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Rotarians Discuss Present Important Edenton Needs

C. E. Kramer Presents Interesting Facts at Meeting

MORE TRADE AREA D. M. Warren Scores Lethargy of Present Generation

What no doubt was one of the most interesting Rotary meetings in a long time was held last Thursday when the Rotarians observed a round table discussion of the most important needs of Edenton at the present time. The program was in charge of Carroll Kramer and in opening the discussion Mr. Kramer brought to the attention of the club some very important information.

Mr. Kramer told his hearers that before the Chowan River bridge was built Edenton's trade territory was 128 square miles, covering a population of approximately 15,000. However, with the building of the bridge a new trade area of 480 square miles was added, reaching a new population of approximately 18,000, bringing Edenton's immediate trade territory at present to 608 square miles with a population of 32,000.

Mr. Kramer also presented figures showing that crops in the old Edenton trade area brought \$985,000, while the new legitimate trade area's crops netted \$1,839,000. He also told the Rotarians that at 9:30 P. M., two weeks ago an actual count of automobiles was made on Broad Street before the first show at the Taylor Theatre was over, and expressed his opinion that by far the majority of these cars brought people in from new trade territory. A recent check-up also revealed that an average of 380 passenger cars bearing other states' licenses tags, excluding Virginia, pass through Edenton daily.

"These are facts now facing us," said Mr. Kramer, "and I am anxious for the Rotarians to discuss them to the end that we may take advantage of the opportunities in our midst." John Graham was of the opinion that definite steps should be taken to attract the tourist trade, saying tourist money is available and the easiest money to secure. In his opinion Edenton should capitalize on the historical feature of the town, and launch a campaign to induce tourists to include Edenton on their trip and to offer inducements to have them spend sometime in the town.

D. M. Warren, however, while proud of Edenton's historical past, scored the present generation in that every business enterprise except the Albemarle Peanut Company, which was more or less a replacement, was put here by our fathers or grandfathers. He seemed concerned as to what future generations would think of the present generation if some initiative isn't taken for the building up of the town and taking advantage of the opportunities now presented.

Mr. Warren reiterated the increase in the number of depositors in the Bank of Edenton, which increase he attributed for the most part to newspaper advertising. "Despite the fact," said he, "that since the closing of the Citizens Bank we have had no competition, the bank has been the largest and most consistent advertiser in the Edenton newspaper as well as in several adjoining newspapers." He felt that a great opportunity is at hand for the expansion of business and that local business firms, apparently asleep at the switch, are passing up the opportunity to make Edenton the hub as a trading center in an area which is now sought by other towns.

Mrs. C. W. Wooley Dies At Home Of Daughter

Mrs. C. W. Wooley, aged 77, mother of Mrs. J. A. Crawford, died at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter here. The death of Mrs. Wooley occurred exactly two weeks after the death of Mr. Crawford's mother, who died in Georgia.

Mrs. Wooley's home was in Wagram, N. C., but she had spent much time in Edenton with Mrs. Crawford. She had been ill since December, when she suffered a paralytic stroke. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. A. Crawford and Mrs. D. A. Baxley, of Wagram; and two sons, Rush and Edmund Wooley, of Wagram.

Eight Keys To Court House Distributed

The historic Chowan County Court House is now locked at nights, as was ordered by the County Commissioners at their last meeting. Eight keys to the lock were made and distributed and for the convenience of any who may have to enter the building The Herald herewith publishes those who are in possession of a key:

Richard D. Dixon, clerk of court, Maurice L. Bunch, register of deeds; Sheriff J. A. Bunch, Paul Olsson, J. Edwin Bufflap, the Police Department, Fire Department, and Nelson Cross, janitor.

MARKER HERE FOR ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Will Be Erected As Soon As Instructions Are Received From Raleigh

The historical marker which will designate old St. Paul's Episcopal Church is now in Edenton and will be put in place upon receipt of instructions from Raleigh. The marker, together with the one for Roanoke Island, was brought here from Tarboro Friday by W. J. Davis, of the local Highway Department, and will be erected under the supervision of the Highway Department.

The marker, a beautiful metal sign with black lettering on an aluminum background, will undoubtedly claim the attention of tourists as they pass through town and will no doubt result in many stopping to see the old church who otherwise would have passed by.

The marker, designated A-1 bears the following inscription in letters about three inches in height: "St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Built in 1736. Graves of Colonial Governors Charles Eden and Henderson Walker."

Edenton was among the first to be granted one of these attractive markers and it is hoped that others will be placed here to call attention of strangers to the rich historical setting hereabouts.

THEATRE FILLED AT "TIN CAN MATINEE"

Almost 600 Children Get Free Ticket For Gathering Old Tin Cans In Edenton

As a result of The Herald's unique stunt in having the boys and girls rid the town of old tin cans, the Taylor Theatre on Wednesday afternoon was filled to capacity with youngsters who during last week's clean-up campaign trudged to The Herald office with anywhere from six to a dozen cans to secure a free ticket to the tin-can matinee Wednesday.

The special program was furnished in cooperation with the Taylor Theatre and aside from assisting in cleaning up the town, the stunt created considerable comment among the grown-ups who had watched the youngsters swamp The Herald office with tin cans of all description, when almost 600 tickets were handed out.

BLACK SNAKE CRAWLS UP ELLIE NIXON'S PANTS LEG

Ellie Nixon was bitten by a black snake last Thursday. Mr. Nixon, who lives in the Oak Grove section of Chowan County, was sitting on the running board of his brother's car when he felt something crawling up his pants leg. That something proved to be a black snake 4 feet long which bit him on the leg as he pulled it out. After the snake was thrown in the yard, it chased Mr. Nixon until he got in the house, where he secured a gun and shot it.

Legionnaires Hold Fish Fry On Tuesday Night

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will hold a fish fry at the Bisping Fishery next Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Those in charge anticipate an extraordinary affair in that Walter Bisping, operator of the fishery, has arranged to make a haul at the time the Legionnaires are assembled.

Those planning to attend the fish fry are urged to meet in front of the Edenton not later than 6:30

HARD WORKERS



Above is pictured Mayor E. W. Spires and Major M. P. Whichard, who last Thursday afternoon officially broke ground for the erection of the new Edenton Armory. Since then local WPA workers have started digging for the foundations and material is expected to arrive shortly to proceed with the erection.

MEETINGS CALLED BY ROWELL STUDY FARM PROGRAM

First One Will Be Held At Court House Today At 2 O'clock

URGED ATTEND

Hoped Some Misunderstanding Can Be Cleared Up

County Agent N. K. Rowell has arranged to have a meeting of farmers in the Court House today at 2 P. M., in order to discuss the new farm program, feeling that there may be some questions that have not been cleared up. He has also arranged similar meetings to be held at Oak Grove school on Friday at 4 P. M., Center Hill school on Saturday at 10 A. M.; Ryland school at 2 P. M., Saturday and Hudson Grove school the same afternoon at 4 P. M.

All farmers are urged to attend any of these meetings which are most convenient, with colored farmers urged to attend the one at the Court House or Hudson Grove. Mr. Rowell says there are no contracts to sign, but beginning Monday work sheets will be ready to be filled out and the committeemen will have sign-up days the first part of the week. The purpose of the work sheets will be to establish bases for all crops on the farm. A little later applications will be made for grants and payments will be made after compliance.

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the amount of cotton and peanuts to be planted this year, but there is little change to be made from the planting last year. We can increase cotton around 10 percent for the county as a whole, and if we decrease our peanuts in the same amount, we will be in line for both cotton and peanut payments. As will be recalled many farmers could not get a good stand and harvested much less than their permitted acres in cotton. Those who rented 100 percent of the cotton base or did not get a good stand can make a slight increase this year. As a whole, we are only required to make a 25 percent reduction in the cotton base. Some will want to reduce the full 35 percent and others, where the base is exceptionally low, will want to plant the entire base. We were permitted to plant 10,000 acres of peanuts last year, but only planted 9,000 acres under the contracts, so that this crop had already been reduced 10 percent and we are only asked to reduce 20 percent. You can make what reductions you want and will be paid accordingly, cotton up to 35 percent and peanuts up to 20 percent of the base.

According to the State Record for 1935, 18 percent of our cultivated land was in cotton, 25 percent in peanuts, 4 percent in soybeans, 9 percent in truck crops and the balance in miscellaneous crops. This gives an average of around 50 percent in money crops and the rest of the land is in corn, garden, pastures, miscellaneous crops or lying idle.

Mr. Rowell has sent letters to the farmers announcing the various meetings as well as submitting examples as to the method of diverting and depleting crops.

Canning Demonstration To Be Held Wednesday

A demonstration in canning of fruits and vegetables will be held in the Edenton High School on Wednesday afternoon, April 29, at 2 o'clock. All club members, and especially food leaders in the various clubs, are urged to attend.

REGISTRARS AND JUDGES ELECTION NAMED SATURDAY

Candidates For Office Must File Before Saturday, May 9

BOARD MEETS

Registration Books of County Close Saturday, May 23rd

The County Board of Elections met in executive session on Saturday, at which time it was announced that Saturday, May 9, is the last day for candidates to file for County offices in the coming primary election. Members of the Board present were: R. P. Badham, chairman, L. C. Burton and A. S. Smith.

The principal item of business transacted was the appointing of registrars and judges of election in the various precincts, which are as follows:

East Edenton—Registrar, Sarah H. Jones; judges, R. F. Elliott and George W. Leary.

West Edenton—Registrar, R. L. Spry; judges, W. W. Byrum, with the Republican member not named yet. Rocky Hock—Registrar, C. A. Haste; judges, W. H. Pearce and T. R. Tynch.

Center Hill—Registrar, R. H. Goodwin; judges, W. L. Belch and J. E. Lane.

Wardville—Registrar, George A. Hollowell; judges, T. L. Ward and C. J. Hollowell.

Yeopim—Registrar, R. A. Beasley; judges, W. E. Jordan and T. J. Hoskins.

L. C. Burton is secretary to the Board.

The registration books will be open on Saturday, May 9th, and will close Saturday, May 23rd, at sundown, with Saturday, May 30, being set aside as challenge day.

It will be necessary for all who have become twenty-one years of age prior to challenge day as well as any voter who has moved into a new precinct to register in order to vote in the approaching election.

Mrs. J. H. McMullan Is Made Certifying Agent

Mrs. J. H. McMullan has been appointed certifying agent for the Chowan County Welfare Department, according to information received this week by W. J. Taylor. William J. Wingate, field supervisor of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, sent the following information to Mr. Taylor confirming Mrs. McMullan's appointment:

"Conferred with Mrs. McMullan and after an analysis of educational and social experience appointed her as certifying agent for Chowan County Welfare Department."

This is an effort on the part of the State Welfare Department to increase the services of the County Welfare Department to the people of this County. The duties of the certifying agent are to certify persons to the federal agencies for employment and other assistance. The certifying agent makes investigations of all persons who may apply for aid to learn whether or not said persons should be certified for federal and local aid. Mrs. McMullan will certify applicants to the CCC. She will have charge of distribution of government surplus commodities such as food and clothing.

The certifying agent's office will be upstairs in the Nejam building. She will have certain days of each week for making distributions which will be announced later.

McDonald Speech Starts Political Pot Boiling Here

Z. T. Evans Files For Board Of Education

At the time The Herald went to press on Wednesday night only one candidate for office in Chowan County had filed notice of his candidacy with the Board of Elections.

The one filing was Z. T. Evans, who aspires to a seat on the County Board of Education.

J. C. Leary also filed, but withdrew his application Tuesday.

Rumors are afloat that other candidates will make announcements, but at this writing none have filed with the Board.

RED CROSS GOES "OVER THE TOP"

Latest Contributions To Fund Send Total Raised For Emergency To \$401.92

"We've gone over the top," enthusiastically said Mrs. J. N. Pruden Wednesday over the phone to The Herald office. She was referring to the \$400 quota for Chowan County in the Red Cross emergency fund for flood and tornado sufferers. Mrs. Pruden was happy to announce that Chowan residents had contributed to date \$401.92 toward the fund and that she was immediately going to send a check for the amount to Red Cross headquarters.

In her short conversation, Mrs. Pruden jubilantly concluded with "We can always depend on Chowan."

However, while the quota has been reached, Mrs. Pruden says the need is great and that more money is expected throughout the County, a number of churches not having completed their appeal for contributions.

Those who have contributed to the fund since last week are:

Warwick Baptist Church, Rev. Frank Cale, pastor	\$34.60
Kedesh M. E. Church, Rev. Trotter, pastor	3.70
Ed Bond Post	24.00
Mrs. J. S. Davis	1.00
Mrs. G. R. Lassiter	1.00

Charge Of Perjury Develops In Friday's Session Of Court

What appears to be the first charge of perjury in Chowan County in the memory of present court officials resulted in Recorder's Court on Friday morning, when Joseph Holley, colored, admitted that he gave false testimony on January 28, that resulted in Cecil Jordan, also colored, being held in jail until last Friday.

Holley and Jordan were charged with operating an automobile in a reckless and careless manner and feloniously assaulting J. D. Ward on Christmas Day when Mr. Ward and two companions were struck on the highway near Mr. Ward's home. At the trial on January 28, Holley testified that he was driving the car and that Jordan suddenly grabbed the steering wheel and turned the car into the trio who were off the hard surface in order to allow two cars to pass, resulting in Mr. Ward being painfully injured from which he has not yet fully recovered.

Jordan maintained his innocence at the former trial, but was held for probable cause for Superior Court, when a no true bill was returned and the case turned back to Recorder's Court. At Friday's session of court Holley admitted that he lied, giving as his only reason that Mr. Ward had told him he didn't think that he (Holley) would purposely run into him and that probably Jordan had grabbed the wheel. It was also testified Friday that Jordan was in the rear seat of the car at the time.

A motion for non-suit in Jordan's behalf was made by John White, which was promptly granted by Judge Pruden.

Holley was found not guilty of felonious assault, but was given 90 days for reckless and careless driving. A warrant was also immediately served on him charging perjury, bond being placed at \$1000.

CARLTON MASON NOW WITH DARE COUNTY TIMES, MANTEO

Friends in Edenton will be delighted to know that Carlton Mason, who for the past few months has been employed in Pinehurst, N. C., has accepted a position with the Dare County Times and is now located in Manteo. Mr. Mason will gather the news for the Times as well as solicit advertising, and will have charge of the publication which is edited by

Candidate For Governor Raps Down on Sales Tax

WANTS PEOPLE

Says Consumption Tax-ed Instead of Ability To Pay

Politics, which had been dormant in Chowan County, suddenly came to life since last Thursday when Dr. Ralph McDonald, one of the gubernatorial candidates, appeared in Edenton and addressed a gathering in the Court House. Since Mr. McDonald's address politics has been the principal topic of discussion and what appeared to be an uninteresting race so far as Chowan is concerned now takes on the possibility of a real hot race in that McDonald, Clyde Hoey and Sandy Graham have a large following wherever voters congregate.

Mr. McDonald was introduced by Mayor E. W. Spires, though the Mayor is working in the interest of Clyde Hoey's candidacy. Mr. Spires expressed the pleasure of the citizens at visitations from all out-of-town people and urged the attention and courtesy of all who had met to hear the speaker.

In beginning his speech Mr. McDonald commented on the mellowness of the atmosphere in Edenton, saying that he had been in the town on various occasions and was always impressed with the treatment he received.

"I come to you," said he, "in the interest and spirit of the Democratic party under the leadership of President Franklin Roosevelt, the greatest president the United States has ever had."

The speaker immediately started his attack on the sales tax, saying that the Democratic party was not responsible for low teachers' salaries, but that the party stood for improved schools. In every instance, said MacDonald, the national Democratic party has been opposed to a sales tax, which places a burden on consumption rather than ability to pay. He, therefore, challenged any voter to say he wants the sales tax because he is a Democrat.

The biggest burden on the present tax system, claimed Mr. McDonald, was the escaping of wealth and in this connection illustrated cases of building fences around wealth by which about one billion dollars worth of taxable property escapes taxation. Big concerns, he said, are for the sales tax and spent huge sums in the interest of the tax which he argued made the movement to maintain the tax very powerful and hard to get rid of.

"There is one thing to do and only one," he said, "that is to abolish it altogether, not a little at a time." He answered questions asked by voters as to where the money would come from to take the place of the sales tax. He agreed that the money must come from somewhere and suggested as this means 10 percent tax on incomes in the higher brackets, the taxing of dividends, increasing franchise tax on corporations that are well able to pay and to include chain filling stations that are owned by huge oil companies. Aside from this he would reduce expenses by cleaning out high appointive offices of politicians and fill offices with those trained to do the jobs. In this connection he commented on Lloyd Griffin as a lawyer running the schools of the State and a newspaper editor running the highways of North Carolina.

He scored the philosophy of "it can't be done," idea of other politicians, saying that it can be done and would be done if he has the people's help. He appealed to the people for support, saying that he had no politicians nor any money for campaigning and if he had the people on his side he had little need to worry from politicians.

He paid high tribute to the other candidates and said he has never spoken unkind of any of them nor would he even if he was defeated. "I am making a campaign on issues and not on personalities," he said.

West Chowan B.Y.P.U. Convenes In Ahoskie

The B. Y. P. U. group of the West Chowan Association will meet in the Baptist Church in Ahoskie on Tuesday, April 28th., at 7:30 P. M. Miss Winnie Rickett, State secretary, will be the principal speaker. Miss Rickett is visiting each Association for one day and requests each B. Y. P. U. in the association to have representatives at the meeting.