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## Tremendous Crowd Witness Albemarle Bridge Celebration

Estimates Range All the Way From 5,000 To 25,000

HUGE SUCCESS

Many Congregate Along Line of March to See Parade

Beautiful in its engineering splendor, important in its right of way connection as a link between the dividing Albemarle shores, and above all to be hereafter valued as means of greater communication and good fellowship, between Edenton and its sister commonwealths on the south, the mammoth Sound bridge, "Our Bridge," was formally presented and dedicated last Thursday before the largest concourse of people ever assembled in the whole Albemarle.

Estimates are but estimates and they make but scant difference. Some say there were 5,000 on hand; others put the figure at twice that, but cautious Herald observers, banking on a count of cars that crossed the great span, set the crowd numerically at easily 20,000. West W. Byrum, vice chairman of the celebration committee, reports an official checker at the central draw counted 3,900 cars en route from the north side to the dedication at Leonard's Point. This would mean alone, if an average of four rode each car, more than 15,000 enthusiasts came from this side of the Sound, and certainly, when the processional pageant reached the nest in the woods across the water 5,000 more awaited.

But 20,000 or 25,000, what does it matter? The celebration was the big thing, and the world already knows through large mid-state newspaper stories that it was the greatest, best and largest party of Eastern Carolinians, headed by the State's governor and his immediate predecessor, to ever before make the welkin ring in the Albemarle with its importance.

And, of course, even with the oratorical noise rampant for a couple of hours in the Washington county shore woods, the high spot of the affair got its impetus, anyhow, in Edenton. Captiousness compels the observation that the pageant parade of vehicles out of Edenton and on over the long parade march could have been improved had it progressed a bit more through the main section of the town, instead of having got its start almost up to the point where it turned off for the countryside.

However, it was a grand parade. The floats and trucks holding the bands probably totaled a dozen or more, and each was gaily festooned in some historical emulation of the different county high spots. Then there were two Norfolk Southern busses, one holding the notables who had gathered here to be taken to the other shore, another some of the committeemen and committeewomen and the Chowan children performing at the bridge presentation on the crossway. Ahead of all were two official highway patrol pilot cars under the guidance of Corporal George Dail, of Edenton, and Sergeant A. W. Welch, of Ahoskie, while in the far forefront to hold back the pressing crowds and clear the way otherwise were a number of highway patrolmen on motorcycles.

Even the night before some of the distinguished guests began arriving at the Hotel Joseph Hewes, and Thursday morning the hotel soon crowded up with those picking it as a focal gathering point. Nearly everybody of any importance in the later crowd, save Governor Hoey and Secretary of State Thad Eure, who came together in the executive's automobile on a hurried dash from Wendell, where the Governor made a morning tobacco market opening address, to Plymouth and on direct to the celebration grounds, were at the hotel by 9 o'clock ready to embark in the parade.

So were the "Queen" of the day, Miss Dorothy Jones, of Hyde County, and the other county beauties picked as her attendants. In hotel rooms, under the tutelage of Mrs. Sidney McMullan and Mrs. J. N. Pruden, the "beauties" all changed into the costumes secured for the occasion and later made off down the streets to their points of embarkation on the floats. They were the observed of all.

Marshal C. E. Kramer and his assistant, Ferman W. Hobbs, Charlie Swanner, Frank Ward and H. C. Goodwin, separated the floats, busses and trucks and got them in line for the parade.

## As Edenton And The Albemarle Celebrated Last Thursday



Here appears four pictures taken Thursday when the Albemarle Sound Bridge was dedicated. Upper left shows Miss Dorothy Jones, of Hyde County, leading the floats in the parade which started in Edenton as Miss Albemarle. Next above is Chowan County's attractive float depicting the famous Edenton Tea Party. Lower left is the Texas Company float which was given over to the queens of the Albemarle, one from each of the seven counties. Lower right shows the group of youngsters, a boy and girl from each county cutting the ribbon, officially opening the new bridge.

## Prospects Bright For New Municipal Building Erection

Plans Assure Improvement Would Be Self-Liquidating

\$2,000 ANNUALLY

Matter Subject of Discussion By Commissioners Tuesday

Further plans looking toward the possible presentation of a PWA project for the erection and construction of a two story brick colonial municipal building here, to be located on town property near the west end of South Broad Street were discussed at a special conference of town councilmen and county commissioners Monday afternoon. Agreement was reached for the town to bring the question up again at the September meeting of the county commissioners on next Tuesday, at which time it is hoped something definite can be reached in the desired self-liquidation of the structure.

The proposed building, described thoroughly in The Herald last week, will cost around \$70,000, of which the town, would place 55 per cent of the cost, the remaining 45 per cent being granted by the government. (Continued on Page Five)

## Frank Holmes One Of Tar Heel Managers

Frank Holmes has returned to the University of North Carolina for early football practice. His friends will be happy to know that he has been appointed one of the junior managers of the Tar Heel for the coming season and returned early to become familiar with football activities at the college.

## Revival Starts Sunday At Center Hill Church

Rev. G. S. Eubanks, of Pine Tops, will conduct revival services at Center Hill Methodist Church, beginning Sunday, September 4. Services will be held each night at 8 o'clock with prayer services getting under way Wednesday night.

Rev. B. B. Slaughter, presiding elder, will preach at the Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to attend any of these services.

## Plans Now Under Way For Celebration In Edenton Featuring Peanut Market

Committees From Four Organizations Asked to Meet and Report Back to Meeting Called For Friday Afternoon

Though it has been more or less agitated for a number of years, the first definite steps toward staging a peanut festival or some celebration featuring Edenton as a peanut center were taken Tuesday afternoon when a meeting was called by the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the idea. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building with the following interested persons present: John A. Holmes, E. W. Spires, Richard D. Dixon, W. R. Horton, J. Clarence Leary, J. H. McMullan, C. L. McCullers, W. M. Wilkins, John Mitchener, D. B. Liles, C. E. Kramer, W. D. Holmes, O. B. Perry, J. G. Campen, W. B. Shepard, Jimmy Earnhardt, Harvey Thomas and J. Edwin Buflap.

In the absence of President J. H. Conger, John A. Holmes was selected to preside over the meeting and after a statement as to the purpose of the meeting by Secretary J. H. McMullan, a lively discussion was entered into.

It was the general opinion of all present that some sort of a celebration should be held, but the matter of finances bobbed up to put more or less of a damper on the affair. It was generally conceded that if a celebration is staged it should be put on creditably and it was likewise admitted that to do this would necessitate some expense.

Edenton has only one industry claiming national attention which is the peanut business. It is the second largest market in the United States and is the largest in North Carolina. It is this fact that causes many to favor some sort of exposition which would advertise Edenton and at the same time benefit local business houses.

If the festival is held, it will no doubt be some time in October and tentative suggestions include a large peanut display in the Armory, demonstrations of latest peanut machinery, a parade including many floats, band concerts, boat racing and no doubt a football game.

After expressions and suggestions by most of those present at the meeting, a motion was made and passed to ask the presidents of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, American Legion and the Chowan Woman's Club to appoint a committee from their organizations to confer immediately as to the advisability of having the festival and submit tentative plans at a meeting called for Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Municipal Building. At this meeting, too, anyone interested in staging a celebration is urged to be present.

## Lions Capture First Game For City Soft Ball Championship

Red Men Fight Gamely But Lose Out In Final Innings

SCORE 8-6

Second Game of Series Scheduled for Thursday Night

The Lions softball team on Tuesday night won out over the Red Men in the first of the five-game series for the city championship. Trailing by a 6-5 count in the seventh inning, the Lions rallied in their half of the frame, scoring three runs on two hits and two miscues by the Red Skins. The game was nip and tuck all the way through, with the winner in doubt until the final out was made. The Lions led the city softball league with the Red Men trailing, while the Masons though winning consistently near the close of the schedule, were unable to qualify for the series.

The second game of the series will be played Thursday night at 8 o'clock and though dropping the first game, the Red Men are very confident of coming out on the long end of the score in the next game.

The Lions made quite an impressive appearance Tuesday night, each member of the team appearing for the first time in the recently acquired new uniforms. The jersey, a dark blue with white collar and white lettering in front, with blue pants combine to make a very attractive uniform.

A series game on Friday has been called off due to a game scheduled between Winfall and Edenton on the local diamond.

## Cupid Uses Bridge

First business caused by Dan Cupid to cross the new Albemarle Sound bridge was transacted in Edenton Tuesday by Justice of the Peace W. S. Summerell when he joined in wedlock R. S. Furlough, 28, of Columbia, and Iva-deen Mayo, 19, of the same town. The couple crossed the new bridge to secure a marriage license and subsequently be married.

## Two Army Officers Explain Details Of Anti-Aircraft Test

Meeting Held With Edenton Citizens Friday Afternoon

FLORA IN CHARGE

Five Warning Posts to Be Located Throughout Chowan

Preliminary plans for the important anti-aircraft war maneuver to be held in eastern North Carolina during the second week in October, with this county prominently selected as a principal staging point, were outlined Friday before a satisfying crowd of local enthusiasts at a hurriedly called meeting in the Municipal Building. Two prominent officers from Fort Bragg, the eastern coast artillery headquarters, and under the leadership of General H. O. Blackwell, former department commander of the American Legion in this State, addressed the Edentonians, and displayed army maps in further explanation of what is intended.

With General Blackwell were General Gardner and Colonel Jarmon, from Fort Bragg. The latter said that the maneuver would be in the shape of "warning nets" distributed over every eight miles of area through this section, each "net" to be actually an observation post in charge of a war officer with civilians, specially selected in each county, as assistants. The warning posts will be equipped with telescopic observation signals for use in detecting the oncoming "enemy." There will be five such posts in Chowan County.

Mayor Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabethtown City, has been put in charge of the civilian personnel in this area which will include all the counties on the north side of the Sound running through to Norfolk. Mr. Flora, it is expected, will confer with the local American Legion post as to his selections in Chowan, as well as naming a head Chowan observer for all this county's five warning posts.

The plan, General Gardner explained, was to interest an invading fleet of enemy airships coming in out of the ocean, or from that direction, with a view of destroying Fort Bragg. The idea is to sight these enemy ships, a great flotilla of them, probably a hundred, flying in formation or singly, and telephone the observation warning to Fort Bragg before they appear over that bastille. Should the airships be too high for observation or scurry in through watergirt sections where observers cannot see them, their interception will, of course, prove futile and the Fort will be reckoned as succumbing to the invasion.

The area of operations runs west as far as Raleigh, south to Wilmington and north to the Virginia line and Norfolk. Three hundred and fifty warning posts have been included in the area. The maneuver is viewed as important by the War Department and will be the first test of its kind ever engaged in in this country.

All telephones within the Chowan post area will be catalogued with a code number for use by the observers, and this phase is already being worked out by E. W. Spires, of the local telephone company. Once an airship has been seen the observer will be expected to rush to the nearest telephone, send in the code number, and augment the report otherwise.

Those present at Friday's meeting, which will be followed within the next ten days with more detailed explanations of the maneuver, were Mr. Spires, W. W. Byrum, Shelton Moore, Oscar E. Brown, Sheriff J. Alva Bunch, Chief of Police George A. Helms, Richard D. Dixon, Mayor J. H. McMullan, John W. Graham, Geddes A. Potter, John A. Holmes, and C. E. Kramer.

## Bank Of Edenton Closed On Monday

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Monday in order to observe Labor Day, a national holiday. Patrons of the bank are urged to note the closing and transact their business accordingly.

## Bishop Darst Confirms Class At St. Paul's

Bishop Thomas C. Darst, D. D., of Wilmington, visited St. Paul's Church yesterday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock, and confirmed a small class. He leaves today for Greenville. While in the city Bishop Darst is the guest of Mrs. W. A. Graham.

## MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.