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## Edenton Today Pays Fitting Tribute To Memory Former Associate Justice Iredell

### Impressive Program to Be Held In Court House and Grave

#### DIXON SPEAKS

### Descendant Will Place Town's Wreath on Grave at Hayes

Tribute will be paid to the memory of Associate Justice James Iredell in a simple but impressive ceremony which will be held this morning at 11 o'clock. The major portion of the program will take place in the Court House, from whence the gathering will repair to the Iredell grave in the Johnston Burial Ground at Hayes, where the ceremony will come to a close by placing a wreath on the grave if this illustrious Edenton citizen of a century and a half ago. The wreath was presented by the Town and will be placed on the grave by Miss Martha Iredell, of Norfolk, Va., one of the descendants of the Judge.

The ceremony is being held in conjunction with the observance by the National Congress of the 150th anniversary of the commencement of the Supreme Court of the United States to which Mr. Iredell was appointed by President George Washington. Addresses will be made in both the National House and Senate, as well as in the Supreme Court, and wherever possible appropriate ceremonies will be held locally in home towns of former members of the Supreme Court who have passed on. Edenton is fortunate in not only being able to boast a member of the Supreme Court, but that his remains lie in the old cemetery at Hayes.

The program, as arranged by Mayor J. H. McMullan in collaboration with the local Bar association and officials will begin at 11 o'clock. Rev. C. A. Ashby will pronounce the invocation, which will be followed by an address by Richard D. Dixon on behalf of the Bar Association. Following Mr. Dixon's address the benediction will be made by Rev. E. L. Wells, after which the gathering will journey to the Iredell grave to witness the wreath-laying by Miss Martha Iredell. Following the ceremony guests will be entertained by the Bar Association at a luncheon in Hotel Joseph Hewes.

In searching the Court House archives for subject matter for his address, Mr. Dixon found that on February 10, 1790, without solicitation on his part, Iredell was nominated by President Washington and unanimously confirmed by the Senate, one of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was then 39 years old. With his commission, came the following letter from Washington: "One of the seats on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States having become vacant by the resignation of the gentleman appointed to fill the same, I have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint you to that office, and have now the pleasure to enclose you a commission to be one of the Associate Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States.

"You have, sir, undoubtedly considered the high importance of a judicial system in every civil government. It may therefore be unnecessary for me to say anything that would impress you with this idea in respect to ours. I must, however, observe that, viewing as I do the Judicial System of the United States as one of the main pillars on which our National Government must rest, it has been my great object to introduce into the high offices of that department such characters as, from my own knowledge or the best information, I conceived would give dignity and stability to the Government—at the same time that they added luster to our national character."

Modestly, Iredell accepted the honor in these words to Washington: "In accepting this dignified trust I do it with all the diffidence becoming the humble abilities I possess; but, at the same time, with the most earnest resolution to endeavor by unremitting application a faithful discharge of all of its duties, in the best manner in my power."

Iredell's early death, at the age of 49, cut short a career on the bench full of promise and of enlarging (Continued on Page Eight)

### Candidate



**C. WAYLAND SPRUILL**  
Mr. Spruill of Bertie County, has formally announced his candidacy for Commissioner of Agriculture in the coming Democratic primary.

### C. W. Spruill After Kerr Scott's Job

### Bertie Senator Enters Race For Commissioner of Agriculture

C. Wayland Spruill, prominent farmer and State Senator for the Bertie County, today formally announced his candidacy for Commissioner of Agriculture in the Democratic Primary.

Entry of the popular "Silver-tongued Orator from Bertie assures a lively race for the State post now held by Kerr Scott, who is expected to run again.

Mr. Spruill is recognized as one of the most successful dirt farmers in this section of the State. On his farms he grows cotton, tobacco, peanuts, corn, grains, truck, and livestock. He has attracted wide attention by providing for each of his tenants a milk cow and the essentials of a "live-at-home" way of life.

In addition to his practical farming Senator Spruill has long been prominent in Democratic Party politics, serving as County Commissioner and Road Commissioner of his County several terms as well as in the General Assembly. For many years he was chairman of the board of trustees of the Lewiston-Woodville-Republican public schools. His business interests related to farming are extensive, including manufacturing of farm machinery, and mercantile business.

As a member of the General Assembly Spruill has been active in behalf of farm legislation, sponsoring among many measures the present law to prohibit the sale of rotten scrap tobacco and the law to eradicate Bang's disease among cattle. He introduced the bill which was passed by the 1933 General Assembly to take the State tax off land.

### Lions Club Forced Use Candles For Meeting

Despite the fact that electricity was cut off shortly after 5 o'clock Monday afternoon and remained off until after midnight, the Edenton Lions Club held their regular meeting by the light of tallow candles.

Practically all of the members were on hand and a very interesting meeting was held, during which the Rev. W. C. Benson, pastor of the Methodist Church, spoke. Incidentally, Mr. Benson was voted a member of the Club at this meeting.

### Legion Auxiliary To Meet On Friday

The American Legion Auxiliary of Edenton Post will hold its regular monthly meeting Friday night, February 2, at 8 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. J. N. Oglesby. This is a very important meeting and each member is asked to make a special effort to attend.

## Annual Banquet Of Chamber Commerce Will Be Held Tonight

Lawrence H. Duncan of Raleigh Principal Speaker

STARTS AT 7 P. M.

### Interesting and Snappy Program Has Been Assured

Tonight (Thursday) the annual banquet of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes. There has been a brisk sale of tickets for the banquet and it is expected a large number of the membership will attend.

As has been previously announced, the principal speaker for the occasion will be Lawrence H. Duncan, secretary of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Duncan comes highly recommended as a splendid speaker and will undoubtedly speak in terms of Chamber of Commerce activities, which should be of peculiar interest to every local member.

The banquet will start at 7 o'clock and the following program has been announced:

Call to order and address of welcome by President Millard F. Bond. Invocation by the Rev. W. C. Benson.

Song, "America," led by Richard D. Dixon.

Dinner.

Music by the High School Glee Club with Mrs. M. A. Hughes directing.

Introduction of speaker by C. L. McCullers, who will also act as toastmaster.

Address, Lawrence H. Duncan, secretary of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

Announcements.

Adjournment.

President Bond promises an interesting meeting and one which will not be long drawn out and he is hopeful that every member of the organization will be present. Tickets are on sale at Leggett & Davis' drug store.

### Income Tax Must Be Filed By March 15

According to C. H. Robertson, collector for internal revenue, the Treasury Department will give from February 15 through March 15 for filing period to assist taxpayers in filing their income tax reports. Mr. Robertson is anxious for his office to be of as much assistance as possible and for the benefit of those affected a representative will be in the post office building on Tuesday, March 12, to render any service possible.

### Chowan High Faculty Play On February 9th

Chowan High School faculty will present the play "Tempest and Sunshine" in the Chowan High School auditorium on Friday night, February 9. The play is a dramatization of the novel written by Mary J. Holmes and from progress noted in the rehearsals, the play will be excellently executed by those included in the cast.

### Three Amateur Radio Operators In Edenton

Rev. W. C. Benson has received his license as an amateur radio operator, his designation being W-4-GOB. His is the third license issued to Edenton radio enthusiasts, the other two being Thomas J. Wood and John Ross.

### Only 913 Bales Cotton Ginned To January 16

F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports that 913 bales of cotton were ginned in Chowan County from the crop of 1939 prior to January 16. This number of bales compared with 1,285 ginned from the 1938 crop at the same date last year, or a decrease of 372 bales.

### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold their regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock. All Masons are invited to attend.

## Edenton Selected As Spring Training Quarters For Reading And Pocomoke City Baseball Clubs; Start March 25

### Splendid Response For Finnish Aid

### Special Collections Will Be Taken Sunday In Churches

That Chowan County is sympathetic with the plight of the Finns is evident by the splendid response made to the Committee for Finnish Relief. The committee reports gratifying response following the appointment of a committee last week by Mrs. J. W. Davis, chairman. Contributions have been made unsolicited and following the Lions Club meeting Monday individual members of the club also boosted the fund.

Special collections will also be taken Sunday in the Methodist, Episcopal and Baptist Churches, after which the drive for funds will close and Mrs. Davis will forward Chowan's share to State headquarters.

### Dance Goes In Red To Tune About \$50

### Treacherous Roads and Cold Cuts Crowd to 60 Couples

Not only did Chowan County's celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday fail to net any profit with which to combat infantile paralysis, but as a result of the dance held last Thursday night, the venture went about \$50 on the red side of the ledger. While the dance was a delightful affair, only about 60 couples attended which did not net enough even to pay the orchestra. However, Dot Bennett, who furnished the music, sympathized with Chairman C. L. McCullers and reduced his price from \$100 to \$85. Of this amount McCullers was obliged to pay \$21 of his own money.

Mr. McCullers journeyed into many nearby sections to advertise the dance and was hopeful that a tidy amount would be turned over to the fund, but treacherous highways and extremely cold weather played the major part in reducing the crowd.

It was at first thought that there was enough money remaining in the county's fund to make up for the deficit, but Treasurer M. F. Bond reports that the fund is practically exhausted, having been used in the purchase of milk and for preventative measures in the county.

Of course, it is regretted that the celebration failed to raise any money and it is planned to call a meeting of the county committee to arrange some way for Mr. McCullers to be reimbursed for the amount of money he personally used in connection with the dance.

### Julian P. Boyd Now Princeton Librarian

It will be of interest to some Herald readers to know that Julian P. Boyd has been appointed by the board of trustees of Princeton University as University Librarian.

Mr. Boyd, who will assume the post in July, is librarian and editor for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. A graduate of Duke University in 1925, he has been an instructor at Duke and the University of Pennsylvania and was formerly director of the New York State Historical Association.

Mrs. Boyd will be remembered as the former Miss Grace Welch, of Chowan County and is a sister of Mrs. Belle Parker.

### Burton Makes Change In Filling Station

Alterations have been made to the interior of Burton's Service Station whereby more room will result. The fountain, which monopolized the greater portion of the station has been placed along the back of the room, the extra space being used for tables. The change was made on account of the gradual increase of light lunch patrons.

### Open House

With the new field house at the athletic field completed last week, Coach Dave Holton is very anxious that citizens inspect not only the house, but the entire grounds as well.

On that account he has designated next Saturday and Sunday as open house at the park and cordially invites everyone to visit the athletic plant for a thorough inspection.

### Edenton In Darkness For Over Seven Hours Last Monday Night

### Both Business and Pleasure Badly Crippled As Result

### COMPLAINTS

### Kerosene Lamps and Tallow Candles Used In Emergency

Business and pleasure was crippled in Edenton Monday night as the result of having no electric current. Electricity was cut off shortly after 5 o'clock in the afternoon and was not resumed until about 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The cause of the trouble was a damaged transformer, and many inquiries were made by citizens as to how long the current would be off, but no assurance could be given.

The interruption affected all plants using electricity and in many homes where electric stoves are used for cooking make-shift meals had to be provided. The Taylor Theatre was unable to have a show, despite the fact that many patrons waited patiently for the current to be turned back on.

In homes and stores the situation was reminiscent of days gone by, it being necessary to rely upon kerosene lamps and tallow candles as members of the household cautiously moved about and in many cases retired much earlier than usual.

Beauty shops were also affected, a number of instances being reported where ladies under the drying contraptions were forced to go home to dry their hair. Filling stations using electric pumps were unable to serve customers although the forced "black-out" had its effect on driving as much so as walking.

The current faded out again Tuesday afternoon, but only for a few minutes. Monday night's occurrence has caused a considerable amount of complaint and has resulted in many suggestions that necessary arrangements be made in the future to have a source of current available in emergencies.

### Red Men Forced To Abandon Meeting

Due to having no lights Monday night the weekly Red Men meeting was abandoned. Members were requested to bring provisions for "pounding" a needy brother, and the sachein, Lloyd C. Bunch, has announced that this will be done at next Monday night's meeting. All members are, therefore, requested to either bring or send their contribution.

### Mrs. Vail Contributes Appropriate Poem

Attention is called to the poem "Where James Iredell Lived" written by Ruth Vail and appearing in this issue of The Herald. The poem is the first to appear in Mrs. Vail's next book "Edenton" and was released for publication in The Herald this week because of the ceremony to be held today in memory of the former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Illness of Mrs. Vail will prevent her from attending the exercises.

### Negotiations Closed at Meeting of Officials Monday

### STAY AT HOTEL

### About 60 Players and Officials Here For Six Weeks Period

A bit of good news for Edenton materialized Monday afternoon when negotiations were completed for two northern baseball teams to make Edenton their spring training headquarters. The two clubs will be the Reading, Pa., and Pocomoke City, Md., teams, which it is estimated will bring about 60 baseball players and others associated with the two clubs. The players are scheduled to arrive on March 25 and remain here in training until May 1.

A contract was made with Hotel Joseph Hewes to house the visitors during their stay here and Mayor J. H. McMullan on behalf of the town, signed a contract by which they will have free use of the local baseball diamond and field house.

The negotiations were made by Arthur Ehlers of the Reading outfit, and Frank Herring for the Pocomoke City aggregation, both of whom appeared well pleased with the local facilities. They were especially impressed with the new baseball diamond and field house, and said they looked forward to a successful training period.

Not only will games be played between the two teams, but it is expected to attract clubs from the Piedmont League as well as major league teams for exhibition games.

David Holton, local high school coach, was largely instrumental in effecting negotiations for the two clubs to train here. He was impressed with the idea a week or so ago when Max Bishop, former Philadelphia Athletics second baseman, visited him to go hunting. Bishop told Holton that the Edenton setting was ideal for spring training and with the aid of Bishop, officials of the two teams were attracted to Edenton to look over the situation and they completed negotiations before leaving Monday for Durham to confer with W. G. Bramham.

The athletic plant, except for a few minor plumbing fixtures was completed last week and news that the two northern teams will train here has greatly stimulated interest in baseball. Open house will be held at the field Saturday and Sunday, when any who are interested are asked to inspect the field.

### Freeze Of 1918 Is Vividly Recalled

### Sound, Creeks and Rivers Practically Frozen Over

With Albemarle Sound and surrounding rivers and creeks ice-bound, the present cold snap brings vivid recollections of the 1918 freeze, when it was possible to cross the Sound by horse and buggy. Both Chowan River and Albemarle Sound is practically frozen from shore to shore, which has crippled boat traffic, as well as those fishermen who venture early to their nets.

However inconvenient as the ice may be, it has provided a lot of pleasure for youngsters and older ones as well, for great crowds have been having a great deal of fun skating, or trying to skate.

Some apprehension has resulted regarding possible damage to the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound bridges by the ice, and on Wednesday it was reported that State highway employees had taken a quantity of dynamite to the Sound bridge to use in breaking the ice if it was found necessary.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Corprew announce the birth of a son at the Windsor Hospital on Saturday, January 27th. The young man will be Louis, Jr. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

## C. Of C. Banquet Tonight In Hotel Joseph Hewes