

In these columns will be found a fair presentation of local and county news of general interest.

THE CHOWAN HERALD

This newspaper is circulated in the territory where Advertisers will realize good results.

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

Volume II.—Number 21.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, May 23, 1935.

\$1.25 Per Year

Large Crowds Attend School Closing Events

Auditorium Unable to Accommodate Friends Of Students

ERWIN SPEAKER

59 Graduate From Seventh Grade to Enter High School

The 1934-35 session of the Edenton schools very fittingly came to a close Friday night when 25 seniors graduated from the school and 59 seventh graders received their diplomas and will enter their first year in high school at the opening of the next school year. Class day exercises were held on Thursday night, both of which affairs drew a crowd too large to be accommodated in the inadequate auditorium.

The class day exercises were reason for much laughter and fun as the prophecy of the class was read by Clara Meade Smith, and the various gifts to each member of the class, given, together with an explanation, by Marjorie Powell. The address of welcome was made by Frank Holmes, president of the class. Eleanor Small read the history, Sainie White gave the statistics, John Briggs delivered the last will and testament to the incoming senior class, and John Paul Morgan read the class poem. Doris Bond, valedictorian of the class, made the valedictory address.

Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, addressed the graduating class on Friday night, the graduates as well as the large audience being very favorably impressed with Mr. Erwin's address and his first visit in the Albemarle country.

In the beginning of his speech, Mr. Erwin very generously thanked the Edenton people for their hospitality during his short stay here and explained that though it was his first visit he felt very much at home, being very intimate with John A. Holmes, city superintendent, and W. J. Taylor, superintendent of the county administrative unit. He likewise complimented both Senator Lloyd Griffin and Representative John F. White for their cooperation and support of educational legislation during the recent session of the General Assembly.

The speaker in the main used as his subject the problems of education in North Carolina. "These graduates on this stage," said he, "represent the wealth of your town, and the two agencies that can develop this wealth are the church and the school." He championed a safe and sane school program, explaining that quite different than when he was a high school student, graduates now must make quick decisions. "Twenty-five thousand at this time in North Carolina are graduating from high schools," said the speaker, "and these are like uncrowned queens and must win their crowns, not by accident or be presented with them on a silver platter, but they must come as the result of hard and stern effort upon the part of each individual."

Mr. Erwin urged the students to live such lives that they may be proud of the record they have made, reminding them that their lives cannot be re-lived and that the record they make will stand. He said a group of graduates represent the finest group of young people he has ever seen, and did not wish to criticize, but rather remind them that they are living in a reckless and irresponsible age and in order to make the sort of success they should that it would be necessary for them to enter their work with their whole heart, that the whole world is looking for sincerity of purpose and not the hypocritical sort.

"These graduates," continued Mr. Erwin, "are standing on the most challenging age, an age of miracles, when civilization is making swift

Edenton School Board Meets With Architect

The Edenton school board met on Tuesday when F. W. Benton, an architect from Wilson, was present and urged immediate action to secure an outright grant for a new school building. Mr. Benton drew plans for the Citizens Bank, the Taylor Theatre, the W. D. Pruden home and other magnificent buildings in this section.

A committee was appointed to adopt the necessary resolutions in the hope that a much needed school building can be secured through the Federal government.

PLANS SHAPING FOR HOME TALENT PLAY EDENTON FIRE DEPT.

Cast Already Selected For "Black-Eyed Susan"

COACH HERE

Ruth Haverty Impressed With Progress of Local Players

The Edenton Fire Department will present on Thursday and Friday nights of next week a musical comedy "Black-Eyed Susan" with entirely local talent. The play is directed by Ruth Haverty, who is with the Wayne P. Sewall Producing Co., of Atlanta, Ga. The performance will begin at 8:15, and the doors will be open to the public at 7:45.

The cast has been selected and rehearsals have started with the promise of a very excellent show. "Epp" Debnam will appear in the title role of Phil Langdon, a breezy young newspaper reporter who answers an ad in the newspaper and finds romance in it. Mrs. John F. White is Black-Eyed Susan. The rest of the role of the Parks, Catherine Leggett and the comedians are portrayed by five old maids in their attempts at matrimony and their various suitors, Eleanor Small, Marjorie Powell, Myrtle Parks, Sara Lee Hobbs, and Dorothy Moore will enact the parts of the five old maids, and John F. White, Jack Satterfield, Frank Hughes, William E. Bond and Frank Holmes are the answers to their maidenly prayers.

The black-faced comedy roles will be played by W. B. Shepard and Marjorie Sawyer. Mrs. Gordon Blow will be the accompanist. Cozart, Foy Cozart, Mary Elizabeth Sara Lee Hobbs, Helen Goodwin, Mrs. Rupert Goodwin, Annie Mason Cobb, and Mrs. James Taylor are the Garden Club ladies who are sponsoring the flower show. The chorus girls are Esther Mae Hollie, Myrtle Spruill, Dolly Spencer, Evelyn Spruill, Evelyn Brown, Ethelyn Everett, Margaret Satterfield, Orphia Cozart Foy Cozart, Mary Elizabeth Cates, Arlene Jackson, Sara Elizabeth White, Lena Smith, Maud Miller and Margaret Spires. Juanita Hayman, Grace Wilkins, Frances, Hollowell, Virginia Hayman, Bill Cozart, Ike Byrum, Mike Byrum and John Hassell will appear in a special arrangement of "The Garden Implements" and the "Hat Song." There will also be a chorus of the most attractive and talented of the little tots who will sing the "Flower Song."

Edenton can well be proud of her talent and of her ability to put over a show in a big way. The coach, who has played all over the South, declares that she has never before been more impressed with the entire ensemble of actors and committee-men, and all indications would point to a musical show that will be well worth your time and money.

Reserved seats will go on sale at Leggett and Davis Drug Store on Friday and the advance sales of tickets will start at the same time. Don't forget the dates—Thursday May 30, and Friday, May 31. The local committee heads are Fire Chief R. K. Hall and Mayor E. W. Spires. Some of those attractive little tots who will offer their talents in the "Flower Song" are: Martha Conger, Betsy Goodwin, Ruth Goodwin, Mary McDonald Holmes, Charlotte Bunch, Ruth Byrum, Joyce Brunson, Beverly Moore, Joyce Moore, Mary Dail Spry, Ruth Muth, Lillian Byrum, Mary Griffin, and Frances Wood.

Merry Hill Minister Will Go To Belhaven

Merry Hill folks regret to learn that Rev. Mr. Mackie will leave his work in that community to take up new duties at Belhaven, N. C., on July 1. His stay of ten and a half years in Merry Hill has been very pleasant and his friends wish him nothing but the best of success in his new field.

COLERAIN FOLKS WITNESS GAME OF DONKEY BALL

Messrs. Clarence and Edward Myers, C. W. Hughes, and Mr. Spruill attended the baseball game, played on donkeys, in Rocky Mount Friday night. Quite an interesting game, they said.



SATURDAY

Poppy Day will be observed on Saturday, May 25th, when the ladies of the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post will sponsor the sale of these paper flowers and everybody is urged to buy and wear a poppy.

This year, when approximately 10,000,000 poppies have been made, the earnings of the disabled men have amounted to over \$100,000. The work has been carried out in 56 hospitals and workrooms in 40 different states.

The distribution of the poppies except in a few southern localities, is a one-day nation-wide endeavor conducted on the Saturday before Memorial Day. On that day an army of nearly 100,000 volunteer workers takes the poppies out on to the streets and pins them on the coats of passers-by. By nightfall the little crimson symbols of remembrance bloom on millions of lapels and the coin boxes carried by the women are heavy with offerings which will mean relief for countless victims of the war during the year to come.

Wearing the poppy draws its wide appeal from its dual purpose of honoring the dead and serving the living. Every poppy worn on Poppy Day means that the wearer has thought, at least for a moment, of the men who lie beneath the poppies in France, and has contributed something to the relief and rehabilitation of those who are still suffering from results of the war, the disabled, their families and the families of the dead.

The poppies will be offered on the streets of Edenton by a corps of Girl Scouts and volunteer workers under the leadership of Carroll Kramer, chairman of the Poppy Day committee.

No price will be asked for the poppies, each person being free to contribute as little or as much as he chooses for his flower. All funds received will be expended in the welfare activities of the American Legion and Auxiliary among disabled veterans and needy families of veterans during the coming year. The bulk of the money will remain right here in Edenton, to be used in the work of the local Legion post and Auxiliary unit.

Don't fail to buy a poppy!

Singing Class Appears in Edenton May 29th

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will appear in Edenton on Wednesday night, May 29th, when they will render their program in the school auditorium.

Reports from other towns are to the effect that this year's program is exceptionally entertaining, and a large audience is expected for their appearance here.

The group consists of 14 girls and boys who put on a Dutch-girl skit, Black Cats a plenty novelty as well as a number of other amusing numbers. A small admission will be charged.

Arrangements Completed For Masonic Banquet Here Tonight

Judge Clayton Moore of Williamston Principal Speaker; Unique Stunts by Clara and Ruth Crumpler, Merry Hill Twins

Everything is in readiness for the eighth annual Masonic banquet of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, which will take place tonight in the King's Arms Tavern at 7:30 o'clock. The banquet this year will be held in the vacant store rooms of the hotel which will provide ample room for the approximate 100 who are expected to attend. The room has been cleaned and attractively arranged for the occasion and those in charge are expecting the banquet to be a success from every angle.

The principal speaker of the evening will be Judge Clayton Moore, of Williamston, and as an added attraction Clara and Ruth Crumpler, 12-year-old twins of Merry Hill, will give an exhibition of acrobatic stunts, singing and dancing, which is somewhat of a departure at former banquets. These young artists have performed before large audiences for various clubs across the Sound and this will be their first appearance in Edenton. Their part on the program is expected to add materially to the enjoyment of the evening.

Mrs. John W. Hollowell Wins First Prize In Herald's Contest

JUDGES' STATEMENT

Edenton, N. C., May 18, 1935.

We, the undersigned, who have been selected to act as counting judges and auditors of the Chowan Herald's Expansion Campaign, concluded this date, certify and state that we have this date made a final count and check of ballots cast in the election and find the results to be as follows:

MRS. JOHN W. HOLLOWELL.....	14,203,000
MRS. K. R. WINSLOW.....	11,030,000
SARAH LEE HOBBS.....	6,748,000
BESSIE ALLEN.....	1,408,000

We further find that the contestants whose names are hereby given received the number of votes opposite their names and are declared winners in their respective positions.

MRS. E. N. ELLIOTT,
W. M. WILKINS,
W. H. GARDNER,

Judges.

Mrs. K. R. Winslow, Sarah Lee Hobbs and Mrs. Bessie Allen Also Prize Winners

ALL GET PAID

Paper Now Has Envi-able Circulation In Section

Mrs. John W. Hollowell, Edenton, Route 1, won first place in The Chowan Herald's Subscription Extension Campaign which came to a close Saturday night and as a reward for her efforts was awarded the first prize of \$400. Mrs. Hollowell likewise won a special prize of \$10 which was given during one of the latter weeks of the campaign as a special inducement to obtain new subscribers.

Mrs. K. R. Winslow, Hobbville, R. F. D., was a runner-up in the race, winning the second prize of \$100. Miss Sarah Lee Hobbs, of Edenton, won the third prize of \$50, and Mrs. Bessie Allen, of Colerain, was the fourth prize winner, which was \$25. Others in the contest, including Miss Bernice Dail, Edenton, Route 2, Miss Sue Doris Smithwick, Merry Hill, Miss Bernice Williams, Edenton, and Miss Dorothy Moore, each received a 10 per cent commission for the amount of subscription money turned in.

The campaign, the first one to be put on by The Herald, was a success, the best of feeling prevailing among the contestants during the seven weeks' drive in the course of which the winner was in doubt until the final count by the judges Saturday night. The contest, however, lacked the number of contestants as was desired, which most likely was caused by the disastrous results of a campaign put on a few years ago by a newcomer in Edenton when the hard work of the contestants went for naught.

The Herald, already boasting complete coverage in Chowan County, has through the campaign extended its circulation into Bertie County, Gates County, and parts of several of the other neighboring counties, which will be of particular interest to advertisers.

The judges who checked the final results were Mrs. E. N. Elliott, W. H. Gardner, and W. M. Wilkins.

Board Of Education Has Called Meeting

The County Board of Education met in a called meeting Tuesday with a full board present, as follows: S. E. Morris, chairman; L. W. Belch, Isaac Byrum, Mrs. George Wood and Mrs. E. L. Winslow.

F. W. Benton, architect of Wilson, was present and explained the necessity of getting plans before the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, and that it would be advisable to make application for an outright grant for a new school building at Chowan. Upon this explanation the Board of Education passed resolutions which were made by Mrs. George Wood and seconded by L. W. Belch authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to execute the necessary papers and make application for said grant.

The Board also moved and seconded that C. M. Evans be appointed as one of the advisory committeemen for Gum Pond school, taking the place of Jim Bunch, who did not desire to qualify.

Winners In Poppy Day Poster Contest

Attractive Poppy Day posters have been placed in store windows in town, which is the work of school students. Prizes for the best posters have been awarded as follows:

Sixth to Ninth Grades—First prize, Myda Weaver, \$1.00; second prize, Alex White, 50 cents.

Tenth to Eleventh Grades—Saintie White, \$1.00.

These prizes have been donated by the ladies of the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post, American Legion.

The judges in the contest were Mrs. George Byrum, Mrs. E. T. Rawlinson, and Mrs. R. F. Tuttle.

OXFORD SINGING CLASS GIVE PROGRAM AT COLERAIN SCHOOL

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class presented their annual program at the Colerain school auditorium on Friday night. A most enjoyable affair was reported.

Little Progress Made At Special Term Chowan Superior Court

BUSINESS GROUP ENDORSE BRIDGE

Memorizes State Highway Commission to Erect Structure Across Sound

The Chowan Business Men's Association met Tuesday night in the Municipal Building with J. W. Davis, vice president, presiding in the absence of W. D. Pruden, the president.

Various matters of interest to the organization were discussed, with definite action being taken on the project for a bridge spanning the Albemarle Sound and endorsing a number of other projects.

A motion was passed memorializing the State Highway and Public Works Commission to build a bridge across the Sound, the committee named to draw up the resolutions being composed of Fred Wood, D. M. Warren and John A. Holmes.

Another motion was also passed that the organization endorse four of the projects of the number recently submitted for first consideration. These four projects are new schools, county home improvements, rural electrification, and the bridge. The president and vice president were authorized to appoint a committee of four for each of these projects whose energies will be centered on their particular project, endeavoring to learn the particular spending agency and make contacts.

Those attending the meeting appeared optimistic of securing a bridge over the Sound through the public works fund.

COMMISSIONERS MEET AT COUNTY HOME ON MAY 29

The Chowan County Commissioners will meet Wednesday, May 29th, at the County Home when investigations will be made relative to needed improvements.

Plans for a new building have been submitted by F. W. Benton, Wilson architect, and it is hoped this project will be realized through the Federal relief fund.

Uncertainty of Opposing Counsel and Clients Causes Delay

SMALL CROWDS

Little Interest Shown by Regular Court Attend-ants

Figuratively justice may be swift but it was pretty slow here this week when Judge Clayton Moore, of Williamston, held a special term of the Superior Court for the trial of civil actions that have long been on the calendar. The slowness of proceedings, however, was in no sense attributable to the court itself but rather to the uncertainty with which opposing counsel and clients faced the various issues. In many of the cases heard much time was spent in secret conferences intended to effect out of court settlements or compromises, and some of these were successful.

Court opened Monday, and it was a sumptuous looking place. Custodian Richard Dixon had had a herd of slaves at work for several days prior swabbing things up and polishing the benches and floors so that everything was spick and span when Judge Moore arrived to notice the transfiguration. He did and smiled, and to add eclat to the transformation laughingly seated himself in the great throne chair that Gordon Leigh, the original architect, built into the building back in 1767, and which still remains fastened to the wall in the rear of the oriel rostrum.

Changing from custodian to court clerk, Mr. Dixon started the special term by laying a list of all the cases before the court. Absence of witness and lawyers delayed proceedings on opening day, Monday, for a couple of hours. When things did get to going the alienation suit for \$10,000 brought by Mrs. Marcia Small Nixon against her father-in-law, H. C. Nixon, up county farmer, was called. Mrs. Nixon, who is separated and receiving \$25 a month alimony from her husband, M. M. Nixon, alleges the latter's father is responsible for the marital trouble. Lawyers for both sides agreed it would be better to let the action ride awhile longer and it was continued to the September term.

Other Monday cases continued were Blades vs. K. R. Winslow and Dixie Co. vs. Mitchener and Leary. Judgment was allowed in the actions brought by U. S. Hoffman Machine Co. vs. Watson, involving failure to pay for a pressing machine, and R. W. Stokley vs. his brother, Murden S. Stokley, of Hertford, centered upon a \$400 note transaction.

After much argument and healthy forensic fighting, W. D. Pruden secured a judgment in favor of the Bank of Edenton in an action brought against it by John R. Wheeler, former owner of the Edenton Lumber Company. The complainant sought to recover on collateral deposited against a \$16,000 borrowed indebted, but Mr. Pruden, without calling witnesses, had little difficulty in showing the collateral in question had depreciated and that the bank was a heavy loser by the transaction. John Fernando White and J. A. Pritchett, counsel for Wheeler, begged an appeal to the State Supreme Court, and it was granted.

On Tuesday a non spuit was granted in the case of Evans & Etheridge vs. Habit and a compromise resulting in a continuance until the next term was effected in the action against

(Continued on Page Five)

(Continued on Page Five)