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YOUNGSTERS IN ACTION



Geddes B. Potter, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the Red Cross, observes as Chrystal Haste goes through an instruction demonstration of applying artificial respiration on sister Fay, during one of the recent swimming sessions conducted at the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station by the Red Cross Water Safety Division of the County. Standing next to Mr. Potter is Pfc. Richard White and West Byrum, Jr., who assisted in putting on the course which certified 24 youngsters as beginning swimmers.—(Photo by Peter Carlton).

WHAT HAS BECOME OF PENELOPE BARKER'S HOUSE SORT OF MYSTERY

What became of Penelope Barker's house? For many years Edenton tradition has declared that part of it was built into the back wing of the old hotel on Broad Street. This part was sold and taken down when the hotel was demolished to make way for the new Belk-Tyler store. There is considerable disagreement about where the original house stood, with opinion about equally divided between two locations, the northwest corner of the lot (this theory agrees with the 1767 map of Edenton) and a spot about forty or fifty feet farther back from the street. A solution which may reconcile conflicting traditions is that both are correct—that the house was built on the street and that a wing consisting of two rooms upstairs and downstairs was moved back when the hotel was built. What happened to the rest of the house no one knows.

In October, 1818, the property later known as the hotel lot was sold to the Rev. Henry Holmes. By December, 1826, it was in the possession of John Lanston, of Perquimans County, though there is no deed in Chowan County to show how he acquired it. In April, 1821, John Lanston mortgaged it to Josiah Collins, who finally bought it in September, 1828. On January 1, 1831, Josiah Collins sold

it to William McNider, who continued to own it for some years. Five of the early deeds relating to this lot give the dimensions, 134'4" from north to south by 330' from east to west. Two of them mention specifically "dwelling houses, kitchens," etc. There can be hardly any doubt that the house shown on the 1767 map was still standing in 1821.

But who owned that lot before 1818, when Henry Holmes bought it? The answer to that question is that it did not exist as a separate lot before that time. There is not a whisper of tradition nor any written statement associating Penelope Barker with any larger piece of property than the hotel lot, but the fact remains that for fifty years the entire square, from Broad Street to the east side of the lot through which Court Street was finally cut, and from Queen Street to the Eden Street line, was in the possession of Penelope Barker, her husbands, or her heirs.

Between April and October, 1748, James Craven acquired the five or six lots (36, 37, 38, 39, 40, "and blank", according to the old plan of the town) which make the complete square. During the next three and a half years this property came into the possession of Mrs. Penelope Parker. (Continued on Page Ten)

Edenton Leading In Albemarle League By Margin 1½ Games

Fourth Place Position Lies Between Hertford and Windsor

STANDING OF CLUBS

	W	L	Pct.
Edenton	42	25	.627
Plymouth	40	26	.606
Colerain	32	31	.508
Windsor	29	37	.434
Hertford	26	36	.419
Elizabeth City	25	39	.362

Edenton's Colonials managed to maintain the lead in the Albemarle League, standing out in front by 1½ games as of Wednesday morning, with games scheduled to be played Wednesday afternoon and again at night.

Plymouth continues to push the Colonials, trailing by only 21 percentage points. Colerain has a fair hold on third place, with Windsor and Hertford fighting it out for fourth place and the night to participate in the play-off series.

Edenton 4, Colerain 10

In Colerain Saturday night the Colonials were no match for the trappers, who won a one-sided game by a score of 10 to 4.

Edenton 10, Elizabeth City 4

The Colonials came back strong Sunday afternoon in Elizabeth City when they downed the Senators 10-4. Both teams had their batting eye in working order, for the Colonials gathered 15 hits and the Senators 10. Johnny Bohonck was the batting star of the game, getting a home run, a double and a single.

Schadel started on the mound for the Colonials, but gave way to Johnson. The latter was replaced by Tysko when trouble developed with his pitching hand.

Helms started for the Senators but gave way to Weaver.

The Colonials went ahead in the first inning by scoring two runs. In each of the fourth and seventh three runs were added and in the eighth two more were made. The Senators never held a lead, scoring a run in each of the first and third and two in the fifth.

Edenton 4, Elizabeth City 5

Following a heavy rain Monday afternoon, baseball officials worked feverishly to get the Hicks Field diamond in condition to play at night and after a delay of about 30 minutes the Elizabeth City Senators won a hard fought game from the Colonials 5-4.

The Senators scored four of their runs in the first inning when Allen hit a grand slam home run. Bird walked and Stevens was safe when Leary misjudged a fly in left field. Walters was safe on a grounder, after which Allen hit over left field fence. This ended the scoring until the final frame when the fifth and winning run was made. Bird, who was issued a free pass, scored when Walters singled.

The Colonials scored a run in each of the first and second inning and tied the count in the fourth when Price and Messina hit home runs in succession. The locals had a splendid chance to tie the score or even win the game in the ninth when the bases were loaded with one out, Pavlish, however hit into a double play, which ended the rally.

Price, who let the Senators down with only one hit on Thursday night, was touched for 10 hits.

Spitzer started for the Senators, but went to the showers in the fourth after Price and Messina homered and Hoch singled in succession. Reeves replaced him and held the Colonials in check the remainder of the game. The two Senator pitchers gave up 14 hits, nine off Spitzer and five off Reeves.

Edenton 10, Colerain 7

Staging a ninth inning rally in Colerain Tuesday night, the Colonials snatched a game from the Trappers 10-7. Colerain was leading 7-3 when the Colonials went to bat for the last time and seven hits manufactured seven runs.

Johnson started on the mound for Edenton but gave way to Price in the ninth. Flythe for Colerain was also replaced by Umphlette in the ninth.

Messina led at bat for Edenton with three hits, while Cohen hit a home run for Colerain with the bases loaded.

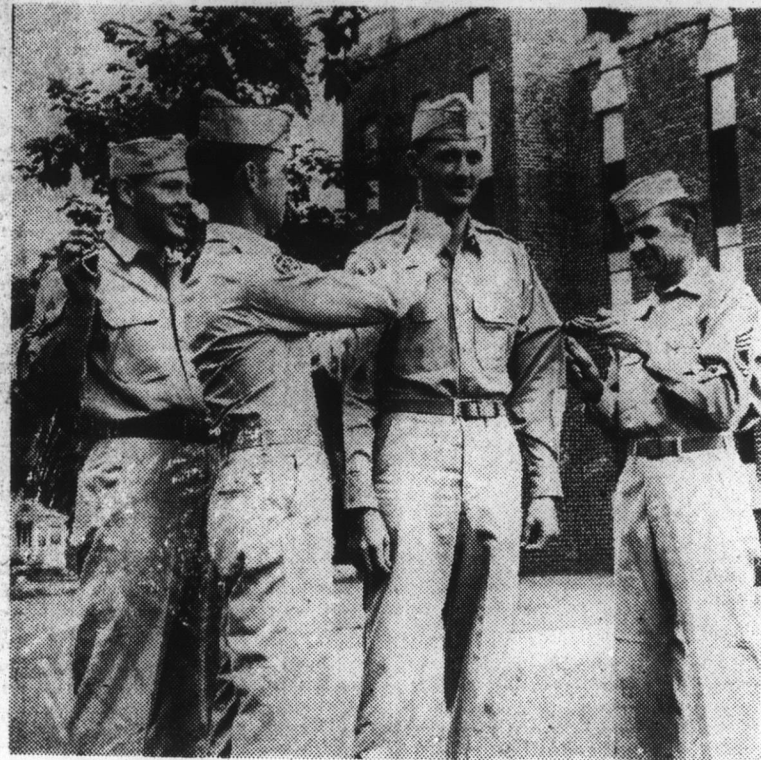
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TRUCK AND CAR COLLIDE

Miles Bunch and James Peele, both of the Rocky Hock section figured in an automobile wreck Saturday afternoon near Valhalla, when a truck driven by Mr. Bunch and a Ford driven by Mr. Peele collided at an intersection.

Both vehicles were damaged considerably, but no one was injured.

NEW LIEUTENANT "BORN"



Above is pictured Staff Sergeant Charles Swanner of the Edenton Heavy Mortar Company as his old chevrons are cut off by a buddy, Platoon Sergeant Richard Davis. Another buddy, Sergeant Hoskin Bass, looks on as he holds one of the Sergeant chevrons, and First Lieutenant Cecil Frye pins on the new, shiny Second Lieutenant bars on the embryo commissioned officer, a veteran of World War II. Left to right are pictured Hoskin Bass, Cecil Frye, Charles Swanner and Richard Davis.—(Photo by Peter Carlton).

Schools In County Unit Scheduled To Open September 5

Gymnasium at Chowan High School Ready To Be Used

White and colored schools in the Chowan County administrative unit will begin September 5, according to Superintendent W. J. Taylor. All buildings and grounds are being made ready for a new school term. General repairs are being made on all buildings, while Chowan High School has been painted on the outside, the roof repaired and the Home Economics room painted. The water tank has been repaired and painted. An oil heating system has been installed at the teacherage. Two new wells have been sunk at the Rocky Hock Central School, and the plumbing worked over. New furniture where needed has been ordered and will be installed when delivered. Most of the instructional supplies as requested at the close of 1949 school term have been delivered and will be distributed to each teacher on the basis of sixty cents per pupil in average daily membership of 1948-49.

The State Board of Education will replace three trucks, two for the colored and one for the white. It is also replacing the service truck. The mechanic's shop has been moved to the new county shop on the Chowan High School site. All the buses, except the three to be replaced are in very good condition and Mr. Taylor expects to have the three replacements by the time school begins September 5.

Sufficient coal and janitorial supplies have been secured for the school term.

The new gymnasium has been completed, except the installation of shower stalls. Promise has been made that they will be delivered on or by September 1. However, the building can be used for recreation and physical education classes at the opening of school.

School Lunchroom Programs will be operated in the Chowan and Rocky Hock Schools. The lunchroom workers took training at the lunchroom workshop held in Plymouth August 22, 23, and 24. The cost of lunches will be the same as last term, 15 cents for Rocky Hock and 20 cents for Chowan.

W. J. Nichols, principal at Chowan High School, will be at school from 9 A. M. to 3:30 P. M. two weeks before school opens, from August 22 through September 2. High School students may see him about class schedule and arranging courses. He will check bus routes and proposed bus drivers during this time.

On September 2 a conference with teachers, principals and the superintendent will be held at Chowan High School. This conference is scheduled for 10 A. M. A similar conference will be held with colored teachers in the office of the superintendent, Friday September 2, at 2 P. M.

The following teachers for the 1949-50 school term by schools and grades or subjects have been employed:

- Chowan High Elementary**
 First Grade—Miss Ann Bachman and Miss Ada Morris.
 Second Grade—Mrs. W. J. Nichols.
 Third Grade—Mrs. Marguerite B. Burch.
 Fourth Grade—Miss Hattie Hudgins.

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Chaplain Kennedy At Edenton's Methodist Church Two Sundays

Rev. W. L. Freeman, the Pastor Will Be Absent Two Weeks

The Rev. W. L. Freeman, pastor of the local Methodist Church, plans to be away the next two Sundays. This coming Sunday he will be in Elizabeth City, while on the following Sunday he will be on vacation. Mr. Freeman has secured Chaplain Deane W. Kennedy of the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station to fill the pulpit both Sundays, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Services will be held Sunday morning, the night services having been abandoned during the summer.

Schools In Edenton Unit Will Reopen On Wednesday, Sept. 7

Only Two New Faces Will Appear on Local Faculty

John A. Holmes, superintendent of schools in the Edenton administrative unit, announced this week that schools will reopen Wednesday morning, September 7. Mr. Holmes early in this week stated that all teachers except one at the colored school, had been secured, and that he expected no difficulty in filling this opening. For some time work has been going on in putting buildings and grounds in shape, so that everything is practically ready now for opening of schools for the new term.

Principal Fenton Larson plans to be at the high school daily in preparation for school opening and other teachers are gradually returning in order to be ready for the opening. In announcing the faculty, Mr. Holmes apparently was pleased with the fact that Miss Paulina Hassell, veteran principal who resigned last year, will again be one of the teachers. Miss Hassell will teach the sixth grade, replacing Miss Betty Fleming. There will be only one other change, that being Miss Frances Tunstall of Danville, Va., who will teach the seventh grade. Miss Elizabeth Elliott taught this grade last year, but this year will teach the second grade due to the resignation of Miss Nancy Darden.

The faculty as released by Mr. Holmes includes the following:

- Fenton Larson, principal; Ernest A. Swain, George K. Gelbach, Mrs. Mary Browning, Miss Rebecca Walker, Mrs. E. P. Debnam, George Thompson, Nick George, Miss Mary Morris, Cecil Frey, Miss Miriam Scott, Mrs. Ruth Bunch, Mrs. Alice Belch, Miss Frances Tunstall, Miss Mary Lee Copeland, Miss Paulina Hassell, Mrs. Marie Davis, Miss Minnie Hollowell, Mrs. Lloyd Griffin, Miss Lena Jones, Miss Myrtle Jenkins, Mrs. W. B. Shepard, Miss Ruby Felts, Miss Carrie Lee Jones, Miss Elizabeth Elliott, Miss Fannie Sue Sayers, Mrs. Ernest Swain, Miss Dorothy Williams, Miss Myrtle Waff and Mrs. Pauline Travis.

Dime Society Will Meet Tuesday Night

The Dime Society of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the men's Bible class room at the church.

Mrs. J. M. Boyce and Mrs. W. T. Satterfield will be the hostesses and all members are especially urged to be present.

Coon Hunters Club Will Meet Tonight

There will be a meeting of the Chowan County Coon Hunters Club, tonight (Thursday), August 25th, at 7:30 o'clock in the Court House.

Plans for the coming field trial, which will be held on Labor Day, are to be discussed and completed, so every member is urged to attend.

Idea Advanced For Swimming Pool At Meeting Of Rotary

Joe Conger, Jr., Speaker And Named Chairman Of Committee

Joe Conger, Jr., was the principal speaker at last week's Rotary Club meeting and during his remarks advanced the idea of a municipal swimming pool for Edenton. In his talk Mr. Conger cited the Tarboro swimming pool and passed around a number of pictures of the Edgecombe County pool.

Mr. Conger expressed regret that there is so much water around Edenton, but still no bathing facilities due to pollution. He also pointed out the advantages of a pool as a means of recreation and publicity for the town as a whole.

According to the speaker, the Tarboro pool cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000 about 15 years ago, and that construction costs now would be much greater. He expressed the belief, however, that if the proper interest and support can be engendered among various organizations, a swimming pool can easily become a reality. He emphasized the fact George Thompson, the town's recreation director, could act in a supervisory capacity, thus holding down operating expenses.

In closing his remarks, Mr. Conger said he would like to see the Rotary Club, as well as other organizations, back the swimming pool idea and he was named by President George Twiddy chairman of a committee to see if the project can be developed. He is to choose other members of the club to assist him.

It was stated that the Varsity Club had also considered the possibility of a swimming pool and that the organization is in full accord with the idea.

H. A. Wood Speaker At Edenton Lions Club August 29th

President of Local Club Urges All Members To Attend

Hector Lupton, president of the Edenton Lions Club, has announced that H. A. Wood, executive secretary of the State Commission for the Blind will be the principal speaker at the Edenton Lions Club meeting next Monday night, August 29.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 and every member of the Lions Club is especially urged to be present.

Mr. Wood will discuss blind work in Chowan County as well as throughout the State. Work among the blind is one of the Lions Club's major projects, so that President Lupton hopes every Lion will attend the meeting in order to become better informed regarding blind conditions.

Chowan Draft Board Suspends Operation As Of August 26th

Mrs. Olive Dail Appointed Registrar For County

J. L. Wiggins, chairman of local Board No. 21, Chowan County, has announced that the local board will be moved after the close of business August 26, 1949, to a sub-depot in Elizabeth City.

Mr. Wiggins stated that he was advised that the action is part of the reduced program necessitated by the limited appropriation. He explained that the board would continue the function of classification and induction, should the latter be resumed. He also pointed out that youths are still required to register when they attain their 18th birthday, and that they should register with Mrs. Olive Dail at the Bank of Edenton, who has been appointed the official registrar for this county. He stated that registrants of Chowan County should address any communications for the local board to, Local Board, Carolina Building, Elizabeth City, N. C.

W. J. Taylor, Jr., One Of Appalachian State College's Graduates

Appalachian State Teachers College expects to confer degrees upon 90 graduates at the summer school commencement which will be held at the college tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Dr. Young B. Smith, dean of the law school of Columbia University, will deliver the commencement address.

Among the graduates is an Edenton student, Walter John Taylor, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Taylor.

J. W. Davis Signs Contract For New Hospital In Edenton

Contractor Is Expected To Begin Actual Work Within Few Days

J. W. Davis, chairman of the Chowan Hospital Board of Trustees, on Thursday night signed a contract for the construction of a hospital.

The contracting concern to build the hospital is Wrenn-Wilson Construction Company of Durham at a bid of \$200,000. Work is expected to begin at once. In fact it was hoped to break ground Monday, but weather conditions interfered.

The hospital, which will be located on the town lot just north of Leary Bros. Warehouse on the Suffolk highway, will have a capacity of 35 beds, and together with the plumbing, heating, electrical work and furnishing is estimated to cost \$322,000.

Bids for the hospital which were opened August 4, were approved Saturday by the Medical Care Commission and State and Federal governments. This information was gratifying to hospital enthusiasts for the approval was received about two weeks earlier than expected.

Burton Jones Home After Long Cruise

Burton H. Jones has recently returned to Edenton from an N.R.O.T.C. cruise to England and Cuba. He was one of 900 midshipmen who made the trip on the Battleship Missouri and her escort of five destroyers and four mine layers, which comprised Task Force 61. Burton was on the Damato which was a destroyer.