

Edenton's Colonials And Colerain Split First Two Final Series Games Played

Largest Crowd Ever to Attend Baseball Game On Monday Night

THRILLING GAMES

Colerain Wins Second Game Tuesday Night By 2-0 Score

With the Colerain baseball team winning four straight games from Suffolk in the semi-finals for the Albemarle League championship, and the Edenton Colonials winning four of the first five games played with the Hertford Indians, the Bertie County team and Edenton's league-leading Colonials are now engaged in the final series to decide the league championship. As of Tuesday night the two aggregations were deadlocked, each having won one game of the two games played.

The Colonials won the opening game of the series Monday night by the score of 2-1 in a thrilling 10-inning game played before the largest crowd of baseball fans ever to gather on Hicks Field. The crowd was estimated to number over 3,000, while other estimates place the attendance at a higher figure. Spectators were packed like sardines in the grandstand and bleachers, with the overflow being several persons deep along the first and third base lines. The football bleachers far out along right field were also over half filled with fans.

The game was thrilling from start to finish with Herman Vick for Edenton opposing Ernie Johnson for Colerain on the mound. It was a pitchers' duel of the first order with Vick yielding only three hits and but for three errors would have turned in a shut-out game. Johnson was also stingy with hits, allowing the Colonials only six, only two of which were made in one inning.

The game was a scoreless tie until the eighth inning when the Colonials scored their first run. Joe Wheeler walked and scored on a slashing triple by Bohonko. Colerain knotted the score in their half of the ninth when Evans was safe on Bohonko's error, but was caught at second base. Batchelor then made two bases on Thorne's error in right field. He went to third on Fred Castellor's long fly to left field, and scored on a bad throw by Joe Fulghum.

The visitors threatened in the tenth after Fairless singled, but a double play cut short the rally.

In the Colonials' half of the tenth Vick was safe on an error and scored when Joe Wheeler walloped the ball between left and center fields. Vick raced home from first and the play at the plate was called out, but Batchelor dropped the ball, thus giving the Colonials the game 2-1.

M. Evans, Fowler and Fairless
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Local Playground Proves Successful

Daily Average Attendance 43 For Three Months

The Edenton playground, sponsored by the Junior Womens Club and supervised during the months of June, July and August by Miss Mary Lee Copeland, has been a marked success. Boys and girls of various ages have enjoyed the swings, slides, seesaws and sandboxes. Bat tennis, volley ball, basket ball and other games have also been a part of the recreational program at the playground.

The attendance has been excellent. The playground has been under supervision each week day from 10 A. M. to noon and from 4 P. M. to 6 P. M. During these hours the average number of children at the playground daily for each month was June 42, July 54 and August 34, making a daily average of 43 for the summer months. This average does not include the large numbers that have enjoyed the park nights and Sunday afternoons.

There has only been one child hurt during the summer months. Albert Ward lost his balance while running backward to catch a tennis ball, fell and broke his collar bone. There has not been a single accident while using the slides, seesaws and swings.

There has been much favorable comment made to the supervisor about the playground. People from other North Carolina cities as well as from other states, while visiting in Edenton, on many cases while passing through and stopping to let the children play, have been most complimentary. The opinion generally expressed was how well Edenton compared with and in many cases surpassed other towns and much larger cities in its recreation park. Amazeament was also shown at the fine cooperative spirit displayed by the children.

People from Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Virginia have been among those from other states speaking favorably of the park.

In the opinion of the supervisor, Edenton should be proud of its playground and of the Junior Womens Club for sponsoring a most worthwhile project—one that affects the town's most priceless possession—its boys and girls. It is to be hoped that the town and its organizations will continue to back the club in this worthwhile undertaking.

The playground will be supervised during the fall months from 4 P. M. to 6 P. M.

September Term Of Superior Court Convenes Monday

Eight Criminal and Six Civil Cases Appear On Docket

The fall term of Chowan Superior Court is scheduled to convene next Monday morning, with Judge R. Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rapids presiding.

Among the criminal cases on the docket are the following: State vs. Thomas Small and Clifton Bond, who are charged with larceny of fish from nets owned by C. W. Tynch and T. R. Tynch valued at \$500. Both were bound over to Superior Court.

State vs. B. E. Winslow, who is charged with giving a bad check to J. A. Davenport for meat. Winslow appealed from the judgment of Recorder's Court.

State vs. Joseph C. Hall, Negro, charged with reckless driving, driving a car without an operator's license and insufficient brakes. Hall appealed from Recorder's Court.

State vs. William Byrum, Jr., charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Louis Nixon in an automobile wreck.

State vs. James Newell, charged with assaulting Mary Lillian Jordan with intent to commit rape. Both are Negroes.

State vs. Calvin Ray Ellis of Portsmouth, charged with highway robbery and larceny of an automobile from Mrs. Sylvia Winslow in the upper part of the County.

State vs. John McArthur Short, charged with larceny of \$67.50.

State vs. Fred Brown Cowen, who appealed a conviction in Recorder's Court on a drunken driving charge.

Civil cases listed on the docket include J. Roy Winslow vs. G. B. Morgan and Brooks Morgan. Winslow is suing the Morgans for alleged personal attack on him.

Herbert S. Small vs. Farmers Cotton & Peanut Co. Small is suing Farmers for allegedly breaking a contract to purchase his crop of peanuts.

Nora W. Griffin et al vs. J. E. Waff. Mrs. Griffin is contesting Waff in regard to a boundary dispute.

J. H. Ward vs. Albemarle Lumber Co. Ward is suing for damages to his car by a truck owned by the defendants.

Maggie S. Reeves, et als vs. Charlie Stallings, et als. This case involves selling of some property for division among the heirs.

Fleishel Lumber Co. vs. M. M. Nixon, et al. This suit was brought on account of an alleged debt.

Albemarle Motor Co. Adds New Services

The Albemarle Motor Company this week announce the addition of a dust proof painting department as well as a complete body and fender repair department to its already up-to-date plant on West Hicks Street. The concern has secured the services of expert body men, so that now any kind of body or repair work can be done in the plant.

T. Wallace Jones is very much enthused over the additions, and says, "We can now fix your wrecks like new cars."

The Albemarle Motor Company is the local Ford dealer.

Edenton Cannon Co. Changes Drill Night

Effective this week the Edenton Cannon Company of the N. C. National Guard will hold its weekly drills on Wednesday instead of Friday nights as heretofore.

The change was made due to the wishes of the majority of the members.

COUNTY DEBT REDUCED

W. W. Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners on Tuesday was authorized to pay \$2,729.51 of the County indebtedness. The amount represents \$1,422.50 for school building coupons due September 15 and \$1,307.01 for road and bridge coupons and Edenton graded school coupons due October 1.

CLASS MEETS NEXT TUESDAY

The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night, September 9, at 8 o'clock in the church. Mrs. Wallace Goodwin is president of the class and urges all members to be present.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Long announce the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Paige, August 19, at the Chowan Hospital.

Vet Administration Offices In Edenton Will Close Sept. 13

Warren G. Knight Has Been In Charge Since Office Was Opened

Warren G. Knight, contact representative of the local VA Contact Office, announced Tuesday that the office will be closed effective September 13. This action comes as a result of an overall reduction of 364 employees ordered for the Branch No. 4 area, which comprises Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Mr. Knight stated that the offices to be closed were selected on the basis of their volume of work and proximity to veterans served, and that the veterans in this area are urged to contact the VA Contact Office in Elizabeth City or the Regional Office in Winston-Salem, whenever they have questions relative to their benefits or entitlements under existing laws.

Mr. Knight has been in charge of the local office since July, 1946, when the office was established. He is a veteran of World War I and World War II having served a period of four years in the Army and was last separated from military service on March 10, 1944, at Fort Custer, Michigan.

Chowan Corn Tour Postponed A Week; Scheduled Sept. 17

Change Made to Enable State Specialists to Attend

According to County Agent C. W. Overman, the date for the corn tour of Chowan County has been changed from Wednesday, September 10, to a week later, Wednesday, September 17. The change has been made in order to enable some of the field crop specialists from N. C. State College to be present.

The tour will cover actual corn breeding work being done in the field. Crossing plots where hybrid corn is being produced will be observed. Then hybrid and variety tests will be visited where the performance of most of the hybrids recommended for this area will be observed and those on the tour can compare for themselves, says Overman.

The tour will start about 9:30 o'clock from the County Agent's office and will be over by 4 o'clock or before. Each person attending should take his own lunch and cold drinks will be provided. If time permits, the group will visit some soybean variety tests and a Ladino Clover pasture.

A schedule of stops on the tour will appear in The Herald next week.

Badham Bros. Present Fall Fashion Show

Badham Bros. staged a fashion show on the second floor of the store Friday afternoon, when a group of attractive Edenton girls modeled the latest in fall dresses and coats. A goodly number of women were on hand and apparently enjoyed the display of the new wearing apparel, which was explained by Mrs. Laura Harrell as the girls paraded before the audience.

The girls who acted as models were Hazel Boswell, Marie Seigle Hoffer, Ruth Goodwin, Nelle Perry, Geola Ward, Patsy Taylor and Suzanne Speight.

Fire Chief Hall Urges Cleaning Of Chimneys

Fire Chief R. K. Hall early this week announced that it is very important at this particular time to have chimneys and flues cleaned before the arrival of cool weather. If anyone is unable to have this work done, Chief Hall stated that he can make arrangements to secure a competent person to do the work. He, therefore, urges any who need chimneys cleaned and have no way of doing it to contact him as soon as possible.

Chief Hall will make an inspection of all furnace rooms during the last week in September and urges all who use furnaces to check their equipment to see that it is in safe condition.

Lightning Strikes Esso Oil Tanker During Electrical Storm Saturday Afternoon

Creamery Meeting Fails To Materialize

Breakdown of Bus Prevents Dairy Specialist's Arrival

Though a meeting was scheduled for Friday afternoon to discuss the possibilities of establishing some dairying in Chowan County, A. C. Kimery, Extension dairyman of N. C. State College, who planned to attend and speak at the meeting, did not arrive due to a bus breakdown in Rocky Mount, so that the meeting did not materialize.

Robert Marsh, assistant county agent, says another meeting will be held in the near future and he hopes it will be well attended.

"The problem of milk cows adequate to meet the needs of the county is acute," says Mr. Marsh. "In 1890, in Chowan County, according to the U. S. Census, there were 623 farms and on these farms there were 618 milk cows. In 1945, according to the census, there were 1,048 farms in Chowan County, but there were only 495 milk cows. This is a very serious situation and something should be done about it. Since the present acreage will probably be under the allotment plan next year, this extra land might well be devoted to grazing crops for milk cows."

Revival At Ballard's Bridge Starts Monday

Revival services will begin at Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church next Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock, according to the pastor, the Rev. John T. Byrum. Preaching during the series of meetings, which will continue for a week, will be the Rev. Frank Morris, pastor of the Lee Street Baptist Church of Richmond.

W. J. Daniels will be in charge of the singing during the revival.

Services will be held daily at 3 and 7:45 P. M., and the public is cordially invited to attend all meetings.

Susan Thigpen Head Of Youth Fellowship Group

At a meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship held Sunday night, new officers were elected for the year.

Miss Susan Thigpen was elected president, succeeding Peggy White. Suzanne Speight is the new vice president succeeding Ruth Muth and Betty Thigpen will serve as secretary and Faye Dail as treasurer.

All members are urged to be present next Sunday night when Suzanne Speight and Alvah Bunch will be in charge of the program.

GARAGE MAN HURT

T. A. Czerniak, a mechanic's helper at the Chowan Motor Company, was painfully injured Tuesday morning, when one of his hands was badly mashed. Czerniak was helping to unload a heavy piece of equipment from a freight truck, when it fell on his hand.

He was taken to a local doctor, who in turn sent the injured man to the Chowan Hospital, where he is getting along as well as can be expected.

COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE BIDS FOR MODERN HEATING PLANT AT COURT HOUSE

Architect Frank Benton Presents Plans at Meeting Monday Calling For Oil Burning Hot Water System Which Will Heat Entire Building

Chowan County Commissioners on Monday took another step, beside talking, toward the ultimate modern heating of the historic Chowan County Court House, when they authorized Architect Frank Benton to advertise for bids for installing a heating system.

Mr. Benton was present at the meeting with blue prints of the plans which call for an oil burning hot water system which will heat the entire building.

The plans call for the erection of a boiler room at the northeast corner of the building. The addition will be 10x15 feet, which will provide ample room for a larger or additional boiler if and when a new

Men Jump Overboard as Bolt Sets Fire to Gas Laden Vessel

ONE MAN DROWNS

Many Citizens Watch Weird Spectacle During Torrent of Rain

Edenton Bay was the scene of stark tragedy Saturday shortly before noon when during a severe electrical storm lightning struck an oil tanker about a mile from shore, setting fire to the boat and resulting in the drowning of John Hartley Sparrow, 28-year-old seaman of Matthews County, Virginia.

The boat, an Esso delivery tanker, had unloaded 50,000 gallons of gasoline at the local Standard Oil Company dock and with about 60,000 more gallons on board was proceeding to other points to deliver the remainder of the cargo. The bolt of lightning set fire to the boat and apparently fearing that the gasoline would explode, all of the seven-man crew except two, Captain Archie O'Neal and Second Engineer Frank Gatewood, jumped overboard. O'Neal and Gatewood fought the flames, aided by torrents of rain which helped prevent the fire from spreading. The fire was finally extinguished and fortunately there was no major explosion.

Many Edenton citizens saw the lightning strike the boat, the subsequent fire and men jumping overboard and immediately J. H. Conger went to the scene in his yacht, Emmett Wiggins in his speed boat and Frank Hughes and Bill Davis in a skiff with an outboard motor. All of the men overboard were picked up and brought to shore on Mr. Conger's yacht.

One member of the crew said he saw Sparrow floating from the stern of the boat, apparently hurt and feebly calling for help, but was unable to assist the unfortunate man who was engulfed in gasoline and flames.

Later several boats went to the site of the accident and about 3 o'clock Sparrow's body was recovered by Frank Hughes, B. Henry Smith and Frank Hughes, Jr. Dr. John Warren, coroner, reviewed the body and pronounced death was caused by accidental drowning. Sparrow was a veteran of the recent war, having gone through many battles but fortunately was not injured.

The local Red Cross Chapter issued dry clothing to the members of the crew and facilities at the fire station were thrown open to them.

Members of the crew were Archie O'Neal of Washington, N. C., captain; First Mate A. Dorsey Willis of Newport News; Chief Engineer W. H. Snell of Norfolk; Second Engineer Frank Gatewood of Norfolk; Cook Eddie Ræikee of Baltimore; Bill Davis of Washington, D. C., and Sparrow.

Officials of the Standard Oil Company arrived in Edenton later in the afternoon and after inspecting the tanker and damage done, the boat left to complete its delivery of gasoline.

MASONIC MEETING TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., is scheduled to meet tonight.

EDENTON SCHOOLS READY FOR OPENING NEXT MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 8

Pre-registration of All Children Entering School For First Time on Friday Morning From 9 to 12 O'clock

All schools in the Edenton City Administrative Unit will open Monday morning, September 8, according to Superintendent John A. Holmes.

In the Edenton white and colored schools there will be a pre-registration of all first grade children and children entering the Edenton schools for the first time on Friday morning, September 5, from 9 to 12 o'clock. White children will register at the white school and colored children at the colored school on North Oakum Street.

The State Board of Education has raised the book rental fee for high school students from \$2.40 to \$3.00. All high school pupils are requested to pay this fee on Monday morning, September 8.

The schools will open with a full quota of teachers in both white and colored schools.

The white teachers are: High School—Miss Paulina Hassell, Principal, Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning, Mrs. Dorothy Pettus Darden, Mrs. Mary Grady Debnam, Mary W. Morris, Josephine Grant, Tex Lindsey, George and Cecil W. Fry, Elementary School—Eugene A. ... Principal, Marguerite Muth,

Mrs. Marie R. Davis, Elizabeth Elliott, Mary Lee Copeland, Bettie Pearl Fleming, Katherine Deans, Minnie Hollowell, Mrs. Belle W. Griffin, Lena Jones, Myrtle Jenkins, Mrs. Bessie H. Shepard, Ruby Felts, Carrie Lee Jones, Fannie Sue Sayers, Emily Smithwick, Mrs. Wilma C. Swain and Mrs. L. L. Lewis, Piano.

Colored Schools: Edenton—D. F. Walker, Principal, Flossie Hines, Burke C. Newsome, Joseph A. Bennett, Mrs. Onnie S. Charlton, Dorothy Lee Exum, Samuel J. Baker, Alexander Blaine, Lula M. Tillett, Thomas I. Sharpe, Mrs. Lillian E. Fox, Mignon Stallings, Emma Foreman, Mrs. Santoria Reeves, Mrs. Hattie Watson Coley, Roberta Banks, Mrs. Fannie Badham, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Barnes, Elton C. Hall, Tamar McClung, Lessie Wiggins, Mrs. Constance Terigan and Queenie L. Gardner.

St. John School—S. N. Griffith, Principal, Mrs. Floretta Blount and Mrs. Elizabeth L. Byrd.

Canaan Temple School—Mrs. Lauretta Coston and Mrs. Carrie Brown.

Ryan Grove School—Mrs. Mabel B. Collins.

Virginia Fork School—Mrs. Vivian Hawkins.