

Edenton School Will Hold Final Exercises Tonight And Friday

Dean D. B. Bryan of Wake Forest Graduation Speaker
FRIDAY NIGHT
Interesting Class Day Exercises Scheduled For Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the High School auditorium, class day exercises of the 1949 graduating class will be held, the second in the series of commencement exercises. The program will be in the form of an entertainment, the subject being "A Holiday In Hawaii," under the direction of N. J. George, a member of the High School faculty.

Principal Fenton Larson informed the Herald that each member of the graduating will have a speaking part in the program, and aside from the usual Class Day features, the sophomore class will participate in the Daisy chain and song.

The program is expected to attract a large crowd.

The final commencement program will take place Friday night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium when Dean D. B. Bryan of Wake Forest College will be the principal speaker for the occasion and will, no doubt have a capacity house to hear him.

As a special feature on the program, the High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Mary L. Browning, will sing four numbers. The Rev. E. L. Wells will offer the invocation and the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," and recessional, "March of the Priests," will be played by Miss Dorothy Williams, music teacher.

The graduates will receive their diplomas from Superintendent John A. Holmes, and Principal Fenton Larson will award the various medals and trophies.

The Rotary Cup, coveted annual trophy, will be awarded by J. E. Wood, president of the Edenton Rotary Club.

For the first time, the Lions Club is awarding an award, which will be presented to the winner by Dr. Martin Wisely, president of the Edenton Lions Club.

Members of the 1949 graduating class, 34 in number, are Rebecca Swanner, Aubrey Harrell, Thomas Paul Griffin, Louise Bass, Paul Cayton, Carolyn Swindell, Roy Harrell, Margaret Ann Mansfield, Al Habit, Eleanor Harrell, Jimmie Earnhardt, Georgia Lee Volmer, Audrey Hollowell, Shirley Norris, Frank Habit, Marion Harrell, Bobby Edwards, Clara White, Albert Lassiter, Laura Skinner, John Harney, Beulah Langdale, Oscar Griffin, Ethel White, Hector Luyton Jr., Jack Habit, Calvin Mills, Edna Williams, Rhett Miller, Susan Thigpen, Jane Gray, Robert Oliver, and Gene Spruill.

BPW Club Observes Its First Birthday

Party Held Last Week In Celebration of Of Affair

On Tuesday night of last week the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club celebrated its first birthday with a dinner at the Parish House. A cold plate was served.

Little Brenda Dean Mooney danced and sang, accompanied at the piano by her mother, Mrs. C. B. Mooney.

Miss Dorothy Williams rendered two selections on the piano.

The following officers were installed to serve for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Corie B. White, president; Miss Lena Jones, first vice president; Miss Mary Lee Copeland, second vice president; Miss Louise Smith, recording secretary; Miss Frances Tillet, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Mildred Spruill, treasurer.

Miss Rebecca Colwell, outgoing president, was presented a week-end bag by the club.

Stunts were put on by members of the club on the stage and prizes were awarded.

MISS JOYCE HARRELL WILL TEACH IN ROCKY MOUNT

Miss Joyce Lorine Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harrell, has accepted a teaching position with the city schools of Rocky Mount. Miss Harrell attended Mars Hill College and Meredith College and has an AB degree in public school music.

John A. Holmes Principal Speaker At Lions Meeting

Speaker In Behalf of Road and School Bond Election

John A. Holmes, Superintendent of Edenton Schools, was the principal speaker at the Lions Club meeting Monday night, and spoke in favor of the School and Road Bond election which will be held next Saturday throughout the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Holmes in his remarks referred to Edenton years ago when there were no paved streets, no sewage and water, and very little to offer in way of educational facilities.

A bond issue was floated to make these improvements in the forward march Edenton has made, he said, and this indebtedness was gradually liquidated despite the fact that many people at the time predicted bankruptcy for the town.

Mr. Holmes asked his hearers to put themselves in place of many people who live on dirt roads which at many times are practically impassable, thus causing not only inconvenience and handicaps, but actual financial loss.

The Lions voted to meet on the first and third Monday nights instead of weekly during the summer months until Labor Day, when the weekly meetings will be resumed.

During the meeting Earl Harrell presented the final report on the Easter Seal sale, reporting that the drive netted \$367.38.

Edenton's Poppy Day Nets \$219.14

Prize Winners Marion Speight, Betty Rowell And Linda Leary

Mrs. Leon Leary, chairman of the American Legion Poppy Day Committee, reported early this week that on last Saturday, Poppy Day, 1,600 poppies were sold which netted \$219.14.

Mrs. Leary expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Auxilliary to Mrs. H. H. Preston for the use of her window for display and her store in connection with the sale, as well as the local VFW Post for the use of colors and eagle used in decorating the window.

Aside from members of the Auxilliary, poppies were sold by the following: Marcia Speight, Linda Leary, Betsy Buncan, Thomassa Goodman, Billy Earle Russell, Barbara Leary, Norma Ashley, Lynn Perry, Betty Rowell, Caleb White, Ann Hawkins, Lu Ellen Jordan, and Arthur White. Mrs. Leary especially expressed her appreciation for the efforts of these boys and girls in selling the poppies.

As in previous years two prizes were offered to an individual or pair working together for selling the most poppies. The first prize of \$2.00 was won by Linda Leary and Marcia Speight, who sold 183 poppies.

Second prize of \$1.00 went to Betty Rowell, who sold 81 poppies.

Lois Virginia Reich Will Graduate June 4 At Radford College

Miss Lois Virginia Reich, niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rodney Byrum is among a group of 110 seniors who will graduate at Radford College on June 4, when she will receive her B. S. degree with a major in business education.

Miss Reich is a member and holds office in a number of organizations at the college, including the Choral Club, Alpha Sigma Alpha, national sorority, Dramatic Club, Alpha Si Omega, national honor fraternity in dramatics, Cotillion Club and Commercial Club.

Miss Reich was a member of the 1945 graduating class of Edenton High School.

CHOWAN HIGH GETS SAFETY CAR



Pictured above is the new Chevrolet automobile recently presented to Chowan High School for use in a new course in automobile operation. In the photograph Linwood Worrell, manager of the B.B.H. Motor Company, presents the keys of a brand new dual control Chevrolet to Geddes B. Potter, chairman of the Chowan looks on.—(Photo by Peter Carlton.)

Special Election Will Be Held Saturday To Decide Bond Issue

Voters Will Ballot on Issuance of 225 Million Dollars' Worth

Next Saturday Chowan County voters, along with voters all over the State of North Carolina, will go to the polls to decide if the State of North Carolina should issue bonds in the amount of 200 million dollars for building and improving roads throughout the State and 25 million dollars for improving the State's schools.

Pressure groups have been at work for both sides of the question, so that there have been very few who have ventured to predict the outcome of the election.

Polls will be open at 6 A. M. Saturday for the purpose of voting and will close at 6 P. M.

The election will be held in accordance with general election regulations, so that a voter to be able to cast his or her ballot must have been listed in the county registration books.

East Edenton Precinct voters will cast their ballots at the Court House. The voting place for West Edenton Precinct will be in the Municipal Building; Rocky Hock, Henry Bunch's store; Center Hill Precinct, same as last election; Wardville Precinct, G. A. Hollowell's store, and Yeopim Precinct at H. A. Perry's store.

Clocks At Campen's Decide Two Winners In Graduating Classes

Two lucky 1949 graduates in Chowan County will wear beautiful Gruen wrist watches as compliments of Campen's Jewelers. H. A. Campen, manager of the local concern, constructed two clock-like arrangements in his window with pictures of the graduates of Edenton High School and Chowan High School taking the place of the usual numerals.

The hand on the Edenton group stopped on the picture of Margaret Ann Mansfield Saturday, while the Chowan clock ran until Monday and stopped on the picture of Kelly Byrum.

Miss Mansfield and Byrum will therefore, receive the two beautiful Gruen wrist watches as a present from Campen's.

William Allen White Surprised When He Sees Picture Of Chowan County Court House Among Exhibit In Salzburg, Austria

Edenton Boy Now Connected With State Department Writes Parents Telling About Interesting Experience While Taking a Stroll

One of the most surprised and delighted Americans now overseas, no doubt, was William Allen White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, who is connected with the State Department at Salzburg, Austria.

His surprise was mentioned in a letter received from him by his parents only this week. A portion of the letter was as follows:

"You will never realize my surprise when a few days ago I was walking by the United States Information Center here in Salzburg, a place run here by the Army with all types of literature and books out on loan basis

Mrs. O. M. Blanchard Elected President Of Farm Women Council

Group of Officers Entertained at Tea and Flower Show

The Chowan County Council of Farm Women met Wednesday afternoon, May 25, at the Community Building.

The fourth chapter of John was read by the president, Mrs. Wallace Goodwin and the regular routine of business transacted. Mrs. E. E. Privott was elected a delegate to Home and Farm Week in August and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell as alternate.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate for 1950 officers and they were unanimously elected:

President, Mrs. O. M. Blanchard; vice president, Mr. Ernest Privott; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Emmett Jones; assistant secretary, Mrs. George Smith; song leader, Mrs. Carey Hollowell; pianist, Mrs. Maybelle Winslow.

Following the business meeting Miss Lillian Swinson, assistant home agent, presented two groups of 4-H Club girls in a dress revue. In the senior group Miss Audrey Pierce was the winner and the junior winner was Miss Pattie Lou Bunch. Each girl in the contest was presented a gift by the Home Demonstration Council.

Later in the afternoon the County Council and Chowan Club entertained at a tea and flower show in honor of the new Home Demonstration Council officers. Mrs. Carey Hollowell greeted the guests at the door and Mrs. Lindsay Evans introduced them to the receiving line composed of Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, Council president, and the newly elected officers. Miss Rebecca Colwell directed them to the punch bowl.

The tea table was lovely with a linen cut work cloth and a centerpiece of mixed flowers flanked by epemitters of sweet peas. Cookies, mints and nuts were served as Mrs. E. N. Elliott poured punch. For the flower arrangements the Chowan Club won first place with the arrangement for the tea table while the Center Hill Club won the red ribbon and Byrd Club red ribbons and the Chowan Club winning the white ribbon.

Guests numbered about 115.

Preliminary Trials For "Miss America" In Edenton June 11

Old St. Paul's Church Falls Prey To Blaze At Noon Wednesday

Structure Erected In 1736; Old Pipe Organ Lost In Fire

Stark tragedy struck Edenton shortly after the noon hour Wednesday when fire broke out at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, leaving only the brick walls of one of Edenton's most valuable historic shrines.

The cause of the fire is a mystery for workmen who were repairing and covering the roof had left the church for their noon day meal and it was reported that no sign of fire had been seen when they left.

The church was erected in 1736 and was visited by thousands of tourists annually. Fortunately, very little of the interior furnishings fell prey to the flames, for the church was cleared several months ago preparatory to a rebuilding program which had been held in abeyance due to lack of a decision as to what course to pursue in remodeling the interior of the building. However, the old pipe organ was lost in the fire. The organ, placed in the church about 1830, was one of four Henry Eben organs still in existence and in playing condition.

The fire is thought to have started near the organ, and when the rector, the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, reached the church, he found a veritable raging furnace inside. The roof eventually caved in over most of the area and, of course, the unique steeple also crashed to the ground.

Both Edenton fire trucks battled the flames and a truck from the Marine Corps Air Station also rendered assistance in combatting the fire.

Story Of Esther Theme Of Sermon For 1949 Graduates

Rev. W. L. Freeman Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon

In the Edenton High School auditorium Sunday night the first of the 1949 commencement exercises was held when the Rev. W. L. Freeman, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, presented the baccalaureate sermon to the members of the senior class as well as relatives and friends in attendance.

Miss Dorothy Williams played the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," after which the High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Mary L. Browning, sang three numbers which delighted the audience.

The Rev. E. L. Wells offered the invocation and the Scripture lesson was read by the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer.

Mr. Freeman was introduced by principal Fenton L. Laron.

Mr. Freeman's subject was "For Such a Time As This," using the story of Esther as a background for his remarks to the 1949 graduates. He told them that they stand on the threshold of the future and that it is important to observe religious affairs in the life of men. "Times in which we live are not ordinary," said the speaker, "and I doubt not that some in our nation will sell their opportunity for 30 pieces of silver."

Mr. Freeman concluded his remarks by telling the graduates there are four things they can do, and went on to elaborate each. The four things he referred to were: Not to run away from responsibility; drift with the tide; struggle as best you can, and attempt to work out life's problems under the direction of the Architect of the Universe.

Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Harold W. Gilmer and Miss Dorothy Williams played the recessional, "March of the Priests."

25 Beauties Expected to Contest For "Miss Edenton"

AT ARMORY
Winner Will Compete For State Title at Morehead

According to Kermit Layton, chairman of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce committee to stage a beauty contest in connection with the Jaycees national contest to pick "Miss America," Edenton will break out in her best bib and tucker to welcome a bevy of beauties to compete for the title of "Miss Edenton" in the preliminary contest of the State finals.

In the actual judging the following qualifications will be taken into consideration:

1. Talent.
2. Beauty of face and figure.
3. Health and care of body.
4. Intelligence.
5. Charm, poise, personality, disposition and general culture.
6. Stage presence.
7. Voice and manner of speaking.

The winner of the "Miss Edenton" contest will enter the North Carolina State finals, and if she's fortunate enough to win the North Carolina title, she will go to Atlantic City the first week in September to represent North Carolina in the national finals of the "Miss America" pageant for 1949 and have an opportunity to compete for the \$25,000 in scholarships being offered the top 16 young ladies.

The girl proclaimed "Miss America" will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship; the first runner-up will receive a \$3,000 scholarship; second runner-up, \$2,500 scholarship; third runner-up, \$2,000 scholarship and fourth runner-up, \$1,500 and \$1,000 scholarships to the next ten finalists.

Making possible \$25,000 in scholarships are the Joseph Benecroft & Sons Company, Wilmington, Del., manufacturers of Everglaze finished fabrics, and the Catalina Knitting Mills, Los Angeles, Cal., manufacturers of the swank Catalina swim suits, and Nash Motor Company of Detroit, Mich.

"On June 11 our community will welcome 25 of Edenton's fairest and most talented young ladies who will compete in the contest at the armory," stated Mr. Layton.

Judge Richard D. Dixon has been secured to crown "Miss Edenton." She will be decided by a panel of judges to be selected.

Master of ceremonies for the final rehearsals and auditions will be Marvin Wilson.

Edenton Jaycees will arrange transportation for "Miss Edenton" and chaperon her to the North Carolina State finals and for her accommodations, meals, etc., during her stay in Morehead City, where the contest will be held to decide "Miss North Carolina."

Masons Will Hold Banquet June 9th

Rev. P. Rowland Wagner of Norfolk Will Be Speaker

Plans have been completed for the annual banquet of Unanimity Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., to be held Thursday night, June 9, at the Parish House. Arrangements are in charge of Clarence M. Speight, who announced that due to the amount of space in the Parish House, a limited number of tickets will be sold. Members of the lodge have received tickets, and either the price of the tickets or the tickets should be returned at once in order to determine how many plates to prepare.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. P. Rowland Wagner of Norfolk, who will undoubtedly draw a large number of Masons to the annual affair.

Masonic Meeting Is Called Off Tonight

Richard P. Baer, master of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., has called off the regular meeting tonight (Thursday) due to the opening game of the Albemarle League.

Mr. Baer has called a special meeting for Tuesday night, June 7, for the purpose of conferring the third degree.