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Home Demonstration Clubs Will Observe Achievement Day Wednesday, Nov. 22

Miss Florence Cox of Hertford County Will Be Speaker
GROUP SINGING
Chowan Home Agent Urges Public to Attend Exercises

Achievement Day for Home Demonstration Clubs of Chowan County will be observed next Wednesday, November 22, beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the morning. The celebration will be an all-day affair with a program held in the auditorium of Chowan High School and lunch served in the new Community Building.

The day was to have been observed Tuesday, October 31, but due to the inability to secure a speaker, the event was postponed. Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan home agent, has announced that the principal speaker will be Miss Florence Cox, home demonstration agent of Hertford County, and that special group singing will be in charge of J. F. Criswell, of State College. Miss Cox, in her address, will feature recollections of her trip to Europe last summer during which she attended a meeting of the Association of Country Women of the World held in London.

Miss Colwell desires it to be generally known that the Achievement Day exercises are not only for club women, but the public is cordially invited to attend and she hopes many will be on hand for the program. The lunch in the Community Building will be served at a small charge.

The program, as released Wednesday, will be as follows:

- Morning Session
- Song, America, the Beautiful;
- Invocation, Rev. Frank Cole;
- Greetings, Mrs. F. P. Gregory;
- President 16th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.
- Roll Call by Clubs.
- Minutes of Last Meeting.
- Business.
- Solo, Mrs. Gordon Blow, accompanied by Mrs. Wood Privott.
- Club Reports: Advance, Rocky Hock, Enterprise, Byrds, Center Hill and Gum Pond.
- Presentation of Attendance Certificates.
- Song, Follow The Gleam.
- Introduction of Speaker, Mrs. E. N. Elliott.
- Address, Miss Florence Cox, Hertford County Home Agent.
- Announcements.
- Collect of Club Women of America.
- Lunch—Served by Chowan Club.
- Afternoon Session
- Song, The More We Meet Together.
- Club Reports: Hurdles, Beech Fork, Ryland, Wards and Chowan.
- Song, A Song of the Open Country.
- Presentation of Awards of Merit.
- Introduction of Leader, Mrs. Percy Smith.
- Group Singing, Lead by Mr. J. F. Criswell; accompanist, Mrs. Gordon Blow.
- Presentation of Club Prizes.
- Song, Sing Your Way Home.

Turkey Supper At Parish House Nov. 23

There will be a turkey supper at the Parish House Thursday night, November 23rd, from 6 to 8 o'clock. The affair will be for the benefit of St. Mary's Guild. Any who plan to attend should make reservations early.

Mrs. W. S. Summerell Taken To Hospital

Mrs. W. S. Summerell, veteran member of the Edenton School faculty, was on Monday rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Summerell became violently ill Friday and was forced to be carried from the school, where she is a teacher of the fifth grade.

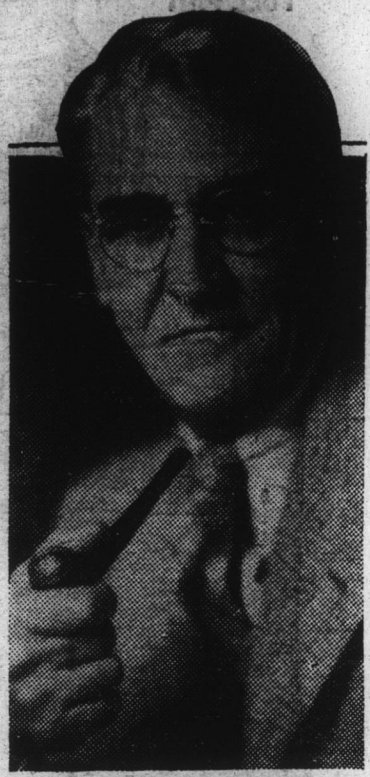
SERIOUSLY ILL

John Ballentine was taken seriously ill Thursday night, being found Friday morning in his room at the Penelope Barker Hotel in a helpless condition by Ernest Ward, who, seeing his light burning thought something must be wrong. His sisters came Saturday afternoon and carried him to Portsmouth, Va., to be with them. Last reports were that he was feeling a little better.

CAKE SALE SATURDAY

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

Carol Reader



DR. FREDERICK H. KOCH

Dr. Frederick H. Koch, founder and director of The Carolina Playmakers, who will read Dickens' Christmas Carol in Edenton Monday, December 11.

Curtain Drops On Football Season With Game Today

Edenton High Will Oppose Greenville on Hicks Field

AT 3 O'CLOCK

Scheduled Game With Elizabeth City Has Been Cancelled

What will undoubtedly be the last game of the season for the Edenton High School football team will be played Thursday afternoon on Hicks Field when the Aces tackle the Greenville aggregation. The game is scheduled to begin at 3 o'clock. This game was originally scheduled to be played Friday afternoon, but was since changed to Thursday.

Though Coach Dave Holton's boys have had a disastrous season so far as victories are concerned, they will put forth every effort to add at least one more victory to the only one registered against Columbia in the opening game.

Another game had been scheduled with Elizabeth City to be played on Thanksgiving, but because the Yellow Jackets are slated to take part in the finals for the Northeastern Championship, this game will most likely be cancelled.

Impressive Service Held Sunday Night In Methodist Church

Though there was no Armistice Day celebration in Chowan County Saturday, the day was fittingly observed Sunday night when special services were held in the Methodist Church. The speaker for the occasion was the Rev. C. A. Ashby, who was heard by a goodly number, including ex-service men and members of the Legion Auxiliary.

Mr. Ashby spoke briefly but his remarks were very appropriate for the occasion. He read a scripture lesson from the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy dealing with fear of the Lord. Emphasizing the futility of war, Mr. Ashby said there is no lack of patriotism on the part of those men who have had a taste of war, but that their disappointment in the belief that the last war would end war, makes them hesitant to again enter any war on foreign soil or see their sons slaughtered.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jones announce the birth of a son, Lester, Jr., on Monday, November 13.

Fuller Development Of Albemarle Topic Of Meeting Friday

County Representatives Meet In Hotel Joseph Hewes

PLAN BOOKLET

Processing Plants Seen As Aid to Section's Prosperity

In a zone meeting of the Greater Albemarle Association held Friday night in Hotel Joseph Hewes representatives from most of the counties in the area were present. The meeting was presided over by P. D. Midgett, of Englehard, president, and after a delightful meal, Mr. Midgett expressed his faith, with proper cooperation, in the fuller development of the Albemarle. One of the greatest needs, he said, is an all weather road surrounding the territory. There is unlimited opportunity in the section's agricultural resources, he said, and we have a "gold mine" in our waterways. He urged an increased number of dairy cattle, additional experimental facilities and processing of our farm products at home. In this connection, he said the Piedmont and southern counties are making more money on processing Albemarle products than the growers themselves receive, which money could be kept at home.

Mr. Midgett urged the growing of blueberries, cranberries, asparagus, celery and strawberries on a large scale with packing plants to process them, as well as a creosoting plant to treat the millions of pine trees used for telephone poles.

Secretary W. O. Saunders reported that despite any special drive for membership, members are gradually coming into the organization. He also reported working on the matter of printing 10,000 copies as a beginner of a booklet to contain 36 pages for distribution to prospective visitors. The title of the booklet will be "North Carolina's Historic Albemarle."

Mr. Saunders reported that through his efforts President G. Leslie Hall of the Tidewater Automobile Association had secured the remedy of certain injustices on Virginia road maps, which showed only one highway entering the Northeast section of North Carolina.

Move Under Way To Eliminate Grand Jury At Court Term

No Criminal Cases to Claim Attention of Select Group

SAVING OF \$250

Good Chance to Purchase New Chairs For Jurors

Unless some legal entanglements develop, Chowan Superior Court, which is scheduled to convene Monday, December 11, will be rather unique in that there will be no grand jury to serve in connection with the term. Clerk of Court Richard D. Dixon has revealed that up to the present time there are no criminal cases for a grand jury to pass upon, only one appeal case, a misdemeanor, from Recorder's Court being docketed.

Mr. Dixon, anxious to save expense for the taxpayers, says by eliminating the grand jury a saving of around \$250 would result.

The matter will be taken up with the proper authorities in the hope that this expense can be saved at the next term of court.

For the last 12 or 15 years, grand juries, lawyers and jurors themselves have agitated more comfortable chairs in the jury box and it is Mr. Dixon's idea that this improvement could easily be made by the saving resulting from doing away with the grand jury.

Another advantage, too, according to Mr. Dixon, is the fact that more time could be devoted to civil cases, many of which appear on the docket.

At present there is nobody in jail, only one appeal case on the criminal docket and unless something develops in the meantime, Mr. Dixon sees no reason why the grand jury cannot be eliminated thus saving the county unnecessary expense.

Haskett Appointed Commissioner Of Police By Council

Board Acts In Executive Session Tuesday Night

LONG SESSION

Perry Submits Improvements For Fire Department

Though very few matters confronted Town Council Tuesday night, a discussion of the town's fire-fighting system and an executive session called to discuss matters pertaining to the police department, resulted in quite a lengthy meeting.

O. B. Perry reported that complaints have been made relative to inadequate fire-fighting facilities, and following an investigation, he said that to put the department in first class shape it would be necessary to purchase more hose, provide more hydrants, employ more paid firemen, put adequate mains on the west side of Broad Street and install a bell system in each fireman's home to assure knowledge of a fire.

J. H. Wroten was called upon to make a report regarding the water lines. Mr. Wroten said the Board of Public Works had recently secured a gauge for hydrant testing, and that he had tested every hydrant in town. In the course of his investigation he discovered ample pressure on Broad Street and the east side of town, but that on the west side the highest pressure registered was 12 pounds, and going as low as seven pounds. He said in this section there are 4 and 2-inch lines with some as small as 1 1/4-inch, which he gave as reason for lack of an adequate amount of water in case of fire. Mr. Wroten, however, sounded a note of encouragement, telling the Councilmen that at present he was working on an estimate, ordered by the Board of Public Works, to determine the cost of laying another 6-inch line 2,000 feet long parallel with Broad Street on the West side. In view of this in-

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Dr. Koch Will Read Christmas Carol In Edenton Dec. 11th

Coming to Edenton Under Auspices Parent-Teacher Group

AT HIGH SCHOOL

Efforts Will Be Made To Pack Spacious Auditorium

Following Arbor Day exercises Monday, committee chairmen of the Edenton Parent Teacher Association met at the home of Mrs. Richard Elliott. The purpose of this meeting was to lay plans for the appearance in Edenton on Monday, December 11, of Dr. Frederick H. Koch, of Chapel Hill.

Dr. Koch has been secured for that date to read the famous Dickens' Christmas Carol and the Association will make a strenuous effort to fill the Edenton school auditorium for the occasion.

This will be the 35th anniversary of Dr. Koch's initial public reading of this immortal ghost story, which will take place in the Edenton school auditorium at 8:30 P. M. In the last 34 years he has read the Christmas Carol to audiences far and wide. He has four times given it in Town Hall in New York, twice he has read the story at the Institute of Arts and Sciences at Columbia University. Large cities, little country towns and secluded byways have heard him give Tiny Tim's immortal toast: "God bless us everyone."

Members of the Parent-Teacher Association are greatly enthused over securing Dr. Koch to read the story, and the reader himself says that his record would not be considered complete without an Edenton appearance.

An intensive campaign will be made to sell tickets and many are expected to be sold in nearby towns. Dr. Koch last year appeared in Colerain, but very unfavorable weather reduced the audience, and it is hoped many who planned to hear him then will avail themselves of the opportunity on December 11.

Arbor Day Appropriately Celebrated In Edenton; 46 Trees Are Planted In Town

Presides In Wilson



JOHN A. HOLMES
As president of the North-eastern District Teachers Association, Mr. Holmes will preside at the 17th annual convention to be held in Wilson Friday and Saturday.

Exercises Held In Afternoon on School Ground

SPECIAL MUSIC

J. L. Wiggins Speaks on Trees Found In North Carolina

For the first time in many years the true spirit of Arbor Day was effectively carried out in Edenton Monday and as a result 46 trees were planted which, if they survive, will add considerably to the attractiveness of the town. The project was undertaken by the Edenton Garden Club, which also had the whole-hearted cooperation of the Parent-Teacher Association. Of the trees planted, 12 were placed on the Edenton school ground, each of the 11 grades buying and assuming responsibility for a certain tree which is plainly marked, and a beech tree planted by Thomas Cheers, chairman of the school trustees. Each tree is surrounded by a wire guard and children have been encouraged to see to it that the trees are not damaged or abused.

Appropriate exercises were held on the school ground Monday afternoon under the direction of the Garden Club and Parent-Teacher Association, when the entire student body was present as well as quite a few others. John A. Holmes presided and special music was furnished by the high school band and glee club.

In connection with the tree planting, Mrs. C. T. Hollowell awarded a prize to little Josephine Mills for the best essay written on "Trees," calling on the winner to read her paper.

As a climax, former Mayor J. L. Wiggins, an ardent tree lover, made an address on "Our Native Trees." In beginning his address, Mr. Wiggins recited a poem on trees which was indelibly stamped upon his mind when in the fourth grade about 51 years ago. Mr. Wiggins said North Carolina is fortunate in its forestry resources, placing trees of the State in four classes, fruit bearing, nut bearing, lumber producing and ornamental, and mentioning the trees in each group. Explaining the two general classes of trees, deciduous and evergreen, Mr. Wiggins said that in nature we must think of everything as God's gift, but that there exists peculiar and close trees in the relation of trees and mankind. "This would, indeed, be a dreary world if we did not have trees and birds," he said, "and here again we have a close relation."

Mr. Wiggins defined and described the uses of some of our most valuable trees, beginning with the pine which has undoubtedly been the most valuable natural asset the Southland has known since the earliest Colonial period. He then graphically defined flowering and ornamental trees, closing his very appropriate and interesting remarks by reading Joyce Kilmer's short but wonderful poem "Trees," which was inspired after the writer witnessed the devastation and awful destruction of trees by war.

Aside from the trees planted on the school ground, 34 were planted about town, with the property owners paying half and the other half coming from the town's appropriation for town beautification. The variety of trees planted included water and willow oaks, crepe myrtle and a few other varieties.

Farmers Stage Big Turkey Supper At Cross Roads Tonight

Rotarians, All County Officials and C. H. S. Faculty Invited

130 EXPECTED

Affair Will Get Under Way at 7:30 In Community Building

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, members of the Board of County Commissioners, Board of Education, all other county officials, the Edenton Rotary Club and faculty of Chowan High School will be guests of farmers and merchants of upper Chowan County at a supper to be served in the new Community Building at Small's Cross Roads. The meal will be prepared and served by members of the Chowan Woman's Club.

The affair was originally planned to entertain the Rotary Club, which organization on a number of occasions had observed Farmers' Night, but as the idea spread among the farmers it was decided to include county officials and the Chowan High School faculty. E. N. Elliott was selected to have charge of arrangements and reported early this week that 130 would attend the supper, which is labeled a get-together occasion.

Practically every member of each group is expected to be on hand and all look forward to a very appetizing roast turkey meal and a delightful hour spent with the farmers of the section.

Funeral Wednesday For H. W. Batton

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for H. W. Batton, 78 years of age, who died Tuesday morning at his home on Office Street. Mr. Batton had been in ill health for a long time. The services were conducted at the home with the Rev. W. O. Henderson, of Elizabeth City, officiating. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Hart, of Sanford, Mrs. M. G. Twiddy and Mrs. Edward Cuthrell, of Edenton, and five sons, J. L., E. R. and C. R. Batton, of Fayetteville, and F. C. and H. B. Batton, of Edenton.

Missionary Society Will Meet Monday

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will be held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr. The meeting is called for 3:30 o'clock, and because of very important business, Mrs. W. W. Byrum, the president, requests every member of the Society to be present.

Benson Reappointed To Edenton Church

Appointments for Methodist Churches for the new church year were announced Monday morning at the annual conference held in Fayetteville. Included in these appointments was the return of Rev. W. C. Benson to the Edenton Church. It is the Rev. Mr. Benson's second year as pastor here.

The Rev. R. E. Walston, who served the Chowan charge for four years, was transferred to the Pink Hill Church in the New Bern district, the Rev. J. T. Stanford replacing him in Chowan.

UNDERGOES TONSILECTOMY

Joan, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cobb, had her tonsils removed at the Powell Clinic Wednesday.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Erson Blanchard, of near Selwin, announce the birth of a son on Wednesday, November 8th.