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## Can On Gill Nets For Shad Between Bridges Causes Concern Among Fishermen

### Group Charges Ruling Is Discrimination Against Them

#### SEEK RELIEF

### Deny Belief That Area Is Spawning Ground For Shad

Gill net fishermen of Chowan and Washington counties met in the Municipal Building Saturday morning to register their protest relative to being forbidden to set gill nets for shad between the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge and the new Albemarle Sound highway bridge. Present at the meeting was John F. White, Chowan County's representative in the General Assembly, at whom was directed pleas for relief. Representative Wilbur Darden, of Washington County, was also expected at the meeting but due to previous arrangements remained in Raleigh over the week-end.

The meeting to enter protests and urge representatives of the two counties to use their efforts in having the ruling set aside materialized when fishermen were informed last week by Cage Hayman, deputy fish commissioner, that they would not be permitted to set gill nets for shad in the restricted area. Mr. Hayman was following instructions from the Board of Conservation and Development, which has aroused a considerable amount of dissatisfaction among gill netters.

It was ruled two years ago that no gill nets for shad should be set between the two bridges, but fishermen were allowed to set nets last year so that they could wear out the equipment which was bought prior to the ruling. Nothing more was heard regarding restrictions and as a result many of the fishermen have again purchased new equipment in the expectation that they would again be allowed to fish. Hence, being informed last week that the ruling would go into effect this year, those engaged in this method of fishing are up in arms and seeking relief.

The area between the two bridges is considered spawning grounds for (Continued on Page Five)

## Chinese Checker Tournament Will Be Held Monday

### Band Staging Affairs to Pay For Added New Uniforms

#### SMALL CHARGE

### Director McCullers Very Anxious Take Group To World's Fair

In an effort to secure money with which to pay for added uniforms, the Edenton High School Band has arranged for a series of entertainments to be held in the Mitchener building over the bowling alleys. The first of these affairs will take place Monday night when a Chinese checker tournament will be held. A small charge for entry in the tournament will be made, and prizes offered for high scores.

The following week either a bingo or card party will be held and it is hoped that these affairs will be generously patronized in the band's efforts to clear its indebtedness.

Twenty-three new uniforms, including four drum majors, were recently received, says Director C. L. McCullers, who is very proud of the fact that the organization is now fully uniformed.

Mr. McCullers is now hoping to be able to take the band to the World's Fair and Bazaar in correspondence with railroad officials relative to accommodations and the amount of expense involved. He feels that the trip will be of great benefit to the organizing quiz program was conducted by Hector Lupton, who questioned his fellow club members relative to the principal holidays of the year. The feature of the meeting was a birthday cake gracing the table bearing two candles, which represented the club's second birthday.

## CANNING EXPERT



MRS. CHARLIE CLOANINGER

On Wednesday afternoon, February 8, Mrs. Cloaninger, expert home economist, will conduct a meat canning demonstration at Chowan High School.

## Demonstration On Meat Canning At Chowan High Feb. 8

### Mrs. Charlie Cloaninger Will Impart Valuable Information

#### AT 2:30 O'CLOCK

### Club Foods Leaders Requested Make Special Reports on Meeting

Next Wednesday afternoon, February 8, at the Chowan High School a meat canning demonstration will be held, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. At this time Mrs. Charlie Cloaninger, home economist with Ball Brothers Company, will give the demonstration which should be of great interest to all club members.

Mrs. Cloaninger is a graduate of Winthrop College, taught home economics for several years, supervised a school canning kitchen and has given canning demonstrations in cooperation with F. S. A. in South Carolina. She is well versed in every phase of her work and it is hoped that a goodly number of club women avail themselves of the opportunity to profit by Mrs. Cloaninger's demonstration.

Everyone is invited to attend this demonstration and club foods leaders are expected to give a special report at their next club meeting.

## Most Serious Fire In Over Year Occurred Sunday Afternoon

In a downpour of rain Edenton experienced its most disastrous fire in over a year Sunday afternoon when the building housing Jordan and Brabble was badly damaged. Messrs. Jordan and Brabble operate a blacksmith shop as well as farm equipment repair department and sell farming equipment. It is one of the town's oldest businesses, having been for many years operated on East Church Street by the late J. N. Elliott.

Damage is estimated at several thousand dollars and but for the fact that a heavy rain was in progress and no wind stirring several adjoining frame houses escaped adjoining.

## Edenton Lions Club Now Two Years Old

Due to the joint banquet of the Lions and Rotary Clubs Wednesday night, the regular meeting of the Lions Club next Monday has been called off.

At last Monday's meeting an interesting quiz program was conducted by Hector Lupton, who questioned his fellow club members relative to the principal holidays of the year. The feature of the meeting was a birthday cake gracing the table bearing two candles, which represented the club's second birthday.

## Barbecue Supper Friday Night For Farm Bureautes

### Affair Is Climax of Recent Drive For New Members

#### 200 JOIN

### H. T. Hobbs Leads E. G. Blanchard By Narrow Margin

With an approximate membership of 200 which replaces a meagre dozen members of the Farm Bureau, Chowan farmers who have affiliated with the organization during the recent membership campaign will gather at the Edenton Armory Friday night at 6:45 o'clock to enjoy a barbecue supper.

Beginning about two weeks ago to bolster the membership of the Farm Bureau in this county, two committees have been at work contacting farmers and explaining the benefits to be derived by affiliation with an organization whose purpose it is to present a solid front for the advance and welfare of agriculture. The response has been very encouraging and the prime purpose of the barbecue is to be able to mingle together for a brief period and possibly become better acquainted with each other.

Heading the two committees were E. G. Blanchard and H. T. Hobbs, which groups met Friday afternoon at the Court House to check up on results of the drive. After a tabulation of members secured by each group, the figures revealed that Mr. Hobbs and his cohorts had won by a narrow margin of four members.

No elaborate program has been arranged for the barbecue feast Friday night, other than that R. C. Holland, who has been very active in the interest of the Farm Bureau, says several impromptu talks will be made by various members in the interest of the organization and will no doubt stress the importance of organization to fight for the rights of agriculture in order to secure a proportionate part of the national income, as well as advancement of the general welfare of the farm home and all members of the farmer's family.

Everyone who has joined the organization has been notified about the barbecue supper and it is expected to result in one of the largest gatherings of farmers ever to assemble in Edenton for one common purpose.

## Edenton Wins First Basketball Games Of Present Season

### Both Teams Chalk Up Victories Over Columbia Outfits

Both basketball teams of Edenton High School had their first taste of victory Thursday night when they defeated the Columbia aggregations. Each team had little difficulty in overcoming their opponents, the boys winning by a 22-13 score, while the girls' score was 24-15. It was the first victory in seven games for the boys, while the girls had a somewhat better record in chalking up at least a tie game earlier in the season with Windsor.

The boys' outfit lost to Greenville on the latter's court Friday night, when they were completely outclassed by the Pitt County boys, the score being 40-9. Edenton, however, was somewhat handicapped in this game on account of an injury to William Cayton, who received an injury above the eye requiring three stitches and forcing him from the game. Cayton has been making splendid progress on the court and is the spark plug of the local quintet.

In return games Tuesday night on the Armory court both Edenton teams again fell victims to the Roper High School aggregations, the boys' score being 24-17, while the girls' score was 12-7.

In the boys' game Chesson was high scorer for Edenton, chalking up 10 of the 17 points. Curless led the visitors, also scoring 10 points.

Mary White headed the Edenton girls in scoring honors, being credited with five points, while Chesson of the Roper team tallied 3 points.

## MASONS MEET TONIGHT

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

## Bad Weather And Sickness Reduces Crowd At Armory

### Attendance and Financial Return Below Last Year

#### GOOD PROGRAM

### Chowan Chapter Will Be Organized In Near Future

Handicapped by very unfavorable weather and a great amount of sickness, the crowd attending the President's Birthday celebration in the Armory Monday night was much smaller than had been hoped for and obviously the financial return very far below last year's figure when \$176 was cleared for Chowan County. A final report has not yet been completed by C. E. Kramer, general chairman, but indications are that the affair will clear much less than \$100.

Had local people attended in proportion to those from nearby sections, Mr. Kramer feels certain that last year's figure would have been reached at least, for visitors were on hand from Gates, Bertie, Tyrrell, Perquimans, Martin and Washington counties. The program was carried out in a very pleasing manner, getting off to a good start by the Edenton Band playing several numbers. Following this a series of amateur acts were arranged, which drew round after round of applause from those present. In this portion of the program Miss Sally Dixon carried off honors, singing several numbers, one of which she was accompanied by two little tap dancers. Louise Smith also received a big hand for a humorous Negro skit. Square and round dancing completed the celebration.

With financial returns far below last year, Mr. Kramer on Tuesday reported receipt of several contributions to the cause made by some who were unable to attend the celebration. And in this connection if there are others who desire to make a contribution he will be glad to add to the fund before he completes his report.

Shortly after the report is sent in to headquarters a Chowan Chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation will be organized, which organization will be charged with the responsibility to govern expenditure of funds to be used in the county in connection with crippled children who are victims of infantile paralysis.

In the square dance contest James Boyce, of Hertford, and Mary Boyce, won the first prize of \$2.50, with Charles Swanner and his sister, Helen, winning the second prize of \$1.00.

Sheriff G. D. Williams, of Gates County, was the winner of the blanket which was chanced off by the ladies.

## New Ruling Allows Sale Perch Caught In Fishermen's Nets

### Sales, However, Confined to County In Which Fish Are Taken

Cage Hayman, deputy fish commissioner, this week received information from the Board of Conservation and Development relative to the sale of game fish caught by commercial fishermen. Last year, it will be remembered, perch which were caught in nets could not be sold, but Mr. Hayman has been advised that the committee decided to permit the sale of speckled perch taken incidental to commercial fishing operations. But it was directed that the sale and shipment of the different fish caught under conditions mentioned above should be confined to the county in which taken.

Also no speckled perch caught in any other waters except commercial fishing waters may be sold under the above conditions.

## Passion Play Shown At Hertford Feb. 11

Many in Chowan County will want to attend a showing of the famous "Passion Play" film at the Hertford Methodist Church which will take place Saturday night, February 11, at 7:30 o'clock. The film depicts a complete life of Christ in motion pictures, accompanied with sound music, and is well worth seeing.

## Chowan County Has Secret Of Lost Colony Mystery In Opinion College President

### Lunch Room

Mrs. James E. Wood, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, at the meeting held Friday night reported that the school lunch room, which is sponsored by the Association, will be ready for operation by next Monday. This announcement materialized when the Edenton school board of trustees had arranged to secure a sink and water heater. The announcement was the source of much gratification on the part of P. T. A. members.

## Rain Fails Dampen Interest In Bertie Fifth Sunday Sing

### Edenton Baptist Church Filled to Capacity Sunday Afternoon

#### WINSTON BRIEF

### Colerain's Invitation Is Accepted For Sing On April 30

A steady down-pour of rain all afternoon failed to dampen the interest in the Bertie County fifth Sunday sing which was held in the Edenton Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. With every seat occupied in the main auditorium and in the galleries, chairs were placed in the aisles and even then many were obliged to stand throughout the program. For many blocks in every direction automobiles lined the streets, thereby congesting traffic while the services were in progress and attested to the popularity of these song services held at various churches every fifth Sunday.

L. Scarboro Mizelle, of Windsor, presided at the service, with L. J. Godwin, of Ahoskie, acting as song leader. Rev. E. L. Wells in a brief address welcomed the throng and though, he said, he doesn't know one note from another, emphasized the importance of music in religious work and the good which necessarily results from affairs of this character.

The program, composed of splendid solos, duets, quartets, choir and male chorus numbers, was interspersed with congregational singing which was entered into so heartily that Mr. Godwin was pleased to say that it compared favorably with the singing at the great Southern Baptist Convention.

Immediately after the program was concluded a short business session was held, when the invitation extended by the Colerain Baptist Church to hold the sing in that church on April 30 was accepted. Mr. Mizelle was re-elected chairman, as was Mr. Godwin, song leader.

Various committees were also appointed, including the following: Program Committee—L. S. Mizelle, L. J. Godwin, A. C. Mitchell, Jordan Ward, J. C. Evans, Scott Hoggard, W. J. Daniels, John R. Jenkins, Jr., and Alonzo Hoggard.

Committee on Time and Place—S. A. Adams, A. C. Mitchell, Scott Hoggard, S. J. Ward, T. C. Williford, John Britt, Campbell Hoggard, J. J. Taylor, J. A. Speight, Finley Johnson, Wiley R. Mizelle, J. S. Jenkins and J. B. Mitchell.

Judge Francis D. Winston, grand old man of Bertie, was also included on the program and in his inimitable way said he wanted to contribute a one-man duet in two verses as he shouted "Howdy and goodbye."

## Income Tax Returns Due Feb. 15-March 15

February 15 through March 15 has been fixed by the Treasury Department for filing period to assist taxpayers in filing their income tax returns, according to C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue. Mr. Robertson has informed The Herald that a representative will be in Edenton on Thursday, March 2, to give any assistance necessary in making out returns.

This representative will be stationed at the post office building, where he will gladly help any who desire his services.

### Dr. H. J. Pearce Anxious To Begin Search For Second Marker

#### WRITES TO WIGGINS

### Head of Brenau College Desires to Speak to Local Group

Renewed efforts to solve the mystery regarding the Lost Colony will no doubt soon be made within the confines of Chowan County. This was made known this week when Captain J. L. Wiggins received a letter from Dr. H. J. Pearce, president of Brenau College at Gainesville, Georgia, to the effect that he was very much interested in making further investigations around Edenton to find a stone which will corroborate evidence upon a stone now in possession of the college purporting to tell the fate of the Lost Colony of Roanoke.

A slab of stone which was found on the east banks of the Chowan River has become the permanent possession of Brenau College which has been an incentive for Dr. Pearce to endeavor to solve the mystery.

On one side of the stone is carved a crude Latin cross, beneath which is inscribed, "Ananias Dare & Virginia went hence unto heaven 1591." Near the bottom on the same side, appears, any Englishman shew John White Gove. Via.

On the other side appears a message in 17 lines telling of the colonists going up Albemarle Sound and into Chowan River, and in four years, on account of sickness and Indian conflict, were reduced to 24. The message also intimates that in 1591 Indians slew all but seven of those remaining. These were supposedly buried on small hills near the river.

Dr. Pearce says the story told on the stone is logical enough but that acceptance of its information as a final solution of the colonial mystery must await corroborative evidence, and that finding of the stone marking the grave of the slain 17 or discovery of the remains would undoubtedly be conclusive.

In writing to Mr. Wiggins, Dr. Pearce says he expects to make a (Continued on Page Five)

## Directors Edenton B. & L. Association Re-elected Monday

### Annual Meeting In Held In Court House Lasts Only Short Time

Very little time was consumed Monday night at the annual meeting of the Edenton Building and Loan Association, which was cut short in order to permit as many as so desired to attend the President's Birthday celebration in the Armory. Much more of the stock was represented than constitutes a quorum, and immediately after tabulating the shares represented either in person or by proxy, directors for the coming year were elected.

This matter, too, was quickly disposed of when motions were made to re-elect all of the members of the board, which are:

Membership Vote—M. F. Bond, E. C. White, L. C. Burton and F. W. Hobbs.

Stock Vote—R. C. Holland, O. H. Brown, Fred Wood and T. C. Byrum.

The directors met immediately after the meeting and re-elected R. P. Badham as the ninth member. At the next meeting of the directors, officers of the Association will be elected.

The annual report reflected a healthy condition of Association affairs, and save for brief comments by President F. W. Hobbs relative to the efficiency of the secretary, R. E. Leary, and explaining the reserve fund, no remarks were made, every shareholder apparently being well satisfied with the way the work was being handled.

The interest rate of .074049 is slightly higher than last year, and in the reserve fund is carried \$12,523.03, which Mr. Hobbs explained, is amply able to absorb any losses in real estate held by the Association, thus protecting the maturity date of shares.