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First Day's Enrollment At Edenton School Slightly Ahead Of Last Year's Mark

796 Enter School Monday Morning; More Expected

BAND INSTRUCTION Now Able to Graduate Without Units For Foreign Language

That there will be more students attending the Edenton school this year than last year is reflected in the enrollment at the first day of school on Monday morning. Superintendent John A. Holmes reported that on the first day there were an even 500 enrolled in the elementary grades and 296 in high school, or a total of 796 on the first day.

Last year at the end of the first ten days the enrollment was 798, and the fact that more students entered school within the first ten days is reason to believe that this year's enrollment will equal that of last year. Last year's enrollment on the first day was 790.

There was little confusion in connection with the opening of school, abbreviated sessions being held Monday and Tuesday to organize the classes. However, on Wednesday a full schedule of classes went into effect and everything was running smoothly.

At the opening exercise Rev. W. C. Benson conducted a devotional service. He was followed by Thomas Cheers, chairman of the board of school trustees, who made a brief address of welcome and expressed the hope that the year would be successful from every standpoint.

The High School band rendered a 30-minute concert, which was very much enjoyed by students and visitors alike.

Mr. Holmes announced that under the present set-up it will be possible to graduate from the Edenton school without units in foreign languages. This is due to the fact that there is now included in the curriculum an industrial art department, offering two units of work, one in mechanical drawing and one in woodworking. Heretofore, in order to graduate it was necessary to have four units in English, two units in foreign languages, two units in mathematics, two units in social science, one unit in natural science and five elective units. Now it is possible to acquire the necessary units by leaving off the foreign languages and getting two units in home economics, two in industrial arts, plus one in either general science, biology or chemistry.

Another feature of this year's session is the fact that band instruction will be furnished free. This materialized when the school trustees and Town Council agreed to put C. L. McCullers on a \$1,500 salary basis as band instructor. McCullers will be in school five days each week and has regular classes arranged. A small fee, however, is required to be paid by each member in order to maintain a treasury for maintenance and equipment.

On account of graduation eight band members were lost, but Mr. McCullers reported Wednesday that six new candidates had been added and several other new ones were again looking forward to a very successful year with the band.

Football Season Opens On Friday

E. H. S. Opposes Columbia on New Athletic Grounds

Edenton High School will open its 1939 football season Friday afternoon when they meet Columbia High School on the local field, playing the first game on the new athletic field. The game is scheduled to begin at 3:30 o'clock.

While Coach Holton has lost the greater number of last year's regulars, he feels that he has material which can be developed into a creditable team and for this reason he will carefully scrutinize the playing of each man on the team Friday.

Little is known about the strength of Columbia, but Holton and his boys are expecting a stiff fight.

MRS. MORGAN ILL

Mrs. J. H. Morgan of the Cowpen Neck section at this writing is confined to her home by illness.

Speak at Hertford



A. J. MAXWELL



W. KERR SCOTT

A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenues, and W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, will speak at the Perquimans County Fair next Thursday, the day being designated as Farmers' Day. The two speakers are expected to attract a large number from Perquimans as well as adjoining counties.

Mrs. B. W. Evans Hurt In Automobile Wreck On Way To Atlanta

Family Rushes to Fayetteville After Learning About Accident

Information reached Edenton Wednesday to the effect that Mrs. B. W. Evans was injured in an automobile wreck at Fayetteville. The extent of the injuries was not known, other than that she was rushed to a Fayetteville hospital.

Mrs. Evans left at 6:30 Wednesday morning to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ford to Atlanta, Ga. The Fords had been spending some time at the Evans' home and Mrs. Evans was going to return the visit.

Upon hearing of the accident, Mrs. Evans' husband and two daughters, Mary Winborne and Beatrice Wilson Evans and Mrs. Z. W. Evans immediately left for Fayetteville.

Successful Revival Ends At Macedonia

One of the most successful revival meetings in recent years came to a close Sunday night at Macedonia Baptist Church. Under the preaching of Rev. J. L. Pearce, 39 have been added to the church's membership.

Every service was well attended, in some instances even standing room being at a premium. Music during the meeting was in charge of W. J. Daniels.

Band Plays Concert In Hertford Tonight

Edenton High School's band will render a concert tonight (Thursday) in Hertford. The concert will be given in front of the court house, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Refreshments will be served to the band members by the Hertford Rotary Club.

Ocean Highway Group Plans No Change In No. 17

Executive Meeting Held Friday at Hotel Joseph Hewes

HARDING'S GUESTS Travel Along Route Is Headed For Marked Increase

Absolutely no change in routing travel over U. S. 17, carrying it as heretofore through Edenton rather than as had been intimated across the Sound bridge and into Plymouth, was advocated unanimously last Friday at a meeting of the executive committee members of the Ocean Highway Association. The visiting members, about 25 in all under the tutelage of Louis Fisher, of Wilmington, the president, were guests of G. H. Harding at the Hotel Joseph Hewes, and prior to their meeting were entertained sumptuously at a luncheon.

Mayor J. H. McMullan and former Mayor E. W. Spires, Association directors, were, also, invited guests of Mr. Harding at the luncheon, but took no part in the committee meeting later. At the meal, and before, Mayor McMullan presented to the visitors his proposed new folder locating the historic spots and other places of interest in Edenton. The Mayor likewise made a very brief speech of welcome at the dinner.

An elaborate program for the closer relation of the public to the highway through additional advertising by signs and in publications was advocated and will be carried out. Travel along the highway is marked for a large increase during the coming fall and winter, President Fisher said.

Many Requests For Aid Still Pending In N. C. Counties

9,136 Applications In State; Only Two In Chowan

A total of 9,136 applications for public assistance were pending before North Carolina county welfare boards on the first of August; 7,600 representing requests for old age assistance with 1,536 aid to dependent children cases completing the number, Nathan H. Yelton, director of public assistance division of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, said this week.

Lack of funds kept 1,786 needy aged on the pending lists and the same reason was assigned to 521 possible aid to dependent children cases. A total of 2,550 cases in both categories were held without investigation because of lack of staff time to complete necessary investigations before granting of assistance payments.

In Chowan county the total pending case load on the first of August was two cases, both being requests for old age assistance and none for aid to dependent children.

"North Carolina's public assistance program is going forward slowly but surely, and as funds become available in the counties, pending applications will receive due consideration," Yelton said.

"Beginning in January the federal government will pay one-half instead of one-third of the aid to dependent children grants and administrative costs and this automatically will release additional state and county funds for increased recipient rolls in this category," he explained.

Methodist Junior Choir Resumes Fall And Winter Activities

Beginning next Sunday night the junior choir of the Methodist Church will resume its activities for the fall and winter months after a few months' vacation. Regular rehearsals have been held and the young people will occupy the choir loft on Sunday night.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday night has also been resumed and with the opening of school and the return of vacationists the pastor, Rev. W. C. Benson, appears very optimistic for the closing out of a successful year before the annual conference is held.

Over 1,000 Books Put Into Circulation By WPA Bookmobile

Librarian Reports Gradual Increase In Interest

WEEK'S SCHEDULE Visit to Chowan Thus Far Considered Very Successful

That the WPA bookmobile now appearing in various sections of Chowan County is proving very popular is reflected in the fact that an increase in books borrowed has been shown each day. In the last two weeks, reports Mrs. Bessie Gwyn, librarian in charge, about 1,000 books have been circulated, and the Chowan visit thus far is regarded as very successful.

The schedule of the bookmobile during the week of September 25 is as follows:

Monday—9 to 10, Overton's Store; 10:30 to 11:30, Edenton High School; 11:30 to 12:30, Boy Scout Cabin, Edenton; 1 to 2, Advance School.
Tuesday—9 to 10, Enterprise, home of Mrs. W. H. Hollowell; 10:30 to 11:30, Perry's Store and Beech Fork School; 12 to 1, Henry Bunch's Store.
Wednesday—9 to 10, Gum Pond School; 10:30 to 11:30, Oak Grove School; 11:45 to 12:45, Elbert Peele's Store; 1 to 2, Evans' Mill.
Thursday—9 to 10, Chowan High School and Cross Roads; 10:30 to 11:30, Center Hill School and L. W. Belch's Store; 12 to 1, Elmo, Twine's Store.
Friday—9 to 10, Ryland, Ward's Store; 10:30 to 11:30, Snow Hill, Copeland's Store; 12 to 1, Gliden, Briggs' Store.

Red Men Win Series To Decide Soft Ball Champs Of Edenton

Winners Defeat Mason-Rotary Group 8-2 In Final Game

On Tuesday night the Red Men had little trouble in defeating the Masons-Rotarians in the fifth game of the series to decide the city soft ball championship. The score was 8 to 2. The Red Men won the first two games of the series, but the Masons-Rotarians came back strong to tie the count by winning the next two games.

Both teams on Tuesday night were at their top strength, but the losers were considerably off-form both on the field and at bat. The Red Men scored four runs in the first inning as the result of three walks and two hits, and throughout the contest held the upper hand, at no time being seriously threatened.

The Masons-Rotarians evened the series last Thursday night when they turned back the season's league leaders 5 to 0. The victors got off to a good start in the first inning by taking advantage of two errors, which coupled with three hits, netted four runs. Thereafter the Red Men settled down and both teams played on about even terms on the field throughout the game. However, the Red Men were unable to connect safely with the slants of T. B. Williford, who allowed only two safe hits, one by Ward Hoskins in the first inning, and the other by Raleigh Hollowell in the final game.

The fifth run for the winners was made in the fifth inning when Earl Goodwin hit for a circuit of the bases.

Separate Showings Of Motherhood Film At Taylor Theatre

On Monday and Tuesday at the Taylor Theatre will be shown a picture which should be of interest to every adult. The title of the picture is "Mystery of Motherhood," and is so plain and instructive that Manager Jimmy Earnhardt has arranged for its showing to men and women separately.

The picture will be shown for women at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon and for men only at 7:15 and 9:15 at night. The film has been endorsed by physicians, social workers and civic leaders, presenting scientific facts and instructive information which should benefit every adult witnessing it.

Grand Jury Disapproves Verdict Of Petit Jury In Acquitting Prison Guard

Perquimans Fair Opens On Monday

A. J. Maxwell and W. Kerr Scott Will Speak On Thursday

Beginning next Monday and continuing throughout the week, Perquimans County will stage its first county fair, which from the spontaneous interest that has been manifested in Perquimans and adjoining counties, augurs well to be a big success and to become an annual event.

The fair is sponsored by the Hertford Lions Club and aside from a midway furnished by the Crescent Amusement Company, which recently appeared in Edenton, there will be agricultural exhibits, speaking and a big parade. A. Linwood Skinner is general chairman and has been very active in arranging for the fair, as well as widely advertising it.

Judges of the exhibits will be Miss Rebecca Colwell, Miss Maude Hodges and Miss Virginia Edwards, home demonstration agents for Chowan, Pasquotank and Currituck counties respectively.

Possibly the biggest day of the fair will be Thursday, September 28, when Farmers' Day will be observed. For this occasion A. J. Maxwell, Commissioner of Revenue, and W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, have accepted invitations to speak. Both men are expected to have something to say that will be of especial interest and aid to farmers and others of this section.

The fair ground will be located on the municipal parking lot.

Alford L. Layton Dies Suddenly While Fishing

Body Found Along Roanoke River Near Weldon

Funeral services were held at Rocky Hook Tuesday for Alford L. Layton, 43, who was found dead along the Roanoke River near Weldon on Monday night. Layton was found by three Negro women who were returning from a fishing trip. When discovered, the body buried to the knees in a muddy ravine, was standing in an upright position.

After an examination of the body Coroner T. M. Cooper, of Enfield, said death was due to hemorrhages of the stomach.

Layton was in the vicinity where he died for several days with a party of fishermen who were taking cat fish from the Roanoke River, but remained after the party had left Saturday.

He is survived by one son, William Layton; a daughter, Louise Layton; two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Boyce and Mrs. John Garrett, and four brothers, Leslie, John, Worth and Jep.

10th Grade At Chowan High Elects Officers

Officers for the tenth grade at Chowan High School were elected at a meeting of the class held Monday. Those who were chosen are: President, Ruth Byrum; vice president, Hamford McNider; secretary and treasurer, Lavelle Ward.

Entertainment At Cherry School Friday

"Dark Town Strutters Ball", a Negro minstrel, together with a concert by the Creswell Band will be presented at Cherry School Friday night, September 22. The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock and is expected to attract a large crowd.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary meeting will be held in the Parish House today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock. Dr. W. I. Hart will be in charge of the program.

At last week's meeting John A. Holmes spoke briefly about the importance of Rotarians reading Rotary literature.

Discharge By State of C. A. Cooke Recommended

JUDGE IRKED

Conditions In County Satisfactory According to Report

Near the close of Chowan Superior Court, which ended Friday afternoon, the grand jury submitted its report for the term. The report is rather significant in that it is the first time a grand jury publicly disapproved the action of a petit jury in Chowan County. The criticism grew out of a verdict of not guilty in favor of C. A. Cooke, Woodville prison camp guard, who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Cooke shot and badly injured John Johnson, Chowan County Negro, several weeks ago while participating in a search for three escaped convicts. Johnson and a companion were on their way home and while walking near the Mexico Road, Cooke fired twice at Johnson at close range, both loads entering his hips and legs. Cooke claimed that he mistook the men for two of the convicts.

The petit jury returned a verdict of not guilty, which caused Judge Q. K. Nimocks to reprimand Cooke and give him to understand that it was a miscarriage of justice and that had he been found guilty a stiff sentence would have been imposed. In addressing Cooke, the judge said had he been a member of the jury he would have cast a vote of guilty and that he had already determined to render a sentence of 18 months on the road had a verdict of guilty been returned.

That the verdict did not meet with the approval of the grand jury is reflected in the report, which in part said:

"We, after learning that C. A. Cooke being freed by the petit jury of this court on the charge of shooting down one John Johnson, we recommend to the State that he be discharged from the services of the State as guard over any convicts, as we deem it unsafe for any man of his disposition to handle a gun."

The grand jury reported that the jail was in good condition, recommending only a new mattress for a prison bed. The clerk of court's office, register of deeds' office and county home were inspected and all reported in good condition, except at the county home the door steps needed repairing.

County school buildings were inspected and found in good condition, and a check-up on charges of the county revealed that they are being properly cared for in their respective homes. All justices of the peace and guardians had filed their reports and in conjunction with the emphasis Judge Nimocks placed on juveniles not being confined to county jails, the grand jury found that all criminals under the age of 16 were being cared for in private homes.

Norfolk Group To Make Good Will Tour On Sept. 30

Brief Program Expected to Be Held About 10:30 O'clock

Ellis Loveless, E. T. Enright and Bush Enos, representatives of the Norfolk Advertising Club, were in Edenton Wednesday making arrangements for a good will tour into Eastern Carolina on Saturday, September 30. The group will be accompanied by the mayor of Norfolk and other city officials, as well as a number of civic leaders.

The party, traveling in a sound truck and motor coach, expect to arrive at 10:30 o'clock and remain a few minutes. Included in the brief program Mayor J. H. McMullan, as well as others, will be officially invited to attend the Carolina-V. P. I. football game to be played in Norfolk on October 7.

From Edenton the group will go to Plymouth, Windsor, Williamston and Ahsokie.