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Enrollment Boosted In Edenton's White And Colored Schools

36 More Than Last Year Packed In White School

NEGROES GAIN, TOO

Total of 1,909 White and Colored Enrolled In Edenton Unit

With Edenton's schools opening Wednesday of last week, increased enrollments are reported in white and colored schools in the Edenton Administrative Unit.

According to Superintendent John A. Holmes the enrollment in the Edenton white school as of Tuesday morning was 908, of which 676 were enrolled in the elementary school and 232 in the high school. Last year's total enrollment at the end of the first week was 872, with 662 in the elementary grades and 210 in the high school. According to these figures the increase in enrollment this year over last year is 36, of which 14 is in the elementary school and 22 in the high school.

A considerable increase in enrollment also appears at the Edenton colored school. As of Monday, 919 were enrolled in the Edenton school, of which 672 were in the elementary grades and 247 in the high school.

At St. John's school 82 were enrolled, so that the total colored enrollment in the unit is 1,001. Last year at the end of the first month the enrollment was 923, which shows a gain of 78 as of Monday, with more children expected to enroll.

According to these figures, there are 1,909 enrolled in both the white and colored schools in the unit.

The faculty at the white school includes the following:

First Grade—Miss Fannie Sue Sayers, Mrs. Ernest Swain and Mrs. Mary Pruden Willis.

Second Grade—Miss Ruby Felts, Miss Elizabeth Elliott and Mrs. John F. White.

Third Grade—Miss Myrtle Jenkins, Mrs. W. B. Shepard and Mrs. Laura Mae Ferguson.

Fourth Grade—Mrs. Lloyd Griffin and Miss Lena Jones.

Fifth Grade—Miss Minnie Hollowell and Mrs. Richard Davis.

Sixth Grade—Miss Paulina Hassell and Miss Mary Lee Copeland.

Seventh Grade—Mrs. Herbert Hollowell and Mrs. Alice Belch.

Eighth Grade—Mrs. Ruth Bunch and Ben Perry.

In the high school the faculty includes George Gelbach, Miss Mary Morris, Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning, Miss Elizabeth Mayfield, George Thompson, Miss Rebecca Walker, N. J. George, Miss Miriam Scott, Cecil Fry, Miss Norma Clapp, Ernest Gentile, band director, and Miss Myrtle Waff, librarian.

Ernest Swain is principal of the elementary school and James O. Powers is principal of the high school.

Hospital Auxiliary Will Meet Sept. 20

Many Plans to Be Discussed Concerning the New Hospital

The first fall meeting of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday afternoon of next week, September 20, at the Parish House. The meeting hour is 3 o'clock.

Since the new hospital is now in operation, there are many plans to be discussed at this meeting, so that it is very important that every member be present.

Fire Truck And Car Collide After Fire

While returning from the fire at Leary Bros. Warehouse late Tuesday afternoon, the Edenton fire truck, driven by Tom Goodman, collided head-on with a car driven by Al Habit. The accident occurred in front of the Taylor Theatre and both vehicles were badly damaged.

In connection with the accident, Fire Chief R. K. Hall calls attention to the law requiring cars to pull up to the curb when the fire truck is answering a fire alarm, or when returning from a fire.

Popular Place

Chowan County's jail was a very popular place during August, when 61 persons were confined for periods ranging from one to 31 days. The expense was the largest in many months, totaling \$536.63, which included jail and turnkey fees.

Rotary Club Adopts Swimming Pool As Year's Major Project

President Names Committee to Stimulate Interest

At a business meeting of the Edenton Rotary Club held Thursday of last week, the idea of a swimming pool in Edenton again popped up and after a general discussion the club voted to sponsor a swimming pool as its major project for the year. Adoption of the project does not mean that the Rotarians will finance the construction of a pool, but will endeavor to stimulate interest and aid in any way possible in furthering the project.

A swimming pool in Edenton is not a new idea, for it has been discussed a number of times during the past several years, although it never got further than the talking stage. With the Rotarians solidly back of the idea, it is hoped some way can be worked out to provide a pool for Edenton.

President W. L. Freeman appointed the following Rotarians as a committee to push the swimming pool project: J. L. Chestnut, W. B. Rosevear, John A. Kramer, John W. Graham and George Alma Byrum.

BPW Club Plans To Hold Fashion Show

Affair Will Be Held In Parish House Friday, September 22

In keeping with its September project, "Trade At Home," the Business and Professional Women's Club is planning a fashion show and game party to be held at the Parish House Friday night, September 22, at 7:30 o'clock.

This affair will be held in place of the regular club meeting, and it is hoped that the display of fashionable merchandise modeled by lovely young ladies will be an added inspiration for all to trade at home. Tickets are on sale at The Betty Shoppe and Tots & Teens.

Farm Bureau Fish Fry Friday Afternoon

Annual Affair Will Be Held at Chowan High School

Chowan County Farm Bureau will hold its annual fish fry at the Chowan High School Friday afternoon, September 15, at 4 o'clock. According to Edgar Earl Hollowell, secretary, a very interesting program is being planned for the occasion. All who attend are asked to bring their own corn bread.

W. J. Bunch is president of the organization, and urges all members to be present promptly at 4 o'clock.

COUNTY DEBT REDUCED

West Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners, was authorized at last week's meeting to pay off some of the county's indebtedness amounting to \$6,957.09.

The amount represents \$1,107.50 for school building coupons and \$5,849.59 for road and bridge coupons. Edenton graded school coupons and school building coupons.

Barter Theatre Is Scheduled To Play In Edenton Nov. 28

Appearance Is Sponsored By Edenton Rotary Club

The Barter Theatre of Virginia, Inc., is scheduled to present a play, "The Show-off," in Edenton on Tuesday, November 28. The play will be presented in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock and will be sponsored by the Edenton Rotary Club.

George Twiddy heads the committee in charge of the show and at last week's meeting of the Rotary Club announced two committees to work with him in connection with the affair, for which the Rotary Club must post a guarantee of \$350.

Mr. Twiddy announced a ticket sales committee which is composed of Frank Holmes, Charles Wood, Jr., Gilliam Wood, William Holmes, R. F. Elliott and James O. Powers.

The publicity committee is composed of Meredith Jones, W. B. Rosevear and J. Clarence Leary, Jr.

The Barter Theatre, under the direction of Bob Porterfield, was started during the depression when folks had little money and many top flight actors and actresses were out of work. The idea was to present shows with admission being paid with farm products rather than cash if it was necessary. The organization is subsidized by the State of Virginia and has earned for itself a world-wide reputation.

Mr. Twiddy, as well as Rotarians, feel that Edenton is very fortunate in scheduling the show and hope many will take advantage of the opportunity to see it when it appears here.

St. Paul's Auxiliary Begins Fall Work

First Meeting of Fall Season Held Thursday Of Last Week

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church held its first meeting of the fall Thursday, September 7, at 4 P. M., at the Parish House. The President, Mrs. William B. Rosevear, opened the meeting with prayer, after which numerous items of business were discussed attendant to the year's activities. The annual United Thank Offering was announced for September 24.

The year's assignments for Rotary dinners were handed to members, and reports were heard from various committee chairmen. The date of this year's annual bazaar was announced for December 6 and all members were urged to work on this activity.

After the business meeting, the members adjourned to the church where the Rev. Harold Gilmer administered the communion as an appropriate beginning for the year's work.

CHOWAN COUNTY ASKED TO INCREASE BLOOD DONATIONS TO 125 TO 150 PINTS

All Participating Red Cross Chapters Requested To Increase Blood Collection Immediately By at Least 25 Per Cent

George Alma Byrum, who succeeds Dr. W. S. Griffin as Chowan County's Red Cross Blood Program Chairman, has been notified by Francis P. Simerly, regional director of the Southeastern Area, that Chowan County will be asked to donate 125 to 150 pints of blood on each future visit of the Bloodmobile so that the blood center may continue to fulfill its obligations to civilian and service personnel.

Mr. Byrum was informed that the first request from the Army for shipment of blood from the Tidewater Region directly to Korea came through August 23. This request was for 48 pints of type O blood, which was to be on the Pacific coast by Saturday, the 26th. This blood was shipped on August 29 by plane.

Mr. Byrum was assured that civilian needs of this community will continue to be met at the local hospital, but that this will be possible only by the all out participation of every one.

Geddes Potter, chairman of the Chowan County Chapter of the Red Cross, was also recently notified that at a meeting in January of representatives from chapters participating in the

Problem Of Water Source Of Worry For Town Council

Many Matters Result In Lengthy Meeting on Tuesday Night

At a lengthy meeting of Town Council Tuesday night, no little time was devoted to consideration of remedying the drainage situation in several sections of town, which was aggravated by the heavy downpour just previous to the meeting, resulting in several flooded areas. It was declared that an emergency exists, so that the Street Department was authorized to proceed with the necessary work to provide more adequate drainage.

The first problem to be tackled will be the situation on North Broad Street in front of Hicks Field, where considerable damage has already been caused to residents in that particular area. A new and large ditch will be dug at once as an outlet and it is altogether probable that a new storm sewer will be installed to carry off the water.

Town Council ordered a "stop" sign to be placed at Carteret and Granville streets which will require motorists to stop before entering Granville Street. It was also decided to prohibit U-turns at the intersections of Broad and King Streets.

Another traffic regulation concerns Court Street. At present Court Street is a one-way street between Church and Queen streets. Under the new regulation Court Street will be a one-way street from Church to Water Street, with traffic required to travel south, which is just opposite of the present one-way traffic between Church and Queen Streets.

A report was made on the traffic lights, out of commission for several weeks. It was stated that new parts were ordered, but when they arrived they could not be used. Efforts are being made to secure the proper parts as soon as possible.

A complaint was also registered that some merchants are using too much of the sidewalk for their business. Police were instructed to notify these merchants that an ordinance is on the books regulating this practice.

During the meeting a request of the Board of Public Works was approved to invest \$25,000 in the purchase of government bonds.

An ordinance was adopted prohibiting any person, unless a permit is issued by the Mayor or Chief of Police, to sell pencils, shoestrings, chewing gum or similar items on the streets or public places. Nor shall any person offer a cup or other receptacle for collecting money, or play any musical instrument in order to solicit alms, unless a permit is secured.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICE

The Rev. Herman Cathey of Lynchburg, Va., will preach in the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Judge Harris Makes Big Dent In Criminal Docket During Court

Flooded!

Edenton experienced one of the heaviest rains in recent years late Tuesday afternoon and night. Several sections of the town were completely flooded with terrible conditions prevailing especially on Broad Street opposite Hicks Field, North Oakum Street and on East Queen Street in front of the Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Company. At a meeting of Town Council Tuesday night authorization was given to go forward with plans to remedy the situation.

Edenton Aces Open Grid Season Friday Night On Home Lot

Local Outfit Will Meet Greenville High at 8 O'clock

Edenton's High School Aces will raise the curtain for the 1950 gridiron schedule Friday night on Hicks Field, when they meet Greenville High School in the opening game, starting at 8 o'clock.

Coaches George Thompson and Ben Perry have been working hard with the material they have, most of which is inexperienced. Both coaches are impressed with the showing made in practice sessions and scrimmage work, but how they will perform under pressure seems to be the big question mark.

The high school band, under the direction of Director Ernest Gentile, will be on hand to add interest and pep to the game, and it is hoped a large crowd will turn out to witness the initial game of the season.

Important Meeting Of Legion Auxiliary

New Officers Scheduled To Be Installed September 19

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, September 19 at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. L. Nixon, 107 West Church Street.

At this meeting officers for the new year will be installed and Mrs. James Bond, president of the Auxiliary, urges every member to be present for the installation services, as well as to take part in other important business matters.

Six Edenton Youths Enlist In Air Corps

Six Edenton young men last week volunteered to join the U. S. Air Corps and left Monday morning to undergo a physical examination. If the examination is passed, the young men will be sent to boot camp in Texas. In the group were Keith Emminizer, Jack Leary, Jack Habit, Gene Spruill, Oscar Griffin and Joe Barrow.

St. Paul's Vestry Will Meet Sunday Night

The Rev. Harold W. Gilmer, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, has called a meeting of the Vestry for Sunday night at 8 o'clock. "Important business must be disposed of," says Mr. Gilmer, "and a full meeting of the Vestry is necessary." A meeting of the Vestry was called for last Sunday night, but a quorum failed to materialize.

Timber At County Home Will Be Sold

Chowan County Commissioners will sell a goodly amount of merchantable timber, sealed bids for which will be received at their regular meeting Monday, October 2.

The timber is located on the county home property, and the purchaser will have the privilege of cutting and removing the timber within 12 months from the delivery of deed.

Three Murder Cases Included In Crowded Docket

BIG CROWDS

Robert Heckstall Fares Worst By Getting Life Sentence

Judge W. C. Harris, presiding over the September term of Chowan Superior Court, made a dent in the criminal docket, disposing of a goodly number of cases through Tuesday. With three murder cases on the docket, the court room was filled to capacity both days. The criminal docket was completed Wednesday.

Immediately after Sheriff Bunch opened court the following were chosen as the grand jury: W. W. Harrell, John A. Kramer, James E. Cozzens, Ernest J. Ward, Jr., G. P. Harrell, Edward Wozelka, Lloyd Overton, Haywood Phtisic, Walter H. Bond, Henry Allen Bunch, Rodney M. Jones, Mitchell Barrington, Willie S. Morris, W. H. Hollowell, Sr., H. Thomas Hollowell, George S. Harrell, W. S. Bass and R. A. Chappell.

Judge Harris appointed John A. Kramer as foreman of the grand jury. Speaking directly to the foreman and admonishing the other jurors to pay strict attention, Judge Harris emphasized the importance of keeping at least 12 members present at all times while the jury is in session, for it requires that number to pass on a bill of indictment.

The judge gave specific instructions regarding bills of indictment, saying it was the duty of the grand jury to examine state witnesses in order to determine if there was enough evidence to believe they should be tried. The jurors were reminded that it was not their duty to decide on the guilt or innocence of any defendant, which is up to the court.

As usual, Judge Harris stressed the importance of secret deliberations, so that all jurymen can be free to express their own opinion.

"There is much more to being a grand juror than passing on bills of indictment," said Judge Harris. "As a grand juror you are a trustee of your county. You can do a good service or you can do nothing. Taxpayers pay the bill and deserve to know the condition of the county and (Continued on Page Twelve)

Junior Woman's Club Resumes Meetings

Home and Garden Tour Chosen as Principal Project

Edenton's Junior Woman's Club met Wednesday of last week in the Hotel Joseph Hewes dining room for the first fall meeting since the club's disbandment during the summer months. Mrs. Arthur Greene of Ahoskie, second vice-president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, attended the meeting.

Announcement was made that 10 new names will be submitted for admittance into the organization at the October meeting.

It was also announced that the Children's Home Society Drive, a State-wide Junior Woman's project, will get underway on September 10 and will continue through September 30. Anyone who might be interested is requested to contact any member of the Junior Woman's Club.

In the absence of Miss Mary Holmes, supervisor of the children's playground, a major project of the local club, Mrs. Elizabeth Layton gave the report on the supervision of the playground during the summer months.

Mrs. Georgia B. Hines gave an outline of the 16th District Meeting of Junior Women's Club of North Carolina, which will be held in Edenton on Monday, September 25. The club voted to cooperate and continue planting trees this year and in future years.

The organization will have as its main project this year, the planning of another Home and Garden Tour. Last year's tour was a huge success which brought hundreds of tourists to Edenton and this year's tour, club officials say, is expected to be even better.