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Chowan's Native Industry

New Fishery Now Nearing Completion

Chowan County has a new industry. It is locally owned. Will be locally operated. And will depend on local products.

It is Peele's Fishery at Rocky Hook Landing, 11 miles from Edenton. It is owned and operated by J. D., Lloyd and Wallace Peele. Their product will primarily be herring.

Commercial fishing is nothing new for the Peele brothers, while this type operation is. They have a great deal of faith in the Chowan River herring and have built a big building to prove it.

An attractive building is nearing completion with a giant freezer, a cold storage room and a small office. It is located just back from the river far enough to allow a parking area.

Peele's Fishery will be in the retail as well as the wholesale business. They will fish 22 nets and work approximately 10 people during the peak season.

The freezer which they have installed will accommodate 350,000 pounds of fish. They expect to fill it with 3,500 one-hundred pound boxes of herring during this season. The herring will be surplus fish—that which cannot be sold fresh. It will be quick-frozen and sold as bait all along the eastern shore.

The freezer is 30 by 40 by 10 feet and has machinery to draw the temperature down to 90 degrees below zero. The cold storage room will be between 30 and 35 degrees above zero.

The Peele's will operate two boats but a third boat will be fishing 20 nets out of the Peele landing.

Wallace Peele said in the past they have sold their surplus fish to other fisheries but decided this year to make arrangements to handle all the fish they catch.

James M. Robinson, who left as executive secretary of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, hailed the venture as a good example of the faith local people have in the commercial fishing industry in Chowan.

The Peeles thought that fancy talk was all right, but what they are waiting for are the herring.



NEW INDUSTRY—Wallace Peele, right, shows James M. Robinson of Edenton Chamber of Commerce, a new sign which points the way to Chowan County's newest industry—Peele's Fishery. Located at Rocky Hook Landing, about 10 miles from Edenton on the Chowan River, the new venture includes facilities for freezing 350,000 pounds of herring for sale as bait. Peele and two brothers, J. D. and Lloyd, expect to employ 10 people during the peak herring season on the Chowan.

Entire Faculty At Rural School Put On Probation

The principal and faculty at White Oak Elementary School are on probation for the remainder of the school term as the result of an investigation into daily attendance records.

Chowan County Board of Education Monday night voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of Supt. C. C. Walters in reprimanding Principal W. H. Creecy and the entire faculty and placing them on probation.

Supt. Walters and O. C. Long Jr., chairman of the board, have been called to Raleigh to personally explain the board's action to the State Board of Public Instruction.

The action came following more than a month of investigation into the daily attendance record at the Negro school and numerous meetings of the school board. Investigators with the state department called the local board's attention to the matter at the board's regular meeting in February. Creecy was called to appear and denied that he had instructed the teachers to file reports which showed students present when they were not.

The school board then interviewed each teacher and all but one gave statements which showed they had been pressured into keeping inaccurate records on attendance.

(Teacher allotment in school is based on average daily attendance. It has been said that White Oak School received funds for teachers in excess of \$15,000 which were not substantiated by attendance.)

During Monday's meeting, one member of the county board said he thought what made the situation at White Oak worse was that Creecy had been placed on probation approximately five years ago for a similar offense. Because of this, it is not known what action the State Board of Public Instruction will make today (Thursday) when they meet to hear Long and Supt. Walters.

Supt. Walters said he is convinced that the principal and faculty members are aware of the mistakes they made in keeping the records and he thinks they can be rehabilitated.

After lengthy discussion the board voted to reprimand the group and place them on probation.

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Local Police Give Various Citations

Several arrests for minor violations have been made by members of Edenton Police Department in the past week, according to Chief James H. Griffin.

William Johnson, 28-year-old Negro, Route 3, Edenton, and Jimmy Marshall Perry, 19, of Edenton, were cited for having improper mufflers on their vehicles.

John Wright Floors II, 17, 321 West Queen Street, was given a citation for disregarding a stop sign.

Cited for improper passing was John Arthur Wheeler, 68, 119 Morris Circle. Edward Lee Newsome, 25-year-old Negro, was booked for breach of peace.

Amos June Hobbs was given a citation for failing to dim the lights on his car.

GUEST MINISTER SUNDAY AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eugene Tolsted, senior student at Union Theological Seminary, will be guest minister at the Edenton Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, March 7 at 11 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

Town Election Becomes Chief Topic With Many Names Bouncing Around; Mayor Expected To Seek Re-Election



FAREWELL TO 'JIM'—If James M. Robinson, center, had his bags packed to return to Cary he will have to make room for a handsome silver service which friends in the Edenton Chamber of Commerce presented him Friday night. Making the presentation is Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., left, and W. E. Bond, chairman of the Chowan County commissioners. Robinson resigned recently as executive secretary of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce for reasons of poor health. He has headed the chamber here for more than four years.

Community Leaders Praise Work Done By Robinson

The final chapter in James M. Robinson's book of memories of work with Edenton Chamber of Commerce will be water marked. It was that kind of farewell.

Edenton Chamber of Commerce officials and community leaders honored the executive secretary last week with a banquet at Edenton Restaurant. High tribute was paid Robinson by chamber presidents who had served with him and local businessmen who expressed appreciation for his accomplishments.

Registration Set For Art Classes

Don Durland, assistant professor of art at East Carolina College, will be in Edenton Tuesday night to greet prospective members in the Art Council's adult art class. Durland received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Miami University and his masters degree from Bradley College.

Registration for the adult class will be at 7:30 o'clock in the Art Council Studio above the Edenton Savings & Loan office.

The class is an East Carolina Extension Course and may be taken for college credit. The course will last through the spring quarter and will cost \$25.

A minimum amount of art supplies will be required and will be available in Edenton. Those interested in the art class who are unable to attend registration are advised to call Mrs. L. Polk Williams, Jr., before Tuesday.

Productions Set By Choral Group

The choral society of Albemarle Area Development Association has planned a concert for April 11, the final day of the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countrywide.

Directed by Dr. Clifford Bair, the combined society, with the added voices of the College of the Albemarle Carole, will be in concert at 4 P. M., at Edenton Baptist Church. The program is expected to last approximately one hour.

The members of the northeast and southwest divisions are now in practice for the presentation of the Easter portion of Handel's "Messiah". The Canticle of the Martyr by Dr. Vittorio Giannini will also be presented. Dr. Giannini is president of the N. C. School of Arts at Winston-Salem.

The chorus has been invited to appear at the AADA meeting at Nags Head on April 26.

Also, plans are now being made for presentation of English Madrigals and the staged production of the musical play, "Down in the Valley" by Karl Weill in May.

Masons To Honor Former Masters

A stated communication of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Carroll Boyce, master of the lodge, states that Past Masters' Night will be observed, so that all Masons are especially invited to attend.

W. P. (Spec) Jones, the first past president to speak, said Robinson's doctors say he can fill his own prescription. Jones said Robinson had been writing people about how good fishing, hunting, etc., is in the Edenton area, now he should enjoy it himself.

Bruce Jones, Joe H. Coñger, Jr., and George Alma Byrum followed suit. They all lauded Robinson for his ability to get a job done, his vast storage of ideas and his dependability.

President Alton Elmore said a committee is now working to select a replacement for Robinson but the job is not easy. However, he said several good men are being considered.

Approximately 30 people attended the banquet.

Lions Club Favors Time Change Bill

Edenton Lions Club has gone on record favoring Daylight Saving Time.

The club will write Rep. W. J. P. Earnhardt, Jr., asking him to support the bill which is now before the General Assembly.

During discussion on the matter, local Lions said the time change would be of value to this area because Virginia is on Daylight Saving Time.

Seats On Council, Public Works Up For Vote On May 4

Political winds are beginning to blow in Edenton. However, with the municipal election 60 days off, they are not expected to reach hurricane velocity for another month.

Edenton's Town Council will get machinery into motion next week when they call for the board of elections to set the election for May 4. The filing deadline will be set by the elections group.

At stake in the forthcoming balloting is the office of mayor, three seats on the council and two seats on the board of public works.

The election for the mayor will be for two years while those elected to the boards will serve for four years.

Mayor John A. Mitchener, Jr., is expected to run again. He has not publicly announced but he has indicated he will stand for re-election.

Councilmen whose terms expire this year are Elton Forehand, Ward Three; Luther C. Parks, Ward Four; and George Alma Byrum, at large. Like Mayor Mitchener, these men have not formally announced their intentions although most of them are at the present expected to seek a four-year term.

The councilmen who run this year are completing a two-year term under the town's new staggered term system which began in 1963.

Councilmen who have two more years to serve are J. D. Elliott, Ward One; C. A. Phillips, Ward Two; and J. Edwin Buff-lap, at large. Phillips will not be able to serve out his full term as he is now building a new home outside the town.

Meeting Planned By UNC-G Group

A luncheon meeting of the alumnae association of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro will be held here at noon March 13, according to Mrs. Wood Privott, 125 Blount Street. The meeting will be held at Edenton Restaurant.

Alumnae of the University from District Nine including 12 counties — Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington — will attend.

Mrs. Adelaide Holderness, immediate past president of the association and chairman of the alumni district council and Miss Barbara Parrish, alumni secretary, will be the principal speakers. They will be overnight guests of Col. and Mrs. W. L. Rosevear.

Mrs. George Barden of Plymouth is director of District Nine and Mrs. Privott is luncheon chairman and alumni representative for Chowan County.

High School Science Fair Is Open To Public Tonight

The annual Science Fair at John A. Holmes High School will be held Thursday and Friday with students in five grades participating, according to Mrs. Clara Boswell.

Mrs. Boswell has announced that four faculty members at the College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City will act as judges for the event, to be held in the high school gymnasium.

Miss Clate Aylett of the math department, Austin J. Foad of the chemistry and physics department and J. Parker Chesson and Robert L. King of the biology department, will judge the entries.

Four trophies will be awarded. Two of them will be in the field of junior science and two in the area of senior science. These trophies are made available by George Chevrolet Company.

Also, Mrs. Boswell announced that 12 medals will be presented to students with winning entries in the Science Fair.

Judging will be held at 3:30 p. m. Thursday and the gymnasium will be open to the public from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. that night.

Also, the entries in the Science Fair will be on public display from 8:30 a. m. to 3 p. m. on Friday and again Friday night from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Students in grades seven through 12 will have entries in the event which normally draws a lot of local interest. Much time and effort has gone into making these displays and the school officials invite the general public to visit the gymnasium during the listed hours on Thursday and Friday to view what the students have done.

The Public Parade

RIGHT TO KNOW—Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr., is a champion of the people's right to know what their elected officials and governmental agencies are doing.

He has again co-sponsored a Freedom of Information bill. This bill provides that every agency must make its records available promptly for any person, unless the information falls within certain excepted categories, and it allows persons denied information to ask a Federal court to order production of records improperly withheld.

This bill would also do a lot to open the doors of so-called executive sessions of committees, boards, etc.

One of North Carolina's most respected editors says it is the special responsibility of the press to keep the people informed about what goes on in their government. This can only be done when elected officials transact public business in the open.

This does not mean that reporters should have special privileges.

Tom Lassiter of the Smithfield Herald puts it this way: "The fundamental right is not that of a newspaper reporter but of a citizen to observe and listen while his elected representatives discuss and transact the business of local government. It is inconceivable for most citizens to be there, so we go for them."

"Secret service" should be left to the body that is responsible, among other things, for the protection of the President of the United States.

There is only one place to discuss and transact public business. That is in public.

LITTLE CHOWAN — BIG SCHOLAR—Keith Rollins has brought a great honor to himself and Chowan High School. He has won a coveted Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina.

Thus, Keith becomes the first Chowan County student to garner such a scholarship. It is both a credit to the student and the Chowan County school system.

It one checks the records, it will probably be found that Keith is the only 1965 Morehead Scholar from a school with little more than 500 students in all grades — one through 12. Therefore, the honor he has won is even more complementary.

The Morehead Scholarships are given solely on the basis of scholastic ability. The financial need of the nominee is not taken into consideration.

Keith's parents are naturally proud of him. He is the first in his family to receive such a distinction.

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50 Jurors Drawn For March Term

Fifty names have been drawn for prospective jurors in the term of Superior Court which opens here March 29.

Judge George Fountain of Tarboro will preside over the session at which both criminal and civil cases will be heard.

The jury list, as drawn by the Chowan County Commissioners, includes:

Isaac Overton, John P. Aracero, Clarence L. Badham, Horace D. White, J. C. Jordan, Carl M. Cayton, Vivian O. Copeland, Lassell E. Chappell, L. David Bass and Jesse Austin.

Also, W. W. Bunch, Jr., Willis Walter Rawls, Frank Robert Jones, Wilford N. Toppin, Merrill E. Copeland, Herman Lane, A. J. Evans, Hubert E. Harris, F. M. Francis and William I. Daal.

And, Lycurygus Perry, Alton Williams, Frank Miller, G. H. Harding, Bryant F. White, Elvin L. Spivey, Wayland Byrum, Claude Perry, Claude E. Rogerson and Louis C. Britt.

Also, Hector Lupton, Raleigh Elliott, O. M. Blanchard, J. Haywood Bunch, Thomas F. Hopkins, Richard L. Lovitt, Edmond White, Wilbur T. Jordan, Daniel P. Reaves and Horace Parks.

And, Sydney Lee Perry, Leslie W. Nixon, Wallace B. White, J. Bertron Hollowell, William R. Ashley, Sr., Walter L. Moore, Jr., J. S. Turner, Anthony Hathaway, Jr., R. Graham White and Kesler M. Phillips.

HERRING BREAKFAST

The Methodist Men of Edenton Methodist Church will have another pickled herring breakfast Saturday from 7 A. M. to 9 A. M. at the church. Roe will be served and the public is invited to participate in this church project.

The announcement and the presentation of awards were made by Hugh G. Chatham of Elkin, a member of the Board of Trustees of the John Motley Morehead Foundation.

Rollins is a student at Chowan High School in Tyner. He is one of 67 boys to receive the valuable awards this year. The awards are worth \$5,800 to North Carolina residents for four years of study.

As a student Rollins' activities include being a National Merit semi-finalist on the

yearbook staff, vice president of the junior class, treasurer of the senior class, chief marshal, a member of the Beta

Club, the Monogram Club, the Library Club and the Glee Club. He is also a member of the varsity basketball and baseball teams and is co-captain of the varsity basketball team. He plans to study accounting.

The Morehead Awards were first presented in 1951. They are presented on the basis of outstanding merit reflected in academic ability and attainment, character, leadership, ambition, unselfish service and physical vigor, without consideration of need.

Supt. C. C. Walters of Chowan County Schools was high in his praise of Rollins. "He is a fine student and we are extremely pleased that he has won this coveted scholarship," he said.

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