

Fire Destroys Waff Fishery At Emperor On Friday Afternoon

Oldest Fishery In Operation In Chowan County

BUILT IN 1800's

Origin of Blaze Still Remains Baffling Mystery; Heavy Loss

Fire of undetermined origin late Friday afternoon totally destroyed the J. E. Waff fishery at Emperor along the Chowan River. Origin of the fire is a mystery, for according to Mrs. J. E. Waff, Jr., it started under the cutting shelter over the water and after the place had been washed and cleaned for the day, so that everything was wet.

While the damage was not estimated, Mrs. Waff informed the Herald that consumed by the fire was about \$12,000 worth of new twine, between 150,000 and 200,000 herring and a trailer load of salt. Several guns, one an automatic, were also lost.

The fishery, the oldest in operation in Chowan County, was built during the 1800's and represented the efforts and investments of several generations. Despite the age of the fishery, it had been rebuilt and was wonderfully equipped.

When the fire was discovered it had developed to such a stage that individuals were able to do very little to curb the flames. A call went to Edenton Fire Department, but when the firemen and trucks arrived the building was about to collapse. With a stiff breeze coming off the river, the flames were cutting a path toward the Waff home, but the firemen were able to block further progress. Much of the Spanish moss on the stately trees fell prey to the blaze, but aside from the fishery, the firemen prevented further loss.

Important Scout Meeting On Friday

Anybody Interested In Youth Invited to Attend

Scouters of the West Albemarle District have planned an interesting night for Scouters, friends of Scouting, their wives, Cubs, Scouts and Sea Scouts. The meeting will take place at 7 o'clock on Friday evening in the Armory. Each family and person is asked to bring a picnic lunch for the occasion. There will be new films on Cubbing for those interested in the Cubbing phase of Scouting. For the others there will be round table discussions on the important problems facing mothers and fathers relative to the Scouting program in the West Albemarle.

Interested leaders in Scouting, and leading local Scouters and citizens will be on the panel to head up the discussions. According to J. Rodney Bunch, chairman of camping and activities, and who is in charge of the affair, this is a most important meeting, and anyone interested in children, as well as the registered Scouters, should turn out. P. S. McMullan, Executive Board Member of Tidewater Council, J. L. Chestnut, district chairman, the Rev. W. L. Freeman and other outstanding Scouters from the Tidewater Council are expected to be present.

Work Resumed On New Belk-Tyler Store

Progress is again noted on the erection of the new Belk-Tyler store on Broad Street. With a goodly amount of the brick walls completed, delay for a few weeks was caused by lack of steel. The steel girders arrived late last week and on Tuesday the girders were being put in place. J. L. Batton & Bro. is the contractor.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Speight Skiles announce the birth of a daughter, born Tuesday night in Chowan Hospital. The newcomer weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

ROTARY MEETING TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will hold its weekly meeting in the Parish House today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Have Any Rooms?

Mayor Leroy Haskett early this week emphasized the critical housing situation in Edenton and is appealing for local people where possible to offer as much as a single room to accommodate couples. Mayor Haskett stated that he will greatly appreciate any effort or sacrifice in helping to provide at least temporary living quarters until the local situation is relieved.

Any person who has a room available is requested to register with the Chamber of Commerce, Col. R. E. Hopper, commanding officer at the Marine Corps Air Station, or The Chowan Herald.

Few Candidates File For City Offices In Election On May 3rd

O. B. Perry Second Incumbent Who Will Not Be Candidate

With eleven city officials to be elected in the municipal election Tuesday, May 3, up to the time The Herald went to press on Wednesday, only five candidates filed with Town Clerk R. E. Leary, and all of these are for re-election.

The five who filed thus far are Leroy H. Haskett for Mayor, W. H. Gardner for Treasurer, J. Clarence Leary as Councilman from the First Ward, Clyde Hollowell as Councilman from the Fourth Ward and W. J. Yates as Councilman-at-large.

In the election the offices to be filled include the Mayor, Treasurer, three members for the Board of Public Works, one Councilman from each of the four wards and two Councilmen-at-large.

While no definite statements have been made by most of the incumbents, at least two have stated they definitely will not seek re-election. These two are Dr. Wallace Griffin and O. Branning Perry, both members of the Board of Public Works. Dr. Griffin released a statement in The Herald last week, while on Monday of this week Mr. Perry informed The Herald that he will not seek re-election. Mr. Perry is one of the oldest Town officials in point of service, having served in the neighborhood of 16 years, both as a member of Town Council and on the Board of Public Works. In stating his decision not to seek re-election, Mr. Perry expressed his appreciation for the long and loyal support of voters. In practically every election during his political career he has been among the top vote-getters, and a number of times led the entire ticket.

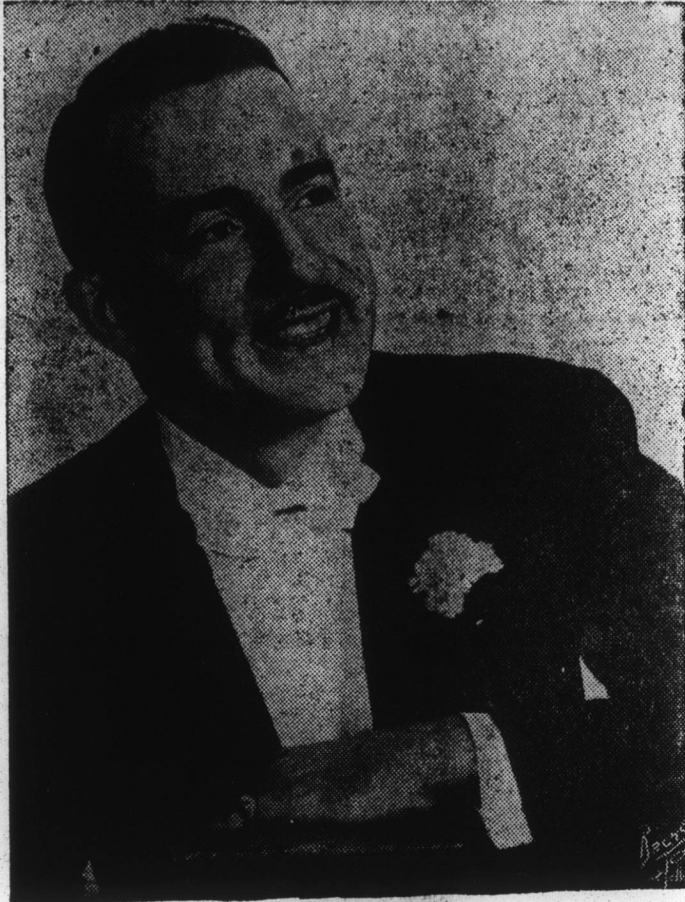
Mr. Perry's principal reason for not entering the race is the fact that on numerous occasions he heard the opinion advanced that there should be a change in the Board personnel. However, he led The Herald to believe that if no other person desired to fill the office, he will be willing to serve again as a service to the Town.

Friday of this week is the deadline for prospective candidates to file for any of the city offices in order to have their names appear on the ballot. In the meantime the registration books are open for voters to register. Voters should be aware of the fact that there are two sets of registration books, one for city elections only, while the other is for general elections. To be able to vote for Town officials in the forthcoming election, it is necessary for a voter to be listed in the city registration books. Up to the present time little interest is manifested in the May election despite the fact that at various times the rumor went the rounds that there will be a wild scramble for office when the election rolls around.

Motorists Warned To Remove Switch Keys

Chief of Police R. L. Pratt again this week requested The Herald to remind motorists to be sure and remove switch keys when leaving their cars. Two cars were recently stolen, so that with switch keys out of the cars there will be less temptation for anyone to attempt to drive off with them.

PERFORMS IN EDENTON MONDAY



GLEN GRAY

Many music and dance lovers of this area are looking forward with pleasure to next Monday night, April 25, when Glen Gray and his famous Casa Loma orchestra will make two appearances in Edenton. The orchestra will present a concert in the high school auditorium at 7:30, after which music will be furnished for a big dance in the Edenton armory starting at 9 o'clock.

Hal Lyon Presents Concert May 5th

Sponsored By Hospital Auxiliary; Tickets Now on Sale

Plans have been completed by the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary for sponsoring an organ recital by Hal Lyon of Franklin, Va., in the Edenton High School auditorium Thursday, May 5. Tickets are now on sale for the concert and members of the Auxiliary are hoping that the auditorium will be filled to capacity for the concert.

Mr. Lyon is no stranger in Edenton, for he has presented two previous concerts here, one in the Baptist Church and another in the school. He is an artist of wide reputation and will without doubt present a concert which will delight the audience.

The organ which will be used by Mr. Lyon will be loaned by the Levy-Page Company of Norfolk.

Carolyn Lee Elliott In Junior Voice Recital

Miss Carolyn Lee Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Elliott, a student at Flora MacDonald College at Red Springs, N. C., presented a junior voice recital at the college Saturday evening, April 16.

Miss Elliott's program included the following: Rejoice Greatly from "The Messiah," by Handel; My Mother Bids Me Bind My Hair, Haydn; Caro Mio Ben, Giordani; Aminte, Old French; On Wings of Song, Mendelssohn; Lithuanian Song, Chopin; The Maiden's Wish, Chopin; Nobles Seigneurs from "Les Huguenots," Meyerbeer; My Johann, Grieg; The Cuckoo Song, Grisele; Rain, Curran; A May Morning, Denza.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB NOW PLANNING SECOND ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW ON MAY 6

Mrs. Sidney Campen Serving as Chairman For This Year's Show, Which Will Be Held In Old Dining Room of Hotel Joseph Hewes

Mrs. Sidney Campen announced early this week that plans are now under way for staging the second annual flower show sponsored by the Edenton Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. Campen is chairman of the committee in charge of the show and expressed the hope that the affair will be even more of a success than last year, when the success of the show exceeded by far all expectations.

Mrs. Campen stated that the show will again be held in the old dining room of Hotel Joseph Hewes on Friday, May 6, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning. A food bazaar will also be held in conjunction with the show. This feature was also very successful last year when the ladies sold out long before the flower show ended.

Assisting Mrs. Campen in the capacity of various chairmen are the following: Mrs. Earl Goodwin, food bazaar chairman; Mrs. R. N. Hines,

Masons Plan Trip To Oxford Orphanage

Group Will Leave From Court House Sunday At 8 A. M.

Plans under the direction of C. W. Overman are now being made for members of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., to make a pilgrimage to Oxford Orphanage at Oxford next Sunday. The local lodge takes a great deal of interest in the orphanage and will upon arrival present a substantial offering on behalf of Unanimity Lodge. The lodgemen will be guests of the superintendent, Leon Gray, at a dinner.

Mr. Overman stated early this week that the group will leave from in front of the Court House promptly at 8 o'clock, so that all who plan to join the tour should be there by that hour.

Baptist Bible Class Fish Fry Next Tuesday Night

An interesting event planned for Tuesday night, April 26, is the annual fish fry of the Young Men's Bible Class of the Baptist Church, of which Lloyd E. Griffin is teacher.

The fish fry will be held at the Edenton armory, beginning at 7:15 o'clock, and all members and their wives are cordially invited to attend.

AHOSKIE SEEKING GAMES

The Ahoskie All Stars are seeking games with independent nines in a 150-mile radius or with any league team before the regular season begins. Any team wishing to play the All Stars on a home and home basis can contact Gilbert Vaughan by mail or phone, 425-W or 26, Ahoskie, manager of the Ahoskie white team.

Work Starts Monday On Housing Project At Albemarle Court

Postponed

Due to circumstances beyond their control, members of the Varsity Club have postponed the performance of the "Womanless Wedding" which was to have been held on Friday night, April 22. The playlet will be given at a later date, announcement of which will be made in The Herald.

Two Performances By Glen Gray Band In Edenton Monday

Concert In School at 7:30 And Big Dance at 9 O'clock In Armory

Glen Gray, tall, handsome batoner of the Casa Loma Orchestra, will present a musical show in the Edenton High School auditorium Monday night, April 25, at 7:30 o'clock and later will play for a big dance in the Edenton armory beginning at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Gray was born in Roanoke, Illinois. He was an apt student and graduated from high school at the age of 15. Only the armistice prevented him from becoming the youngest army officer in World War I. He enlisted in the army and his high school education qualified him for officers' training. The war ended two months before he was to receive his commission.

From that point on, school didn't appeal to Glen. He went to work for the Santa Fe railroad as freight hustler. In four years he worked his way up to the position of station cashier.

Glen's sister was the "musician" of the family. She started piano lessons at an early age. Glen toyed with a second-hand alto saxophone he bought with money he earned at odd jobs, but he didn't take music seriously. His parents were surprised when suddenly he formed his own band, known as "Spike's Jazz Band", which earned a reputation at school functions around Roanoke. He has been known as "Spike" ever since.

But doubling between the railroad and music couldn't last forever. Glen chose music, went to Chicago to study at the American Conservatory of Music. In 1924 he joined Jean Goldkette's Orange Blossoms as Saxophonist. In 1929, the Orange Blossoms became the Casa Loma orchestra. Incorporated under that name, with Glen president, saxophonist. (Continued on Page Eleven)

Thomas Byrum, Jr. Jaycees' President

Officers of Organization Elected at Meeting Last Week

At a meeting of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce held at Boswell's Restaurant Thursday night, Thomas C. Byrum, Jr., was elected president. Other officers elected were: Vice president, Sam Allen; treasurer, Luther Parks; secretary, R. E. Aiken, Jr., while Willie O'Neal, Thomas Francis and Mike Byrum were named new directors to serve with Elbert Copeland, Kermit Layton and Edward Wozelka. Kermit Layton was elected state director.

The new president, who will be installed at the May meeting of the organization, succeeds Frank Holmes, first president, and who was instrumental in organizing the Edenton Jaycees.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will meet in regular session tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. An interesting program has been arranged by H. A. Campen, so that all members are urged to be present. An attendance contest has been attracting large crowds, with the score of the two sides being very close. W. A. Harrell and T. B. Wilford are captains of the two sides.

16 Houses Expected to Be Completed Within Six Weeks

VARIOUS TYPES

Corporation Prepared to Build 56 Houses If Need Exists

In an effort to relieve Edenton's housing shortage, ground was broken and building material arrived at Albemarle Court Monday, and according to David Strain, no time will be lost in erecting up to 56 houses if the demand continues for living quarters in Edenton.

Albemarle Court is a portion of the S. E. Morris farm just back of Morris Circle and along Badham road leading from the Suffolk highway to the Albemarle Peanut Company. Construction of the houses is under contract of the Edenton Housing Corporation, of which C. W. Smith of Raleigh is president and J. B. Tolbert is vice president in charge of construction.

A portion of the plot is already within the city limits, and a request will be filed to include the entire area. Work has been started on a block of 16 houses, which are expected to be completed and ready for occupancy within six weeks. Mr. Tolbert also stated that if all of the proposed 56 homes are built, they will be completed by Labor Day.

The homes will be of various types, being in the low-cost category. They will be one and two bedroom units, with designs varying in order to make an attractive housing project. The land is high and well drained and was selected as the most desirable from every viewpoint after a number of other sites were considered.

Those in charge of construction have heard no little clamoring for homes and already many applications have been received for the proposed homes, so that every effort will be made to complete the units as soon as possible.

In reviewing the site, Mr. Strain informed the editor of The Herald that in order to beautify Albemarle Court, and provide an attractive playground, he will be willing to appropriate a goodly portion of the site facing highway 32 for such purpose if some organization would agree to sponsor the project. A number of stately trees are on the portion of land and with no great deal of effort or expenditure, a very attractive park or playground could be arranged.

Farm Bureau Will Meet Friday Night

Two Special Features Are Arranged For Program

According to Edgar Earl Hollowell, secretary of the Chowan County Farm Bureau, the April meeting of the organization will be held at the Community Building at Cross Roads Friday night at 8 o'clock.

In a notice sent to members, Mr. Hollowell stated that two special features have been arranged for the program. Dr. Wallace Griffin will be a guest with his unique quiz box and will conduct a guessing contest. The other feature will be an illustrated talk by R. C. Jordan, soil conservationist on "Planning and Laying Out Farm Drainage".

Of course, the regular business will be transacted and every member of the Farm Bureau is especially urged to be present by Louis Francis, president.

LIONS CALL OFF MEETING

Edenton's Lions Club did not hold a meeting Monday night of this week, the meeting being called off due to attendance at the anniversary meeting of the Hertford Lions Club held Friday night. A goodly number of Edenton Lions attended the meeting.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Twiddy announce the birth of a son, Brian Robinson Twiddy, born at 3:20 Tuesday afternoon in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. The youngster tipped the scale at 7 pounds, 15 ounces.