

Albemarle Awaits Big Day Aug. 25

Chowan County Adapted For Raising Crops of Any Nature; Climate Is Ideal

Profitable For Raising Livestock; Markets Convenient

RICH SOIL

Long Growing Season Enables Year Round Garden

Chowan County lying in Northeastern North Carolina and within 60 miles of the Atlantic Ocean is well adapted to the growing of most all crops and the raising of livestock, as it has a good soil and its location gives it an ideal climate.

Due to its fine loamy soil, the county is noted for the growing of a superior grade of peanuts. Virginia Runner, Virginia Bunch, Jumbo and N. C. Runner are the leading varieties used in this section. The vines are used for hay and the waste peanuts are excellent for fattening hogs in the fall after the crop is harvested. Edenton, the county seat, is the leading peanut market in North Carolina.

Cotton is also a leading money crop, running second to peanuts. On an average, more cotton is grown per acre here than in other sections of the South. A good staple and grade can be produced by the use of good seed, proper fertilization and cultivation. Tobacco is another leading crop.

A good corn section, for all the farmers are growing corn for their own use in feeding their livestock and poultry and some to sell. Corn is also used in preparing many dishes for the family. Corn is easily grown as an early crop or as a crop following truck.

The county is favored in its soil and climate, nearness to markets and ready means of transportation for the growing of early and late truck. Some of the leading truck crops produced here include Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, May peas, snap beans, butter beans, tomatoes and cabbage. Watermelons are grown in several sections of the county, especially along the Chowan River, in the Cowpen Neck and Rocky Hook sections. Here the famous Cowpen Neck Special bavored watermelon is grown, which is in much demand. Cantaloupes are also grown for the market.

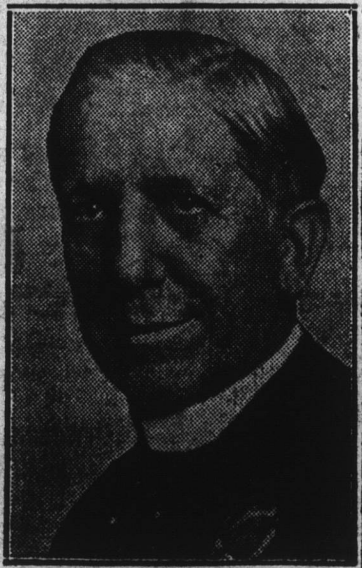
Fruits of almost every kind are found growing in the county, such as apples, peaches, pears, plums, raspberries, strawberries, dewberries, figs, grapes and pecans. The county has long been noted for its Scuppernon vines; these and other varieties of grapes can be seen on all farms. Pecan trees are being planted for shade as well as profit from sale of nuts.

Livestock and poultry do well here and are on the increase. This is due to the fertile soil and mild climate, which make it possible for the growing of pastures and feeds for the hogs, beef cattle, sheep, milk cattle and poultry. Cattle and sheep can be grazed on green pastures most of the year. All feed necessary for cattle, sheep and most of the feeds for hogs and poultry can be grown here more economically than elsewhere, except as tankage, bone meal, meat scraps, lime and salt; and with a surplus of milk to be fed the hogs and poultry, most of the animal protein feeds could be eliminated.

The forests of the section contain more than thirty varieties and kinds here. Some of the important trees of trees and much lumber is produced are pine, juniper, cypress, poplar, gum, oak, beech, hickory, dogwood, persimmon and cedar. In addition to lumber, poles, piles, fence posts and railroad ties, firewood is produced for local use and sale.

With the long growing season all the vegetables needed can be produced. A year-round garden can be maintained. A great variety of vegetables is grown in every section of the county and something green can be had for the table every day in the year. Sweet sorghums do well and plenty of syrup can be produced. Bee raising is well adapted to the county and the flow of honey is great in sections of the year.

He Can Do It!



GOVERNOR CLYDE R. HOEY
No more able person could be secured to deliver the address of welcome to the visitors who will attend the dedicatory exercises of the Albemarle Sound Bridge. The Governor will discharge this duty on August 25.

Demonstration Clubs Play Important Role

Chowan Has Ten Clubs Each Very Active and Doing Excellent Work Each Year

It seems only natural that historic Chowan County, which has been first in so many events, should be one of the first counties to have Home Demonstration work. Some of the aims of this organization are: (1) to promote a spirit of friendliness, good will and neighborliness in the communities; (2) to carry out a planned home economics program which will help the members with their problems of home-making; (3) to develop interest in the cultural phases of home-making, and to encourage wholesome recreation in home and community; (4) to develop leadership; (5) to do one or two definite pieces of work each year for the betterment of the community as a whole; (6) to cooperate with other groups and organizations working for community improvement; (7) to give all possible support and encouragement to 4-H club work; and (8) to be of service to neighbors or others in misfortune who need such assistance as the club can give.

In Chowan County there are 10 Home Demonstration clubs with a membership of 185, and eight 4-H clubs with 160 members. These clubs are located so that they are available to practically every community in the county.

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Washington's Queen

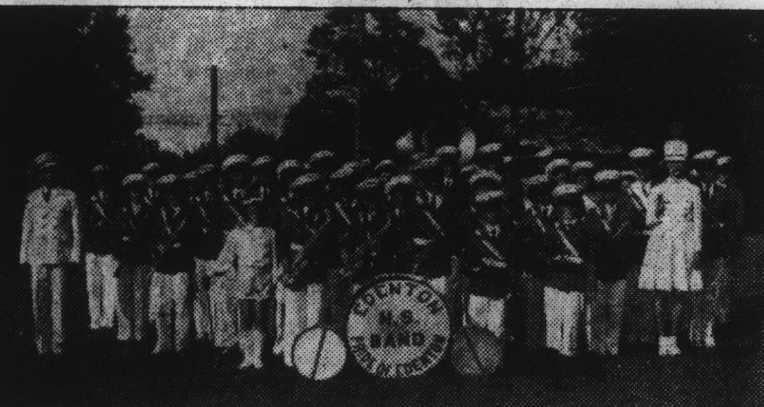


MISS VIRGINIA TARKENTON
Miss Tarkenton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton of Pleasant Grove, will represent Washington County in the Beauty Queen feature of the Albemarle Sound bridge celebration.

Official Celebration Program

- 10:00 A. M. Pageant parade with historical floats in line leaves Edenton, directed by Carroll E. Kramer, Chief Marshal.
 - 10:30 A. M. Parade arrival in center of bridge.
 - Formal opening of bridge, directed by John W. Darden, Chairman of Program Committee.
 - Formal presentation of the bridge to the public by Hon. Frank Dunlap, Chairman State Highway Commission.
 - Bridge acceptance by Hon. Julien Wood of Edenton and Zeb Vance Norman of Plymouth.
 - Formal bridge opening gesture by seven boy and girl heralds from the Albemarle.
 - Music.
 - 11:10 A. M. Parade will proceed to south side of sound for dedicatory exercises.
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- CHARLES WALLACE TATEM, Master of Ceremonies
- 11:30 A. M. Music.
 - 11:40 A. M. Invocation by Rev. John Barclay of Wilson.
 - 11:50 A. M. Presentation of Hon. Lindsay C. Warren, who will recognize officials and distinguished guests.
 - 12:20 P. M. Welcome address by Governor Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina.
 - 12:30 P. M. Music, "Carolina."
 - 12:35 P. M. Response to address of welcome by Col. E. E. Holland, representing Governor James H. Price of Virginia. Music, "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia."
 - 12:50 P. M. Introduction of former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus by Hon. Jerome B. Flora of Elizabeth City.
 - 1:00 P. M. Address by former Governor Ehringhaus.
 - Music.
 - Luncheon.
 - 2:30 P. M. Water Carnival.

"PRIDE OF EDENTON"



Here is grouped Edenton High School's Band, which has won for itself quite an enviable reputation resulting in much favorable publicity to the town by its splendid performances at many affairs in the State. The band will participate in the Albemarle Sound bridge celebration and only recently was honored at the Wilson Tobacco Festival by being asked to play the special concert for the great exposition.

TROOP OF FOUR LIVELY PATROLS OCCUPY UNIQUE LOG CABIN ON TOWN PROPERTY

George Capehart, Present Scoutmaster, Is Bringing Out Best In Boys

With a membership of 37 fully uniformed youngsters up to 15 years of age Edenton's Boy Scout unit has lived faithfully up to the national organization's slogan "Be prepared", and has established itself as one of the leading outstanding Scout corps in the State of North Carolina. Under the enthusiastic leadership of Scoutmaster George Capehart and his assistant, Kermit Layton, the Scouts have shown renewed activity and interest during the past year and the corps "log book" detailing the "one good deed a day" of the sixteen youths is not only the prize possession but an envy of scouts all over the Albemarle.

Other Scout units may force their publicity stronger than the Edenton corps, but the Edenton lads have so much to be proud of they are downright modest about extolling their merits. For instance they have one "Life Scout," which is near the top ranking in Scoutdom, and three "Star Scouts" a rank below. The lone high ranker is Meredith Jones, 16 years of age, and the trio who are pushing him for high laurels are Elbert Copeland, John Hassell and Nick Gardner. There is a happy rivalry amongst the boys as to all this and the enthusiastic display they show in all their endeavor has made the organization one of the community's chief prizes.

There are fourteen second class Scouts in the unit and 24 others in the "Tenderfoot" category. Their chieftains, Capehart and Layton, however, are confident all of the khaki uniformed lads will be out of the lower rankings soon and will soon be succeeded by the rapidly growing

coterie of "Scout cubs," which are boys below the entrance age of 12 years and who are anxiously hoping for the time when they, too, can compete for entrance into the parent corps.

The history of the local Scout unit is a history of persistency and earnestness. The unit got its start in 1922 when Rev. H. I. Glass, a Methodist divine here, took over the organization with a corps membership of 16. He served for two years and was succeeded by County Agent N. K. Rowell, who was soon followed by Aubrey Shackell, a former newspaper editor here. Shackell boosted the membership to 20 where it remained until the Scoutmaster control of H. A. Campen, who drove the membership up to 32 at which number it has since remained. Mr. Campen served until 1931 when Rev. Payne Brown, a Presbyterian minister, took hold with Layton, himself an early Scout, going in as assistant Scoutmaster.

In 1932 William Privott became Scoutmaster with Layton and Thomas Cheers, Jr., as assistants. In 1935 John W. Graham officiated in the same capacity until this year when Capehart, at the urgent request of many, became Scoutmaster with Layton continuing as his aide.

The troops go on weekly hikes to be taught the rudimentary principles of woodcraft, cooking and life saving, and each year are off on a week's camping trip to one of the Carolina beaches or watering places.

One of the big things helping to make the unit an enviable one and to provide suitable facilities was the presentation of its present "Scout Cabin" on North Broad Street in 1929. The "Cabin" came as the generous gift of the late James A. Woodard, who always kept up a warm interest, with purse and advice, in the unit. The "Cabin" is situated on town property and in a sense is one of the little show places of the town.

Dedication of Sound Bridge Will Attract Most People Ever To Gather In Section

Principal Speaker



J. C. B. EHRINGHAUS
Former Governor and prime factor in securing the Albemarle Sound bridge, Mr. Ehringhaus was selected to make the principal address for the dedicatory exercises.

All Details Have Been Finally Arranged For Huge Celebration

PARADE

Former Governor Ehringhaus Will Make Main Address

For all the Albemarle its day of days is nearly here, and next Thursday, August 25, the mammoth new vehicular bridge over the Sound, which has been under way in agitation and construction since 1933, and which has culminated in an engineering feat unequalled and unsurpassed in the annals of national bridge work, North Carolina's greatest pride and most expensive roadway venture, will be formally dedicated in the presence of an expected great concourse of people with governors, ex-governors and other State and federal dignitaries on hand to lend oratorical eclat to the occasion.

Of course it will be a wonderful day for the whole Albemarle section. A general holiday everywhere has been declared and all businesses will be closed while the celebration is on, or are expected to, so that everyone, owners, clerks and patrons may take advantage of the opportunity to get to the south shore and raise their eyes and voices in glory to a great Providence and a proud State which have made it all possible.

And it will in no sense be a tiresome visit for the onlookers for while the ceremonies were originally planned to run all day and into the night various program changes in recent weeks have cut the festivities down to but a four or five hour affair, and four or five hours is nothing at all in the open expression of satisfaction by a populace which has been hoping and planning for five years.

While the celebration has been set in location directly on the eastern side of the south shore terminal of the span it will actually get its impetus in the congregation of a big historical parade in Edenton under the guidance of Chief Marshal Carroll E. Kramer. The parade will be one of numerous county floats, each supposedly emblematic of some high history spot in each commonwealth's life, of a half dozen or so bands, of an almost countless chain of motor vehicles carrying dignitaries and other distinguished guests to the scene of action across the gaily decorated and festooned bridge.

Mr. Kramer, an expert in matters of this sort, will be assisted in his work by four town and county stalwarts in the persons of Fernor W. Hobbs, Charlie Swanner, B. Warner Evans and Henry Goodwin. The marshal's aides, all horsemen of moment, will await the cavallade at the north shore side of the bridge and following the grand marshal will lead the procession horse to speaker's stand across the span.

The big floats, several of them of huge proportions, the one from Chowan illustrative of the famous tea party of 1774, have all been under construction in Edenton by a Richmond firm and are expected to attract much attention all along the line of march which will be straight down the Yeopim highway onto the bridge road and bridge.

The parade will start at 10 A. M. and is expected to take a half hour reaching the center of the great bridge where the day's official life will actually begin. John W. Darden, of Plymouth, chairman of the celebration program committee, Frank Dunlap, chairman of the State Highway Commission, and Julien Wood, of Edenton, a prime leader in starting the agitation for the bridge in 1933, and Zeb V. Norman, of Plymouth, will be awaiting the processionists at this point.

Mr. Darden will briefly direct the proceedings here and will introduce Mr. Dunlap, who will make a formal presentation of the span to the public. Mr. Norman, acting in the place of the originally chosen C. Wallace Tatem, of Columbia, will, with equal formality, make acceptance of the bridge for the citizenry of the south shore.

Ferry Makes Final Run On August 14

For Years Only Connecting Link Between North and South Sides Of Sound

Although sixteen years, some of them long and trying twelve months and others fast and fleeting eras, have passed since the Edenton-Mackeys ferry got its first start, it seems but yesterday to many of us when the first "toot-toot" of the stage boat "The Pilot," resounded across the waters of the Sound and, perhaps, awakened some of the later morning sleepers about town.

But with the coming of the magnificent new bridge across the Sound the faithful ferry which has given such heroic service during sunshine and rain, through snow and ice, has had to fold up, and pass with much else of less importance into the oblivion which only memory can make us forget.

Short as the ferry life has been it has been a connecting link between the north and south sides of the Sound, in a sense has been a great factor in bringing both shores of the intervening waterway into closer communion, and has made it possible for us on the north to know our neighbors a little better on the south, a possibility, hard as it is to see the ferry quit, which will be greatly appreciated.

Chowan's Queen



CLARA MEADE SMITH
From among a list of 23 candidates Miss Smith, by popular vote, was on Saturday elected to represent Chowan County in the beauty queen feature to be held in connection with the Albemarle Sound bridge celebration.

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