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## Reward Offered For Missing Stone

### Brenau College Will Pay \$500 To Finder Of Marker Referred To On Old Stone

Discovery Would Clear Up Interesting Period Of State's History

#### IN COUNTY

#### College President Feels Confident Marker Is In Chowan

As an incentive to inaugurate a determined and thorough search for a stone or marker that will solve the Lost Colony mystery, Dr. H. J. Pearce, president of Brenau College, at Gainesville, Georgia, has authorized The Herald to make public the fact that the college will pay a reward of \$500 for delivery of a stone bearing the names carved on the stone of the 17 members of the Lost Colony, including the names of Virginia Dare and Ananias Dare, her father.

The college has in its possession the "Virginia Dare" stone which seems to be a message or letter directing the finder to deliver to John White, Governor of the Virginia colonies, which at that time, 1591, included North Carolina. In the message, it is stated that a second stone, presumably of the same character and containing the names of the seventeen, including Virginia Dare, colonists, had been placed on a "small hill" about four miles from the Chowan River, where the massacred colonists were buried.

It is, of course, more than probable that this stone was removed from the mound by the Indians, or later by white men, and that it may be lying unnoticed anywhere within several hundred miles from its original resting place.

Dr. Pearce believes that historically minded North Carolinians will share with Brenau College the desire to clear up to such an extent as possible this very romantic and interesting period of North Carolina history. He is of the opinion that the stone referred to rests somewhere in Chowan County and for the reason that \$500 will be paid to the finder, it is expected that a thorough search will be made by a number of citizens in this county. Any stone found, however, will have to be accompanied with evidence to substantiate its authenticity.

### E. H. S. Basketeers Tackle Columbia To Break Deadlock

#### Battle Royal In Prospect In Armory Tonight

With both boys' and girls' basketball teams of Edenton and Columbia high schools deadlocked, two very interesting games should result in the Armory tonight (Thursday) when the tie will be played off. Each Edenton team has won a game and lost one to the Columbia teams and Tyrrell County fans insisted upon breaking the deadlock. They will no doubt be accompanied by a large group of fans and many followers of the local teams will no doubt be on hand.

The teams are very evenly matched, the scores in previous games being very close and due to this fact a battle royal is in prospect when they meet for the third time tonight.

### County Officials To Be Guests At "Test" Supper At School

Members of the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education, together with their wives have been invited to be the guests of students of the economics department of the Edenton High School at a supper to be served at the school by members of the class.

Though no time was fixed Monday for the "test" supper, a date will soon be set which will be satisfactory to both boards as well as the class.

#### Dies Suddenly



OSCAR H. BROWN

Seized with an attack of apoplexy, Mr. Brown died suddenly Wednesday shortly before noon at his place of business on Water Street. His sudden death came as a distinct shock to the entire community.

### Oscar H. Brown Dies Suddenly At Work Wednesday At Noon

#### Death Comes as Severe Shock to Entire Community

#### FUNERAL TODAY

#### Deceased Prominent in Religious and Civic Activities

Coming as a severe shock shortly after the noon hour Wednesday was news of the sudden death of Oscar H. Brown. Mr. Brown, seized with an attack of apoplexy, dropped dead in the warehouse of Brown Bros. on Water Street, of which concern he was owner. He was about his duties as usual and but for complaining about sharp pains in his side during the morning, was in his usual health.

Mr. Brown, born October 3, 1891, was 47 years of age, and for years had taken a prominent part in religious and civic activities, for which he will be greatly missed. He was a steward of the local Methodist Church, president of the Edenton Rotary Club, a director of the Edenton Building & Loan Association, and had served in various capacities in Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and Chowan Tribe of Red Men. He served on the Mexican border as first sergeant in Company I, Second North Carolina Regiment, N. C. N. G., and also spent 11 months overseas as first sergeant in Company I, 119th Infantry of the 30th Division.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife and three children, Doris, 14; Hubert, 11; and Gordon, 8. Two sisters, Mrs. W. A. Barrow and Miss Lou Brown, also survive.

Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday) in the Methodist Church, with the pastor, Rev. W. C. Benson, officiating, and Rev. B. B. Slaughter, presiding elder, assisting. Several other former pastors of the church are also expected to attend the funeral.

Members of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church will serve as active pallbearers, while directors of the Edenton Building & Loan Association, members of the Rotary Club, American Legion and Red Men will be honorary pallbearers.

#### LIONS CALL OFF MEETING

Due to the banquet in honor of the high school football team held last Wednesday night, the regular Lions Club meeting Monday night was called off. The club will meet again as usual on next Monday night, when all members are urged to be present by President West Byrum.

### Henry R. Dwire Of Duke University Will Be C. Of C. Speaker

Public Relations Director Accepts Invitation To Attend Banquet

FEBRUARY 15

#### Members Urged to Buy Tickets For Affair as Early as Possible

Interest in the annual banquet of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce took an upward trend this week when an invitation to be the principal speaker was accepted by Henry R. Dwire, director of public relations at Duke University. Mr. Dwire is an excellent speaker and having been furnished with pertinent facts about Edenton and this section will no doubt uncork an address that will be of vital interest not only to members of the Chamber of Commerce but others as well. He is a former Rotary governor and was as well formerly editor of the Winston-Salem Journal.

Tickets for the banquet have been printed and are now on sale at Leggett & Davis drug store. It was decided by the executive committee not to sell any more tickets than could be comfortably accommodated in the dining room of Hotel Joseph Hewes, which is less than 100, and it is for this reason that all who intend to attend the banquet should purchase tickets at once. The price will be 75 cents.

The banquet will be held Wednesday night, February 15, beginning at 8 o'clock, and aside from Mr. Dwire as guest speaker, Secretary J. H. McMullan has let it be known that a secret feature has been arranged on the program which will be of special interest to all. This feature will not be divulged until it is reached on the program.

That there is much work to be done by the Chamber of Commerce has been realized by many of the members and it was only recently decided by President Joseph H. Conger to hold monthly meetings of the executive committee together with other committees so that more concentration will develop in making the organization a more vital factor in the community than it has been in the past. There are those, too, who are of the opinion that the whole membership should be called together more than once a year, not only meeting to enjoy a banquet and an address by a prominent speaker, but to discuss peculiar problems and lay plans for development.

### 200 Farmers Brave Storm To Attend Barbecue Supper

#### Very Enjoyable Affair Held In Armory on Friday Night

#### VISITORS

#### Tribute Paid to R. C. Holland and N. K. Rowell

That a great deal of interest in the Farm Bureau in Chowan County has been revived was apparent Friday night when about 200 farmers gathered in the Edenton Armory as a climax to a membership drive in progress the past few weeks. This number braved a heavy downpour of rain in order to display their interest and partake of a barbecue supper served by a group of prominent ladies. During the drive H. T. Hobbs and E. G. Blanchard were captains of respective groups and though Mr. Hobbs and his group won out in the drive, each member of both committees was recognized and praised for his splendid work in boosting Chowan's membership from about 10 to approximately 200 members.

Each member of the organization was asked to stand as the entire roster was called by Joe Webb in order to become better acquainted, after which R. C. Holland took charge as

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### County Commissioners Deny Request For Loan Of \$7,000 To Erect Building And Add Two New Courses At Chowan High School

#### Ban Lifted On Gill Net Fishing Between Bridges

As a result of protests registered by Chowan and Washington County gill net fishermen, who appealed to Representative John F. White, of Chowan County, and Representative Wilbur Darden, of Washington County, to use their influence in their behalf, the ban has been lifted on shad fishing between the Albemarle Sound vehicular bridge and the Norfolk Southern Railroad bridge this season.

Mr. White, home over the week-end, informed The Herald that he and Mr. Darden contacted Bruce Etheridge, director of the Board of Conservation and Development, presenting the matter as viewed by the fishermen affected and the latter after getting in touch with a majority of the members of the board informed

Mr. White that the ruling would again be ignored.

The Conservation Board made a ruling two years ago restricting gill net fishing for shad between the two bridges on the premise that the area was spawning grounds for shad, and in their dilemma as to what to do to help curb the fast dwindling supply of shad made this ruling in the expectation that more shad would have an opportunity to spawn.

The fishermen, however, deny that the area is a spawning ground any more and were frank in their argument that even if it was, it would be no more disastrous to propagation than it is to catch the fish before they have an opportunity to reach their spawning territory.

### School Lunch Room Opens Next Monday

#### Room Nicely Equipped In Basement of New Auditorium

Members of the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association are very much elated over the fact that a lunch room will be opened in the Edenton school next Monday. This project has been one of the principal aims of the Association and its realization is reason for a great deal of satisfaction.

A room to be used for this purpose has been arranged in the basement of the new auditorium, and P. T. A. members are very appreciative of the cooperation accorded by the Board of Trustees in making this service possible. The room has been screened and put in first class shape for use as a lunch room.

Members of the Association extend an invitation to any who are interested to visit and inspect the lunch room.

### Reception Friday In Honor Of Newlyweds

Quite an elaborate social event will take place at the Parish House Friday night when Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vail will entertain in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Thompson Greenwood, recent newlyweds. Approximately 400 invitations have been issued, the guests being invited to attend between 8 and 10 o'clock.

### J. Henry LeRoy Red Men Speaker

#### Banquet Will Be Held at Hotel Joseph Hewes Friday Night

J. Henry LeRoy, of Elizabeth City, will be the principal speaker at the annual banquet of Chowan Tribe, No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men, which will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes Friday night. The banquet will get underway at 7 o'clock.

Mr. LeRoy, a prominent attorney of Elizabeth City, is a member of Pasquotank Tribe of Red Men and a very able speaker, and it is expected a goodly number of Red Men will be on hand to hear him. Tickets are now being sold for the banquet and but for the fact that much sickness causes some uncertainty on the part of some, the tickets are being freely purchased.

A program for the occasion has been arranged which will be short but interesting and from what can be learned the affair should be even more interesting than last year's banquet which was very much enjoyed by the large number who attended.

Several of the officials of the Great Council of North Carolina will be special guests of the local Tribe for the occasion.

### \$66.58 Realized By Birthday Affair

#### Kramer Appreciative of Help Offered In Face Of Handicaps

With all expenses tabulated as well as a report of all money taken in at the recent President's birthday celebration in Edenton, C. E. Kramer, general chairman for Chowan County, reports that \$66.58 was cleared by the affair.

This amount fell far below that of last year when \$176 was realized. The principal reason for the lower income this year was unfavorable weather the day of the celebration as well as a great amount of sickness.

Mr. Kramer regrets the drop in receipts, but at the same time desires to express his appreciation to all who in any way contributed to the celebration.

### Musical Burlesque At School February 17th

One of the funniest entertainments to be held in Edenton in a long time will be presented in the high school auditorium on Friday night, February 17, when a musical burlesque, "Ma Sweet and Her Charming Family" will be staged by the American Legion Auxiliary. The entertainment is being coached by Mrs. E. C. White, Miss Lena Jones and Mrs. E. T. Rawlinson and aside from the comedy will include several latest musical song hits.

### Jess Powell III With Pneumonia

#### Parents, On Tour, Finally Reached In Orlando, Fla., Tuesday

Much concern was evident in Edenton the early part of this week when it was learned that Jess Powell, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell, was suffering with pneumonia at the University of Virginia Hospital. Adding to the seriousness of the situation was the fact that Dr. and Mrs. Powell were somewhere in southern states making a tour in their house car and were unable to be contacted, despite the fact that telegrams were sent to many mayors in areas where it was thought they might be traveling.

However, on Tuesday it was learned from the college that Jess made a turn for the better and was improving.

However, on Tuesday the Powells were reached in Orlando, Florida, and they immediately stored their car and left by train for Charlottesville. In the meantime, Dr. Martin Wisely, associated with Dr. Powell at the Powell Clinic, went to Charlottesville to be with the boy. It was reported Wednesday that Jess had made a turn for the better and was improving.

### Many Taxpayers In Section Express Desire For Added Facilities

#### MUCH ARGUMENT

#### Board Takes Stand That Petition as Worded Is Misleading

Though 247 signatures of taxpayers in the Cross Roads section were affixed to a petition presented to the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday, asking for authority to borrow \$7,000 to erect a building and buy equipment for classes in vocational agriculture and home economics in Chowan High School, the proposition was turned down without securing a second to a motion for its adoption.

The petition, as signed and presented to the Commissioners read as follows:

"We, the members of the Woman's Club and the Parent-Teacher Association of Chowan High School desire to know how you feel toward having home economics and vocational agriculture provided for in the Chowan High School, beginning next year, if said provision will not cost the taxpayers more than two cents on the \$100 valuation, county-wide. If you favor the County Board of Education and the County Board of Commissioners providing for the necessary building and equipment at a cost not to exceed two cents on the \$100 valuation, county-wide, please sign your name below."

What most likely was the undoing of the proposition was the stipulation in the petition that the cost would result in only a two-cent levy, for as the Commissioners figured it, the cost to taxpayers would eventually amount to six cents in that whatever is allowed for operation at Chowan High School is by law doubled for the Edenton school on the pupil per capita basis. All of the Commissioners were frank to say they would favor the application for a loan if a two-cent levy would take care of the expense, but their refusal centered chiefly about the fact that in all probability many signed the petition on the assumption that that amount would be added, and after the loan adjusted

### Legion Auxiliary Wants To Secure Chairs For Armory

#### Ladies Will Ask Help of Various Organizations In Town

At the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Friday night one of the principal matters to be discussed was the idea of furnishing chairs for the Armory. It was pointed out that already on a number of occasions embarrassing situations arose due to lack of seating facilities and efforts will be put forth to the end that the building will be equipped with chairs. Mrs. J. W. White, who is chairman of the community service committee, together with members of her group, will visit every organization in town in the hope of securing enough help and cooperation to complete furnishing the Armory.

Another interesting portion of the business session was the decision to entertain members of the Junior Auxiliary at a Washington's Birthday party in the Armory sometime near February 22. Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt also made a very interesting report on the child welfare conference held in Kinston jointly by the Legion and Auxiliary.

### Masons Confer First Degree Tonight

At tonight's meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., the first degree will be conferred upon a candidate. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock, prior to which members will journey to Bridge Inn Filling Station on the Windsor Road to enjoy a barbecue supper.