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SCHOOL CHILDREN GET FREE PASSES FOR STATE FAIR

Governor Personally Invites Students to Attend Exhibition

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Plenty of Amusement and Educational Features on Hand

Superintendent W. J. Taylor, of Chowan County schools, announced today that he had received free tickets to the North Carolina State Fair to be held in Raleigh October 12-15 for distribution to all of Chowan County's 3,200 children in the public schools. He will distribute the tickets next week.

On each complimentary ticket is a personal invitation from Governor Hoey for all of the State's school children to attend the fair on Friday, October 15, the day set aside especially for Tar Heel youngsters. There are no strings attached to the offer, and the youngsters may attend the fair with or without their teachers.

Governor Hoey has joined Dr. J. S. Dorton, of Shelby, manager of the State exposition, in expressing the urgent hope that as many children as possible take advantage of the free visit to their fair.

"No fair is complete unless children have an opportunity to see the exhibits and enjoy the entertainment features," declared Manager Dorton. "For that reason we are making it possible for every boy and girl in North Carolina to be special guests at the fair. We want to see the fall of youngsters on Friday."

In addition to the imposing array of agricultural exhibits, the children will find much to entertain them. The gigantic World of Mirth, with 22 high class shows and 18 novelty rides, will be on the midway. Fifteen thrilling hippodrome acts will be presented in the grandstand arena in the afternoon and night. In the evening "The Revue of Tomorrow," sparkling musical comedy, will give a colorful program, topped by a brilliant display of fireworks.

Flood Lights Loaned For Night Football

Soft Ball League Representatives Let School Use Equipment

Edenton High School's football team will be able to play night games this season if they so desire. This was assured Monday when representatives of the four organizations comprising Edenton's soft ball league agreed to loan the flood lights for the purpose. Four organizations, the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Red Men and Masons furnished funds early in the summer to purchase flood lights to play soft ball at night which cost \$314, each group contributing one-fourth of the amount.

It was agreed to loan the lights for night games provided they are taken down and stored when the season is over in as good condition as they are at present. Coach David Holton is hopeful of securing a night game or two which is expected to draw much larger crowds than afternoon games.

Channel Hearing Be Held Friday, 10 A. M.

James J. McMullan calls attention to the public hearing to be held in the Municipal Building Friday morning at 10 o'clock, when improvements to the channel from Edenton Bay to the Fish Hatchery will be discussed. Invited to this meeting are representatives of town and county, and representatives of the business and other interests interested in the proposed improvement and wish to express their views.

The Edenton youth is being counseled on to bolster the varsity next year.

Season's Soft Ball Gate Receipts Fail To Pay Expenses

Each of Four Sponsoring Organizations Out \$35.12

INTEREST LAGGED

Gate Receipts Amount To Only \$183.20 During Summer

Financial affairs of Edenton's soft ball league were wound up Tuesday, when J. A. Curran, secretary, submitted his report. So far as finances are concerned, the four organizations in the league, the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Red Men and Masons, are out \$85.12 each. The four groups early in the summer advanced \$78.50 each to cover expense of installing flood lights to play at night, and income failed to return the amount advanced.

Frankly, it was expected that enough gate receipts would be received to cover the expense involved, but shortly after the league started attendance began to wither to almost nothing. Considerable interest was apparent at the outset, but at that time a very lively ball was used, which resulted in large scores and necessarily a falling off in interest. Later, however, a softer ball was used which provided more action for infielders and consequent low scores, and many close and hard-fought games. Then, too, the season was late in getting under way due to purchasing and installing the flood lights, throwing the playing too far into the fall season.

Mr. Curran is very anxious for all concerned to be acquainted with the financial status of the league and the amount of the deposit of any who desire to look them over. Gate receipts during the season amounted to \$183.20, which together with \$314 paid by the four organizations, made \$497.20 turned over to him. The flood lights cost \$314, and league expenses, including a bulb, bases, hardware and traveling expenses to Norfolk, amounted to \$83.08, aggregating an outlay of \$397.68. Thus he had left \$173.52 to be divided among each club or \$43.38.

Whether or not a soft ball league will be organized next year is not known, but many who played this year have expressed the hope that the same four clubs will enter the league and begin the season several weeks earlier. Of course, it is expected that the first money received through soft ball gate receipts will be returned to the four organizations who advanced money until their entire loan is repaid.

Paul Spencer Stars On Alabama Frosh

Coaches Counting on Him to Bolster Varsity Next Year

Friends in Edenton will be glad to know that Paul Spencer, former high school football star, is making good at Alabama this year.

Following is a story taken from Wednesday's News & Observer:

"From Edenton, N. C., comes a promising young football player to the University of Alabama freshmen team in the person of Paul Spencer. He was one of the stars in a game with the Howard College freshmen which the Tidings won, 27-0.

"Paul is a 190-pound halfback. He proved to be one of the finds discovered in one of several combinations used by Coach Paul Burnum in the game. He scored one of the touchdowns, on a 25-yard run off tackle.

"His work in this game on the defense and offense was very pleasing to the Alabama coaches. He proved to be a hard runner and a good blocker. Spencer also showed up well in the aerial game and in pass defense.

"The Edenton youth is being counseled on to bolster the varsity next year.

FRANKS MEET TONIGHT

Frank K. Hall wishes to remind members of the Fire Department that a meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock on Friday at 7:30 o'clock. It is urged to attend, as they will be paid.

MOVE UNDER WAY TO REMOVE TOILET FROM COURT HOUSE

Considered Disgrace to Priceless Historical Shrine

WOOD SPEAKS

Dixon and Wood Asked Make Recommendations Next Month

Just when the Chowan County Court House was being tidied up by a corps of WPA workers on Monday and the County Commissioners sat complacently disposing of routine monthly matters, they were confronted by Julien Wood and Richard Dixon. Chairman Warren jokingly asked if they were seeking to get on the relief roll, or wanted to get paid for some sheep killed by dogs. However, this was not their mission.

Mr. Wood acted as spokesman for the two-man delegation, but before making known the purpose of their presence, Mr. Wood informed the Commissioners a much larger delegation could have been mustered together if it was thought necessary. "We want to know," began Mr. Wood, "if the County Commissioners will not do something about the disgraceful toilet in this Court House."

The Commissioners at once realized the two men "had something there" and pricked up their ears to hear the complaint. Mr. Wood continued to condemn the toilet, which he thought ought to be placed at a different location or done away with altogether, stating that to keep it in proper sanitary condition it would almost be necessary to hire a man for that one specific purpose.

The Commissioners agreed with Wood and Dixon that something should be done regarding the toilet, but were reluctant to concede that it should be done away with entirely. They, therefore, instructed Mr. Wood and Mr. Dixon to return at the next meeting of the Board with recommendations as to where the toilet should be located.

One suggestion was made that it be moved to the second floor of the building, but this idea was knocked in the head immediately.

It is thought that when a change in location is made it will be either to the small building in the rear, at present used for housing coal or else a small addition built adjoining the present toilet location. It is generally conceded that the toilet should be outside of the building.


Sheriff Now Ready To Receive 1937 Taxes

County tax books are now in the hands of Sheriff J. A. Bunch and taxpayers can save one per cent if payment is made during October. One half of one per cent will be allowed during November, but there will be no discount during December and January. Beginning February 1, a penalty will be added.

POSTMASTER KRAMER COMPLETING EDENTON PLANS FOR AIR MAIL WEEK

EDENTON'S CACHET

Air Mail Week
Oct. 11 - 16, 1937
FIRST COVER FROM EDENTON



Court House Erected 1767
Compliments of:

Above appears a duplicate of Edenton's cachet which has been printed on a large number of envelopes to be mailed during Air Mail Week. These envelopes will be furnished free to anyone buying an air mail stamp, and it is hoped that a large batch of air mail leaves Edenton early Tuesday morning to be placed on the plane which lands at Elizabeth City.

YOUTHFUL NEGRO BOUND OVER ON MURDER CHARGE

Ernest Drew Kills His Brother Willie Saturday Night

ADMITS GUILT

Victim Dies Shortly After Shooting In Doctor's Office

Yeopim section fish fry pleasures with liquor as a stimulating entree got Ernest Drew, Jr., 24-year-old Negro, into jail Saturday night and into the Recorder's Court on Monday charged with fratricide. Willie Drew, two years younger than Ernest, was killed by his brother, and the latter was held for the Superior Court on a complaint of wilful murder.

Ernest and Willie were among a crowd of Negroes who mingled gaily at a church fish fry Saturday night. Toward midnight Willie decided Ernest had imbibed too much and forced him to go home with him. But Ernest didn't stay there, and when Willie, who had returned to the fish fry, started back to the Drew cabin toward midnight Ernest was laying in wait for him under a cedar tree with a loaded shot gun.

Willie never got a chance. Ernest blazed away and blew a big hole in Willie's groin. Shortly after the lad had reached Dr. Williams' office he was dead. Sheriff Bunch and Deputy Moore went after Ernest in a hurry and found him with no difficulty. He freely admitted the crime but said he was sorry he had acted so impulsively.

In court on Monday the Sheriff and other witnesses testified and Ernest sat silently with his head in his hands. Judge Pruden held Ernest on probable cause for December term of Superior Court, which will be held the week of December 13.

Auxiliary District Meet Wednesday

Department President Principal Speaker at Elizabeth City

The district meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held in Elizabeth City next Wednesday, October 13, the sessions starting at 10:30 A. M. All local members are especially urged to attend.

Mrs. H. A. Newell, department president, and Mrs. Frank R. Miller, Jr., area vice president, will be present and speak on work of the Auxiliary for the coming year.

Picture Ancient Court House Printed on Envelopes

FURNISHED FREE

All Air Mail Must Be In Edenton Office Monday Night

If Postmaster C. E. Kramer has his way and the citizenry of Chowan cooperate with him to the utmost, as he expects they will, next Monday and Tuesday promises to be more than red letter days in local postal annals. They are the first two days in the State "Air Mail Week," referred to by Governor Hoey as "a most important sign post in the path of progress."

If the special airplane service out of here during the week does nothing else it will bring striking publicity to Chowan County. In an adjacent column it will be noticed that Mr. Kramer, in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, has had printed envelopes bearing the imprint of the celebrated "old Court House here, the name of Edenton and a blank for readers to write in (Continued on Page Eight)

Jesse Bevins Killed Instantly Saturday Night On Highway

T. S. Taylor, Driver of Death Car, Exonerated Monday

INQUEST HELD

Funeral of Victim Held Sunday Afternoon at Macedonia

Jesse Bevins, 38, Cowpen Neck section farmhand, was struck and instantly killed by a west bound motorist near the Chowan River bridge shortly before midnight last Saturday. T. S. Taylor, of the Merry Hill neighborhood, driver of the car, was exonerated of all blame by a coroner's jury on Monday morning.

Bevins, according to the testimony of Patrolman Bob Pratt, had been seen in Edenton early Saturday evening, and because of his condition had been warned to go home before he got in trouble. It is assumed he was making for his place of abode when hit.

Taylor, who was making for his residence with his wife and child as fellow passengers, told the jury at the inquest that he saw Bevins walking on the highway the same direction he was going and on his side of the road. He said he felt it easily possible to avoid Bevins, but just as he came up toward him, Bevins swerved out directly in front of the car and was struck.

Corporal George I. Dail, who was called to the scene, said Bevins was dead when he arrived and that Taylor, who gave no evidence of drinking, frankly admitted it was his car that had caused the fatality. Dail told Taylor to hold himself in readiness for the inquest, and then allowed him and his family to go on home.

Coroner M. F. Whichard presided at the inquest before a jury comprised of Louis Francis, W. E. Bond, W. B. Shepard, R. L. Spry, R. L. Chesson and J. E. Bufflap. After listening to the testimony the jury returned a verdict declaring the accident as unavoidable with death primarily due to the negligence and carelessness of the deceased.

Funeral services, which were largely attended, were held for the victim Sunday afternoon at Macedonia Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. J. T. Byrum, officiating. Interment was made in the church burying ground.

E. H. S. Classes Elect New Year's Officers

Mary Forehand Heads Seniors; Anna Wood Juniors' President

Election of officers of Edenton High School took place Friday when the four classes elected their president, secretary and treasurer for the year 1937-38.

Mary Forehand was elected president of the senior class; Elbert Copeland, vice president, and Virginia Byrum, secretary-treasurer. Miss Forehand has made an enviable record in high school, having been exempted from all examinations for three years, acted as president of the sophomore class, and last year was elected the most popular and best all-around girl of the junior class. Under this trio of officers the seniors are expecting an exceptionally successful year.

Anna Wood was elected president of the junior class. She, too, has made an excellent school record and was voted the best all-around sophomore last year. Ruth Crumpler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cad Capehart, a new member of the class, coming here from Merry Hill, was elected vice president, and the peppy and popular Mary White was elected treasurer.

Officers of the sophomore class are: President, Ernest Ward; vice president, Jeanne Bunch; secretary-treasurer, Sarah Edith Oliver.

For the "freshies" Haywood Ziegler was elected president; Juanita Hayman, vice president, and Kathleen Ward, secretary-treasurer.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular Masonic meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. W. M. Wilkins, master of the lodge, urges a large attendance especially since P. C. Stott, the lecturer, will be present and give instructions.

FINAL PLANS MADE FOR RECEPTION FOR PROMINENT GUESTS

State Tour Visitors Will Be Taken to Points Of Interest

OVER NIGHT STOP

Edenton Booklet Sent To Those Composing Party

Edenton is winding up its plans for a great bit of entertainment on the late afternoon and evening of October 19, when it will be a banquet host for the big caravan of travel bureau chieftains and editors being toted about the State on a 12-day tour. The local chamber of commerce has received full confirmation as to the visit here, and W. R. Horton, lessee of the Hotel Joseph Hewes, where the banquet will be held and where 25 of the travelers will be Mr. Horton's guests overnight, has announced that he is ready and that the show can start when it wants.

This week Mayor McMullan got a long letter of details from Coleman Roberts, of Charlotte, chairman of the "Governor's Hospitality Committee," which is sponsoring the tour. Mr. Roberts wrote that the big party would hit Edenton at 4:35 o'clock in the afternoon, that it would have a couple of hours afterward to be taken to all points of historic interest around here, and that the 25 who were to stay overnight after the town banquet, had been picked and a list of their names would be furnished soon.

In addition Mr. Roberts proposed that Edenton send an auto delegation of town citizens headed by the Mayor and President Joseph H. Cooper, of the Chamber of Commerce, to meet the delegation in Williamston and escort it to Edenton. While State Highway patrolmen will be with the party from its start on October 10, Mr. Roberts suggested that two additional highway patrolmen be awaiting in Windsor to lead the whole party into Edenton. Corporal George I. Dail and one of his subordinates, possibly Patrolman Scarborough, of Windsor, will so perform.

It is the Mayor's intention to name a town committee of fifty persons if possible, to be in the meeting and accompanying party, and to take them from one place to another about the town. The Mayor realizes that this advertisement and publicity could not be bought for a large sum of money, and he expects no declinations from those he approaches to serve in this manner.

The tour, which was run on a small scale last year, has grown this year into the proportions it has because of the delight occasioned by the first batch of travelers. It is Edenton's wish to make this delight more enjoyable, and it is out to do this very thing. At the banquet there will be local addresses and those (Continued on Page Eight)

Methodist Revival Starts Sunday Night

Rev. H. K. King of Elizabeth City Preaches Entire Week

Rev. H. E. King, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Elizabeth City, will begin a revival meeting at the Methodist Church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock. The services will continue each night throughout the week at the same hour. During his first year in Elizabeth City Mr. King has won many friends, and is very popular there.

Before coming to this pastorate he has had a very wide and interesting experience in Christian service. As secretary of Religious Education for the Orient, for the Southern Methodist Church, he was stationed in Shanghai, and lived also in Japan and Korea while in this work. Previously he had spent four years in Belgium and Poland, and has held a pastorate in the Middle West of our country. It is hoped that sometime while here he may give a talk upon Shanghai giving some first hand information about that now tragic city.

The Edenton church looks forward with much pleasure to having Mr. King, and hopes that its friends and the public will share the benefit of each of these services.