

Edentonians

50 Years Ago

J. G. & F. Wood

This is another sketch in a series of write-ups about prominent Edenton people 50 years ago, taken from "Historical and Descriptive Review of the State of North Carolina," published in 1885:

Having in our general sketch of the eastern section spoken at length on her fishing and agricultural interests, it becomes the nature of our publication to sustain our statements by a more detailed reference to individual enterprises. Among those who own and direct these industries are the above gentlemen, who conduct their affairs in a systematic and intelligent manner to the profit of themselves, the hundreds dependent upon their capital and for the general benefit of the community. They have 980 acres in cultivation, besides 11,000 acres of wood and marsh land. They raise 1,100 barrels of corn, 300 bales of cotton and 3,000 bushels of peanuts. They also superintend for their younger brothers 850 acres in cultivation, producing 880 barrels of corn, 263 bales of cotton and 1,500 bushels of peanuts. These figures place Messrs. Wood among the largest farmers of the State, while the conjoint cotton statistics make them the largest raisers of the fleecy staple in North Carolina. They give careful attention to their farms, and with intimate connections at the consuming centers place these products readily in the market.

Their fisheries, located in Albemarle Sound, about ten miles below Edenton, are conducted on an extensive scale and the following figures will sustain our assertions as to the importance of the fishing industry in our State, and how the individual fisheries are perhaps larger than any on the Atlantic or Pacific coast. They have two seines, each 2,500 yards long, and using each 3,800 yards of hauling rope; in the season (the spring months when the fish are coming up stream) they are kept going night and day, Sundays excepted, and are drawn every five hours. The seines are laid out by steamers and drawn in by engines on shore. They employ, in their working, two vessels and four steamers, and from 150 to 200 hands during the months of March, April and May. Average yearly catch is 30,000 shad, 3,000,000 herring, 30,000 pounds of rock, 40,000 pounds of perch, and many other less valuable fish. These are shipped to the larger cities all over the North, and consume in packing, at the fisheries, 150 to 200 tons of ice and from 4,000 to 6,000 bushels of salt.

Messrs. Wood are both natives of Chowan, they live in the residence built and occupied by Governor Johnson. It is one of the finest mansions in the State, and commands a magnificent view of the Sound. They are gentlemen well able to sustain both in business and

Dates Set For Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Field examiner, \$2,600, claims examiner, \$2,000 a year, United States Employees' Compensation Commission. Appropriate experience, or experience and legal education, required. Closing date, December 22, 1934.

The salaries named are subject to a deduction of not to exceed 5 per cent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a deduction of 3 1-2 per cent toward a retirement annuity.

All states except Iowa, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners or at the local post office.

Many Attend Masonic Past Masters' Night

A large crowd attended Past Masters' Night of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., which was held Thursday night. A. S. Hollowell, master of the lodge, filled the stations and places with past masters and immediately turned the meeting over to the veterans.

Those selected to fill the officers' chairs were as follows: Master, W. S. Summerell; senior warden, J. Edwin Buflap; junior warden, Dr. W. S. Griffin; senior deacon, E. W. Spires; junior deacon, E. T. Rawlinson; senior steward, H. A. Campen; tiler, C. H. Wood. A very enjoyable meeting was held with short talks by each past master adding greatly to the interest of the affair.

At the close of the meeting a sauer kraut supper was served which was donated to the lodge by F. F. Muth who, however, was prevented from attending the meeting. Needless to say, this feature was enjoyed by all, and as usual resulted in a large attendance.

WHITE-WRIGHT

Miss Lucille Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wright, of Jarvisburg, N. C., and Fred White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, Sr., of this city, were quietly married Saturday night in South Mills at the home of I. M. Duncan, justice of the peace.

The couple will make their home in the Powell apartment on North Broad street. Mr. White at present is employed at Sutton's Drug Store.

409 NEW SILOS IN STATE

A recent survey by John A. Arey shows that 409 new silos have been constructed and filled in North Carolina this season. Mecklenburg farmers led the movement with 96 new silos.

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District Stewards Meet In Methodist Church

A very well attended and successful stewards' meeting of the Elizabeth City District was held last Thursday in the local Methodist Church, of which Rev. W. F. Walters is pastor. The Elizabeth City district comprises 97 church which are served by 34 preachers.

Approximately 75 attended the meeting which included 32 preachers of the district. The principal speakers for the occasion were M. T. Plyler, Dr. L. L. Gobbel and J. H. McCracken, presiding elder.

Dr. J. W. Selig

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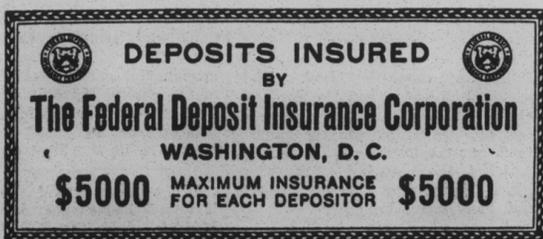
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