrows of others. Possessed of a fine mind she maintained a keen and discerning interest in current events with a liberal attitude to the changes wrought by the passing decades, though in no wise compromising the high standards inherent in her character. None knew her but to love her, and her memory will be cherished as a precious heritage.

She is survived by one son, John G. Wood, of "Hayes," Edenton, two daughters, Miss Sophie Wood, of "Hayes," and Mrs. W. B. Foreman, of Elizabeth City, two brothers, Mr. R. B. Martin and Dr. E. F. Martin, of Elizabeth City, and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton, of which she was a faithful and devoted member, with the rector, Rev. C. A. Ashby, officiating, and her remains were interred in St. Paul's Churchyard. The pall bearers were W. D. Pruden, Thomas Wood, James Wood, J. N. Pruden, C. W. Swanner, R. G. White, D. M. Warren and J. H. Conger.

John B. Wiggins On U. N. C. Honor Roll

John B. Wiggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wiggins, who is a student at the University of North Carolina, was numbered among the 52 honor roll students announced Monday by Assistant Registrar G. K. Henry.

To attain a place on the institution's honor roll a student must average a B, which is from 90 to 95 per cent on all courses.

FINGER PRINTS!

How many citizens of Chowan County desire an infallible, non-eradicable means of personal identification?

To those who do, The Herald, in conjunction with Dan Cannady, on Saturday initiated a campaign for voluntary finger identification. We call upon our readers and friends to come forward and have their finger prints taken—at no cost.

Mr. Cannady, who has taken a course in finger-printing, will be in The Herald office Saturday afternoon with professional paraphernalia, ready to make such records for all who come—father, mother and the kiddies.

While the idea of voluntary finger printing is by no means new, this is the first time this section has been asked as a matter of good citizenship and self-protection, to volunteer for recording.

Finger prints are a protection to the family against kidnapers and fakes. Finger prints prevent mistakes of identity. Finger prints are more and more being used by the great insurance companies and banks of the country for protection and identification. Finger prints afford definite means of identity to those who may meet with accidents or death in sections remote from home and friends.

These and many more good reasons can be given why a finger print club should be formed in Chowan County. There is no cost attached and Mr. Cannady will read and classify every print made, which will be filed for use if occasion ever arises.

Building Being Equipped For Operations In March

TO CAN TOMATOES

Contracts Will Be Distributed to Guarantee Enough Acreage

The Neuse Packing Corporation of New Bern has leased the old Eastern Cotton Oil Company building opposite the Norfolk Southern freight station, where a branch will be operated in the near future. The building is now being equipped for canning herring roe, and everything will be in readiness to start operations the latter part of March when the fishing season gets under way. Officials already are contracting with fishermen on this side of the Chowan River to furnish herring roe.

The B. A. Griffin Company, western fish brokers, will occupy part of the property during the fishing season, during which they plan to ship from 50 to 75 cars of pickled herring to northern markets. The roe from these fish have also been contracted for by the packers.

The new enterprise will have packing tables to accommodate 64 women in cleaning the roe and employment will be furnished for about 10 men. The personnel of the plant has not been made public, but will be in charge of experienced canning men.

In addition to canning fish roe, the packers will very probably can tomatoes. The only requisite necessary is a provision that 500 or more acres be planted in tomatoes. Contracts are being printed and will be distributed among farmers in various parts of the county to ascertain if enough tomatoes can be secured to justify the installation of added equipment necessary. Much interest is shown in various parts of the county, and it is almost certain, in view of curtailed acreage in cotton and peanuts, that enough tomatoes will be raised.

A meeting of farmers will probably be called next week at which time the contract will be explained and other information given regarding the business. The plant will be operated along similar lines as the ones at Colerain, Plymouth and Windsor, about which many growers are familiar.

If tomato canning is started employment will be made available for 100 women in peeling tomatoes and from 25 to 40 men would also be given work.

It will be the plan of the packers to ship green tomatoes to northern markets, which will be packed by a group of Florida experts, and all tomatoes that cannot thus be disposed of will be canned. Promoters of the packing plant feel confident enough tomatoes can be contracted for.

There is also a likelihood that the new proposition may develop into the packing of other vegetables.

John Henry Mansfield Dies Tuesday At Bethel

John Henry Mansfield, 86, well known and respected farmer of the Bethel community, Perquimans County, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of his son, J. H. Mansfield at Bethel, following a short illness. Funeral services in charge of Rev. John Byrum, were held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with interment in Bethel Cemetery.

Mr. Mansfield is survived by three sons, William Mansfield, of Woodville, Perquimans County, Richard Mansfield, of Richmond, Va., and J. H. Mansfield, with whom he made his home.

A granddaughter, Mrs. Rupert Chesson, lives in North Edenton.

Corn-hog growers in Hyde County are ready to sign the 1935 contract as soon as it is ready, says County Agent C. Y. Tilson.

Have your cottonseed tested now. If it fails to germinate properly, it is advisable to buy good seed before planting time.