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## Peanut Most Democratic of Foods Says Grover B. Hill In Festival Address Friday

### Praises Edenton and All Of North Carolina on Its Progress

#### "MAGIC PLANT"

### Governor Suggests Joint Celebration With Suffolk

That the peanut is coming into its own both as a food and as an industry was the theme of an address by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Grover B. Hill, who was the principal speaker at Edenton's first annual peanut festival last Friday. The lowly goober also came in for much praise by every speaker assembled on the Court House Green, where a large number gathered to enjoy the beginning of the day's celebration. To start with Temporary Chairman E. W. Spires referred to the peanut as reason for the celebration, which had gotten off to a splendid start.

Highway Commissioner Carroll L. Wilson, who introduced Governor J. M. Broughton, also emphasized the importance of peanuts and their place in the life of Eastern North Carolina.

Governor Broughton, too, continued praise of the peanut, producing statistics to show how important a crop it has become. He was high in his praise of Edenton's efforts to glorify the peanut and expressed the hope that the festival would become an annual and even larger celebration. During his remarks he advanced the idea that Suffolk and Edenton pool their efforts in staging a national peanut festival, it being his idea that the affair be held in Suffolk one year and in Edenton the next, thus adding to the importance of the event. The Governor introduced Mr. Hill, the principal speaker.

In behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, President J. W. Davis, in a few appropriate remarks thanked all who in any way contributed to the success of the festival. Mr. Davis followed Mayor J. H. McMullan, who delivered a brief address of welcome to the visitors. R. C. Holland, master of ceremonies, said that the celebration was a realization he had long hoped for. As one of the best informed men in the State relative to peanuts, Mr. Holland, too, briefly presented some facts tending to show the importance of the crop.

Mr. Hill, in beginning his address, expressed pleasure at being able to be in Edenton, saying that every time he visits North Carolina he is more impressed than ever with the kind of citizens that make up this great State. He paid tribute to Congressman Herbert Bonner, who was prevented from attending, as well as to his predecessor, Lindsey Warren.

"You people in North Carolina are a fortunate people," he said. "You have many things to be proud of. You have, perhaps, the highest percent of all native-born white American citizens. You are blessed with a multitude of resources and advantages. I believe you stand first in the Nation in the size of the average family. You rank third in the value of all farm crops in America. You

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## Infantile Paralysis Meeting Friday At Court House, 8 P.M.

### Officers Will Be Elected For Chowan County Chapter

Dr. J. W. Warren has called a meeting Friday night at the Court House, beginning at 8 o'clock, for the organization of an infantile paralysis chapter for Chowan County.

Dr. Warren is urging all those interested in infantile paralysis control and in helping those afflicted with the disease to be present at the meeting.

The primary purpose of the first meeting will be to elect officers.

### STEWARDS MEET TONIGHT

Members of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the office of Superintendent John A. Holmes at the high school. This will be an important meeting and every member is expected to be present.

## Tarboro Girl Wins Honor As Queen Of Peanut Festival

### Miss Rachel Weeks Selected From Group of 18 Princesses

#### AWARDED TROPHY

### Judges C. E. Thompson And Richard Dixon Officiate

Honor of being the queen of Edenton's first annual Peanut Festival went to the princess from Tarboro, Miss Rachel Weeks, a striking brunette, who was signally honored by receiving the crown and the Harding Trophy from Superior Court Judges C. Everett Thompson of Elizabeth City and Edenton's own Richard Dillard Dixon.

Judges Thompson and Dixon officiated instead of Governor Broughton, who had been scheduled to make the presentations, but was obliged to leave before the ceremony took place. According to both judges, they were well pleased with the "task" of being surrounded by a bevy of beautiful princesses from the eastern part of the State and receiving the honor of the first smile from the newly crowned queen.

The selection of the queen was made in the morning during a contest at Taylor Theatre, but announcement was kept secret until the actual presentation of the crown and Harding Trophy during the halves of the football game between Elizabeth City and Edenton.

Miss Weeks will have her name engraved on the Harding Trophy, given by G. H. Harding, owner of the Hotel Joseph Hewes, and will be the first to keep the trophy in her possession until the following year's Peanut Festival.

## Kramer Building Rented To House NYA Work Shop

### Equipment Ready To Be Moved as Soon as Building Is Ready

C. L. McCullers, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, made the announcement Wednesday morning that the Kramer Building on Water Street has been rented for the establishment of an NYA wood-working and ship carpentry work shop, formerly located in Manteo.

R. E. McGlaughan, Works Project officer, informed Mr. McCullers today that the shop will be moved here as soon as the building can be made ready for occupancy. It is expected, Mr. McCullers said, that equipment will be moved into the Kramer Building some time next week.

The NYA shop will employ approximately 50 young men between the ages of 17 and 25.

In order to secure this project, the Town Council voted to provide the building, lights, water and heat. NYA funds provide for the equipment and the payroll, expected to total around \$1,800 per month.

## Town Water Tank Now Being Repaired

Work on cleaning and repairing the 250,000 gallon water tank at the foot of Broad Street was begun Tuesday morning by a crew from the U. S. Elevated Tank Maintenance and Construction Co., of Memphis, Tenn.

The work is being done prior to painting the tank, inside and outside, the other tank on Freemason Street being depended upon entirely for service during the repairs.

### NOW A MIDSHIPMAN

Information has been received by The Herald that Louis George Wilkins, who was recently called by the Naval Reserves, has been promoted to a midshipman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilkins and is still stationed in Chicago.

## Elizabeth City Trims Edenton Friday 18-6 In Big Festival Game

### Attendance and Color Approach College Proportions

#### CLEAN GAME

### Visitors Outclass Local Boys Except In Rogerson's Punting

Edenton High School's football team again went down to defeat at the hands of their arch rival, Elizabeth City, Friday afternoon on Hicks Field in a game which approached the proportions of a college game in so far as attendance and color is concerned. The score was 18 to 6. It was just a case of the better team winning, for the Edenton boys were simply outplayed in every department of the game, except punting, in which case Rogerson had the edge.

The visitors, though meeting with reverses before opposing Edenton, played what appeared to be an inspired game, for with Gard, Brinson and Morris running wild, the trio gained ground almost at will and were largely responsible for the Jackets chalking up 15 first downs while Edenton registered only three.

Elizabeth City drew blood within three minutes after the whistle blew starting the game, when Brinson drove through the line at the two-yard stripe. Elizabeth City kicked to start the game. Rogerson had picked up two yards and on the next play Hollowell was heading for a first down, when he fumbled as he was tackled. Ferebee recovered for the visitors on their 40-yard line and with Morris registering two first downs the ball was resting on the two-yard line from where Brinson crashed through the line to score.

The second score came in the second quarter, when the Edenton boys were unable to check Gard and Morris on reverse plays, mingled with power drives by Brinson. Elizabeth City threatened to score late in the first quarter and early in the second quarter had the ball on Edenton's 18-yard line, where the locals strengthened and held for downs. Rogerson booted to the 50, from which point the Gard, Brinson and Morris combination again clicked, resulting in the second score. Morris chased across the goal line again near the end of the first half, but was called back on account of an off-side penalty. The visitors were on Edenton's 12-yard line as the half ended.

Edenton appeared to be stronger at the start of the second half, each team resorting to punting to keep the ball out of dangerous territory. However, near the close of the quarter, Gard got away on a 25-yard sprint for the third and final score for the visitors.

Edenton's score came in the last (Continued on Page Five)

## Series Of Public Forums Planned Again This Year

### Various Organizations Will Be Asked To Be Sponsors

A series of public forums, featuring prominent speakers of Duke University, the University of North Carolina and State and Davidson Colleges, will begin here some time in November, according to John A. Holmes, superintendent of the Edenton High School.

This year, Mr. Holmes said, the forums will be financed by the schools and eight local organizations, the Rotary and Lions Clubs, American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Garden Club, Chamber of Commerce, Merchants Association and Parent-Teachers Association will be asked to cooperate in securing the series of forums.

In a letter received recently by Mr. Holmes from Dr. Ralph McDonald, who is in charge of the North Carolina Public Forum, Dr. McDonald stated that a public forum directory would be forwarded within the next few days for the selection of the series of speakers. Six or more of the public forum speakers will be selected, Mr. Holmes said.

Each of the eight organizations will be asked to appoint a member to represent the organization in making the selection of speakers and the committee will meet the last week in October to arrange for the forums.

## Success Edenton's First Annual Peanut Festival Friday Surpasses Expectations As Thousands Gather For Celebration

### Miss Marjorie Powell Will Represent State At Suffolk's Festival

### Named By Governor J. M. Broughton Friday Morning

#### BIG SURPRISE

### Governor Suggests Joint Celebration With Suffolk

Miss Marjorie Powell, as well as the Town of Edenton, was signally honored Friday when Governor J. M. Broughton announced that he had selected Miss Powell to represent the State of North Carolina at the National Peanut Festival to be held in Suffolk October 30-31. The announcement was wholly unexpected, coming during the Governor's preliminary remarks in introducing Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Grover B. Hill, who was the principal speaker at Edenton's Peanut Festival.

Governor Broughton was very complimentary of Edenton's efforts to glorify the peanut and in staging such a creditable festival, which he said he hoped would be an annual and even more elaborate affair. He presented a series of facts relative to the importance of the peanut and the ultimate realization of the value of it as a food and as having a place in industry.

The Governor was delighted to be on hand for the celebration and while expressing his pleasure at what then appeared to be an auspicious occasion, he told his listeners that he had been requested by Governor Price of Virginia to select a North Carolina girl to represent the State in the Suffolk festival. "I here and now appoint Miss Marjorie Powell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell of Edenton, for that high honor," said the Governor, and those present received the announcement with no little pleasant surprise.

Miss Powell, a very attractive young lady, had been elected in a contest to be Edenton's princess in the Edenton festival, but she, as well as Miss Anne Elizabeth Byrum, Chowan County's princess, was not eligible in the contest for queen. Miss Powell is a graduate of Edenton High School, later graduating at Salem College, where she was selected to serve in the May Court during her senior year. After she graduated at Salem College, she was a member for two years of the school faculty at Gibson, N. C.

Before introducing Mr. Hill, the (Continued on Page Four)

## Governor Sees His First Parade To Proceed On Time

### Mr. and Mrs. Broughton High In Praise of Peanut Festival

One of the most appreciated words of praise heard during the Peanut Festival floral parade here Friday came from none other than our State's head, Governor J. Melville Broughton, who, unfortunately, was called back to the executive mansion soon after the parade was over.

"It is the best floral parade I have ever seen," Governor Broughton stated, "and it is absolutely the first parade I have ever seen started exactly on time."

And who else but the Governor can really appreciate the value of the time element?

Edenton was proud to be host to Governor and Mrs. Broughton and although it was regrettable that he was called away before his scheduled crowning of the Peanut Festival Queen, its citizens well understood that the press of business was to blame.

Both the Governor and Mrs. Broughton expressed the hope that soon they would be able to pay another visit to Edenton and have the time that was needed in order to see the many points of interest the town offers.

### "Miss North Carolina"



MISS MARJORIE POWELL Coming as a complete surprise was the announcement by Governor J. M. Broughton Friday morning that he had selected Miss Marjorie Powell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell, to represent the State of North Carolina in the national Peanut Festival to be held in Suffolk October 30-31. The Governor made the announcement during his introduction of Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Grover B. Hill, who was the principal speaker at Edenton's Peanut Festival.

## Mr. and Mrs. 'Dick' Reynolds Praise Edenton Festival

### Both Express Desire to Return to Edenton For Longer Stay

Thousands of visitors choked the streets of Edenton last Friday to enjoy the Peanut Festival celebration, but, perhaps, none were more outspoken in praise of Edenton's hospitality and the enjoyment of the occasion than Mayor and Mrs. R. J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, who were the house guests while here of Mrs. H. M. S. Cason.

"I don't believe I have ever enjoyed myself more," Mayor Reynolds told General Chairman E. W. Spires, "and I want to come back again later and see all of the places of historic interest in your fine town." Mrs. Reynolds further added: "We are coming down for a whole week at the first opportunity, as we want to see more of this fascinating part of the State."

Mrs. Reynolds was presented at the banquet given in honor of the princesses and their escorts on Thursday evening as the "next mistress of the governor's mansion" and there are many who are convinced that Mayor Reynolds can be elected to the governorship, or the U. S. Senate if he so desires.

There is something wholesome and democratic about "Dick" Reynolds, as he insists upon being called. His unassuming manner and his friendly demeanor draws friends to him wherever he goes. None would suspect he is a multi-millionaire, or that he occupies the high position in the national councils of the Democratic party of treasurer.

Edenton was none the less impressed with his charming wife, whose easy manner and gracious attitude made a big hit with everyone who met her.

Edenton is anxious for their planned visit when it is hoped they will bring their yacht into Albemarle waters.

## Licenses For Peanut Pickers Now Ready

As in previous years, all operators of peanut pickers are required to secure a license from the Register of Deeds' office to operate. Those who operate pickers for their own crop only are not required to pay for the license, but those picking for others must pay a license fee of 50 cents.

The licenses are now being issued by Register of Deeds M. L. Bunch, and all operators are urged to comply with the law at once.

### Affair Result of Splendid Spirit of Cooperation By All

#### LETTERS RECEIVED

### Universal Desire For Repetition of Festival Annually

Edenton's first annual Peanut Festival may be over but it will long be remembered if comments from local people and out-of-town citizens are any measuring stick. Already letters filled with words of praise have been heaping the desks of General Chairman E. W. Spires and Secretary C. L. McCullers.

And, needless to say, Edenton is more than grateful for those kind words. The Festival seemed to grow by leaps and bounds but even those more optimistic souls hardly expected it to exceed their hopes-for a successful first attempt.

Estimates range all the way from 5,000 to 15,000 people who attended the festivities last Friday, and on high authority it was learned that Edenton's floats outnumbered by three those entered in the recent Durham Home-coming celebration for the Duke-Tennessee football game. The Home-coming celebration is the largest that Durham attempts during the year. Undoubtedly it was one of the most successful celebrations ever held in Edenton.

"I have never before had such fine cooperation," said E. W. Spires, "as that accorded by the more than 200 men and women on the various committees. To them the credit for this success must go."

"To attempt thanking the various business concerns and individuals, both in Chowan County and elsewhere for their contributions to the occasion would be too hazardous, as we would be sure to forget some."

"We do wish, however, for everyone to know that we are deeply appreciative for this splendid support."

"There seems to be universal demand for a repetition of the celebration next year and we sincerely hope that the occasion will become a permanent institution in the civic life of our county."

As to letters received by Spires, McCullers and various members of the Festival committees, a typical one reads like this: "I want to congratulate you, your committee, and the citizens of Edenton on the splendid job that you did in making the first annual Peanut Festival a great success."

"Everyone present had a good time and I know something of the job you had in planning things to run so smoothly on such a big scale. It was a job well done and you ought to feel proud."

Perhaps the best thing about the whole Festival is that no particular person, concern or organization takes the credit for the success of the celebration. The general opinion is that it was a community effort and to the community and its citizens goes the credit for any praise lavished by out-of-town people.

Secretary McCullers made the statement that the Festival celebration was the "greatest manifestation of civic pride and cooperation I have seen during the four years I have

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## Legion Auxiliary Hoping To Secure Playmakers Show

### Play Is Paul Green's "The House of Connelly"

According to Mrs. Edna White, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, there is a possibility that the Carolina Playmakers may bring Paul Green's famous play, "The House of Connelly," here for a one night showing.

Mrs. White has contacted the Carolina Playmakers and plans are now being made to secure them for an engagement. It is possible, Mrs. White said, to secure the play before Christmas, but it is hoped to postpone the engagement until a later date in order that there be no conflict with the Rotary Club mystery play scheduled for December 4.