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Who In Edenton Knows There Is A Ship S. S. Edenton?

Contract Is Awarded to Recondition Ship In Baltimore

\$121,426 COST

Thomas Shepard Enlightens Edentonians By News Release

How many Edentonians know that a ship is sailing the high seas carrying the name of our good town? Frankly, the editor of The Herald did not, and suspects many others in Edenton are equally ignorant.

But Thomas Shepard, a former Edentonian, who lives in Washington, D. C., this week very kindly sent to Postmaster C. E. Kramer a press release from the United States Maritime Commission revealing the fact that a boat named "Edenton" is afloat.

The release said: "The Maritime Commission announced today an award of contract to the Maryland Drydock Co., Baltimore, Md., to recondition the S. S. Edenton for \$121,426."

Lions Regain Grip On Soft Ball Lead

Civic Club Boys Add Two Victories During Week

With two victories to their credit this week the Edenton Lions regained their grip on first place in the city soft ball league, leading the strong Red Men outfit by three games.

On Friday night the leaders had little difficulty in defeating the Red Men who were far off their usual form. Then on Monday night the Masons-Rotarians fell prey to the heavy-hitting Lions.

Tuesday night, with an incomplete team on the field the Masons-Rotarians forfeited the game to the Red Men and played another game with ineligible players in the line-up. This game was very interesting with the ineligible team scalping the Red Men 7 to 4.

STANDING OF CLUBS

	W	L	Pct.
Lions	11	6	.647
Red Men	9	7	.562
Masons-Rotarians	4	11	.266

Holmes Company Plans Expansion

Expect to Build up New Business in Adjacent Counties

With affairs of the W. D. Holmes Wholesale Grocery straightened out following the death of W. D. Holmes, the firm has now reorganized and plans for expansion.

Under the new set-up, William Holmes will act as manager of the firm and Frank Holmes will act as credit manager. Miss Dorothy Holmes will be the bookkeeper.

The two managers, sons of the deceased owner of the firm, will make no change in the personnel of the firm and plan to expand the business by soliciting business in adjacent counties and hope to greatly increase the volume of business, which heretofore had been confined to Chowan County.

Mail Box Improvement Week Begins Today

Today officially begins rural mail box improvement week in Chowan County, during which time it is expected material improvement will be made to many of the county's rural mail boxes. Already rural carriers have reported to Postmaster C. E. Kramer that a number of improvements have been noticed.

The campaign has been arranged not only to improve the landscape along much traveled highways but to increase postal facilities.

With the county's club women enlisted in the campaign, Postmaster Kramer feels certain that great deal of good will result.

Picnic

Next Thursday, August 8, the county picnic for home demonstration clubs will be held at Eden House Beach. All club members and their families as well as a group of specially invited guests are urged to attend. Dinner will be served about 12:30 o'clock.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, announced that if at least half the members of a club attend this picnic, the club will score 10 points on the club score sheet.

All county officials and their families are invited as special guests of the club women.

Big Celebration At Morratock Church Sunday, August 18

All Day Event Planned At Washington County Shrine

BIG PICNIC LUNCH In Past Has Been Mecca For Thousands to Worship

On Sunday, August 18, the second annual pilgrimage to Morratock Church in Washington County will be observed. The service will begin at 10:30 in the morning and continue on through the greater part of the day, with a sermon and worship service in the morning and an historical program in the afternoon. A great picnic lunch will be served at 12:30 on table space that will be prepared for the occasion, and John W. Darden, of Plymouth, who is actively engaged in the movement to restore the historic church, invites this entire section of the state to join in a pilgrimage back to Morratock as did our forefathers back in 1849.

Back before the establishment of the Government of the United States of America, Morratock Church was probably the best known spot (except Somerset, the huge plantation of the Collins' family, on Lake Phelps and Buncomb Hall, the luxurious home of Col. Edward Buncomb, near Roper) in Washington County.

It was established by the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association assembled at Shoulder's Hill, Va., on May 14, 1785. Two other local churches were instituted at this association, one at South Quay, Va., and one at Bear Creek in Dobbs County, N. C. Dobbs County was located along the Neuse River above New Bern some 40 or 50 miles.

Morratock was located in Washington County (then Tyrrell County) about two and one-half miles south of Plymouth near Morratock Creek. Roanoke River was known locally at that time as Morratock Creek, the Indian name for that river. What is left of the church building now stands on Morratock Road and has for the past century and a half been a meeting place for all generations of this section.

Little is known of the church from the time of its institution in 1785 until 1791, when it was received by the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association assembled at Flat Swamp in Pitt County, as a regular congregation of that association. There were two other churches received by that body, Mattamuskeet Church in Hyde County and Bear Creek in Duplin County. From 1791 to January 27, 1798, it was conducted by the local membership together with at least one representative of the association and the records were kept by the representative of the association.

During the past five or six years there have been very few services held at this church. About one and a half years ago, the building being in very bad repair, its roof fell in. Since that time it has been left there to rot and decay. There are only a few members left now to care for this old landmark.

During the period of its existence Morratock has been the mecca for hundreds of thousands of people. To mention Morratock and the Third Sunday in August, seemed to excite the people to attend the church services at that time. They would come from miles around and the gathering seemed to be more like a homecoming than a church service.

AT SCOUT RESERVATION
Kermit Layton, Boy Scout field commissioner, left Monday to spend a week in Franklin, Va., at the Darden Reservation for Boy Scouts.

Co. D Leaves Early Sunday For Three Weeks In Camp

Outfit Will Return to Edenton on Sunday August 24

TAKE EQUIPMENT Intensive Training Will Be Order While In Camp

Members of Company D, local ambulance company of the National Guard, are planning to leave Edenton Sunday morning for three weeks training in Mississippi and Louisiana. Present plans call for their departure early next Sunday, and their return on Sunday, August 24.

The outfit will be accompanied by the commanding officer, Dr. Martin Wisely, and Captain Pearly Baumgardner and will be at full strength, Dr. Wisely's orders calling for the full company to go to camp. All of the company's equipment will be taken to camp and due to present conditions more intensive training will be the order than in previous years.

The outfit will travel across the country at a scheduled rate of about 300 miles per day. The first night will be spent at Camden, S. C., the second at Macon, Ga., the third at Selma, Ala., from whence they expect to reach Camp Shelby the following day.

In event any relatives or friends desire to communicate with members of the company mail should be addressed as follows:

Co. D, 105th Medical Regiment, N. C. N. G., Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Members of the company who will go to camp are:

Pearly Baumgardner, Martin Wisely, James White, Clinton Davis, Richard Davis, Leon Leary, Archie Ashley, Howard Bennett, Frank Hughes, Elbert White, John Mitchener. (Continued On Page Four)

15 County Women Attending Farm And Home Week

Mrs. A. D. Ward Scheduled To Graduate This Year

Fifteen Chowan County women are in Raleigh this week attending Farm and Home Week at State College. Those in the party, who accompanied Miss Rebecca Colwell, home demonstration agent, are Mrs. R. H. Hollowell, Mrs. C. W. Blanchard, Mrs. Fred White, Mrs. A. D. Ward, Mrs. Conroy Perry, Mrs. E. L. Winslow, Mrs. D. T. Ward, Mrs. G. A. Boyce, Mrs. A. L. Hollowell, Mrs. W. H. Dail, Mrs. J. R. Bunch, Jr., Mrs. Eva Nixon, Mrs. John F. Perry, Mrs. J. L. Sanderlin, Miss Kathleen Parker, representing the following clubs—Ward, Ryland, Chowan, Gum Pond and Enterprise.

Mrs. A. D. Ward, president of Ward Club will graduate this year. She will be the third club member from Chowan County to receive this honor. Mrs. R. H. Hollowell of Chowan Club expects to graduate next year.

Funeral Saturday For George Smith

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon for George Smith, 59, who died at his home Friday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Edward Gams, pastor of Full Gospel Church. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Jack Lassiter and Mrs. Robert Lassiter. Two brothers, Foco Smith and Henry Smith, also survive.

Palbearers were Tom Basnight, Andrew Hawkins, T. F. Twiddy, William Edwards, Wade Edwards and B. F. Basnight.

Fan House Destroyed At Brown Lumber Co.

Fire about noon Wednesday totally destroyed the fan house at the M. G. Brown Lumber Company. The building was practically consumed by flames by the time firemen reached the scene. The cause of the blaze is attributed to an overheated motor igniting the shavings in the room.

Wrestling - Boxing Matches To Be Held On Friday Night

Pope and Tuggle Will Provide Feature Event

STARTS AT 8:30 Three Boxing Bouts Add to Interesting Program

Sport fans in Edenton and adjacent territory will have another opportunity to witness wrestling and boxing matches tomorrow (Friday) night, when an interesting program has been arranged by Chowan Tribe of Red Men.

The principal wrestling match will be between Eddie Pope of Rocky Mount, Southern light heavyweight champion, and Roughhouse Tuggle of Atlanta, Ga. These two men were supposed to wrestle in the first match staged, but because of a conflict in the contract Tuggle was matched with another wrestler. Fans were well pleased with both Pope's and Tuggle's performance and many expressed a desire to see the two meet. This match alone should draw more than were present at the last affair.

Besides the wrestling there will be three boxing bouts, the feature event being Spencer Adams of Colerain, and Joe Taylor of Richmond. Adams weighs 155 pounds and his boxing pleased fans at his first appearance. Taylor weighs 160 pounds and is said to be fast on his feet and effective with his fists.

In the preliminaries Battling Floyd of Windsor, will face Hambone Griffin of Edenton. Both boys weigh 130 pounds. Monk Hollowell and Richard Mizzell, both 125-pound youngsters, will also fight, and much action is expected by the two boys.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8:30 o'clock in the new ball park, with the proceeds going to the orphans' and widows' fund of the Red Men Tribe.

Faulty Wiring In Old Court House Reported By Hall

Modern Wiring Recommended by Hall and Hicks

While Chowan County's Court House is being made more attractive by the addition of asbestos shingles on the roof, which follows many other improvements inside the building; a situation exists which could very easily make all the efforts for beautification and substantiability go for naught. As the result of an inspection of the building by Fire Chief R. K. Hall and C. M. Hicks, superintendent of the E. & W. Department, it was learned that faulty wiring prevails throughout the building, especially over the ceiling on the second floor.

The condition has been known for some time by Richard Dixon, custodian of the ancient landmark, but he has not been able to have the building properly wired. In one recent instance sparks were seen at one of the connections leading to the Masonic lodge room, which was reported to Mr. Dixon. This defect was subsequently fixed by an electrician, but only bears out the opinion of Hall and Hicks that proper wiring should be installed.

In view of the present situation Mr. Hall will report the condition to the County Commissioners at their next meeting in the hope that this fire hazard will be eliminated.

Library Closed Each Sunday In August

Beginning next Sunday, the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library will be closed all day on Sundays during the month of August, according to Mrs. Sidney McMullan, librarian. After August the usual Sunday hours will be observed.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff White, of Merry Hill, announce the birth of a son on Friday, July 26th. Mrs. White is the former Miss Edith Bunch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bunch, of Rocky Hock.

Boss Lion



KARL M. SORRICK
SPRINGPORT, MICHIGAN
1940 PRESIDENT MICHIGAN
LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Earl M. Sorrick of Jackson, Michigan, is the new president of the International Association of Lions Clubs. He was unanimously advanced from the first vice-presidency at the 24th annual convention of the association which closed July 25 in Havana, Cuba. Sorrick succeeds retiring president Alexander T. Wells of New York City.

Employment Office Registrations Drop In First Six Months

74 New Applications For Jobs Filed In Chowan

JANUARY TO JUNE

Placements on Jobs Total 134 In Same Period

While there has been a small drop in new registrations for work in the 46 white and 10 colored employment offices in North Carolina during the first six months of 1940, as compared with the corresponding period in 1939, the greatest drop was in the number of placements on jobs, which showed 35,829 in the first six months of this year and 51,168 for the corresponding period of last year.

This drop was entirely in the placements in public works, largely PWA projects, while private placements remained about the same for the two periods, it is pointed out by R. Mayne Albright, director of the Employment Service Division of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Commission.

New registrations in the Employment offices in the January-June periods of the past five years were as follows: 1936, 60,755; 1937, 39,430; 1938, 118,816; 1939, 67,475; and 1940, 63,039.

Placements on jobs in the same periods follow: 1936, 71,333; 1937, 51,032; 1938, 34,302; 1939, 51,168; and 1940, 35,829.

In Chowan County, the records show that 74 new applications were filed for jobs in the first six months of this year, the by-month registrations being as follows: January, 23; February, 14; March, 10; April, 8; May, 10, and June, 9.

Placements on jobs of the residents of this county in the first six months of this year numbered 134, while the by-month placements follow: January, 21; February, 26; March, 19; April, 14; May, 29, and June, 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Move To Norfolk

Their many friends in Edenton will regret to learn that Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Lewis leave today (Thursday) for Norfolk, Va. Mr. Lewis, who for the past three and one-half years has been assistant manager of the local A. & P. store, has been transferred to Norfolk. He received this information last week.

The transfer is especially regretted by the local Methodist Church, where Mrs. Lewis has been organist and has taken a leading part in the music in every entertainment at the church since she was employed shortly after arriving in Edenton.

During their stay here both Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have won a host of friends.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular communication of Unanimity Lodge A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

100 Notices Sent To Property Owners To Connect To Sewer

Health Department Following Town Council Instructions

100% SEWERED

Duty to Try and Improve Conditions as They Exist

On July 11, the Town of Edenton requested the Health Department to enforce the sewer ordinance and the Health Department has acted on that request by mailing notices to some 100 residences without sewer connections.

In commenting upon the present sewer situation W. B. Gaylord, new sanitary officer for the Bertie-Chowan District Health Department, says:

"I don't think the town or Health Department would work any hardship on any individual but at the same time we all have a responsibility to pay to society and we should feel it our duty to try and improve the insanitary and unsightly conditions which now exist."

Edenton is practically 100 per cent sewer and after the matter of placing sanitary toilets promiscuously about town had been discussed time and again, Town Council finally agreed to support the Health Department in carrying out a town ordinance which requires property owners to connect where the sewer line is available.

Edenton Has Had Three Young Men To Enter Annapolis

The Herald Miscued In Editorial Comment Last Week

Commenting editorially last week on the appointment by Representative Lindsay Warren of Billy Shepard and Durwood Harrell as candidates to take the examination to enter Annapolis, The Herald openly displayed its ignorance of happenings here before the arrival in Edenton of the editor. It was stated in the editorial that the editor admitted no recollection of any Edentonian ever making the United States Naval Academy, but thanks to W. S. Summerell, a close reader of The Herald, he has furnished information in order to keep the records straight.

As a matter of fact, three young men have been heretofore selected as Edenton representatives, though one actually was a Portsmouth citizen. The three were Donald Gilliam, Thomas Leary and Francis Old.

Mr. Gilliam, who was a first cousin of Julien Wood, graduated from Annapolis and became one of the highest lawyers in the State.

Mr. Leary, an uncle of Hebert Leary, also graduated from the Government institution and later practiced medicine in Edenton until forced to retire due to ill-health. He died quite a young man.

Francis Old was appointed by Representative John H. Small and his appointment created considerable criticism in Edenton at the time, for though his mother, Claude Paxton, aunt of John and R. P. Badham, was born and raised in Edenton, young Old was a resident of Portsmouth.

The Herald appreciates this information and gladly presents it as a correction to last week's editorial comment.

12 Boats Leave With Chowan Watermelons

Twelve boats left the Edenton harbor for northern markets last week loaded with Chowan County watermelons. This week three more boats are being loaded.

This year's crop has been of splendid quality and prices ranged in the neighborhood of 10 cents per melon delivered at the boat.

RED CROSS FUND \$566.91

One more dollar has been contributed during the week to the Red Cross refugee fund, which brings the total amount to \$566.91.

The dollar contribution was made by the Rocky Hock Home Demonstration Club.