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## Citizens Of Chowan Readily Make Contributions For Relief Of Tornado Victims

Approximately \$500 In Cash Soon Raised In County

### CLOTHING, TOO

Disaster Committee Will Meet Friday Night In Cupola House

Shortly after recovering from the shock caused last week by the disastrous storm striking in Bertie County and extending into Chowan County, Edenton and Chowan citizens immediately set to the task of securing funds and clothing for the unfortunate people affected by the storm. On Thursday morning Mayor J. H. McMullan appointed a central committee composed of J. M. Jones as chairman, John Sikes, Geddes Potter and W. B. Shepard to solicit funds. This quartet at once added others to the committee and began a systematic canvass, the result of which has been very gratifying. Though reports are incomplete, approximately \$100 has been raised in cash and many articles of clothing have been secured for the relief of victims.

Red Cross relief workers soon arrived on the scene of the disaster, and in company with Mrs. J. N. Pruden, made a complete survey of the area affected to ascertain the immediate needs of the sufferers as well as what will be necessary for rehabilitation.

The funds collected locally will all be turned over to the Red Cross, which has combined the two counties into one disaster unit and has been directing relief work in both counties in the way of food and clothing.

Ray Wingate, Miss Allison and Mrs. Schute, national Red Cross disaster relief workers, were in Edenton, conferring with Mrs. Pruden and together visits were made in the areas affected by the storm and all have been in close touch with conditions existing and caring for those in need.

These three will meet with the local disaster committee on Friday night in the Cupola House at 8 o'clock to report what has been done and what remains to be done in the way of present needs and rehabilitation. (Continued on Page Five)

## Meredith Jones On Fair Way To Rating As An Eagle Scout

Elected Registered Senior Patrol Leader on Friday Night

18 MERIT BADGES

Boys Praised By Leaders For Assistance In Tornado Area

Meredith Jones, outstanding member of the Edenton Boy Scout troop, at a meeting of the troop held Friday night, was elected registered senior patrol leader. His election to this position is the first in four years when Kermit Layton, now scoutmaster, received this honor. Meredith has completed all of his tenderfoot, second and first class requirements and has to his credit 18 merit badges toward the rating of Eagle Scout, which is the highest honors to be bestowed upon a Boy Scout. He has served as assistant and patrol leader for several years.

Nick Gardner has nine merit badges to his credit, while George Alma Byrum holds third honors in the local troop, now being a first class scout.

Scoutmaster Kermit Layton and his assistant, Colon Sawyer, are very proud of the local troop and have commented upon the excellent service rendered by the boys at the tornado-stricken area near Windsor last week.

A few more boys are necessary to complete the quota for four patrols, and Scoutmaster Layton is very anxious to have any boys between 12 and 15 years who are interested to see him or present themselves at any meeting of the troop which is held every Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Cupola.

## Faculty Honored

Mrs. J. E. Wood, president of the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association, announces a meeting of the group on Tuesday afternoon, March 7, at 3:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the school building and, says Mrs. Wood, a tea will be held immediately after the business session in honor of the school faculty.

## Spring Festival Of Music Group Will Come To Edenton

Decision Is Reached at Meeting In Hertford Monday

HELD APRIL 16

Agreed to Hold Festival In Fall In Elizabeth City

At a meeting of the Albemarle Music Festival held in Hertford on Monday night, it was decided to hold the spring festival in Edenton. The affair will take place on Sunday, April 16, when 12 bands and 13 glee clubs are expected to participate.

The two towns most anxious to stage the festival were Edenton and Elizabeth City, but representatives from the latter town, due to having no indoor facilities in event of inclement weather, graciously relinquished their desire to have the festival in favor of Edenton. However, they were practically assured that the fall music festival will be held in the Pasquotank capital.

Of especial interest in the coming event to be held in Edenton is the fact that Major C. D. Kutchinski, director of the State College Band of Raleigh, will be guest conductor of the massed bands, and Pat Alderman, well-known music enthusiast of Kinston, will direct the mass chorus. Governor Clyde R. Hoey will also be invited to attend the festival.

Bands which will be represented in the festival will be Edenton, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, Currituck, Ahoskie, Robersonville, Plymouth, Williamston, Roper, Creswell, Columbia, Belhaven and Washington. Glee clubs from the following places will also take part on the program: Washington, Belhaven, Columbia, Creswell, Robersonville, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, Camden, Currituck, Hertford, Roper and Ahoskie.

## Street Department Has New Sweeper

Machine Here on Rental Basis Until New Budget Is Made

For the time being, at least, Town Councilmen are over their worries concerning a street sweeper to replace the old tractor-drawn equipment which is completely worn out. At a special meeting of the Board Monday afternoon it was decided to secure a new self-propelled sweeper on a rental basis until a new budget goes into effect, at which time if the sweeper is satisfactory all rental paid will apply on the purchase price of the new machine.

The sweeper is not of the pick-up type, sweeping trash to the curb, but with initials trials there is so much improvement over the old sweeper, that undoubtedly it will be bought when the new budget is made up.

## Edenton Trio Special Guests E. City Red-Men

A. S. Hollowell, great sachem of Red Men in North Carolina, W. Jim Daniels and J. Edwin Buffalup will go to Elizabeth City tonight (Thursday) where they will be special guests at a banquet held by Pasquotank Tribe. The occasion will mark Great Sachem Hollowell's official visit to the Elizabeth City tribe in the course of which he will make a brief address.

## More Invitations Extended To Local High School Band

Hyde County and Kinston Request Services Of Popular Outfit

DIRECTOR ACCEPTS

Governor Hoey Scheduled to Visit Hyde on April 3rd

Aside from accepting an invitation to play at the Tulip Festival in Washington, N. C., on April 14, C. L. McCullers, director of the Edenton High School band, has this week been invited to play for two other occasions. One of the invitations was to play at a music festival to be held at Kinston on Wednesday, March 29, when some 35 school bands will participate in the program. A parade about three miles long will be held in the afternoon and will include a high school chorus contest, amateur program and mass chorus. The invitation was extended by Pat Alderman, president of the Kinston Junior Chamber of Commerce, and has been accepted by Director McCullers.

The other invitation comes from P. G. Gallop, of Swan Quarter, president of the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce, who in writing to E. W. Spiers, asked him to use his influence in having the band assist in welcoming Governor Clyde R. Hoey and his party when he visits Hyde County on April 3rd.

"We know Edenton is with us in Hyde," said Mr. Gallop. "We are very anxious to capitalize right now, when the Governor will be here, to obtain advertisement and sell our hospitality. Yet, we want the assurance of friends over a long period of time. Our Chamber of Commerce was organized to make friends, advertise our good points and bring in to our borders new blood and some industry. We are anxious for the best blood, however, and we feel sure you can help."

M. A. Matthews, of Englehard, is also very anxious to have the local band play for the occasion, and Director McCullers has gladly accepted the invitation. Mayor J. H. McMullan, J. H. Conger, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, J. Edwin Buffalup and C. L. McCullers have been invited to be special guests for the occasion and all will attend.

## Early Schools Of Edenton

Having contributed several very interesting articles to The Herald before her death, the following was written by Mrs. Nathaniel R. Tunstall, who died at Statesville on July 28, 1937, at the age of 91 years. Acknowledgement is made to Mrs. Charles W. White, daughter of the writer, who sent the article to her aunt, Mrs. Henry A. Bond. Mrs. Tunstall was before her marriage Miss Anne Maria Hudgins, of Edenton, a sister of Mrs. Henry A. Bond, both of whom were born in the old "Cason house which was recently razed to make room for the Sinclair Service Station at the corner of Broad and Queen Streets. Written shortly before her death, Mrs. Tunstall's treatise on early schools in Edenton follows:

When I first remember there was no free school in Edenton, but there was a Parochial School under the control of the Rector of St. Paul's Church. Only girls and small boys were admitted. The teacher's salary and place of teaching were guaranteed by the Rector, but I have been told that the money was furnished by one wealthy man of the Church. Of that I cannot speak positively, but I do know that no one could attend that school without the Rector's permission. Still I do not think that the pupils had to be members of his congregation, for I recall a little girl who went to that school whose family was Methodist. The teachers were always cultured, not always residents of Edenton, for I recall one whose name was Saltonstall, very frequently called "Salt-em-all," who came from New Jersey and of whom her landlady did not approve because she called the colored man Mister. Afterwards a Free School house was built and free school for three months in the year and the Parochial School was closed.

Some families, especially in the County, employed a governess, but in Town the little girls were taught in small groups by some lady who was employed by the fathers to teach them the three R's, music, and as much of everything as she knew herself.

The old Academy was there. It seemed to me to have been there from time immemorial, for I used to hear

## Illness Of Judge J. N. Pruden Abruptly Ends Court Session

Norman Outland Held Attempted Rape Charge

LARGE CROWD

Two Cases Unfinished When Court Adjourns At Noon Hour

Unable to complete Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court during the morning, Judge J. N. Pruden at about 12:15 o'clock adjourned court until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and at that hour the court came to an abrupt end when witnesses, court attendants and spectators were notified that during the noon hour Judge Pruden was taken sick with a chill and was forced to go to bed. The court room was jammed and packed with spectators, many being unable to get inside the building, reminding one of an important session of Superior Court.

During the morning, testimony was taken in the trial of five colored men, Roosevelt Hathaway, Robert Costen, Haywood Blount, Anthony Coston, and Wayland Coston, who were charged with stealing seven bags of peanuts from a barn on the farm of C. Y. Parrish. All the Negroes, except Blount, admitted theft of the peanuts and that they sold them to the Albemarle Peanut Company, dividing the money secured. Blount testified that he was stopped on the road and asked to haul the peanuts to the peanut company, which he consented to do, after being informed that they were not "stolen peas." Each of the others testified that he had no part in taking the peanuts from the barn.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Judge Pruden withheld a verdict and unless he renders a verdict and passes sentence before Friday's session, the men will remain in jail until that time.

When Mr. Pruden adjourned court, the case of DeSoto Elliott and William Mayo, Negroes, was just about half finished. The two men are charged with operating an automobile under the influence of whiskey and careless driving. Five more witnesses remain to be put on the stand (Continued on Page Eight)

## Rev. C. A. Ashby Elated By Fact That Pettigrew Park Will Soon Become Reality

Mission Speaker



REV. GERARD BRIDGE Coming to Edenton from Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Mr. Bridge will conduct a week's mission at St. Anne's Catholic Church, beginning next Sunday.

## Week's Mission At St. Anne's Church Begins On Sunday

Conducted By Rev. Gerard Bridge, of Latrobe, Penna.

ALL INVITED

Services Will Be Held Each Night During Week at 7:30

Father Gross, pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church, has announced that a Mission will open at Mass Sunday morning, March 5th, at 10:30 and continue throughout the week, closing at the 10:30 Mass Sunday, March 12th. The Mission will be conducted by the Reverend Gerard Bridge, O. S. B., of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, Penna.

A Mission is a course of religious exercises, daily Mass sermons, instructions, public prayers and benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament, given for the benefit of the people.

"The principle object of a mission," says Father Gross, "is to excite the people to greater fervor in regulating their lives according to the sacred truths of our holy faith. It is also given to dispose them to a worthier and more frequent reception of the sacraments. The Mission accomplishes these objects by presenting to the minds of the faithful the great truths of religion clearly, forcibly and consecutively, and by giving (Continued on Page Eight)

## J. H. Asbell Raised To Fish Culturist

Succeeds W. C. Bunch, Who Was Promoted To Superintendent

John H. Asbell, who for a number of years has been apprentice fish culturist at the United States fish hatchery, was informed this week that he had been promoted to fish culturist, effective February 1, 1939. Mr. Asbell succeeds W. C. Bunch, who was appointed superintendent of the hatchery following the death of W. S. Vincent.

In advising Mr. Asbell of his promotion, Charles E. Jackson, acting commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries, said: "The interest which you have shown in your work is appreciated and I am glad that it has been possible to secure this promotion for you."

Mr. Asbell's promotion causes a vacancy at the hatchery, but his successor has not yet been appointed by the Bureau of Fisheries.

Affixing of Signatures To Lease All That Remains

200 ACRES

Though Ridiculed, Local Rector Never Lost Hope

One of the most delighted people in Edenton Tuesday morning undoubtedly was Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, after he read in the Raleigh News and Observer that apparently all that remains to make Pettigrew Park in Washington and Tyrrell counties a certainty is the affixing of signatures to a lease for 200 acres of land for a period of 99 years. Mr. Ashby was the instigator of the Pettigrew State Park idea and as much as five years ago spent a considerable amount of his time speaking, writing and making vital contacts in an effort to arouse interest in the project. At first, he received very little encouragement, but undismayed, he fought what can be termed a one-man battle, using every opportunity available to talk and write about the transformation of this attractive and historical area into a park. As time rolled on, occasionally from here and there a favorable remark was made relative to a park in the Lake Phelps territory which in each instance fanned into a flame a spark of hope which Mr. Ashby had not permitted to die.

Regarding the project, the News and Observer had this to say:

"A scratch of a pen is all that is now required to bring into being Pettigrew State Park, the newest addition to the State park system, it was announced yesterday by State Forester J. S. Holmes of the Department of Conservation and Development.

"The lease for the 200 acres of land which is being transferred by the Farm Security Administration to the Department of Conservation and Development for a period of 99 years to become Pettigrew State Park has been completed and has received the signature of Director R. Bruce Etheridge of the department and now requires only similar endorsement by the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"The new park area is on the shores of Lake Phelps in Washington (Continued on Page Five)

## Dr. Tedder Rotary Speaker Tonight

Veterinarian Will Tell Rotarians About Animal Diseases

Dr. P. W. Tedder, local veterinarian, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Rotary Club tonight in the Parish House at 6:30 o'clock. Dr. Tedder will tell of his work among the farmers of the section and comment especially upon various diseases common among farm animals.

At last week's meeting Federal Judge I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, delivered a splendid address upon Abraham Lincoln, which was highly commented upon by all who heard him.

## Methodist Stewards Combine Two Offices

At a meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church held Monday night, the duties of secretary and treasurer were combined into one office with B. F. Britton chosen to serve in this capacity. The change was due to the death of Oscar H. Brown, who had been treasurer of the board. Mr. Britton had been acting as secretary and will hereafter perform the duties of both offices. A successor to Mr. Brown on the board was named.

## Chowan Senior Play Given On March 10

The Senior Class of Chowan High School is busy at present practicing for the senior play which will be given on Friday, March 10. The title of the play will be "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town."