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## Edenton Has Opportunity To Secure Wood Working Shop To Train N.Y.A. Boys

Likely to Develop Into Defense Ship Building Training

50 EMPLOYED

Pay Roll Would Be Approximately \$1,800 Per Month

Edenton has an opportunity to secure a NYA wood-working shop, which would employ 50 young men between the ages of 17 to 25 years and means a payroll of about \$1,500 per month. Aside from this, if the work shop is located here, it would almost certainly develop into a national defense ship building training project which carries an A-1 rating and would boost the monthly payroll to about \$1,800.

This information was presented on Tuesday night when R. E. McGlaughan, work projects officer from Washington, D. C. conferred with C. L. McCullers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and a group of other interested citizens in the Municipal Building.

To secure this project it will be necessary for the town to provide a building of about 300 square feet and enough adjoining land to build a boat, something like 30 or 40 feet. Lights, heat and water must also be furnished.

Mr. McGlaughan said the 50 young men, who would be employed locally and from adjoining towns, would work in two shifts of 25 each, and that it would in no way affect boys who are or should be in school, but rather would train that group of boys who are not in school and for the most part have no special jobs.

He offered Edenton the first opportunity to secure this work shop and was insistent that the proposition be taken up for he has several nearby towns where the project is wanted and would have no trouble in locating it if Edenton turns it down.

Of course, no definite answer could be given on the spur of the moment, and Mr. McCullers arranged to investigate the matter and give Mr. McGlaughan more specific information the latter part of this week.

Those who met with the NYA representative were very favorably impressed with the proposition and expressed the hope that the work shop will materialize here.

## Chinese Junk Will Dock In Edenton

Boat Formerly Owned By Rich Chinese War Lord

The Herald was informed late Wednesday afternoon by Captain R. C. Montieth that a Chinese junk will arrive in Edenton Thursday night for the purpose of inspection by the public and especially school children. The boat, the only one of its type in the country, was originally owned by one of the richest Chinese war lords. It sailed across the Pacific, through the Panama Canal and has been on exhibition in many cities, where huge crowds took advantage of going aboard. It is elaborately decorated and is more or less of an education for those who have never seen one.

The boat is on its way to New Orleans, but will remain at the County Dock the remainder of the week, where it is hoped many will go aboard.

## County Schools Close For Peanut Festival

In order to permit school children to participate in the Edenton Peanut Festival on October 17, the County Board of Education, at its meeting Monday, decided to declare the day a holiday for both the white and colored schools.

The Board also decided to enter a float in the parade, which is expected to be one of the most attractive in the procession.

## \$2,528 In Cotton Stamps Delivered To Farmers

County Agent C. W. Overman reports that up to October 1, cotton stamps to the value of \$2,528.50 have been delivered to Chowan County farmers.

## Holiday Oct. 17

To show their interest and cooperation in the forthcoming Peanut Festival, the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday approved the closing of all County offices on Friday, October 17. This action was taken in order to allow the officials to take part in the affair and assist with the program in whatever capacity they may be asked.

All County offices will, therefore, be closed all day during the festival celebration.

## Hot Weather Plus Finances Cause Of Sweating Monday

Commissioners Presented With More Bills Than Money to Pay

Not only the unseasonable hot weather but financial worries were reason for extra drops of perspiration and head scratching on the part of the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday. In Acting Chairman E. N. Elliott's brief case were an unusual number of bills, some of a considerable amount, which exceeded the balance in the general county fund, from which payment is made. Faced with these bills and requests for additional outlay, R. P. Badham was contacted for help from the ABC Board, and assured the Commissioners \$1,000 from the liquor store earnings. This, however, did not net enough, so arrangements were subsequently made to borrow enough from the bond fund to meet the emergency.

However, an encouraging angle to the county's financial status was offered by County Accountant E. W. Spires, who presented a list of figures showing that of the \$32,200 appropriated in the general fund, \$1,470.73 was spent during the first quarter of the fiscal year. This amount was less than one-quarter of the amount budgeted or \$579.27 less than what might have been expected.

## Penalty Ordered Added To Delinquent Taxes In Register Deeds Hands

Contrary to the custom for many years, the County Commissioners on Monday decided that effective November 1st, 6 per cent. interest will be added to all delinquent taxes in the Register of Deeds' hands. Said interest will be charged from the date the property was sold for taxes. Heretofore no interest has been charged for taxes paid the Register of Deeds, and Monday's action was taken to spur the payment of back taxes as well as provide a penalty for those who put off payment.

At the same time Tax Attorney J. N. Pruden was authorized to begin foreclosure suits for unpaid 1939 taxes, the 1940 tax books being turned over to the Register of Deeds by Sheriff J. A. Bunch.

## Bishop Claire Purcell In Hertford Oct. 4th

An important Methodist meeting will be held in the Hertford Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 4, at 2:30 p. m., when a check-up meeting will be held preceding the closing of the conference year. A feature of the meeting will be the presence of Bishop Claire Purcell of Charlotte, who will preside.

Lay leaders of the various churches and charges in the Elizabeth City district, together with any one interested in the work of the church, are expected to attend.

## Lieutenant Rudd Speaker At Rotary

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet today (Thursday) for its regular weekly meeting, when Lieutenant H. S. Rudd, in charge of Company A, 30th Engineers, now stationed in Edenton, will be the principal speaker. President C. L. McCullers is very anxious to have a 100 per cent. attendance and therefore urges every Rotarian to be present.

## Aces In Real Test Friday Afternoon Against Tarboro

Belief Visitors Strongest Team on Season's Schedule

TWO VICTORIES

## Interest Mounting In Elizabeth City Game On October 17

With the football team from Tarboro High School scheduled to invade Edenton High's gridiron Friday afternoon, Coach W. E. Bowman's boys will, no doubt meet their nearest test thus far and possibly for the whole season. The locals realize they will be tackling the strongest team they have gone up against so far, but spurred on by two successive victories and quite an improvement noted in the playing, Coach Bowman feels certain his outfit will give a good account of itself even if it does not emerge from the battle with the long end of the score. The game will start at 3:30 o'clock, and will be the first conference game of the season.

To date the Aces have two victories tucked under their belts, Columbia and Williamston both falling prey in hard-fought games by a score of 12-0 in each instance.

In preparation for Friday's game, Coach Bowman has continued his strenuous practice sessions during which he believes he has ironed out some wrinkles and improved certain departments so that, barring unforeseen accidents, he should have a smooth working machine to tackle the Edgecombe County warriors. Tarboro will come to Edenton fresh from a 20-0 victory over the strong New Bern Bears, and many football fans predict Tarboro to be the conference champions. Tarboro and Edenton have played six games, four of which were won by Edenton. In 1933 the Aces won 16-0, in 1936, 21-0, in 1937, 19-0, in 1938, 19-6. In 1939 Tarboro won its first game from Edenton 31-7, and again last year won 15-0.

Of course, the game of the year will be played Friday a week, when Edenton and Elizabeth City lock horns on the local field as one of the feature attractions of the Edenton Peanut Festival. This game would ordinarily draw a large crowd, but due to the large number of visitors expected for the festival, the crowd will no doubt equal or even surpass the number on hand several years ago when Edenton won the State Class B championship.

Both Elizabeth City and Edenton lost star veterans by graduation, the former also losing its veteran coach, George Hunsucker. Already the theme song on the lips of Edenton High supporters is "Beat Elizabeth City," and as usual interest in this game surpasses any on the schedule.

Fans are very much encouraged by the showing made by this year's outfit under Coach Bowman and there is no little speculation that the Aces will conquer their ancient rivals on October 17.

## Sprinkler System Curbs Costly Fire

Because of a sprinkler system, a costly fire was averted Friday night when fire broke out in the warehouse back of the Evans' cotton gin in North Edenton which was filled with baled cotton belonging to Leary Bros. Storage Company. The warehouse was full, but with the sprinkler operating only 21 bales were damaged by fire.

The local fire department was called out Saturday morning when the fire was discovered and extinguished the blaze. The damage can not be determined until an adjuster arrives to make an investigation.

## Foreclosure Suits Spur Payment Back Taxes

That tax foreclosure suits are effective in bringing into the county coffers delinquent tax money was reflected in a report to the County Commissioners Monday by Tax Attorney J. N. Pruden. Mr. Pruden has collected \$2,086.06 in back taxes since August 4 of this year, which includes \$2,000 from the Edenton Hotel Company. The total collected represented taxes for the years 1937 to 1940.

**PAY BONDS AND COUPONS**  
County Commissioners, at their meeting Monday, authorized payment of bonds and coupons amounting to \$1,025 which become due November 1st. This amount will pay 4 per cent. road, bridge and culvert refunding bonds and a 4 per cent. school refunding coupon.

## Finishing Touches Added To Edenton Peanut Festival Arrangements Tuesday Night At Meeting of Various Committees

## Holmes Endorsed As Vice President For School Group

School Masters Virtually Draft Edenton Man

ACCEPTS

## Election Would Automatically Mean Presidency Later

Superintendent of Edenton schools John A. Holmes was signally honored at the meeting of the School Masters' Club held at South Mills last week when he was endorsed as a candidate for vice president of the North Carolina Education Association, when it meets to elect officers next March. If elected to this office, Mr. Holmes would automatically become the Association's president.

Mr. Holmes did not seek the nomination, and was virtually drafted when the School Masters' Club advanced the argument that this section of the state has never been represented in the Association by a high ranking official, and consented to be a candidate only after he made it clear that he would not allow his candidacy to interfere with his present duties. Neither would he commit himself to any campaign promises other than to promise that if elected he would fill the office to the best of his ability and that the interest of school children would be paramount in all questions of educational policy.

Mr. Holmes is very favorably and prominently known throughout the State's school circles. He had had a vast amount of teaching experience before coming to Edenton where he has been superintendent of the city administrative unit since 1923.

## Air Warning Tests October 10 And 14

Observers Notified By Chief Kramer to Be On Alert

Postmaster C. E. Kramer, Chowan County Air Warning Chief, has been informed by Theodore S. Johnson, director of Civilian Defense, that the schedule has been planned for a test exercise to assure considerable air activity over the entire regions for the period from 12 o'clock noon to 6 p. m., Friday, October 10, and from 12 o'clock noon to 6 p. m., Tuesday, October 14, weather permitting.

Any locality wishing to attempt a black-out or other night operation of civilian defense can be tested in this phase of defense on the night of October 10 between 6 p. m., and midnight. Mr. Kramer, however, has not requested this test.

Chowan County has been completely organized for the air warning test under the direction of Mr. Kramer and all observers will be on the alert to report any would-be airplane attackers in their particular neighborhood.

## Organization Paralysis Chapter Is Postponed

With so many folks busy with arrangements in connection with Edenton's Peanut Festival, as well as other activities, there were not enough on hand in the Court House Tuesday night to organize an infantile paralysis chapter in Chowan County. The meeting was called by Dr. John W. Warren, who has been requested to form the chapter.

It was decided to defer the meeting for organization until after the Peanut Festival, possibly on October 24, when all who are interested are urged to attend.

**MASONS MEET TONIGHT**  
With G. A. Helms, master of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., being out of town the last two Thursday nights, no meeting of the lodge was held during his absence. The regular meeting will be held tonight (Thursday) and every member is urged to attend.

## Drafted For Office



JOHN A. HOLMES

At a meeting held in South Mills last week the School Masters' Club endorsed Mr. Holmes as a candidate for vice president of the North Carolina Education Association.

## Mrs. Wood Privott Is Dinner Chairman For District Meet

District Meeting Scheduled In Edenton on November 18

With a Founders Day conference for planning details of their entire program for the 50th anniversary celebration immediately back of them, 20,000 alumnae and former students of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina are this week initiating the next phase of their jubilee participation, a series of 17 district meetings which Dr. Walter Clinton Jackson, dean of administration, will attend and address.

Dean Jackson, beloved by students and alumnae alike, since he first came to the institution in 1909 as head of the history department, will in his friendly and informal manner attempt to bring the college to the scattered alumnae.

One of these district meetings will be held in Edenton on November 18, with Mrs. Wood Privott as dinner chairman.

## St. Paul's Entertain Engineers Tonight

Company A Guests of Honor Tonight at Parish House

St. Paul's Church members will be hosts to Company A, 30th Engineers, at a buffet supper to be held in the Parish House tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock. The supper will be served by the Woman's Auxiliary, at the expense of the men of the church.

Company A, a group of almost 50 engineers, arrived here last week, making their headquarters in the Armory and expect to remain here the remainder of the winter while engaged in making snaps of the coast line.

For the buffet supper, a group of young ladies have been invited to attend and assist in entertaining the soldiers, who are in charge of Lieutenant H. S. Rudd.

Members of the congregation, as well as others in town, are urged to drop in and meet the soldiers during the affair.

## Garden Club Meets Monday Afternoon

The October meeting of the Edenton Garden Club will be held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Rose Room at Hotel Joseph Hewes. Dues will be payable at this meeting and because of very important business matters to be discussed, Mrs. R. P. Badham, president, urges every member to be present.

## Eleven Nearby Towns Sending Princesses For Affair

HOLIDAY

## Eight Visiting Bands Will Help to Enliven Celebration

At a meeting of the Peanut Festival committee held Tuesday night finishing touches were made to arrangements and, from indications, Edenton's first peanut festival will prove very successful despite the fact that here is a reluctance on the part of some to cooperate in the event next Friday.

As a fore-runner to the principal event, a square dance will be held on Broad Street Thursday night, when music will be furnished by the Bertie String Band. The dance will be held in the block between Water and King Streets, and to add color to the affair the Christmas lights will be strung in this particular block.

C. L. McCullers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the festival, has received the acceptance of 11 princesses to participate in the contest for queen, with possibly more to enter later.

The towns and the princesses to represent them are as follows:

- Suffolk—Miss Doris Withers.
- Wilson—Miss Julia West Abbott.
- Columbia—Miss Louise Alexander.
- Bethel—Miss Ruby Dare Martin.
- Roanoke Rapids—Miss Angela Hardy.
- Sunbury—Miss Sue Payne.
- Elizabeth City—Miss Helen Hill.
- Hertford—Miss Ruth Winslow.
- Tarboro—Miss Rachel Weeks.
- Windsor—Miss Catherine Spruill.
- Colerain—Miss Lena Askew.

Edenton and Chowan County will each have a princess, "Miss Edenton" and "Miss Chowan," but who these will be will not be known until next Tuesday. In Edenton votes are being sold in order to determine the town's choice, the young lady receiving the largest number of votes will be selected. Ballot books have been placed at each of the drug stores, where friends can vote for their choice. The voting will terminate next Tuesday night at 10 o'clock. It has been decided that Edenton's entry will not be eligible for the honor of queen.

In the final arrangements, it was decided not to build a speakers' stand, but instead the speakers and distinguished guests will appear on a trailer on the Court House Green, from which point it will be moved to Broad Street to serve as a reviewing stand. Among the special guests will be Governor and Mrs. J. M. Broughton, Mayor and Mrs. Richard Reynolds of Winston-Salem, Grover B. Hill, assistant secretary of agriculture, as well as a group of prominent State officials. It is hoped that Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico, will be on hand, but General Chairman E. W. Spires has not yet received the acceptance or rejection of the invitation.

All city and county officers, both white and colored schools will observe Friday as a holiday and it is expected that most of the stores will close for the event. No cars will be allowed to enter Broad Street from Water to

## H. W. Dale Resigns Township Constable

Vacancies Now Exist In Second and Third Townships

For the second successive month, the County Commissioners on Monday received the resignation of a township constable. At Monday's meeting Herbert W. Dale sent in his resignation as constable for the Second Township, effective immediately. Mr. Dale gave no reason for his resignation, but it was assumed by the Commissioners that there is not enough remuneration in the office of constable to make it worth while.

At last month's meeting McCoy Spivey resigned as Third Township constable. Ores Blanchard was appointed to succeed Spivey, but he declined the appointment. As the matter stands now, there is no constable in either of the townships and the Commissioners are endeavoring to secure successors in each township.