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10,000 Expected Bridge Celebration

Spires Traces Early Efforts Getting Bridge Connecting N. And S. Sides Of Sound

Ex-Mayor Speaks at Weekly Meeting of Rotary Club

HARD WORK

Necessary to Cooperate and Achieve Greater Objectives

Outlining the difficulties Edenton and the Chowan sector have labored under for years in a trade way because of incomplete bridge connections with the south shore, and detailing the procedure engaged in to make the new Sound bridge a reality, a procedure in which he played a leading part, former Mayor E. W. Spires got a great hand at last week's luncheon of the Rotary Club. The ex-mayor spoke to the text "A Reunited Albemarle" and proved it by his words.

After tracing the history of the various eras of transportation methods hereabouts from the days of sailing craft down through the age of railways and finally to that of highway travel, Mr. Spires said among other things:

"In 1934, I called a meeting at which time the Albemarle Sound Bridge Association was organized. Forty-seven interested citizens from lower Washington County came over, while only a handful of our local citizens attended. Scarcely anyone had any hopes for a bridge at that time. Our efforts continued, without success, until in 1935 we attempted to build a toll bridge with a PWA loan and grant. This movement likewise failed. Then in August, 1936, a meeting was held in Edenton to which I extended invitation to citizens of the seven counties most vitally interested. A spirit of cooperation at this meeting resulted in the consummation of this long needed project. The spirit manifested at that meeting is the same attitude which now attends the plans for the celebration at the opening of this bridge. It is, and should be, the spirit of the Albemarle.

"We are now to actually become a re-united Albemarle. We should be just as interested in a road for Hyde County as for one in Chowan. The fine spirit of friendliness being shown to us by the good people of the various counties on both the north and south sides of the Sound is a source of deep gratification. We must work together, play together, vote together and pray together. If we do this, every reasonable objective will be achieved.

"As for Edenton, I think it is nice to have the so-called "Yankee capital" come into this section, however, we have the necessary brains and money to launch additional manufacturing enterprises. Some have been tried and failed, while our larger plants have proved successful. These failures were not the fault of the kind of plant, but rather the directing heads thereof.

"I think that we should show the same kind of confidence in the Albemarle and in our own community as our merchants show when they purchase a stock of goods for their store. "If we have a prosperity build on a firm foundation, we must build from the inside. We also must practice a spirit of applied friendship and hospitality to everyone coming within the portals of our community.

"We must provide entertainment for the visitors. In this connection I would like to see Edenton build a large swimming pool and an out-door band stand in order that the Edenton High School band can give concerts in the evenings. Our director, Mr. C. L. McCullers, has performed a miracle in the development of such a splendid organization and they deserve both our moral and our financial support to the fullest extent.

"I desire to pay special tribute to former Mayor Jasper Wiggins for his untiring efforts in behalf of securing the Chowan bridge and to Mr. Julian Wood, who worked with us so faithfully long before he became a member of the Highway Commission. He gave us courage when the situation was the darkest.

"Likewise do I recognize our ever-tasting debt of gratitude to former Governor Charles Ehringhaus, for it

Queen of Albemarle

Miss Dorothy Jones, of Hyde County will be "Queen of the Albemarle" for the bridge celebration on August 25. Miss Jones, 21 years of age, was selected Wednesday in Plymouth, when the committee in charge placed the names of each county's queen into a hat and allowed a little girl to pick out the winner.

\$76,810.20 Income From Chowan ABC Store In 11 Months

Total Paid to County General Fund to Date \$5,000

\$4,837 TO STATE

Surplus on Hand For First Ten Months \$8,951

Gross income from sales by the Chowan ABC Store for the first eleven months of its existence up to August 1, have been announced as totaling \$76,810.20, of which \$5,000 has so far been turned over to the County General Fund as its share of the profits.

Compiled tabular figures for the first ten months of operation make the gross income from sales during that period as \$69,303.20 against a cost during the same time of \$45,340.54, giving a gross profit to the business of \$23,962.66, against which there were operating expenses of \$6,003.97. The ten months net profit was \$17,958.69.

Of this net profit for ten months the State tax on sales got \$4,837.97. For law enforcement \$1,168.97 was placed in readiness. The surplus on hand is \$8,951.75.

Band Honored At Tobacco Festival

Selected to Play Special Concert at 4 O'clock Today

Twelve auto loads of young and aspiring local bandsters will soar forth across the highways early this morning to positions of honor in the wind up ceremonies at the Wilson Tobacco Festival. The local school band, under the leadership of C. L. McCullers, will have a place of honor in the great parade through the Wilson streets this morning, and this afternoon will have a place of musical glory set aside for them on the Wilson court house steps where they will give a special concert at 4 o'clock. The local band children will be the only band folks from all over the State to be given this program compliment.

W. C. Brunson Hurt By Scaffold Break

W. C. Brunson is in a precarious condition in the General Hospital in Norfolk, Va., following an accident Monday. While employed in Larchmont, where 174 apartments are being erected, a scaffold broke, throwing heavy blocks of concrete on Mr. Brunson. He was injured about the head, chest and shoulders. Unless pneumonia develops he is expected to recover.

NO TRAFFIC JAM!

Walsenburg, Colo.—No traffic jam formed after a recent accident involving a truck loaded with hived bees. Several of the hives broke and the angry bees kept spectators moving.

MOST POPULAR PERSON



HON. LINDSAY C. WARREN

Possibly no person at the Albemarle Bridge Celebration will be more popular than Lindsay C. Warren, who will recognize officials and distinguished guests.

Many Motorists Cross New Bridge First Time Sunday

Span Opened to Traffic Promptly at Seven O'clock

STEADY STREAM

Estimates Fix Number Of Cars Crossing at 5,000

"Have you been over the bridge yet?" was the one question on the lips of almost every Edentonian on Sunday when the new span was thrown open to traffic, and by the affirmative response pretty nearly everyone in Edenton and Chowan had made the trip and expressed universal approval with the span.

For fourteen months the constructing contractors have been striving to make the great crossway ready. A flare up toward the last made the opening delayed from the first set date, August 10, but by Friday night, the chief engineers had made their final inspection and had given the word "Go" for Sunday at 7 A. M., and did they go, they surely did.

From the time when the first barricades were thrown down and the bridge was formally crossed by the Commission's engineering representative, until twilight brought a close to travel, the bridge was patrolled by an almost unending cavalcade of motorists from both sides, many coming from far away sections of the State and from Virginia.

Late in the afternoon the huge center draw was thrown open to allow a scow to go through, and the procession of motorists was held up for fifteen minutes. So great was the double chain of vehicles on the span at that time it was said to stretch for several miles in both directions.

Every other day this week the bridge has been similarly traveled and many trucks laden with products for sale or use in Edenton and Norfolk markets used the bridge from the south side shore.

Edenton Background Of Book To Be Printed

Mrs. Peggy Ingles Fletcher, of Hollywood, Cal., is gathering information of this section for a book she is working on, to come out soon, with Edenton as the background. As she writes "the book is set in Edenton." It is to deal with pre-Revolutionary conditions, and much of the history of the section will be used. She is conversant with colonial Edenton.

E. H. S. Faces Hard Football Schedule For Coming Season

First Game With Rocky Mount School September 16

AT NIGHT

Coach Holton Calls For First Practice Monday Afternoon

With one of the hardest schedules in prospect in the history of the school, practice will begin for the Edenton High School's football team on Monday. Though several strong teams in larger schools will be tackled this season, Coach David Holton is very optimistic of winning at least a majority of the games.

The first game will be played on Friday, September 16, when Holton's boys will play the Rocky Mount team, a Class A aggregation. The game will be played in the tobacco town, taking place at night.

Other games on the schedule include Suffolk, New Bern, Tarboro, Elizabeth City, Franklin, Washington, Plymouth, Williamston and possibly Ahoskie. Roanoke Rapids, always a strong opponent in former years, is not included in the schedule this year.

Coach Holton has called a practice for Monday afternoon and expects the following to report:

Pete Everett, "Little Bud" Cayton, Fred Hoskins, Tom Byrum, Elwood Nixon, Billy Shepard, Meredith Jones, James Cozzens, Sam Cates, Murray Byrum, Muriel Byrum, Lloyd Burton, Emmett Wiggins, Dick Badham, Erwin Griffin, Thurman Harrell, Clyde Spencer, Lester Ashley, Joe Rowlett, Nick Gardner, Jimmie Davenport, Samuel Harris, Edward Stokely, Robert Chesson, James Smith, Tom Shepard, George Alma Byrum, Albert Holmes, D. Skiles

Ambulance Company Back From Camp

Well tanned by two weeks under a broiling lower Mississippi sun the local members of the Edenton Ambulance Corps returned by train on Sunday from a training tour with 5,000 other State guardsmen back of Hattiesburg, Miss. The visit can in no sense be termed a vacation for the Edentonians, however, as they returned to report it was a case of toil and facsimile warfare from start to finish. It was all work to them, they say, and darn little play.

Pickback plane has been patented here by British inventor.

Literally All Roads Lead To Edenton For The Largest Event Held In Albemarle

Clara Meade Smith Is Chowan's Entry As Beauty Queen

Decided By Vote Which Came to Close Saturday Afternoon

23 IN RACE

Runner Up In Voting For Honor Was Miss Anna Wood

When it comes to bridge celebration "Beauty Queens" Chowan showed 'em all last Saturday when it picked Miss Clara Meade Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, of Edenton, as its favorite. More than a score of aspirants were reckoned with in the popular election decided by ballot at Leggett & Davis drug store, but at no time was the balloting close, Miss Smith receiving 43 votes out of 125 cast for all. Miss Anna Wood was her nearest rival with 32 votes.

The others in the contest with the votes given to each were: Elizabeth Elliott 3, Marguerite Etta Evans 7, Kathryn Holmes 5, Evelyn Jackson 6, Eleanor Small 3, Ruth Goodwin 2, Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt 2, Norma Perry 1, Myda Weaver 2, Arlene Jackson 2, Florence Ward 2, Mary Elizabeth Cates 2, Orphia Cozart 2, Marjorie Powell 3, Barbara Kepler 3, Dolly Spencer 1, Evelyn Blow 2, Betty Wales 1, Edith Bond 1, Mary White 1, and Evelyn Brown 1.

If present plans do not miscarry the Chowan queen will ride one of the large floats in the parade, probably with other paragons of beauty. Chowan has provided no particular float for its Queen, but it can remain an assured fact that whether alone or with others all eyes will be on Miss Clara Meade Smith. She is a junior at Greensboro College, where she is very popular among the student body.

Last Run Edenton-Mackeys Ferry On Sunday Morning

W. A. Everett, on First Boat, Also Made Last Trip

HELPED BY STATE

Bridges Cut Heavily Into Vehicular Traffic Over Sound

The Edenton-Mackeys ferry is no more. This Edenton landmark since 1922 went out of existence Sunday morning when the last trip was made as the new bridge across Albemarle Sound was opened to traffic.

W. A. Everett, one of the ferry owners since it was organized and who made the first trip on the initial ferry, was also on the Frances Harrington on the final voyage across the Sound.

The ferry during the last few years was a losing proposition, especially since opening and elimination of tolls on the Chowan River bridge. However, in order to maintain a connecting link with southern Albemarle counties, the State Highway Commission agreed to support the ferry by appropriating \$200 per month, with the understanding that all State vehicles would be carried free.

Opening of the new bridge, however, and withdrawal of State support was a death blow to the ferry business and Mr. Everett ceased operation Sunday morning.

Procession Will Start In Edenton Thursday At 10 A. M.

BIG DANCE

Program at Bridge Figured Consume About Six Hours

Literately and figuratively all roads will lead into and out of Edenton next Thursday when the Albemarle's mammoth new bridge celebration ceremony will take place. A crowd of around 10,000 spectators from all over eastern North Carolina is expected to be on hand at the dedicatory exercises, and because the festivities will get their start here and because of obligatory road detours through the Chowan County seat, most of the motoring public aiming for the show at the end of the south side of the bridge will first touch on Edenton as a focal point of travel.

For it will be here Grand Marshal Carroll E. Kramer will congregate his large pageantry parade of floats, each emblematic of some historical feat of commonwealth glory, gather them under the wing so to speak and with four stalwart aides parade down the Yeopim highway and on to the bridge where the exercises will actually get under way.

The congregation of the parade in Edenton is expected to be an event of much local importance. The floats are being put together here, Chowan's to be illustrative in a grand pictorial way, of the Tea Party of 1774—the town's trade mark, a huge tea pot to be displayed in a festooned garden scene frequented by a number of the leading matrons of the town—and will be sequestered at important town points to later fall in line when the parade gets fully under way.

Other floats beside those of history will carry the different county "Queens of Beauty"—Miss Clara Meade Smith was chosen by popular ballot to represent Chowan—will be in the parade as will numerous band aggregations and many carloads of State dignitaries and other notables of importance.

As has been explained frequently before, the parade will be carried down the Yeopim highway to the bridge and across the span to the center where it will be met by the first of the day's celebrants. Judge John W. Darden, of Plymouth, chairman of the celebration program committee, will perfunctorily introduce Chairman Frank Dunlap, of the State Highway Commission, who will briefly present the bridge to the public. Julien Wood, of Edenton, who has had as much as anyone to do with getting the bridge agitation five years ago started, will accept the bridge, if able, for the north side citizenry, and Zeb V. Norman, of Plymouth, will do the same for the south shore.

Then seven groups of boys and girls from each of the abutting counties, each dressed Colonially, will draw aside a temporary decorated gate and allow the procession to move on to the ceremonies proper just to the east of the south side bridge terminal.

General bridge Chairman C. Wallace Tatem, of Columbia, will officiate there as Master of Ceremonies for the day, and at 11:30 o'clock the bands will start the program with music, followed by an invocation by Rev. John Barclay, of the Christian Church, Wilson. At 11:50 A. M., Congressman Lindsay C. Warren will be presented and will briefly recognize officials and others of the invited guests, and at 12:20 A. M., Governor Clyde R. Hoey will take the platform and deliver a short address of welcome.

The Hoey talk will be followed by singing of the State anthem "Carolina," after which either Governor James H. Price, of Virginia, or his delegated representative, Col. E. E. Holland, of Suffolk, Va., will respond to the Hoey address of welcome. As a tribute to its sister commonwealth the audience will sing "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia."

Soon after this song Mayor Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, will introduce former governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, who was State executive when the bridge got its first start (Continued on Page Eight)