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## Veterinary Hospital, Dry Cleaning Plant And Garage Fall Prey To Flames Sunday

### One of Most Disastrous Fires In Edenton In Recent Years

#### TWO ALARMS

### Fire Chief R. K. Hall Estimates Damage Around \$4,000

One of the most disastrous fires in Edenton in several years occurred early Sunday morning when the building on South Broad Street housing Dr. P. W. Tedder's veterinary hospital, Chestnut Cleaners and the Jones garage was ruined by flames. The fire was discovered by Night Officer R. L. Pratt when he investigated an automobile horn blowing in the veterinary hospital and found the interior enveloped in flames.

The fire was discovered about 2:30 o'clock and was so stubborn that a second alarm was sounded. Five lines of hose played upon the burning structure, but despite this fact practically everything in the hospital and garage was ruined. The Chestnut plant fared better, however, some of the machinery being saved as well as a quantity of wearing apparel. Firemen remained on duty until about 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall estimated the loss to be between \$4,000 and \$5,000, but is unable to say what caused the fire.

Apparently the fire started in the Tedder hospital and though a brick wall separates this portion of the building and the garage, the flames ate their way through a doorway and up to the roof, which caved in in very short order.

Fortunately the wind was not from the south or it is the general opinion that the entire block between Water and King Streets would have been seriously menaced.

The ruined building is owned by John F. White.

## Large Crowds Hear Evangelist Maxwell

### Revival at Methodist Church Closes Sunday Night

Large congregations have been appearing nightly at the Methodist Church, where this week revival services are in progress. Aside from the splendid attendance at the night services, interest in the meeting is reflected in the goodly number who have been attending the morning service at 10 o'clock.

The Rev. Sam A. Maxwell, pastor of Page Memorial Church of Aberdeen, is preaching during the meeting, already having delivered some very interesting and powerful sermons. He preaches each night at 8 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to hear him.

The meeting will continue during the remainder of the week, the evangelist scheduled to preach the last sermon of the series on Sunday night.

## John Byrum Signed By Pocomoke City

### He, Together With William Cayton, Now In Lineup

John Byrum, who this year was captain of the Campbell College baseball team, has signed a contract with Pocomoke City, Md., one of the teams who held spring training in Edenton. Byrum, a former Edenton High School football and baseball star, is his first trial with Pocomoke City on Saturday, connected for a home run and his style of play on the field and at the plate appealed to Manager Poke Whalen.

Byrum has been assigned to third base and will leave next week with the club for Pocomoke City, to play in the Eastern Shore League.

William Cayton, another former Edenton High School athlete, was signed up earlier by Manager Whalen and will accompany the team. Cayton is playing second base and has been giving a good account of himself.

## Cancer Campaign In Chowan County Far Exceeds Quota

### Mrs. Wood Privott Reports \$130 Collected In Edenton

#### QUOTA \$85

### County Workers Turn In \$30.35 To Miss Rebecca Colwell

With reports just about completed, Mrs. Wood Privott, in charge of Edenton's campaign to raise funds to combat cancer, is pleased to announce that the quota of \$85 has been passed, and that she has in hand \$130 as the result of the drive. Mrs. Privott is very much pleased with the results and is especially appreciative of the interest shown among colored people, who contributed \$20.75 to the cause. Much of this credit goes to Mrs. C. C. Cox, chairman for colored workers.

Much praise has been given canvassers who made the solicitations and through whose efforts Edenton this year raised more than was secured in the entire county last year, when Chowan's contribution amounted to \$122. Mrs. Privott feels that Chowan people are becoming better acquainted with the purpose of the campaign and the good resulting therefrom, and is delighted to report that much more than the quota has been secured.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, in charge of the rural committees, reports a collection of \$30.35 during the campaign with only a few still unheard from. Miss Colwell, too, is well pleased with the work of her canvassers and is very appreciative of their efforts as well as with those who contributed.

Those who have either taken a membership or made a contribution since the last report follow:

Mrs. Jimmy Swindell, Canvasser—Contributions: Mrs. Luther Barrington, J. N. Barrington.

Mrs. James L. Hassell, Canvasser—Memberships: Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, Mrs. James Speight, Mrs. H. A. Perry, Mrs. Neal Hobbs; contributions: Mrs. Evie Umphlett, Mrs. James L. Hassell.

Miss Eva Nixon, Canvasser—Contributions: Mrs. Kermit Nixon, Mrs. J. T. Nixon, Mrs. Z. T. Evans, Miss Ila Bass.

Mrs. Thomas Wood, Canvasser—Mrs. J. Clarence Leary and Mrs. West Byrum—Canvassers: Memberships: R. F. Tuttle, Mrs. J. A. Mitchener, Sr.; contributions: Mrs. T. J. Bell, Mrs. M. G. Brown, Dr. P. W. Tedder, E. A. Swain.

Mrs. J. Lester Forehand and Mrs. W. M. Wilkins, Canvassers—Memberships: Mrs. C. N. Griffin, Mrs. L. D. Bond, O. E. Duncan, A. Friend, Mrs. Wood Privott.

Mrs. George I. Dail, Canvasser—Memberships: Mrs. H. G. Wood, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. W. A. Graham, Mrs. J. H. Conger; contributions: Esther Hobowsky, A. Friend, Mrs. (Continued on Page Nine)

## Diversification Is Theme Of Horton's Address Monday

### Second of Gubernatorial Candidates to Address Chowan Voters

#### LARGE CROWD

### Says Imperative to Improve Market For Peanuts

Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton, one of the gubernatorial candidates, spoke to a large crowd of Chowan voters Monday night in the Court House. He was the second candidate to speak in Edenton in his own behalf, being preceded by Mayor Tom Cooper of Wilmington. Of the other candidates, J. M. Broughton, A. J. Maxwell and Lee Gravely have been in Edenton since they have announced their candidacy, but Horton and Cooper are the only two who have publicly addressed the voters.

Diversification was the basic theme of Mr. Horton's address Monday night. "You have practiced as well as preached diversification," he said: "For example, in addition to your fine agricultural facilities, you have created and developed several important industries such as manufacture of textile goods, peanut mills, lumber interests and other manufactures."

The speaker referred to further evidence of diversification in Chowan County in the form of commercial fishing, particularly as to shad and herring, in Chowan River and Albemarle Sound. He advocated measures designed "to restore this commercial fishery to its former robust state."

"It is imperative," said Mr. Horton, "that we do everything possible to improve the market for peanuts, a very important commodity here, and other farm products."

Chowan was mentioned as the smallest county in the State, "but by no means the smallest in population and wealth." Edenton's incorporation in 1719 and much of its early history were cited. Essentially, the people are highly cultured and are proud of the historic legacies of this section, the speaker remarked, but he held that from generation to generation they have pioneered in such practical spheres as diversification, a condition termed intimately related to the progressive development of this area.

Mr. Horton predicted that the people in this part of the State "will help tremendously to make our State Government increasingly serviceable, more and more effective, and further devoted to human needs." He maintained that this can be done without financial impairment of the State.

## Clubs' Williamsburg Tour Is Postponed

The Williamsburg tour by Home Demonstration Clubs of Chowan County, scheduled to take place Friday, has been postponed, according to Miss Rebecca Colwell. No definite date has been set for the tour.

## BIGGEST VOTE SCHEDULE REMAINING IN HERALD'S DRIVE WILL CLOSE SATURDAY

### Leaders Closely Bunched as End of Contest Draws Near

Contestants entered in The Herald's now successful circulation drive have checked two important dates on their calendars, Saturday, May 4, and Saturday, May 11.

The first of these dates marks the close of the third period voting schedule; after this date subscriptions will count far fewer votes toward the prizes than they do at this time. Saturday also marks the end of the bonus votes that are given on extension subscriptions.

The contest will come to its official close on Saturday afternoon, May 11, at 4 o'clock, and the six prizes will be awarded the winners immediately after a committee of judges has made a tally of the votes earned during the drive.

The race, as the finish of the third period approaches, is truly a neck and neck affair among the leaders. No one has any material advantage over the others at present and the number of subscriptions that each is able to turn in Saturday night may tell the tale.

These are the days that will tell the resourcefulness of a contestant. Here is where their courage upholds

them and makes them fight, or the lack of it takes the stiffness out of their knees and leaves them trailing in the dust.

Votes will pile up rapidly these next few days. The lively part of the competition is now at hand and while the leaders are on the same footing, those who have the courage and fight will forge ahead while the third vote schedule is in effect.

There will be several winners in The Herald's subscription drive. Out of this array one will stand out as the winner of the first honors. This person will have established a record of achievement that may be pointed to with pride long after the race is over and forgotten.

This is the week to do your best work, collect all your promises and forge ahead while the votes count most for your efforts.

Candidates Must Not Halt

If the contestants halt now for a moment—if they slacken up or let their enthusiasm wane—if they overlook one opportunity to win they are taking the desperate risk of losing the big prizes already partially won.

A candidate who fails to do his or her utmost during the remainder of this period—is certain to bring dismal disappointment upon his or her friends, who are naturally as interested in his or her success as the candidate. (Continued On Page Six)

## Democratic Delegates To County Convention Named In Precincts On Saturday

### Current Off

Users of electricity are notified that current will be cut off some time tonight (Thursday). Superintendent C. M. Hicks says it is necessary to make slight repairs to oil switches at the power plant and that this work will be done between 1 and 2 o'clock tonight. Mr. Hicks figures to make the repairs will require about one hour.

## Edenton Scouts To Attend Camporee

### 100 Patrols Will Meet At Deep Creek, Va., May 18-19

Edenton's Boy Scouts will be represented at a camporee to be held at Deep Creek, Va., on May 18-19, according to Kermit Layton, Scout field commissioner. One patrol will be selected from the local troop, which will meet with 100 other patrols at the camporee for Scout instruction. Patrols will also be represented from Gatesville, Hertford and Elizabeth City, says Mr. Layton, who has supervision over these troops. The Elizabeth City troop will receive their charter next week.

The camporee is sponsored by the Tidewater Council and early this week 83 of the 100 Boy Scout troops had signed up to attend.

## New A & P Store Officially Opened

### Addition and Improvements Make Attractive Store

Today the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company announces the official opening of its newest and larger Edenton store. The concern for a number of years has occupied the building next to Leggett & Davis, but the corner building has been added and the two buildings transformed into one of the most attractive stores in town. An entire new front has been added and by the addition of the corner property much more room is provided for display and storage of stock.

Another feature is the addition of a meat department, which is operated by J. A. Davenport at the Friendly Market.

In connection with the opening, the store is packed with hundreds of thrifty money-saving values, some of which are listed in an advertisement appearing in this issue of The Herald. Though the store has been greatly enlarged, there has been no change in personnel, P. T. Owens remaining as manager, and L. C. Lewis as assistant manager, with a corps of extra clerks employed as business demands.

## James L. Hassell Is Valedictorian Of 1940 Senior Class

### Corinne Forehand Close Second In Average Is Salutatorian

James L. Hassell was on Monday chosen as valedictorian of the 1940 graduating class of Edenton High School. The selection was by a very close margin over Corinne Forehand, who became salutatorian, their averages being 96.07 and 95.94 respectively for the four years in high school.

Both had been chief marshals the past year and were succeeded by Alvin Parks and Juanita Hayman, who together with Ellory Forehand, Annie Macon Byrum, Cullen Swindell and Doris Byrum will serve next year and at commencement exercises this year. These appointments are based on scholarship.

### Number Depends Upon Last Vote Cast For Governor

#### MEET AT 3 P. M.

### County Entitled to Nine Delegates to State Pow-Wow

Democratic precinct conventions will be held throughout the county Saturday, at which time the major portion of business will be to elect delegates to the County Convention, which will be held in the Court House the following Saturday. The precinct conventions will be held at the regular polling places which are as follows:

East Edenton—Court House. West Edenton—Municipal Building.

Yeopim—Gus Beasley's Store. Rocky Hook—Henry Bunch's Store. Center Hill—Regular polling place at Center Hill.

Wardville—G. A. Hollowell's Store. The number of delegates allowed by precinct to the County Convention is based on the vote in the last governor's race, which is likewise true for the delegates to the State Convention. According to these figures East Edenton is allowed 15 delegates, West Edenton 16, Rocky Hook 6, Wardville 9, Center Hill 6, and Yeopim 4.

Chowan County cast 1381 Democratic votes for governor in the last election, and with one delegate allowed for each 150 voters and fraction over 75, gives the county nine delegates.

The precinct conventions are scheduled to be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

## Jury Awards Verdict In Favor Of Harding

### Only Case Disposed of Up To Wednesday By Special Term

Trial of the suit and countersuit growing out of the purchase of the Hotel Joseph Hewes by G. H. Harding from the Southern Loan and Insurance Company, of Elizabeth City, which has been on the Superior Court calendar now for several recent terms, resulted in a verdict by a jury yesterday afternoon fully substantiating Harding's claims of alleged fraudulent representations in the sale and awarding him a \$9,900 reduction in his contracted purchase price by reason of certain repairs he will be obliged to make to make the hotel today what he thought it was when he bought it in 1938.

The jury listened to a long and very fair charge by Special Judge Andrew Hall Johnston, of Asheville, sent here by Governor Hoey to preside at this week's special term, and after retirement deliberated two hours. They answered five prefatory allegations ahead of the money award, each of which stated the in the jurors' opinion Mr. Harding had acted in good faith in making his contract with the Elizabeth City concern and had only learned of the true hotel situation after he had taken possession of the property and contrary to the impression he had received from those selling him the place.

The action viewed as one of the most important civil matters before the court here in recent years, was filed last spring after Mr. Harding, in making extensive improvements to the hotel property discovered particularly annoying construction and heating conditions which would have to be repaired at a large cost. He immediately brought suit against the former owners for \$12,500 because of these discoveries, and the hotel company countered with an action (Continued on Page Six)

## Sarah Russell Named As 1940 Valedictorian For Grammar Grades

Sarah Russell, with an average of 98, has been named valedictorian of the Edenton Grammar Grades for the year 1940. Runners up for the honor were Hurley Ward, who will be salutatorian, with an average of 97, and Gordon Huffines with 96.