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LOCAL RED MEN HEAR FINE TALK ON FRATERNITIES

Prominent Odd Fellows Visit Chowan Tribe Monday Night

60 PRESENT

Lodge Members Urged Attend Meetings and Stick Together

Local Red Men were treated to one of the best lodge addresses heard in Edenton in a long while on Monday night, when, after the regular meeting, Herbert Holstead, of Mooresville, grand secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, spoke to a gathering of about 60 Red Men. The speaker, invited to the lodge room, was accompanied by W. C. Beamon, superintendent of the Odd Fellows Orphanage at Goldsboro, and C. G. Smith, of Goldsboro.

Mr. Holstead spoke of the value of fraternalism, bringing out forcibly the fact that lodges have a great opportunity at this time to stand together and help stave off war. It was significant, he told his hearers, that in the countries where wars appear to be brewing all the time that there were very few lodges and that men failed to learn and know each other. He further said that fraternities can play a very prominent part in spanning the chasm between capital and labor in that members are permitted to learn each other for what they are and not for what they have. Selfishness, he explained, is marked by blood and bondage and a true fraternity member is pitted against it.

The real purpose of fraternities was emphasized by the speaker, who said that members should stick close together and relieve distress. The little remembered acts of love and doing good for the other fellow's sake will set at ease many a heart, he said. Especially was lodge attendance urged. "Nobody is wasting time when attending a lodge," said Mr. Holstead, "for one of the biggest reasons for discord among us is not knowing each other. That opportunity is afforded a lodge member when taking part in the activities and work of his particular lodge, which ever one it may happen to be."

Fraternities are working hand in hand with the churches, schools and press for the betterment of mankind, said the speaker, and he paid high tribute to the Red Men Order for the name it has made for itself.

Mr. Beamon also made a few interesting remarks in which he told of his experience with the orphan children at the Goldsboro home and impressed upon the gathering the need and joy experienced in caring for the little ones alone in the world. He made an earnest plea for all not to shrink from their duty in supporting the orphanages in the State. The Odd Fellows, second oldest and second largest order, supports the Goldsboro institution, which has a record to be envied by any orphanage.

At a later date efforts will be made to revive the Odd Fellows lodge at Elm Grove, in the interest of which the visitors were in Edenton.

Mr. Smith briefly complimented the local tribe for the large attendance and expressed his gratification at the results observed at the orphanage, of which he is a trustee. The local tribe very much appreciated the addresses of the visitors and extended to them a rising vote of thanks for their visit.

Bill Whichard Breaks Arm While Skating

Bill Whichard, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Whichard, had the misfortune on Friday night to fall and break his arm while roller skating. The accident occurred near the Baptist Church when, while falling, he landed on the left side, breaking his arm near the wrist. Aside from the fracture, he was badly bruised about the face and was quite ill the fore part of the week.

The young fellow is now improving, however, and is able to be about.

County Council Meets In Hotel Saturday

A meeting of the County Council of the home demonstration clubs of the County will be held in Hotel Joseph Hewes on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Important matters will be discussed and every member of the group is urged to be present.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY CLUBS' LEADERS SCHOOL

Interesting Demonstration Staged In Floor Finishing For Club Representatives

Thirteen leaders of Chowan County Women's Clubs met last Thursday afternoon in the Hotel Joseph Hewes to attend the house furnishing leaders school. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. Percy Smith, promptly at 2:30 o'clock, immediately following which Mrs. A. D. Ward was elected secretary.

The following clubs were represented at the school: Beech Fork, Center Hill, Chowan, Edenton, Enterprise, River View, Rocky Hook, and Wards. Six visitors were also present.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent for Chowan County, introduced Miss Pauline Gordon, extension specialist in home management and house furnishing. Miss Gordon is from South Carolina. Before accepting her present position she was director of home economics at Tennessee Tech. She explained that the purpose of the school was to instruct the leaders in the most satisfactory methods in house furnishing. The leaders will be expected to take this information back to their respective clubs. Miss Mamie Whisnant, assistant specialist in house furnishing, gave a demonstration in floor finishing, which was very interesting and instructive. Miss Whisnant is a former home demonstration agent of Rowan County.

Much interest was shown in the school, house furnishing being a new project among the Chowan Club women.

Assault Case Thrown Out Of J. P. Court

Justice of the Peace F. W. Hobbs made short work of the assault charge brought against W. L. Langdale by Rupert Chesson on Friday afternoon when the case was thrown out of court. The case was the only one appearing in Recorder's Court in the morning and was of such a trivial nature that Judge J. N. Pruden remanded it to a lower court, which was subsequently placed before Mr. Hobbs.

Chesson was not willing for Mr. Hobbs to try the case and asked for a change, which was denied by Mr. Hobbs, following which Chesson, the plaintiff in the action, refused to testify.

"This case is dismissed," said the Justice of the Peace without any further argument.

Lawrence Cayton Gets Road Sentence

Although he testified that he was only playing and wanted to have a little fun with Haywood Granby, colored youth, Lawrence Cayton, young white man, was sentenced to 60 days on the roads Tuesday morning by Judge J. N. Pruden.

Cayton was hailed in court following an episode near the Norfolk Southern coal chute Saturday night when he met young Granby, flashed a breast pin and posed as an officer. Cayton had in his possession a cheap pocket knife which was the property of Granby, the latter testifying that it was taken from his pocket and before he could be further searched, made a get-away.

Cayton claimed that he was only playing and laughed as the Negro fled. He denied that he posed as an officer, but was wearing a badge that could have been mistaken for an officer's pin.

Cayton was arrested by Carroll Boyce, newly appointed night patrolman, it being his first arrest since being placed on the force.

Two charges were preferred against Cayton, that of impersonating an officer and larceny. Judge Pruden dismissed the later charge but handed out a 60-day road sentence for impersonating an officer.

Smoke Ruins Walls Of Chowan Motor Co.

Considerable damage by smoke was done to the show room of the Chowan Motor Company Tuesday afternoon when in some unexplained manner a bucket containing oil caught fire in the boiler room. The smoke flooded the show room and became so dense that all employees were forced from the building. The walls were considerably marred by the smoke, which will necessitate new painting.

The fire department was called upon for chemicals to extinguish the fire which did no other than smoke damage.

EDENTON BOXERS TACKLE WINDSOR TO OPEN SEASON

Match Scheduled For Friday Night, Jan. 31 At 7:30

AT WINDSOR

Nine Bouts On Card Including Spruill, State Champion

The first bout of the season for the Edenton boxing team will take place Friday night, January 31, instead of Friday night of this week, as was stated in The Herald last week. The match will take place in Windsor with the Windsor High School mittmen.

Boxing is the latest sport in the Windsor High School and is rapidly gaining interest, sixteen boys having reported for practice.

According to present arrangements there will be nine bouts and the affair is expected to attract many fans from Bertie, Chowan and adjoining counties, who have already expressed keen interest in the sport in high school circles. Boxing will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Pete Alston husky tower of strength of Windsor high, will feature the event with his rounds with Spruill, the hope of Edenton high. Fast action is on schedule. The Windsor boys have been putting in lots of practice, and are highly interested in coming events. Spruill, of Edenton, ranks high in State high school boxing circles, being the heavyweight champion.

Principal Aycock, of Windsor, reports that it is probable that even more than the sixteen already out for the new sport may soon enter the local practice ring.

The Edenton boys are hard at work in rounding into shape for the matches of the season and are very enthusiastic over the first bout next week with the neighboring school.

The tentative schedule for the Edenton team includes two matches with Elizabeth City, one in the latter city on February 7, and a return match in Edenton on February 21.

As the opening of the boxing season approaches there are ten men on the local squad including weights from 175 to 85 pounds. The squad at present includes the following:

Vernon Spruill, 175; Calvin Sexton, 165; Josiah Elliott, 155; Melvin Layton, 144; John Byrum, 135; William Cayton, 125; Pete Everett, 115; Thomas Wilder, 105; Irving Griffin, 95; and Gray Byrum, 85. Practically all of the boys have had past experience in the ring and prospects are bright for some of them bringing back to Edenton State honors in the art of boxing.

ROTARY DISTRICT MEET MAY 19-20

Approximately 1000 Rotarians and Wives From 50 Clubs in State Expected to Attend

Edenton Rotarians are informed that plans are well under way for the annual conference of the 57th District of Rotary International to be held in Winston-Salem on May 19 and 20, when approximately a thousand Rotarians and their wives from the fifty clubs in the district are expected to attend the two-day gathering.

Cleveland Thayer, District Governor, of Asheville, will preside over the sessions. Charles J. Phillips, of Greensboro, will be in charge of the program, which is described as "different, interesting and entertaining." The convention last year was held in Raleigh and a number of Edenton Rotarians attended.

President Bill Hart, of the Edenton Club, will urge his fellow Rotarians to attend the convention, delegates to which will be entertained by the Winston-Salem Rotary Club, of which Henry E. Fries is president.

High School Debaters Selected On Friday

The preliminary debates in the Edenton High School were held on Friday resulting in the selection of a team to represent the school in the annual triangular debate which will be held on Friday night, March 27. The competition for berths on the team was keen with Margaret Spires, Mary Elizabeth Cates, Sarah Elizabeth White and Junius Davis winning out over their opponents. Mary White and Mabel Ruth Harrell were chosen as alternates.

\$85,000 PAID BY EDENTON PEANUT MILLS RELEASED

Represents Impounded Processing Tax Paid On Peanuts

FIRMS ELATED

Ruled Unconstitutional By Supreme Court Of United States

Processing taxes that have been impounded in the courts since last summer totaling around \$85,000 have been released for return to the two Edenton peanut milling companies. Naturally, the officers of the corporations are elated over this fact, which might be more or less termed a victory for their counsel, W. Dossey Pruden, but it should not be construed as a victory over the peanut farmers of the Albemarle.

On the contrary it was but the settlement of a constitutional question, and the millers, obliged to act as they did in a protective way, have no hesitancy in saying their sympathies remain as they were—with the farmers, and that any sort of a processing taxation that will be held legal and of pecuniary return to the growers will have their support.

The court action by the Edenton Peanut Company and the Albemarle Peanut Company, instituted last summer to restrain the collection of further taxes and secure the return of those already paid, followed similar action taken by peanut processors in Suffolk, Va. It was brought before Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes in Greensboro. The court withheld judgment until the Supreme Court of the United States had passed on the constitutionality of the AAA, and directed that the petitioners deposit with the court a sum equivalent to taxes already paid and that further tax moneys be similarly impounded. The Supreme Court recently threw out the AAA and Judge Hayes immediately directed the impounded taxes to be returned to all of 700 North Carolina petitioners. They are expected any time now.

Under the releases the Edenton Peanut Company will receive back something like \$45,000, and the Albemarle Peanut Company about \$10,000 less. Whether this will be distributed to the company stockholders or held for some other distribution is not being related as yet.

Chowan Loses Over 150 Acres Of Timber Through Forest Fires

Chowan County is estimated to have lost from 150 to 160 acres of young growth timber during the past year by forest fires. This information was made known last week when J. R. Miller, of Raleigh, district chief forestry warden, was in the county on a trip of inspection with J. G. Perry, Chowan County warden. Chowan County at present is not included in the forest fire protection service, but the survey was made to ascertain the fire loss in the State.

Boys' Work Subject At Rotary Today

The Boys' Work Committee of the Edenton Rotary Club will have charge of the program today at the weekly luncheon of the Club in the Parish House. This committee, with John Graham as chairman, includes Earl Goodwin, Jesse White, N. K. Rowell and C. E. Kramer.

At last Thursday's luncheon John A. Holmes very briefly and interestingly gave a talk on Robert E. Lee, when he pinch-hitted for Junius Davis, Jr., who was scheduled to read a paper on this great general. Junius was unable to appear, however, due to the necessary preparations for the preliminary debates in the high school.

At the conclusion of Mr. Holmes' address he conducted an intelligence test among the Rotarians, which proved both interesting and enlightening.

Local Orchestra To Play At Coneritza

The Baptist Sunday School Orchestra will render a special musical program on Sunday afternoon at the Coneritza Church in Bertie County. The group met for a practice on Tuesday night and a special group of numbers were selected for the occasion. W. Jim Daniels is the leader of the orchestra.

\$1,000 DAMAGE RESULT OF FIRE EARLY TUESDAY

Most Disastrous Fire In Edenton Since Farmers Peanut Company Was Destroyed

Though the loss was estimated at about only \$1000, Edenton had its most disastrous fire since the Farmers Peanut Company burned some years ago on early Tuesday morning when the two-story frame building at 101 East Gale Street was totally ruined. The fire was discovered by Patrolmen Pratt and Boyce as they were making their rounds about 1:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. The fire department was quickly on the scene, but the old wood in the building quickly fell prey to the flames. The building is a total loss.

The building was owned by S. D. McRae, Negro county agent for Chowan and Perquimans Counties, and was used by him as an office. McRae is also the WPA project foreman for colored teachers, and in the fire lost all of his records, as far back as five years. All of his office equipment was burned, as well as furniture of the colored Masonic lodge which was stored on the second floor.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It started in the front part of the building, the door leading to the hall not having been locked. McRae was in his office Monday night, leaving about 9:30 o'clock at which time everything was all right. Fire Chief R. K. Hall, after an inspection, said the fire was not due to a flue or stove, and that there was no electric wires where the fire apparently started.

McRae will use the dwelling house next to the ruined building on East Gale Street temporarily as his headquarters, but expects to rebuild on the site of his former office.

FEW CALLS MADE FOR MONEY LEFT IN CLOSED BANK

Richard Dixon Has Paid Out Only About \$150 of Funds Left In His Hands

Up to the present time Richard Dixon, Clerk of Superior Court, has paid out only about \$150 of the \$1,228.03 turned over to him to be given to depositors in the closed Citizens Bank. All of the \$150 was in small amounts representing about 125 depositors.

This money will be in Mr. Dixon's hands for a limited time and is for those who have not made prior claim to their deposits. Quite a few depositors who made claims and have received their dividend checks have called on Mr. Dixon, but this fund is only for those who failed to file their claims after the bank closed.

The original list included about 700 names and Mr. Dixon desires it to be known that all that is necessary to receive this money is for the depositor to come in and sign a receipt for it. Many of those on the list live in Edenton and Chowan County and Mr. Dixon is at a loss to understand why the depositors refrain from calling and getting their money.

After the 90-day period expires the remainder of the money will be escheated to the University of North Carolina, thus forever ending any chance of securing the amount due the depositors.

Large Crowd Attends Byrum Bros. Showing Of International Line

Farmers in large numbers on Wednesday morning gathered at the Byrum Bros. Hardware store to attend the pre-spring showing of the complete International Harvester line of farm equipment. The entire rear lot of the firm was filled with the latest thing in tractors and various pieces of farm machinery with factory experts on hand to demonstrate and explain each piece of machinery.

As a special feature a sound film was shown in the warehouse which pictured the advantages of the International line as well as a mixture of comedy. Special music was also furnished by a group of colored singers headed by Mary Foreman.

At noon the firm served a free dinner to all present, consisting of hot dogs, cheese sandwiches, pickles and coffee. Dinner was served by a group of ladies.

Farmers manifested much interest in the display and the affair proved to be very interesting and enjoyable from beginning to end.

The visitors here to demonstrate the equipment were J. A. Britton, B. B. Lacy, H. M. Cox, F. K. Patchen, H. W. Nichols, A. E. Harvey and A. G. Donaldson.

METHODISTS OF E. CITY DISTRICT ASSEMBLE HERE

Workers From Every Section Crowd Local Church Tuesday

NAME GOALS

Missionary to Japan Explains Work In Island Country

Prominent Methodists from every section of the Elizabeth City District on Tuesday morning filled the local Methodist Church when a district Missionary Institute was held. The meeting began at 10 o'clock, and came to a close at 1 o'clock when a barbecue dinner was served to over 100 visitors in the parsonage by the ladies of the church.

In the afternoon a meeting of the conference board of Christian Education was held at which vital matters concerning the work of the church was discussed by Rev. Robert Bradshaw, executive secretary of the board; Mrs. Blanche Brian, director of young people's work; and Mrs. H. M. Wade, director of children's work.

The institute was presided over by Rev. B. B. Slaughter, presiding elder of the district, who after leading the devotional service, welcomed the visitors and expressed his gratification at the interest manifest by the large gathering.

Rev. E. G. Overton, pastor of the Moyock Memorial Church, made an excellent talk in the course of which he stressed the necessity and duty of church members to contribute to missionary work.

Rev. E. J. Rees, of Washington, N. C., very ably brought out the importance of using the proper church literature, and also stressed the missionary program of the church.

Of particular interest was the address of Rev. J. D. Stott, a missionary to Japan, who brought vividly to his hearers a picture of the missionary work in Japan. "I bring you a message from a people who know more about America than we know about Japan," said Mr. Stott at the outset of his remarks. The speaker explained that the missionary work is gradually shifting to the rural churches in Japan and that for a let-up in the work at this time would be detrimental to the cause.

The Japanese people as a whole, said the missionary, are a peace-loving nation, describing how protests have been made about various actions of the militarists. He further explained the crowded condition of the Japanese population and said they are reaching out and absorbing all the good possible from experiences of other nations. He expressed gratification at the progress of Christianity in the country, saying that in a few instances the church work has been subsidized by the government. The preachers also, according to the speaker, sacrifice a great deal to continue in the ministry, pointing out that many of them perform wonders on the meagre salary they receive. In conclusion he urged the support of the church in carrying the message of Christianity to a people who are eager to receive it.

Rev. H. I. Glass, of Elizabeth City, presented the goals of the Elizabeth City District for the year 1936. These included a wider circulation of the N. C. Christian Advocate, the church paper, and quite a number under the heads of finance, Christian Education, missions and evangelism.

The institute was a grand success and before departing for their homes the visitors were high in their praise of the splendid meeting and the hospitality afforded them during their brief stay in Edenton.

Tom Pruden Ruled Mentally Deficient

A jury of 12 men was empaneled Tuesday afternoon to pass upon the mental state of Tom Pruden, 50-year-old Negro, before Recorder Judge J. N. Pruden. A petition had been filed by his mother, Julia Pruden, setting forth that her son was an idiot since birth and was therefore incompetent to manage his own affairs from want of understanding.

The only witness placed on the stand was Dr. O. L. Holley, who testified that while Pruden was not dangerous and was fit to mingle with society, he was incapable of handling his own affairs.

The jury sided with the petitioner and a guardian will be appointed for Pruden by the Clerk of Court.