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Herbert C. Bonner Calls For Revision Of Peanut Program

Argues For Division of Various Peanut Producing Areas

FAIRER PROGRAM

Interested In Saving the Farm Program, Not Destroying It

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has called for a revision of the entire peanut program.

Speaking from the floor of the House last week, he voiced his opposition to the Agricultural Committee resolution which would increase the production of cotton and peanuts in the face of today's "great surplus in both crops."

The First North Carolina Representative, declaring that he is "interested in saving the entire farm program—not destroying it by patchwork", proposed that the peanut control set-up be changed and that a program similar to the tobacco program be instituted.

Such a program would divide the peanut producing areas according to types of peanuts produced and the acreage allotments would be made on the basis of need and demand for peanuts by types rather than by the present method of national consideration of all types.

Illustrating the ineffectiveness of the present system and the undesirable aspects of the Agricultural Committee's proposal, Mr. Bonner pointed out that the Production Credit Corporation purchased 85 per cent of the Runner-type peanuts grown in 1948. "And yet, in this additional amendment, it provides for the growing of additional Runner-type peanuts," the Congressman asserted.

He explained further that some Spanish-type area farmers are diverting to Runner-type peanuts "which will further confuse this situation." In the Virginia-type area there is not a sufficient production to meet the great market demand, Mr. Bonner declared.

"Therefore," he maintained, "instead of reporting out this amendment, the entire peanut program should be revised."

He suggested that the peanut producing areas be divided into the Virginia-type area, the Runner-type area, and the Spanish-type area. The allotments should then be made according to the need and market demand for the individual types, he said.

In his opening remarks Congressman Bonner mentioned the 1950 cotton acreage allotment program. "I shall not discuss this, but the difficulty being experienced by those who have been allocated acreage is due to the fact that the State Committee and the County Committee in the majority of cases failed to carry out the law. That is," he continued, "to reserve 10 per cent for State adjustments and 15 per cent for county adjustments, or vice versa."

The additional acreage proposed by the amendment will only be that much additional cotton for the government to purchase, he explained.

Directors Of B. & L Re-elected For Year

Annual Meeting Held In Court House; Constitution Revised

That there is no little interest in the Edenton Building & Loan Association is reflected in the good attendance at the annual meeting held Tuesday night in the Court House.

All of the directors were re-elected and are as follows: A. C. Byrum, T. C. Byrum, J. W. Davis, F. W. Hobbs, R. C. Holland, J. P. Partin, G. B. Potter, J. Clarence Leary and R. P. Badham. These directors will elect officers and the organization perfected at the next meeting on February 9.

At Tuesday's meeting it was agreed to revise the constitution, under which the association has operated since 1905. Under the revised constitution a new set of by-laws will be drawn up.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet in the Parish House this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock. President George Twiddy urges all Rotarians to attend.

Improvement

Plans are going forward for the widening of Oakum Street from the new colored high school site out to Highway 17. The present ditch, which is far out of line will be closed in order to make the street wider and a storm sewer laid along the proper line. From the school site to the highway a new ditch will be dug.

The work will most likely get underway early next week so as not to hold up any work on the new school building.

Chemical Society Names Chestnutt At Wake Forest

Edenton Student Given Honor For High Distinction

At a meeting last week of Gamma Epsilon, honorary chemistry fraternity at Wake Forest College, James Chestnutt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt, was nominated to an honorary membership in the American Chemical Society.

The honor is accorded free each year to one outstanding member in each chapter of the chemical society. It includes the membership, subscription to several national chemistry magazines and the semi-annual convention rights.

Young Chestnutt has attained high distinction in the field of chemistry. While at Wake Forest, he has maintained a 3.0 quality point ratio on over 30 hours of chemistry, while carrying many other extra curricular responsibilities as well. He is a member of the Euthalian Literary Society, treasurer of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity for two years, Inter-fraternity Council for two, keeper of the cult in Gamma Sigma Epsilon, honorary chemical fraternity and instructor in organic chemistry laboratory.

Chestnutt plans to continue his work in Chemistry.

Pocahontas Plan To Hold Valentine Dance

Affair In Edenton Armory Saturday Night, February 11

Though organized only a few months, members of the Degree of Pocahontas will sponsor a Valentine dance in the Edenton armory Saturday night, February 11. The dance will begin at 8 o'clock and continue until midnight.

Music for dancing will be furnished by Eddie Sample and his orchestra of Elizabeth City. A feature of the dance will be a dancing act by Miss Mary E. Upton of Norfolk. Miss Upton is an accomplished dancer who has appeared on television and radio, as well as other entertainments and is very much in demand on various programs. Members of the local Pocahontas feel very fortunate in being able to secure Miss Upton to appear as a feature of the evening.

Mrs. Hoskins Bass, Jr., is in charge of the sale of tickets and table reservations. She has placed tickets on sale at the Colonial Motor Court, Triangle Restaurant, Bridge Turn Service Station and the Gulf Service. Members also have tickets for sale. Mrs. Bass should be contacted for table reservations by calling 153-J. Tables will not be reserved later than 10 o'clock on the night of the dance. Mrs. Horace White, Pocahontas, is in charge of decorations and the program.

The dance is sponsored in order to raise funds for the treasury and it is hoped many will attend.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Watts Poe of Chapel Hill announce the birth of a son, Watts Poe, Jr., in Watts Hospital, Durham, Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Poe is the former Miss Norma Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Perry.

Utah Centennial Chorus Will Sing In Edenton



The famous Utah Centennial Chorus will appear in Edenton the first part of February. The group features special piano, violin and quartet numbers and has received great acclaim from a tour of the Central Atlantic States Mission of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The group has presented many radio, television, school and club programs. The choir is composed of missionaries of the church, who donate their own time and talents so that music can be heard free of charge. They will appear before the Edenton Rotary Club on Thursday, February 2, and in the Edenton High School on February 3. The chorus is under the direction of Elder Surge Huff of Springfield, Utah.

J. H. McMULLAN ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Makes Decision After Being Assured By Highway Chairman That Chowan River Bridge Has Been Approved For Reconstruction

J. H. McMullan early this week informed The Herald that he will not seek re-election to the General Assembly for the next term. He made this definite decision after receipt of a letter from Dr. H. W. Jordan, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, in which Dr. Jordan stated that the Chowan River bridge has been approved for reconstruction.

The primary reason for Mr. McMullan seeking election as Representative in the last session was his interest in an adequate bridge over the Chowan and a desire to do all he possibly could to remedy the present condition. According to Dr. Jordan's letter, Mr. McMullan does not see where he could do any more about the matter, and hence his decision not to be a candidate in the next election.

In announcing his decision, Mr. McMullan made the following statement:

"To the people of Chowan County: Two years ago I announced that I desired to go to the Legislature in the hope that I might aid in the movement to have the Chowan River bridge rebuilt and brought to the standard of the best in modern bridge construction. You very graciously granted my request and sent me to the Legislature. As soon as I arrived in Raleigh and canvassed the situation, it became apparent that there was little likelihood that the bridge would be rebuilt immediately because the funds allocated to our territory were not adequate for the purpose. I discovered that past Legislatures had placed the proceeds of the gasoline and oil inspection fee collections in the general fund. This amounted to \$22,500,000 a year. So I introduced HB No. 678, which provided that this fund should be taken from the general fund and diverted to the highway fund, and that same be earmarked to take care of the inequalities in the cost of building large bridges and other similar projects. This bill was formally endorsed by Dr. H. W. Jordan, chairman of the Highway Commission, and the Committee on Roads was favorable to the idea, but it was

found that this money had already been appropriated to general purposes and so was not available at that time. So our only recourse was to induce the Highway Commission to find the money elsewhere or wait until another session of the Legislature to have this bill passed. I found the Highway Commission, and particularly its chairman, Dr. Jordan, highly sympathetic and was given assurance that the bridge would be rebuilt whenever the funds were available.

"I have no desire to go to the Legislature other than to promote this project and resolved that I would not be a candidate for re-election if this project was assured. So I withheld my announcement until I had definite assurance that further legislation was not necessary."

On January 5th Mr. McMullan wrote the following letter to Dr. Jordan:

"As previously advised, my main purpose in going to the Legislature last year was to promote the rebuilding of the Chowan River bridge. I have no political ambition, but I am deeply concerned with the economic development of my State and local community. The present Chowan River bridge is entirely inadequate to meet the traffic demands of this important gateway to the Albemarle and something should be done immediately to widen and modernize this present highway menace. I use the word menace advisedly, for I never cross this bridge without a consciousness of great personal hazard, and I feel sure that the more than 2,500 operators who cross this bridge daily experience the same feeling. I do not want to go to the Legislature again and will not be a candidate unless I feel it necessary to the promotion of this cause that I do so. The purpose of this letter is to ask that you advise me if it is the definite purpose of your Commission to undertake the reconstruction of a modern bridge at this point in the near future. If your answer is yes, I will not be a candidate and would like to

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Six Edenton Lions At District Meeting

Six Edenton Lions attended a district meeting of Lions International held in Goldsboro early this week, where internationally known Lions were on the program.

The Edenton group was composed of President Hector Lupton, Ernest Ward, Percy Smith, Earl Harrell, West Leary and Dr. Wallace Griffin.

MARRIED 50 YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Byrum celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Tuesday night when many friends called at the home of their daughter.

The couple was married 50 years in the Center Hill Baptist Church by the late Josiah Elliott.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. All members are urged to attend.

ATTEND ABC MEETING

R. F. Elliott, William P. Jones and Hector Lupton, members of the Chowan County ABC Board, attended a meeting of the State Board held in Raleigh Wednesday.

Umbaugh Featured In Look Magazine

An article "Babies by Proxy," appears in the January 31 issue of Look magazine which deals with artificial insemination as carried out by Raymond Umbaugh, who is now operating in Texas.

Mr. Umbaugh did similar work at the Edenton Marine Air Station when the base was under the supervision of the Town of Edenton.

Junior Woman's Club Sponsoring Card Party

Edenton's Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a bridge party, which is scheduled to be held Wednesday night, February 8 at Hotel Joseph Hewes. The affair will begin at 8 o'clock and a limited number of tables will be available in order to allow ample room for those who play.

ON BUYING TRIP

Mrs. W. J. Daniels, Mrs. George Harrell, Mrs. Clara Preston and Mrs. Charles H. Wood are in New York, where they are purchasing merchandise for Tot's & Teens, Badham Bros. and Preston's. The ladies expect to return home Friday.

Status Of Edenton Marine Corps Air Station Unchanged

Reports Tardy

Mrs. Percy Smith, chairman of the Chowan County March of Dimes, up to Wednesday morning, did not have sufficient complete reports from canvassers to determine the progress of Chowan County's drive.

While Mrs. Smith has heard from some of canvassers, no reports were complete, but the amounts were not so very encouraging.

The chairman urges canvassers to complete their work and turn in their reports as soon as possible.

Bloodmobile Will Be At Parish House Tuesday, Feb. 14th

Volunteers Needed In Order For County to Reach Quota

The board of directors of the Red Cross Bloodmobile Program of Chowan County met recently to complete plans for the next visit of the bloodmobile scheduled at the Episcopal Parish House, Tuesday, February 14. Dr. Wallace Griffin, chairman of Chowan County's Blood Program, presided. Miss Margaret Margrove, field representative of the American Red Cross, was also present.

Mrs. Jimmie Davis, chairman of Volunteer Services, reported her committee of volunteers in complete readiness to carry out their numerous and various services in making the program successful.

Mrs. Joe Conger, Jr., club representative, again offered the help of the Junior Woman's Club in recruiting blood donors for the February and May visits of the bloodmobile.

A report on public information was also given by Dr. Griffin in the absence of Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt, public information chairman.

J. M. Boyce, recruitment chairman, reported that 150 donors who signed for the first visit of the mobile but had to cancel their registration he felt sure would again volunteer on the February visit. He also stressed the urgent need of more recruiters in order that the county will again reach the quota of 100 pints. Particularly would he like to call donors' attentions to the small type card mailed to them recently. This card can prove to be a priceless reward in time of need and should be carried at all times. In case a donor should need emergency transfusions, precious minutes will not have to be wasted in typing or finding suitable donors. It may save a person's life some day.

Dr. George L. Crane, Medical Advisory Committee chairman, gave an interesting report on the distribution of Red Cross blood in this hospital, in which he stated from November 15 through January 19 the hospital has given 27 pints of this blood to 19 recipients. This blood has been used for the following conditions; Caesarean (Continued on Page Seven)

Hearing On Flood Control Postponed

Announcement Made By Congressman Herbert Bonner

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner on Saturday announced postponement of the Chowan County flood control hearing scheduled for January 30 at Winton, N. C.

He said the hearing would be held either February 27 or March 6, the exact date to be announced later.

Postponement of the meeting followed a talk with District Engineer Col. G. T. Derby, of Norfolk, in which it was decided that January 30 would be too early a date for the hearing. "There would be insufficient time to notify all the persons necessary and make all the other arrangements should the meeting be held this month," Mr. Bonner explained after his talk with Col. Derby.

Information Is Brought Back From Washington Tuesday

ENCOURAGING

Edenton Group Confers With Bonner and Graham

A committee from the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce conferred Monday afternoon with Senator Frank Graham and Representative Herbert Bonner in Washington, D. C. The committee was composed of President George Twiddy, J. H. Conger, Henry Gardner, David Holton and Marvin Wilson and the main purpose of the conference was to discuss the status of the Marine Air Base located here.

Dr. Graham and Mr. Bonner informed the group that they were in close contact with authorities in the Navy Department and that the situation in regard to the Base is unchanged, and that no orders relating either to its permanency or abandonment have been issued by the authorities.

No little interest has been aroused in Edenton concerning reports that the base will be closed so that the information brought back by the Edenton delegation is very encouraging.

Crowning Of 'Royal Family' Feature Of VFW Show Friday

Larry Church and Candy Smith Win Contest As King and Queen

"It's A Date," VFW-sponsored local talent show, attracted a goodly number of people at the two presentations Thursday and Friday nights in the Edenton school. The show provoked a great deal of laughter, and while a little drawn out, appeared to be enjoyed by those attendin.

A feature of the show was crowning the Toyland royal family, which took place on the stage Friday night. Larry Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Church, was crowned king and Candy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, was crowned queen. Prince was Billy Cozart, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cozart and Barbara Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, was crowned princess. Tommy Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Parker, was crowned duke and Gayle Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver was crowned duchess.

N. C. Little Symphony Scheduled For Feb. 21

Two Programs Will Be Presented In School Auditorium

North Carolina's Little Symphony, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, will appear in Edenton Tuesday, February 21. Two programs will be presented, a free concert for school children at 2:30 o'clock, and again at night for adults at 8:30 o'clock. Both concerts will be presented in the high school auditorium.

Members of the Junior Woman's Club will assist in staging the concerts, with the work assigned to the Fine Arts Committee, which includes Mrs. T. B. Smith, Mrs. C. E. Mooney, Mrs. Joe Conger, Jr., Mrs. Frank Holmes, Mrs. John Kramer, Mrs. Willis McClenney, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Mrs. Meredith Jones, Jr., Miss Ruth Byrum and Mrs. William Cozart.

Already it has been announced that 53 children from Columbia will attend the children's concert.

M. L. HOFLER IN HOSPITAL

M. L. Hofler left early last week for a Norfolk hospital, where he will be given treatments and in the meantime be observed closely as to how much, if any, progress has been made in the condition of his health.

Mr. Hofler was in a hospital during the month of November and since he returned home has been under the care of Edenton doctors.