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## First Lady Will Be Invited To Attend Edenton's Peanut Festival Planned In October

### Program Will Be Featured By Historic Pageant

### THREE DAYS Idea Is to Make Celebration Outstanding One For the Albemarle

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the nation's President and migrating First Lady of the Land, will be invited to the Edenton Peanut Festival to be held in mid October. Secretary Charles McCullers, of the Chamber of Commerce, made this announcement Wednesday, stating that a letter of invitation to Mrs. Roosevelt would go forward at once, and that Congressman Bonner and Senator Bailey would be urged to press the request upon the author of "My Day."

Mr. McCullers said he wished it clearly understood that the First Lady's presence here was not being sought as a matter of town publicity so much as the interest and pleasure it was sure that Mrs. Roosevelt would have from a visit to this historical town, especially during a celebration so noteworthy as it is planned to make of the Peanut Festival.

Of course, the Chamber secretary and President Davis, who is also behind the Roosevelt move, realize the contingency of possible war trouble with this country involved as interfering with any future traveling plans of the general First Lady, and while they are keeping their fingers crossed, they are both hopeful that some sort of an encouraging response to the proposed visit will come from the White House.

In addition to the Roosevelt invitation, the festival committee, with General Chairman E. W. Spires in charge, are much enthused over the October prospects, particularly over the three night pageant idea. A contract for the pageant, which will be historical in import, has already been signed with the John B. Rogers Producing Company, of Fostoria, Ohio, and Myron Calvin, the company agent, here last week, is already at work with his plans. A special pageant writer of importance will be engaged by the company to write the libretto for the pageant, and trained histrionic teachers will be brought here, it was said, to handle the training of around 400 characters in the cast.

Naturally, all the pageant details have not been worked out as yet but enough has been learned to indicate that the pageant would be given on the nights of October 15, 16 and 17, the three days the festival is talked of for being held.

A well-known national speaker is being sought for the opening of the festival. A number of suggested events for the day-time celebrations have been talked of, such as a Governors' Day and luncheon, sight-seeing tours to historical points, opening of the museum, a large parade of pioneers in the peanut industry incorporating educational floats, band concerts, a home-coming day, athletic events, baby show, street dance, military displays and pyrotechnics on the water front.

In addition to all this there will be, if plans do not miscarry, an agricultural and vocational exhibit in charge of County Agent C. W. Overman and Home Demonstration Agent Miss Rebecca Colwell, and on each evening after the pageant, dances and coronation and queen's balls will be held in the Armory.

While all plans are in a formative stage, enough has been gleaned to indicate that Edenton's importance as the State's peanut market guarantee that the festival from start to finish will be conducted on a dignified, highly important plane, and will be a noteworthy event in the entire Albemarle.

## Meadow View Dairy Again Rates Grade A

W. B. Gaylord, sanitary officer, reports that for the dairy grading period from January through June, the Meadow View Dairy is the only one in the county to be awarded Grade A.

Mr. Gaylord recommends during this hot weather that all consumers place milk on cold storage immediately after it is delivered in order to check the increase of bacteria, thereby preventing milk souring sooner than it otherwise would. The sanitary inspector recommends purchasing of Grade A milk.

## New Officers For Edenton Lions Club Installed Monday

### Ralph Parrish Takes Over Reins as President For Year

### LADIES' NIGHT

### District Governor Norman Trueblood Principal Speaker

Installation of 1941-42 officers, "Ladies' Night," at which most of the wives of the members were present, and the initial appearance of the new District Governor, Norman Trueblood, of Hertford, brought out a large attendance at Monday night's Lions Club dinner at the Hotel Joseph Hewes. In addition to the regular club membership with their accompanying feminine attractions, several visitors were also on hand, and dinner was served for fifty in all.

Governor Trueblood, chosen at last week's state convention at Asheville, spoke briefly to the club gatherers, outlining his proposed program for the coming year in which he expressed the hope that every club and every member would lend a hand in furthering, and called attention at this early date to the next convention session at Raleigh in 1942, which, he said, the Edenton club and all other district clubs should now make one of the attendance objectives. The nearness of Raleigh to this district, Governor Trueblood declared, should make this possible.

At Monday night's gathering Ralph Parrish, the new club president, was duly installed along with other officers, and as his first act made a short but felicitous introduction of the speaker of the evening.

John Mitchener, later installed as the club's new tail twister, and Guy Hobbs, installed for the coming year as lion tamer, reported on the work of the committee on health and welfare and extension, of which they are chairmen. Other committee reports were made by Jimmie Partin, membership; Graham Byrum, civic improvement; Leroy Haskett, attendance, and Oscar Duncan, installed along with W. W. Byrum as new members of the Board of Directors for two years, on program work.

All of the newly installed officers, including secretary and treasurer, Walter J. Taylor, were duly elected by the members, and each was presented and made a few remarks.

Retiring President G. B. Potter, who spoke earnestly of the delight he had experienced in serving as head of such a civic organization, was given a past president's button by Secretary Taylor, who called attention to the fact that Mr. Potter had been absent only three times from the home club but was in attendance elsewhere at club sessions on these occasions. The Secretary, also, presented a special emblem to Leroy Haskett with instructions that he must wear it at all meetings. Mr. Haskett in turn presented Mr. Taylor with a "loving cup" on behalf of the club, all the presentations and the accompanying remarks occasioning much hilarity and a spirit of jolly fellowship.

## Miss Gussie Cox Again Counsellor At Camp

Miss Gussie Cox left Edenton this week for Camp Goodspeed at Cape Henry, Va., where she has again accepted a position as girls' counsellor. Miss Cox was a member of this camp's staff last summer.

## CHOWAN COUNTY CLUB WOMEN GIVEN EXTENSION OF TIME TO GET RENEWALS AND NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR HERALD

Chowan County club women turned in a splendid report this week in their drive to secure renewals and new subscribers to The Chowan Herald. Every club in the county, through the club president, reflected a great deal of activity on the part of the workers, many renewals being shown in the reports as well as quite a number of new subscribers.

Of the various clubs working on The Herald circulation, the Byrd's Club has to date been the most benefitted, Mrs. S. E. Morris, president of this club, turning in splendid reports.

Many club members appear very appreciative for the opportunity to boost their treasury by a generous

## NYA To Continue Office In Citizens Bank Building

### Permission Secured By Area One Personnel Officer

### OPEN DAILY

### Applicants Will Be Interviewed Every Tuesday

Herman G. Gaddy, personnel officer for Area One consisting of 14 counties with headquarters in Washington, has just secured permission to use the same office in the Citizens Bank building as headquarters for NYA in Chowan County. This office will be kept open daily and each Tuesday an interviewer will be in Edenton for the purpose of interviewing all applicants, both white and colored, who are interested in availing themselves of the training and work opportunities offered through the NYA.

The NYA offers a two-fold opportunity to American youth—work experience and related training. Inexperienced youth are taught how to work and at the same time they are given a form of related training which will enable them to see all sides of the particular vocation they may be interested in.

At the present time there are many different chances for youths to receive training: The Bricks agricultural center in Edgecombe County will accept additional colored youths from this area. The Durham rehabilitation center will take young white men with some small physical handicap, teach them a trade and at the same time correct the physical handicap. All youths between 16 and 25 who are interested in availing themselves of NYA training are urged to go to the NYA office in Edenton in the Citizens Bank building, second floor, each Tuesday to talk over the proposition and be certified for training.

## Fine Response To Appeal For Air Raid Alarm Volunteers

### C. E. Kramer Encouraged By Cooperation Assured

C. E. Kramer, Chowan County air alarm chief, is very well pleased with the cooperation offered by civic clubs, as well as other organizations in carrying out the proposed air raid alarm program in the county. Mr. Kramer has been instructed to establish nine posts throughout the county, all of which have been selected except two.

During the period of drill Mr. Kramer is asking for 20 volunteers for each post, where a chief and assistant chief will be in charge to direct those who will volunteer for duty. The complete set-up will be announced in about a month, when tests will be carried on in an effort to detect airplanes as they pass overhead.

Mr. Kramer urges everybody who is interested in the protection of this country to volunteer for service during the tests. These volunteers will later be called together to receive instructions and drill for active duty.

## Financial Matters Force Town Councilmen To Hold Long Session Tuesday Night

### Gr-r-r-r

With the town's annual budget in the making and numerous requests being made for funds, it now appears that despite an increase in property valuation, the tax rate will be boosted. Of course, figures are only tentative and with some information still lacking, the new rate has been estimated to range all the way from the present \$1.00 to as high as \$1.20.

Of course, the budget has not been considered by the finance committee, nor Town Council as a whole, but the general impression prevails that it will be necessary to increase the rate this year.

## Dance And Floor Show Tonight In Edenton Armory

### Affair Being Sponsored By Edenton Rotary Club

Tonight (Thursday) beginning at 9:30 o'clock, a dance and floor show will begin in the Edenton Armory, the affair being sponsored by the Edenton Rotary Club. Music for the dance will be furnished by Berk Motley and his orchestra from Washington, D. C., which organization will stop over in Edenton enroute to Florida to fill an engagement.

The floor show will feature 15 artists, including Sunny Lee, and from advance reports, the show in itself is well worth the price of admission.

The dance has been widely advertised and due to the prominence of the orchestra, a large crowd of dance enthusiasts is expected to be on hand. Advance tickets have been on sale at the drug store and by members of the Rotary Club, which will close at 6 o'clock tonight, after which time the regular admission fee will be charged.

## Boy Scout Meeting Tonight At Cabin

### Former Scouts Asked to Meet With Scoutmaster

All former Boy Scouts are asked to meet with C. W. Overman, the new Scoutmaster, and members of the troop committee at the Scout cabin tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 o'clock.

This will be an important meeting, having some bearing on the reorganization of the Edenton troop and for that reason boys who are interested, as well as every member of the troop committee, are especially urged to be present.

## Extension Granted For 4-H Club Members To Go On Camping Trip

An extension of time for 4-H Club members to enroll for the 4-H Camp was announced Wednesday by County Agent C. W. Overman and Home Agent Miss Rebecca Colwell. The time was extended from the week of July 21st to Saturday, July 26.

Already 33 have enrolled to attend the 4-H Camp at Jamestown, Va., and any others interested in attending should contact either Mr. Overman or Miss Colwell and make a deposit or \$1.00 as part of the camp fee.

### CITY HALL DRESSED UP

Painters this week have been putting a fresh touch to the Municipal Building, both the interior and exterior of the building being painted. The fire station, too, is being dressed with a coat of paint, which even includes the floor of the entire building.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. T. Wallace Jones have announced the birth of a daughter, Elsie Virginia, on June 25th, in a Norfolk, Va., hospital. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

### Requests Made For a Number of Appropriations

### PRUDEN RESIGNS Indications Point to an Increase In Town's Tax Rate

With a new budget in the making, members of Town Council remained in session until about 11 o'clock on Tuesday night, during which time a number of requests were made for appropriations. Among these were requests for improving and maintaining the tennis courts, an appropriation for the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Ocean Highway membership and a school appropriation.

H. A. Campen, chairman of the Boy Scout troop committee, asked for a \$300 appropriation, as has been made for several years and from which a scoutmaster was paid. C. W. Overman has accepted the scoutmastership without any salary, but Mr. Campen pointed out that the appropriation is necessary to make some necessary repairs to the Scout cabin if the building is to be saved. He told the Councilmen that new life has been put into the Boy Scouts and that the troop will very shortly be a going concern.

Wood Privott appeared before the Board in the interest of the tennis courts. It is the only recreation provided by the town, he said, and he is very anxious to see the courts maintained by the town for the benefit of those who enjoy the sport. An appropriation of \$25 was approved with which to secure new equipment and maintain the courts, with the provision that no one will be allowed to play longer than 45 minutes at a time if there are others who want to play. Improvement of the court will be under the direction of David Holton and Jordan Yates, parks and playgrounds commissioners.

E. W. Spires, who previously asked for an appropriation for the Chamber of Commerce in order to expand activities of that organization, again urged that serious consideration be given to this appropriation. He also emphasized the need for maintaining membership in the Ocean Highway Association, and the check for \$125 as annual dues was ordered mailed to the secretary. With no little agitation on foot to change Route 17, it was considered a necessity to maintain this membership.

John A. Holmes requested the same appropriation for the Edenton school. This amount is \$1,300, of which \$900 is for the band, and \$400 is to supplement the athletic coach's salary. The request was referred to the finance committee, which is composed of W. M. Wilkins, Albert Byrum and J. Clarence Leary.

Assistant Fire Chief J. H. Conger presented his budget for the Fire Department, which soared to \$9,100 as compared with \$5,700 last year. This increase is due to a request for a new fire truck which will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,400. Mr. Conger explained that the one fire truck is now about 20 years old and that it is inadequate in case of emergency. The general opinion of the Councilmen was that a new truck should replace the old one and Mr. Conger was, therefore, authorized to secure prices to be presented to the finance committee.

Another matter to consume a considerable amount of time was an effort to prevent S. Hobowsky from using the lot in the rear of houses on Oakum Street as a junk yard. A number of complaints have been registered, citizens objecting to the junk yard being at their backdoor. The idea of zoning was discussed at length which led to the calling in of

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## Louise Coke Hangs Up Tax Collection Record

Miss Louise Coke has made quite a record with collection of taxes during the past year, according to her report submitted to Town Council on Tuesday night. Of the entire levy Miss Coke has accounted for all of the taxes except seven-tenths of one per cent.

She actually collected 90 per cent of the taxes, while about \$2,900, or about 9.3 per cent, is held by the town in the form of sales tax certificates, leaving only \$24.36 on the tax books, of which amount there is a few duplications and property listed out of city limits.