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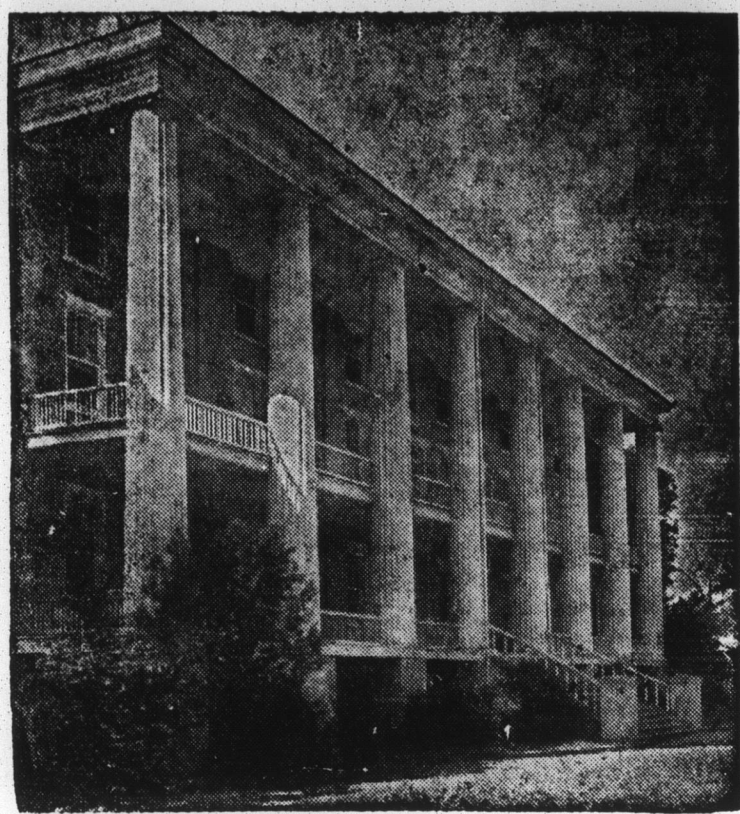
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OBJECT OF BAPTIST ARGUMENT



Baptists in large numbers from the Chowan and West Chowan Associations on Tuesday, in a spirited meeting held in the Edenton Baptist Church, voted to retain Chowan College at Murfreesboro rather than give it to the Baptist State Association. Prevailing sentiment at the meeting leaned toward re-opening of the college, and many expressed their willingness to work to that end.

BAPTISTS IN SPIRITED MEETING VOTE TO RETAIN PROPERTY AT CHOWAN COLLEGE

Resolution Brings Forth Strong Argument At Meeting Tuesday

MANY PRESENT

Opinion Advanced That College Can Reopen By September 1

In a very spirited meeting of Baptists held in the Edenton Baptist Church Tuesday, members of the Chowan and West Chowan Baptist Associations argued pro and con relative to maintaining or turning over to the State Baptist Association the property at Chowan College at Murfreesboro. That there is no little interest in the movement was reflected in the size of the crowd, which filled the spacious local church.

The Rev. Oscar Creech of Aboskie was chosen as chairman of the meeting, during the course of which arguments were presented in favor of transferring the college to the State Association, while equally strong arguments were made in favor of retaining the property and putting it to use.

During the meeting a resolution was presented by the executive committee of Chowan College to turn over the property to the State body, which brought forth so much confusion that an effort was made to table the resolution. However, a vote was taken which rejected the resolution, and later a vote was taken on the question of retaining the college or give it to the State Association. The vote was overwhelming in favor of keeping the property, with only about 20 voting for transferring ownership.

Many present expressed a desire to reopen the college, setting forth the present need and advantages. Willingness to support the opening was offered in way of prayers, money and effort, the belief being advanced that the college can be opened by September 1.

Despite the difference of opinion during the meeting, at the close there was complete unanimity of purpose and all agreed to support the college if it is again opened.

The Educational Commission has agreed to give \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year to operate Chowan College if it has an enrollment of 200 or more students. There are 116 churches and 30,000 Baptists in the churches of the Chowan and West Chowan Associations. These churches gave a total of \$401,680.78 during the past year for all purposes. Of this amount \$187,523.94 went to missions and benevolence. The Associations gave \$18,745.04 to Christian Education. This amount, if no help were received from the Education Commission, together with tuition and fees from students, would run the college in a splendid way, according to those interested.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis George Wilkins, Monday night in the Chowan County Hospital, a 7-pound, 11-ounce son, Louis George, Jr.

Another War On Rats Is Declared In Chowan County

Poison Will Be Mixed And Distributed Week March 24th

MUST APPLY Chowan's Annual Loss Is Estimated to Be \$100,000

A Declaration of War on Rats is again in the process of being signed by people in Chowan County, says C. W. Overman, County Agent. Neighborhood Leaders are making a house-to-house canvass for signers of the Declaration.

The signing of the Declaration of War on Rats consists of placing an order for one or more packages of bait—\$1.00 deposit required for each package—with the Neighborhood Leader or County Extension Office by those people who have rats on their premises.

Fortified Red Squill, the poison which will be used, is harmless to people and domestic animals, cats and dogs, but has proven deadly effective on rats. Excellent results were obtained in the campaign conducted last September. The bait will be prepared in three-pound packages which is sufficient for the average size farm. Complete instructions will go with each package. Bait will be paid for when orders are taken. A few packages of one-half size at 50 cents each will be prepared for those people who have very small premises and don't need a full size package.

In order that the proper amount of bait may be prepared for those desiring same it is necessary for Mr. Overman's office to know in advance the number of people who will participate in the campaign. Bait will be prepared according to the paid orders received by the Neighborhood Leaders and the Extension Office. Persons wishing to obtain bait should get their orders and deposits in at once.

It is estimated that each year in Chowan County rats cost \$100,000 in destruction. In addition to this terrific loss, rats carry many deadly diseases as well as cause considerable annoyance on the premises.

"Let's make an all-out attempt at wholesale slaughter on these destructive enemies," says Mr. Overman. The week of March 24 has been set to mix and distribute the bait in the campaign.

Judge C. E. Thompson Slain Sunday Night By George Pritchard

Assassin Takes His Own Life Shortly After Crime

Edenton, together with Elizabeth City and the rest of the State, was shocked and grieved Monday when it was learned that C. Everett Thompson, Superior Court Judge, was slain about 9 o'clock Sunday night by George E. Pritchard, who a few seconds later mortally wounded himself.

Pritchard, according to police officials, mounted the porch at the Thompson home, where Mr. Thompson, Superior Court Judge, was slain reading before retiring, and shot at close range through a window with a 12-gauge shotgun. Part of Judge Thompson's head was shot off, causing instant death. Pritchard shot himself in the abdomen and was found lying near the street. He died in Albemarle Hospital shortly thereafter.

Pritchard is said to have held a grudge of long standing against the legal profession which began about 15 years ago when he lost a suit in Camden County over a tract of land.

During W. I. Halstead's campaign for Representative of Camden County, Pritchard distributed many libelous letters and as a result he was found guilty of libel and sentenced to a prison term of one year by Judge Luther Hamilton in Beaufort County. He furnished bond, and was soon to begin his prison term.

Judge Thompson was scheduled to be in Edenton next Saturday in connection with the answer of the Hervey Foundation to a court action brought by the Town of Edenton. He had appointed William Privott receiver in the meantime. Judge Thompson was also scheduled to preside over Chowan Superior Court which begins March 31.

Hervey Foundation Directors Claim Town Of Edenton Was Unwarranted In Institution Of Recent Court Action

J. L. WIGGINS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY MAY 6

Contributions In Red Cross Drive Lacking \$500 Of County Quota

\$2,000 Raised In Edenton; No Report From County

Captain L. A. Patterson, Chairman of the Red Cross fund raising drive in Chowan County, reported Tuesday that up to that time the County's quota was \$500 short. Captain Patterson said \$2,000 had been collected, all of which was raised in the Town of Edenton, but that the report was far from being complete. The \$2,000 in hand came principally from the canvass in Edenton, with the County canvassers still to be heard from.

Captain Patterson feels sure the \$2,500 quota will be reached when all reports are in, and urges all canvassers to turn in their collections by the end of this week. He stated that he was very well pleased with the Edenton contribution, where both white and colored citizens were very generous.

Alumni Of Carolina Will Meet Monday

Sugar Bowl Pictures at School Building Open To Public

Plans have been completed by Frank Holmes, president of the Chowan County Chapter of University of North Carolina Alumni for a meeting to be held in Edenton next Monday night, the feature of which will be showing of the Sugar Bowl football game between the Tar Heels and Georgia.

According to Mr. Holmes, a meeting of the alumni will be held at 6:30 o'clock in the Parish House, which will be a Dutch dinner, and where the principal speakers will be J. Marion Saunders, secretary of the General Alumni Association; Luther Hodges, representative of the association; and Crowell Little, halfback coach. Mr. Holmes expects from 50 to 60 alumni to attend the dinner.

After the alumni meeting the football picture will be presented in the high school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock under the direction of Coach Little.

The public is cordially invited to witness the football picture and a large crowd is anticipated in view of invitations having been sent to various organizations in Elizabeth City, Hertford, Plymouth, Columbia, Aboskie and Windsor.

Famous Broadcaster Has Relatives Here

Edenton friends will be interested to know that Margaret Arlen is now conducting one of the most highly rated morning radio broadcasts in New York City. Margaret Arlen is the former Miss Margaret Hines, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Hines of Oriental. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. N. J. Hollowell and a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Lupton.

At present she conducts a woman's program over WCBS at 8:45 A. M. and is credited with a third of the radio listening audience in the New York area at that hour. Near the end of the war she was credited with the furnishing of 600,000 Christmas gifts for soldiers through her broadcasts.

Chowan Tribe Red Men Planning Weiner Roast

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will stage a weiner roast at next Monday night's meeting. The affair will follow the regular business meeting, degree work having been postponed in order not to prolong the meeting. A feature of the affair will be a program of singing by the Albemarle Four, a quartet of young Edenton colored men.

Former Mayor Says He Was Urged By Many Friends to Run

CONTEST

Mayor Leroy H. Haskett Definitely Candidate For Re-election

Interest in the forthcoming Democratic Primary Election on Tuesday, May 6, took an upward boost Tuesday afternoon when former Mayor J. L. Wiggins announced that he would be a candidate for Mayor, thus resulting in a contest between the incumbent, Mayor Leroy Haskett, and Mr. Wiggins.

In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Wiggins stated that he was doing so solely because of urging on the part of a large number of friends "in the interest of efficient and economical government." If elected, he says, he can give practically all of his time to the office and will render the best service of which he is capable.

Captain Wiggins served as Mayor for eight years, having succeeded the late E. I. Warren in 1925. He remained in office until 1933, when he retired in favor of E. W. Spires, who had served as a member of the Board under him. In the 1927 election he was opposed by the late J. R. Wheeler, but won the only election in which he had an opponent.

Mayor Leroy Haskett has definitely stated he will be a candidate for re-election, so that interest in the election will center around the Mayorality contest. Mayor Haskett was elected to the office in 1943, when he had no opposition, succeeding former Mayor J. H. McMullan. Again in 1945 there was no other candidate for Mayor, so that the coming election will be a real test of his strength. He was a candidate in 1941, when J. H. McMullan won out over Mr. Haskett and T. Wallace Jones.

C. Of C. Asks Bonner To Assist Farmers

Wire Objection to 40% Cut In Agricultural Appropriations

The Edenton Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association wired Congressman Herbert Bonner this week asking his support of the farmers of Chowan County, whose main crop is the peanut. The text of the telegram is as follows:

"We ask your serious consideration of the proposed drastic 40 per cent cut in the agricultural appropriations. Our farmers in Chowan County depend on the peanut for their main support. We in Edenton depend on the farmer for our livelihood. We know that you will want to do everything in your power to either eliminate any inequities or at least modify them."

Mrs. Julien Wood On Rosenwald Program

Mrs. Julien Wood was the principal speaker at a memorial service for the late Julius Rosenwald held last week at the colored high school. Mrs. Wood's subject was "The Greatest Gift," stressing the duty of fellow men. Mrs. Wood also recited two of the poems she composed, one of which was dedicated to her deceased husband.

Professor Delaney, representing the Religious Department of Shaw University, also spoke briefly during the program.

Music was furnished by the high school, accompanied by Miss L. Tillet.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

At tonight's (Thursday) meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7 A. F. & A. M., the second degree will be conferred upon a candidate. W. O. Elliott, master of the lodge, urges all members to attend.

Appointment of Receiver Termed Extremely Unfair

OPEN LETTER

Charge Action Caused Suspension of Important Activities

In an open letter to the people of Edenton, the directors of the Hervey Foundation this week claim the Town of Edenton's recent institution of a suit for ejectment and damages is unwarranted and unjust, and deem it only proper to acquaint citizens with the situation existing between the Foundation and the Town of Edenton.

The letter, dated March 18, and addressed to the people of Edenton, follows:

As the Mayor and Town Council have taken drastic steps against the Hervey Foundation, Inc., who hold a lease on all of the Naval Air Station except certain specific reservations held by the Town of Edenton, we deem it proper to acquaint the citizens of Edenton with the facts to date after some months of controversy over an alleged violation of the terms of the lease and resulting in the following action:

- 1.—Suit for ejectment.
- 2.—Suit for \$50,000.00 "or some other large sum."

- 3.—The appointment of a receiver.

The suit for ejectment is entirely unwarranted and unjust and without grounds as we will show later.

The suit for \$50,000.00 has nothing to support it.

The appointment of a receiver is extremely unreasonable, unfair and unnecessary; also this action is very damaging to our credit and business operations in various parts of this State and elsewhere. This action could not have arisen from any thorough effort to really discover the facts in the case, as our financial status at the time this suit was entered against us was very good.

We wish to list at this time a few of the other effects of these atrocious actions.

A.—The serious retarding of our Veterans Housing and Employment program here in Edenton by seriously damaging the confidence in us of our sources of scarce raw materials and tooling materials. Since this action has ruined our credit, we are forced to liquidate rapidly a million to a million and a quarter feet of dry lumber which we had reserved for this housing development here in Edenton. Our sales agents everywhere have been distracted.

B.—Our present Christian missionary work in various parts of the world, which have been supported by our other enterprises, has been stopped.

C.—Our contemplated new program for evangelizing people in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Belgium has been rendered impossible.

As a result of our special work in these countries last summer and our knowledge of the great need in these war-torn areas, we sent a special envoy to bring us first hand reports on the need, opportunities and possibilities in these countries.

After making a thorough and extensive investigation during the fall and winter this envoy came to Edenton a short while ago and reported to us that the presentation of the Gospel of Christ is the great need in these countries and as a result of his visit twenty-six new missionaries had been carefully selected to aid the ones we already had in these regions and that it is now time to start a great work. In addition, our envoy reported that complete arrangements were made to start a central Bible school in a new Gospel Hall constructed last year from funds from our organization.

Surely no work is quite as important as Christian Evangelization. Especially is this true where the ravages of war have left the people physically and spiritually destitute. Also as verified by our envoy, Communism is being rushed into this vast territory at an alarming rate.

We feel that it is our duty to point out to the citizens of Edenton that wholly aside from the devastating effect upon our business that by these actions our support of Christian enterprises is forced to come to an immediate standstill.

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