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## Rotary Governor To Visit Edenton Club Tuesday, August 1

James Mallonee, Hopewell, Va., Will Make Official Visit

AT 1 O'CLOCK

## Regular Thursday Meeting Will Be Changed To Tuesday

Of interest to Edenton Rotarians is the announcement that James Mallonee, of Hopewell, Va., will visit the Edenton Rotary Club on Tuesday, August 1. Mr. Mallonee is governor of the 187th district of Rotary International and due to his official visit, the regular meeting for that week will be changed to Tuesday instead of being held on Thursday. The meeting will be held at 1 o'clock, the usual hour, and President William Jones is very anxious that every member of the Edenton club avail himself of the opportunity to hear the district governor.

Mr. Jones and John A. Holmes attended a meeting of the 187th district last Thursday and Friday in Suffolk, Va., at which every one of the 41 clubs in the district was represented. A very profitable meeting was reported by the two Edenton Rotarians, some phases of which will be told the club at today's meeting. The program for today will be in charge of George Capehart.

At last week's meeting, Miss Lillie Mae Saunders, winner of the Rotary cup at Chowan High School, was a guest of the club. Miss Saunders, in a brief but very impressive address, thanked the club for the honor bestowed upon her, and hoped that she would be able to continue to merit this honor.

## Fifth Sunday Sing In Windsor Church Sunday Afternoon

Program Is Released By L. S. Mizelle, Chairman

BEGINS AT 2:45

## Boy Scouts Called In to Assist In Handling Traffic

L. S. Mizelle, chairman of the Bertie County Fifth Sunday Sing, has released the program for the event which will be held on Sunday at Cashie Baptist Church in Windsor. The program, which will begin promptly at 2:45 o'clock, will be as follows:

Hymn, Congregation; Welcome, W. L. Powell, Windsor; Hymn, Congregation; Devotional, Rev. Millard R. Brown, Windsor; Anthem, Windsor Choir; Hymn, Congregation; Solo, Mrs. Ruby Arnold, Windsor; Male Quartet, Ross' Church; Solo, S. N. Parker; Aulander; Hymn, Congregation; Solo, Miss Lois Jernigan, Aulander; Duet, Harold White and L. S. Mizelle, Windsor; Male Quartet, Askewville Church; Hymn, Congregation; Solo, Miss Nora Mae Ward, Merry Hill; Duet, Mrs. Ruby Arnold and A. C. Mitchell, Windsor; Solo, John R. Jenkins, Jr., Aulander; Mixed Chorus, Seaboard, Miss Helen Edwards, soloist and Mrs. Russell Edwards, pianist; Hymn, Congregation; Solo, J. C. Evans, Merry Hill; Solo, Mrs. J. D. Smith, Bedford, Va.; Bertie Male Chorus, W. J. Daniels, conductor, Edenton; Reminiscences, Judge Francis D. Winston, Windsor; Report of Committees; Recognition of Visitors; Closing Hymn, Congregation; Closing Prayer, Rev. W. O. Andrews, Greens Cross, Windsor.

L. S. Mizelle is chairman of the sing, L. J. Godwin song leader and Miss Willie Perkins Mizelle, organist. Ushers are E. Cohen White, W. L. Powell, A. E. Bowen, W. H. Lassiter, L. T. Perry and Owen White. Boy Scout troops Nos. 35 and 104 of Windsor will serve as traffic directors for the event, which is expected to attract a tremendous crowd.

CONFERRING THIRD DEGREE

A group of about 25 Edenton Masons journeyed to Colerain Monday night, when the third degree was conferred upon a candidate by the degree team of Unanimity Lodge. The degree team was in charge of H. A. Campen and members of the Colerain lodge were very complimentary of the way the degree work was handled.

## Commissioner

James Raleigh Peele was appointed last week by Richard D. Dixon, clerk of the Superior Court, to fulfill the unexpired term of W. H. Winborne as County Commissioner. Mr. Peele is 46 years old and is a successful farmer and fisherman in the Rocky Hook section.

He has accepted the appointment and will take the oath of office at the next regular meeting of the Commissioners on Monday, August 7.

## Red Cross Official Pleased With Local Swimming Classes

Mrs. Pruden Receives Certificates For Those Taking Course

EMBLEMS AND PINS

## Chowan Chapter Congratulated For Swimming Program

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the Red Cross, has received for her signature and delivery four junior, four senior life saving certificates and the following swimming certificates for members of the swimming classes recently conducted by Melvin Layton: Beginners, 37; intermediates, 25; swimmers, 31; advanced swimmers, 5. Mrs. Pruden has also received four junior emblems, three junior pins, four senior emblems and three senior pins for candidates enrolled in the classes.

In commenting upon the classes, W. A. Cantwell, assistant director of first aid, life saving and accident prevention, has this to say:

"We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you upon the really good swimming program carried on this summer in Chowan County Red Cross Chapter. Miss Myers, Red Cross representative, has also written us about Mr. Layton's classes in the Chapter and we are delighted to see the enthusiastic response shown by the number of candidates taking the Red Cross Safety training."

## Four Found Guilty Of Breaking Liquor Law

As the result of a drive on petty bootlegging on the part of Edenton police officials, four convictions were secured in Recorder's Court Tuesday. The quartet were charged with violating the liquor laws.

James Anthony, colored, was taxed \$50 and costs and ordered to show good behavior for 12 months.

Charlie Felton and Emma Chesson were fined \$10 and costs each. Both are colored.

Kenneth Bass, white, was sentenced to 60 days on the roads.

Edgar Ruffin Hatton, white, was given 30 days on the roads for driving while drunk and operating a car after his license had been suspended.

## Heavy Rains Hold Up Completion Of New Road Into Edenton

Had it not been for the heavy rains during the past few days, it was planned to complete the road coming into Edenton from the Albemarle Sound bridge road. Only a short stretch remains unpaved through the woods back of the Moran home which was expected to be paved on Wednesday. However, the heavy downpours have affected the grading and no definite time is assured when remaining link will be completed.

## Picnic August 2

Mrs. E. N. Elliott on Wednesday afternoon received a telegram from J. Melville Broughton, of Raleigh, to the effect that he would be able to speak at Chowan High School on Wednesday of next week. He was scheduled to speak at an all-day picnic at Cross Roads last Friday, but on account of rain, the affair was postponed.

Members of Chowan Woman's Club, who are sponsoring the event, are going forward with plans to hold the picnic as previously scheduled with the same program arranged.

Mr. Broughton will speak in Chowan High School auditorium Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock and a large crowd is expected to hear him.

## High School Band Day At "The Lost Colony" On Friday

Over 500 Musicians Will Take Part In Unique Program

BEAUTY CONTEST

## Concert By Massed Organizations Will Begin at 6:45

A mass concert by a group of high school bands will be featured prior to the 105th performance of Paul Green's historical drama "The Lost Colony" as a part of the High School Band Day exercises at Fort Raleigh, Friday, July 28, according to C. L. McCullers, grand director of the combined bands.

Over 500 youthful musicians, of high school bands from Elizabeth City, Belhaven, Columbia, Ahoskie, Henderson, Edenton, Robersonville, Creswell and Pasquotank county, will take part in the special exercises at Fort Raleigh as a part of the 352nd anniversary historical celebrations here.

More than 100 members of the bands are girls and for that reason a beauty contest is being held to find the prettiest band-player represented. A committee of judges, composed of coast-guard officers, staff of "The Lost Colony" and other leaders in Dare county, will officiate during the afternoon.

The Henderson band comes with traveling expenses paid by an altruistic person who liked their music during Carolina Day at the New York World's Fair. When asked what they would do with the funds, the youngsters declared in a body, "We're going to see 'The Lost Colony'."

In order to give the youngsters ample time for a complete concert, Producer D. B. Fearing has announced that their program will begin at 6:45 Friday evening. While here they will be guests of the Roanoke Island Historical Association which sponsors "The Lost Colony."

The bathing beauty contest is scheduled to be held at 4:30 o'clock and members of the bands will join in a picnic supper at 5:30 o'clock.

Mr. McCullers has also planned for several selections to be sung by the audience, accompanied by all bands and directed by Pat Alderman, of Kinston.

## Justin Tune Appears In Concert Chowan High School Aug. 7

## Edenton and Hertford Lions Clubs Asked to Hold Joint Meeting

Justin Tune, two members of the Westminster Choir and a fourth boy, a member of "The Lost Colony" choir, will give a concert at Chowan High School Monday evening, August 7, at 8:15 o'clock. The program is being sponsored by the Chowan Woman's Club and a small admission will be charged, receipts from which will be applied to the debt on the Community House.

An invitation has been extended the Lions Club of Edenton to have a joint meeting with the Hertford Lions Club on that evening at the Community House.

## Rain Blocks Picnic At Cross Roads Friday

Rain last Friday played havoc with plans for an all-day picnic scheduled to be held at Cross Roads, it being necessary to postpone the event. The affair was to have featured two baseball games and an address by J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh.

Members of the Woman's Club, who are sponsoring the picnic, were delighted to learn Wednesday afternoon that J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, will be able to speak Wednesday, August 2, when the picnic will be held.

## English Professor Visits In Edenton

Prof. Robert McElroy, of Oxford, England, was a prominent visitor in Edenton Monday. Mr. McElroy is a professor in Oxford University, and was accompanied to Edenton by Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City.

The two were shown about Edenton by Richard D. Dixon, the Britisher being very much impressed with the points of interest he visited.

## Police Break Up Youthful Gang In Wave Of Thievery

Cherry's Grocery Robbery Climax to String Of Thefts

TWO BOYS HELD

## Many Homes Entered By Boys 9 to 11 Years Of Age

What is hoped to have been the climax of a series of housebreakings and thefts in Edenton occurred Sunday afternoon when two boys, 9 and 11 years old, entered Cherry's Grocery where they made away with about \$10 in cash, and before leaving, helped themselves to some drinks, cigars and cigarettes.

Suspected when they were spending money late in the afternoon, James Munden, 9-year-old white boy, and Harry Roberts, 10-year-old colored boy, were rounded up by police and during questioning of the two they implicated six other Negro boys all about their same age. Rounding up of the boys created quite a bit of excitement and a large crowd of people gathered at the police station while the boys were being questioned Sunday night.

The Munden and Roberts boy, together with two other colored boys were placed in jail until Monday afternoon, when they faced Richard Dixon in juvenile court. Munden and Roberts were held awaiting arrangements to place them in a correctional school. The other two were released upon condition that their parents keep them off the streets after 8 o'clock at night.

Mr. Dixon announced Wednesday that the Munden boy had been taken to the Eastern Carolina Training School at Rocky Mount.

Harry Roberts was placed in the home of James Roberts, an uncle at Newport News, Va. James Roberts and his wife are childless and have been trying to adopt this boy for sometime. He is a reputable Negro, amply able to provide for the boy.

The case caused no little concern to Mr. Dixon. Both of the young offenders have faced him before on similar charges and while he was reluctant to see the boys placed in jail, he could not afford to allow them to continue to be a menace to citizens.

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## Farmers May File Claim For Refund Hog Processing Tax

## Blanks Available at Office of County Agent N. K. Rowell

It will be interesting to farmers who paid hog processing taxes to know that they may secure blanks from Charles H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue, at Greensboro, N. C., or any deputy collector for the purpose of filing their claims for processing taxes. The dead line for filing claims will be December 31, 1939.

At the request of a number of hog growers in North Carolina, Secretary E. F. Arnold made a trip to Washington, D. C., for the purpose of contacting senators and congressmen relative to securing legislation that would give farmers another opportunity to file claims.

Provision was subsequently made for farmers who paid these processing taxes on hogs to secure a refund. Blanks may be secured locally by applying to County Agent N. K. Rowell.

## Neuse Packing Co. Canning Tomatoes

The Neuse Packing Company began operations Wednesday, canning tomatoes at its plant in the old Southern Cotton Oil Company building. Carroll Crockett, manager of the firm, arrived in Edenton Saturday night to complete arrangements for handling tomatoes for farmers of this section. Many tomatoes grown in Bertie County will be utilized and in order to operate to full capacity, tomatoes will be bought from farmers all over this section who bring them to the canning plant.

CAKE SALE SATURDAY

Chowan Woman's Club will have a cake sale at Quinn Furniture Store Saturday morning.

## Shy Of Bids

The County Board of Education met in special session Monday morning for the purpose of opening bids on the construction of the vocational agriculture building to be erected at Chowan High School. No contract was let, however, all bids having been rejected on the grounds that the only general contract bid submitted failed to be accompanied with a 2% check.

Superintendent W. J. Taylor was authorized to re-advertise one week before the first Monday in August for bids on general construction, wiring and plumbing complete. This advertisement will be placed in a large State newspaper in the hope of attracting the attention of more contractors.

## Big Farm Bureau Mass Meeting At Raleigh On Aug. 4

Many Tobacco and Peanut Growers Expected to Attend

SPEAKERS

## Interest Centers on Distribution \$928,000,000 Among Farmers

It is expected that thousands of tobacco and peanut growers will attend the big mass meeting called by the N. C. Farm Bureau at the Memorial Auditorium, Raleigh, at 11 A. M., August 4th. R. M. Evans, AAA Administrator and J. B. Hutson, Assistant Administrator, will address the farmers on this occasion.

The tobacco market will have been open only one week and the peanut diversion program is expected to be announced early in August. Both tobacco and peanut growers are vitally concerned and according to E. F. Arnold, Secretary of the N. C. Farm Bureau, thousands of growers will be on hand to hear these two officials.

J. E. Winslow, President of the Farm Bureau, is urging the business interests of North Carolina, through bankers associations, warehouse associations, merchants associations and fertilizer manufacturer associations to attend and to urge all of their customers to be present. Every business interest in North Carolina, according to Winslow, is vitally interested in the distribution of the \$928,000,000 to be administered and paid out to farmers by the officials who will address this meeting.

Millions of dollars from this fund will be paid to North Carolina growers and the cash register of every business interest in the State will feel the effects of the money paid out by these officials to bring about adjustments in the agricultural field. It is a part of the administration's program to bring prosperity back to this country and farmers and business interests alike are vitally affected. It is anticipated that this will be the greatest meeting of farmers and business interests ever held in the State.

## Flooded

Edenton on Tuesday night experienced the heaviest rain in recent years, as the result of which a number of sections in town were badly flooded. As the result of the downpour, which lasted about an hour, a great quantity of water formed on North Broad Street, on East Eden Street, Water Street, Queen Street and Church Street, as well as other places about town. At all of these places it was impossible for folks to get in and out of their homes unless they desired to wade in water above their knees. Many cars were stalled as they attempted to drive through the flooded areas.

In the basement of the new school auditorium water backed up until it attained a depth of almost two feet. Streets and yards were also badly washed out by the excessive downpour.

Flooded areas attracted many citizens, the streets being crowded with automobiles after the rain slackened up and before the water had an opportunity to drain off.

## Town Of Edenton Keeps Within Its Budget Past Year

Balance Shown In All Departments Except One

IN GOOD SHAPE

## Finance Committee Now At Work On New Budget

A. T. Allen, public accountant, has submitted his report of the town's books which reveals the fact that records in general were in first class condition and that the town has made a very creditable showing in holding its operating cost well within the appropriations, with balances unused at the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

In every department of the general fund there was a balance except for other expenses, which showed a deficit of \$1,079.18. This excess was caused primarily by the expense of the Albemarle Sound Bridge celebration amounting to \$269.05, which was not provided for in the budget, as well as \$99.68 spent for Christmas decorations, \$665.69 for the athletic project appropriation, and \$65.38 for election expenses.

In the administrative department, there is a balance of \$151.23, the police department shows a balance of \$272.79, the fire department, \$675.23, the health department, \$30.90, and the street department, \$1,427.89.

The finance committee, composed of Dr. L. P. Williams, W. M. Wilkins and J. Edwin Bufflap, is now at work on the budget for next year, working in the hope that expenses can be held down so as not to affect the tax rate.

## New York Teachers Enjoy Edenton Visit

Mayor J. H. McMullan on Tuesday acted as guide for a party of ten teachers and students of the State Normal School of Oswego, New York, who are on a tour with Edenton as their southern terminus. Mr. McMullan escorted the group to all the historical points of interest, which was especially appreciated by them, they expressing great delight at their visit here.

From Edenton they went to see "The Lost Colony" pageant at Manteo, from where they will travel north along the eastern shore route. There were eight ladies and two men in the group.

## New Home Economics Teacher At High School

John A. Holmes last week announced that Miss Madeline Trask, home economics teacher at the Edenton High School last year, will be succeeded by Miss Josephine Grant, of Garysburg. The faculty for the year will be the same as last year except for Miss Grant, who was appointed when Miss Trask declined the appointment.

## Beauty Pageant At Morehead Saturday

Fairest examples of pulchritude in North Carolina will be presented at the Beauty Pageant in Atlantic Beach Casino on Saturday night, July 29th at the Coronation Ball of the Second Annual Coastal Festival, sponsored by the Morehead City Junior Chamber of Commerce. Already 20 entries for beauty honors in the event which will be ruled over by Miss Lucille Thomas, of Beaufort, have been received by Bernard Leary, Jaycee chairman.

Among those who have officially entered is Miss Julia Bond Dixon, of Edenton.

## Thos. H. Phelps Dies At Capehart's Church

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Thomas H. Phelps, who died Wednesday at his home at Capehart's Church, Bertie County. Mr. Phelps was 80 years of age and died suddenly of a heart attack while attending to his duties about his farm. He was a prominent Mason, having been a member of Charity Lodge No. 5, of Windsor, for almost 60 years.

Services were held and interment was made at Capehart's Church, with the Reverend Mr. Andrews officiating. A Masonic funeral was held with members of Charity Lodge acting as active and honorary pallbearers.