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Plans In Making To Have 'The Messiah' Presented Edenton Sunday, Jan. 21

Combined Chorus Consists of 80 Trained Voices

SMALL COST

and Mrs. Lewis Bullock Guests at Rotary Meeting

present plans materialize, Edenton and the entire Albemarle will be treated to an exceptional musical performance on Sunday, January 21. At that time it is altogether likely that the immortal masterpiece, "The Messiah," will be presented in the Edenton school auditorium at 4 p. m. by the Festival Symphonic Chorus of 80 voices of the Eastern Carolina Symphonic Choral Association under the direction of Lewis Sidney Bullock of Edenton. The chorus is composed of members from Ayden, Snow Hill, Goldsboro and Goldsboro, where Mr. Bullock is engaged in choral work.

and Mrs. Bullock were guests Thursday's Rotary meeting, they explained their work and there that the idea originated for the combined chorus appear in Edenton. Mr. Bullock explained there would be no charge to the chorus come here, but that thought it would be but fair for transportation expenses to be paid by the people or organizations. It therefore suggested that the Rotary and Lions Clubs and the P. T. A. in underwriting \$75 to cover traveling expenses, but at a meeting Monday night P. T. A. members did not feel like entering into the plan to so much activity prior to Christmas. They will cooperate, however, but were reluctant to obligate themselves.

The idea now is to have the Rotary and Lions Clubs underwrite the expenses and not charge admission other than to take up a silver offering which in turn would go back to the two clubs. This plan, it was suggested, would attract more people, which is the desire of Mr. and Mrs. Bullock in order for more to hear and appreciate fine music. The matter will be presented at the Lions Club Monday night and will also be brought before the Rotary Club and P. T. A., and in the meantime many have expressed the opinion that Edenton cannot afford to pass up this opportunity to hear this concert which should stimulate appreciation of good music and encourage development of the cultural and spiritual life of the community.

Edenton Loses District Office Of Farm Agency

Despite efforts of J. H. McMullan, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, to prevent it, the district office of the Farm Security Administration which has been in Edenton for two years, will hereafter be located in Windsor.

Tuesday night's meeting of the organization Secretary McMullan had letters he had written to Congressman Lindsey Warren, but the reply of Mr. Warren was that the change was ordered by the State agency in order to be more convenient for the farmers in the area.

Mrs. Madrin Dies At Home On Wednesday

Mrs. Mattie Spicer Madrin died at her home on West King Street about Wednesday. She was 57 years old and had been in ill health for some time, but had been in a critical condition since Christmas night when she was stricken with paralysis. She is the widow of Reuben Madrin, who died a number of years ago. The body will be taken to Goldsboro today (Thursday) where funeral services will be held.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Kate Wilson, of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Tom Holmes and Miss Clara Spencer, of Goldsboro; and three brothers, Dr. Richard Spicer, of Winston-Salem and Drs. John and William Spicer, of Goldsboro.

Prior to her marriage to Mr. Madrin the deceased taught for several years in the public schools, and was a member of the Methodist Church.

Local Sale Of Auto License Plates Far Ahead Of Last Year

Up to Monday \$31,816 Collected In Edenton Branch Office

2,545 LICENSES SOLD

Receipts \$1,098 Above Previous Year, Says Mrs. Leon Leary

Automobile license sales in Edenton broke last year's record, according to Mrs. Leon Leary, manager of the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club, where the tags are sold locally. Up to Monday of this week Mrs. Leary reports that 2,545 sets of license tags were sold in her office which represents a cash return of \$31,816.16. Of this amount, almost one-third was taken in on Saturday when the day's receipts totaled \$11,891.65.

This year's receipts up to Monday are \$1,098.43 above the 1939 figure of even date when 2,485 sets of license tags were sold locally which brought in \$30,717.73. As is always the case, the day before the tags must be displayed on automobiles was also the biggest day, last year when \$10,306.80 was taken in. This amount is \$1,584.85 less than this year's peak day.

All of the work in connection with issuing licenses and keeping the records straight was done by Mrs. Leary and her assistant, Miss Goldie Layton, both of whom worked like Trojans to supply owners with their licenses. State Patrolman George I. Dail remained in close proximity during the rush hours, however, as a precautionary measure in event of any attempt to rob the small but very busy office.

Garden Club Will Meet On Monday

Prominent Members of Norfolk Club Will Be Guests

A very important meeting of the Edenton Garden Club will be held Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. M. Jones. This will be the first meeting of the year and every member is urged to be present. Together with Mrs. Jones, Mrs. L. P. Williams, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Mrs. P. T. Owens and Mrs. L. S. Byrum, will act as hostesses for this meeting.

Of especial interest at this meeting will be three prominent members of the Norfolk Garden Club, who will make brief addresses. These ladies will be Mrs. J. Frank East, Mrs. Albert Crosby and Mrs. C. Wilbur Whitehurst. A number of local club members heard Mrs. Crosby speak at a recent meeting of the Elizabeth City Garden Club and efforts will be made to have every member attend the meeting Monday afternoon.

Big Drop In Marriage Licenses During 1939

Only 59 Couples Licensed to Wed In Chowan During Year

Marriage licenses issued in Chowan County are gradually declining, according to records furnished by Mrs. Maurice Bunch, deputy Register of Deeds. During 1939 only 59 licenses were issued in the register of deeds office as compared with 96 issued during 1938.

A drop was also recorded in 1938 when 96 couples were licensed to wed compared with 110 in 1937. The principal reason advanced for the drop in licenses is the law requiring a health certificate before a marriage license may be issued.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Greenwood, on Friday morning, an 8-pound son, Martin Nixon Greenwood. Mrs. Greenwood is the former Miss Eula Nixon.

C. Of C. Discusses Plans For Year At Meeting Tuesday

Committee Appointed to Arrange For Annual Banquet

NEW IDEAS

Efforts Made to Better Mark Route 17 In Norfolk

At a meeting of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night in the Municipal Building, activity during the year was discussed when about 25 members were present, many of whom participated in the discussions.

Though only three retail merchants were represented, the idea was advanced to increase the number of cash prizes to be given away each Wednesday afternoon. The plan, started shortly before Christmas, will continue throughout January and February with a grand prize to be awarded at the close of the campaign to boost business.

The annual banquet of the organization was also discussed, after which President M. F. Bond, Jr., appointed Richard Dixon, C. L. McCullers and Dr. W. S. Griffin as a banquet committee to decide on the kind of banquet to be held, the date, as well as the place and to arrange for a speaker.

Another matter which caused considerable comment was the marking of Route 17 through Norfolk. It was explained that many travelers using Route 17 so very easily become confused when they enter Norfolk and as a result are sidetracked to other routes. A committee composed of J. H. Conger, E. W. Spires and J. H. (Continued On Page Four)

Thomas C. Darst Bishop 25 Years

Event Will Be Celebrated In Wilmington Church Jan. 6

Saturday, January 6, Epiphany, Bishop Thomas C. Darst, D. D., will have served as bishop of the diocese of East Carolina for 25 years. He was consecrated as bishop in St. James Church, Wilmington, and there will be a service commemorating this in St. James on Epiphany, January 6. At the diocesan convention to be held in Wilmington on January 24th, plans are being made to celebrate the bishop's long and useful service. He was elected in St. Peter's Church, Washington.

The diocese of East Carolina has had but three bishops: Bishop Watson, who served about 21 years; Bishop Strange who served about 9 years, and Bishop Darst. The diocese of East Carolina was a division of the original diocese of North Carolina, made when the first diocese had grown too large for one bishop to give it the needed attention.

Penalty Goes On Taxes February 1

One Per Cent Saved If Paid During Month Of January

Taxpayers should take notice that if taxes are paid this month there will be no penalty, but beginning February 1, there will be a penalty of one per cent of the tax added and if not paid during March another one per cent will be added, and an extra one-half of one per cent added each month thereafter that taxes remain unpaid.

During December Sheriff J. A. Bunch collected \$1,085.28 of the 1938 tax levy, bringing the total collection of taxes for that year to \$70,227.83. During the month he also collected \$9,827.17 of the 1939 tax levy, bringing the total collected to date to \$31,159.87.

Three Edenton Men Shock Community By Taking Own Life Within Month's Time

Edenton First

Despite the fact that credit for the first white baby born in the Albemarle in 1940 has been given to Perquimans County, Edenton lays claim to this honor. News stories have appeared that at Belvidere Mrs. Murray D. Lane gave birth to a daughter at 11:30 Monday morning.

However, in Edenton, eight hours earlier, at 2:15 a. m., Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Rogerson became the parents of a daughter, Imogene, this being the first youngster to make its appearance in the Albemarle in 1940.

Dance Is Announced For Celebration Of President's Birthday

Affair Will Be Held In Edenton Armory on January 25

C. L. McCullers, chairman of Chowan County's celebration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday, in order to raise funds with which to combat infantile paralysis, announced this week that for the occasion a round dance will be held in the Edenton Armory on the night of Thursday, January 25. Music for the affair will be furnished by Doc Bennett and his original State College Orchestra.

In connection with the celebration Mr. McCullers plans to stage a concert by the Edenton High School band and glee club during the school hour, as well as a public concert at which a silver offering will be taken. Exact dates for the concerts, however, had not been announced by Mr. McCullers up until Wednesday.

Mr. McCullers is very anxious for Chowan County to report a representative amount through the President's birthday celebration, and hopes he will be accorded proper cooperation in his efforts to swell the fund with which to fight infantile paralysis.

Unique Christmas Scene At St. Anne's

Father Gross Erects Beautiful Display of Christ's Birth

Christmas decorations in Edenton were very beautiful this year, and resulted in a great deal of favorable comment, but possibly the most attractive and appropriate Christmas scene in town has not been seen by the majority of local people.

In St. Anne's Catholic Church Father E. L. Gross erected a manger portraying the birth of Christ which should be seen by everyone, both young and old. The scene carries out in detail the story of the Saviour's birth, and by viewing it an indelible impression of the great event will undoubtedly be formed. The Christ Child is portrayed in the manger, surrounded by cattle, as Mary and Joseph as well as shepherds and wise men look on in awe. The images are especially made for Christmas scenes and will be appreciated by all who go to the church to see it.

Father Gross says the scene will not be removed until Sunday, January 7, and he invites all who will to come and see it.

County Agent Rowell Back From Hospital

Many friends will be pleased to learn that County Agent N. K. Rowell returned to his home Monday. For the past several weeks Mr. Rowell has been a patient in a Baltimore hospital, and though he has not resumed his duties in his office, he is gradually gaining strength.

Death Claims Oscar H. Brown, W. H. Winborne, S. J. White

DR. DRANE DIES

Consolidation of Schools Reason For Considerable Interest

Another year has been cut from its moorings and cast adrift on the dark, shoreless Seas of the Past. Her once proud masts are broken, her sails are stained and tattered, her hull is draped in dark shrouds. She carries the ugly scars of War . . . Death . . . Deceit. Few will mourn the memory of 1939, but Chowan's record for the past twelve months just ended, outside of economic depressions, has not been so bad. A cursory examination of the high lights of 1939 insofar as they may be said to have applied to this county and this town shows much of progress and achievement and little of unhappiness and worry. Also, that we can be proud to know we live in a section of the world free from abdications, coronations, usurpation and merciless persecutions and the scorching breath of war. With all of us here may life really begin at '40.

The following are some of the things that happened in this territory during 1939, as readers will recall were chronicled on the pages of The Herald:

Jan. 5.—G. H. Harding takes charge of Hotel Joseph Hewes. C. E. Kramer announced plans for President's Birthday celebration. County Commissioners turn down sewing room project. Rev. Andrew Stirling succeeds Rev. Kelly Wigfield as pastor Full Gospel Tabernacle. D. M. Warren again re-elected chairman of County Commissioners. Herbert R. Leary resumes private law practice in Edenton after losing election for Judge. Dr. John Warren opens office in hotel building. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bachman seriously injured in automobile accident near Bethel.

Jan. 12.—Garden Club members praise tree trimming project just completed. Committees named to stage President's ball. Herbert R. Leary recommends Townsend Recovery plan to speed return of prosperity. County combed for memberships in Farm Bureau. North Edenton residents sign petition requesting relief from ashes from Albemarle Peanut Company. Dr. J. A. Powell named county physician. William Shepard caught first shad of season.

Jan. 19.—Wiley Nichols, Bertie Negro, found dead while sitting in chair in local home. Big music festival planned for Edenton on April 15. Mayor McMullan invited to tell about Edenton over WBT at Charlotte. Basketball revived by high school in local Armory.

Jan. 26.—Bob Rogerson, former Edentonian, died in Cincinnati hospital following robbery. J. H. Conger pleads for more action in Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. John G. Small elected president of U. D. C. Edenton placed on honor list by Milk Commission. Rotarians favor music festival.

Feb. 2.—Candle lighting service feature of County Council meeting. Patrolman Jack Gaskill transferred to Hertford. Mrs. Mabel Hare appeals to Superior Court on charge of passing school bus. Chowan schools enter peace poster contest. Edenton wins first basketball game of season over Columbia. Baa on gill nets for shad causes concern among local fishermen.

Feb. 9.—Teachergate ruined by fire at Sunbury. Health units ask for State tuberculosis sanatorium in eastern section. Office provided for J. B. Small, colored farm agent. Freakish whirlwind hits in Rocky Hook. Ban lifted on gill net fishing. Oscar Brown died suddenly. Commissioners deny request for \$7,000 to erect Agricultural building at Chowan High School. Two hundred farmers attend barbecue supper in Armory. Receipts from President's ball \$66.58. Reward offered for missing Virginia Dare stone.

Feb. 16.—Members of Suffolk Garden Club guests of Edenton Club. Boy Scouts special guests at Baptist Church. T. E. Chappell advances. (Continued On Page Five)