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R. L. Chesson Suit Against Pulp Mill Is Again In Court

Criminal Cases of April Term Completed By Tuesday Noon

BURNEY JUDGE

Opening of Court Featured By Legion Flag Ceremony

Judge John J. Burney, of Wilmington, presided at the spring term of Chowan Superior Court here this week, and by his charge to the grand jury and his easy way of conducting proceedings made a very favorable impression on crowded daily audiences. Initiating proceedings on opening day last Monday was a brief special service sponsored by the local Legion Post in consecration of the two flags which graced the judicial rostrum on both sides. John A. Holmes, school superintendent and a Legionnaire, spoke historically of the two flags, emblems of the United States and of the State of North Carolina, and in response Judge Burney also a Legionnaire, made a stirring address in eulogy of the two emblems. The high school senior history class was on hand during this service.

Charging the grand jury, Judge Burney said it was a great honor to come to Edenton and preside amongst such historical associations. The beauty of the redecorated Court House interior he commended highly, and spoke affectionately of the late Judge W. M. Bond, who preceded him here and under whom he received his first legal training. He characterized Judge Bond as "the sweetest and most fair and just man" he had ever met.

Switching then into a description of how grand juries got their start in England back in 1200, the court declared we should all be thankful we live in the United States and under such a court system as at present in vogue.

Said the jurist, crime costs more in the United States today than is spent on education. Even the cost of operating the government per minute is less than we spend in the country each minute as the result of crime.

As for grand juries, Judge Burney avowed "you have exactly the kind of law you want."

The usual judicial charges with reference to examination of public school buses, of prevention of forest fires, of fish and game law violations, of indictment for perjury, inquiry into guardianships, and public building conditions, concluded the judicial charge which ran for an hour.

Criminal proceedings were concluded before noon on Tuesday, and afterward the Chesson suit for damages against the Plymouth pulp mill, which resulted twice before in a substantial verdict for Chesson but which in both instances met with Supreme Court reversals, was called up and is likely to run into Saturday. One divorce was allowed in the case of Billy Morris who sought separation from his wife Lillie Morris.

Of the criminal cases the one occasioning the most interest, perhaps, had to do with the two Norfolk Negro boys who confessed to robbing the Campen Jewelry store last week. Both prisoners, caught in Norfolk, and known as Henry Clay ("Preacher") Howell, and Charlie McNeil, were given sentences of 5 to 7 years each in Central prison.

Albert Lassiter, after vigorous pleas for mercy by his lawyer John F. White, charged with having received paint stolen previously from the John G. Wood warehouse, was on Wednesday morning given 8 months on the roads, this after he had been convicted by a jury on Monday afternoon. William E. McPherson, Negro youth, who confessed to having robbed the Wood place as well as the warehouse of J. H. Conger, was sentenced to 2 to 3 years on the roads.

John Henry Jackson, Negro boy, already serving 18 months on the roads for destruction of property at the Edenton public schools last April 13, was sentenced to 9 months more for forcible entry into the place.

Charlie Ricks and Willis Howell, Negroes, for breaking into S. Hobowsky's store last winter, were given 4 and 18 months respectively on the roads.

William Blount, Negro, for theft of Jesse Harrell's car, got a road sentence of 3 to 4 years.

Ray Byrum and Joseph Boyce, CC boys, charged with robbing a mid-county store run by J. J. Ward, were put on probation for five years.

Quinn's New Funeral Home



Above is the new funeral home of the Quinn Furniture Company, on West Albemarle Street, which will be formally opened Saturday and Sunday for the inspection of the public. A radio program will feature the opening Sunday from 3 to 4 o'clock by Edenton Churches.

Citizens Organize Booster Club To Aid Boy Scouts

Twenty-eight Already Agree to Make Monthly Contribution; Rock Muddle, Fiddlers Convention and Square Dance Scheduled

That Edenton Boy Scouts will hereafter be better able to carry on their activities was assured last week when 28 local citizens agreed to join a Boy Scout Booster Club as a means of helping to raise funds needed by the boys. These 28, to which it is expected many more will be added, have agreed to make a monthly contribution for the operation, and include the following: W. W. Byrum, T. C. Byrum, L. C. Burton, W. S. Privott, R. D. Dixon, W. H. Gardner, M. L. Bunch, Zell Ward, J. L. Chestnutt, J. C. Leary, J. M. Jones, Mrs. E. S. Norman, Philip McMullan, R. G. Hector Lupton, M. F. Bond, Jr., J. W. Davis, Rev. C. A. Ashby, J. N. Pruden, Mrs. W. D. Pruden, Fred P. Wood, John G. Wood, C. E. Kramer, Mrs. H. G. Wood, J. H. Conger, Dr. W. I. Hart, Mrs. J. C. (Dick) Leary, Graham Byrum.

At a meeting held last week interest in scout work took a decided boost, and with Scoutmaster Wade Leary now fully acquainted with local conditions and thoroughly organized, he is confident the boys will develop into a troop of which the entire citizenship may well be proud.

Tonight (Thursday) from 6:30 to 8 o'clock, a rock muddle will be served at the Scout Cabin. This

delicacy will be prepared by J. M. Jones and William Shepard, past masters at the art. For the event the Scouts are now selling tickets and they, too, will do the serving.

Another affair to be staged for the benefit of the Scouts will be a fiddlers' convention and square dance at the Armory on April 26. Ten cash prizes will be awarded in the contest as follows: string band, \$5.00 first prize, and \$2.50 second prize. Violin or fiddle, \$2.00 first prize and \$1.00 second. Harmonica, \$2.00 first prize and \$1.00 second. Banjo, \$2.00 first prize and \$1.00 second. Any person desiring to enter this contest should get in touch with Hector Lupton at The Chowan Herald office.

Following the contests a square dance will be held with music furnished by Swanner's String Band. In charge of this feature of the program will be Charles W. Swanner, Henry C. Goodwin and Joe Boyce. A feature of the dance will be two prizes, one going to the best couple on the floor and one to the best individual dancer.

Soft drinks and candies will be sold during the evening by the Scouts and it is expected a large number will be on hand to take part and witness the affair.

Six Enumerators Named For Census Taking In Chowan

Group Started Tuesday Gathering Needed Information

Chowan County joined with the rest of the nation Tuesday morning in counting noses in the decennial census to determine the population of the United States and its territories. Six enumerators have been employed in the task of assembling the information for Chowan County, these being Mrs. E. W. Spires, Mrs. Warner Evans, Mrs. T. L. Ward, Mrs. R. F. Elliott, Mrs. A. M. Day and George Privott. This group was chosen Friday following a training period held in Elizabeth City.

Equipped with proper forms, the enumerators are now at work and though some of the questions which must be asked might appear to be rather personal, the information will be treated in strict confidence and is very necessary to provide a complete and accurate census. Thus far the enumerators have experienced little opposition to acquiring the information sought.

Negro Minstrel Friday At Advance School

A Negro minstrel will be presented at Advance school Friday night at 8 o'clock, for which a small admission charge will be made. The minstrel is promised to provide an evening of splendid entertainment.

"Gone With Wind" Is Advanced Week At Taylor Theatre

Popular Film Will Appear In Edenton May 12 to 15

Jimmy Earnhardt, manager of Taylor Theatre, today announced that showing of "Gone With Wind" in the local theatre has been advanced one week. Following a trip to Charlotte two weeks ago, Mr. Earnhardt secured this popular film for four days, May 19 to 22, but he has been advised that he will be able to show it May 12 to 15 inclusive.

Mr. Earnhardt made an effort to book the picture earlier, but was unable to do so and is quite elated over the fact that it will appear here one week earlier than originally scheduled.

Garden Club Meets Monday Afternoon

The Edenton Garden Club will meet Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. R. Graham White, when she will be assisted by Mrs. N. K. Rowell, Mrs. J. A. Mitchener, Sr., and Mrs. John G. Wood as hostesses.

Members are urged to note the change in meeting, and make every effort to attend. At that time Mrs. White will review the New York flower show held at Grand Central Palace in New York, which she attended.

Delinquent Tax Payers Advertised Monday, May 3rd

Attention is called to an advertisement in this issue of The Herald relative to delinquent tax payers. Sheriff J. A. Bunch has been ordered by the County Commissioners to advertise on May 6 property for sale for 1939 taxes. This property will be advertised for four weeks in The Herald and on Monday, June 3, will be sold at the Court House door.

The Commissioners are hopeful that all delinquent taxpayers will pay up before the deadline and thus save extra expense and embarrassment.

Senior Class Play At Chowan Friday

"Sunshine" Will Be Presented In Auditorium At 8 O'clock

The Senior play of Chowan High School will be presented in the school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock. The play "Sunshine," has been practiced consistently and promises to provide splendid entertainment for all those who attend.

Those included in the cast of characters are Virginia Lee Blanchard, Kathryn Copeland, Doris Copeland, Marjorie Berryman, John Ervin Copeland, Ruth Privott, Wallace Chappell, Lester Perry, J. L. Savage, Beulah Bunch and Grace Privott.

In the wedding party, which is a feature of the play, the following take part: John Butler Byrum, James Perry, Charlie Asbell, Helen Layden, Clara Mae Byrum, Mary Louise Davidson, Allene Blanchard, Jessie Lee Smith, Elizabeth Bunch, George Privott, Henry Allen Bunch, Shirley Forehand, Stanley Blanchard and Anne Baumgardner.

Marshalls will be Ica Mae Stallings, Sarah Berryman, Dixie Harrell, Erlean Byrum, Geneva Chappell and Scott Byrum.

Between acts special music will be furnished by Miss May Belle Edwards, Miss Louise Wilson and Mrs. Gordon Blow.

Schoolmasters Club Meets Here Monday

Members of the Schoolmasters Club will meet in Edenton Monday night. The meeting, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, will be held in the school house. The Club is composed of all superintendents and principals and several leading teachers in nine counties, 35 of whom are expected.

John F. White will make the principal address at this meeting.

APRIL 13 LAST DAY FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE

Lloyd C. Burton, chairman of Chowan County Board of Elections, desires it to be known that April 13 will be the last day for candidates to file for the primary election to be held next month.

Registrars and judges of election will be appointed by the Elections Board at a meeting to be held next Saturday.

Contestants In Herald's Drive For Subscriptions Getting Down To Hard Work

How They Stand

In several instances contestants in The Herald's subscription campaign are tied with votes and there is a surprisingly small number of votes separating the leaders and those trailing in the race. At the close of business Saturday night the standing was as follows:

1st	-----	Mrs. M. M. Perry
2nd	-----	Mrs. Willie White
3rd	-----	Mr. J. F. Arnold
4th	-----	Mrs. Virgie Baker
5th	-----	Mrs. E. J. Langdale
6th	-----	Mrs. A. S. Bush
7th	-----	Mrs. Roy Parks
8th	-----	Mrs. Hoyt Davenport
9th	-----	Walter B. Turner
10th	-----	Miss Mary A. Burton
11th	-----	Mrs. F. O. Daniels
12th	-----	Mrs. R. L. Pratt
13th	-----	Miss Mary Leary
14th	-----	Mrs. Bessie Allen
15th	-----	Miss Elizabeth Jethro
16th	-----	Mrs. Wesley Chesson

Officers For New Club To Be Named Tuesday

Every young person in Chowan County not in high school and under 25 years of age is urged to attend a meeting of the newly-organized Older Youth Service Club to be held in the Community House at Cross Roads on Tuesday night, April 9, at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting officers of the organization will be elected and a get-together party held. Mrs. Percy Smith and Miss Jessie Byrum were appointed temporary chairmen at the organization meeting held last week, and it is hoped that the number attending Tuesday night will exceed those present at the first meeting.

Dr. Garriss Resigns As Health Officer

Succeeded By Dr. J. S. Chamberlee Who Comes From Hyde County

Dr. F. H. Garriss, who for over two years has served as health officer for the Bertie-Chowan District Health Department has resigned, his resignation taking effect April 1. He gave up his position to resume private practice in his home town of Lewiston. Dr. Garriss since September, 1937, has served as Chowan's health officer, when this county joined with Bertie in establishing the joint health department.

Succeeding Dr. Garriss is Dr. J. S. Chamberlee, who was transferred from Hyde County by the State Board of Health. In Hyde, Dr. Chamberlee was assistant health officer.

P. T. A. Will Elect New Officers Tuesday Night

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held Tuesday night in the school auditorium. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock and at that time new officers for the year will be elected, to be installed at the May meeting. Due to the importance of this meeting, every member is urged to be present.

Two Candidates Have Managers In Chowan

That politics in Chowan County will warm up is evident by the fact that at least two of the candidates now have managers in the county. Candidates J. M. Broughton and W. P. Horton were in Edenton over the week-end, Mr. Broughton being present at the meeting of election boards Saturday and Mr. Horton spending Sunday night here.

Both candidates appeared very optimistic regarding their chances for election and are particularly pleased with the managers Chowan friends have recommended.

FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT

Edenton firemen are urged to be present for the monthly meeting which will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The firemen are very grateful to E. C. White, who presented them with \$10 as a token of his appreciation for their services in fighting last week at a house owned by him.

Contest Develops Into Real Neck and Neck Race

NO WALK-AWAY

Just 14 More Days Remain In Big Vote Schedule

The Herald's drive for subscriptions is off to a good start and the workers are meeting with cordial reception from all whom they contact in their search for renewals and new subscribers. The public is pleased with the campaign plan that permits workers to receive extra money daily for their effort in helping to build a bigger circulation for this newspaper.

So far, the race for the big prizes that are to be awarded on May 11 is a neck and neck affair. Nothing but a few hours of good hard work separates the leaders in today's standing from those who are farther down the list. Because a contestant is low in the published list today does not mean that she can not be the leader next week. The vote totals at the present time show most of the workers closely grouped and therefore none can slacken their pace or they will be passed in the race by those more energetic.

Contestants are reminded that just 14 days remain of the first period voting schedule. During this time subscriptions count for many more votes than they will later on in the drive and every contestant working toward those bigger awards should make every effort to do his or her best work between now and May 11. It is possible that one can build up a vote lead over the field that will insure victory on the closing day of the contest. Now is the crucial time in the drive. Workers must put forth a daily effort if they expect to really accomplish good results and draw large daily commission checks, which feature this campaign.

Just 14 more days remain to make the effort to win or lose a big award in this circulation drive. That is practically what it means to all contestants entered in this race. So closely arrayed and with honors about evenly divided up to the present time, it depends entirely upon the results obtained by each individual participant and friends between this time and the close of the first period April 20—as to who the ultimate winners will be. No one has a "walk-away" for the \$300 first prize; neither is anyone hopelessly beaten. Honest and consistent effort will go a long way toward making good daily reports—and daily reports make the vote totals pile up fast.

There is still ample room in the race for entirely new workers to enter and make themselves important factors in this "Every day is payday" campaign. But now, not later, is the time to start. Several communities still need representatives and if you have been thinking of entering and sharing in the commissions and prizes—do so now. Every day you put off entering simply means that you are throwing away golden hours that might be producing you one, two or three dollars each day—as well as one of the big prizes to be given away May 11. Enter now and get paid tonight.

Pre-School Clinics Now In Progress

Pre-school clinics in Chowan County began at Chowan High School yesterday at 9:30 a. m., and will continue until Wednesday, April 10, according to Dr. J. S. Chamberlee, health officer of the Bertie-Chowan District Health Department.

Dr. Chamberlee urges parents to bring to these clinics their children who are entering school for the first time next fall.

The following schedule has been arranged:

Friday, April 5th, 9:30 a. m.—	Advance School.
Friday, April 5, 11:00 a. m.—	Center Hill White School.
Monday, April 8, 9:30 a. m.—	Edenton White School.
Monday, April 8, 2:00 p. m.—	Edenton Colored School.
Wednesday, April 10, 9:30 a. m.—	Beech Fork School.
Wednesday, April 10, 2:00 p. m.—	White Oak School.