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Chowan Peanut Festival Is Proposed To Rotarians

Organization Enthusiastic For Idea; Chamber Commerce Also EARNHARDT'S IDEA Plan Would Stage Festival In New Armory Next Year

Although everything is in an embryo state right now, plans have been proposed for the inauguration in this county of a monster festival in praise of Chowan's most important agricultural crop, the peanut, and in commemoration of the fact that Edenton continues to stand unrivaled as the chief peanut center in North Carolina.

Tobacco and cotton festivals, yes corn and strawberry festivals, have been held elsewhere in the State, but it remained for Jimmy Earnhardt to arouse this section to the big chance it has been overlooking, holding a peanut festival right in Edenton, perhaps in the new huge national guard armory auditorium next November, right after the 1938 picking season is over.

Mr. Earnhardt sprang his proposal at last week's meeting of the local Rotary Club. He had heard others speak of Rotary faith and obligations, of football, of eye clinics, and he could hold in no longer. President John W. Graham had rung the adjournment bell and the gatherers had started to leave, when Jimmy held them momentarily spellbound by coming out with his festival plan.

The very mention of the idea held everyone to the spot and the proposal got a grand hand. After the luncheon folks had started off they turned a little around about the idea and everyone seemed to think the idea a good one.

Earnhardt said he had no definite ideas to work upon save the great one that a festival could be held in Edenton by every right in the world, that it would draw thousands to the town, that it would mean excellent publicity and that the news reels would swing in on it as they did the tobacco festival this summer at Wilson, and the strawberry festival earlier at Wallace which Mrs. Roosevelt attended.

Secretary J. H. McMullan of the Chamber of Commerce said he was for the idea, and would get his organization behind it. James E. Wood, of the Edenton Peanut Company, and Millard F. Bond, of the Albemarle Peanut Company, the two large processing firms, each gave their unqualified endorsement, and except everything goes haywire between now and next fall, as things so often do herabouts, the Chowan Peanut Festival of 1938 seems pretty near an assured fact.

Edenton High Team Wins Northeastern Championship Title

Defeated Roanoke Rapids Friday In Hard Fought Game SCORE 7 TO 6

First Elimination Game To Be Arranged Saturday At Chapel Hill

Favored with ideal football weather and accompanied by their school band and many Edenton admirers, Edenton High School's football team won the Northeastern Conference Class B championship Friday afternoon at Roanoke Rapids, coming out of the fracas with Roanoke Rapids High School with a margin of only one point. The final score stood 7-6. It was a game packed with thrills and not until the final moments as Edenton had possession of the ball was the victory assured.

Though comparative scores of previous games gave Edenton the advantage, the two teams were very evenly matched and from an interested onlooker the score reflects a true comparison of the two teams. Edenton appeared somewhat off form in the opening game when

E. I. Warren Passes Very Suddenly At Home Wednesday

End Was Unexpected And News Rapidly Spreads

ILL SOME TIME Funeral at St. Paul's Largely Attended Thursday

Edenton and the surrounding countryside received a rude and saddening shock last Wednesday night shortly after The Herald was printed when word quickly spread that Eugene I. Warren, former town mayor and one of the community's most respected and beloved citizens, had died suddenly at his late home on West Eden Street. Members of the Warren family were with him when death came but were unprepared for its realization as the deceased had but a few days previously returned from hospital observation in Norfolk, Va., and was thought to be better.

For five or six years Mr. Warren had been in failing health, a condition generally attributed, it is understood, to a weakened heart and kidney ailment. A stoic through all his sufferings he kept his physical troubles to himself, and seemed more cheerful than he had for some time when he returned from Norfolk.

Mr. Warren served as an Edenton councilman for the period after the war, and was chosen Mayor to fill the unexpired term of the late W. Scott Privott. In 1921 he was elected formally and served so efficiently and earnestly he was given a second term by default without the formality of a second election. In 1925 he gave up the office.

Deceased lived alone in the Warren homestead where he was born the son of Thomas Davis Warren and Sallie Wright Warren. He never married and was a brother of David Minton Warren and Miss Fencie Warren, of Edenton, and of Plummer Warren, of Norfolk. He was a devoted Episcopalian and it was from St. Paul's Church with Rev. C. A. Ashby officiating that the funeral services were held Thursday afternoon with interment following in the church graveyard. The active pallbearers were James E. Wood, George Hoskins, John W. Graham, O. B. Perry, LeRoy Haskett, William Elliott, J. N. Pruden and Thomas Cheers, Jr.

Library Receives Carnegie Books

First Shipment of Six Books Arrived Early This Week

After considerable effort on the part of officials of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, the library this week became the proud possessor of a volume of six books from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The purpose of this set of books is to encourage a wider knowledge of international relations and according to Mrs. S. M. McMullan, librarian, a set of books will be received quarterly. The books are given free by the Carnegie Endowment and friends of the local library feel fortunate in being included among the libraries to receive the books.

Following are the titles of the first shipment: "Discovering South America," by Lewis K. Freeman; "An Atlas of Current Affairs," by J. F. Horrabin; "Autobiography of Andrew Carnegie," by Amy Hemingway Jones; "Canada," by Audre Siegfried; and "Guatemala," by Erna Ferguson.

FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT

The monthly meeting of the Edenton Fire Department will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Fire Chief R. E. Hall requests every member to be present.

EDENTON'S NO U-TURN LAW IS NOW HANGING IN THE BALANCE

Town Council will meet in regular monthly session Tuesday night, at which time undoubtedly the matter of rescinding the recent ordinance prohibiting U-turns in the business section will be debated. But for the reluctance of Mayor J. H. McMullan to entertain a motion to that effect at last month's meeting, the U-turn law would have been killed at that time. Mr. McMullan urged the councilmen to give the ordinance a fair trial in that it had been in force less than a month, stating that in another month probably a better conception of the good or evil of the law would result.

When first inaugurated the new law was reason for much comment, many favoring the idea while there were some who considered it little less than a nuisance. Police, however, report greatly improved traffic conditions, especially on Saturdays, when heretofore it was quite a handicap even to drive through the business section.

After serious thought The Herald editor proposed the plan to Town Council at the September meeting and the Board voted to adopt the no U-turn law. However, after placing the present stanchions at street intersections much disapproval was heard and the majority of the councilmen were ready to rescind their former action. The Herald editor remains firm in his belief that the no U-turn idea is a great improvement and for that reason will vote to continue the ordinance, although he believes more appropriate signals could be erected.

Rumors have been going the rounds that a petition has been circulated urging continuance of the U-turn law, but so far as the writer knows it hasn't been done. Other rumors are to the effect that some who favor the new law are convinced that it is for the best interest of safety and business will appear in person at Council meeting Tuesday night.

So far as the editor of The Herald knows, there will be only one vote to maintain the U-turn ordinance. The law is hanging in the balance and if there are those who believe it is worth while and should be continued, they should let their opinions be known when Town Council meets in regular session Tuesday.

Home Hygiene Class Of Chowan Negroes Aided By Red Cross

Local Nurses Training 20 Members of Their Race Daily

HOMES VISITED

Roll Call Drive Starts Next Week; Workers Announced Then

Anticipating the forthcoming Red Cross Drive for roll call memberships, which will commence next Thursday and run until Thanksgiving, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan chapter, explained today that much progress had been made recently in the home hygiene campaign being conducted by the organization amongst the Negroes of the county. This is but one phase of the many functions carried on by the Red Cross, and because of the great need for a better sanitary life among the members of the colored race, both from a physical and home standpoint, Mrs. Pruden feels the result of this effort should prove highly encouraging to those who have the interest of the Red Cross at heart.

Mrs. Pruden was inclined to give much of the credit for this work to Theresa Blaine, a registered colored nurse, and to Julia Hines, who has been her chief assistant. Not only have these two enthusiasts made a personal visitation and inspection of many of the Negro homes in the town and outlying sections, but they are daily training a class of twenty feminine members of their race, who will soon be able to join with them in a more thorough canvass of the whole county, and carry into every Negro home the gospel of physical training and better home hygiene.

These twenty women, together with Theresa Blaine and Julia Hines, will be participants in a district training convention in Scotland Neck soon, and will be able to bring back with them much additional information that will be helpful in the

Bishop Darst Greeted In Edenton Sunday

Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, preached last Sunday morning in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, to a large congregation, and afterward confirmed a class of new members. Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of the church, presented the class. The Bishop's sermon stressed the wisdom of loyalty to one's self, to one's country, to one's church and to the Saviour. A letter from a young Episcopal missionary in China telling of the very trying war days in that country, was read by the Bishop. In the evening Bishop Darst addressed a congregation at St. John's Church.

While in Edenton Bishop Darst was the guest of the Misses Mary and Margaret Pruden.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Burch at their home in Rocky Hook on Sunday, October 31, a son.

Body T. J. Burgess Found In Albemarle Sound Wednesday

Corpse Sighted Floating In Water By Member Of Train Crew

LIVED HERE

Drowned After Barge Caught Fire On October 23

The body of Thomas J. Burgess 45, who disappeared mysteriously when a bridge barge on which he was riding caught fire on October 23 last, was found floating in the Albemarle Sound early yesterday afternoon. A freight crew on a north bound Norfolk Southern train first saw the corpse, and upon reaching the north side of the Sound reported the incident to J. W. Munch, office superintendent for the Tidewater Construction Company, which is handling the construction of the new vehicular bridge.

Mr. Munch conferred with bridge superintendent E. N. Hansen and they telephoned the incident to officials in Edenton. Dr. M. P. Whichard and Sheriff J. A. Bunch hurried to the bridge and accompanied Mr. Munch in a launch to where the body was found. It was brought ashore.

Burgess was a bargeman employed by the Tidewater people and was living in a small cabin house on the rear of the barge where the fire occurred. It was at first thought he might have been burned to death but his disappearance disposed of that theory and it was decided he had sought safety by jumping overboard only to subsequently drown. The accident occurred near the mouth of the Roanoke River, and since that time no trace of Burgess has been found until his body came to the surface Wednesday.

Burgess formerly lived on West Eden Street. He was married and the father of two children. The body is being held for a Bailey, N. C., undertaker.

Catholic Bishop At Local Church Sunday

Father E. L. Gross, pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church, announced early this week that the Rt. Rev. William J. Hafey, of Raleigh, Catholic Bishop of North Carolina, will preach in St. Anne's Church on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service.

Father Gross extends a cordial invitation to everybody, whether members of his church or not, to hear this distinguished speaker.

Lieut. Governor Horton At Hobbsville Friday

Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton is scheduled to be the principal speaker at Hobbsville's "Fall Festival Day" on Friday. Aside from Mr. Horton's address, many other interesting events will be held in connection with the affair including a turkey dinner and oyster supper.

Ed Bond Post Plans For Armistice Day Celebration

Demonstration Clubs Make Fine Showing On Achievement Day

Celebration on Saturday Draws Good Crowd; Interesting Program

ROCKY HOCK WINS So Does Ryland; Merit Awards Are Also Announced

By MRS. A. D. WARD

Approximately 100 club women and visitors attended the County federation meeting in Chowan High School building, Saturday afternoon, October 30. It was the annual Achievement Day for the Chowan Clubs. During the past two years the club women have been studying House Furnishings and several interesting exhibits in both house furnishing and flower arrangement were shown. The Chowan women used their flower exhibit as a stage decoration which was very pretty.

Mrs. S. F. Small, president of the Chowan Federation, was in charge of the program. She extended hearty greetings to both members and visitors. Rev. J. T. Byrum led the invocation. Of the 12 clubs in the County 10 were represented. The reports were interesting and showed progress along the different lines of work, under the efficient leadership of the county agent, Miss Rebecca Colwell. A solo "One Rose," by Miss May Belle Edwards, accompanied by Mrs. Gordon Blow at the piano, was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. O. M. Blanchard modeled a coat suit made from a man's suit. The women were very much interested in this. It is hoped, however, that the result may not prove disastrous to any of the men's wardrobes.

The speaker, Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration agent, of Raleigh, was introduced by Mrs. A. D. Ward, president of the 16th District. Miss Current made a very interesting and helpful talk. One of her first suggestions was a membership drive for 1938. In noting changes that are taking place, she said 25 years ago we lived in the horse and buggy age, 15 years ago the T Model age, today the aeroplane age, emphasizing the fact that progress in our home and community life is necessary in order to keep up with the times. Describing the ideal community, she mentioned, first, the church as the center of interest, young people's organizations, parent-teachers association, home demonstration club with leaders of enthusiasts

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Robert B. Cobb Here As District Manager

Replaces P. F. Keil In Employment Office; Other Changes

Robert B. Cobb, former branch manager North Carolina State Employment Service, of Greenville, arrived in Edenton on Tuesday, to take over his duties as district manager of the North Eastern Area which comprises fourteen counties with district office in Edenton and branch offices located in Elizabeth City and Williamston. Mr. Cobb replaces P. F. Keil, who has been transferred to Fayetteville.

Wood Privott, of Edenton, has been appointed senior interviewer, Edenton district office. Mr. Privott received his appointment due to his high standing on the eligible list established by the Merit Examinations held in the spring of 1937.

Miss Corie S. Bunch has been appointed receptionist-stenographer with the Edenton district office effective November 1. Miss Bunch received a very high rating on a recent Stenographer-Typing Contest.

Miss Natalie Gould, of Williamston, will act as receptionist-stenographer in the Williamston branch office. Miss Gould received her appointment due to her high standing on a recent stenographer-typing test.

Occasion Will Be Revived By Memorial Service and Oyster Roast

POTTER STARTS

Adjutant Brown Says Organization In Best Shape In Years

With a goodly number of the members present Tuesday night, one of the best Legion meetings to be held in many months was held, with the new commander, Geddes Potter, presiding over his first meeting.

The principal business transacted, which was entered into heartily by all present, was the idea of holding a memorial service and oyster roast on Armistice Day, next Thursday. Tentative plans call for a memorial service at 6 P. M., to be held in one of the city churches, the exact one to be announced later, after which Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary as guests of honor will retire to the power plant where an oyster roast will complete the program. It will be a "Dutch" treat affair so far as Legionnaires and ex-service men are concerned.

In preparation for the event Commander Potter appointed two committees, as follows:

Memorial Committee: O. H. Brown, West Byrum, Mrs. J. W. White and Mrs. W. E. Baker.

Entertainment Committee: R. L. Pratt, C. M. Hicks, R. E. Leary, C. D. Stewart, Shelton Moore and Joe Conger.

Another important matter discussed was Post membership. According to Adjutant O. H. Brown the Post at present is in better shape than at any time since 1931. There are now 55 members of the Post, a standing and it is the hope that before Armistice Day at least 63 will be in good standing in order to receive a special citation over the radio on Armistice Day in connection with the departmental broadcast. Aside from this honor, if the Post secures 63 paid up members, last year's membership, before Armistice Day an extraordinary citation in the way of a diploma will be presented which can be framed and hung in the hall. "We have an excellent opportunity to win this honor," said Mr. Brown, and if the interest displayed Tuesday night is indicative of Legion activities during the year the contest honors will be won.

Commander Potter also appointed color bearers and color guard, who are as follows:

Color Bearers: Frank Ward and J. B. Bunch.

Color Guards: Shelton Moore and Joe Boyce.

Welfare Activities Outlined For Third Quarter Of Year

Superintendent Perkins Reports to County Commissioners

CLOTHING GIVEN

County Expense Under New System Averaged \$550 Per Month

Though little of importance came before the County Commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday morning, the session extended over into the afternoon. Claiming more attention than anything else was the report of William M. Perkins, superintendent of public welfare, which recommended removal from the County's outside relief roll four dependent people leaving only three on the County's list receiving direct County aid. The latest four to be removed were Abner Pierce, Annie Elliott, Mary Reed and Clara Norcum, all of whom will be taken care of under the social security program. Five were also added to Mr. Perkins' list who will receive blind relief, these being Mrs. Rachel Pearce, Minnie Leary, Annie Butler, Annie Elliott and John Harrison Spruill.

Mr. Perkins' report also revealed that over 1,000 articles of clothing had been distributed among school

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