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Ino. A. Holmes Tells Rotarians 'History Of American Education'

J. G. Campen, president of the local Merchants Association, is slated to address the Rotary Club at their meeting today (Thursday) in the Parish House. Campen will talk on the popular subject of mercantile conditions in Edenton.

At last week's Rotary meeting, John A. Holmes was asked to discuss the History of Education in our State.

City School Superintendent John A. Holmes very ably and interestingly talked on the Early History of American Education, using as his basic building point, the fact that the very earliest efforts of American education in our State were based on the famous old English Law, of 1601, when certain churchwardens, and other substantial citizens of each parish, were nominated annually, and empowered to lay a tax on the freeholders of the parish in order to raise funds to provide for apprenticing children of the orphan or poor class, in order that they might be put to work and made useful. "This was the beginning of public support for public education," said Holmes, "and when a parish was not able to provide money enough to take care of its own needs, the law made it possible for taxes from other parishes to be brought to their aid."

Holmes told how Gabriel Johnson had become a Royal Governor of the State in 1734, and of his very keen interest in schools and education, to the extent that he made a notable appeal to the Assembly, in behalf of schools and education, however no action was taken on the matter, until 11 years later, when the Assembly passed an act to build a school house in Edenton. The Edenton City School stands on the same site now, Holmes said.

The Academy school movement grew and flourished from about 1760 to 1870, and this type of school corresponded to the Latin Grammar School of New England. Yet this type of school only took care of the children whose parents were able to pay for their schooling. The apprenticeship system was still used for orphans and those who were unable to pay for their education.

Holmes gave a minute detailed account of how the Public High School and Graded School System began to appear, around 1900, and how Edenton established the Graded School in 1905, explaining how that system held until the State took over the operation of all schools for an eight months' term, in 1933. "However, the State does not wholly maintain the schools, therefore, it is necessary to levy a school tax in every county," he explained.

"Before the State took over the schools," he further said, "the General Assembly had tried out the Equalization Fund principle, but this principle of equalization could not maintain all schools in the State on a similar and equal basis."

Again he told of how the State had added the twelfth year, and the nine months term to its schools, and how the next logical and probable step to all of our school systems, will be the use and appropriation of Federal aid.

"The school tax levy for Chowan County is 11 cents on the \$100 valuation of all property. Only two counties in the State have a lower school tax county rate, namely Macon, which has a school rate of 7 cents, and Pitt which has a rate of 10 cents," stated Holmes, as he complimented the school boards and the tax levying authorities, for their efficiency and thoughtfulness in handling schools.

He said the schools of Edenton and Chowan would compare very favorably with the schools of the neighboring counties, even though they had a much higher school tax rate. Citing the fact that Gates County has a rate of 62 cents, Perquimans, 45 cents and Washington 85c.

Mr. Holmes has been asked to make this same address to the County Commissioners at a special meeting in the near future.

TWO EDENTON MEN JOIN U. S. NAVAL RESERVES

Archie C. Ashley and Simeon Phipps signed up this week in Elizabeth City, through the Navy Recruiting Officer, for service in the Naval Reserves.

Ashley and Phipps will go to Rafton Friday to report for entrance into the Naval Reserve Service.

N. GRIFFIN GRAVELLY ILL

C. N. Griffin, who has been critically ill for some days at his home on Broad Street, is still very ill, with only a slight improvement.

Convalescent



LIEUT. EDMUND C. FOREHAND Friends will be glad to learn that Lieut. Forehand is improving at U. S. Naval Hospital, Quantico, Va., after an attack of pneumonia.

Soil Conservation District Formed At Meeting In Hertford

At a recent meeting held in Hertford, the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, comprising Chowan and Perquimans Counties, was officially organized, and the necessary papers authorizing the formation of such a district were drawn and signed.

Archie T. Lane, of Hertford, was elected chairman of the board of supervisors; E. M. Perry, of Perquimans, was named vice-chairman, and T. Cam Byrum, of Edenton, was appointed as secretary. Other members of the board are E. N. Elliott, of Chowan County, and John T. Lane, of Perquimans County.

Attending the meeting in Hertford were approximately 25 Government officials, including E. B. Garrett, A. A. Cone and T. W. Bridges, all of the State Conservation Service. Also present was Mr. Alaband, superintendent of the Bear Swamp Drainage Project, which is making headway. However, the contracts have not as yet been let.

In the near future it is expected that various soil conservation practices will be started in Chowan and Perquimans, although immediate projects contemplated by the district have not as yet been released.

Lions Club To See Special Showing Of Picture On Rubber

A special feature at the Lions Club meeting on Monday night, July 26, will be a 30-minute moving picture program. This picture will show the history and methods of development of synthetic rubber.

G. F. Ball, of Charlotte, special representative of Esso Marketers, will present the film, and make explanations concerning the picture.

An educational entertainment of this type is a rare treat. The Lions are looking forward to this entertainment with much interest. The film will be shown at 7 o'clock, Monday evening, July 26.

Junius W. Davis, Jr. Enters Army Medical School at University

Junius (Sonny) W. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, was accepted in the army on July 16, and has reported to the commanding officer at the A. S. T. Medical Program Unit of the University of North Carolina, where he will continue his study of medicine.

Davis has had four years at the University of North Carolina, and is now in his second quarter in the School of Medicine there. Prior to his entrance in the University, he graduated from the Edenton High School, and took one year of preparatory study at Episcopal High, at Alexandria, Va.

Presbyterians Resume Sunday Evening Service

Regular Sunday evening services will be resumed at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, July 25. The service hour is 8 o'clock.

The Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., pastor, stated that these Sunday evening services will be held regularly from now on.

Opening Of USO Club Expected To Be Held About August 11th

Official plans were made by the Planning and Steering Committee of the local USO club, at a meeting held on Monday night, for a grand official opening of the club on Wednesday night, August 11.

A chicken barbecue dinner will be served in the club rooms to the men at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Base (and, of course, to the Lady Marines, too, if they are here).

Short, peppy, up-to-the-minute speeches of greetings and welcome will be made by the town and military officials, who are slated to take leading parts in the program, which has been carefully and splendidly prepared by the various committees.

This entertainment will take place on the spacious Court House Green, which practically fronts the USO Club rooms. Adding to the entertainment and merriment of the occasion, the Naval Base Band will give a concert on the Green. This band is widely known for its high-class entertainment.

Following the entertainment on the Green, a street dance will be held on Broad Street. Special music for this dance will be furnished.

During the opening evening, the USO will hold open house. Visitors and spectators will receive most cordial welcomes.

Week-end Ban On Wine Pleasing To Local Police Dept.

Edenton had a quiet week-end, with only one arrest being made from the charge of drunkenness. This figure compared to the figures of recent months, would go to prove that the prohibiting of wine sales over the week-end is hitting the mark.

The question of week-end wine sales in Edenton had been under fire for some time, and Town Council had had the matter at heart, but no definite action was taken until the meeting last Tuesday night, when Council unanimously adopted the motion made prohibiting the sale of wine from 11:30 Saturday night until 7 o'clock Monday morning.

Such steps, regulating the sale of wine and beer, are being adopted by many towns and counties throughout the State, and such a law when strictly enforced, goes for a reduced number of arrests being made for drunken and disorderly conduct.

Edenton State Guard Now At Fort Bragg

Capt. J. Frank White, Jr., of the N. C. State Guard Unit in Edenton, left with his men, numbering approximately 50, for Ft. Bragg early Sunday morning. The outfit will be in training for two weeks. During this period they will study plans for home defense, since there is an imminent need for such alertness and efficiency now.

The fact that the Guard is made up of civilians with little recent, or no military experience, makes this two weeks encampment more important than ever.

Captain White and his men traveled to Ft. Bragg by use of the State School buses, as was designated and suggested by the Governor.

Heretofore, the Home Guard members looked upon their annual encampment as a sort of vacation, but the encampment period is now one of intensive drilling and preparation for active duty.

Carroll Goodwin Home From Aleutian Islands

Carroll Goodwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodwin, was with his parents for a brief visit this week, before going on a trip to Virginia Beach and West Virginia.

Goodwin is doing duty with the Seabees, and has been located in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands for the past year.

ROBERT SAVAGE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE PACIFIC

Robert Savage, nephew of Mrs. Leon Lewis, has been actively engaged in war duty in the Pacific. According to information received here, he has been recently promoted to pharmacist mate, second class.

Chas. H. Jenkins Will Be Candidate For State Senate

A recent interview with Charles H. Jenkins, of Bertie County, has revealed the fact that he will be a candidate for the State Senate from the First District, in the next primary.

Mr. Jenkins is widely known in Edenton, and the entire Albemarle section. For the past ten years he very successfully operated an automobile agency here.

Having been long active in the Democratic Party, and at one time serving as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee in Bertie County, added to his services for many years as chairman of the Bertie County Highway Commission has made him a well-known, active political figure in this entire section. Mr. Jenkins will be remembered, too, as an active supporter of the highway and bridge movement, connecting Chowan and Bertie Counties. During the first World War he served most ably as chairman of the Liberty Loan Drive, being called to service in the armed forces the day the Armistice was signed.

With his extensive farming interests in his native Hertford County, in addition to his automobile establishments in Edenton, Aulander, Ahsokie and Williamston, he is a member of the Board of Conservation and Development, a committee member of the Commercial Fisheries, also of the Committee of Forests and Parks.

Mr. Jenkins was an outstanding debater at Wake Forest College from which he is a graduate. He was acting principal of the Durham City Schools and takes pride in the fact that he had the privilege of instructing Victor Bryant and William Umstead, who are now political figures in our State.

At a later date, Mr. Jenkins will make a formal announcement in regards to his candidacy.

Mrs. R. L. Pratt To Take Applications For Lady Marines

Mrs. R. L. Pratt has been officially appointed by the Public Relations Procurement Division of Atlanta, Ga., as chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary campaign to enlist women of North Carolina in the U. S. Marine Corps, Women's Reserve. This appointment was announced Tuesday by Mrs. Nellie P. Johnson, of Pittsboro, who is State president of the Auxiliary's drive. The purpose of the drive is to tell the women of the State how much they are needed to fill home-front jobs, in order to free male Marines for combat duty.

This drive will end on August 15, and it is to be hoped that the local Auxiliary will bend its energies, and use every available means of getting in touch with women in the State between the ages of 20 and 36 years of age, in order to pass the message on to them, Mrs. Johnson stated in her letter to Mrs. Pratt.

There are more than 60 occupations suitable for these Lady Marines to take over in Marine duties. Their basic pay will be \$132.50 per month, plus clothing, medical, dental and hospital care.

Mrs. Pratt has arranged to use the back room of the Town Municipal Building for her recruiting office. The days for recruiting are on Saturdays and Wednesdays, the hours being 10 to 12 a. m., and 3 to 5 p. m.

Herald Editor Expects To Return Home Soon

"Editor Buff" has improved from his operations by leaps and bounds. He states that his recuperation has been definitely "upped" by the many lovely demonstrations of friendship from the people during his hospitalization period.

He will be back in Edenton early next week, barring all setbacks and whatnot.

Charles H. Wood, Jr. Receives Commission

Charles H. Wood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wood, has recently received his commission as lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Navy. Lieut. Wood is a bombardier pilot, and has done active foreign duty for some months.

The regular communication of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight.

Possible Candidate



CHAS. H. JENKINS Mr. Jenkins, well known in the First District, plans to soon announce his candidacy as State Senator from the District.

J. E. Wood Named Director Of Va.-Car. Peanut Millers Asso.

J. E. Wood, manager of the Edenton Peanut Mill, has been made a director of the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Millers Association, whose headquarters are at Atlanta, Ga.

Wood will represent this organization as a director of the National Peanut Council, and will lend his aid in the promotion of peanut projects throughout the United States.

Having been associated with the Edenton Peanut Mill for a number of years, he is well qualified in the field of management, and also has direct knowledge of peanut products. He will be an asset as a director of such an organization.

Gregg Cherry To Be Guest Speaker For Meeting Of Legion

Gregg Cherry, widely-known public speaker, a Major in World War I, and now a gubernatorial candidate for the 1944 Democratic Primary, will be master of ceremonies and guest speaker at the installation of new officers for the American Legion Post and the Legion Auxiliary on Tuesday night, at 8:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Court House and the public is cordially invited to be present to hear Cherry speak.

Roland Garrett and a delegation of Legionnaires from Seth Perry Post, Elizabeth City, have expressed their intention of being on hand V. N. Darden and members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of Hertford, and Ike Davis, of Manteo, have planned to be present at the meeting.

The Legion Posts from Gatesville, Windsor, Plymouth, Manteo, Hertford, Columbia and Elizabeth City have been invited to be on hand for the installation ceremonies and to hear Cherry speak.

Tentative plans are being made by Judge R. D. Dixon, R. L. Pratt and Jesse W. White for refreshments to be served to the officials and invited guests.

Thomas W. Elliott, Jr. Commissioned Ensign

Thomas W. Elliott, Jr., son of Mrs. Thomas W. Elliott, has recently been given an ensign rating. He is now stationed at Cecil Field, U. S. Navy Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. He attended Wake Forest College, following his graduation from Edenton High School, and after volunteering in the Air Corps, took basic training at the University of North Carolina.

Chowan Melon Crops Moving To Markets

Movements of watermelons and cantaloupes got under way in Chowan County this week, according to County Agent Charles W. Overman. Mr. Overman stated that due to the demand for war food crops only about one-fourth of the normal acreage was planted in melons this year.

Farmers report that the prices have been fair to good, according to size and quality.

Eden Peanut Co. Many Letters From Service Men

J. E. Wood, manager of the Edenton Peanut Mill, was instructed in May to send a 5-pound bag of shelled peanuts to Chowan's men, boys and girls who are serving in the Armed Forces, on the home shores or abroad. Wood secured a mailing list from The Herald office, and with the help of The Herald, secured the names of those in the service not on The Herald mailing list. After compiling a mailing list, the shipment of a 5-pound bag of select peanuts to each person from Chowan County in the Armed Forces was begun. With each bag of peanuts went greetings and good cheer from the directors of the Edenton Peanut Company.

In recognition of this splendid gesture on the part of the donors, for such a timely and welcome gift, Mr. Wood has received countless letters of thanks from the recipients of these gifts. In writing these letters of the very warmest thanks, every recipient stated how much the peanuts were enjoyed, and how very much they appreciated the thought of the folks back home, who sponsored such a friendly gesture.

From the far-away Aleutian Islands have come letters of thanks from Charlie Swanner and Carroll Goodwin. Carroll said, "I never dreamed, when I was a boy plowing peanuts in Chowan, that I would ever be so far from home."

Charlie Swanner told of how he had made a bargain with the galley cook to parch some of the goobers for him. Charlie also added that peanuts were as rare there as oranges would be at the North Pole.

The five sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, who are in service in far away spots, here and there in the U. S., all acknowledged their gift with sincerest thanks. Alex said he shared his gift with the boys in his barracks, and that most of the boys had never even seen a peanut before.

George C. Ward, at the U. S. Sub Base, New London, parched some of his goobers on a hot plate in the shop one night. The next day the commanding officer almost frightened him out of his wits by sending for him. Ward was relieved to find out that the officer only wanted some of the goobers to plant in his garden for his children to see them grow, as he had seen them growing in Carolina.

L. E. Overton, Jr., of the U. S. S. Charger, said, "I feel very proud to pass the nuts around to my shipmates and to let them know what old N. C. can produce."

And from the U. S. S. Hannibal, Roy Peele said his shipmates included their thanks to the senders of such a rare treat.

Ned White wrote from California, saying, "The peanuts have inspired a lot of the boys here to go south."

From Miami Beach, Fla., William A. White said that most of his comrades were from the New England States, where peanuts were thought to be handled only in packages, and that most of the boys had a real liking for N. C. goobers.

Sam White, in writing his thanks, said the peanuts were as good as the thought behind them.

"Every one of my bunkmates send greetings and thanks for your generosity and thoughtfulness," said Charlie McCullers, of Camp Butler.

From the U. S. Army Hospital, at Camp Shelby, Miss., comes a word from Robert Benbry, expressing his thanks and saying the peanuts were a real help in his recuperation at the hospital.

From Pvt. Lehman R. Ward, down at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., comes this word. "The peanuts were too good for words, but they didn't last long when the fellows found them."

Sgt. S. A. White, of Ft. Ord, Cal., tells of how he publicized the fact (Continued on Page Five)

Chowan 4-H Clubs To Hold Camps In August

Arrangements have been made to hold a 4-H Camp for Chowan 4-H Club members at Camp Kiwanis, at Mount Gould, in Bertie County, according to Charles W. Overman, County Agent for Chowan. This camp will accommodate 25 persons. It is planned to conduct two consecutive four-day camps of about 30 4-H club members each.

Due to the limitations of the camp, club members are being advised that the first 20 boys and the first 20 girls making their replies and sending their deposits will be selected.

These camps will be held August 7-18. Club members will enjoy instruction and recreation while in camp.