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Plans Are Gradually Shaping Up For Big Bridge Celebration

Contract Signed For Bridge Decoration For Event

TEA PARTY FLOAT

Julien Wood and C. W. Tatem Will Jointly Accept Structure

Consummation of plans for the formal dedication of the new bridge over Albemarle Sound on August 25, are materializing day by day with the meeting of committees from all over the seven counties most concerned, and reached a culmination this week with the selection of the Bell Decorating Company, of Richmond, Va., as official decorators for the ceremony. John W. Graham, chairman of the committee having this in charge, has accepted a contract for this work, which will be unusually decorative and include adornment of the entire span from shore to shore with flags and bunting; at a cost of \$225.

The plan of decorations calls for flag shows in the shape of full fans, half fans, stretchers, butterflies and pull downs, made of tri-color and star center bunting, over the entrance of the bridge at each end, spanning the bridge for its full length with similar displays, with overhead displays at the center draw, centered there with the State flag of North Carolina and welcome banners, as well as the decoration of the speaker's stand to be erected on the south shore for the reception of the 200 or so distinguished guests.

The Bell Company, after consultation with Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Mrs. Junius W. Davis and Miss Pencie Warren, of the sub-committee on floats, has been selected, also, to join in the construction of the various historical floats, each to carry some highlight of the Albemarle section, the price for this to be from \$100 to \$200 a float, depending on type chosen. Picture sketches of the proposed floats will be submitted.

Chowan's float will depict the Edenton Tea Party and the committee women will soon choose local celebrities to emulate the 51 ladies of the town who protested so vigorously back in 1774.

Copies of the Bell contracts have been sent to John W. Darden, of Plymouth, for his approval and as soon as returned will be signed by Mr. Graham and sent on to Richmond. Mr. Darden has, also, been advised by E. W. Spires, of the entertainment committee, as to the propriety of at once closing for the site of the speaker's stand, "as a large number will want to rent concessions and the land cannot be leased any too soon."

Mr. Spires has further suggested that if the day be disagreeable as far as the weather goes, the Armory here can be secured "as it will not be practicable to postpone such a large celebration on account of rain."

On Monday Mr. Spires, likewise, wrote General Chairman C. W. Tatem at Columbia, that he had sounded out Julien Wood relative to accepting the bridge for the Albemarle. Mr. Tatem had suggested this honor should be Mr. Wood's and not his, but that Mr. Wood had felt it should be jointly shared. Mr. Tatem will, therefore, accept the bridge for the south shore folks, and Mr. Wood for the north side.

"A letter has gone to Miles L. Clark, of Elizabeth City, also, assuring him of the committee's appreciation of his co-operation and notifying him that his launch and others by Clarence Beasley, of Colerain, and Joseph H. Conger, of Edenton, as well as State fisheries boats and those of the Coast Guard, be secured for handling the guests on the water. Congressman Lindsey Warren will be asked to help in getting the Coast Guard fleet into the sound on the day in question.

Red Men Elect New Officers Next Monday

Due to the heavy downpour of rain early Monday night very few Red Men appeared for the weekly meeting of Chowan Tribe, resulting in the meeting being called off by Asa Griffin, sachem. Monday was the regular time for nominating new officers for the next six months, which will no doubt be done at the meeting next Monday night, with election taking place immediately after the closing of nominations.

Davis Calls Meeting Of Chamber Of Commerce Membership Committee

In an effort to make a rapid and complete canvass for memberships in the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, Junius W. Davis, chairman of the Membership Committee, has notified every member of his group to meet with him at 10:30 o'clock this morning (Thursday) at the Municipal Building to arrange the campaign. Each one notified is urgently requested to be present on time, so that the important matter of memberships will be totally out of the way before the annual banquet next Thursday night.

In previous years Mr. Davis has been very successful in directing the membership drive and with the proper cooperation this year's membership should exceed any previous year.

Chamber Commerce Banquet Will Be Held Next Thursday Night

Membership Committee Meets at 10:30 This Morning

PLANS READY

Tickets On Sale For Members Until Wednesday Night

With a principal speaker secured, a drive for memberships planned and arrangements about completed for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet next Thursday night, everything points to one of the most successful affairs ever held by the local organization.

Clem D. Johnston, of Roanoke Rapids, whose reputation as a speaker has attracted national attention, has agreed to speak at the meeting and this in itself will result in a capacity house. Other details of the meeting will be worked out by a committee composed of Geddes Potter, Hector Lupton, W. P. Jones, George Capehart and W. R. Horton, who met Tuesday night. The meeting will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes, starting at 7:30 o'clock. One hundred tickets for the banquet will be sold which is the maximum number that can be accommodated in the dining room. These tickets are now on sale at Leggett & Davis drug store and will be for sale to members only up to closing time Wednesday night, after which what remains will be given to the committee to be disposed of among any others who desire to attend the banquet. The price of the banquet will be 75 cents.

Junius W. Davis, chairman of the membership committee, has called a meeting of his group for this morning (Thursday) and plans within a few days to have a canvass completed and a result of the drive ready to be reported to Secretary J. H. McMullan. Every member of this committee has been notified to be at the meeting promptly at 10:30 o'clock so that there will be no delay in securing all renewals as well as enlisting new members in the organization.

Cooking School At Hotel For Two Days

Tickets Distributed to Determine Winners Of Prizes

Indications early this week were to the effect that record crowds of ladies from this section will attend the cooking school today (Thursday) and Friday. The school will be conducted by Miss Louise Reese, prominent food economist, under the auspices of Byrum Hardware Company in cooperation with the Westinghouse Electric Company. Adding to the interest locally is reports from Hertford, where the school was held earlier this week, that it was very instructive and interesting, claiming the attendance of many women of Perquimans County.

All women are cordially invited to attend, the school beginning at 2:30 o'clock each afternoon. Tickets have been printed and will be distributed among those attending to determine who will win prizes to be awarded.

BOYS OFF TO CAMP

Gilliam Wood, Graham White, Jr., and Billy Pruden left Edenton Wednesday for a camp near Asheville. The trio of popular youngsters will remain in camp for about a month.

Lions Will Observe White Cane Day To Boost Blind Fund

Effort Made Saturday to Raise Funds For Use In Aiding Blind

LADIES' NIGHT

Club's New Officers Installed at Next Monday's Meeting

Cooperating with the North Carolina State Association for the Blind, Edenton Lions will sell canes in Edenton, Hertford and Elizabeth City on Saturday in an effort to raise funds to aid the blind, it was decided at the meeting of the Lions Club Monday night. White canes will be sold at a minimum price of 10 cents each, but any amount above that will be greatly appreciated. One-half of the amount raised will be sent to the State Blind Commission, while the other half will be retained by the local club to be used in blind work in the county.

Leroy Haskett, J. A. Curran and R. C. Holland compose the committee on blind work for the local club and plan an intensive effort to raise money through the sale of the canes, and urge the whole-hearted cooperation of all who are in sympathy with this worthy cause.

The Lions also decided to observe Ladies Night, at which time the recently elected officers will be installed, on next Monday night instead of on July 4, which is a national holiday. The hour of the meeting will be 8 o'clock, at which time the ladies will be guests of the members. An interesting program has been arranged for the affair, when it is hoped Mack M. Jernigan, of Dunn, district governor, will make the principal address.

At the meeting, Monday night a very interesting program was in charge of Caleb Goodwin and Ralph Parrish, the latter making a detailed report of the State Convention held at Wrightsville Beach which was attended by him and William Privott. Special piano music was furnished by Mrs. Jack Mooney.

Vacation Church School Ends Friday

Largest School Ever Held In Methodist Church

The Daily Vacation Church School at the Methodist Church, which has continued for two weeks, is the best school within several years both in attendance and work. One hundred and eight children have been enrolled and many of these will receive certificates for perfect attendance.

The school ends Friday evening at 8 o'clock with commencement exercises, and the awarding of certificates. This will be followed by the social hour at which the handwork of the children will be displayed.

Dance Tonight For Benefit Local Band

Paul Jones and his orchestra, of Rocky Mount, will appear at the Edenton Armory tonight (Thursday) to furnish music for a dance given for the benefit of the Edenton Band. As a special feature a band concert will precede the dancing.

Dancing proper will begin at 10:30 o'clock, continuing until 2 a. m. The affair has been widely advertised and due to the purpose of the dance a large crowd is expected.

Aerial Maps Of Farms In County Now Here

One quota of aerial maps of Chowan County farms have been received by County Agent N. K. Rowell whose office is very busy with routine work in connection with the 1938 agricultural program. The maps have been studied and Mr. Rowell announces that meetings of County supervisors will be held at the Court House today (Thursday), Friday and Saturday for the purpose of inspecting and training before making a check-up of farms as to compliance with the program. These meetings will begin at 9 a. m. and every supervisor is urged to be present in order to be fully acquainted with the method of carrying out his duty.

Miniature Flood In Edenton Monday From Heavy Rain

Nearly Three Inches of Rainfall In Couple Of Hours

CARS STALLED

Show Room of Chowan Motor Company Flooded

What was said to be the heaviest rain within the memory of older residents visited Edenton late Monday afternoon, resulting in several scenes similar to what one sees in the news reels depicting floods in various parts of the country. According to the report at the local branch of the weather bureau almost three inches of rainfall was registered within a space of about two hours.

Though all storm sewers were open, the volume of water was too great for the size of pipes which caused serious overflows at the corner of Broad and Queen Streets, on North Broad Street, in front of the Chowan Motor Company on Queen Street, at Court and Eden Streets and at the Norfolk Southern Depot. In a number of instances the water was too deep to allow automobiles to pass and as a result quite a few cars were stalled in the water. On North Broad Street the water spread to the front porches of homes making it impossible to leave or enter the homes.

At the Chowan Motor Company the overflow entered the show-room, a foot or more of water flooding the office and show-room. Employees were forced to remain several hours after the shower before they were able to leave the building. Many men and boys, returning from work, were obliged to go barefooted with pants rolled up to the knees in order to reach home. Many gardens, too, were damaged by being washed out by the sudden downpour.

Considerable damage was also reported from the county where crops, already damaged by excessive rain, were given a further setback.

Swimming School Begins On Monday

Melvin Layton and Miss Ruth Privott Will Be Instructors

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Chowan County Red Cross chairman, has announced that the annual Red Cross swimming school will begin Monday morning which, as in former years, will be conducted for beginners, juniors and seniors. The juniors and seniors will meet at the Fish Hatchery for the classes, and while no definite arrangements have been made, Mrs. Pruden hopes to be able to have the beginners meet at Edenhous as last year.

The school this year will again be in charge of Melvin Layton, who will be assisted by Miss Ruth Privott. The schedule calls for beginners classes to begin at 9 a. m., while the other groups will meet at 2 p. m. The school will continue for one week.

Any children who desire to enroll in the school must assemble at the Fish Hatchery on Monday morning.

Ambulance Company Maneuvers Friday

Many citizens on Friday night at 8 o'clock have their first opportunity to witness the equipment and maneuvering of the local Ambulance Company when all equipment will be put on display under the flood lights on Hicks Field. Each man will pitch his own pup tent and arrange his own equipment, the purpose of the display to serve as a training preparatory to leaving for camp on July 31.

The camp equipment display will be in charge of P. L. Baumgardner, while Dr. Martin Wisely will be in charge of the medical equipment. The annual camp this year will be held at Camp Shelby in Mississippi.

Spaghetti Supper At Cupola House Tonight

A spaghetti supper will be held tonight (Thursday) at the Cupola House between the hours of 6:30 and 9 o'clock. The supper is being held for the benefit of the Cupola House Association and it is hoped a liberal patronage will be realized.

Edenton Band Will Parade In Tobacco Festival At Wilson

Edenton High School Band is among the group of musical organizations to be invited to participate in the Tobacco Festival to be held in Wilson on August 15. Director C. L. McCullers has accepted the invitation and he understands that the local youngsters will be honored by leading the parade in the huge celebration.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates has been selected to represent Chowan as one of the princesses, while civic clubs or others are invited to place entries in the bathing beauty contest.

Baptist Training Union Convention In E. City Today

Twelfth Annual Session Held In Blackwell Memorial Church

TWO SESSIONS

Theme of Meeting Will Be "Ye Are His Witnesses"

The twelfth annual Baptist Training Union Convention of the Chowan Association will meet today (Thursday) in the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, the theme of which will be "Ye Are His Witnesses."

There will be two sessions, to which all members of the Association are urged to attend. The complete program follows:

Afternoon Session

2:30—Praise Service, Dr. E. R. Potts.

2:45—Meditation, Scripture reading, J. L. Chestnut; Cornet Solo, Shelton Moore, Jr.

2:55—Business Period.

3:25—Offering; Special Music.

4:00—Conference Period; Program Committee, Mrs. Paul Ives; Instruction Committee, L. H. Sawyer; Social Committee, Mrs. Victoria Morgan; Missionary Committee, J. M. Elliott; Membership Committee, Miss Addie Mae Cooke; Junior Conference, Miss Lillian Pritchard; Story Hour Conference, Mrs. J. L. White, Jr.; Association Officers, General Officers and Pastors Conference, Rev. N. C. Brooks.

4:30—Adjournment.

Social Tour: 5:00—Fish Fry and Picnic.

Vesper Service: 6:30—Hymn by all; Message, Rev. W. F. Woodall; Special music.

Evening Session

8:00—Praise Service, Blackwell Junior Choir.

8:15—Report of Committees.

8:20—Installation Service, Rev. J. F. Stegall.

8:35—Special Music, First Baptist Church.

8:40—Address, Rev. N. C. Brooks.

9:10—Closing hymn and prayer.

Vesper Services At Methodist Church

Sunday Night Services Held at 5:30 Instead Of 8 O'clock

The evening hour of worship at the Methodist Church will be changed this Sunday from the regular evening service at 8 o'clock to 5:30. This evening service beginning at 5:30 will conclude within an hour. This vesper service will be featured by singing and the preaching will be brief. The subject of the sermon will be, "How Old Are You?" The public is cordially invited. Regular services in the morning at 11 o'clock. Sunday School at 9:45 o'clock.

Masonic Meeting Is Called Off Tonight

Approximately a dozen local Masons plan to attend the Second District meeting which will be held this afternoon and tonight at Hamilton. The meeting will begin at 4 o'clock, and after a banquet a night session will be held.

Due to several of the officers of Unanimity Lodge attending the meeting E. T. Rawlinson, master of the lodge, has called off the regular communication tonight.

Duty Of Church To Show Hospitality Ministers Agree

Edenton Preachers Co-operating In Governor's Program

CHRISTIAN DUTY

Church Should Do Its Part In Making Tourists Feel at Home

Preachers of Edenton are of one accord that the church can play a very vital part in cooperating with the Governor's hospitality program, in fact they believe hospitality is incumbent on churches and church members and is a Christian duty whether a hospitality program is in effect or not.

Four Edenton ministers this week assured E. W. Spires, chairman of the Hospitality Committee of Chowan County, that they would cooperate in every way possible to stress the importance of hospitality in the churches, especially looking toward many tourists and strangers expected to visit the city during the summer. The ministers who have expressed their whole-hearted co-operation were Rev. Edward L. Gross, St. Anne's Catholic Church; Rev. C. A. Ashby, St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Rev. E. L. Wells, Edenton Baptist Church, and Rev. George W. Blount, Methodist Church.

"Be given to hospitality," it is urged in the Bible," said one of them. "Hospitality, therefore, is a Christian duty, and specially incumbent on churches and church-members. It is also a duty that is likely to be forgotten and neglected. And so the Bible says again: 'Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.' If the stranger is not an angel, the church by opening her arms to receive and welcome him may transform him into an angel of light. If he is an angel, he brings to the church increase of Christian fellowship and spiritual power, and the church in turn becomes a source of blessing to him.

"The churches of Edenton should do their part in making tourists feel at home among us and in influencing as many of them as possible to become permanent residents.

"What steps should be taken to accomplish this? First: Let the official boards of the churches make this a matter of serious consideration and adopt practical methods of attaining the desired end. Second: Let the various organizations of men, women and young people make it a part of their work to exercise and increase the spirit of hospitality in their members. Third: Encourage church members to cultivate an earnest and sincere interest in strangers and newcomers as the Bible teaches them to do. They should speak to those who sit near them or come within their reach at the church services and give them a warm welcome. They should visit those who have recently become their neighbors and seek to enlist their interest in the church of their choice and to gather the young people into the Sunday schools and young people's societies.

"Ushers should be trained in the best methods of doing their work. They should so acquaint themselves with the congregation as to recognize at once the stranger or an occasional attendant and to welcome them in such a way as to make them want to come again. Good ushering helps to increase church attendance. The Bible emphasizes the importance of 'the door-keeper in the house of the Lord.'

"Other practical suggestions might be made but none of them will be of any value without the true spirit of hospitality."

Raise Fund To Send Boy Scouts To Camp

A meeting of the Troop Committee of Edenton Boy Scouts was held at Hotel Joseph Hewes on Monday night, at which time a central committee was named to solicit funds for the purpose of sending the Scouts to camp this summer. It is hoped enough financial assistance will be given that will enable the boys to go to camp the third week in July, the cost of which is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$150. Just where the boys will camp, if enough money is raised, has not been decided.

The committee selected to tackle this job is composed of Mrs. R. P. Badham, Mrs. W. B. Shepard and Mrs. John Wood.