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25 Graduates At Edenton School Wednesday Night

Jasper L. Memory of Wake Forest Principal Speaker

AWARDS MADE

Class Day Exercises an Unique Affair Held Out Doors

Twenty-five members of the Edenton High School senior class received their diplomas Wednesday night, thus bringing to a close their school career in the Edenton school. The graduates, dressed in neat caps and gowns, occupied the stage of the school auditorium to listen to an extremely interesting graduation address delivered by Jasper L. Memory, of Wake Forest College. As in previous years, the auditorium was unable to hold the crowd of relatives and friends who were anxious to witness the final event in the commencement exercises.

Following the processional the invocation was made by Rev. Frank Cale, after which Mrs. Gordon Blow's Glee Club sang two numbers, and Miss Pauline Sprinkle sang a solo. At this point Mr. Memory spoke, and again Mrs. Blow's Glee Club presented two more numbers.

John A. Holmes then presented the diplomas, after which the Rotary Cup and medals were awarded.

The Rotary Cup, for the best all-around student during the four years in scholarship, citizenship and extra curricula activities was awarded to Mabel Ruth Harrell, O. H. Brown presenting the cup on behalf of the Edenton Rotary Club.

The scholarship medal was awarded to Wendell Copeland.

Miss Harrell was also awarded the activities medal.

The athletic medal was awarded to Melvin Layton.

Special recognition was also accorded Dorothy Bufflap, who completed her 11 years in the Edenton school with a perfect attendance record.

Following the presentation of the Rotary Cup and medals the exercises came to a close with benediction by Rev. Frank Cale.

The seniors who were presented their diplomas includes: 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 Whitchard, William Allen White, Myrtle Wilkins and Hattie Williams.

At the same time seventh graders who next year will enter upon their high school career were presented their certificates. This group held exercises of their own Monday night, but on account of examinations could not be presented at that time.

The 61 who received their grammar grade diplomas were:

Helen Ashbell, Jack Barrow, Olivia Barrow, William Bazemore, Fearing Beale, Hilda Beale, Dora Dean Blake, James Bond, Doris Brown, Billy Brunson, Margaret Bunch, Annie Macon Byrum, Muriel Byrum, Murray Byrum, Sammy Cates, Annie Norman Chesson, Jimmie Chestnut, Nancy Chestnut, Thelma Copeland, Lawrence Corprew, Linwood Edwards, Elton Forehand, David Godwin, Beatrice Hare, Cornelia Hare, Della Hare, Worth Hare, Samuel Harris, John Hassell, Virginia Hicks, Juanita Hayman, Earl Hudson, Frances Hollowell, Mary Elizabeth Jones, William Knox, Robert McClaren, Olivia McClaren, Fannie Mizelle, Hilda Mizelle, Carolyn Oglesby, Marian Overton, Edward Parker, Alvin Parks, Reuben Perry, Ruth Perry, Virginia Perry, Norbert Sawyer, Ruth Selby, Lula Mae Smith, Margaret Spivey, Cullen Swindell, Hettie Waff, Catherine Ward, Chris Ward, Ella Ward, Alice White, Grace Wilkins, Beulah Williams, Esther Williams, Heywood Ziegler, Luther Parks.

One hundred and thirty-seven in the Edenton school turned in a perfect attendance record for the term. These by grades follow:

First Grade—Ralph Donald Harrell, Nelson Nixon, Maurice Waff, Gene White.

Second Grade—Charlotte Bunch, William Carey Bunch, Richard Coffield, Rodney Harrell, Roger Haskett, Leamon Jethro, Myrtle Edwards, Carlton Smith, Leonard Small, Annie

PERFECT RECORD



DOROTHY ANNE BUFFLAP
Miss Bufflap, a member of the Edenton High School graduating class, on Wednesday set a record for students to shoot at when she completed her 11-year public school career in Edenton by hanging up a perfect attendance record. During the 11 years she has not missed a single day nor has she arrived at school tardy any time.

Music Recital At Colerain Tuesday

Music pupils of Mrs. C. T. Roebuck will give a recital Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Woman's Club hall at Colerain, to which the public is invited.

Children taking part on the program are: Ella Beth McCrery, Anne Beasley, Lillian Callis, Lillian Adams and Roselind Holtzman.

BIBLE SCHOOL TO START MONDAY

Sessions Will Be Resumed at Methodist Church

The annual daily vacation Bible School of the Methodist Church will be held for two weeks, beginning Monday, May 24th, at nine A. M.

Last year the school was a real success, children from all denominations of Edenton attending. This year it is even more interdenominational with teachers from other churches assisting in teaching. The four departments of the school this year and the teachers of these are: Beginners' Department—Mrs. G. A. Helms and Mrs. J. W. Munch. Primary Department—Mrs. W. J. Daniels and Mrs. R. E. Leary. Junior Department—Mrs. W. E. Baker and Mrs. L. C. Lewis. Intermediate Department—Rev. George W. Blount.

The assistants are Mrs. W. W. Byrum, Mrs. E. L. Ward, Miss Kathleen Barrow.

The work of the school includes study, singing, and play, besides a brief devotional period each day.

Services Continue At N. Edenton Church

Evangelist L. K. Dodge, of Dayton, Ohio, who is conducting revival meetings at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in North Edenton, will continue all this week and next. Prayers and meetings are held each morning at 10 o'clock. Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, there will be a special children's rally, when the evangelist, dressed in convict uniform, will complete the story of prison life and how to escape.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Dodge will bring a special message to the sick and afflicted, on what the Bible says about healing and how to obtain it. Special prayer for the sick will be offered at this service for all who request it.

Sunday night the evangelist will bring the message on the story of the two terrible Auburn New York State prison riots, deaths and escapes. Rev. Mr. Dodge, who was an eye witness and knew the three principal keepers murdered by convicts, will tell how criminals are made, where they come from, and how prisons breed criminals. "Convicts in the Eyes of God and Man," is the subject.

Rev. Kelly Wigfield is pastor of the Tabernacle. Everybody is welcome.

SOFT BALL PLAY TO BE STARTED TUESDAY NIGHT

4-Club League Formed; Lions and Masons In First Game

BY FLOOD LIGHT

Twice a Week Schedule Through to August Announced

Edenton's soft ball league will definitely get under way Tuesday night when the Lions and Masons will play the first scheduled game on Hicks Field. The second game will take place the following Friday night when the Red Men and Rotary teams clash in their first game.

Floodlights have been erected on the diamond and in preparation for the first game Jim Daniels, manager of the Masons' aggregation, has called for a practice at 6:30 tonight. Graham Byrum, manager of the Lions, has his team practically selected and will hold a practice Friday night, at which time it is expected a few innings will be played with candidates for the Red Men team. Raleigh Hollowell, manager of the Red Skins is hopeful of putting a strong team on the field and urges every Red Man who is interested to report Friday night at the ball park. Millard Bond was chosen manager of the Rotary team and while the membership is limited, he is hopeful of furnishing plenty of opposition for the teams in the circuit.

Graham Byrum at a meeting held last week was elected president of the league, but inasmuch as he is manager of one of the teams he thought it unwise to act as president and suggested someone who was not affiliated with any of the representative organizations. Gus Hughes was subsequently selected as president at a meeting of club representatives held Tuesday afternoon.

Games will be played Tuesday and Friday nights beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. Soft ball rules will be adhered to, which call for a 10-man team, four fielders being used instead of three as in regular baseball. The rules also specify that the ball must be pitched to the batter underhanded and no baseball spikes are permitted by any player.

The season begins next Tuesday night and will come to a close on August 13, which schedule allows four complete series of games in which all clubs will have competed equally.

It is the purpose to close league (Continued on Page Seven)

Chamber Of Commerce Is Reorganized With Joseph H. Conger As The President

Liquor Question Will Be Voted Upon July 6

County Election Board Sets That Date For Voters' Decision

NOTICES POSTED

First Registration June 12; Regular Election Rules Prevail

Voters of Chowan County will have an opportunity on Tuesday, July 6, to cast their ballot in favor of or against the establishment of an ABC liquor store in the county. This date was definitely settled upon Friday morning when the Chowan County Board of Electors held a meeting after receiving a written request for such an election signed by every member of the Board of County Commissioners. The commissioners passed a resolution asking for the election at their monthly meeting on the first Monday in May.

The meeting of the Election Board Friday was held at the call of the chairman, R. P. Badham, with A. S. Smith and L. C. Burton present, composing the full board. The written request from the Commissioners was presented asking that a special election be called under the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of North Carolina of the regular session of 1937 entitled, "An act to provide for the manufacture, sale and control of alcoholic beverages in North Carolina," to determine whether a county liquor control store or stores shall be set up and operated in Chowan County in accordance with the provisions of said act.

Upon motion of L. C. Burton and seconded by A. S. Smith it was unanimously adopted and resolved that such election be called pursuant to such request and in accordance with said act to be held July 6, 1937, and that the Board give public notice thereof for at least 20 days before the opening of the registration books by publishing such notice in The Chowan Herald, a newspaper published in the Town of Edenton and Chowan County, and by posting the notice in each voting precinct in said county.

The notice appears in this issue (Continued on Page Seven)

Stores Close Half Day Wednesdays During Summer

Beginning Wednesday, June 2, practically all of Edenton's merchants will close their places of business at 1 o'clock and remain closed for the remainder of the day. This half holiday will be in effect during the months of June, July and August, thus affording owners and employees opportunity to enjoy half day of profitable recreation during the hot summer months.

In order to make the store closing a success, all who are co-operating bespeak full cooperation on the part of customers and urge shopping to be arranged accordingly.

The list of those who will observe the half holiday will be found in an advertisement appearing in this issue of The Herald.

Silver Tea Friday By Loyal Workers

The Loyal Workers Bible Class will give a Silver Tea in the Sunday School Room of the Methodist Church on Friday night, May 21, at 8 o'clock. A good program has been planned. The public is cordially invited.

MAYOR AND NEW COUNCIL SWORN

Town Governing Body Takes Over Reins Of Office

Edenton's new Town Council was officially sworn in last Wednesday night, with Clerk R. E. Leary officiating. Council was opened by the old board under which business was transacted, following which the new board took charge.

J. H. McMullan was first to take the oath of office and as he was escorted to his seat by E. W. Spires, retiring mayor, the latter wished him well as the city's new chief executive. W. H. Gardner then took oath of office as city treasurer, followed by the councilmen, A. G. Byrum, W. E. Bond, O. B. Perry, L. P. Williams and J. Edwin Bufflap. G. M. Byrum, Second Ward councilman, was absent.

The only business transacted by the new Board was to set up an organization which included Dr. L. P. Williams as Mayor pro tem; W. E. Bond, street commissioner; A. G. Byrum, Dr. L. P. Williams and J. Edwin Bufflap, Finance Committee; G. M. Byrum, Park and Playground Commissioner, and O. B. Perry, Fire Commissioner.

In leaving office Mr. Spires complimented the efficiency of the Street Department, which for the past four years was under the supervision of T. W. Jones, who was defeated by a man-at-large. Tribute was also paid the entire Board by Mr. Spires for the splendid cooperation and sympathetic understanding enjoyed while he acted as Mayor and which he hoped would be accorded his successor, to the end that Mr. McMullan would make a name for himself far above that he made as Mayor in 1907. Mr. Spires urged the new council members not to reduce salaries of town employees, mentioning that though some have been raised since they were drastically cut, there are still others who are underpaid. He expressed the hope that taxes will be paid more promptly to facilitate work of the Council which has been handicapped, especially this year, due to slow return of tax money.

"Too much emphasis has been placed on the duties of Mayor," said Mr. Spires, "and I hope the Chamber of Commerce is re-organized and begins to properly function which will relieve the Mayor of many responsibilities which should not be placed on the shoulders of the executive."

Though he is out of office, Mr. Spires said he will not lose interest in the town and will gladly cooperate in any movement for the betterment and advancement of Edenton.

Steps Taken at Lively Court House Meeting Tuesday Night

DUES \$5

Officers Chosen and a Permanent Organization Set for June 3

Despite several other attractions in town Tuesday night, about 35 business men of Edenton gathered in the Court House at the call of Mayor J. H. McMullan to reorganize the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce. Considerable interest was shown in reviving this organization, the need for which has been keenly felt for many months.

Mr. McMullan opened the meeting and after stating its purpose, he had a committee to select a temporary organization to act until a permanent set of officers are elected at a meeting to be held Thursday night, June 3. This committee, composed of J. W. Davis, R. P. Badham, L. H. Haskett, A. G. Byrum and J. A. Curran, presented the following to act as temporary officers: President, J. H. Conger, vice presidents, W. D. Pruden, W. S. Privott and John W. Graham; chairman membership committee, W. M. Wilkins; chairman finance committee, M. F. Bond; chairman entertainment committee, C. E. Kramer; chairman publicity committee, J. Edwin Bufflap; chairman parks and playgrounds committee, W. W. Byrum; chairman highways committee, Julien Wood; chairman new industries committee, J. L. Wiggins; chairman public relations committee, E. W. Spires; chairman city beautification committee, Mrs. J. A. Moore.

W. M. Wilkins, chairman of the membership committee, with such assistance as he may deem necessary, will begin a canvass for memberships immediately in the hope that practically 100 per cent will be signed up when a permanent organization is set up June 3rd.

The membership fee was discussed at the meeting, which finally was decided to be \$5.00 for individual members and the committee will meet later to decide what should be expected from corporations and merchants.

Interest displayed at the meeting augurs well for an active Chamber of Commerce, a number of movements having already been suggested which is in line with the duties of a Chamber of Commerce. It was suggested that a committee meet with D. Collins Barnes, State Highway Commission for this district, in the interest of preventing a possible removal of the highway shop from Edenton, and urging a road leading into Edenton from the new Albe-Marle Sound bridge road.

O. H. Brown In Charge Program At Rotary

Oscar H. Brown will be in charge of the program at the Rotary Club luncheon today in the Parish House. Mr. Brown hasn't divulged the nature of the program, but without a doubt he will present something that will interest members of the Club.

At last week's meeting John W. Graham, who together with W. D. Holmes attended the Rotary Convention held at Newport News, Va., gave a splendid report of the meeting.

Summer Schedule At Local Library

Mrs. Sidney McMullan, librarian at the Shepard-Pruden Library, has announced the summer schedule for the Library, which will go into effect Monday, May 24. The public is urged to note the following schedule, which will begin Monday:

The Library will be open from 10 to 1 each morning, except Sunday. Monday and Friday nights the hours will be from 8 to 10, and Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular Masonic meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the Court House. Only two more meeting nights remain in the attendance contest and another large crowd is expected to be present tonight.

BANK CLOSED TODAY

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day today (Thursday) in celebration of Mecklenburg Day, a legal holiday in banking circles.

Cupola House Exhibition Great Success, Substantial Sum Made

Outside of the delightful social side surrounding the affair and which brought visitors here from many distant climes, last week's five day exhibition of colonial antiques in the Cupola House was a marked success in other ways. The Garden Club, which sponsored the exhibit, realized sufficient by admissions and daily luncheon and tea service to add to what had been previously guaranteed privately in assuring a new appearance to the famed old Corbin mansion as well as the grounds about it.

Of the 318 visiting guests who signed the exhibition roster, enjoyed the attractive display of ancient reminders of Edenton yesterday, and partook of the fine gastronomic hospitality of the Garden Club ladies, one registered from as far away as Medan, Sumatra, another from Oslo, Norway, two from London, England, while from the United States names were signed with homes in California, Minnesota, Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and a dozen nearby states. Of course it must not be assumed that sufficient curiosity was aroused in these foreign spots to bring residents from them here for the exhibit, but they were in this section, heard of the display, and wasted no time getting to it, and all spoke of it as a superlative exhibition.

The exhibit started on May 12 and ran through to last Sunday night. Sunday was undoubtedly the "best day" insofar as attendance went. It might have been referred to as "Edenton Day," for from after church on until twilight the Cupola House and grounds were crowded with townfolk. Chairs and tables were scattered about the lawn and a

"family dinner," as the sponsors called it, was served to more than 100 guests. Four young girls, clad in costumes descriptive of the olden days, no doubt dug out from attic trunks or chests, added to the quaint attractiveness of the scene and proved themselves additionally capable as waitresses. The happy youngsters were Anna Wadsworth Wood, Betty Wales, Myda Weaver, and Mary Doyle White.

As for the exhibit proper it would be futile to attempt to enumerate the hundreds of beautiful pieces of furniture, glass ware, rugs, quilts, silver, portraits, paintings, loaned so generously from so many Edenton homes. It might be sufficient to say that while the old mansion was overcrowded with the exhibits it took on the temporary appearance of the period of its ancient glory, which was primarily the purpose of the exhibition.

The Garden Club wanted the present generation to see the beauties of a past enjoyed by earlier generations, and for that reason called upon older residents of the town to loan their furniture and curios to make this possible. The responses indicated a customary spirit of Edenton co-operation. Not alone from the so-called socially elite did the exhibits come but, as Mrs. J. A. Moore, president of the Garden Club, put it "even some likeable old Negro families sent us things they thought, and so did we, of historic value and splendor."

While the exhibit was on, of course the town library was closed for patronage, but by noon on Monday the exhibits had all been taken away and the library was ready once more for business.