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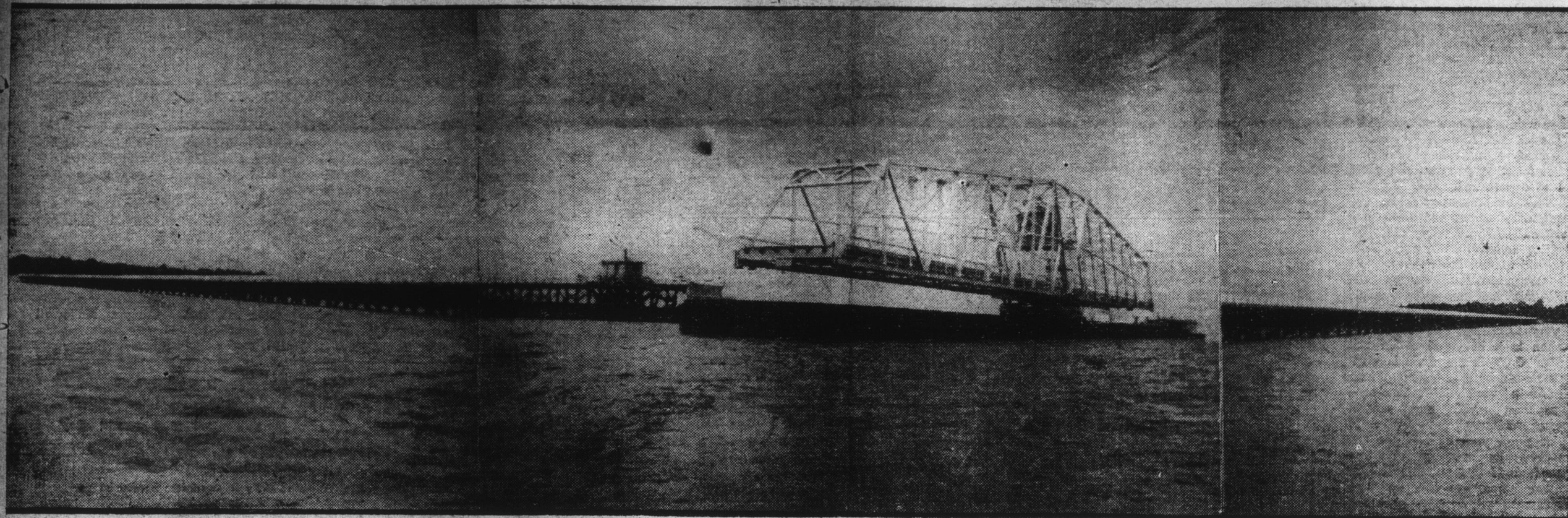
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Another Barrier Overcome --- Albemarle Section Now United



The New Bridge Over Albemarle Sound Which Will Be Dedicated Thursday, August 25

Edenton Hub For Bridge Celebration

Edentonians Capture High Honors In Main Events At Wilson Tobacco Festival

Band Given Great Applause Along Line Of March

HUGE CROWD

Mary Elizabeth Cates Attracts Attention In Beauty Contest

Musically and otherwise, Edenton went to Wilson last Thursday and brought home a fine assortment of the Tobacco festival honors in its pockets. Nothing strange about that, of course, for where Edenton goes honor returns.

The boys and girls of this town, who comprise the local school band, under the leadership of their proud and able director, C. L. McCullers, toted their clarinets, trumpets, cornets, trombones, saxophones, bass and kettle drums, xylophones, alto and baritone horns, and those great big weapons of music that would hold a hogshead of ABC stuff and tower skyward, to the town of tobacco, grabbed off the place of signal honor at the head of the 3 mile long parade of floats and industrial propaganda, later gave a band concert for an hour before 5,000 listeners in front of the Wilson County Court House, exhibited a child of charm, Charlotte Bunch, at the van of their show, and came home that night stuffed with fancy Wilson food and burdened with the pride that comes to everyone for a deed well done.

Edenton has much vaunted history. Jack McMullan says it has industrial advantages unparalleled and unexcelled. Certainly the neighborhood now has a bridge that should open its doors still wider. But with all this Edenton has a band, just about the hottest band of school children in the great State of North Carolina. The band is the town's best advertisement, ever has been—ever will be, and it did itself grand once more at Wilson, even if it may not have such a chance for display at the bridge show this coming Thursday.

But the band was not all. Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates was in Wilson, too as the representative of her town of nativity. She faced competition with 53 others for the "Queen of Beauty" at the Wilson party, and she looked dangerous to all the others. At the theatre show Wednesday night she displayed herself in this competition and in a vote of 1,000 onlookers she was favored with a near top mention, a beauty of beauties from Snow Hill winning and second choice going to "Miss Raleigh" with "Miss Edenton," a girl from the Albemarle flatlands pursuing them closely. Even as a runner up in contest with

Coincidence

Proof that Clerk of Superior Court Richard D. Dixon's records are kept as well as any in the State was provided early this week, when what is no doubt a record was reported by Garland E. Midyette, son of the late Judge Garland E. Midyette. Mr. Midyette at present is employed in searching county records in all of the 100 counties of the State, tabulating the number of homicides in each county since 1909.

It is rather significant that the period covers 29 years and that in Chowan County there were 29 homicides and Mr. Midyette completed his search for the information in exactly 29 minutes.

Local Municipal Building Is Now Mayor's Project

Architect's Drawing of Proposed Edifice Attracts Attention

COST \$70,000

County Commissioners And Councilmen May Decide Later

An architect's painting of what he thinks a municipal PWA building could be made to look like in Edenton, together with plans for the first and second floor offices in the proposed structure, has been on display

M. W. Jackson Files Suit For \$5,400 As Result Auto Accident

Damages to the amount of \$5,400 were embodied in a suit filed in Chowan Superior Court Tuesday by M. W. Jackson against Martin L. Perry, of Elizabeth City. The document is the outgrowth of an automobile accident on July 23 resulting in serious bodily injury to Mr. Jackson, from which he is now slowly recovering. The complaint charges Mr. Perry with driving at a high and unlawful rate of speed at a curve.

Mr. Jackson claims \$5,000 damages for bodily injury and \$400 damages to his automobile.

Governor Hoey Joins Band



Here is pictured Governor Clyde Hoey with Edenton High School Band's drum majors. The picture was taken last week at the Wilson Tobacco Festival. Reading left to right are: Doris Jean Leary, Betty Wales, Governor Hoey, Myda Weaver, Emily Howard and Director C. L. McCullers.

\$48,000 Law Suit Grows Out Of New Bridge Erection

Contractors Ask Damages For Breach of Contract

WORK DELAYED Tardiness of Piles Cause Much Extra Expense, It Is Charged

Close ahead of today's bridge dedicatory celebration was a suit filed in the Superior Court here on Tuesday growing out of construction difficulties experienced in building the mammoth Sound span. The Tidewater Construction Corporation, of Norfolk, contracting engineers for the north end of the crossway and draw bridge, was the plaintiff in the filed action, claiming \$48,152.02 damages against the Gulf States Creosoting Company, of Hattiesburg, Miss.

The papers set forth that the Tidewater people worked under a North Carolina Highway Commission contract totaling \$637,460, and engaged with the defendant company to creosote the piling used in the north side work, the engagement calling for full delivery by the creosoters by December 15, last. Such delivery was not made, it is charged, so that great difficulty was experienced in carrying on the bridge construction through last winter, and it was not until August 1 last that the bridge could be tentatively finished.

In the interval the Tidewater complainants claim they had to buy much creosoted lumber, also, from the Atlantic Creosoting Company, and that the loss attributable to the defendant corporation was \$48,000 less the smaller amount paid the Atlantic people, making the claimed damages \$48,152.02.

Chowan Figured To Participate In Big Anti-Aircraft Test

"Warning Net" Will Be Located In This Vicinity

UNIQUE AFFAIR Destruction Fort Bragg Object of "Enemy" Planes

One of the most important anti-aircraft exercises ever engaged in by the United States Army will have one of its focal points in Chowan County during the maneuver between October 3 and 17 next, and a pronounced center of the entire exercise seems scheduled for another honor upon this commonwealth.

Tersely the "try out" will concern the possible invasion of this country and desired destruction of Fort Bragg by enemy aircraft supposedly coming here from European points. "Warning Nets" as they are called by the Army—actually points of intercepting observation manned by civilian volunteers, will be thrown up all about eastern North Carolina from Fort Bragg to the coast and northeast as far as the Norfolk area.

More than 300 of these "warning nets" will be employed for this purpose, and one of them, Captain Richard D. Dixon has been officially informed, will be located in this county, presumably near Edenton civilian observers, equipped with the latest government war detecting signals, telephones and telegraphs, will be utilized in the maneuver, and if the 500 airships, the greatest mobilization of army aircraft ever, appear in this sector the purpose is to flash a quick warning to the artillery barracks near Fayetteville.

One of the primary purposes of the

Procession Scheduled To Form and Leave For Site Program Thursday 10A.M.

Credit Due

In all the publicity fanfare of recent glory over the construction of the new Sound bridge, but scant mention seems to have been meted out to E. Lund Hansen, the initial superintendent on the north side end of the job and who, in addition, planned and built the complicated and delicately operated great center draw. Mr. Hansen, a graduate of the University of Norway and of Princeton in this country, made many friends in Edenton by his cultured sociability, and in engineering circles by his shrewd, careful and accurate engineering ability. The entire north end of the crossway was the result of his skill and direction, and that these were proven is shown by the fact he has been transferred to plan and build the much longer bridge over the Potomac River, near the Quantico marine base in Virginia. All Edenton wishes him the best of luck.

Many Places of Business Decorated For Outstanding Affair

STORES CLOSE

Parade Moves East on Church Street to Yeopim Road

Edenton starts today as the hub of the great dedicatory bridge celebration to be conducted in the pine grove east of the south shore terminal of the mammoth span, and at least glories in the opportunity to give the affair a good send-off-impetus. Everybody, everything, will assemble here and promptly at 10 o'clock this morning, Grand Marshal C. E. Kramer will get his parade caravan into action, guide it happily down the Yeopim highway and onto the bridge, and deliver it in all the panoply of much historical pageantry and martial music to the main program celebrants across the Sound.

And Edenton is ready to do its part, do it well and proudly. For ten days the town authorities have had the residents of the town cleaning up their premises and making them presentable to a great host of expected celebration visitors. The business section of the community has bedecked itself in much fanciful bunting and flags, and is offering an enjoyable sight in this regard. The bridge proper has been made attractive with more flags and more bunting, as has the big stand for the speakers and 250 invited guests.

Altogether if decorations, floats, and much parade paraphernalia have anything to do with the show, those who attend will leave tonight with a higher appreciation of Edenton's eagerness and willingness to cooperate to the utmost in making the celebration the huge success everyone expects and hopes it will be.

As Marshal Kramer has tentatively lined up his parade, the marching pageant will be led by a Norfolk-Southern bus carrying the official party, or those of it who may want to so ride in preference to using their own cars. Another bus with more celebration participants will follow, after which will come a decorated truck with the Edenton band children. The "Queen of the Albemarle" will be well touted next in her float, and will be followed by another truck carrying the Robersonville bandsters.

Two official floats, those sent by Dare and Perquimans counties and illustrating high historical events, will follow as will the Elizabeth City school band—then the official Chowan float, tea pot, garden and town girls.

NYA Anxious To Build Community Houses In County

Assistant Supervisor W. D. Davis In Edenton Last Week

FREE LABOR

Idea Is to Cultivate Community Spirit Now Lacking

W. T. Davis, assistant supervisor of the eastern district for the National Youth Administration, was in Edenton last week conferring with

Plymouth Concern Files Answer To Suit

Answer to the suit for \$13,500 entered recently in Chowan Superior Court by R. L. Chesson against the Kieckhefer Container Company was filed this week with Court Clerk Richard D. Dixon. Briefly answering the charges made by Chesson against the Plymouth concern, every item was denied by the pulp mill people.