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Cross Roads Will Be Focal Point Next Tuesday At A Big Incoming Day Party To Aid In Community House Project

Gifts Solicited, Auction Sale, Speaking, Music, And—

TWO FINE MEALS

Gala Day Is Promised; Christmas Program At Night

Chowan mid-county women are announcing big plans for their Incoming and Guest Day celebration at the Chowan High School next Tuesday—all day—to raise funds to ease them over their half pledge of the \$7,500 which the federal government, through its WPA branch, has promised to advance for a Community House at the Cross Roads. The occasion gives promise of being a gala day in every way, with a great auction sale of gifts, a fine morning program of oratory and music, an elaborate barbecue luncheon and oyster supper, and in the evening Christmas programs of entertainment by the primary, grammar and high school grades.

The main plan behind the celebration is in the nature of a bid for donations from everyone in the countryside—any sort of donations—anything that can be converted into money toward purchasing materials to make the building a success—currency, especially, of any denomination, a basket of eggs, a bale of cotton, a mule, a sack of peanuts, a bag of corn, pine logs, loads of sand, anything at all, small or large. And after the gifts are in, Postmaster Carroll Kramer, of Edenton, will take the soap box or wagon back and auction the stuff off to the highest bidder. The auction will be entertaining and lively and the sponsors of the movement are certain will bring in substantial results.

And in the school will be displayed a blue print of the proposed community house. In one base corner of this will show where the corner stone of the building will be, and all those who contribute with gifts or money to help the cause will have their names and a list of their donations placed in this, the keystone of the structure, for all time.

As is known the celebration is being backed by the Chowan Woman's (Continued on Page Five)

Effort Being Made Wipe Out Bridge Celebration Deficit

Five Counties Asked to Help Raise \$117.18 Shortage

PER CAPITA BASIS

Chowan Gives Proportionate Part to Clear Indebtedness

An echo of the recent Albemarle Sound bridge celebration was heard by the County Commissioners Monday when they were asked to appropriate the county's proportionate share in the deficit incident to the celebration. The matter was presented by E. W. Spiers in behalf of the central committee, who informed the Commissioners that the deficit was \$117.18 which it was hoped would be met by five counties participating in the event on a per capita basis. The five counties asked to make a further contribution are: Chowan, \$25.10; Dare, \$11.68; Pasquotank, \$42.89; Tyrrell, \$11.62, and Washington, \$25.90.

However, Chowan County is slightly more in the red in that W. W. Byrum advanced \$10 as an entry fee for Chowan's queen and Mrs. J. W. Davis advanced \$4.25 on the queen's costume. These two amounts are figured in Chowan's shortage, bringing the total to \$39.35.

The Commissioners felt that the amount was too small to quibble about and that all legitimate expenses should be paid and therefore agreed to pay \$19.67 of the amount, provided the Town of Edenton pays the other half of the deficit. Town Council will act on the matter at the meeting Tuesday night and will no doubt join the Commissioners in wiping out all indebtedness.

SPEAKER



MRS. J. B. SPILLMAN
A former Chowan County resident, Mrs. Spillman will be the principal speaker at the Chowan Woman's Club Incoming Day program at Cross Roads on Tuesday.

NEW PREACHER



REV. W. C. BENSON
New Methodist minister coming here from Mt. Olive preached to his first congregation in Edenton Sunday and made a fine impression at both services.

Cremated Body of Benjamin Hoskins Arrives For Burial

First Funeral of Kind Ever to Be Held In Edenton

Funeral services over the cremated remains of the late Benjamin S. Hoskins, 70, who died in New York on March 12, last, will be held in St. Paul's graveyard on Monday afternoon, with the Rev. C. A. Ashby officiating. Burial will be in the family plot by the side of the mother of the deceased.

Mr. Hoskins, a first cousin of the late Dr. Thomas J. Hoskins, well known and respected by the past generation of Edentonians, was a life insurance representative associated with the Travelers Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. A wife, Mrs. Isabel Hoskins, survives.

Mrs. Hoskins forwarded the ashes of her husband in a bronze urn by parcel post from New York to Ziegler's Undertaking Parlors, prefacing its arrival by writing the undertakers and Rev. Mr. Ashby, saying she planned to reach Edenton next Sunday and desired the obsequies to be held the following day.

The burial of the cremated body of Mr. Hoskins is said to be the first funeral of its kind ever to be held in Edenton. The urn containing the remains may be viewed at the Ziegler funeral chapel.

White Christmas At St. Paul's Dec. 11th

On Sunday, December 11, at 3 p. m., the Sunday School of St. Paul's Church will have its usual white Christmas. The school and all others who will do so, are asked to bring gifts to this service, which will be given to the poor. The committee in charge asks that food be given whenever this can be done. Send or bring the gift to the Church on the afternoon of December 11th.

Sends Regrets

Edenton's hopes of having Anthony Eden, prominent English statesman, and a descendant of Royal Governor Charles Eden for whom the town is named, visit Edenton during his coming sojourn in America faded late last week when Mayor J. H. McMullan, reminding the former British secretary of foreign affairs of a previous promise to visit here if he ever came to this country, again issued an invitation to be the guest of the community and in reply received a negative answer.

Mr. Eden in a cablegram expressed much regret that owing to the shortness of his visit he would be unable to come to Edenton and view the grave of his famous ancestor.

Rev. W. C. Benson Begins Pastorate In Local Church

Large Congregations on Hand Sunday to Greet New Preacher

Preaching his first sermons in Edenton Sunday, Rev. W. C. Benson, new pastor of the Methodist Church, was greeted with large congregations at both the morning and night services. The new preacher appeared very appreciative of his opportunity to be a co-worker in this historical town and the cordial manner in which he was received. He bespoke the friendship and hospitality of members of his congregation, saying that all too often church members "just let the preacher and his family alone" very little realizing how lonely at times a preacher becomes and how he craves conversation with and visits by his own flock.

Though holy communion was observed at the morning hour, Rev. Mr. Benson preached a short but powerful sermon and again at night he preached an interesting sermon, using as his theme the wise and foolish virgins.

One of the largest communion services in recent months was held in the morning and again at night a larger than usual congregation was on hand.

Christmas Ball In Armory Dec. 26th

Thurston's Orchestra to Furnish Music For Huge Affair

Plans are under way for a Christmas ball to be held in the new National Guard Armory under the auspices of the local American Legion Post, of which Joseph H. Conger is president. The dance, which is expected to be made somewhat of a large social affair, will be held Christmas Monday night and will feature music by Hal Thurston's swing orchestra, of Rocky Mount.

W. A. "Spec" Jones, who has had the Thurston orchestra here on other occasions to the delight of local dancers, has been asked to handle the arrangements for the Legion affair, and has consented.

Accompanying the orchestra will be Mac MacDonald as soloist.

Fans Stage Oyster Roast For Members E. H. S. Football Team

Local football fans will stage an oyster roast in honor of the Edenton High School football squad tonight at the County Dock. The expense of the affair will be borne by a group of admirers, who have also arranged a short program as entertainment. The affair will take place at 7 o'clock.

New Sewing Room Project Approved By Commissioners

Boost In Appropriation Puts Members to Thinking

\$250 MORE YEAR

Sewing Room In Edenton Likely to Change Location

Considerable thought was given by the County Commissioners Monday to the WPA sewing room project for Chowan County, which as at present set up terminates the last of December. Present at the meeting was Mrs. W. R. Stancil, supervisor of sewing room projects, who informed the Commissioners that in order to have another sewing room project approved it would be necessary for the county to increase its appropriation for the purpose of buying cloth to be used in the sewing rooms. This cost is approximately \$500 for a two-year project, or \$250 per year more than the present project costs.

There are at present 22 women employed in two sewing rooms in the county, one at Center Hill and one in Edenton. At present about \$500 is appropriated by the county for what is termed "findings" which includes thread, buttons, hooks and eyes, etc.

The Commissioners balked at the increased appropriation Mrs. Stancil said was necessary to continue the project, but they also realized that to close the sewing rooms would throw 22 bread-winners out of employment and after careful consideration came to the conclusion that it might be more costly to care for those who would be thrown out of employment than to pay the extra amount asked to provide them with employment, especially during the winter months just ahead.

The project was therefore subsequently signed and will go into effect as soon as approved. Of course, the project may be dropped at any time the sponsors see fit, but the Commissioners were reluctant to take a chance on having the sewing rooms closed at this particular time and will continue them as long as they feel able and as long as the need is apparent.

In Edenton the sewing room is now located over the telephone and telegraph office, but will most likely be moved to the second floor of the Nejam building, the entire floor having been rented by the county and city jointly.

Methodists Conduct Conference Sunday

Methodists will hold their first quarterly conference Sunday night immediately after the regular preaching service. Presiding Elder B. B. Slaughter will preach and conduct the conference immediately afterward.

George H. Everett Slowly Improving

D. W. Wheeler Held In Connection With Dangerous Injury

George H. Everett, who was unconscious from Friday until Monday, is apparently showing gradual improvement at his home on East Queen Street. Mr. Everett's condition was due to concussion of the brain, as the result of which D. W. Wheeler is being held in Chowan County jail with bond set at \$2,000. No specific charge has been lodged against him pending developments.

Wheeler is held in connection with Mr. Everett's injury which followed an argument in the former's store, police say, relative to some empty pop bottles. Wheeler, according to reports, claims that he ejected Everett from his store and that the latter subsequently fell over a wheelbarrow, causing the injury.

Police, however, maintain that Mr. Everett was struck over the head which caused him to lapse into unconsciousness.

Fears were entertained that the victim would not recover and his improvement has greatly strengthened the hope of members of the family and friends that he would be able to overcome the injury.

Have you bought your share of Christmas Seals?

Farmers Vote On Saturday On Cotton And Tobacco Marketing Quotas In 1939

HONORED



RICHARD D. DIXON
Mr. Dixon was last Friday appointed vice-president of the State Literary and Historical Association.

R. D. Dixon Is Made Vice President Of Historians In State

Signal State Honor Is Bestowed on Local Man

UNSOLICITED

Distinction Given By Literary and Historical Association

Richard D. Dixon, court clerk, who has been honorary and representative ace historian here since the death of his uncle, Dr. Richard Dillard, but who has never been officially honored for the distinction, was formally recognized in Raleigh last Friday night by appointment as vice-president of the State Literary and Historical Association. The selection, always considered by savants as an enviable one, came unsolicited to Mr. Dixon and was not known of by him until he read of it in the daily newspapers on Saturday.

This is not the first time this important State society has seen in Edenton a place of ancient history, but it is the initial occasion when an Edentonian has been chosen to fill such an important berth.

Mr. Dixon received formal word this week of his appointment from Dr. C. C. Crittenden, the society's secretary at Raleigh, and has written his acceptance and appreciation.

Junior Auxiliary Meets On Monday

A meeting of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Legion will be held Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Juniors will meet with Mary MacDonald Holmes and every member is urged to attend.

A Little Short

With all reports of canvassers turned in, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the Red Cross, finds that this year's roll call lacked just about \$20 of reaching the \$400 quota. In checking up her returns, she finds that workers turned in \$380.40.

While Mrs. Pruden regrets that the County failed to measure up to past years' contributions, she realizes that many people who are altogether sympathetic with the Red Cross are not in as good financial circumstances as in previous years and were unable to enroll. She wishes to thank her loyal corps of workers and those who contributed in this year's drive.

Four Voting Places Set Up For Purpose In Chowan

NATION-WIDE

Two-thirds Majority Required to Maintain Quotas

Cotton and flue-cured tobacco farmers will go to the polls Saturday, December 10, to decide whether they want marketing quotas again in 1939. The voting will be by secret ballot, in community polling places set up by County AAA Committees, and separate ballots will be cast for each crop.

Meetings are being held throughout the county during the week for both white and colored farmers for the purpose of explaining the program for 1939.

For Chowan County the voting places will be as follows:

Edenton Township—Court House.

Middle Township—Z. W. Evans' office.

Upper Township—George Hollowell's store.

Yeopim Township—Dick Coffield's store.

Letters have been mailed by County Agent N. K. Rowell to every Chowan County farmer eligible to vote urging each one to go to the respective voting places and register his choice in the referendum.

It will be a nation-wide referendum and the total vote of farmers in all states will determine whether the marketing quotas will be in effect next year. A two-thirds majority of approval is required for the quotas to become effective.

All growers of flue-cured tobacco in 1938 and all producers of cotton with a staple length of less than 1 1/2 inches this year are eligible to vote. Each grower will have only one vote, even though he operates two or more farms.

In explanation of the referendum, E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at State College, said the secretary of agriculture is required under the 1938 Farm Law to call for votes on marketing quotas when the supply of cotton or tobacco, or both reaches a certain level. Such is the case now.

Marketing quotas are designed to keep supplies more closely in line with demand, Floyd said. Quotas also serve as a protection to farmers who plant within their acreage allotments. Without quotas producers who overplant their allotments may defeat the efforts of those who try to adjust the supply to the demand, he pointed out.

Cotton loans will not be available unless marketing quotas are approved, Floyd explained. "Farmers have only to remember that they can sell as much cotton and tobacco over a period of years with a program as they can without a program; statistics prove this," the AAA officer concluded.

Five Counties In Music Festival At Hertford Dec. 18

Gigantic Affair to Initiate Series Held In Albemarle

BANDS AND SONG

Held Sunday Afternoon In Perquimans High School

Christmas, time of music, mirth and mummery, will get an enlivening start in Hertford on Sunday afternoon, December 18, when the Albemarle Music Festival Association, newly instituted, will present the first of several such occasions to be held by the organization throughout the Albemarle during the coming year.

The Perquimans county affair is planned to be one of the largest affairs of its kind ever held in this section of the State. The place will be the spacious High School auditorium, just outside the town, and the program will consist of both instrumental and vocal selections by the high school bands and glee clubs from (Continued on Page Five)