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Commencement Exercises At Edenton Hi Start Sunday

Seniors Graduate Wednesday Night — Seventh Grade Monday

25 IN CLASS

All Churches to Attend Baccalaureate Ceremonies

Commencement exercises of Edenton High School will be held next week beginning Sunday night when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Leonard W. Topping, pastor of the Presbyterian Church. This exercise will be held at 8 o'clock with the graduating class dressed in caps and gowns, occupying the stage in the auditorium. In connection with this sermon, the various churches of the city have called off their night service and members of the congregations will worship with the graduates at the school.

A special feature of commencement this year will take place Monday night, when at 8 o'clock the High School Band will hold a concert in the auditorium. This will be followed by separate commencement exercises for the seventh grade which is a departure from former years when seventh graders were merely presented their diplomas along with the seniors.

Class day exercises will be held Tuesday night, and if present plans carry and the weather does not interfere, this entertaining feature of commencement activities will be held in front of the school building. In case of bad weather the program will be carried out in the auditorium.

Final exercises will be held Wednesday night, when 25 seniors will complete their school work in Edenton and for their efforts will be presented diplomas. The principal speaker for the occasion will be Jasper A. Memory, of Wake Forest College, and a crowded auditorium is again expected.

Members of the graduating class are: Edward Bass, Dorothy Bufflap, James Byrum, Wendell, Copeland, Frances Dail, Thomas Francis, Mary Habit, Mabel Ruth Harrell, Christine Hassell, Ewell Hobbs, Marguerite Hollowell, Melvin Layton, Lillian Mizelle, Kathryn Perry, Mary Perry, William Pierce, Dorothy Saunders, Pattie Sitterson, Doris Small, James Stillman, Gladys Upton, Pearl Whichard, William Allen White, Myrtle Wilkins and Hattie Williams.

Articles Written For Edenton's Booklet

That articles being written for Edenton's booklet will be turned in by May 15 was practically assured Monday night when a meeting was held of those who have agreed to do the writing for this publication. A number of the articles were turned in at the meeting and while others had not completed their stories they stated that information was at hand and in all probability the stories would be written by Saturday.

A "dummy" of the booklet was also submitted, giving a general idea of the amount of space to be devoted to the various subjects as well as positions of the almost two dozen views of Edenton which will be printed. The idea of terseness is carried out in the layout with the historical significance of Edenton claiming possibly the greatest amount of space, followed by an article presenting Edenton as it is today and the advantages offered tourists as well as laying before potential business interests and others information that may induce visitors to come to Edenton and possibly result in some locating here.

After all articles are turned in they will be edited and checked as to accuracy and pulling cover and then will follow any deletion to conform to the space allotted each particular topic.

Presiding Elder To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. B. B. Slaughter of Elizabeth City, presiding elder, will preach at the Edenton Methodist Church Sunday at the morning service, following which the quarterly conference will be held.

Mr. Slaughter is a very interesting speaker and members of all denominations are invited to hear him.

Don't fail to attend the state exhibit at the Cupola House this week.

Ladies Of Garden Club Appreciative

The Antique Exhibition at the Cupola House was formally opened Wednesday morning. The display includes hundreds of things of historical and sentimental interest.

The committee in charge of furnishings has been greatly pleased with the co-operation shown by the entire town. Many of the articles shown were offered voluntarily by the owners. For this kindness and generosity the Garden Club is deeply appreciative.

Famous Radio Stars On Taylor Theatre Stage Next Monday

The Hill-Billies of Kentucky and Tennessee, Emerson's Mountaineers, coming to the Taylor Theatre, Edenton, on Monday, May 17, is one of America's famous attractions and a treat for any one who sees them.

They have been featured radio stars for the past few years and well-known to everybody by their lilting songs, stories and strange instrumentations.

Tom Emerson was born in Cookeville, Tennessee, where he was known as the champion "Shindig" and "Hog-Caller."

Kang ran a general store in Pineville, Kentucky, and was the first one known to get music out of pots, pans, spoons, etc., so one day he rigged up a washboard, with all his kitchen utensils, added an automobile horn, started out for Tennessee where he met Tom Emerson. Together they traveled through Oklahoma seeking fame and fortune, and while traveling through Oklahoma they met Short Stokes, singing and yodeling to the accompaniment of his guitar. Every Saturday night they would work at the Town Hall in Wynoka.

"Nimpy" Santley, the accordion player, used to broadcast at a local station in Jenkins, Ky., and after writing him, Lou, Hank and Shorty set out to meet him, later on they met Johnny Saunders, banjo player, and his brother Hi who played string base, and on to the big city they went. There they were spotted by a big movie director who engaged them immediately for their first start in Fox-Educational Pictures and have made numerous shorts and are still making more for Fox, Warner Brother, Paramount and Universal.

FORMALITY SETS BACK ABC VOTE

Badham Awaits Written Request From Commissioners

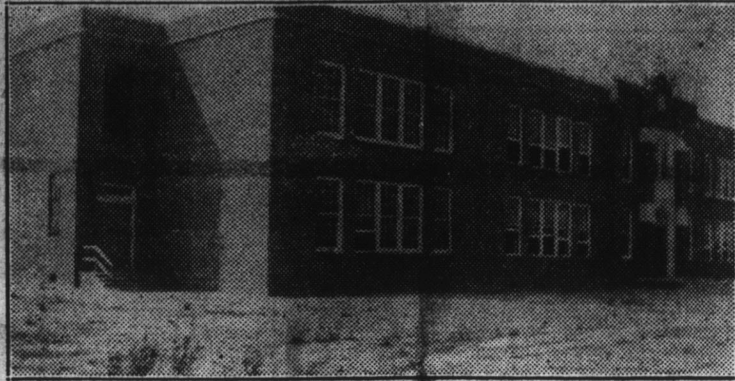
No definite date has been set for Chowan County's election to decide whether or not an ABC liquor store will be set up in the County. At the regular meeting of the County Commissioners last week they voted to request an election on the matter, but the County Board of Elections has not been officially notified and hence no definite date has been set as The Herald went to press.

R. P. Balham, chairman of the Elections Board, is taking every precaution that the election will be held in accordance with law, which in the first instance requires receipt of a resolution signed by the County Commissioners. This resolution on Wednesday was being circulated among the County Commissioners with instructions to be returned to D. M. Warren, chairman. However, Mr. Warren was out of the city Wednesday and Mr. Badham will not set an election date until he receives the official notification from the Commissioners.

Public notice of 20 days must be given before the registration books are opened and a like number of days must be afforded voters to register in order to vote, if they have not been registered in a previous county election or have moved to a different precinct.

Considerable interest is being aroused over the election, with those opposed to bootlegging interests anxious to have a showdown, and those opposed to liquor in any form already urging voters to cast a ballot against a legal liquor store.

CHOWAN'S NEW SCHOOL



Though not entirely completed the above new school building at Small's Cross Roads, which replaces the one destroyed by fire, is the source of considerable pride to upper Chowan residents. The building will be completed in time for the next term of school and friends were made happy last week by the fact that the auditorium was sufficiently temporarily equipped to hold Class Day and graduating exercises in the new building.

CHOWAN SENIORS GRADUATE FROM NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Nineteen Scholars Given Diplomas In New Auditorium

GRIFFIN SPEAKER

Commencement Week Memorable One For Mid County Folk

Coupling their delight over the near completion of the fine new Chowan High School building with their proud pleasure at the annual graduation of nineteen of the institution's scholars, more than 600 mid and upper county residents crowded the hastily finished auditorium of the handsome structure last Thursday night at the fifteenth commencement exercises of the school.

Against many obstacles, federal and state, they had fought for a year for the replacement of the old school destroyed by fire in February, 1936, and in many ways they evidenced their happiness over their success and the result, in none, perhaps, better than by jamming the beautiful auditorium with their presence. With a seating capacity of 480 the auditorium was quickly filled. Scores crowded the aisles in addition. Others found improvised seats on window sills, while still others stood on the outside steps to cheer lustily at the proceedings indoors.

Lloyd Griffin delivered the formal address to the grey gowned graduates about to realize what life holds in store for them. Principal Pearly L. Baumgardner handed them their diplomas encased in leather bindings as heretofore. County Superintendent W. J. Taylor stood by smiling and later awarded certificates of honor to 30 seventh graders who enter a higher curriculum next fall, and J. A. Moore, representing the Edenton Rotary Club, presented a Rotary loving cup with two winners' names inscribed thereon as most representative of their class.

These high spot features together with glee club singing all went to make the occasion a memorable eve of a future life where addresses and diplomas and singing are more likely to be individual than collective. The Sunday before they had heard Rev. C. A. Ashby in a baccalaureate sermon, and on Wednesday night they had made merry at their class day exercises, while on last Friday (Continued on Page Six)

Large Number Inspect Catholic Parsonage

Father Gross, pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church, as well as members of the congregation, were very well pleased Sunday afternoon to have a large number of friends call at the new parish house adjoining the church when open house was held between 2 and 4 o'clock. For the most part surprise was expressed by the visitors at the well appointed and attractively furnished rooms, all containing the latest equipment in home furnishings.

All of the decorating work was done by Mr. Gross, which was reason for considerable praise especially from the ladies who attended.

NEW YORK VISITOR

H. Fred Ewers of New York City, was a visitor in Edenton Tuesday enroute to Oregon Inlet on a fishing trip. Mr. Ewers is well-known in Edenton, having visited here frequently when connected with the Edenton Daily News.

FISHING SEASON END MARKED BY NO ENTHUSIASM

Fewer Herring Reported Caught Than In Any Recent Year

25,000,000

Banks Feel Effect of Short Season and Poor Net Hauls

The annual season for commercial fishing in Albemarle waters, this year, the shortest in the state's history, came to a close Tuesday night, and from every angle is reported as one of the poorest in local fishing annals. The catch of shad has been so infinitesimal as to be hardly noticeable, and the herring catch, always stupendously large in adjacent waters, is said to have been about half what it was last year.

Of course no definite numerical statistics can be arrived at as to either shad or herring, nor rock nor any other fish as far as that goes. Estimates are all that have been given out. At the federal fish hatchery Superintendent Vincent said something like 7,000,000 shad eggs had been secured for propagation, but as an average roe shad will spawn or can be stripped of around 20,000 eggs the number secured by the hatchery does not represent many shad. Nor is the propagation large when it is understood the hatchery, according to federal fishery records, has handled in olden days as high as 200,000,000 eggs in a season.

Some seiners fix the shad catch this year as around 5,000, but Julien Wood and others are inclined to enlarge on this total. They say that 5,000 means just no shad at all, and expressed themselves as confident the total would be at least twice that amount. Also, they repeated they could well remember the time when the shad hauls in nearby waters totaled a million fish each spring.

As for herring, again guesswork is all that is offered further than the frank admission less than a week of good catches was all that was had during the season. Last year Sydney Smith, president of the Albemarle Fishing Association, reported a total catch about here of 65,000,000 or 70, (Continued on Page Five)

E. H. S. Senior Class Completes Annual

Edenton seniors are to be complimented for their annual, The Edentonian, which has just been completed. The entire book, aside from the cover, is a product of the seniors both as to make-up and printing, which was done on the school's mimeograph machine. The cover, carrying a picture of the old Chowan Court House, was printed in The Herald office, where the book was also bound.

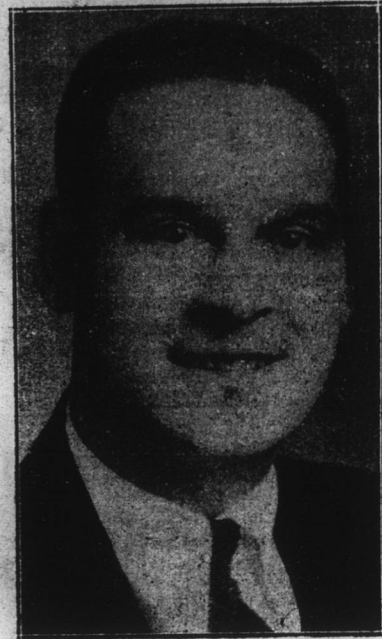
The annual, containing 37 pages, is neatly printed and contains interesting information regarding members of the senior class as well as other school activities and advertisements, which made the publication possible.

The staff is made up as follows: Editor-in-chief, Wendell Copeland; assistant editor, Marguerite Hollowell; business manager, Mabel Ruth Harrell; art editor, William White; assistant art editor, Mary Perry; athletic editor, Ewell Hobbs; senior editor, Hattie Williams.

The books will be sold to the members of the senior class, with a limited number printed for any friends who would like to have one.

Edenton's Past Visualized At Cupola House Exhibition

EVANGELIST



REV. LEROY K. DODGE
Evangelist Dodge, of Dayton, Ohio, who is now conducting revival services nightly at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in North Edenton.

Visiting Evangelist Preaching Nightly At North Edenton Church

Evangelist Rev. LeRoy K. Dodge, of Dalton, Ohio, is conducting a series of revival meetings at the Full Gospel Tabernacle, 400 First Street, North Edenton, Rev. Kelley Wigfield, pastor.

Evangelist Dodge has had a wide experience in preaching the gospel, having been called to preach from a professional life as a mechanical dentist. Rev. Mr. Dodge was dental assistant at Fort Caswell, N. C., during the World War. His experiences in the prison world have been many, having preached for three years in Auburn State Prison, New York, was eye witness to the two terrible prison riots, deaths and escapes; and at one time acted as chaplain of the prison. Many other large prisons, reformatories, jails, and county institutions have been visited by the evangelist with the gospel. He has had experience as chaplain of the County Home and Hospital in New York, doing relief work among the poor and needy. Rev. Mr. Dodge organized the Auburn Radio Gospel Sunshine Club, and has broadcast from many cities, having just closed a revival over the air in Pontiac and Flint, Mich., each day as well as the regular meeting each night, was on the old-time religion hour at the Gospel Tabernacle at Detroit, Mich., broadcasting from Royal Oak.

Evangelist Dodge will preach every night at 7:45, except Saturday, and twice on Sunday. The Sunday evening sermon subject will be, "The Coming Crash." Everybody is cordially invited to attend any or all services.

LOCAL SOFT BALL LEAGUE ASSURED

Masons, Rotarians, Red Men and Lions Ap-point Committees

Following the game of donkey baseball last week considerable interest has been aroused over soft ball in Edenton and within less time than a week games no doubt will be played. It is the purpose to form a league of either four or six teams representing various organizations in town.

That this rapidly increasing popular game will soon be played is evident by a meeting held Wednesday night of committees from different groups, including the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Masons and Red Men. It is also hoped to secure representation in the league of the American Legion and Woodmen of the World. However, the latter two organizations were not represented at Wednesday's meeting and if they fail to enter a team it is altogether likely that a team from the Young Men's Bible Class of the Baptist Sunday School or the high school will make entries.

Games will be played under flood lights at Hicks Field starting about 7:30 o'clock and according to intention (Continued on Page Five)

Wonderful Display of Priceless Antiques and Relics Until Sunday

MANY VISITORS

Garden Club Sponsoring Project to Freshen Up Old Mansion

Edenton's first collective visual representation of what home comforts were like here 150 or 200 years ago is being afforded the public for the rest of this week in the exhibition of antiques and historic relics and mementoes being displayed at the Cupola House. The exhibition, being sponsored by the Garden Club in the hope sufficient funds will be raised to paint, redecorate and regild the Cupola House property, began yesterday by drawing a large crowd from here and throughout the state and Virginia, and will end Sunday night.

Anyway it is viewed the exhibition is especially noteworthy, but none more so than in the direct connection the exhibits have with a past of which the section has rightfully been so proud. Handsome pieces of cabinet work are being shown and loaned by many of the old families of the town and from the ancient homes along the shore front.

Actually the exhibit had for its purpose the assemblage in the Cupola House of as much as possible of the furnishings that were there when the place was in the heyday of its glory and before want and need led to their sale and dissemination everywhere. Those known to have had these pieces in their possession responded earnestly and willingly to the Garden Club's appeal for their temporary usage at the exhibit.

It all depends, of course, upon how you reckon antiques, whether you value them because of the importance of the wood working old masters who made them, like Chippendale, Sheraton, the Adams, Phyfe and others, as to how you stress the importance of this display. For instance there is the almost priceless Tea Party table and chairs, other chairs from the Tea Party house, one of Mrs. Andrew Knox, sister of Penelope Barker, additional pieces of the Tea Party china service, a table and a lovely chest brought from England in 1758 by Francis Corbin, who built the house, and countless other historic relics of great value.

All these things are fine, unusual, historically priceless, perfect in craftsmanship, and so on, but if you go thoroughly through the exhibit don't fail to see the small four poster bed, chest, chairs and cradle in a third floor attic room. Not from beautiful mahogany or heavy walnut were they made. Instead they are of yellow Albemarle pine, and about as fine pieces as there are in the whole exhibit, perhaps not in value, of course, but in work.

The exhibit is featuring, also a luncheon and an afternoon tea for those who attend at a reasonable price. There are also a number (Continued on Page Five)

Season Reopens For Hook And Line Fishing

Local anglers are again permitted to seek their favorite fishing holes, the closed season for hook and line and rod and reel fishing terminating Sunday. Quite a few hereabouts gave their fishing tackle a thorough inspection over the week-end and are now ready to try their luck during the remainder of the summer.

For those who get more pleasure hooking drum and blue fish, anxious eyes have turned toward the Nags Head and Oregon Inlet fishing grounds, where several Edenton parties have already had right fair luck.

Club Women Plan Tour To Asheville

The home demonstration clubs of Chowan County are now planning for a three-day tour to Asheville. The trip will be made June 8, 9 and 10, and according to present arrangements the maximum number to be taken is 20. All who contemplate making the trip should see the president or secretary of their club immediately and make a \$2.00 deposit on the cost which is \$12.50, including transportation, hotel rooms and meals.

Miss Colwell, home agent, is hopeful that the full quota of 20 women will make the trip.