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Fishing Resumed At Scotch Hall In Bertie

Fishery Has Been Idle For Nearly Half Century

SMALL HAULS

Walter Bisping Employs Many Hands During Season

Resumption of seine activities at the formerly renowned Scotch Hall fishery after an idleness of forty years, the opening of an equally large fishery at Wood Island, and the continuance of the great fishery at Capehart, known wherever shad are mentioned, are doing much to focus attention anew on the Avoca section of Bertie county as the most prominent shad seining spot in all the world. August Bisping and Son, controlling the three fisheries there and similar ones in Wisconsin, are providing employment for a great many Bertie residents and are far eclipsing their competitors anywhere along the Sound.

In addition to shad the trio of fisheries do a large business in rock perch and herring, disposing of most of their catches right on the spot so great is the local demand. So far this year, however, the hauls have been small but with warmer weather approaching and clearer water for spawning, Walter Bisping, in charge of the North Carolina fisheries, is hopeful last year's total catch will be exceeded before the season closes in May.

One interesting item of news learned at the Capehart plant the other day was the statement that where 25 or 30 years ago the Albemarle and river tributary sections operated 100 or more large seines today there are but nine such great nets in all the State, the one at Capehart being the largest seine in North Carolina waters and allegedly one of the largest anywhere else. It has a straightaway stretch of 1709 yards covering a drawing water territory of in the neighborhood of three miles. It takes five and a half hours to lay it out and haul it by engine and windlass, and, as it has been so for years, each haul continues to attract hordes of visitors daily.

The reopening of the Scotch Hall fishery is really an event of importance in fishing circles. Always considered one of the most important of the Capehart fishing group,—Major John C. Bond, of Edenton, can recall when catches at Scotch Hall used to run as high as 10,000 shad to one seine haul with three hauls a day as at present,—this fishery has been idle for nearly a half century. Located as it is near where the Chowan, Cashie and Roanoke rivers come more or less together at their mouths, it offers as it always has a tempting field for shad spawning which makes it a particularly desirable spot, for where shad go to spawn there the best catches are made.

At the Capehart fishery which has run continuously within the memory of living man, Hunter Butterson continues as more or less the head factotum under Mr. Bisping. To see him today in his six feet of great and powerful breadth and smiling countenance, and to realize he is still at it as he has been steadily since he got into long pants 35 or so years ago and within a couple of miles of where he was born and where he has always lived, offers one a fair conception of what the fishing industry means to the Avoca section. Mr. Butterson couldn't be divorced from the Capehart neighborhood if all North Carolina was laid at his feet. Fishing has been bred in him and he will remain a star fisherman to the end.

In addition to the fishing and the income derived therefrom, much of which is spent in Bertie, the county is to be congratulated, also, in having Walter Bisping as one of its adopted sons. For five years now Mr. Bisping has managed the Avoca plants, living at the Capehart fishery during the season and through the other months maintaining a home in Windsor. He remarked recently that the shad runs had been very small so far, but that he is hopeful of better early luck and that his future and that of his company lay in Avoca results. He thinks Bertie county quite the finest section of the world and expects to continue to live there, he says.

What! Who Has No Money In Bank?

Although a total of 85 per cent of the deposits have been paid to depositors holding common claims in the closed Citizens Bank, approximately 350 other depositors have accounts in the bank for which no claim has been filed. These amounts range from \$1.00 to as much as \$103.

According to W. O. Crump, liquidating agent, these amounts cannot be paid until the claims are filed and the bank will be open each Monday and Friday until further notice for the purpose of filing claims. A complete list of the depositors will be found in this issue of The Herald.

Edenton School Wins In Triangular Debate

Students of the Edenton High School again Friday night brought honor to the school when both the affirmative and negative sides of the debating team turned in a victory and as a result will represent the school at Chapel Hill to contest for the Aycock Cup on April 11 and 12.

The affirmative team, Margaret Spiers and George McKenna, defeated the Elizabeth City negatives, Jean Simpson and Virginia Worth, in the local school. Edenton's negative debaters, Eleanor Small and Junius Davis, were victorious over Perquimans High's affirmative in Hertford, the debaters being Bernice White and Grace Knowles.

In Elizabeth City, the Hertford debaters won over the Elizabeth City team. Those debating for Hertford, negatively, were George Harrell and Prue Newby, the Elizabeth City affirmative being Mary Leigh Gaither and Elizabeth Peed.

The query debated was, "Resolved. That the United States Should Adopt the Policy of Extending Federal Aid to General Public Education." The decision of the judges were unanimous in all three debates.

Seeking Aid For Unfortunate Family

Plans are under way for aiding the family of Elton Jordan, who last week had the misfortune to lose their home and practically all their belongings when their two-story house in the Cowpen Neck section was consumed by fire.

Anyone who will help by giving any furniture, clothing or money to help provide this family with living quarters are asked to communicate with W. J. Taylor, County Welfare Officer.

Urge More Money For Fish Hatchery

An increased appropriation for the enlargement of propagating opportunities at the Federal Fish Hatchery at Pembroke Creek has been made a subject of some agitation hereabouts, and will quite probably be brought to the attention of Congressman Lindsay C. Warren. R. Bruce Etheridge, chief of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, has been approached on the matter and it is reported has agreed to seek Mr. Warren's aid. The additional amount that will be asked for is \$1,000 to augment the ridiculously small sum the government now sets aside for annual operating expenses at the hatchery.

Charles E. Jackson, deputy commissioner of fisheries, of Washington, D. C., was a guest of Superintendent W. S. Vincent at the hatchery last week. Mr. Jackson was here making one of his regular semi-annual visits of inspection and expressed himself as much pleased and satisfied with his observations and talks with Mr. Vincent. He left here to visit other department bureaus in South Carolina.

CARRIED TO HOSPITAL

Charlie, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Griffin, was carried to the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, Sunday night to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

SERIOUSLY ILL
Mr. R. E. Cochrane, prominent farmer of upper Chowan County, is seriously ill with double pneumonia at his home at Hudson's Fork.

EDENTON HIGH SCHOOL TO OPEN 1935 SEASON WITH COLUMBIA FRIDAY

Rainy Day Schedule Observed To Start Game At 2 O'clock

The first baseball game of the season will be played at Hicks Field on Friday afternoon when the Edenton High School team will cross bats with the Columbia High School.

The school will observe the rainy day schedule in order to start the game early so that the visitors can return on the last ferry, the game being called for 2:00 o'clock.

The local squad has been practicing hard and prospects are bright for a strong team. Baseball stock has been materially boosted by the addition to the nine of William Cayton, who will materially strengthen the team, playing either third base or short stop.

Vernon Spruill, first string backstop, will not be in the game Friday, his place behind the bat being filled by Clyde Lee Cates. There is also a possibility that other changes will be made during the game in order to form a balanced team.

The probable starting line-up for Friday's game will be as follows: Cates, catcher; Richard Davis, pitcher; Rogerson, first base; Byrum, short stop; Harrell, second base; Cayton, third base; Layden, Wozelka and Sexton, outfielders, with Ashley, John Harrell and Miller ready to go in the game.

Chickens And Burning Trash Cause Complaint

Several complaints have been made to city officials relative to citizens burning trash and grass on their premises. Not only is this practice dangerous, due to the likelihood of fire, but the odor is very annoying to neighbors. Chickens running at large is also reason for complaint by residents who take pride in a garden.

Chief of Police Helms stated to The Herald Tuesday that the police urge the cooperation of citizens in observing town ordinances which forbid both of these practices. It will be noted that owners of chickens may be indicted for wilfully allowing them to run at large. In case garden enthusiasts catch chickens on their premises they may impound them, and collect 50 cents per head, plus any damage done, from the owner, in lieu of which the chickens may be held.

62 Seventh Graders In County Take Exams

Forty-seven white and 15 colored seventh grade pupils of the county schools last week took the State-wide examination the result of which will enter into the element of promotion to high school. This examination covers every phase of work during the seven grades and will be scored, tabulated and returned to the superintendent to be used in connection with the promotion of pupils.

Chowan High Wins Both Sides Of Debate

Debaters at Chowan High School won both sides in the triangular debates Friday night when the respective teams turned back the Harrellsville and Moyock debaters.

The affirmative side, represented by Dorothy Perry and Emmett Dale, debating at Chowan High, defeated Harrellsville's negative team which was composed of Starky Sharpe and Mercer Rowe. At the same time Marguerite Etta Evans and Sarah Winborne, Chowan's negative team, were victorious over Moyock's affirmative at Moyock, which was debated by Ruth Creekmore and Evelyn Chesson.

The victory entitles the Chowan debaters to participate in the contest for the Aycock Cup which will be held in Chapel Hill April 11 and 12.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY TO BE PRESENTED FRIDAY, APRIL 5
The Senior Class of Chowan High School is busy practicing for their play "The Galloping Princess" which they expect to give on Friday evening, April 5th. Joe Perry and Muriel Monds take the leading parts.

INAUGURATE CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR EDENTON BOY SCOUTS

\$400 Needed For Scout Activities During Summer

A meeting of the troop committee of the Edenton Boy Scouts was held Monday night, at which time plans were arranged to raise funds for the local troop. These present at the meeting were Dr. M. P. Whichard, D. M. Warren, Millard Bond, C. E. Kramer, W. W. Byrum, W. D. Holmes, J. H. Conger and Scoutmaster John Graham.

This group decided to put on a soliciting campaign which will get under way today in an effort to reach a goal of \$400 which is calculated to be the amount needed to carry on the Scout work successfully for a year. This money will be used for a one week's camping trip for the Scouts this summer, membership in the Norfolk area which offers the local troop special instructions by a representative from headquarters as well as enables the boys to compete in events with other troops. Part of the funds will also be used for general expenses such as buying equipment, merit badges and insignia, upkeep of the cabin and the like.

Provided the goal of \$400 is reached it is the purpose of Scoutmaster Graham to send the local scout who shows the most merit and outstanding work during the year to the annual jamboree which will be held in Washington, D. C., the latter part of August, with all expenses paid. Boy Scouts from all over the country will be at the jamboree, and Mr. Graham thinks the trip is worth working for and will create more interest among the boys.

Scoutmaster Graham also has in mind the idea of forming a baseball league among the boys of the town in which possibly six teams would be entered with possibly three games a week. Nothing definite, however, has been done about the matter except bring it before the boys, who are heartily in favor of the plan.

Watermelon Growers Hear Marketing Plans

R. B. Etheridge, of the Division of Markets, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, accompanied by Mr. Bopett of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, held a meeting last Thursday afternoon in the Court House with watermelon growers of the county. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the watermelon marketing agreement whereby the market would not be flooded with watermelons as well as keeping inferior melons off the market.

A committee composed of W. S. Privott, H. C. Goodwin and J. N. Smith was appointed to call a county-wide meeting at which time a delegate will be elected to attend a State-wide meeting later in the season. At this State-wide meeting a director will be appointed from delegates to represent the watermelon growers of the State.

Judge Winston Urges Saving Historical Facts

Superintendent Early and Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, visited the Merry Hill school on Friday. They are urging a better historical organization in each community with a view of gathering a lot of the unwritten historical facts, that, unless put on paper, will soon be lost.

Parent-Teachers Of Merry Hill Meet

The Parent-Teachers Association of Merry Hill school met Tuesday evening, and a most helpful and interesting meeting was held. Mrs. Pruden explained the Clinic to be held on Wednesday, April 3rd, and urged the cooperation of the parents. Mrs. Williams' fifth and sixth grades gave an interesting play on "Health." Miss Phelps, county nurse, talked on other phases of "Health" and urged all mothers to bring their children to the clinic.

Seven Weeks Drive To Add Circulation

NEW FERRY BOAT HINGES ON VISIT COMMISSION HEAD

Capus Waynick, chairman of the State Highway Commission, is expected to arrive in Edenton in the next day or two for the purpose of inspecting and obtaining first hand information relative to the State Highway Commission furnishing a ferry boat to be used between Edenton and Mackeys. Mr. Waynick was expected early this week, but until today had not arrived.

A representative number of Edenton merchants and business men were called together last Thursday afternoon to discuss the proposition, it being the understanding that the Commission would purchase a boat provided that body would be guaranteed that a permanent schedule would be maintained as well as freed from any liability for labor, upkeep and loss by labor.

The new boat would add greatly to the facilities for handling cars and trucks, being possibly of 12 or 13 car capacity, and making more frequent trips across the sound. In the event the boat is furnished new terminals would be erected at Mackeys and at Edenton.

Edenton merchants were of the opinion that the ferry would be self-sustaining under the plan, inasmuch as the territory served is larger and very productive, furnishing large crops of peanuts, truck and cattle which are moved to other markets, and would be moved quicker and cheaper over an up-to-date ferry.

Baseball Meeting On Monday Night

Due to the extremely inclement weather, very few baseball enthusiasts attended the baseball meeting called for last Thursday night at the Court House, when it was hoped it would be decided just what action would be taken relative to baseball during the summer in Edenton. So far nothing definite has been done.

Graham Byrum, manager last year, has again called a meeting to be held Monday night at 8:00 o'clock in the Court House and it is hoped a large crowd will attend so that the wishes of fans can be made known and plans made accordingly.

Prospects are bright for good local talent this year, with Henry House probably holding down the backstop position and such players like Joe Webb, Jimmy Partin, Herbert Leary, Vernon Spruill, Clyde Lee Cates and a number of others ready to don a uniform.

Mr. Byrum is very anxious that fans turn out en masse Monday night ready to submit their ideas in order that no time is lost in forming a good baseball team if it is felt that the town wants to enjoy baseball during the summer.

N. C. Totton Co-ops Meet Here April 11

For the thirteenth consecutive year Chowan County members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association will hold their annual meeting in the court house in Edenton Thursday, April 11, at 11:00 o'clock, for the purpose of hearing from M. G. Mann, general manager, report on the past year's operation.

Mr. Mann will discuss frankly the affairs of the association and will also point out the need for growing better cotton and will discuss production credit, the cotton market situation and also the program of the Farmers' Cooperative Exchange.

Members are invited to bring their friends and neighbors with them to the meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting members will elect delegates to the district convention, to be held later, and at which time candidates will be nominated for director of the district. The candidates will then be voted upon by the membership in the district and the one receiving the most votes will serve as director for the ensuing year.

The meeting here is one of a series of 33 that will be held during March and April. The association now has more than 18,000 members.

AUDITORIUM PAINTED
The interior of the auditorium at Chowan High School is being painted.

Workers Will Be Well Paid For Individual Efforts

CASH PRIZES

Herald Seeks Complete Coverage In Trade Territory

Today The Chowan Herald announces a \$1,000 Expansion Campaign. This is a message to every resident of Edenton trade territory, whether he or she is a subscriber to the Herald or not. It holds particular interest for anyone who is ambitious to increase their income during the next seven weeks. The Herald offers four splendid cash prizes, namely \$400, \$100, \$50 and \$25, to persons who are interested in turning their spare time into profit by participating in this interesting and pleasant work. A cash commission of 10 per cent will be paid to all active non-prize winners. Every one will receive either a prize or commission—there will be no losers in this campaign.

Competition is open to men and women residing in Edenton and the trade territory. It costs nothing to try. You do not even have to be a subscriber to The Herald, and you are guaranteed pay for your efforts. If you do not win one of the prizes, you will receive ten per cent commission on every dollar you turn in to the campaign department.

Think or receiving \$400 in addition to your regular income during the next seven weeks. Stop to think what you could do with that \$400—a splendid vacation—new things for the home; a big payment toward that new car—new clothes. What would YOU do with it?

Every one has the same chance. The start is important for more votes are given for subscriptions at the beginning of the campaign than later. Fill in the nomination blank on the announcement page, which gives you 5,000 votes to start, bring or mail it to The Herald office. That is the start—then see your friends, get them to subscribe, or renew their subscription through you. It will help you and you are saving your friend money, for the subscription price of The Herald during the campaign is only one dollar. Enter your name today and win one of the splendid cash prizes.

Frankly, the object of the campaign is to increase the list of subscribers to the Herald, but at the same time the paper will be able to make a substantial contribution to the business life of the community by assisting in the distribution of a considerable amount of money. In helping itself the Herald will also be able to help a number of citizens living in this territory.

The Editor of the Herald wants every reader of the Herald to consider this article a personal letter of invitation. Read it, and the full page announcement elsewhere in this issue. Send in your name, or the name of a friend whom you would like to enter in the campaign. Enter your name today.

Plymouth Masons Visit Local Lodge

What promises to be a big Masonic meeting will be held tonight when a delegation of Plymouth Masons will visit Unanimity Lodge No. 7. According to word from Plymouth, about 20 will make the trip. The local lodge recently visited the Plymouth lodge, Masonic leaders feeling that visitations will create a better attendance and be of mutual benefit.

W. C. Bunch, master of the Edenton lodge, is very anxious that a good attendance be on hand to welcome the visitors. Refreshments will be served.

TWO AUTOMOBILE WRECKS OCCUR OVER WEEK-END

William Elliott, brother of Miles S. Elliott, was injured Sunday night when the car in which he was riding collided with a car driven by Edward Stallings, colored, who was also badly shaken up. The accident occurred on the Suffolk highway.

W. R. White, of Elizabeth City, and E. A. Blanchard, of Edenton, also figured in a wreck on the Hertford road, when their cars skidded together, both drivers being slightly bruised.