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Samuel H. Yonge Dies At Home In Edenton

Internationally Known As Engineer of Rare Skill

DIED MONDAY

Assisted In Many Important Projects In This Country

Edenton joined with the outside world on Monday last in mourning at the bier of Samuel H. Yonge nonagenarian resident here for the past three or four years. While not a native of this section, Dr. Yonge had endeared himself to all Edentonians who had the honor of his acquaintance, and his spry and active step and alert mentality had made him one of the prides of the town. He had complained of a weakened heart for several weeks but it was not until last Friday that it was felt necessary to call in a physician. On Sunday he seemed stronger and smilingly complained of a friend's lack of attention at that time. He began to sink toward midnight Sunday and died within a couple of hours.

Dr. Yonge was internationally known as an engineer, archaeologist, and bridge maker. He had been a consultant in later life on the Williamsburg restoration project and in the '70's discovered and excavated the old ruins at Jamestown, Va. Prior to that he had engaged himself in levee construction on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, and for 30 years was in the government employ as chief engineer of the James River dredging and jetty work. His bridges included the Brooklyn Bridge, the suspension bridge at Niagara Falls, several bridges over the Mississippi River, as well as numerous railroad bridges in different sections of the country.

In addition to the widow, who was Miss Elizabeth Archer, of Richmond, Va., deceased is survived by three daughters and two sons by a previous marriage. The latter are William K. Yonge, of Irwin, Pa., and Allen Yonge, in the government service at Havana, Cuba. The daughters are: Mrs. L. Y. Hayne, of San Francisco, Cal., Mrs. Horace Stringfellow, of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. J. Blair Easter, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Funeral services were held in Richmond, Va., where the deceased had lived for a quarter of a century before coming to Edenton.

Small Crowd Attends Meeting Thursday

A small crowd gathered at the Court House last Thursday night to attend the mass meeting called by R. L. Chesson to discuss the principles of the ERA in Chowan County. Mr. Chesson presided and after giving a few of his opinions a motion was made and carried that E. W. Lordley, district manager, be requested to make an investigation of affairs in Chowan County.

So far as The Herald could learn today no further action has been taken in the matter, and from conversations on the street the whole affair takes on the air of a joke.

Residents In North Edenton Use Alley

Residents of North Edenton requested permission from Town Council Tuesday night to use the land back of their property which is reserved for an alley way. Prior to the putting in of sewers this condition prevailed and the Councilmen were of the opinion there would be no objection to the continuation, provided nothing was done detrimental to the sewer pipes or any buildings erected that would hinder opening up the alleys in case of necessity.

ORCHESTRA PLAYS SUNDAY AT PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

Jim Daniels and his Baptist Sunday School orchestra will furnish special music at the Providence Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, when a rally will be held by the colored congregation. Other special music will also be on the program. L. G. Nichols, the pastor, urges a large attendance, stating that seats will be reserved for white people.

GONE TO MONROE

Mrs. Nathan Dail is spending some time in Monroe with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Tucker. Mrs. Dail was called home on account of the death of her uncle, who was killed Friday in an automobile accident.

Citizens Bank Pays Another Dividend

Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks announces the payment of a 5 per cent dividend to claimants of records in The Citizens Bank of Edenton as of March 1st, 1935. This 5 per cent dividend totals \$13,343.57 and will be distributed among approximately eleven hundred depositors, the checks will be available Friday, March 15th, 1935.

This 5 per cent dividend makes a total of 85 per cent paid to depositors holding "Common Claims," preferred claims having all been paid in full.

Local Masons Visit Lodge At Plymouth

Seventeen members of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., on Tuesday night drove through a driving rain to Plymouth, where they paid a visit to Pervance Lodge. The meeting of the two lodges was very interesting, each visitor being called upon to make a short address in the course of which a spirit of brotherhood prevailed and the desire expressed that the citizens of Edenton and Plymouth intermingle more now that the toll is removed from Chowan bridge.

J. W. Darden, former representative of Washington County, made a very appropriate address, welcoming the Edenton Masons and expressed the hope that all Masonic lodges in this section would visit each other to the end that the fraternity may be closer bound together. Those in the Edenton party were: E. T. Rawlinson, O. C. Davis, W. J. Daniels, T. B. Williford, C. A. Boyce, C. H. Wood, B. F. Britton, Sr., W. C. Bunch, J. Edwin Buffall, W. S. Griffin, John Lee Spruill, C. W. Sawyer, J. R. Byrum, G. A. Helms, W. M. Wilkins, J. E. Jackson and W. S. Summerell.

High School Turning Attention To Baseball

With football spring training over, the Edenton High School athletes are now turning their attention to baseball, practice being scheduled to begin on Monday afternoon. Prospects are very bright at present for a very successful season.

The Edenton school will play conference ball this year, the first game to be played in Edenton on Friday March 22, when they will cross bats with the Columbia High School nine.

Heavy Wind Storm Hits Section Tuesday

The entire Albemarle section lay in the path of a heavy rain and wind storm late Tuesday night, with reports trickling in of minor damage in several sections. A number of trees and wire poles were blown down by the heavy wind.

The storm played havoc with T. A. Spencer's log camp in the Rocky Hill section, buildings being blown down as well as doing other damage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED OUT TWICE ON SATURDAY

The Edenton Fire Department was called out twice Saturday when fire broke out at the residence of J. A. Curran on West Queen Street and on West Gale Street. In the former instance the damage has not been estimated while the latter was merely a fue fire which resulted in no damage.

MRS. HUGH DUKE DIES IN LAKE VIEW HOSPITAL

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. Hugh Duke, of Ahoskie, who died around 1:00 o'clock Tuesday in Lake View Hospital, Suffolk, Va., following an operation.

Mrs. Duke was about 80 years old. Before her marriage she was Miss Margaret Overton, of Colerain, and for several school terms made her home in Edenton with her aunt, Mrs. John M. Elliott, Sr., while attending the Edenton High School. She graduated from the high school, and returned to her home at Colerain. While in Edenton Mrs. Duke was very popular, having a large circle of friends.

ATTEND INSURANCE MEETING

J. A. Curran and Jesse White attended a business meeting of agents of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company held in Portsmouth, Va., on Tuesday night.

MOTORISTS WARNED TO OBSERVE TRAFFIC LAW DURING FIRES HERE

Services Will Be Held Each Night During Week

Chief of Police G. A. Helms and Fire Chief R. K. Hall stated to The Herald this week that hereafter the State law and city ordinance relating to the duties of drivers of vehicles during a fire will be rigidly enforced. An arrest was made Saturday for failure to abide by the law in which a serious accident was probably averted when a driver endeavored to turn into a side street ahead of the fire truck.

Both of the officers made it clear that when the siren is sounded drivers are required to turn to the curb to give the fire truck complete right of way, and besides no driving will be allowed within 200 feet of the truck while answering an alarm. It is a matter of public safety and officers are insistent that the law be enforced to the letter.

Fire Chief Hall also made the statement that hereafter no parking will be allowed in any block in which the fire truck is located while fighting a fire.

The law calls for a fine of \$10 and costs for violations and officials urge all drivers to cooperate in order to save themselves embarrassment.

Everything Calm At The Advance School

All is calm at Advance school after all sorts of rumors last week that a number of boys had whipped a teacher, as well as counter claims that the teacher walloped a gang of boys.

It appears that a crowd of eight boys in the Advance school became disgruntled over the sort of discipline Ernest Swain, the teacher, demanded in the school and the boys, urged on by other boys in the community, decided to whip their teacher. From an investigation it was learned that older boys not now in school urged the gang of eight not to stand for what Mr. Swain demands of them because in former years the same rules were not in force.

The boys discussed among themselves the idea of licking their teacher, but evidently a cog slipped in the plans.

During a recess period all plans were laid and when school convened one of the boys went to the desk to get help on a problem. At almost the same time another of the gang walked to the desk. The latter grabbed Mr. Swain around the shoulders, saying, "Come on, we might as well do it now." However, Mr. Swain ordered the boys to be seated, and there was no teacher beat up. On the other hand the principal took off his belt and gave each one of the conspirators a sound thrashing.

Every boy, except one, displayed a penitent attitude for his part in the affair, and at present their efforts are turned to developing a good baseball team, with Mr. Swain coaching and helping the boys.

50 Papers Entered In B. & L. Essay Contest

Fifty essays have been turned in by students of the Edenton High School in the Keesler Memorial Contest sponsored by the North Carolina Building and Loan League in the high schools of the State, and for which the Edenton Building and Loan Association has offered two prizes of \$10 and \$5 for the two best papers in Chowan County. These papers are being judged this week by Mrs. John Badham and Mrs. W. S. Summerell. The two winners to be represented in the district contest. The winner in each of the ten districts in the State will compete for grand prizes at the league convention which will be held in Winston-Salem on May 28-29. Prizes in the final contest will be \$100, \$50 and \$25.

School officials are very well pleased with the large number of papers turned in this year, interest in the contest last year having lagged.

ERA Receives Funds To Pay Soup Kitchens

Funds have been received by the ERA for paying the operating expenses of the four soup kitchens in the county which were threatened to be closed due to the lack of funds. The budget allows enough money to maintain these kitchens through March, after which nothing definite is promised unless Congress appropriates money which can be used for this purpose.

DR. R. CARY MONTAGUE CONDUCTS PREACHING MISSION AT ST. PAUL'S

Traffic Must Give Right Of Way To Fire Truck

Dr. R. Cary Montague, of Richmond, Va., will hold a preaching mission at St. Paul's Episcopal Church starting Monday, March 22. Dr. Montague is numbered among the best preachers in the Episcopal Church, having been a very prominent member in the Richmond city mission for many years.

The mission services will begin each night at 8:00 o'clock and Rev. C. A. Ashby, the rector, urges all Episcopalians to attend, as well as invites members of other congregations to hear Dr. Montague.

Special preachers will fill the pulpit each Thursday night during Lent, with Rev. Stephen Gardner, of Washington scheduled to preach tonight. Other visiting preachers are as follows:

March 21, Dr. R. Cary Montague, of Richmond, Va., who will be conducting the mission.

March 28, Rev. George F. Hill, of Elizabeth City.

April 4, Rev. E. F. Moseley, of Williamston.

April 11, Rev. E. T. Jillson, of Hertford.

Old Age Pension Bill Explained Saturday

W. B. Fisher, State manager for the Townsend old age pension plan, who spoke to a crowded house about six weeks ago in the Chowan County Court House, will again explain this pension bill to the people of Chowan County. He will speak in the Court House at Edenton on Saturday, Mar. 16, at 1 o'clock.

The Townsend bill has already been introduced in Congress and is being favored by a large number of Congressmen.

About 35,000,000 voters have signed and sent in petitions, but according to Mr. Fisher more signatures are needed.

The Bill provides that the Government pay to all citizens of the United States, man or woman, over 60 years of age \$200 per month the rest of their lives upon two conditions, vizz: Job, if any, be given up to the younger unemployed; and to spend the entire amount of the pension every 30 days.

Prominent Ahoskie Citizen Passes Away

Friends in this section of the State were grieved to learn of the death Monday of Henry S. Basnight, of Ahoskie, who died in a Norfolk hospital. He was very prominent in the business affairs of Ahoskie, being connected with a number of business firms there, as well as having other business interests in Eastern Carolina and Suffolk. He was the son of the late Thomas and Mrs. Sarah Basnight, of Creswell.

Mr. Basnight was a brother of Mrs. O. C. Byrum, of Edenton, and of Mrs. N. J. Rhodes, of Mackeys.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in Ahoskie with a large number attending.

Corn-Hog Association Soon To Be Organized

A Corn-Hog controlled association will be formed in the near future for Chowan and Bertie counties with headquarters in Edenton. Bertie County has 15 contracts while Chowan County will have about 110. A meeting will be called soon, at which time officers will be elected.

The officers serving last year, for Chowan County, when headquarters were in Elizabeth City, included Julien Wood, J. B. Webb, H. T. Hobbs, W. H. Winborne, A. D. Ward, and E. G. Blanchard.

Old Tombstones Are Found Under Church

Termite exterminators from Norfolk, Va., created somewhat of a stir in Edenton this week while digging under the old St. Paul's church in order to rid the historic edifice of the pests. During their "excavating" they came upon a couple of graves the dates on the tombstones indicating that they were placed there before the date of the erection of the church.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8:00 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.

Cotton Sign-up Days Be Held Next Week

Drivers Warned To Observe Light Signal

Complaints have been received by members of City Council that motorists are failing to observe the traffic signal at the corner of Queen and Moseley Streets. After discussion of the matter the city fathers instructed Mayor Spiers to order police officers to make a thorough check on traffic at this intersection and arrest violators.

The bulk of travel is on Queen Street and the red light for this traffic is on only 20 seconds at a time. The Councilmen feel that an investment was made in this signal for the safety of the motoring public and see no excuse, especially among local drivers, for not observing the signal.

Certificate Of Birth Given To Governor

Governor John Christopher Blucher Ehringhaus, of North Carolina was presented Tuesday with a certificate of his birth more than half a century ago by Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, acting State health officer and secretary of the State Board of Health.

Dr. Reynolds related briefly the achievements of Burbank with plants and of biologists in producing specimens approaching perfection. He congratulated Governor Ehringhaus on his parents and the excellent specimen of manhood they produced in him as he presented the little copy of the Governor's "citizenship papers."

"I thank you, Dr. Reynolds, and appreciate this evidence that I was born," said Governor Ehringhaus. "Your campaign should have the hearty and full cooperation of the citizens of the State. Children now will live to appreciate the care their parents exercise now in making sure that their births are registered. I appreciate mine."

Governor Ehringhaus, the certificate he proudly displayed, shows, was born in Elizabeth City, N. C., February 5, 1882, the son of Erskine and Carrie Colville (Mathews) Ehringhaus. His father was 28 and his mother 25 years old when he was born. He was born "without benefit of bookkeeping," as births were not required by law to be registered until 1914. His mother had died, as had the attending physician, Dr. W. L. Lumsden.

Only his father, Erskine Ehringhaus, now approaching his 82nd birthday anniversary, is living, of those whose word as to the birth would be accepted without question. The father has been sick, but was again about his duties a few days ago. Certainly within a few years, at most, the father would not have been here to make out a certificate of birth for the Governor of North Carolina—and much trouble would have been experienced to establish that fact.

The certificate was presented as a feature of the "Register Your Baby" campaign now about to end in North Carolina, conducted by the Bureau of the Census, State Board of Health and State ERA.

Glass Blowers Perform At School On Tuesday

The auditorium of the Edenton High School will most likely be filled to capacity on Tuesday, March 19, when the Venetian glass blowers will give a demonstration in the school. The demonstration will be held at 2:15, the nominal charge of 10 cents being charged to witness this very educational and interesting performance.

The glass blowers make all sorts of almost unbelievable articles from glass, several specimens being in the school library from their last visit here. They blow, weave and spin glass, explaining and demonstrating as they go.

The demonstration is primarily for the benefit of the school children, but parents may also witness the affair.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETS

The regular meeting of Town Council was held Tuesday night in the Municipal Building with a full board present, as follows: Mayor E. W. Spiers, Albert Byrum, X. E. Copeland, O. B. Perry, Graham Byrum, Dr. L. P. Williams and T. W. Jones.

Only matters of a routine nature were transacted.

PRACTICE DEGREE WORK

All members of the Red Men degree team are requested to be present at the lodge hall Friday night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of practicing.

Committee Will Meet to Render What Service Is Necessary

MARCH 18 TO 21

Information Must Be Secured For Government Officials

Sign-up days will be observed in Chowan County next week for cotton contract signers. The days for this work will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 18 to 21, and for the convenience and help of cotton growers committeemen will be at the various meeting places to render any information or help that may be needed. The places designated for this purpose are as follows: Edenton Township—County Agent Rowell's office.

Middle Township—R. C. Privott's store.

Upper Township—G. A. Hollowell's store.

Yeopim Township—R. E. Coffield's store.

Farmers who had cotton contracts last year and grew cotton in 1933 or 1934 can sign contracts if they had a cotton base for the period. Those who signed contracts last year and complied with the requirements will still hold their old contracts with the same base, but will be obliged to sign an agreement to plant so many acres and rent so many acres of the base acreage. The purpose of this is to let the farmers know how many acres they can plant in 1935 and the Washington office know how many acres the farmers will be paid for taking cotton out of production.

The cotton sign-up committee met in Mr. Rowell's office on 10 o'clock on Thursday morning to discuss the new contracts. This committee is composed of the following:

County Committee—Julien Wood, R. P. Badham, R. C. Holland.

Edenton Township—W. A. Harrell, J. B. Webb, H. T. Hobbs.

Middle Township—L. W. Belch, W. H. Winborne, J. C. Haste.

Upper Township—A. D. Ward, E. G. Blanchard.

Yeopim Township—J. E. Brabble, W. J. Goodwin.