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Interest Centers In Senatorial Race In Election Saturday

Graham And Smith Contest Arouses Interest Of Voters

VOTE 6:30 TO 6:30

Three Contests In Election For Offices In Chowan County

The final burst of political stream is going forth this week in the home stretch of the election which will be held Saturday. While there is little interest apparent in local contests, workers are busy principally in behalf of Senator Frank Graham and Willis Smith for the U. S. Senatorial seat, with both sides predicting that their candidate will carry Chowan County and, of course, win the election in the State.

Voters will have an opportunity to cast their ballots between the hours of 6:30 A. M., and 6:30 P. M.

In Chowan County there are three contests, for sheriff, member of the State House of Representatives and county commissioner in the First Township.

Sheriff J. A. Bunch is seeking reelection and has as his opposition Trot Leary.

For the Representative seat there are three candidates to succeed J. H. McMullan, who declined to seek the office. The three candidates are Mrs. Josie Ruth Wheeler Carr, John F. White and William C. Bunch, Jr.

For Commissioner in the First Township A. S. Hollowell, incumbent, is opposed by Peter Carlton. Those who are to be elected without opposition are E. W. Spiers, Clerk of Court; Marvin P. Wilson, Judge Recorder's Court; Weldon A. Hollifield, Prosecuting Attorney Recorder's Court; W. W. Byrum, County Commissioner-at-large; J. R. Peele, County Commissioner from the Second Township; E. N. Elliott, Commissioner from the Third Township; J. A. Webb, Commissioner from the Fourth Township, and Hubert Williford for Coroner.

For the two State Senators from the First Senatorial District there are three candidates, J. Emmett Winslow, who is seeking reelection, E. S. Askew and J. Emmett Copeland.

EHS Commencement Begins Friday Night

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, UNC Professor, Graduation Speaker

Edenton High School will begin the commencement season Friday night, when members of the eighth grade observe class night and be presented their diplomas entitling them to enter high school next year.

The Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the school auditorium Sunday night, May 28. For this service the glee club will sing several numbers.

Glass night exercises will be held Thursday night, June 1, with the theme of the program being "Senior Merry Go Round."

Graduation exercises will be held Friday night, June 2. The speaker for this occasion will be Dr. W. H. Plemmons, professor of education at the University of North Carolina.

Ruritan Club Will Hold Ladies' Night

Ladies' night will be observed by the Chowan Ruritan Club Monday night, May 29, at 8 o'clock, the affair being scheduled to take place in the community building.

The principal speaker for the occasion will be A. P. Godwin of Gatesville. Every member of the club is especially urged to attend and bring his wife as a guest.

BANK CLOSED MAY 30

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Tuesday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Bank officials urge any who have important banking business to transact it accordingly.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

"Flanders Field"

For the observance of Poppy Day Saturday is a miniature Flanders Field on the town lot next to police headquarters.

Crosses have already been placed on the lot, which represent those from Chowan County who lost their lives in World Wars I and II, as well as those veterans who have died since.

An American flag will also be placed on the lot, and it is hoped the display will stimulate the sale of poppies on Saturday.

Symphony Society Begins Plans For Membership Drive

Meeting Held Monday Night In Chowan Court House

Chowan County's Symphony Society held a meeting in the Court House Monday night to begin the membership drive for the coming year. The first step will be taken by members of the Edenton Junior Woman's Club, who will contact citizens of Edenton within the next few days and all are urged to take part in this worthwhile project.

A sufficient membership will enable the North Carolina Little Symphony Orchestra to present a free children's concert when it plays in Edenton.

Present at Monday's meeting were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Swalin and Miss Conway of the Symphony to assist in the organization and planning.

Those who attended Monday night's meeting were: Father F. J. McCourt, president of the Chowan County Symphony Society; Miss Dorothy Williams, secretary; Mrs. George Hoskins, treasurer; J. O. Powers, Miss Miriam Scott, Miss Ruby Felts, Graham White, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Miss Emily Smithwick, Miss Fannie Sue Sayers, Mrs. Robert Smith, Mrs. J. R. DuLaney, Mrs. David Holton, Mrs. George Dail, Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning, Mrs. George Mack, Thomas Byrum, James Leigh, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Jr., Mrs. L. G. Plant and L. G. Plant.

BPW Club Installs New Group Officers

Interesting Meeting Held Friday Night In Parish House

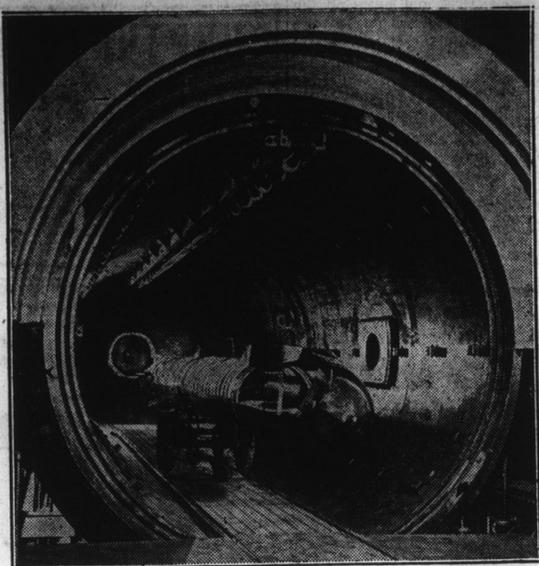
Edenton's Business and Professional Women's Club celebrated its second anniversary at a banquet held Friday night in the Parish House, at which time new officers for the 1950-51 year were installed.

Prior to the installation of officers a delicious three-course chicken dinner was served, prepared by the ladies of St. Mary's Guild of the Episcopal Church, after which Mrs. Corie White, presiding president, welcomed the members and their guests.

Following the dinner an enjoyable musical program, in charge of Mrs. Lydia Daniels, was rendered by Bill Cozart, who sang three delightful numbers accompanied at the piano by O. E. Boatwright, who also played several selections.

Installation of the incoming officers was made by Miss Rebecca Colwell, Edenton's first BPW Club president in an impressive and appropriate candlelight ceremony. Heading up the organization for the coming year are: Mrs. Josie Ruth Carr, president; Miss Lena Jones, first vice-president; Mrs. Corie White, second vice-president; Mrs. Lena Leary, recording secretary; Mrs. Mildred Spruill, corresponding secretary, and Miss Marie Goodwin, treasurer.

The outgoing president, Mrs. Corie B. White, spoke briefly to the group thanking the organization for its splendid cooperation, and stated that she had enjoyed her term of presidency. She asked that the club extend the same cooperation to the new (Continued on Page Eight)



JUST LIKE THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA—This deep sea pressure vessel at the Ordnance Environmental Laboratory at White Oak, Maryland, simulates one-half mile depth at sea. During the testing of under-water ordnance 15,000 gallons of water are pumped into the giant cylinder. A torpedo with cutaway side is shown prior to a test run. Beside the pressure tank facilities at the laboratory include a ship, vibration laboratory, depth charge and mine testing equipment, etc. In this new department efforts are devoted to the scientific destruction of weapons and weapon components for the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance by testing within the laboratory rather than in the field. The facility is available to all branches of the Armed Forces.

28 New Members Added To Chowan Hospital Auxiliary

Membership In Local Organization Nearing 300 Mark

The Chowan Hospital Auxiliary met Wednesday of last week in St. Paul's Parish House, with the chairman, Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr., presiding and the devotional portion of the program conducted by Mrs. W. B. Rosevear. It was pointed out that 23 organizations were represented at the meeting.

Mrs. J. W. Davis, chairman of volunteer services for the Red Cross blood program, reported that in the three visits of the bloodmobile, her volunteer workers had approximated more than 500 hours of work, with the vast majority being members of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. George Hoskins reported that 28 new members had joined the Auxiliary, bringing the present membership to 276, within sight of the goal of at least 300.

The new members included the following: Miss Minnie Hollowell, Miss Myrtle Waff, Miss Dorothy Williams, Mrs. Wilma Swain, Mrs. Marie Davis, Mrs. Herbert Hollowell, Miss Paulina Hassell, Mrs. T. B. Williford, Mrs. Walter Mills, Mrs. Laura Goodman, Mrs. Carl Cease, Mrs. Sam Morris, Mrs. Ernie Umphlett, Mrs. C. W. Overman, Mrs. E. J. Hudson, Mrs. John Mitchener, Mrs. W. W. Byrum, Mrs. W. I. Hart, Jr., Mrs. R. E. Leary, Mrs. T. J. Hoskins, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Mrs. Herbert Leary, Mrs. O. C. Byrum, Mrs. C. O. Letcher, Miss Lillian Swinson, Miss Myrtle Jenkins, Miss Mary Lee Copeland and J. D. Ward.

Mrs. W. O. Elliott and Mrs. Paul Holloman, at the conclusion of the meeting, served refreshments.

ALBEMARLE LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON OPENS ON HICKS FIELD SATURDAY NIGHT

Colonials Will Meet Plymouth Rams In Opener at 8:30 O'clock; This Year's Circuit Composed Of Only Four Teams

Edenton's Colonials are in readiness for the opening of the Albemarle League 1950 baseball season which will take place Saturday night at Hicks Field. Opposing the Colonials for the opening game will be the Plymouth Rams with the game scheduled to begin at 8:30 o'clock.

The league this year will comprise only four teams, compared with six in former years. Members of the circuit will be Edenton, Plymouth, Windsor and Colerain, Elizabeth City, formerly a member, went into organized baseball and the Hertford Indians withdrew from the league due to the hired player provision.

Prospects appear bright for a creditable club this year, with Gashouse Parker again acting in the capacity of manager. Practices have been held and manager Parker is favorably impressed with showing made by vari-

Free Water Carnival At Water Front On Saturday Afternoon

Beauty Contest Planned To Choose "Miss Water Queen"

Sponsored by the Byrum Hardware Company, a free water carnival is scheduled to be held at the Edenton water front Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Six thrilling boat races are planned, together with aqua planing stunts and exciting speed maneuvers.

In connection with the water carnival a beauty contest will be held in which five beautiful girls will compete for the honor of "Miss Water Queen." A parade will also be held on Broad Street, with the Edenton Band participating and including displays of various boats and motors. The parade will be held at 2:15 just prior to the water carnival.

Officials of the Byrum Hardware Company say the show will be worth while and hope many people will turn out to witness it.

Plans Completed For "Miss Edenton" Ball

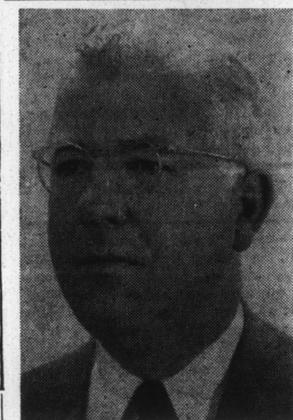
Plans have been completed for the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce annual "Miss Edenton" ball to be held Saturday night, June 3, in the Edenton armory. The affair will get under way at 9 o'clock.

The winner of this contest will qualify for the "Miss North Carolina" contest which will be held in Wilmington.

Dick Levin and his State College orchestra will provide music for the occasion, which is expected to attract a large crowd. Anyone desiring table reservations should telephone 39.

Census Figures Give Edenton Increase Of 709 In Population

Lions President



LEROY H. HASKETT

Mayor Leroy Haskett was elected president of the Edenton Lions Club Monday night, succeeding Hector Lupton. The new president will be installed at the first meeting in July.

Mayor L. H. Haskett Elected President Of Edenton Lions Club

Officers For New Year Elected at Meeting Monday Night

Edenton Lions at their meeting Monday night devoted a goodly portion of the time to the election of new officers for the fiscal year 1950-51.

Mayor Leroy H. Haskett was elected president to succeed Hector Lupton, who will round out his term at the first meeting in July. Other officers elected were: First vice-president, J. Rodney Byrum; second vice-president, N. J. George; third vice-president, A. E. Jenkins; secretary, W. J. Taylor, who has been secretary since the club was organized; treasurer, Ernest Ward, Jr.; Lion Tamer, Scott Harrell; Board of Directors for two years, M. A. Hughes and Geddes Potter; Chorister, J. Clarence Leary; pianist, Earl Harrell.

The following delegates were elected to represent the club at the State Convention in Charlotte June 18, 19 and 20: Leroy H. Haskett, Hector Lupton, W. J. Taylor, West Leary and Dr. W. S. Griffin.

Very favorable reports were made on the Lions minstrel, baseball game sponsored by the club, contributions to the Daisy Alice Ward fund and the N. C. State Association for the Blind. It was reported that the club netted about \$297 from the minstrel, which will be used for blind work. A report was also made that the Easter Seal Sale netted about \$200, which will also be used for blind work. Enough was realized from the baseball game to pay the club's contribution to the N. C. State Association for the Blind.

State VFW Official Guest In Edenton

Earl Knauff Shows Film "Joe's Child" Tuesday Night

Earl Knauff, junior vice-commander of the Department of North Carolina, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was a guest of the local VFW meeting Tuesday night. The meeting was presided over by Commander Jack Moore. Mr. Knauff presented a film "Joe's Child," a picture of life at the VFW national home at Eaton Rapids, Mich., in connection with a drive to raise money for a North Carolina cottage at the home. A public showing will be made of the film at a later date.

Plans were discussed at the meeting in connection with the Department Convention in Hendersonville, June 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Population In County Is 729 Above the 1940 Figure

ABOUT CORRECT

4,454 Counted In Edenton and 12,301 In County

F. Webb Williams, Census Supervisor, notified The Herald this week that as the result of the recent census, Edenton had a population of 4,454. The figure represents a gain of 709 over the 1940 census, when the population was counted as 3,835.

Chowan County's population, according to the census figures, is 12,301, representing a gain of 729 over the 1940 census when the population was recorded as 11,572.

These figures are believed to be substantially correct, but are subject to revision after returns for non-residents are credited to their proper locality and other routine checks have been made. Although material revision of the preliminary count is unlikely, it may possibly occur after careful examination of the returns.

The official announcement of population will be made at a later date by the Director, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D. C.

Chowan's population in 1920 was recorded at 10,049, in 1930 it was 11,282, and in 1940 it was 11,572.

It is interesting to note, too, that according to the 1940 census 52.9 per cent of the population was native white, 0.1 per cent foreign born, 46.9 per cent Negro, 33.1 per cent urban, 2.0 per cent rural non-farm and 64.9 per cent rural farm.

Trio Of Speakers At Rotary Meeting

Importance Of School Recreation Program Is Pointed Out

J. O. Powers, principal of Edenton schools, Coach George Thompson and Keith Emminizer were speakers at last week's Rotary meeting, all three emphasizing the importance of physical education and athletics in schools. Mr. Powers complimented the Varsity Club for its recent sports banquet which reflected an interest in the project undertaken by the club to provide a recreational program for the youth of the community. He also read a brief article pointing out the value of such a program.

Coach Thompson pointed out that schools and colleges are out of balance so far as emphasis on academic standards and athletics is concerned, and that all too often appropriations are made for all phases of the school program except physical education. He stressed the fact that a strong and healthy body goes hand in hand with a well rounded education. Thompson also advanced an argument for mass participation in physical education—a program which will provide recreation for the strong, as well as the weak and handicapped. Of course, he pointed out, a staff and equipment is necessary, which means an outlay of money not now available. The speaker said that of 98 boys in the Edenton High School only 37 participated in athletics and of 108 girls, only 20 participated.

Keith Emminizer spoke briefly, pointing out the value of athletics and a systematic recreational program in the schools. The program was arranged by Col. W. B. Rosevear.

Play At Rocky Hock School On May 31st

Ward Home Demonstration Club will present a play, "Twelve Old Maids," at the Rocky Hock Central School Wednesday night, May 31, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dime Society Will Meet Tuesday Night

The Dime Society of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the church. A good attendance is desired. Mrs. E. W. Bond and Mrs. C. T. Doughtie will serve as hostesses.