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Plans Being Whipped Into Shape For Bathing Beauty Contest And Water Carnival

Number of Queens Already Entered For Affair

INTEREST MOUNTS

Proceeds Will Go To The Edenton High School Band

Plans are rapidly being completed for the bathing beauty contest and water carnival to be staged at the Edenton Naval Air Station swimming pool on Saturday night, July 10. The affair will get under way at 7:30 o'clock and after the various events at the mammoth indoor pool the celebration will be climaxed by an open air dance on the seaplane dock at the boat house. In event the weather is unfavorable, the dance will be held in the Edenton armory. Music for the dance will be furnished by Buggs Bunny and his orchestra.

Lloyd Griffin, Jr., who is taking the leading part in staging the event, reported early this week that beauty queens have already been entered from Edenton, Williamston, Windsor, Hertford and Elizabeth City, and that he expects several more from nearby communities. Miss Nell Perry is scheduled to represent the swimming pool.

Mr. Griffin stated that three newspapermen, Herbert Peale of Elizabeth City, Max Campbell of Hertford and J. Edwin Buflap of Edenton, will act as judges to select the beauty queen. H. A. Campen, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, which organization is backing the affair, will act as master of ceremonies and Congressman Herbert Bonner is also expected to attend.

Swimming teams from Wilson, Raleigh, Tarboro and Kinston have already entered the swimming contests, with interest centering on the University of North Carolina girls' swimming team, which is also scheduled to compete in the various swimming events. Diving and clown acts will also be staged for the entertainment of the spectators.

Lloyd Griffin states that a group of boys and girls are rapidly improving in a water ballet exhibition, which will be a feature of the water carnival.

Adequate seating arrangements will be provided around the large pool so that every spectator will be able to witness the various events during the evening.

Sponsored by the Edenton High School Band, the affair is rapidly attracting interest and attention, and it is hoped a large crowd will attend the event, which is calculated to be an annual affair hereafter.

VFW Post Sponsors Square Dance July 6

Proceeds Will Be Used To Buy Bass Drum For Band

Henry G. Quinn, commander of the local VFW Post, announced early this week that the Post will sponsor a square dance in the Edenton armory Tuesday night, July 6. The dance will begin at 9 o'clock and continue until midnight, with the music provided by the Happy Valley Boys.

Mr. Quinn stated that the proceeds of the dance will go toward purchasing a bass drum for the Edenton Band, so that he hopes a large crowd will attend the affair.

Automobile Inspections Lagging Says D. Skiles

D. Skiles, in charge of the State's No. 36 automobile mechanical inspection lane, announced while in Edenton over the week-end that the next appearance of the lane in Edenton will be August 3-5 and that the final appearance this year will be September 16-18.

Mr. Skiles stated that automobile owners are greatly lagging in having their cars inspected, pointing out that up to this week only 900 cars have been inspected out of a total of 2,746, which must, by law, pass inspection before the year runs out. Any driver with a car on the high-ways after December 31 without the official State inspection sticker will be subject to arrest.

NEXT GOVERNOR



W. KERR SCOTT

In a run-off primary election held Saturday, W. Kerr Scott, former Commissioner of Agriculture, outdistanced State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson by over 36,000 votes for the Democratic nomination of Governor of North Carolina. Scott trailed Johnson in the May 29th primary election, but carried 62 of the State's 100 counties in last Saturday's run-off election.

John Byrum Resigns As Edenton Manager, Engineer Views Ditch Along Park Avenue

Colonials Holding Second Place In Tight League Race

STANDING OF CLUBS			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Colerain	16	9	.640
Edenton	15	10	.600
Windsor	13	12	.520
Hertford	13	13	.500
Plymouth	12	13	.480
Elizabeth City	7	19	.269

With only three games separating five clubs in the Albemarle League, the Edenton Colonials through Tuesday night were in second place, topped by Colerain, with 16 games won and nine lost, and a percentage of .640. The Colonials won 15, lost 10, with a mark of .600. Windsor is in third place with .520, followed by Hertford with .500, Plymouth with .480 and Elizabeth City .269.

Several changes have been made in the Colonial squad, among which was the resignation late last week of John Byrum as manager. He has been succeeded by William (Gashouse) Parker. Catcher Brantley Aycock was also released and is now playing with the Windsor Rebels. Taking Aycock's place behind the bat is George Pratt, who is no stranger among Albemarle fans, having played with Bertie County teams before going to the International League.

Edenton 21, Elizabeth City 2. The Colonials fattened their batting averages at the expense of five Elizabeth City hurlers on Hicks Field Tuesday night when the locals hung up something like a football score of 21-2 against the cellar-dwelling Senators. Lester Jordan, on the mound for the locals, allowed seven hits, which were well scattered.

The Colonials registered 24 hits during the game with bingles in every inning. (Continued on Page Five)

Effort Made to Eliminate Odor and Breeding Mosquitoes

O. M. Caton, an engineer with the State Board of Health, was in Edenton Friday of last week in order to make a survey relative to elimination of obnoxious odors emanating from the ditch on Park Avenue leading from the Evans Veneer Mill to the storm sewer on Broad Street. Many complaints have been registered by residents in the vicinity of the ditch, as a result of which an investigation was recently made by Dr. S. V. Lewis, health officer, Mayor Leroy Haskett, J. Edwin Buflap, Street Commissioner and Frank Hughes, Street Superintendent.

Dr. Lewis presented the problem to the State Board of Health which resulted in Mr. Caton being sent to secure first-hand information. It was learned that not only is there a very unpleasant odor at times, but further that the ditch breeds mosquitoes. Mr. Caton thoroughly investigated conditions and will submit a written report on the survey and suggestions to remedy the situation.

Trio Of Local Ladies Going To New York

Mrs. George Harrell, Mrs. W. Jim Daniels and Mrs. A. S. Hollowell expect to leave Edenton Monday morning for New York City, where they will remain about a week.

While in New York Mrs. Harrell will purchase merchandise for Badham Bros. and Mrs. Daniels will replenish the stock of her Tots & Teens Store. Mrs. Hollowell will spend the time visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rollins Guild, who are now living in Brooklyn. They expect to return home Friday of next week.

COUNTY BONDS SOLD TUESDAY

Officials Apparently Pleased With Interest Rate Of 2.6549; School Work Held Up

Chowan County bonds in the amount of \$400,000 were sold Tuesday in Raleigh under the direction of the Local Government Commission, with the average rate of interest being 2.6549. Present at the sale were W. W. Byrum, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and County Attorney J. N. Pruden.

Purchasers of the bonds were Kirchofer & Arnold Associates and the Branch Banking & Trust Company of Wilson. Messrs. Byrum and Pruden were present

in order to register any objection to bids.

Both Byrum and Pruden, as well as other County officials, were well pleased with the sale in that the interest rate is somewhat lower than anticipated during the bond issue discussions.

While the bonds have been sold, work on school improvements has not been started due to the fact that initial bids were considered too high. Officials have ordered a revision of plans and specifications in an effort to bring the cost down.

W. Kerr Scott Winner Over Chas. M. Johnson In Second Primary For Governorship

Chowan's Vote

	Scott	Johnson
East Edenton	197	110
West Edenton	201	118
Rocky Hook	42	23
Center Hill	79	24
Wardville	64	32
Yeopim	44	15
Totals	627	322

First Time Runner-up Has Won Out In Race For Governor

CHOWAN FIRST

Winning Candidate Carries 62 of State's 100 Counties

Chowan County joined many other North Carolina counties Saturday in rolling up a vast majority of votes for W. Kerr Scott in the run-off primary election with Charles M. Johnson for Governor of North Carolina. Chohan went for Scott in the first primary election in May, and on Saturday polled 627 votes for Scott, while Johnson's vote was 322. Scott carried every precinct in the county by substantial majorities.

Voting dropped off in the run-off election, when 949 votes were cast as compared with 1,252 in the May primary. In the first election 636 votes went to Scott, 460 for Johnson and the remainder to the other four candidates.

Scott supporters were more in evidence and more active than Johnson followers in the last election, much of the credit going to David Holton and A. B. Harless, who not only stumped Chohan County for Scott votes, but also extended their efforts into Perquimans County, which was also in the Scott column.

With a light vote and only two candidates to check, Chohan election officials effected quite a record in tabulating and reporting the result of the contest. Just 20 minutes after the polls closed, Clerk of Court E. W. Spires had a complete report, and only a few minutes later The Herald editor had the complete report for the county in the hands of the United Press, the News and Observer and radio station WCNC in Elizabeth City. Chohan County was credited with having the first complete report in the election.

Scott carried 62 of the State's 100 counties and upset a precedent by being the first runner-up in a gubernatorial second primary to win out in a subsequent election. He led Johnson by over 36,000 votes.

Shortly after 9 o'clock Saturday night, when returns were piling up a substantial majority for Scott, Mr. Johnson conceded defeat and not only congratulated the winner but promised his continued loyalty and support of the Democratic party.

The statement made by Mr. Johnson follows: "The Democrats of North Carolina have selected Mr. W. Kerr Scott as their nominee for Governor. I extend my congratulations to the nominee for the fine vote he has received from the people of this State.

"I have conducted a clean, hard campaign and have lost. I extend to all of my loyal friends who have

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Certificates Earned In Local Swimming Class

According to Red Cross Water Safety Instructor Peter Carlton, the following candidates are eligible for swimming certificates as a result of having successfully completed the prescribed course of progressive swimming instruction, as outlined by the American Red Cross:

Beginners—Jimmy Ross, Charles Knox, Ann Coffield, Carolyn Swindell and Capers Jordan.

Intermediates—Fred Wood, Jr., and Douglas Holland. Allison Campen has completed all the requirements except one for swimmer certificate. It is expected that she will meet this requirement this week.

Geddes B. Potter, chairman of the Chohan County Chapter of the American Red Cross will issue the certificates as soon as the grades are processed through headquarters.

It is hoped that in August several classes in Junior Life Saving and Senior Life Saving can be given for those young men and women waiting to receive this instruction for their emblems.

Two Edenton Girls At Methodist Assembly

Misses Susan Thigpen and Faye Dail left Edenton Monday morning for Louisburg College at Louisburg, where they are attending the Methodist Young People's Assembly.

The two young ladies, who are representing the Edenton Methodist Church, will spend the entire week at the Assembly.

Lions Club Staging A Donkey Baseball Game Friday Night

Prominent Members Expected to Ride Stubborn Donkeys

Edenton Lions Club has arranged to stage a donkey baseball game on Hicks Field on Friday night, July 2, which should furnish plenty of hilarious entertainment. The unique game will begin at 8 o'clock, with the proceeds going toward the Lions blind aid fund.

Dr. Wallace Griffin is in charge of the game and has about rounded up his lineup, though he may be obliged to make some last-minute substitutions after he explains the rules of the game before starting. He has arranged two teams which he believes will be evenly matched, calling one the Red and the other the Blue team.

The starters for the Red team will no doubt be a brother battery, J. Clarence and West Leary; T. C. Byrum, first base; W. J. Taylor, second base; R. C. Holland, third base; Mayor Leroy Haskett, shortstop; West Byrum, John Mitchener and A. E. Jenkins, outfielders.

On the Blue team will be another brother battery, Graham and L. S. Byrum; Gus Hughes, first base; Oscar Lupton, second base; Cecil Byrum, shortstop; William Privott, Ralph Parrish and W. J. Yates, outfielders.

Dr. Griffin also stated that he will have the following, and no doubt still others, in readiness to finish the game from where some of the "regulars" give up: John L. Goodwin, A. P. Hassell, W. E. Malone, Earl Harrell, Johnnie Curran, Ralph Parrish, L. T. Dunbar, Rodney Byrum, and, of course, he himself will be ready to play if needed.

Many Edentonians remember two previous donkey baseball games played in Edenton several years ago, which delighted large crowds of spectators.

Negro Electrocuted By High Tension Wire

James Shannonhouse Is Instantly Killed Sunday Night

James Shannonhouse, 16-year-old Negro youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shannonhouse, was instantly killed Sunday night when he supposedly stepped on a high tension wire while on his way home at Hayes. Young Shannonhouse, a student in the Edenton colored high school, came across a tree which had blown down across the road, tearing down an electric wire. He climbed a fence and when walking around the tree, apparently stepped on the electric wire, causing instant death.

The young man was a member of the Albemarle Four, local colored quartet, and his quartet members sang one of his favorite hymns at funeral services which were held in the Providence Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon.

Bank Of Edenton Will Be Closed On July 5th

In order to observe the July Fourth holiday, which falls on next Sunday, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Monday, July 5. Patrons of the bank are urged to note the closing and transact important banking affairs accordingly.