

In these columns will be found a fair presentation of local and county news of general interest.

THE CHOWAN HERALD

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

This newspaper is circulated in the territory where advertisers will realize good results.

Volume VII.—Number 9.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina. Thursday, February 29, 1940.

\$1.25 Per Year.

Darden Claims Effort Made To Create Discord In Towns Of Plymouth And Edenton

Charges E. City Paper Over Emphasized Casual Remark

WRITES LETTER

Says No Effort on His Part to Relocate U. S. Route 17

Since articles appeared last week in The Herald and Elizabeth City newspapers to the effect that John W. Darden, of Plymouth, was urging re-routing of U. S. 17 over Albemarle Sound bridge, the Plymouth judge has accused Herbert Peele, editor of the Elizabeth City Advance, of making an effort to create discord between Plymouth and Edenton. Mr. Darden, in a letter to Mr. Peele, a copy of which was sent to Mayor J. H. McMullan, says that a casual suggestion on his part which was secondary in his criticism of the road program of the Greater Albemarle Association, was over-emphasized by Peele and entirely eclipsed the thought he desired to convey.

The re-routing suggestion at once met with vigorous protest in Edenton, Windsor and Williamston, which three towns would necessarily lose traffic over No. 17, and plans were immediately set in motion to institute a fight against re-routing, an alternate route or any other compromise.

Mr. Darden's letter to the Elizabeth City editor follows:

"My dear Mr. Peele: "It appears to me that your paper, through its editorial section, is making an effort to create discord between this section and Edenton on account of a mere suggestion regarding the re-location of U. S. 17 highway or the adoption of the highway from Hertford through Plymouth to Washington as an alternate.

"I little thought that the casual suggestion of this matter in my letter to The Independent last week would cause so much discussion. It appears to me that this suggestion, which was regarded by me as being secondary, has entirely eclipsed the principal thought that I had hoped to convey to the press and the public.

"My first thought was for the completion of U. S. No. 64 from Columbia to Manteo, including bridges over both Alligator River (Continued On Page Five)

PTA Question Box On Monday Night

Error In Story That It Would Be Held Tuesday Night

An error occurred in last week's issue regarding the question box to be held by Edenton Parent-Teacher Association. The meeting was originally scheduled for March 1, but due to conflict with other affairs it was postponed to Monday night, March 4. The story last week stated that the affair would be held Tuesday night, which would conflict with the open forum at which Dr. Ralph McDonald will speak. The error is regretted, and it is hoped that those interested will note that the question box will be held Monday night instead of Tuesday.

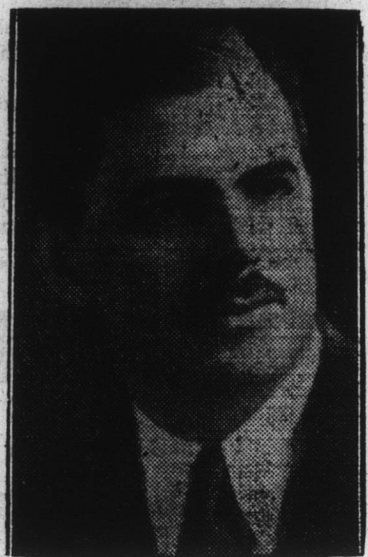
A list of 50 interesting questions have been arranged by Mrs. Ep Debnam, Philip McMullan and Richard Dixon, with a prize of \$5 going to the person turning in the most correct answers. While the answers are being checked, an old-time spelling bee will also be held, in which a prize of \$1 will be awarded to the best speller.

New Fish Culturist At Local Hatchery

Robert Lee Heckman, of Covington, Kentucky, arrived in Edenton Monday to take up his duties at the United States Fish Hatchery. Mr. Heckman is an apprentice fish culturist and will fill the vacancy caused by the recent transfer of W. E. Baker.

Mr. Heckman is married and when his wife and son arrive next week they will make their home in one of the houses on the Fish Hatchery property.

Forum Speaker



DR. RALPH McDONALD Sponsored by the Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, Dr. McDonald will on Tuesday night lead a public forum in the high school auditorium.

Chowan Court House Now Equipped With New Chairs For Jury

Equipment Makes Old Court Room More Attractive

NEW ROOF NEXT!

Chairs Recommended In Several Grand Jury Reports

Final touches in recent efforts to make Chowan County's ancient Court House more attractive were completed Monday when 12 new chairs were placed in the jury box for the use of the jurors. The chairs of mahogany finish are of a design in keeping with the interior of the court room and will be far more comfortable than the old style chairs long in use. The chairs are of swivel type with comfortable arm rests which will enable jurors during long trials to change their position and thus remain more comfortable during court sessions.

Several grand juries have recommended the addition of more comfortable chairs, and by elimination of the grand jury at the last term of court a saving of sufficient amount was effected with which to purchase the new chairs.

The new equipment adds greatly to the appearance of the court room, the only regrettable part of the improvement being that not all 12 of the chairs could be placed on the platform formerly used by the old chairs. However, Richard D. Dixon, who has supervised the improvements, had two of the chairs placed on the floor level at a point where they would not cause any inconvenience to court activities.

At present both the inside and outside of the Court House is very attractive, the only thing remaining to be done to place the building in first class shape being a new roof. This matter has been up for discussion by the County Commissioners on several occasions, but no definite time has been set for replacing the old roof which is in a bad state of repair.

\$180.91 For Finns

The committee on Finnish Relief of which Mrs. J. W. Davis is chairman for Chowan County, reports a total of \$180.91 sent on to National headquarters through State chairman, Blucher Ehringhaus. Through the efforts of the Rev. Frank Cale an appeal has been made to the churches of Chowan County. Generous collections from Rocky Hook, Center Hill and Warwick Swamp churches have helped materially in bringing Chowan's previous report amount to the above gratifying amount. Herbert Hoover has found nationwide, whole-hearted support in this wonderful work for Civilian Aid in Finland.

Public Forum Will Be Held Tuesday Night At School

Dr. Ralph McDonald Selected to Lead Interesting Discussion AT 8 O'CLOCK

Legionnaires Hopeful to Have Large Number Present

What should attract a large crowd is the public forum which is scheduled to be held Tuesday night in the high school auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock. The forum, sponsored by Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, will be led by Dr. Ralph McDonald, former gubernatorial candidate, who will use as the topic of discussion, Federal Aid to Education or Next Steps in Education. Many have heard Dr. McDonald speak before and were impressed with his ability as a speaker and it is the hope that many turn out to hear and take part in the forum. An opportunity will be given to any who desire to express their opinion or ask questions, for after Dr. McDonald's address the meeting will take the form of a round-table discussion.

Legionnaires consider themselves very fortunate in being able to secure this public forum and especially so capable a speaker to conduct it as Dr. McDonald, and they are very anxious to have a large crowd on hand to hear and take part in this timely topic.

Several local Legionnaires have attended forums held in other towns and were very favorably impressed with the interest shown in the topic discussed and the valuable information obtained, and it was on this account that the local post was induced to sponsor the meeting to be held on Tuesday night.

Fashion Show At Holmes Company On Friday Night

Living Models Will Display Large Stock of Merchandise

Announcement has been made by the J. H. Holmes Company that a Fashion Show will be held in their store Friday night, beginning at 9 o'clock. During this event 15 young ladies of Edenton and Chowan County will act as models to display the large stock of merchandise purchased for the spring season. There will also be five children models to display children's wear.

The Holmes Company has purchased an unusually large stock of attractive ladies' and children's wear and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the show.

Dental Puppet Show To Return March 8

Three Showings Will Be Made In County During Day

On Friday, March 8, the dental puppet show will again appear in Edenton. There will be three showings in the County, at 9 a. m., at the Edenton colored high school, at 11 a. m., at the Edenton white school and at 1:30 p. m., at Chowan high school.

This show is financed and sponsored by the Dental Department of the State Board of Health for the purposes of teaching dental hygiene and all who saw it last year will remember how entertaining it was. The show will be different this year with a new cast of actors, but it will be just as entertaining and educational. All children are especially urged to see the show at one of the three places and it is also urged that as many parents as possible come. There will be no admission fee.

GRAMMAR GRADE OPERETTA "A Little Bit of Holland" will be presented by the Grammar Grades of the Edenton Graded School on Friday evening, March 8th. The public is cordially invited. A small admission fee will be charged.

All New Registration Books Are Required Before Next Election

Now Necessary to Have Two Sets of Books In County OLD ONES VOID

Matter Will Be Decided By County Commissioners Monday

A matter which will require serious consideration on the part of Chowan County Commissioners will confront them at their meeting next Monday. According to action taken at the last session of the General Assembly, there must be a new registration of voters, which carries with it either one of two alternatives for there must be two new sets of books, one for primary elections and another for the general election.

It is permissible to transfer names of those who have voted within the last few years into the new books, in which case those who have not voted must be notified to come in and show if they are entitled to be entered on the new books, or else an entirely new registration must be held in which the old books are disregarded.

Strictly speaking, a new registration is what is required, during which registrars would be obliged to canvass the entire county in an effort to secure every eligible voter on the registration books, for otherwise considerable confusion and much criticism may develop due to some voters going to the polls and finding themselves disqualified due to their name not being entered.

In some counties all of the old registration books have been destroyed, but Chowan's dating back to 1902, will no doubt be saved for the reference value contained therein.

Over One Hundred Attend Red Men's Banquet Tuesday

Walter W. Cohoon Uses Tenets of Order as His Subject

Over one hundred Red Men and their wives gathered in the Community House at Cross Roads Tuesday night when Chowan Tribe, No. 12, held its annual banquet. A sumptuous turkey dinner was served by the ladies of the Chowan Woman's Club and with an interesting program arranged, the affair was one of the most enjoyable ever held by the local tribe.

Promptly at 7:30 Lloyd Bunch, sachein of the tribe, called the group together and requested them to sing (Continued On Page Four)

Landscape Artist To Speak Tonight

Men Especially Invited To Attend Meeting At Cross Roads

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, the home demonstration clubs of the county will sponsor a Home Beautification meeting in the Community House at Cross Roads when the principal speaker will be John Harris, extension landscape specialist. Mr. Harris will use as his topic "Propagation and Screen and Border Planting."

This meeting was forced to be postponed on one occasion and unfortunately tonight conflicts with the Farmers' Night banquet being held by the Edenton Rotary Club. On this account Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, urges all club members to make a special effort to attend and desires it to be understood that a cordial invitation is also extended to men to be present.

W. T. PERRY IN HOSPITAL Friends throughout the county will regret to learn that W. T. Perry, prominent farmer of the Rocky Hook section is very ill and is now in a Norfolk hospital. Mr. Perry became violently ill Sunday as the result of a kidney ailment and was rushed to the General Hospital.

Farmers Of Chowan County Will Be Rotarians' Guests At Banquet Held Tonight

Speaks Tonight



W. KERR SCOTT With about 50 Chowan County farmers as special guests of the Edenton Rotary Club in observance of Farmers' Night, Mr. Scott, commissioner of agriculture, will make the principal address at a meeting tonight in the Parish House.

Merchants' Group Ready For Business By First Of Month

President J. G. Campen Spends Monday In Raleigh

VERY OPTIMISTIC Secretary Mrs. Grace Dobson Taking Secretarial Course

J. G. Camper, president of the newly-organized Merchants Association, spent Monday in Raleigh in consultation with Willard Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, and upon his return was very enthusiastic and optimistic over the prospects for the future of the local association. Accompanying Mr. Campen was Mrs. Grace Dobson, the secretary, who remained in Raleigh to receive a course of instruction under the State group.

Mr. Campen reported that the Association now has 42 members and that the membership committee has not as yet completed its work. Dues to the State Association have been paid and within a few days a charter will be received affiliating the Edenton Association with the State organization.

Another meeting will be called by President Campen as soon as Mrs. Dobson returns from Raleigh, at which time it is expected to have an office equipped and ready for business. The office of the association is a present of G. H. Harding, proprietor of Hotel Joseph Hewes, who has given the room formerly occupied by Chestnut Cleaners.

Mr. Campen while in Raleigh, learned of a number of ideas which he plans to inaugurate in the association program and these, together with a number already under consideration, augurs well for an active association through which merchants themselves will benefit and Edenton become the trading center which it should be. (Continued On Page Eight)

Edenton's First

Hubert Williford, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Williford, has the distinction of being the first Edenton boy to fly home. Mr. Williford, together with a friend, Charles Bailey, dropped out of the sky Tuesday morning to spend the day with his parents, coming from Madison, N. C., where the two boys are located. The trip was made in a Cub Trainer machine, which landed in W. O. Speight's field. The two left Tuesday afternoon on their return flight to Madison.

Edenton Rotary Club Observes Farmers' Night

50 EXPECTED

W. Kerr Scott Will Deliver the Principal Address

With about 60 Chowan farmers invited, at least 50 of them are expected to gather in the Parish House tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in observance of Farmers' Night by the Edenton Rotary Club. Naturally, not all the farmers in the county could be included, but in scanning the list an effort was made to invite those who had not previously been guests of the Rotarians and at the same time include a cross section of the county.

Of especial interest to the meeting will be the presence of W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, who will make the principal address, and undoubtedly Mr. Scott will choose for his subject a topic which will appeal to the husbandmen and Rotarians as well, who during recent meetings have expressed much concern for the welfare of farmers and agriculture, upon which the prosperity of the section almost entirely depends.

An interesting program has been arranged under the direction of C. L. McCullers. Mr. McCullers has planned a number of stunts and contests, which include a wife calling contest and a hog calling contest. Special music has also been arranged by a colored quartet.

President William Jones is greatly encouraged by recent Rotary attendance, the club registering three consecutive 100 per cent meetings, and he hopes that tonight will find every Rotarian in his place.

A turkey dinner will be served and the meeting is expected to be one of the most enjoyable in recent months held by the civic group.

At last week's meeting eight club members were stationed on the stage of the Parish House to undergo a quiz regarding facts about North Carolina. John A. Holmes easily won the contest, failing in only one of the questions asked him. The program was in charge of Jesse White.

R. D. Dixon Receives C.M.T.C. Applications

High In Praise For Activities In Military Camps

Richard D. Dixon, Chowan County representative for Citizens' Military Training Camps, is in receipt of blanks for enlistment, and those desiring to receive this training should see him as soon as possible. Chowan County is allotted three applicants, but as in former years more may apply and be entered to make up for some counties which do not fill their quota. The camp will be held at Fort Bragg, N. C., from June 12 to July 11.

It is Mr. Dixon's 15th year as Chowan's C. M. T. C. representative and he is high in his praise for the work accomplished by these camps, which after four years service puts a young man in line for a lieutenant's commission in the U. S. Army Reserve Corps.

The purpose of these camps is to bring together for thirty days training, young men from all walks of life from all sections of the country on a common basis of equality and thereby develop closer national and social unity; to teach privileges, duties and responsibilities of American citizenship; to stimulate patriotism; to interest young men in the importance of military training, self-discipline, team work and leadership; to develop the physical and moral standard of American youth through participation in military exercises, athletic games and sports, conducted under expert directors.

IN VETERANS HOSPITAL

John H. Hassell on Sunday became a patient in the Veterans Hospital at Hampton, Va. Mr. Hassell was accompanied to the institution by Sheriff J. A. Bunch and E. B. Mizell.