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Daughters Of Confederacy In District Meeting Today

Conference Today to Be Addressed by State President

AT HOTEL

Lively Program Mapped Out—Luncheon and Special Music

The meeting of the 14th district of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will convene on Thursday morning at the Hotel Joseph Hewes with the Bell Battery Chapter of Edenton as hostess.

Visitors will be met at the entrance of the hotel by the reception committee, Mrs. George P. Byrum, Mrs. Walter S. White and Miss Sophie Wood. Mrs. N. K. Rowell and Mrs. M. P. Whichard will register the delegates.

Mrs. John H. Anderson, president of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be the principle speaker.

The chairman of the meeting will be Mrs. J. M. Vail, with Mrs. Wood Privott acting as co-chairman.

A musical program will also be rendered by the men's quartette, composed of C. S. Cozart, Charles H. Wood, W. Jim Daniels and George W. Lassiter. Mrs. Clarence Cates will sing a solo, and Mrs. Wood Privott is scheduled for a selection on the piano.

Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock in the dining room of the hotel.

Following is the complete program:

Music, Mrs. J. M. Vail and Mrs. Wood Privott.

Song, "The Old North State."

Invocation, Rev. George W. Blount.

Greetings, Mayor E. W. Spires.

Welcome from Bell Battery Chapter, Mrs. George P. Byrum.

Response, Mrs. Madeline Norman, Plymouth, N. C.

Readings from "River Acres," Ruth Vail.

Report of District Director, Mrs. James G. Fearing.

Report of Chapters.

Address, Mrs. John H. Anderson, State President, Raleigh, N. C.

Round Table Discussion.

Memorial Hour, Mrs. Claudius McGowan, Plymouth, N. C.

Report of Courtesy Committee.

Luncheon.

25 TO GRADUATE IN LOCAL SCHOOL

Arrangements Made For Seventh Grade to Hold Separate Graduation Exercises

Graduation plans for Edenton High School are incomplete as yet, but sufficient has been settled upon to indicate the exercises will be held during the week of May 16. On the foregoing date the baccalaureate sermon will be preached, but no one has been selected for this purpose, nor has anyone been picked for the main commencement day address.

Principal John A. Holmes said yesterday that there would be 25 seniors this year enrolled for graduation eligibility, and that unlike other years there would be no recitation or declamation contest this spring. But there will be an open air concert of band music during commencement week.

Seventh graders, who have been pupils since starting school life and who will hereafter become students through graduation into higher educational studies, will hold their own exercises this year on Monday, May 17. Heretofore their transformation into high school circles has been a part of regular commencement proceedings, but Mr. Holmes has set aside this day for their own exclusive glory.

No Dog Inspector So Far Appointed

Though the 90-day period of inoculating dogs against rabies started on April 1, to date no official inspector has been named, nor has anyone been delegated in the various townships to attend to this phase of the State law regarding dog inoculation.

However, many dog owners are anxious to have their dogs treated and more than twenty-five have had this work done by J. P. Roberson, who last year acted as inspector. Mr. Roberson will inoculate dogs in an unofficial capacity, charging 25 cents for the serum and 25 cents for his work.

U. D. C. LEADERS



MRS. GEORGE P. BYRUM

Mrs. Byrum is president of Bell Battery Chapter, which is host to the 14th district meeting held at Hotel Joseph Hewes today.



MRS. JAMES G. FEARING

Mrs. Fearing, whose home is in Elizabeth City, is president of the 14th district, and will give her district report today.



MISS LILLIE GRANBY

Miss Granby is past president of the 14th district and will be an interested attendant at today's meeting.

Radio Stars Appear On Taylor Theatre Stage On Monday

Theatre-goers have a treat in store for them Monday when Franklyn Browne and Kay Lavelle, radio stars, will appear on the Taylor Theatre stage in person. This pair of outstanding entertainers have appeared on the Alka-Seltzer program on the radio and have been acclaimed all over the United States for their high class comedy. They will appear together with other vaudeville skits, which promises to be one of the best vaudeville shows ever to play in the local theatre.

FOUR PERFECT SPELLERS

The following girls and boys in the Fifth Grade, taught by Mrs. W. S. Summerell, made a perfect score in Spelling for the 7th month ending Wednesday: Sabrah Boyce, Joshua Davenport, Carolyn McMullan and Vernell Whitson.

COMMENCEMENT AT CHOWAN HIGH TO START MAY 2

New School Auditorium May Be Available For Exercises

GRIFFIN SPEAKER

Baccalaureate Sermon By Rev. C. A. Ashby; Contest Thursday

Commencement exercises in graduation of the senior class at the Chowan High School are scheduled to start on May 2, and if all goes through as hoped for may be held, to the happy expectation of the mid county countryside, in the new and attractively laid out auditorium of the recently constructed school building a quarter mile or so north of Cross Roads on the Suffolk Highway. Superintendent W. J. Taylor, who has been hard at work all winter hurrying the school completion through, is doing his utmost to have the graduation in the building, and this will be assured if seats for the gatherers arrive in time.

The exercises will start with a baccalaureate sermon on May 2 by Rev. C. Aylett Ashby, rector of old St. Paul's Church. Class night, always a gay and happy occasion for the young folks, will follow on Monday night, and Tuesday there will be an enlivening music recital. Wednesday will be a free day, usually devoted to reminiscing and farewells and on Thursday the graduation proper will take place.

Lloyd Griffin, of Edenton and secretary of the state school commission, will deliver the commencement address. Principal Pearly Baumgardner will formally present the class to Superintendent Taylor, who will present the diplomas to the young folks as their names and special honors are announced by Mr. Baumgardner. The annual Rotary club medal will be presented to the best all around senior.

Prior to the commencement the annual recitation and declamation contest of the school will take place on April 29 in Ballard's Bridge Church. Special medals for honors in this will be presented by the Bank of Edenton and by Campen's, Edenton jewelers.

COMMITTEEMEN WORK ON MAKEUP OF TOWN BOOKLET

Seriousness and Artistry Remain Key-tenets of Publication; Issue Arouses Interest For Other Civic Needs

Editorial and style make up work in connection with the forthcoming booklet to be published by Edenton through The Chowan Herald, were gone into thoroughly at a conference of the publications committee on Wednesday. It has been decided the booklet shall be around 32 pages in size, depending, of course, upon the number of illustrative features used and the length of the printed matter which will go into it.

This means the publication may be larger or have less pages as the preliminary plans progress. Those at work on its preparation remain a unit as to the advisability of keeping it a concise little volume that can be observed and read and thoroughly understood in a short space of time. In this connection none of the different chapters will be more than a page or two in length—the ones devoted to the ancient past of this section and the ones treating of present day activities and the town's future destiny, the former being written by Richard D. Dixon and the latter by Mayor Spires, to be probably the longest ones in the book.

In its entirety the publication is not to be strictly a civic guide but rather a written force directing attention to this area and its trade center opportunities. It is not intended it should solely describe Edenton as a place to visit or travel through so much as to locate it geographically as a forthcoming center of industry, and to emphasize this center as a focal point to which outside business can come and from which a much great trade goes and will continue to with the advent of the new vehicular bridge over the sound.

The Herald is glad it initiated the movement for the booklet if for no other reason than that the discussion concerning it has aroused a long latent interest in the community's business life. Since the response (Continued on Page Five)

ROTARIANS AND LIONS IN DONKEY GAME APRIL 29

World's "Greatest" In-field On View For First Time

AND LAST (?)

Chance of a Lifetime, So Be on Hand and Help Worthy Cause

Fun galore is in store for people in this section on Thursday, April 29, when Lions and Rotarians will combat for supremacy in a game of donkey baseball. The date was definitely set Saturday by Jesse White, who has made arrangements for the game.

Only one game will be played, that to take place at night on the local baseball diamond.

Fourteen trained donkeys, coming from Mexico and Texas, are furnished as well as an experienced man to manage the game who also takes the place of umpire. Bats and balls are also furnished.

It was at first thought two games would be played, one in the afternoon and another at night, but after careful thought it was decided to have only one contest at night when flood lights will be provided for the affair.

The two civic clubs take no chance of financial loss, the game being staged on a 60-40 basis, the latter percentage being equally divided between the Edenton Lions and Rotary Clubs. It is hoped a large crowd from a wide area attends the game inasmuch as the Lions share of the stunt will go to help defray expenses in connection with eye clinics while the Rotarians will no doubt devote its share to crippled children work.

Considerable interest in the game has been aroused among the two clubs and lineups have already been selected. Millard Bond will act as manager for the Rotarians with Earl Goodwin named as captain. For the Lions Graham Byrum will be manager and Caleb Goodwin captain.

Millard Bond last Thursday urged Rotarians to visit C. N. Griffin's mule stables in order to get some practice, or at least become acquainted with donkeys. While Lions no doubt will be hanging around Hobbs and Moran's stables in order to make suitable proficiency in the requirements of the game.

Mr. Bond has not definitely decided upon his lineup, but more than likely he will use Gus Moore in the box with Dick Holmes on the relieving end. Mint Warren is figured to be the best shortstop and John Holmes has first base cinched. Oscar Brown is slated for second base and Jim Holmes at third. Due to Parson Ashby's strong voice, he will be placed in left field so that he can warn Paul Olsson and Major Rowell, the other two fielders, which way to drive the donkeys. Marvin Jackson will not be allowed to play because he messes around with cows. Of course other Rotarians are available and will be on the bench (Continued on Page Five)

District FFRA Meet Held In Edenton

Thirty-five field supervisors and their office assistants identified with the Federal Farm Resettlement Administration, are winding up a two day instructional conference here today. The visitors are here from twenty counties of eastern North Carolina and are all connected with the work of the Edenton office under the district supervision of George C. Wood.

The conference began around noon yesterday and was held in the Parish House, being interspersed with luncheons in several of the local restaurants and a sumptuous dinner last night at the Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Vance E. Swift, State director of FFRA work, had charge of the conference and explained that it was but one of a series he, as a new North Carolina chieftain, was holding throughout the State. It was his desire to meet all the field workers, he said, and he felt this plan of regional gatherings was a good way.

Jack H. McMullan Is Out To Succeed Mayor Spires

HAT IN RING



J. H. McMULLAN
Jack, as his friends familiarly know him, on Monday announced his candidacy for Mayor of Edenton. He was Mayor 30 years ago.

LARGE CATCHES HERRING TURNED IN HEREABOUTS

Veritable Beehive of Activity at Various Fish Houses; Sightseers At Cannon's Ferry

Fishermen hereabouts are reporting record catches of herring as a result of the recent few days of real springlike weather, and the three packing houses in this area are working day and night shifts trying to keep up with the great quantities of fish being unloaded on their wharves. Of course no actual count can be made but netters are estimating that the Chowan river alone is giving up around 2,000,000 herring a day with eighteen more days to come before the season is officially out.

Last year, according to reports made at a winter meeting of Albemarle fishermen, something like 65,000,000 herring were netted in this area. They are not so hopeful this year owing to the lateness of the annual herring pilgrimage into northern Chowan waters. Actually it was not until this week that great catches were reported, and you can believe the editor when he says they have been stupendous catches.

A visit Tuesday to the new and highly modern packing house and roe cannery at Cannon's ferry offered sufficient proof. The fish were being unloaded and shunted through all kinds of pp-to-date mechanisms— (Continued on Page Five)

Opposition To Erecting Norfolk Southern Pier

The Norfolk Southern Railroad's ambition to build a pier extending from the present freight depot toward Willis Warehouse has been abandoned. The purpose of the pier was to enable the railroad to load materials for the new bridge on to boats to be cooveyed to the bridge site.

Town Council at its last meeting was agreeable to the pier erection, the agreement drawn up depending upon property owners along the waterfront. The idea in mind was to maintain a payroll within the city which otherwise might be removed elsewhere.

However, Mrs. William J. Leary and Mrs. J. H. Holmes, as well as other citizens are unalterably opposed to the pier which opposition apparently they would carry to court. The railroad, it is understood, would resort to another alternative, that of renting the railroad right-of-way from John G. Wood and build a spur to the water. However, objection has been heard concerning this move, and as The Herald went to press the matter has been dropped.

26 Examined At Eye Clinic Held Tuesday

Twenty-six presented themselves at the eye clinic held in Dr. Julian Selig's office in the Citizens Bank Building Tuesday. The clinic was sponsored by the Lions Club in cooperation with the County Welfare Department.

Careful examinations were made in each case, but on Wednesday W. J. Taylor was unable to tell just how many would need glasses.

Former Boy Executive Now Seeks Re-election In Maturity

IN THE BAG (?)

Aspirant Makes Lively Declaration; No Opposition Expected

Usually pretty placid and unexcited about such things Edenton woke up and took a little interest in its forthcoming biennial spring election set for May 4, when J. H. McMullan, who was mayor here in his youth 30 years ago, declared himself this week as willing to be mayor again, this time in his robust maturity, to succeed E. W. Spires, who has announced he will not make the run again. The McMullan declaration and a previous one by all of the incumbent Councilmen that they will seek re-election, have the town feeling that it is already all over but the shouting, though there is still plenty of time for other aspirants to mix in the race if they so desire.

Mr. McMullan's entry has a decidedly human angle, and shows how fast time flies and can be forgotten. Few recalled the exact period of the previous McMullan Mayoralty, one prominent resident saying "about 12 or 15 years ago," and another remarking "not over twenty years back." Yet the records speak eloquently and show that Jack, as the community knows him, was Mayor in the 1907 days when Edenton was boosted out of its communal diapers into short pants, and now seems on its way to long trousers and mature and energetic industrial life.

The present Mayoralty candidate hadn't much more than landed home from college with a mind imbued with all sorts of theories relating to civic progress, when he declared himself out to boss Edenton and use it to exploit his ideas of advancement. Old timers recall he put his theories into quick execution and that the town profited largely by them. One term as Mayor satisfied him, however, and he switched to greater opportunity, so he thought, in the State law mill as a Representative and as a Senator. There he was active, too, and what he did to secure the connection of the north side Albemarle with the Chowan-Roanoke section by advocating the construction of a bridge across the Chowan River, brought about the bridge and pulled Edenton from a period of isolation into one of closer industrial association with the rest of the world.

And now is to come the great vehicular bridge across the sound, largely the result of strenuous and persistent labor by the present Mayor, and McMullan says he sees in this where "Edenton may take advantage of the new opportunities incident to an expanding trade era to actively promote her economic and industrial welfare." That and the double fact that no one else seems willing to make the race and because the time is short for such a declaration of candidacy, Mr. McMullan declared himself Monday in this formal manner:

"A week ago several persons identified with various interests of the Town of Edenton waited on me and asked that I allow my name to be presented for the office of Mayor. I (Continued on Page Five)

FIFTH MARKER

Edenton's long awaited official highway marker designating the Chowan Court House as a point of great historic interest, got here this week and is now installed on the east side of Broad Street almost in front of the home of C. H. Wood. The marker evidences again the refusal of the State Historical Commission to admit the Court House was built in 1767 as has always been and is still claimed here, the stamped phrase "Built about 1767" being the nearest approach to such an admission.

The marker, the fifth set up in Edenton, carries the initial insignia "A.I.I." and states upon its double face "Chowan County Court House. Oldest Court House in use in N. C. Built about 1767. Whig center in Revolution. 3 Blocks southeast."

Other markers placed in Edenton point the way to St. Paul's Church, "Hayes," former home of Governor Samuel Johnston, the James Fredell home on East Church Street, and a fourth telling travelers who Joseph Hewes was, and that he lived here.