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## Herald Expansion Campaign Closes Saturday

### Twenty-five Seniors Graduate On Friday

Class Day Exercises Take Place Tonight at 8 O'clock

#### OTHER EXERCISES

### Forty-seven Promoted From Seventh Grade To High School

Twenty-five members of the senior class of the Edenton High School will graduate Friday night when the graduating exercises will be held, 17 of this number being girls.

The principal address to the seniors will be made by Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The program for the evening is as follows:

- Proclamation
- Invocation
- Chorus, "All For You" Mena Zucca, Seventh Grade
- Piano Solo, "The Fauns," Chaminade, Eleanor Small
- Address, Clyde A. Erwin
- Piano Solo, "Six Variations," Beeethoven, Emma Harrell
- Presentation of Diplomas
- Awarding of Prizes
- Chorus, "Laughing Roses," Senior Class
- Benediction

Members of the class who will receive their diplomas are as follows: Annie Laurie Beasley, Doris Bond, Julia Byrum, Clara Copeland, Josie Ruth Collins, Ruth Elliott, Emma Harrell, Esther Mae Hollowell, Virginia Goodwin, Elizabeth Jordan, Maude Miller, Maybelle Parks, Marjorie Powell, Frances Saunders, Clara Meade Smith, Eleanor Small, Saindie White, John Cherry Briggs, William Harrell, Frank Holmes, Ward Huskins, John Paul Morgan, Richard Rogerson, Charlie Swanner, and Louis George Wilkins.

Class officers are: President, Frank Holmes; vice president, William Harrell; secretary and treasurer, Saindie White.

Class day exercises will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8:00 o'clock when the following program will be rendered:

- Sophomore Song to Seniors and Daisy Arch
- Response, Senior Class
- Welcome Song, Senior Class
- Address of Welcome, Frank Holmes
- History, Eleanor Small
- Prophecy, Clara Meade Smith
- Statistics, Saindie White
- Class Song, Senior Class
- Poem, John Paul Morgan
- Last Will and Testament, John Briggs
- Giftory, Marjorie Powell
- Valedictory, Doris Bond
- Farewell Song, Senior Class

Commencement activities started last Friday night when the music pupils of Mrs. Leon Lewis presented their program before an audience filling the auditorium. Each one on the program performed very creditably. The outstanding number on the program was a Sugar Cookie Soldiers song and drill in which Bill Cozart led in the singing with William Perry, Janie Mitchener, Neanie Bunch, Winifred Hollowell, Julia Burton, Hurley Bunch, Catherine Sawyer and Mary Grey Byrum taking part as the soldiers.

The baccalaureate sermon was held Sunday night, when Rev. M. O. Stephenson, pastor of Center Hill Methodist Church, delivered an excellent sermon to a crowd filling the auditorium. Mr. Stephenson used as a text, "I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengtheneth me." During his sermon he vividly brought out the restlessness of man and the desire to accomplish impossible things in life. Illustration after illustration was used by the speaker and in each instance it was shown that the whole world rejoices at accomplishments resulting from ambitious and hard-working people. Mr. Stephenson's sermon was thoroughly enjoyed and many favorable comments were heard both from students and others who attended.

In the Edenton school this year about 47 pupils will be promoted from the seventh grade to enter high school.

#### HOME FROM SCHOOL

Lloyd Hobbs, who has been attending school at Boone, N. C., has returned to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hobbs, near Edenton.

### Ed Bond Post Gives Party To Cake Bakers

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed Tuesday when Ed Bond Post gave a party to the cake bakers contestants of the County demonstration clubs. The cakes, all baked from the same recipe submitted by Miss Rebecca Colwell, were taken to Chowan High School Tuesday afternoon, where they were judged. Marguerite Ward winning the honor of having the best cake. All of the cakes were brought to the Legion hall Tuesday night, where the Legionnaires and visitors made smart work of them, besides a generous quantity of ice cream.

The program included music and a hog-calling contest, the singing being directed by C. D. Stewart. In the hog-calling contest Joe Boyce won out over Shelton Moore, Craig Haste and Frank Wami.

Miss Colwell and the club girls also contributed to the pleasure of the evening by singing two selections. Another feature was a quartet composed of Oscar Duncan, C. D. Stewart, Craig Haste and C. E. Kramer, who sang "Sweet Adeline" which contained a good sample of the "barber shop tenor."

The club girls accompanying Miss Colwell at the party were: Marguerite Ward, Eleanor Winslow, Lois Lane, Dorothy Perry, Beulah Copeland, Daphne Ward and Camilla White. Miss Copeland won in the county biscuit baking contest and Daphne Ward was selected as the healthiest girl.

Several members of the Legion Auxiliary were also present at the party.

### Caphart's Fishery Closed For Season

Too many herring and too few shad has cost the great Caphart fishery at Avoca its reputation this season and Walter P. Bisping, the Wisconsin leaser, has purged and disposition. Mr. Bisping has found herring a surfeit and a business loss, so rather than continue either he closed the fishery down last Thursday for the season.

Caphart began figuring in the earliest commercial geographies as the largest shad fishery in the world, but during the last few years it has not done so well, in fact it has done very poorly insofar as shad are concerned. This year less than 1,500 shad have been caught there, and five years ago 1,500 shad in one seine haul would have been sneered at.

But while the shad haven't appeared this season, gosh, but the herring have. It is reported that nearly every haul for the last few weeks at the fishery has netted around 50,000 or more herring. And as Mr. Bisping doesn't care for herring and didn't rent his fishery for their capture, why, naturally, he hasn't enjoyed it at all. It is not being formally admitted but it is understood Mr. Bisping is through at Caphart's and will not lease another year. It is said the fishing place has been rented for the summer months as a colored bathing resort and that the residents of Merry Hill are none too pleased with this.

### Edenton Has Perfect Fire Record In 1934

According to a bulletin of statistics and facts of fire loss in protected cities and towns in North Carolina, compiled by the North Carolina Insurance Department, Edenton was included in the list of cities to have a perfect fire record for the year 1934. In this group were cited 19 cities including Hertford which were the only cities named in the Albemarle.

Both Mayor E. W. Spires and Fire Chief R. K. Hall are particularly pleased over the showing made by the local fire department, believing that by efficient service the fire loss has been held to the minimum.

### Robert L. Pratt Now Patrolman At Night

Robert L. Pratt has been appointed night patrolman in Edenton replacing A. T. Spivey, whose untimely death occurred early Friday morning. Mr. Pratt is a former patrolman, having served a number of years under the administration of Mayor J. L. Wiggins, and until taking over his new duties was employed on the local sewerage project.

### A. T. SPIVEY, NIGHT PATROLMAN TAKES OWN LIFE FRIDAY

Sends Bullet Through Temple While On Duty

#### CITED FOR BRAVERY

### Funeral Services Conducted Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for Alonzo T. Spivey, night policeman in Edenton for the past several years.

Mr. Spivey took his own life about 2:00 o'clock Friday morning in front of the Municipal Building, when he sent a bullet from his own revolver through the temple. Prior to killing himself Mr. Spivey was talking to two local men, Percy Satterfield and Raymond White, and appeared to be in the best of spirits. As the two men started to leave in an automobile they heard a shot fired and Mr. Spivey dropped dead. The bullet, a steel jacket, penetrated the door of the building, and was found on the floor of the council chamber after a diligent search.

Mr. Spivey, who bore the reputation as a brave officer, had been on the local police force for a number of years. He had the honor of receiving the Distinguished Service medal for bravery in the World War as well as a letter of commendation from General Pershing. He carried the scars of battle and was somewhat crippled as the result of being wounded when he routed a machine gun nest in the War, for which he was cited for bravery. Prior to coming to Edenton from Perquimans County he had quite a reputation for training hunting dogs and did this work for a long time for wealthy northern sportsmen.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Celia and Margaret, of Edenton; a sister, Mrs. C. C. Chapell, of Perquimans County; three brothers, George Spivey, of Suffolk, Va., Ernest and Algernon Spivey, of Perquimans County.

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in Beaver Hill Cemetery with Rev. E. L. Wells, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating. Music was furnished by the Edenton quartet consisting of Jim Daniels, George Lassiter, C. S. Cozart and C. H. Wood. Taps were sounded by Carroll Boyce and Leon Leary.

Pallbearers, members of Ed Bond Post, American Legion, were O. H. Brown, R. L. Pratt, Shelton Moore, Ernest Jackson, C. D. Stewart and C. E. Kramer.

### Committee Discusses Local Playground

A committee of Ed Bond Post, American Legion, consisting of John A. Holmes, C. E. Kramer, W. W. Byrum and Shelton Moore, on Monday night met with Mrs. W. S. Privott, chairman of Child Welfare of the American Legion, in the Municipal Building relative to the formation of a playground sponsored by the Auxiliary.

Nothing definite resulted during the meeting pending an investigation of plans and set-up by the Auxiliary committee.

#### MAKING TRIP SOUTH

J. L. Wiggins, Administrative Assistant, Forest Products Division, NRA, stationed at Washington, D. C., spent the past week-end at his home on North Granville Street. Mr. Wiggins left Tuesday for South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

### 14 CASES DOCKETED FOR SPECIAL TERM OF CHOWAN COURT

Session Will Get Under Way Next Monday Morning

#### LIST OF CASES

### Judge Clayton Moore of Williamston Will Preside

The special term of Chowan Superior Court, called for the trial of civil cases, will begin Monday morning, with Judge Clayton Moore, of Williamston presiding. The calendar consists of 14 cases, none of which is calculated to create an exceptional amount of interest. The cases as listed follow:

- Monday, May 20th**
- Blades vs. K. R. Winslow
  - Dixie et. Co. vs. Mitchener & Leary
  - Nixon vs. H. C. Nixon
  - U. S. Hofman Machine Co. vs. Watson
  - Stokley vs. Stokley
  - Wheeler vs. Bank of Edenton
- Tuesday, May 21st**
- Evans & Etheridge vs. Habit
  - Commissioner of Banks vs. Everett
  - Hare vs. Hare and Badham
  - Zachery vs. Griffin
- Wednesday, May 22nd**
- West vs. Byrum
  - Evans vs. Griffin
  - Satterfield vs. Boyce et als
  - Motion
  - White vs. Foreman Blades Lumber Company

### Masons Preparing For Their Annual Banquet

Plans have been about completed for the annual banquet of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., which will be held in the King's Arms Tavern next Thursday night.

An interesting program has been arranged which includes Judge Clayton Moore, of Williamston as the principal speaker of the evening. Judge Moore will be introduced to the gathering by Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, who together with S. E. Phelps, deputy grand master of the second district, in which the Edenton lodge has recently been placed, will be special guests.

As an added attraction, Clara and Ruth Crumpler, 12-year-old twins of Merry Hill, will render entertainment which includes acrobatic stunts, singing and dancing. This form of entertainment is not new to these young ladies, having performed since they were quite young before similar audiences.

Tickets are now on sale for the banquet under the direction of E. T. Rawlinson, and from advance reports a large number will attend the banquet. Special music will be furnished during the evening by Kenneth Floors and his orchestra.

### Snow Flurry Reported At Chowan Bridge

Temperature in this section took a sudden drop Wednesday following a violent wind storm late Tuesday afternoon, when a number of trees and large limbs were blown down.

Captain Pat Bell reported to The Herald that about 10:00 o'clock Wednesday morning a slight snow storm was in progress at the Chowan bridge. The flurry of hominy snow lasted for several minutes, according to Mr. Bell.

#### NAMES OF CONTESTANTS

The following names of contestants in the Chowan Herald's Expansion Campaign are listed in alphabetical order and does NOT denote standing in the campaign:

- Mrs. Bessie Allen ----- Colerain
- Miss Bernice Dail ----- Edenton Route 2
- Miss Sara Lee Hobbs ----- Edenton
- Mrs. John W. Hollowell ----- Edenton Route 1
- Miss Dorothy Moore ----- Edenton
- Miss Sue Doris Smithwick ----- Merry Hill
- Miss Bernice Williams ----- Edenton
- Mrs. K. R. Winslow ----- Hobbsville R. F. D.

Saturday is the last day of the campaign—this is your last chance to help your favorite. It may not be possible for the person you want to help to see you during the rush of the last hours—so why not send your subscription to them, or bring it to the Herald office, where it will be credited to your candidate?

### Candidates Rallying Aid In Closing Hours

#### DR. W. I. HART, JR., ROTARY PRESIDENT

Senator Lloyd Griffin, who was elected president of the Edenton Rotary Club for the year beginning July 1, last week informed the Club that as much as he appreciated the honor conferred upon him he would not be able to accept the presidency. The Club at its meeting last Thursday decided to get in touch with Mr. Griffin, who was then in Raleigh, over the telephone requesting him to reconsider the proposition, but for business reasons he declined to accept.

Subsequently another election was held when Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., was elected as president of the Club. Mr. Hart has taken an active part in Rotary and is thoroughly acquainted with the activities of the organization, and in his election the entire membership pledged their wholehearted support to bring Rotary to the front during the coming year.

The regular luncheon Thursday was called off due to the State Rotary meeting being held in Raleigh, which is being attended by a number of local Rotarians.

### Sheriff Alvah Bunch Takes Oath Of Office

Alvah Bunch, who was appointed sheriff of Chowan County on April 18 by the County Commissioners to fulfill the unexpired term of the late C. A. Boyce, on Tuesday was finally made sheriff, being sworn into office by Richard D. Dixon, clerk of Superior Court. Mr. Bunch had been assuming the sheriff's duties as coroner, but pending the securing of a bond the tax books remained under lock and key in the clerk of court's office. These have now been turned over to the sheriff and tax payers will be able to receive an official receipt for taxes paid. Since being appointed, Mr. Bunch has collected some taxes for which temporary receipts were given and these may now be exchanged for official receipts.

A \$15,000 surety bond from the National Surety Company of New York was received by Mr. Bunch on Saturday, but the office requires an additional bond of \$5,000 covering money collected on procedure papers and the like, which arrived Tuesday, immediately following which he took the oath of office.

Mrs. Ethel H. Boyce, who has been employed by Mr. Bunch, will be in the sheriff's office for the purpose of receiving taxes.

### Chowan Delegation Goes To Washington

In advocacy of a continuation of the AAA processing taxes, Julien Wood headed a delegation to Washington, D. C., this week. His associates on the trip were F. W. Hobbs, R. P. Badham and H. T. Hobbs, representing, as they did, all the dirt farmers of Chowan County who were unable to get away at this season of the year. The quartette took the boat trip to and fro from Norfolk, and are expected back today.

### Maurice Bunch Gets Coveted Honor Medal

Maurice Bunch, register of deeds of Chowan County, last week received the coveted medal of the Purple Heart in token of his outstanding services rendered during the World War. Modest as he is, the request for this medal was made by Mr. Bunch only after continued urging on the part of a number of his friends.

Mr. Bunch, who has been quite ill the past two weeks, has recovered sufficiently to be about town, but is still unable to resume his duties in the office, which are capably being done during his illness by his wife.

### R. H. Bachman Named Tyrrell Superintendent

Friends in this section will be delighted to learn that R. H. Bachman of Edenton has been elected to serve as county school superintendent for Tyrrell County for the 1935-36 session. His selection was made last week at a meeting of the Tyrrell County Board of Education.

Mr. Bachman for a number of years was superintendent for Chowan County and was succeeded by W. J. Taylor.

### Nip and Tuck Race For First Prize, Which Is \$400

#### FRIENDS ANXIOUS

### Subscribers Very Eager To Learn Result of Contest

Standing today with their faces to the future and the thoughts of "now or never" hovering in their minds, candidates in The Herald's Expansion campaign are rallying their aids as would a general on the eve of battle; preparing with feverish haste to make their final stand for victory before 8:00 o'clock Saturday night—the last night—while all of Chowan and surrounding counties are waiting, watching, wondering and hustling for their favorites.

Leading candidates are seeking with the hustle of preparation for the final dash and with one accord are fighting valiantly and determinedly to reach the goal—where the biggest prize awaits.

Seven weeks of hard work with big prizes closes Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock, at which time The Herald's Expansion campaign comes to a close. The four successful candidates will receive the awards—and the most successful of the four will receive the grand prize of \$400.00.

The end is but a few hours away. If you can trust your own judgment as to your competitor's strength, based on facts and observations and lay your plans accordingly then there is yet time to stem the tide and turn it into a sweeping victory.

Don't try to figure just how many votes it will take to win, for you will surely fail to get enough. Don't be afraid of having too many votes for you can't have too many. It would be better to win by a million votes than to get left by a few thousand. It is up to you now, or let your rivals beat you to it.

A few more laps and the battle will be over—the seven weeks of hard work will be behind you. These weeks have meant that you will get well paid or that you are contented to take what may come. The leaders in any business go out after the biggest things, and the same with the campaign. It is up to each of you to get every possible friend to help you these last few days—the race is never over until the line is crossed, and you have these last few days to get the subscriptions you need to make you the winner. Make these days count big for you.

### Successful Year At Merry Hill School

The Merry Hill school, with J. A. Williams as principal, has had a very successful year with progress reported along all lines of endeavor. Mr. Williams' operations have been very satisfactory to both parents and pupils, and patrons of the school feel very fortunate in having the entire staff re-elected for the next year.

The commencement programs, which were published last week, were carried out with the auditorium filled to overflowing. Dr. Edwards' address to the seniors was very impressive, his subject being "Answering the Call to Duty and Heroic Service."

Mr. Williams presented the certificates to the class graduating from the elementary school with very fitting words.

Sallie Williford was presented a medal for the best average, her mark in high school being 93. Nettie Coward was also awarded a medal for being the best all around student.

Mr. Adams, chairman of the school board, presented the diplomas to the graduates with appropriate words.

### City Officials Sworn In At Council Meeting

The monthly meeting of Town Council was held Tuesday night, which, aside from administering oath of office to the re-elected city officials, only routine business was transacted. The members of city council were also reappointed to serve in the following capacities: Mayor pro tem, X. E. Copeland; finance committee, L. P. Williams and A. G. Byrum; street commissioner, T. W. Jones; park and playground commissioner, G. M. Byrum; fire commissioner, O. B. Perry.