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Edenton School Enrollment Figures Again Show Drop Over Those Previous Year

700 Enrolled Compared With 734 For Last Year
40 AT ADVANCE
Year's Work Gets Off To Good Start Monday Morning

As was the case last year, enrollment in the Edenton school on opening day, Monday, again showed a decrease in the number of children attending school. Last year, when 734 had enrolled, the number was 49 under the previous year, while this year's enrollment is 34 less than last year.

According to Superintendent John A. Holmes' figures, exactly 700 children enrolled in the elementary and high schools. Of this number, 465 were in the elementary grades and 235 in the high school. The high school's enrollment is 28 less than last year, while the elementary grades have lost six. Of course, it is expected that the first day's enrollment will be increased somewhat. Quite noticeable, too, is the loss of school children in the Advance school, where only a few years ago there were over 100 children enrolled, while this year there are only 40 going to school. Some reason advanced for this decrease is the fact that quite a few white families have moved from the neighborhood.

Enrollment figures furnished by Mr. Holmes for the first day are as follows:

First Grade	73
Second Grade	73
Third Grade	68
Fourth Grade	69
Fifth Grade	59
Sixth Grade	52
Seventh Grade	41
Eighth Grade	75
Ninth Grade	40
Tenth Grade	61
Eleventh Grade	50
Post Graduate	9

Total 700
Opening of school got off to a good start, all books having been distributed and lessons assigned by Tuesday and regular classes being held Wednesday. Every teacher was on hand to take over his or her classes and indications point to a successful session.

Newspaper Story Unfair To County And C. E. Kramer

Chowan Aircraft Observation Posts Completed August 4th

In a story in the News and Observer Tuesday morning an injustice was heaped upon Chowan County and especially upon C. E. Kramer, county chief of the air warning service, relative to the completion of aircraft observation posts. The article failed to list Chowan as having completed its quota of posts, when as a matter of fact, Mr. Kramer had all nine posts completed and sent in on August 4th. Besides he has traveled to several adjoining counties to assist in the organization of posts. Chowan actually was one of the first counties completely organized and the posts, chief observers and assistants reported at that time by Mr. Kramer follow:

Greenfield—T. Benbury Wood, Justice F. Randolph and Mrs. George C. Wood.

Athol—Thomas B. Wood, John M. Harney and Heilig Harney.

Yeopim—C. W. Overman, Mrs. C. W. Overman and Neal Hobbs.

Rocky Hook—J. P. Perry, Percy G. Perry, Mrs. J. G. Perry and Mrs. Percy G. Perry.

Emperor—Raymond A. Mansfield, (Continued on Page Five)

Jasper L. Wiggins Speaker At Rotary

At today's Rotary meeting, Jasper L. Wiggins, former Edenton Mayor, will be the principal speaker. The program, in charge of the Rev. C. A. Ashby, member of the crippled children's committee, promises to be very interesting and every Rotarian is especially urged to be present.

New Coach



W. E. BOWMAN
Arriving in Edenton only last week, Mr. Bowman, new coach at Edenton High School, is now talking the boys through the paces, gradually getting them in shape for the first game with Columbia on September 26.

New Rocky Hook School Ready For Opening Monday

Lunch Room Not Ready Until About First of October

THREE TEACHERS

Enrollment at Chowan High School 12 Under Last Year's Figure

According to County School Superintendent W. J. Taylor, school will open Monday morning at the new Rocky Hook Central School. The building and grounds will be in readiness, excepting the lunch room, which is expected to be completed and ready for use the first of October.

The Rocky Hook Central School provides four teachers, but unless the attendance justifies, only three will be assigned this term. The building is complete with lights and water, and toilet facilities. The best furniture from the old schools will be used for the time being. New book cases and clothing racks have been provided. The library room will be located in the room of the principal teacher, and each room will have ample storage space for book rentals and other supplies.

All pupils who are supposed to attend the Rocky Hook School will be transported by the three school trucks now in operation to Chowan High School. The routes have been planned and further detail routings will be worked out within the first two or three days after the necessary changes have shown up.

The same course and the same book rental system as heretofore, will be followed this year. The teachers employed for the Rocky Hook Central are as follows: Mr. Paul A. Wells, principal and teacher; Mrs. Paul A. Wells, teacher of the Grammar Grades, and Mrs. Alice Hamlet Belch, Primary teacher and director of school music. These teachers are (Continued on Page Five)

Sturgeon Increases Interest In Fishing

Tom and V. E. Tynch, local fishermen, attracted a large crowd to their truck the latter part of last week, where they had a 200-pound cow sturgeon. It is the second 200-pound sturgeon they have caught this season, and if nothing else, has created some enthusiasm in Albemarle Sound fishing as well as causing much comment on the fishing years ago when sturgeon were plentiful in these parts.

The two sturgeon were taken to Norfolk, where it is reported, they brought in the neighborhood of \$100 each.

Another sturgeon was recently caught in the Perquimans River near Hertford, by Ike White.

Greater Albemarle Group Opposed To Alternate Route

Reaffirm Original Road Program Calling For No Changes

MEET AT HOTEL

Chowan and Bertie Representatives Ask For Resolution

Directors of the Greater Albemarle Association, together with a few visitors, met at Hotel Joseph Hewes on Tuesday night, when a number of very important matters were discussed. The meeting was presided over by D. P. Midgett, of Englehard, president.

One of the most important matters to be brought up was the effort now on foot in Washington County to permanently designate the highway branching off from U. S. Highway 17 a few miles from Edenton and across the Albemarle Sound bridge as 17-A.

Chowan and Bertie representatives reported the fact that a large number of post cards signed by Washington County citizens have been sent to the Highway Commission urging the establishment of this highway as an alternate route for U. S. 17. Of course, both Chowan and Bertie Counties object to any tampering with No. 17, it being brought out that towns along the route have spent a lot of money and many investments have been made over a period of 10 to 15 years to develop the Ocean Highway, and that they are not willing now to voluntarily split up the tourist traffic using the route.

All members attending the meeting concurred in the argument advanced by the Chowan and Bertie directors, but some were reluctant to adopt a resolution proposed by the two most vitally interested counties which called for a definite statement that the Association objects to designating the alternate route.

The Association did, however, reaffirm its position relative to roads as embodied in the constitution and official road program, which provides for no change in the present highway routes. This, naturally, is in opposition to the alternate route, and the secretary was authorized by an unanimous vote to frame such a resolution with copies to be sent to Governor Broughton and members of the Highway Commission.

The Association by unanimous vote agreed to endorse Edenton's peanut festival and to cooperate in any way possible.

Before adjourning, it was decided to hold the next meeting in Hertford, at which time a special effort will be made to have every one of the 11 counties represented in order to participate in the election of officers.

Lions Club Narrowly Miss 100% Meeting

Members Consider Entering Float in Peanut Festival Parade

At their meeting Monday night, the Edenton Lions Club lacked only two members of having a 100 per cent attendance, with those who were absent expected to make up their attendance. Adding to the interest of the meeting was the presence of District Governor Trueblood of Hertford, as well as a number of other visitors from Hertford and Elizabeth City.

The program for the meeting was in charge of Leroy Haskett, who presented Mrs. C. B. Mooney. Mrs. Mooney delighted those present with a number of piano solos.

During the meeting the Club discussed the idea of the Lions entering a float in the Peanut Festival parade, the entire matter being placed in the hands of the publicity committee, of which Kenneth Floars is chairman.

Negroes Lead County In August Births

Negro births in Chowan County exceeded white births during the month of August, according to the vital statistics report of the Bertie-Chowan District Health Department. During the month there were 20 Negroes born as compared with 13 whites. Negroes also led in deaths during the month, when three died as compared with two whites.

Baptists Meet In Edenton Church In Annual Session

Chowan Association In Session Tuesday and Wednesday

136th SESSION

Many Phases of Church Activities Will Be Discussed

Next Tuesday and Wednesday the 136th annual session of the Chowan Baptist Association will be held at the Edenton Baptist Church, the theme of the convention being "Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So." The Rev. Ervin H. Potts, of Elizabeth City, will be moderator for the sessions.

The convention will get under way Tuesday morning at 9:45, with a worship program, which will be followed by an address of welcome by the Rev. E. L. Wells, pastor of the church. Beside the roll call, appointment of committees, recognition of new pastors and announcements, addresses will be made by the Revs. W. T. Love, Jr., and J. L. White, and the associational sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Frank Cale.

The Tuesday afternoon session will begin with a worship service led by the Rev. C. E. Hobgood, and various phases of the church's social service will be discussed by I. S. Harrell, Dr. I. A. Ward, Mrs. W. T. Love and M. A. Huggins.

Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, a worship program will be conducted by W. I. Johnson, followed by an address, "Temperance In North Carolina," by W. J. Berryman. A report and address on W. M. U. work will follow by Mrs. C. T. Doughtie. Following a hymn, roll call, report of committees and election of officers, special music will be provided by the Edenton Church. This meeting will be featured by a missionary address by Dr. A. K. Crabtree, president of the Baptist Seminary in Brazil. Five minute reports on state, home and foreign missions will be made by W. B. Guthrie, L. W. Fields and W. F. Cale respectively.

Wednesday afternoon's session will begin with a worship service led by Paul Forsythe, after which John M. Elliott will tell about the Baptist Training Union. "Training Leaders In Our Christian Schools" will be the topic of an address by Henry Overman, with Ervin H. Potts following with an address on "Christ's Work In the Association." The convention will close with memorials and benediction.

John Lang Speaker At Joint Meeting On Tuesday Night

C. of C. Directors and Rotarians Meet With Lions Club

Directors of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and members of the Rotary Club will meet jointly next Tuesday night with the Lions Club, at which time the principal speaker will be John Lang, State NYA director. Mr. Lang will present a matter of interest and it is hoped a good turnout will be on hand from the three organizations.

The affair will be a dinner meeting, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting was arranged by Leroy Haskett, of the Lions Club, who will have as his guest, Lloyd E. Griffin, who will introduce the speaker. The meeting will be presided over by Ralph Parrish, president of the Lions Club.

Because of the joint meeting, the Lions will not meet Monday night, and the usual Rotary meeting on Thursday of next week will be called off.

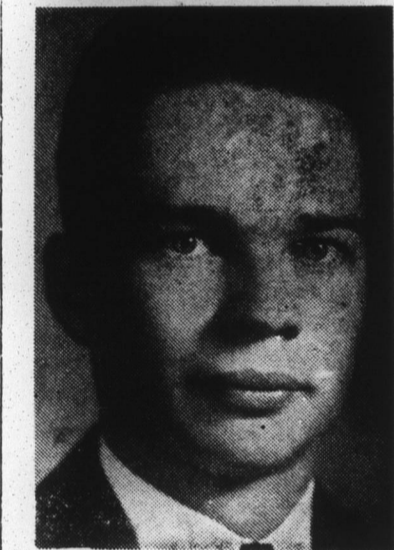
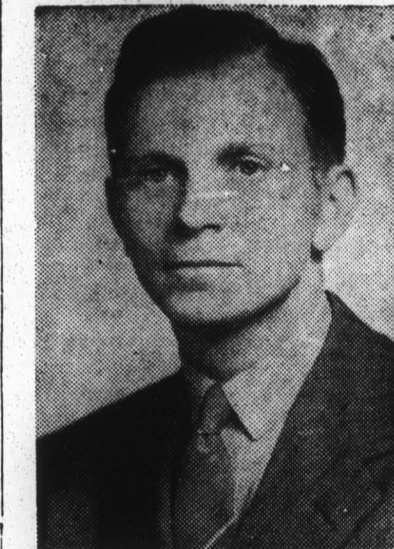
Discuss Opening Of NYA Clerical Pool

R. E. McLaughlin, NYA supervisor of Washington, N. C., and Mrs. Daniels met Tuesday with a group of leaders relative to the forming of a NYA clerical pool. Mr. McLaughlin told those present that it will be necessary to have 25 girls to open the pool, all of whom must be high school graduates.

Any girls interested should get in touch with C. L. McCullers.

First Steps Toward Zoning Of Edenton Taken Monday At Meeting Of Commission

Seal Speakers



Frank Webster, above, and Walter Page, Jr., below, executive secretary and field worker, respectively, for the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, who will speak at the Northeastern District Christmas Seal Sale meeting in the Parish House next Tuesday.

J. L. Pettus, Chairman, Explains Purpose to Mixed Group

CALLS IN LADIES

Tentative Zoning Outlined For Further Consideration

First steps toward a zoning ordinance in Edenton were taken Monday night when a meeting was held of the zoning commission recently appointed by Town Council to make a survey and present a tentative zoning program. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, presided over by J. L. Pettus, chairman of the commission, who called in several ladies of the Garden Club in order to get a more comprehensive idea of what residential streets should be included in the prohibitive business area.

Those attending the meeting beside Mr. Pettus were L. S. Byrum, Geddes Potter, John Graham, Guy Hobbs, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. R. P. Badham and Mrs. C. T. Hollowell.

To begin with Mr. Pettus explained the purpose of the meeting, that it was the purpose of Town Council to have the commission make an intelligent survey of the town with the zoning idea primarily to protect the residential streets from being utilized by business concerns which, it was agreed, had a deteriorating effect on property as well as a tendency to decrease property values. The Moore house was cited as an example of how residential property depreciates in value as a dwelling when adjacent to and located among business houses.

The beauty of the town's residential streets was emphasized, which was referred to as one of Edenton's greatest assets, and the general opinion was that trees should not be removed and that business should not be allowed to invade the sections occupied by homes.

It was the sense of all present that they should proceed cautiously and intelligently in their efforts to zone the town and after a long preliminary discussion both as to the legal aspect as well as the welfare of the town both now and in the future, a tentative zoning program was set up during which each individual street was considered.

It was not the purpose to make public the extent of the first stab at zoning, for a meeting will be called possibly the latter part of this week when the commission only will meet to again consider what had been done at Monday night's meeting. In fact several meetings are expected to be necessary before the plan is submitted to Town Council, after which it will be advertised in order to hear protests, before it is finally voted upon as an ordinance.

Rotary Directors Breakfast Guests Of Campen Tuesday

Rotarians Discuss Activities at Morning Meeting

Directors of the Edenton Rotary Club were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Campen at breakfast Tuesday morning, when the usual Tuesday morning meeting of the Aims and Objects Committee of the Club was held, with Mrs. Campen seeing to it that the Rotarians had enough food to carry them over until the noon hour.

These meetings were begun over a month ago, and aside from creating interest in the club, important Rotary matters are often brought up and later presented to the Club. Until Tuesday only members of the committee have met weekly, but the board of directors has been invited so that any action necessary to be taken by them can proceed before a regular meeting.

Those attending Tuesday morning at breakfast were H. A. Campen, C. W. Overman, R. N. Hines, John A. Holmes, William M. Perkins, President C. L. McCullers and J. Edwin Bufflap.

District Meeting Of Christmas Seals Scheduled Tuesday

Dr. Borden Hooks Will Speak at Luncheon Meeting AT PARISH HOUSE

Executives of Tuberculosis Association on Program

Plans have been completed for the annual Christmas Seal Sale meeting for the Northeastern District which will be held in St. Paul's Parish House next Tuesday. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock, with a luncheon session scheduled to be held from 12:15 to 1:30 o'clock. A charge of 60 cents per plate will be made for this luncheon and it is necessary to know beforehand how many intend to be present. For that reason, all who expect to attend the luncheon meeting are requested to notify Mrs. J. A. Moore before the end of this week, so that proper arrangements can be made.

At the morning session, introductory remarks will be made by Frank W. Webster, executive secretary of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, while Walter S. Page, Jr., field worker for the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, will speak on "Our Town Puts on a Seal Sale 1941 Style," during which he will comment upon publicity, mail sale, early orders, bonds, Negro schools and other methods to sell seals in order to combat tuberculosis.

An open discussion period with questions and answers will follow.

At the luncheon meeting the principal speaker will be Dr. Borden Hooks of Tarboro, whose subject will be "Protect Your Home From Tuberculosis as Part of the National Defense Program." Dr. Hooks will be introduced by Mrs. C. M. Griggs, of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. J. A. Moore, who will again be in charge of the Christmas Seal Sale in Chowan County, is very anxious to have many present at any or all of these meetings, but must know in advance how many will attend the luncheon session.