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Harvey Cheston, Jr. Objects To Herald Editorial Comment

Former Edenton Teacher Says False Impression Damning

WRITES LETTER

Editor Charged as Ignorant of Facts, Writing on Assumption

Possibly no Herald editorial comment has resulted in more discussion than last week's article headed "A Bad Situation," which had something to say about school teachers signing a contract to return to teach school and that both parties should be obligated to its terms.

At least one of the teachers, Harvey J. Cheston, Jr., who resigned after signing a contract to return to Edenton, takes exception to the editorial and feels that he is a victim of injustice and misrepresentation.

In a letter written from Washington, D. C., where he is vacationing until he takes over his new duties at the University of Maryland, Mr. Cheston has this to say:

"Dear Bufflap:

"I read with concern and complete dissatisfaction the editorial appearing in this week's issue of The Herald entitled A BAD SITUATION. It is indeed a bad situation wherein a distinguished writer, casting about for some suitable subject, chooses at last for the object of his diatribe a case in which he apparently is ignorant of the pertinent facts, and goes upon mere assumption.

"Obviously, I am one of the four malefactors mentioned in the little piece; and, while I cannot write for the other three, I do feel compelled, in the interest of common enlightenment, to inform you regarding the truth in my own particular case.

In the first place, I mailed my resignation to Holmes on the fourteenth of July, fully two months before the opening of school. In the second place, every contract I ever signed with the school board made distinct reference to resignation, the only stipulation being that one month's notice be given!

"I believe I hold at least a fairly respectable reputation among the people of Edenton—in which event the false impression created by this article is damning.

"Now I am sure that you, being the editor of the paper, and having an adequate sense of justice, will see that this misrepresentation is corrected by a published explanation or apology—call it what you will.

"Trusting that I shall not have to go further for amends, and that I shall have the pleasure of an early satisfactory reply."

Judge Dixon Assigned First Terms Of Court

Recently appointed Superior Court Judge Richard D. Dixon has received his first court assignment at the hands of Governor J. M. Broughton. He will hold a civil term at Nashville, in Nash County, during the week of September 15 and 22, and the week of September 29 will preside at the regular joint term at Columbia, Tyrrell County.

Judge Dixon also expects to be assigned to two weeks' term at Graham, in Alamance County, beginning September 1, which if he is assigned, will make five full weeks of court as his initial duty in his new role.

MASONS CALL MEETING OFF

Because of the absence of a few of the officers and weather conditions, G. A. Helms, master of Unity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., has called off the meeting tonight. The regular meeting will be held next Thursday evening.

All Over Now

Beginning next Wednesday, all of Edenton's places of business will be open all day Wednesday, the half-day Wednesday holiday coming to a close Wednesday of this week. At the outset of summer weather several Edenton establishments closed each Wednesday at 1 o'clock, and while there was little cooperation in the closing idea, one business after another gradually fell in line until the greater portion of the stores observed the half-holiday.

The mid-week afternoons off afforded clerks as well as employers an opportunity to enjoy a few hours of rest and recreation, which for the most part was thoroughly enjoyed.

They're In The Army Now!



That members of Company D, 105th Medical Regiment, composed mostly of Edenton boys, are none the worse for their experiences in camp at Fort Jackson is reflected in the appearance of the above group of young men. Pictured are the company's commissioned and non-commissioned officers as follows: Back row, left to right, Sergeant Joe S. Norman of Plymouth, First Sergeant William P. Jones, Captain Thomas P. Van Noppen of Madison who succeeded Captain Pearly Baumgardner who is ill, Captain Martin Wisely, Sergeant Herbert E. Bass, Corporal Luther Keeter and Staff Sergeant Skinner White. Front row, left to right, Corporal William Gregory, Staff Sergeant Elbert K. White, Sergeant Thomas Hoskins, Jr., Sergeant Louis Nachman of Hertford, Sergeant Raymond Everett and Staff Sergeant Ward Hoskins.

Contemplated Edenton Tax Rate Most Likely The Lowest In History Of Town

With the 95-cent tax rate for Edenton scheduled to be finally adopted for the year 1941-42 at the next regular meeting of Town Council on Tuesday, September 9, unless there is an unexpected upset of contemplated appropriations, tax-payers will experience what is possibly the lowest rate in the 20 years R. E. Leary has served as Town Clerk, and in scanning over the books in his office which date back to 1925, a rate of \$1.00 has been the lowest in the 16 years. In 1925 the rate was \$1.24 and during the following years it ranged from \$1.26 to \$1.00 in 1932 until 1936, since which time it has remained at that figure until the present contemplated 95-cent rate.

Of course, up until 1936 the town rate included an appropriation for the operation of schools, but with the county taking over

the operating expenses, as well as the bonded indebtedness, the rate for 1936 was reduced from \$1.15 to \$1.00, where it has remained since.

The town's tax rate for the years from 1925 to the present follows:

1925	-----	\$1.24
1926	-----	1.21
1927	-----	1.15
1928	-----	1.20
1929	-----	1.28
1930	-----	1.26
1931	-----	1.10
1932	-----	1.00
1933	-----	1.20
1934	-----	1.26
1935	-----	1.15
1936	-----	1.00
1937	-----	1.00
1938	-----	1.00
1939	-----	1.00
1940	-----	1.00
1941	-----	.95

Dead Colored Man Is Identified As Being Tate Twine

Identification Follows a Report By W. H. Roberts Thursday

SBI CALLED

Cause of Death Still Remains Mystery to Local Police

Positive identification of the colored man who was found floating in the water at the County Dock early Monday morning of last week was effected late Thursday night as being Tate Twine. The identification resulted when W. H. Roberts reported to the police that since the story of the man appeared in the newspapers it was learned that the Roberts' farm, where he was employed.

What information Roberts could furnish coincided with that of Officer Joe Bunch, who was present when the dead man was pulled from the water, especially as to the clothing. Later Twine's daughter was brought to the police station and the sort of clothing she said her father had on tallied with that reported by both Roberts and Officer Bunch. The daughter also told of a home-made truss worn by her father, which was also found on the body.

The police are positive that the dead man is Tate Twine, but no information could be secured as to how he met his death. He was seen in Edenton Saturday afternoon before being found dead Monday morning, despite the belief expressed when the body was found that it had been in the water a week or longer. Twine was seen sitting in front of the Cupola House and later toward dark at the corner of Broad and Water Streets, sitting with his head leaning over.

After the body was buried, it was (Continued on Page Five)

Edenton Rotarians Hear Address By Past President R. I. Gene Newsome Principal Speaker at Meeting Last Week

POINTED FACTS Gives Advice From Exhaustive Study of Farm Conditions

Edenton Rotarians were treated to a splendid address at the meeting of the club last Thursday when Gene Newsome, Durham banker, was the principal speaker. Mr. Newsome is a past president of Rotary International and is the only president to be furnished by North Carolina. He was governor of the 189th Rotary District, when the Edenton Rotary Club was organized 15 years ago and during his term of office 44 Rotary Clubs were organized by reason of which fact he has a warm spot in his heart for Edenton and the fellows who were Rotarians at that time. It was because of this affection that he agreed last Thursday to leave his banking duties long enough to accompany H. D. Jones of Graham, present district governor, to Edenton to speak to his old friends.

Mr. Newsome regretted the fact that the present Rotary Club membership has dropped from 25 at the time the club was organized to 18 at present. For this decrease he said there was a reason, either because of the lack of activity or that the members were not at heart Rotarians. The speaker has in recent years been making an exhaustive study of the farming situation throughout the State, upon which he based the major portion of his address, weaving into his talk the connection between Rotary and farm life. He expressed grave concern for the wholesale abandonment of farm life which, he

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Rotary Visitor



H. Dennett Jones

In his first official visit as governor of the 189th Rotary District, Mr. Jones was guest of the Edenton Rotary Club at last week's meeting. Mr. Jones, known as "Tarvia," is no stranger in Edenton, having attended many meetings of the local club shortly after it was organized, when he was in this community in connection with his work of hard-surfacing streets.

Lions Club Favors Hard Surfacing Of Rocky Hock Road

Project Discussed Monday Night at Meeting of Club

Edenton Lions, at their meeting Monday night, agreed to cooperate as far as possible in the ultimate hard-surfacing of the Rocky Hock road, which is the county's No. 1 road project. Secretary W. J. Taylor brought the matter to the attention of the club, advising the members that the project had been discussed at Chamber of Commerce meetings and that the County Commissioners had sent their endorsement of the project to Highway Commissioner Carroll Wilson.

During the discussion it was brought out that the road in question is a great handicap to farmers in the area who use the road to transport their crops, and in many instances trucks are stalled and necessity of slow travel interferences with the marketing of the variety of (Continued on Page Five)

Speaker Secured For C. Of C. Meeting On Thursday, Sept. 11

On Thursday night, September 11, a membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held, at which the speaker will be J. T. Anderson, chief engineer of the Department of Conservation and Development. Mr. Anderson's subject will be "Incidental Trends in Northeastern North Carolina." The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock and it is hoped every member will attend.

Hutson Assures Committee 85% Parity For Tobacco

Group Meets With President Commodity Credit Corporation

WELL PLEASED

Meeting Arranged By Peanut Stabilization Corporation, Inc.

At the request of some of the tobacco farmers in Northeastern North Carolina the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Incorporated, Edenton, arranged for a conference with J. B. Hutson, President of Commodity Credit Corporation, Washington, D. C., to discuss the manner and method that could be used by tobacco growers in obtaining 85 per cent of parity loans on tobacco, if such loans should prove to be necessary to protect the tobacco growers' interest during the approaching tobacco marketing season. A committee consisting of three members of the Board of Directors of Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Incorporated, and the following tobacco growers attended the conference with Mr. Hutson in Washington, D. C., last Wednesday morning:

T. R. Whitehead, Halifax County; R. L. Corbitt, Edgecombe County; K. V. Knight, Edgecombe County; Claude L. Green, Martin County; Hugh Roberson, Martin County; J. B. Fearing, Bertie County; L. E. Hassell, Washington County, and C. C. Holland, Chowan County. Also present at the conference were Mr. H. T. Westcott, Marketing Specialist, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Mr. E. F. Arnold, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. Hutson assured those attending the meeting that if the level of prices on tobacco should decline below the parity level and it should appear that it would work to the advantage of the tobacco growers to obtain loans from Commodity Credit Corporation, that Commodity Credit Corporation would take immediate and effective steps to protect the interest of the tobacco growers under the authority of law for granting loans to them by Commodity Credit Corporation. The assurances of Mr. Hutson were entirely satisfactory to the group, and the group left the conference with the feeling that the tobacco growers' interest would be amply and quickly protected under the loan provisions of law to insure, at least prices equivalent to 85 per cent of parity for the 1941 tobacco crop.

Baptist Group To Meet In Edenton September 23 - 24

Rev. W. A. Huggins of Raleigh Principal Speaker

Members of the Edenton Baptist Church will be hosts to the Chowan Baptist Association which will meet in the local church Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23 and 24. The Association is composed of six eastern counties and present plans point to a very delightful and enlightening program.

Dr. E. W. Potts, of Elizabeth City, will be moderator during the two-day session, with the principal address scheduled to be delivered by the Rev. W. A. Huggins of Raleigh, secretary of the State Baptist Convention. Another feature of the meetings will be addresses by two missionaries, one from China and the other from Japan.

Fire Plugs In Town Being "Dressed Up"

Fire Chief R. K. Hall is this week devoting his time to "dressing up" the fire plugs about town. Mr. Hall began Wednesday morning to apply a coat of aluminum paint to every plug in town. He is being assisted by a young man employed to cut grass away from each plug.

Sunday School Reopens At St. Paul's On Sunday

Beginning next Sunday morning, Sunday School at St. Paul's Church will re-open following closing of the school during the hot summer months. The session will begin at 10 o'clock and all members, as well as teachers, are urged to be on hand.

Jan Garber Likely To Furnish Music For Peanut Festival

Plans Pointing to Successful Celebration October 17

RIDES SECURED

Guy Hobbs Signs Contract for Fireworks Display

Plans are gradually shaping up which give every indication of a successful Peanut Festival to be held in Edenton Friday, October 17. With the various committees at work, General Chairman E. W. Spires feels very much encouraged over the progress reported during the week, and feels sure the affair will be a credit to the town and will be the means of attracting many nearby neighbors to Edenton.

On Monday Guy Hobbs, chairman of the pyrotechnic committee, signed a contract with George Cooke of Elizabeth City, to provide a fireworks display costing \$150. The display will include many attractive features and will consume in the neighborhood of an hour and a half.

Kenneth Floars, chairman of the dance committee, has contacted agencies handling nationally known orchestras and on Tuesday expressed the belief that Jan Garber will be secured to furnish music for the dance in the Armory as a climax to the celebration. No contract has been signed by Mr. Floars, but he has every reason to believe that the popular orchestra can be secured.

Hector Lupton, chairman of the entertainment committee, has completed arrangements with the Central Amusement Company to furnish a large group of rides at Hicks Field. The organization will be in Edenton the entire week, the arrangement being made primarily to have some extra amusement for visitors on the day of the celebration.

On Wednesday, C. L. McCullers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, which organization is sponsoring the festival, went to Suffolk in an effort to secure some ideas relative to floats and other matters pertaining to a parade and the celebration in general.

Chairman Spires will very shortly, probably early next week, call another meeting of the committee to check definitely what has been done and what still remains to be done in connection with the festival.

It is also expected that Governor and Mrs. J. M. Broughton will be numbered among the distinguished guests to attend the festival.

Club Leaders School Held Next Thursday

Next Thursday night at the Community House at Cross Roads, a home beautification leaders' school will be held, at which John Harris, landscape specialist of Raleigh, will be in charge. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, during which slides of homes shown will include at least one in Chowan County.

All club leaders are especially urged to be present, and any club member is cordially invited.

During his stay in the county Mr. Harris will visit demonstration yards in various communities.

Omigosh!

Because of comment which arose at a meeting of Chamber of Commerce directors on Tuesday night, the prospect of another long and argumentative meeting of Town Council is in prospect at the monthly meeting on September 9.

At Tuesday night's meeting the town's obligation to improve street and sidewalk conditions in the Cotton Mill village was forcefully presented, as the result of which a committee headed by D. M. Warren was asked to appear before the Councilmen in an effort to have conditions improved. Present conditions were charged directly to the town as the result of unsatisfactory hard-surfaced streets which were put down several years ago and since which time the village has become unattractive and embarrassing to cotton mill officials.

Other complaints regarding the proposed new budget will also no doubt be aired, so that some changes to the present set-up may result.