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## Time Drawing Near For Edenton's Tour On April 10 And 11

### Requests Still Continue To Come In For In- formation

With the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside only two weeks off, (April 10th and 11th) final details are being ironed out by Mrs. R. N. Hines, chairman of the tour, and members of the Woman's Club. Requests for folders and information continue to pour in, and everything indicates the largest crowd yet in attendance of a Pilgrimage, the third ever held in this historic old town of Edenton, which has, on many occasions, been described as being like Williamsburg, Va., without being restored.

A booklet, with pictures and complete histories of old homes and buildings in and around Edenton, is now being printed under sponsorship of the Woman's Club. This booklet will give histories of 39 homes and buildings, with the research of each place being done by Miss Elizabeth Moore, a member of the Woman's Club. Miss Moore has done an invaluable service to the town and county, as well as to the country, in her painstaking work on these old buildings, many of which are nationally famous. Mrs. Willis McClenney has compiled the booklet for the Woman's Club.

This week brief histories are listed of five of the homes and buildings to be open for the tour. The first five were given in last week's *Chowan Herald*. The remaining four will be given in next week's *Herald*.

The Booth House—N. Granville St. Open 10 A. M., to 12 M., and 2 to 5 P. M.

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## Civic Calendar

Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11.

Degree of Pocahontas Easter dance Saturday night, April 4, in the Edenton Armory.

Fashion show at Merry Hill High School Friday night, April 10, at 8 o'clock.

Spring term of Chowan County Superior Court begins Monday morning, March 30.

Lions Club meets Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Red Men meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall will begin fire inspection in business section the first week in April.

Lions Club Minstrel Friday night, April 10.

VFW meets in Post's home on old Hertford Highway Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Rotary Club meets this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

Home demonstration club radio program on WGAI Thursday, April 2 at 12:45 P. M.

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., meets tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

Chowan County Commissioners will meet in regular session Friday April 3, at 10 A. M., instead of Monday, April 6, due to Easter Monday falling on the latter date. This will also be a continuation of a meeting as a board of equalization and review.

American Legion Auxiliary cake, pie and candy sale at P & Q Super Market Saturday, April 4.

Twenty-fifth District Federation of home demonstration clubs (Continued on Page Eight)

## Piano Students Of Mrs. Mooney Win High District Honors

Mrs. C. B. Mooney was very proud Saturday morning when the district music festival of the National Federation of Music was held in the Woman's Club building in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Mooney entered seven of her piano students, of whom five was awarded a superior rating and two received excellent rating.

Those who were awarded superior rating were Patricia Bunch, Beverly Coon, Ruth Stokely, Jimmie Cozzens and Brenda Mooney.

Rosa Hollowell and Linda Leary won an excellent rating.

Judge for the festival was George Perry, director of piano music at East Carolina College, Greenville. In commenting upon Mrs. Mooney's students, Mr. Perry made this comment: "Your students' performances were most outstanding in technique, rhythm and tone quality. As a teacher you are providing the basic background essential to all good musicians."

## CHOWAN COUNTY HOSPITAL



Above is pictured Chowan County's Hospital, where no little amount of work has been done to beautify the grounds. Only recently Frank Hughes and Worth Layton planted 51 dogwood and two holly trees, which is very much appreciated. The grounds beautification committee is appealing for more trees and flowering or evergreen shrubbery for further beautification purposes. Anyone desiring to make a contribution should contact either Miss Rebecca Colwell or Mrs. John G. Wood.

## Elimination Meeting For BTU Contestants In Edenton Sunday

### Winners Will Take Part In Regional Meeting At Ahoskie

An outstanding feature of the Baptist Training Program is the annual elimination meeting for participants in the five major projects of the year—the Hymn Festival, Adult Bible Reading Tournament, Better Speaking Tournament, Sword Drill, Junior Memory Drill. This elimination meeting will be held for participants from the churches of the Chowan Baptist Association on Sunday afternoon, March 29, in the Edenton Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock. Much interest is centered in this meeting as it climaxes months of preparation and determines the representatives of the association at the Regional Training Union Convention.

The Training Union departmental leaders of the Chowan Association will be in charge of the elimination proceedings. Miss Carol Jean Bizzell of Elizabeth City, as chorister, will conduct the Hymn Festival in which choirs and chorals groups will participate. The Adult Bible Reading Tournament is under the direction of the adult leader, Mrs. A. R. Cooke of Hertford. The Young People's leader, Mrs. Ernest Sanders of Elizabeth City, will conduct the Better Speaking Tournament. The Sword Drill for intermediate ages is under the direction of Miss Jennie Lou Newbold of Elizabeth City. Miss Newbold is intermediate leader. Mrs. Leon Leary of Edenton, as junior leader, will conduct the Junior Memory Drill.

The successful participants in each of these tournaments will represent (Continued on Page Five)

## Officials Speak At BPW Club Meeting

### Operation of Town and Local School System Explained

Three town officials and one school official were guest speakers at the dinner meeting of the Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club in the Hotel Joseph Hewes dining room Thursday night. Mrs. S. C. Mills, president of the club, presided, but called upon Miss Lena Jones to have charge of the program.

The three speakers were Mayor Leroy Hasket, J. Edwin Bufflap and R. N. Hines, representing the Town of Edenton and John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton Schools.

Mayor Hasket spoke about the government of the town as a whole. Mr. Bufflap explained the mechanics of the town's budget and Mr. Hines explained the operation of the Electric and Water Department. Mr. Holmes in his usual interesting manner told about the progress made by the Edenton (Continued on Page Four)

## First Degree Tonight At Masonic Meeting

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. C. T. Griffin, master of the lodge, states that the first degree will be conferred so that it is hoped many will attend. Visiting Masons are especially invited to attend the meeting.

## Question Of Title To Hicks Field Is Again Up For Discussion

### School Board Chairman Thomas Cheers Suggests Joint Meeting With Town Council or Friendly Suit to Determine Legal Title

(With some agitation on foot to erect a new and more adequate fire station, and the supposition on the part of some that the building should be built on Hicks Field, Thomas Cheers, chairman of the Edenton School Board, again questions the authority of the Town of Edenton to have jurisdiction over Hicks Field.

Mr. Cheers refers to an opinion handed down from Attorney General Harry McMullan and is very anxious to reach some decision relative to proper title to the Hicks Field property. In order to reach an understanding he suggests a joint meeting of Town Council and the Edenton School Board to iron out the matter or even instituting a friendly suit to determine legal title to the property.

In that there is some objection to change the location of the fire station and the supposition that, if built, it would be located on Hicks Field, Mr. Cheers recently sent the following letter to Mayor Leroy H. Hasket:

"Noting that there is a request before the Town Council for a part of the fair ground property on which to build a fire station, I am reminded of an opinion rendered by the Attorney

General, with which opinion you are acquainted, that title to the fair ground property is vested in the Edenton School Board.

"The School Board desires the matter of title be settled and I am sure that is also the wish of the Town Council. On receipt of the Attorney General's opinion the School Board, as a matter of record and as a protective measure, adopted a resolution directing that in cooperation with the town authorities friendly court action be taken to determine title. However, the writer thinks the matter could be settled by negotiation and personally favors this method of settlement and believes it reflects the desire of the School Board.

"Will you please appoint a time in the near future for a meeting together of your Council and the School Board for a thorough discussion of the matter for the purpose of reaching an agreement. You might think it well to have a committee from the Council meet with the School Board in the meantime for an exchange of views; this with the thought that it may be helpful in effecting a settlement mutually satisfactory."

## John Dobson Will Enter Duke In Fall

### One of 12 Winners In Angier Duke Prize Competition

As was announced briefly in last week's *Herald*, John Thomas Dobson, son of Mrs. C. Delmas Sawyer, was one of nine high school seniors from North Carolina and three from Maryland and Virginia to be named winners in Duke University's 1953 Angier Duke Prize competition.

The winners were selected last week-end at Duke during a final round of tests and interviews. Each prize, awarded on the basis of character, scholastic ability and promise of potential achievement, will provide a maximum of \$3,000 for four years' study at Duke University.

Young Dobson is a senior at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School where past and present activities include Student Council president and vice president; Junior Class president; basketball co-captain; representative to Boys' State; Honor Roll; AIA high School All-Northeastern Conference basketball co-captain; representative Beta Club; band; baseball; Monogram Club.

All 12 winners will enter Duke University next Fall.

## Cpl. Thos. E. Goodwin Presented Gold Star

Marine Corporal Thomas E. Goodwin, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Goodwin, Route 3, Edenton, was recently presented a gold star in lieu of a second purple heart for wounds received in action against Chinese Communist forces in Korea.

Corporal Goodwin is in the Seventh Marines, First Marine Division.

## Iredell House Now Being Beautified For Edenton Tour

### Exterior Painted and a Picket Fence at Rear Is Planned

Repairing and painting of the James Iredell House, nationally famous as the home of James Iredell, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court under George Washington, is under way, with the front of the lovely old home on East Church Street already beautified by a first coat of paint. Members of the James Iredell Association and the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, D.A.R., who are custodians of the home, under ownership of the State of North Carolina, feel confident that the house will be in complete readiness for the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, to be held on April 10th and 11th.

Members of the Iredell Association and the D.A.R. Chapter and friends are asked to contribute funds, if they so desire, for the purchase of paint. It is hoped a second coat can be applied to the house and paint is also (Continued on Page Eight)

## Methodists Present Womanless Wedding

### Entertainment In School Auditorium Friday Night

Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium a womanless wedding will be presented under the sponsorship of the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Proceeds of the entertainment will go into the church's building fund to build church school rooms.

The affair is expected to provide a delightful evening's entertainment and it is hoped the auditorium will be filled to capacity.

Those who will take part in the wedding are Lloyd Burton, Robert Marsh, Chaplain J. L. Swinson, W. T. Harry, George I. Dail, Cpl. Billy Leazer, Corporal Stribling, J. Edwin Bufflap, the Rev. E. B. Edwards, Norman Leonard, Rufus Caraway, Jimmy Earnhardt, John Goodwin, C. W. Overman, Walter Earl Holton, Ben Perry, Hugh Thigpen, George Thompson, John Skiles, Boots Laessiter, Brad Williford, Ben Browning, Jerry Downum, Jimmy Ross, Charles Knox, Billy Moore, Robert Earl Edwards, Dr. Richard Hardin, J. R. Dulaney, A. B. Harless, Dr. A. F. Downum, Jesse Harrell, the Rev. James MacKenzie, Thomas Francis, Milton Bunch, T. B. Williford, Ervin Griffin, Dr. Wallace Griffin, Robert L. Pratt, Parker Helms, two "gentlemen" guests and music by "three notes."

## Fire Inspection

Fire Chief R. K. Hall announced Monday morning that he will begin a fire inspection in the business section of Edenton beginning the first week in April.

Prior to this inspection Chief Hall urges all merchants to clean up back of their places of business, as well as investigate the interior of their buildings and remove all fire hazards.

## School Curriculum Will Be Discussed At Meeting March 31

### Citizens Urged to Take Part In Considering School Needs

Parents and interested citizens of Edenton are invited to attend a meeting in the library of Edenton Junior-Senior High School, Tuesday evening, March 31, at 8:00 o'clock.

At the suggestion of Gerald D. James, principal, the Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring this public discussion of the high school curriculum and its possible need of revision.

During the past several months the faculty of Edenton Junior-Senior High School has been making an intensive study of the present curriculum. There has been a consistent effort to make the curriculum meet the needs of the youth in the school and community.

The public is cordially invited to show its interest in this important phase of school work by its attendance and by taking part in the discussion.

## Fight Continues To Extend Blades Street

### Continuation Will Eliminate Danger On Rider's Lane

Members of the Blades Lumber Company met with Town Council Wednesday afternoon in the interest of extending Blades street through the Halsey Hardwood Company property across the Norfolk Southern Railroad to connect with Rider's Lane. This street extension will allow the Blades concern to use the road, thus taking off Rider's Lane a considerable amount of heavy traffic.

Rider's Lane has been the source of many headaches on the part of town officials, the Blades concern and the Coastland Oil Company.

Despite no end of work on the part of the Street Department and the Electric & Water Department, water lines are continually broken and the road remains in very bad condition. Frequently log trucks had slipped into the ditch and loads of logs dumped along the road, which is too narrow for two vehicles to pass, especially in wet weather.

Efforts were made to secure a strip along the property owned by Dr. L. A. Deese in order to widen and hard-surface the road, but Dr. Deese was (Continued on Page Four)

## Hospital Auxiliary Is After New Members

### Interesting Meeting Is Held In Nurses' Home Friday Afternoon

The Chowan Hospital Auxiliary held a very interesting meeting Friday afternoon in the nurses' home.

Mrs. Martin Wisely, president, told how plans are shaping up for the much needed nurses' aid course. Miss Jewel Graves recently met with a group to discuss the Red Cross requirements for this course. (With Mrs. Arlene Jackson Fallis as teacher, it is hoped that a definite date for beginning work can soon be announced.)

Mrs. L. S. Byrum is heading up the annual membership drive. Funds raised in this way make a great deal of good work possible. (She will appreciate a contribution.) (Continued on Page Eight)

## County Commissioners Will Meet On April 3rd

Chowan County Commissioners will hold their April meeting Friday morning, April 3, at 10 o'clock instead of the usual first Monday due to Easter Monday falling on April 6.

At this meeting the Commissioners will also be in an adjourned meeting of a tax board of equalization and review, when any matters concerning property valuation will be considered.

## Orders Now Being Taken For Rat Poison

County Agent C. W. Overman is in the process of taking orders for rat bait for a rat control campaign to be staged about April 1. Orders for bait may be placed with canvassers in each community.

In event a community leader does not contact any person by March 28, the order should be placed at the county agent's office. Orders are now being taken at the office.