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Ahoskie Girls and Elizabeth City Boys Win Top Honors In Basketball Tournament

Finals Played Saturday Night Before Large Crowd of Fans

MUCH INTEREST

Marcia Kepler is Most Outstanding Player In Series

In a three-day basketball tournament which terminated Saturday night in the Edenton armory, the Elizabeth City High School boys' team won out over the Chowan High School boys by a single point to win tournament honors, the final score being 12-11.

The same night, the Edenton High School girls' team, which hung up an enviable record during the season, lost first place honor to the Ahoskie girls by a score of 29-20. On the final night, playing for third place honors, the Weeksville girls had little difficulty in defeating Merry Hill girls, the score being 28-12. For third place among the boys' teams, Plymouth took the long end of a 39-27 score from Powellville.

Sixteen games were played during the tournament which began Wednesday of last week and continued on Thursday, the finals taking place Saturday night, and in each instance large crowds of fans were on hand to see the games.

The scores during the tournament were:

Wednesday

Girls—Ahoskie 32, Roper 17.
Boys—Powellville 20, Hertford 18.
Girls—Weeksville 25, E. City 18.
Boys—Chowan 21, Ahoskie 20.
Girls—Merry Hill 33, Chowan 6.
Boys—Plymouth 20, Roper 17.

Girls—Edenton 29, Hertford 13.
Boys—E. City 22, Edenton 12.

Thursday

Girls—Ahoskie 40, Weeksville 34.
Boys—Chowan 31, Powellville 14.
Girls—Edenton 36, Merry Hill 11.
Boys—E. City 26, Plymouth 20.

Saturday

Girls—Weeksville 28, Merry Hill 12.
Boys—Plymouth 39, Powellville. 27.
Girls—Ahoskie 29, Edenton 20.
Boys—E. City 12, Chowan 11.

The Edenton boys were eliminated from the tournament in their first game with Elizabeth City, while the girls went through to compete for top honors.

Though they lost first place, the Edenton girls' team was awarded a silver trophy for placing second and each of the 10 members of the squad received silver basketballs. Aside from this recognition, Marcia Kepler, star of the Edenton team, brought honor to herself and the school by winning three medals. She was easily the most outstanding player in the entire tournament, having won the honor of high scorer for the tournament as well as a medal for being high scorer in any one game. Miss Kepler scored 52 points during the entire tournament and her high score for a single game was 21 points on Thursday night against Merry Hill. She was selected as a member of the all-tournament team, for which she was also awarded a medal.

Supply Of Gasoline To Service Stations Reduced 20 Per Cent

Starting today (Thursday) filling stations in a number of seaboard states, including North Carolina, will have their gasoline supply curtailed 20 percent upon order of Donald Nelson, director of the War Production Board.

While the reduction in supply does not mean rationing of gasoline at present, it will necessarily affect the amount filling station operators will be able to sell individuals so that as many of their customers as possible can be served.

Mr. Nelson's order also provides that service stations may remain open not more than 12 hours a day and 72 hours a week, though the hours will be at the discretion of the operators.

L. L. Lewis Succeeds Hudson As Teacher

Dean L. Lewis, who until several months ago was employed at the M. G. Brown Lumber Company, was on Tuesday appointed as teacher of industrial arts at the Edenton school, to succeed William H. Hudson, who died suddenly of a heart attack on Wednesday night of last week. Mr. Lewis assumed his new duties Tuesday morning.

Chris Wadley Loses Life When Japanese Sink Destroyer Pope

Mrs. Charles Russell, His Sister, Notified Sunday

DIED MARCH 1

Son of Former Minister Spent Boyhood In Edenton

Mrs. Charles F. Russell received a telegram Sunday morning from San Diego, California, announcing the death of her brother, Chris Wadley, who was chief commissary steward on the destroyer Pope. The following telegram was sent by the U. S. Navy to Mr. Wadley's wife: "Chris Wadley reported missing."

Mr. Wadley lost his life on March 1st, when the destroyer Pope and the cruiser Houston were sunk by the Japanese. He spent his boyhood in Edenton, receiving his high school education here. He enlisted in the Navy 21 years ago.

Mr. Wadley was the youngest child of the late Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Wadley, Mr. Wadley being a former pastor of the Edenton Presbyterian Church. A brother, William Wadley, and two sisters, Mrs. Alvin Jones, of Nashville, N. C., and Mrs. Charles F. Russell, of Edenton, survive, also his wife, Mrs. Minnie Wadley, and three children, of San Diego, Calif.

This is the first casualty from Chowan County in the second World War and many friends are extending sympathy to Mrs. Russell in her bereavement.

20 Earn Certificates In Red Cross First Aid Course Of Study

Two Classes Complete Work Under Direction Of Four Instructors

For completing the course in first aid which terminated last week, 20 Edentonians will receive standard first aid certificates. Two classes were conducted, one in the afternoon and one at night, Mrs. William Averette, assisted by Mrs. Roland H. Vaughan, instructing the afternoon classes, while Miss Frye Pettus, with Miss Gladysteen Hester as her assistant taught the classes held at night.

Those taught by Mrs. Averette and Mrs. Vaughan who will receive certificates are: Mrs. Julien Wood, Sr., Mrs. R. P. Badham, Mrs. M. G. Brown, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. Ralph Parrish, Mrs. Hector Lupton, Mrs. M. D. Watson, Miss Lucille Clark and Miss Corinne Forehand.

In the night class taught by Miss Pettus and Miss Hester 11 persons earned certificates as follows: Mrs. Myra V. Holland, Mrs. Wilma Swain, Mrs. Enola N. Smith, Mrs. Lena Pearsall, Miss Rebecca Colwell, Miss Josephine Grant, Miss Emily Smithwick, Miss Sara Hurdle, Miss Edna Goodwin, E. D. Babb and Josiah Elliott.

CHARLES H. JENKINS GIVES STIRRING ADDRESS AT MEETING OF LIONS CLUB

Better "Too Much Too Early" Than "Too Little Too Late," Speaker Commenting Upon Present War Situation

Charles H. Jenkins, member of the Board of Conservation and Development, was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night, speaking on what he considered the thing that is uppermost in the minds of all, namely, what we may do toward winning the war.

"Since the Pearl Harbor episode," said Mr. Jenkins, "we find ourselves engaged in a world-encircling war and fighting not only to save our resources but to save our freedom. So it was necessary to abandon our plans for these developments, reduce our expenditures and to gird ourselves for all-out war—a task which will tax our resources and call for a supreme effort to save us from the fate of those countries which have gone down before the powerful military forces which seek to destroy us."

"We have a wonderful State of almost unlimited resources whether we view it from the windswept shores of the Atlantic, the fertile plains of

R. C. Holland Named Chairman Of Salvage For Chowan County

Metal, Rubber, Rags And Paper Will Be Collected

BADLY NEEDED

Defense Matters Discussed at Meeting Tuesday Night

At the call of E. W. Spires, County Civilian Defense chairman, a meeting was called Tuesday night in the Court House to make a general check-up on defense activities and to organize a county-wide salvage campaign for the purpose of collecting old metal, rubber, rags and paper throughout the county. At the outset Mr. Spires expressed his appreciation to the various committees for the way they functioned in the blackout held Monday night. The town was completely blacked-out in 30 seconds after the signal was given, and while he said it would be unbecoming to single out any one or several persons for the way they carried out their duties, he did want to compliment Leroy Haskett for the way he coordinated the various groups, as well as the special police, auxiliary firemen and air raid wardens. Mr. Haskett officiated for West Byrum, air raid chairman, who because of illness was unable to officiate during the blackout.

At the meeting R. C. Holland was elected to serve as chairman of the county salvage committee with C. W. Overman named as vice chairman. (Continued on Page Six)

Red Cross Home Nursing Classes Now In Progress

Mrs. Vaughan and Miss Hester Teaching About 70

Considerable interest is being taken in the Red Cross home nursing course now in progress in Edenton in which about 70 ladies have enrolled. Both night and day classes are held in the home economics' room at the high school, where 40 are enrolled in the day class, while 26 attend the night session. The course is being taught by Mrs. Roland H. Vaughan, who teaches the afternoon class, and Miss Gladysteen Hester, teacher of the night class.

The course began Wednesday of last week and will continue for five weeks until 30 hours have been credited by each class.

On two occasions last week interesting features were addressed made by Dr. W. S. Griffin and R. N. Hines, superintendent of the Electric and Water Department. Dr. Griffin spoke about preventative dentistry and the advantages of proper care of the teeth, while Mr. Hines' remarks had to do with the importance of water and the Edenton water supply. Both addresses were greatly enjoyed by classes.

Chowan's Initial Blackout Successfully Carried Out 30 Minutes Monday Night

Tire Permits

Though applications for tires are gradually increasing, the Tire Rationing Board on Tuesday night issued permits for only 10 new tires, five obsolete tires and three re-treated tires.

Those receiving new tire permits were: Two to M. G. Brown Co., two to L. M. Johnson, two to Heywood Jones, Paul R. Perry, M. J. Tynch, C. W. Ward and L. C. Briggs. Obsolete tires were allowed H. R. Spruill and two each to W. A. Bass and Fate Forehand. Re-treated tire permits went to C. J. Chappell and two to F. M. Ward.

Oil Men From 12 Counties Meet In E. City March 25th

Congressman Herbert Bonner Will Speak At Meeting

Oil men from this county will meet with representatives of the petroleum industry from 11 other nearby counties at a luncheon meeting of the N. C. Petroleum Industries Committee in Elizabeth City, on Wednesday, March 25, at 12:30 p. m.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has accepted an invitation to be present and deliver the principal address. Congressman Bonner is a member of the Committee on Roads and can be expected to discuss matters which are of peculiar interest to oil men at this time. In accepting the invitation to speak, Mr. Bonner said: "Oil is the key to the conflict on our far-flung war fronts and the threats to our allies' fuel sources is of such a great nature that it will have tremendous bearing on the permitted consumption here in America."

Alonzo Squires, a blind law student at the University of North Carolina, will also be present and entertain the group with impersonations of national figures. The producer of the Fred Allen radio programs stated that the show put on by Squires in New York last fall was 33 percent better than that of any other collegian to appear on the program so far.

The Elizabeth City meeting, which will be held at the Virginia Dare hotel, includes the counties of: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

Abbreviated Strike At Cotton Mill Last Thursday Afternoon

Mill Resumed Operations at Full Capacity Monday Morning

What was the first semblance of any labor trouble ever to take place in Edenton occurred last Thursday afternoon when a small group of workers at the Edenton Cotton Mill quit their jobs and very shortly thereafter the plant was closed by mill officials, affecting approximately 300 employees.

Higher wages were demanded by the small group that walked out, but the abbreviated strike was marked by no disorder of any sort.

An agreement was reached over the week-end and the mill was operating at full capacity Monday morning.

Chamber Of Commerce Meets Tuesday Night

C. L. McCullers, secretary of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that a membership meeting of the organization will be held next Tuesday night, March 24, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Municipal Building, when several very important matters will be discussed and for that reason every member is especially urged to attend.

Compliance In Edenton Reported Practically 100 Per Cent

SIGNAL AT 8:45

Every Person Very Co-operative In Carrying Out Duties

Chowan County's first blackout held Monday night was successful from every angle and those in charge report practically 100 per cent compliance. Though the time for the blackout signal was set to occur some time between 8 and 10 o'clock, no one knew the exact time and from 8 o'clock until the siren sounded and the electric lights blinked, groups assembled at various places anxiously awaiting to see what would happen.

At about 8:45 the signal was given and in a few seconds thereafter Edenton was in total darkness, and information coming in by telephone was to the effect that the blackout extended generally all over the county.

Headquarters was at the Municipal Building, where Leroy Haskett, acting for West Byrum, county air raid warden, who is still confined to his home by illness, directed affairs. C. L. McCullers was stationed at the telephone, where he received reports from air raid wardens in the six fire districts, as well as contacted every section of the county, giving the information that the blackout was in progress. In each instance he was informed that all lights had been put out and no trouble of any sort had developed. Not only were air raid wardens and a large number of assistants on duty in their respective wards, but the corps of special police recently sworn in for use in any emergency were placed at various points about town in event their services were needed. In only one instance, however, had they anything to do. Hector Lupton, stationed on West Queen Street, was obliged to stop three automobiles which had no doubt passed over the Chowan River bridge after the blackout signal was given. The cars were ordered to drive to the curb and extinguish all lights.

Highway patrolmen were stationed at the Bertie County side of the Chowan River bridge, at the Washington County side of the Albemarle Sound bridge, as well as several miles from the city limits on all highways leading into Edenton. Aside from the three cars stopped by Mr. Lupton, not a single car was reported in motion in Edenton either with or without lights, during the blackout.

The signal was given at about 8:45 and the blackout lasted just about 30 minutes, during which time the only signs of life were sounds heard from a group standing here and there commenting upon the completeness of the blackout.

In the darkness the air raid wardens, auxiliary firemen and special police patrolled their respective streets to see if all the requirements had been complied with and not a single case was reported of anybody refusing to turn off all lights. The first report came from L. S. Byrum just a few seconds after the signal to the effect that every light in his section was out.

An airplane was expected to circle over Edenton to ascertain the effectiveness of the blackout, but so far as can be learned none came near enough to be heard. During the time of the blackout business was at a standstill, except at the Taylor Theatre, where shows went on as usual, all lights on the outside being darkened.

The blackout was awaited with a great deal of expectancy and only the most favorable comments have been heard relative to the way it was carried out.

Two Edenton Grades Have Bought \$584.60 Worth Defense Stamps

Two grades in the Edenton school, the sixth and seventh, up to Wednesday morning have purchased \$584.60 worth of defense stamps. For the past six weeks the youngsters have gone to the post office once a week in a body to purchase the stamps, and the amount accumulated was a surprise to C. D. Stewart when he checked up Wednesday.

The four sections of these two grades are taught by Mrs. Lloyd Bunch, Mrs. C. L. McCullers, Miss Sara McDonald and Mr. Stewart.