

## No Chance For Enlarging Edenton Post Office Seen By Congressman Bonner

Letter to Rotary Club Gives No Encouragement Whatever

BAILEY WRITES

### Chowan One of Few Not Having Agricultural Building

That the idea of adding another story to the Edenton postoffice will go by the board seems certain, following a letter from Congressman Herbert Bonner. Just recently the Rotary Club passed a resolution calling upon Mr. Bonner and Senator Josiah Bailey to use their influence to make a needed addition to the local building to provide more and better office space as well as an assembly hall.

Hopes for the improvement faded, however, late last week when John A. Holmes, secretary of the Rotary Club, received the following letter from Mr. Bonner:

"I have your letter of the 6th in reference to the enlargement of the Public Building at Edenton. Congress does not pass bills for individual Federal buildings or additions thereto. They are provided for solely by lump sum appropriations for that purpose, based on certain conditions. From 1913 to 1934 there was only one lump sum Federal building bill passed by Congress. Mr. Hoover was the President, and Lindsay was able to secure a Federal building for Edenton because only those places where the site had already been purchased were made eligible under that bill.

In 1934, Congress, under the leadership of President Roosevelt, passed a five-year public building program. It provided that only one eligible town in a district could be aided in any one year. The program in our District took care of the following towns:

- "1934 Elizabeth City—Additions.
- "1935 Washington—Additions.
- "1936 Greenville—Additions.
- "1937 Williamston—Building.
- "1938 Ahoskie—Building.

"The program then expired, and both in 1939 and 1940 the Congress defeated any renewal of same, and within the last year, the President stated that on account of the National Emergency he was opposed to any further extension. This left our District with two eligible towns as follows: (1) Farmville, and (2) Plymouth.

"Unless a general lump sum bill is passed in future years, these two towns, although on the eligible list, will, of course, be unable to get a building, and both of these towns will come ahead of any additions to an existing building.

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## Annie Macon Byrum Rotary Cup Winner

### Alvin Parks Gets Lion's Share of Graduation Honors

Considerable interest prevailed at graduation exercises at Edenton High School Friday night, when various honors were conferred upon graduates for outstanding records during the year. Possibly the greatest interest centered around the Rotary cup award which each year is presented to the best all-around student in scholarship, citizenship and extra curricular activities. This year this cup was awarded to Annie Macon Byrum. The Rotary cup has been awarded since 1927, the winners of which have been Mary Lucille Jones, Ruth Thomson, Lena Mason, Jack Pruden, John Bowers Wiggins, Sara Bedham, Stuart Blow, Elizabeth Elliott, Frank Holmes, Mary Elizabeth Cates, Mabel Ruth Harrell, Junius W. Davis, Anna Wood, Corinne Forehand and Miss Byrum.

The lion's share of the awards went to Alvin Parks, who aside from the Bank of Edenton's \$5 savings account award for being valedictorian, was also awarded the medals for scholarship and activities. Ammon Smithson was awarded the athletic medal and Margaret Bunch the perfect attendance medal.

Two cash prizes awarded by C. L. McCullers to members of the band making the best scholastic record in the grammar grades and in the high school went to Charlotte Bunch and Norma Perry.

## Perfect Record

For the second time in the history of the Edenton graded school, a graduate this year completed a perfect attendance record. The student was Miss Margaret Bunch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bunch, who had not been absent nor tardy during her school career. As a reward for her outstanding accomplishment she was awarded a gold medal.

Four years ago a member of the 1937 graduating class, Miss Dorothy Bufflap, was first to hang up a similar record, having also gone through the grammar and high school without a single tardy or absent mark. Though right much belated, but none the less appreciated, Miss Bufflap was also presented with a perfect attendance medal.

## Governor Of Lions, James J. Parker, Visits Local Club

### Principal Speaker at Meeting Held Monday Night

#### PRAISES CLUB

### Three Visiting Lions Club Presidents Also On Hand

James J. Parker of Clinton, Lions district governor, was a special guest of the Edenton Lions Club at the meeting Monday night. It was Mr. Parker's first official visit to the local club and adding to the interest of the meeting was the presence of three club presidents, P. A. Lindsay, of Williamston, Jack Baum of Elizabeth City, and Julian White of Hertford, as well as Norman Trueblood of Hertford, who is a candidate for district governor.

While the visitors made brief remarks, the principal speaker was Governor Parker, who in a delightful manner reiterated some of his experience as district governor. He told the Lions that upon taking office he decided to first visit those clubs needing attention, but because of the activity of the Edenton club he postponed his official visit to such a late date, feeling that his help or suggestions were not needed.

There will be no meeting of the club next Monday night, the meeting having been called off due to a visitation to Hertford last Friday night when the Hertford Lions celebrated their second anniversary.

## Several Edenton Concerns Observe Summer Holiday

### Number Decide to Close Wednesdays at 1 O'clock

Though no concerted action has been taken to canvass stores relative to closing for half a day Wednesdays throughout the summer months, several have decided to close at 1 o'clock each Wednesday through June, July and August, beginning June 4.

Those places of business who have decided to close, irrespective of what other merchants do about it are:

Goodwin's Quality Store, Cherry's Grocery, A. & P. Store, D. Pender's, June Lassiter, Mae Jackson's Beauty Shop and Julian Ward's Shoe Shop.

## D. M. Warren Speaker At Rotary Meeting

D. M. Warren, cashier of the Bank of Edenton, will be the principal speaker at today's Rotary meeting. Mr. Warren, a former member of the club, is expected to deal with financial matters as pertaining to the town and county, and every Rotarian is especially urged to be present.

## Mrs. Edna White Completes Plans For Sale Poppies

### Memorial Flowers Go On Sale Next Saturday

#### QUOTA 1,000

### Contributions Go Toward Aiding Families Disabled Veterans

Memory of America's war dead in the first World War will be honored in Edenton on Saturday, May 24, when everyone will be asked to purchase and wear a memorial poppy in tribute to their service and sacrifice.

Mrs. Edna White, chairman of the Poppy committee of the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post, has completed arrangements for the sale of the memorial flowers which are made by disabled war veterans. The poppies will be on sale on the streets by Auxiliary members, who will be assisted by a group of children.

Mrs. White has received 1,000 poppies, which is the same number received last year, when every one was disposed of, and it is hoped that this year's shipment will again be sold out.

"This year, with the threatening shadow of a new World War falling across America, the memorial poppy has new significance," says Mrs. White. "It shows that America still remembers and honors those who fell in its defense twenty-three years ago; that Americans still believe that America's free way of life is worth any sacrifice, and that the spirit of patriotism still burns strongly in American hearts.

"The poppies grew on the battle front in France where the young men of America defeated the military might of autocracy in a gallant display of the strength of aroused democracy. When we wear them on Poppy Day, their bright red blooms will remind us that our democracy has the strength to repel any dangers if we will serve as they served. There is inspiration for us all in the poppy of great memories.

"The poppies which the Auxiliary will distribute here have been made by disabled veterans. All Poppy Day workers will serve as volunteers and all of the money contributed to them for the flowers will go into the welfare funds of the Auxiliary to carry forward the Auxiliary's work for the disabled, their families and the families of the dead during the year ahead."

## New Force Would Supplant Freedom Says R. L. Humber

### Speaks to Edenton's Graduates at Final Exercise

Final exercises of Edenton High School's commencement program were held in the auditorium Friday night, when Robert Lee Humber, of Greenville, made the principal address to the 1941 graduates. Mr. Humber, an eloquent speaker, emphasized the very important role of the young graduates as they arrived at a new milestone in their career. Each decision made will no doubt have a repercussion in human society, he told them, and that they will have to accept the challenge of democracy.

The speaker said a new force has been borne in the world which would supplant an old force providing freedom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom of the press. "These principles are a sacred heritage," he said, "something which we should not sell, but have as a life estate to enjoy, not to dispose of but to pass on to those who follow. If civilization is to endure, we must organize for defense, and men are unafraid to die to prevent its disintegration by allowing freedom to be transformed into slavery."

Mr. Humber referred to the tremendous cost of war and offered as a remedy the policing of the world as incorporated in the principles of the Federation of Nations, which he has been a prime factor in presenting to many groups throughout the State, as well as the recent session of the General Assembly.

At the conclusion of Mr. Humber's address, Superintendent John A. Holmes spoke briefly to the graduates, after which they were presented with their diplomas.

## Oxford Orphans In Annual Concert Next Wednesday

### Musical Program In High School Auditorium

#### AT 8 O'CLOCK

### Free Will Offering Taken For Benefit of Orphanage

On next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, in the Edenton High School auditorium, the Singing Class of Oxford Orphanage will appear for its annual concert. There are 14 children in the group, all talented, who will present songs, recitations, pageants and patriotic drills.

The class appears in Edenton under the sponsorship of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., with arrangements in charge of E. T. Rawlinson, who is chairman of the lodge's orphanage committee. Members of the class will arrive by bus Wednesday afternoon and leave the next morning, which necessitates securing a place for the children to sleep Wednesday night. Mr. Rawlinson is very anxious to complete this phase of the appearance of the class and will greatly appreciate it if those who will keep any of the children at their home for the night will get in touch with him immediately.

C. L. McCullers, director of the Edenton Band, has very obligingly agreed to have the band play on Broad Street prior to the concert in order to stimulate interest in the class' appearance.

The program by the orphans is said to be as good or even better than in previous years and as heretofore, a free-will offering will be taken, which amount goes to the orphanage.

## Band Will Play At Big Cotton Festival In Tarboro Friday

### Elaborate Program Arranged For Initial Celebration

C. L. McCullers, director of the Edenton Band, has accepted an invitation for the local organization to participate in the Cotton Festival to be held in Tarboro tomorrow (Friday). The affair is Tarboro's first annual Cotton Festival and a varied program has been arranged extending from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m., when the cotton queen will be crowned at a ball to be held at the high school gymnasium.

The parade will begin at 11:30, led by Mayor George M. Fountain, Jr., and features of the day will be free bathing in the swimming pool, free baseball and softball games.

## Beauty Contest At Taylor Theatre Next Monday Night

### "Miss Chowan" to Be Chosen For Potato Festival

Announcement is made that a beauty contest will be held at the Taylor Theatre Monday night, May 26, at 9 o'clock, to select "Miss Chowan County." The young lady who will be chosen as "Miss Chowan" will be awarded a prize of \$10 and will by virtue of this honor be subsequently appointed by Mayor J. H. McMullan to compete in the beauty contest to be held at the Potato Festival in Elizabeth City on June 11th to choose "Miss Albemarle."

All the girls competing in the contest for "Miss Chowan" will be sponsored by various merchants of Chowan County.

## Services Sunday At Presbyterian Church

Preaching services will be held in the Edenton Presbyterian Church on Sunday night at 8 o'clock, at which time the preacher will be the Rev. W. P. Burns, from the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond, Va.

The public is cordially invited to hear the visiting minister.

## 26 Persons Pressed Into Service To Complete 800 Draftee Questionnaires

### Saturday Is



## Memorial Service Planned At Lake Phelps On May 30

### Celebration Begins at 11 A. M. at St. David's Church

#### COMMITTEE

### Special Music and Addresses Will Feature Program

According to present plans a very interesting Memorial Day Service will be held Friday, May 30, at St. David's Church and at Lake Phelps. A tentative program announced by the Rev. B. W. Gaither calls for a service at St. David's Church at 11 a. m., at which special music will be rendered by a large vested choir under the direction of Miss Lona Belle Weatherly and Mrs. Roy Hopkins. Speakers for this service will be a number of prominent clergymen.

After this service the celebration will continue at the Pettigrew Cemetery, where the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be in charge with Mrs. Lucius McGowan, of Plymouth, presiding.

Immediately at the conclusion of this program the assembly will go to the Community House at Lake Phelps, where the Plymouth band will furnish music and appropriate addresses are scheduled. One will be by C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, who will deliver an historical address regarding Lake Phelps and the surrounding territory. Former Governor Clyde Hoy has also been invited to make the principal address for the occasion.

A similar program was planned last year, but rain greatly interfered, which is reason for Mr. Gaither making arrangements to stage the celebration in the Creswell school auditorium in event of inclement weather. It is hoped a large number will attend this year, all of whom are expected to bring a basket lunch.

Members of the committee who have the affair in charge are as follows:

- Edenton—The Rev. C. A. Ashby.
- Lake Phelps—T. W. Armstrong.
- Plymouth—W. L. Whitley.
- Columbia—C. W. Tatem.
- Creswell—Rev. B. W. Gaither.

## Plymouth And Edenton Bands Will Play Joint Concert Tuesday Night

Weather permitting, next Tuesday night members of the Plymouth High School Band will join the Edenton Band in a joint concert to be presented on the Court House Green. The program will get under way at 8 o'clock, and it is hoped a large crowd will be on hand to enjoy the concert.

## Masons Will Confer Third Degree Tonight

At tonight's meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., the third degree will be conferred upon a candidate. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock, to which the Master G. A. Helms, urges all members to attend.

## Advisory Board Conducts School to Give Instructions

#### BEGIN TODAY

### Registrants Requested To Go to School Building For Help

With 800 more questionnaires to be filled out and returned before July 1, Chowan County's Selective Service advisory board is swamped with work and as a result has called in 26 associates in order to complete this work on time. The advisory board, composed of J. N. Pruden, chairman, John W. Graham and Marvin Wilson, met Wednesday with the associates to give instructions and conduct a school in filling out the questionnaires. This meeting was held at the Municipal Building, the associates being called in including the following:

Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. W. B. Pruden, Mrs. J. H. Conger, Mrs. F. P. Wood, Mrs. George C. Wood, Mrs. R. F. Elliott, Mrs. W. B. Shepard, Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr., Mrs. P. S. McMullan, P. S. McMullan, David Warren, John A. Holmes, Ernest Swain, the Rev. Frank Cale, Harvey Cheston, Miss Paulina Hassell, Miss Lena Jones, Miss Margaret Pruden, Mrs. W. H. Coffield, Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, Mrs. W. W. Byrum, Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates, Mrs. Ep Debnam, Mrs. John F. White, Miss Edna Goodwin and Miss Evelyn Jackson.

Chowan County had 1,224 registrants in the draft, of which only about 400 have been served with questionnaires, and in order to speed up this work the group of associates have been pressed into service to assist in filling out the papers. The work will get under way today (Thursday) and continue until it is completed.

Those who desire to help with the questionnaires are asked to go to the Edenton school building between the hours of 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., where either member of the advisory board or the associates will render the necessary assistance.

## 73 Enrolled In Daily Bible School At Methodist Church

### Sessions Come to Close With Program Friday Of Next Week

Though enrollment is not as large as last year, the Daily Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church is now under way with expectations of a very successful session. Seventy-three children have enrolled in the school, which includes classes for beginners, primary, juniors and intermediates.

Beginners and primary classes are studying Palestine, while the juniors are devoting their time to the study of the Bible. Intermediates are considering alcoholic evils.

The school is in charge of Mrs. W. C. Moore, who is assisted by Mrs. G. A. Helms and the Rev. W. C. Benson, with the following serving as teachers: Mrs. Edward Speight, Miss Frances Collins, Miss Vivian Hayman, Mrs. A. Owens, Mrs. P. T. Owens, Miss Julia Burton, Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates and Mrs. Milton Newberry.

Classes will be held daily except Saturday through Friday of next week, when commencement exercises will be held in the church and a program arranged which will give some idea of the work accomplished during the two weeks.

## St. Paul's Sunday School Picnic Monday

Today being Ascension Day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a. m., in St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The Sunday School is planning to have its picnic next Monday, leaving the Parish House at 12 noon, and returning at 4 p. m. Ernest A. Swain, the superintendent, will be in charge. The crowd will go to Eden House Beach.

IN COLUMBIA HOSPITAL Mrs. J. N. Oglesby underwent a major operation at Columbia Hospital Monday. Reports are that she is doing nicely.