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Likely Clue To Lost Colony Found

Red Cross Expenditures In Bertie-Chowan Storm Area Reaches Total \$15,761.40

Many Repairs Made and Houses Going Up at Rapid Rate

AID 38 FAMILIES

Chowan County Contributes Over \$500 to Tornado Victims

A sample of the efficiency of the American Red Cross can easily be gleaned by a visit to the recent storm-swept sections of Bertie and Chowan counties, where already many repairs have been made and in some instances new houses have practically been completed. Aside from this assistance the Red Cross has contributed freely by providing food and clothing for the victims as well as household goods, medicines and nursing, farm supplies and occupational supplies.

In a report furnished The Herald by Inena Allison, Red Cross disaster investigator, \$15,761.40 has been furnished by the organization in behalf of the tornado victims. Of this amount \$1,148.60 was expended for damage done in Chowan County and \$14,612.80 in Bertie, where there was greater destruction of property and suffering.

It will be interesting to readers to know how these amounts were distributed and due to the kindness of Miss Allison, she has provided a breakdown of expenditures, which follow:

In Bertie, the number of families given assistance were 33, while in Chowan the number was five, or a total of 38 families. In Bertie, 27 families were furnished food and clothing costing \$13.86; for building and repairs, 27 families received \$11,923.91; for household goods, 21 families were aided to the extent of \$1,381.72; for medicine and nursing, \$688 was expended in 13 families; \$601.66 went toward farm supplies for 20 families, and \$8.65 for occupational supplies in one family.

In Chowan County, where the storm was less severe, \$95.00 was furnished for food and clothing in five families; \$866 went toward building and repair for two families; in four families household goods to the extent of \$187.60 were provided. Nothing was required for medicine and nursing or farm supplies.

Of the total expenditures in the two counties the Red Cross contributed \$108.86 for food and clothing; \$12,789.91 for building and repairs; \$1,569.32 for household goods; \$683 for medicine and nursing; \$601.65 for farm supplies and \$8.65 for occupational supplies, totaling \$15,761.40.

It will be interesting, too, to know that Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan Red Cross Chapter, in her final report shows that in Chowan, aside from contributions of food and clothing, \$510.83 had been raised in response to the appeal for aid for the storm victims. This amount, however, does not include several substantial contributions sent direct to Windsor shortly after the disaster and before a canvass was made, and for which Mrs. Pruden will request credit for her chapter.

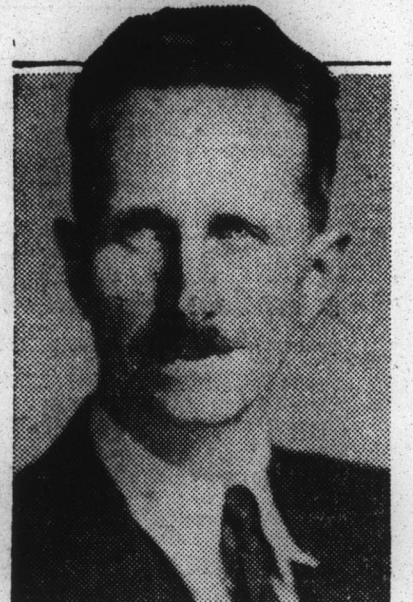
ABC Boards Meet In Edenton March 30

Shad Dinner Will Be Served at Hotel Joseph Hewes

Arrangements were completed early this week to hold the monthly meeting of the County Alcoholic Beverage Control Boards Association in Edenton, which meeting will take place on Thursday, March 30. The meeting will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes, where a shad dinner will be served.

This will be the second time the Association has decided to meet in Edenton and for the occasion the local ABC Board has invited members of the State Board as special guests. President Cobb, of Durham, will preside at the meeting, which will be held at 8 o'clock.

Guest Conductor



MAJOR C. D. KUTSCHINSKI Adding interest to the Albemarle Music Festival to be held in Edenton, Sunday, April 16, will be Major C. D. Kutschinski, director of State College Band, who will be guest conductor for several massed band numbers.

Relief Now In Sight For Better Drainage In North Edenton

Hard Surfacing Will Be Widened to Edge of Sidewalk

BEGINS SOON

Approach on Suffolk Road Will Also Be Improved

Residents in North Edenton living on Broad Street will be given relief to their drainage problem, work on which will begin in a few days. For some time those living along the highway have complained about drainage which has been quite a problem. Opening of the ditches along the highway is only temporary relief, the dirt being soon washed back and automobiles driven off the pavement cutting up the ground so that it is impossible for water to run off.

The latter part of last week R. Roper, of the highway department, conferred with Mayor J. H. McMullan, Street Commissioner J. Edwin Buffap and J. H. Wroten, of the E. & W. Department, relative to more permanent relief. A survey was made of the situation which resulted in the decision to extend hard surfacing from the edge of the highway to the curb. Though the cost will prohibit installation of curbs, a gutter will be made to drain water to several catch basins through a series of pipes to town ditches.

The cost of the improvement will be borne by the State highway, these funds having accumulated for maintaining highways through the city. The town will be required to construct catch basins and lay the grades for the improvement.

Another improvement of interest which will be made at the same time is extending the hard surface from the street to the cement sidewalk on the Suffolk highway extending north from the Triangle Filling Station, which will undoubtedly improve the appearance of the approach into town. This will also be done through the efforts of Mr. Roper.

Lions And Rotarians Call Off Meetings

Due to the Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday night, the Lions Club called off their meeting Monday night, as did the Rotary Club tonight. Members of each club have been given credit for attendance if they attended the banquet.

Plan In Making To Reduce Electricity Rates In Edenton

Many Users Signed Petition Circulated During December

ONLY ONE METER

E. & W. Board Adopts Sliding Scale For Current Used

Though little has been heard of a petition circulated during December requesting a reduction on electric rates and signed by over 150 electric users, plans are now in the making by the E. & W. Board to comply with the request.

After giving the matter serious thought, Board members have decided to adopt a one-meter plan, bringing into effect a sliding scale for electricity consumed, which of course will materially reduce the price, according to the amount of electricity used. By the efforts of F. W. Hobbs, chairman of the Board, the services of George Rice, of Suffolk, an official of the Virginia Power and Light Company, from whom the city purchases current, has been working with the local board and while all details have not been worked out, it is almost a certainty that the one-meter and sliding scale plan will be adopted as a form of relief.

The new system will greatly reduce the income derived from the resale of electricity and undoubtedly will have some bearing on the city tax rate.

Edenton Firemen Give Assistance At Big Columbia Fire

Fire Truck Rushed to Tyrrell In Response to Appeal Sunday

\$75,000 DAMAGE

Local Fire Fighters Are Highly Praised For Efficient Work

Edenton firemen did a splendid piece of work Sunday when in answer to an appeal for help from Columbia, rushed over the Albemarle Sound bridge into Tyrrell County to help fight the disastrous fire at the Tyrrell, County Lumber Company's planing mill.

Though handicapped by being forced to pump water from a ditch, the local firemen contributed in no small way in saving a large quantity of property which was threatened by the blaze. They left Edenton shortly after noon, fighting all day long and returning about 9 o'clock Sunday night.

The fire damage has been estimated at upwards of \$75,000, including the planing mill, dry kilns, mill equipment and a large amount of cut timber.

High praise was tendered Fire Chief R. K. Hall and the firemen for the use of the truck and the valuable service rendered in the emergency. The Plymouth fire department also came to the rescue and did a fine piece of fire fighting, together with the Edenton and Columbia fire-fighting equipment.

The fire attracted a tremendous crowd of spectators, many from Edenton during the afternoon.

Junior-Senior Banquet Will Be Held March 31

Plans are rapidly being whipped into shape for the Junior-Senior banquet which will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes on Friday evening, March 31. The Juniors have been busily engaged in a number of enterprises in an effort to raise funds to pay for the banquet which will be attended by about 100 persons.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT The weekly meeting of Unanimity Lodge will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Number Of Skeptics Greatly Reduced Following Addresses Regarding Stone Found Alluding To Fate Of Lost Colonists

Center Hill Man Has 60-Lb. Stone Bearing Significant Lettering

Latest Find In Possession of T. E. Chappell Has Letter "W" Plainly Visible as Well as Other Markings Which Cannot Be Read

Greatly adding to local interest in efforts to solve the Lost Colony mystery occurred Monday when T. E. Chappell, Center Hill rural mail carrier, reported finding a stone several miles from Center Hill which he believes has some connection with the stone recently acquired by Brenau College at Gainesville, Georgia, and found in Chowan County in 1917.

The stone in possession of Mr. Chappell appears to be of similar texture as the one at Brenau, but is larger, its measurements being approximately 12x17x6 inches and weighing about 60 pounds as compared with 21 pounds, the weight of the stone found in 1917.

Upon the latest stone plainly visible to the naked eye is a letter "W" as well as other markings which cannot be deciphered by Mr. Chappell or those to whom he has shown the stone.

Mr. Chappell knows the exact spot where the stone was found and of great significance to him is the fact that at the identical spot there are several trees of greater size than the average in the area, as well as an indentation in the top of the hill. The opinion is advanced that the remains of the colonists could have increased fertility of the soil consequently allowing these trees to grow larger than the others.

Before attempting any excavations, Mr. Chappell wired Dr. H. J. Pearce at Brenau College as to proper steps to be taken. While he has shown the stone to several people, he has maintained strict secrecy as to the exact spot where it was found, awaiting information from Dr. Pearce.

Regarding the stone, Mr. Chappell on Tuesday sent the following message to The Herald:

"It was not my intention of letting the newspapers have anything on the finding of the last rock until after we got in touch with Dr. Pearce. However, things have developed since yesterday so that I think it is advisable to give you the history of the last finding in order that you may give credit to those to whom credit is due, if the rock proves to be authentic.

"I had been seeing the rock over a period of 25 or 30 years in the woods. Wishing to do some concrete work on a spring about two and a half years ago, and desiring some hard substance to break brick on, I sent the gentleman that lives on my farm, Mr. C. T. Jordan, after the rock. And in order to clear up some things, I wish to state that it was in no way taken for anything other than just an ordinary rock with no possible value. However, after Dr. Pearce left last Friday, I took Mr. Jordan some articles on the subject. After reading several of them he moved the rock from the spring to the house and to him or to other members of his family falls the credit of finding the first letters.

"I wish to say that it was found on a hill in the forest that is a perfect setting for the correct theory, and also that it carries out, if authentic, my theory of a few weeks ago that colonists came up the Perquimans River."

Dr. H. J. Pearce, in a telegram to The Herald said that not having seen the stone, he could not express an opinion, but that he hoped to see it very soon.

Boys Confess Relieving Friendly Market of \$14

With very meagre clues upon which to work, Edenton policemen on Tuesday rounded up three young men who confessed to entering the Friendly Market at the corner of Broad and Queen Streets Monday night and stealing \$14.30 in cash.

Practically all of the money has been recovered and turned over to J. A. Davenport, the boys revealing to officers that it had been hidden on the outskirts of town in small tobacco bags.

The boys arrested were John L. Parrish, Jimmy Jones and Waverly Boyce and are scheduled to be given a hearing in Recorder's Court Friday morning.

Dr. H. J. Pearce, Jr., Presents Facts Bearing Out Records

TWO REPLICAS

Plan Exhibit at World's Fair and Present One To Edenton

"We have nothing to sell and are making no claims," said Dr. H. J. Pearce, Jr., of Emory University in an address Thursday night before a large gathering of Rotarians, Lions, members of the Chamber of Commerce and a goodly number of ladies of the community when he very clearly explained his connection with a stone found on the east bank of Chowan River in 1917 which chronicles the death of Ananias and Virginia Dare and also carries a message to the effect that a group of the colonists were massacred by Indians and buried in small hills "about four miles east of this river." Dr. Pearce was accompanied by his father, Dr. H. J. Pearce, Sr., president of Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga., where the stone is now placed in the museum of the college, Brenau only recently becoming sole owner.

It was explained that the name of the finder of the stone had not been divulged heretofore because he

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Norfolk Quintet Puts On Lively Program At Banquet On Tuesday

G. L. Hall Emphasizes Importance of Angling For Tourists

BIG BUSINESS

Necessary For C. of C. to Tell Cock-eyed World, Says Speaker

Almost 100 members of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce attended the organization's banquet Tuesday night at Hotel Joseph Hewes, when a lengthy but very interesting program was presented by five Norfolk business men. The banquet was the outgrowth of the monthly group meetings planned by President Joseph H. Conger, this one being particularly for the benefit of merchants.

W. Selby Harney, a former well-known Edentonian, acted as toastmaster and in his usual style injected a goodly amount of humor in the meeting.

G. Leslie Hall made the principal address of the evening, giving one of the best talks on the purpose and value of a Chamber of Commerce to be heard here in a long time. "No town can succeed without a live Chamber of Commerce," he said, classing as chiselers and slackers any who refuse to contribute to building up a community.

He stressed the importance of a commerce group being a selling, merchandising and publicizing agency of the community it represents. "If Edenton is the best place in the world to live, as you have demonstrated, then tell the cock-eyed world about it," he animatedly urged his hearers. As an example he very amusingly explained that the apple is the most popular fruit today due to the publicity given to the Garden of Eden episode and that Edenton's peanuts were put on the map by Nina Wilcox Putnam's magazine articles.

Mr. Hall especially emphasized the importance of the tourist business in this country and urged Edenton to paramount this ever growing industry. Between four and five billion dollars are spent annually by tourists, he said, and by fairly accurate figures it has been shown that there

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Wanna Dance?

Mayor J. H. McMullan on Wednesday received 20 complimentary tickets to the dance to be held Monday night, April 3, at Mattamuskeet Refuge Lodge, with instructions to distribute them to any Edentonians who desire to attend. Mr. McMullan will hand out these free tickets to the first who ask for them.

The dance, with music furnished by Paul Jones and his orchestra, is being held in connection with Governor Clyde R. Hoey's visit to Hyde County on that day. The affair starts at 10 o'clock and follows a banquet of the Hyde County Chamber of Commerce at Swan Quarter at 6:30 o'clock.

Present indications point to a large delegation of Edentonians joining with Hyde in celebrating the Governor's visit.

Attendance Good At Baptist Revival

Dr. Zeno Wall Preaching to Congregations Filling Church

With the largest first-night crowds in the history of Edenton Baptist Church revivals attending the meeting being conducted by Dr. Zeno Wall, of Shelby, prospects point to one of the most successful evangelistic meetings ever held in Edenton. On Monday night, the first service of a 10-day meeting, the church was almost filled and on Tuesday and Wednesday the crowd attending materially increased over the previous service.

Dr. Wall is preaching powerful sermons and with the very favorable comments going the rounds, it is doubtful if the spacious church will be able to accommodate all who go to hear him as the meeting progresses. Services are being held each day, at 10 o'clock in the morning and 8 o'clock at night.

The only dampening effect on the meeting is the fact that the pastor, Rev. E. L. Wells, who has been keenly interested in the meeting and worked hard to encourage attendance, is ill and was not able to attend the first services.

District Meeting Of U. D. C. At Plymouth

A meeting of the 14th district of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held at Plymouth on Friday. Adding interest to this meeting will be the presence of Mrs. L. E. Fisher, state president, and other officials. A large delegation from Edenton is requested to attend.