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Edenton Pilgrimage April 10th And 11th

Miss Ada C. "Telie" Byrum Is Victim Of Most Brutal Attack

Found Unconscious Under Rose Bush Monday Morning

MONEY MISSING

Motive of Attack Is Believed to Have Been Robbery

Miss Ada C. (Telie) Byrum, who was found unconscious in the yard of her home in the Cisco section Monday morning, was the victim of the most brutal attack in the annals of Chowan County.

Miss Byrum was found under a rose bush about 30 feet from her home by Mrs. Titus Chappell, who notified officers and a doctor. She was taken to Chowan Hospital in an unconscious condition, where she died shortly afterward.

\$200 REWARD

W. W. Byrum, chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, on Tuesday night announced that the Commissioners will pay \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who brutally beat Miss Byrum.

Coroner Hubert Williford held an inquest when it was decided that she came to her death by blows inflicted by a person or persons unknown, and exposure. It is supposed a club or some kind of blunt instrument was used in the fatal beating. Several ribs were broken and hemorrhages occurred where the bones were broken. Her face was badly bruised and the rest of her body, even the legs, were also evidently pounded by her attacker. A deep cut was also found on her arm, caused by a rose bush thorn.

From indications, the beating apparently occurred in the house and the body was placed under the rose bush.

It is believed robbery was the motive of the attack, as it was known Miss Byrum carried money on her person. It is believed she had about \$300 at the time, which she carried in her slip.

Patrolman Dan Pierce and Constable Frank Miller started an investigation and are being assisted by an SBI agent, although meagre clues were left to work on.

So much sentiment has been aroused over the brutal attack that the County Commissioners are offering \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties.

Mayor Haskett Makes Appeal For Clean-Up Effort

Anxious For Town To Be Extra Attractive For Tour

In anticipation of the forthcoming Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and Countryside, Mayor Leroy Haskett this week appeals to every citizen in Edenton to go to some effort to make Edenton as clean and attractive as possible before the expected throng of visitors arrive.

He points out that there are very few places where a little cleaning up will not improve the appearance of premises and hopes everyone will join in making Edenton neat and tidy and (Continued on Page Twelve)

Easter Dance Saturday Night In Local Armory

Sponsored by Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, an Easter dance will be held in the Edenton armory Saturday night beginning at 9 o'clock.

Music for the dance will be provided by Herb Carter and his orchestra from Greenville.

Those who desire table reservations are requested to phone 153-W or 449-J.

Short Session Spring Term Superior Court Finished On Tuesday

Judge Walter Bone Orders Many Non-Suits To Clean Up Docket

Chowan County's spring term of Superior Court opened Monday morning with Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville presiding. Immediately after Sheriff J. A. Bunch officially opened court a list of 50 jurymen answered roll call and 18 were selected to serve on the grand jury.

The grand jury is composed of G. H. Harding, foreman, J. P. Partin, Willie White, J. Willis McClenney, W. F. Perry, Daniel P. Reaves, E. E. Hollowell, D. M. Carter, Earl White, Floyd W. Griffin, John E. Perry, Jr., J. Haywood Bunch, G. P. Harrell, W. D. Pruden, Jr., Edward C. Ward, Russell Byrum, W. E. Jordan, Jr., and W. D. Elliott.

Judge Bone devoted his entire charge to an explanation of the duties of a grand jury, which he said had three major duties to perform.

First, he pointed out the procedure of determining true bills of indictment, explaining that there are four capital crimes, first degree murder, first degree burglary, arson and rape. He recounted a number of other crimes, saying that the automobile is the most fertile field for committing crimes. "Careless and reckless driving, speeding, driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor and disregard for traffic regulations all result in many crimes," he said.

The second duty referred to was presentments. He admonished grand jurors to report any instances where the law has been violated and the violators gone unpunished so that an indictment can be prepared. At the same time he warned about any complaints made to them due to malice.

The third duty as explained by the judge was public inspection. The law, he said, calls for only three inspections, the county jail, county home (Continued on Page Seven)

Home Demonstration Clubs Of 25th District Meet Here Next Week

Two Sessions Planned In Elementary School Auditorium

In the Edenton Elementary School auditorium next Wednesday, April 8, starting at 10:30 A. M., a meeting of the 25th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will get underway. Mrs. Wallace Goodwin is president and Mrs. Lee Perry, secretary.

Interesting programs have been arranged for the 10:30 session, as well as the afternoon meeting, which begins at 1:30 o'clock.

After the opening song, the devotional will be conducted by Mrs. J. S. Johnson of Camden County. Welcome addresses will be made by Mrs. I. E. Halsey, Jr., County Commissioner W. E. Bond and Mayor L. H. Haskett. The response will be made by Mrs. David Pearsall of Dare County. Greetings will be extended by Mrs. R. L. Yancey, president of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, chairman of the 16th District Federation of Women's Clubs. Special music will be provided by the Gates County Chorus, directed by the Rev. O. S. Edmonds. After a business session lunch will be served in the armory.

For the afternoon session special music will be provided by the Perquimans County Chorus under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Yates. Mrs. Andrew Winslow of Pasquotank County will present the speaker, Dr. Guion Johnson, research specialist and president of the North Carolina Women's Council. Dr. Johnson's subject will be "Responsibilities of Citizenship."

After the address officers will be installed by Miss Verna Stanton, assistant State home demonstration agent.

The public is especially urged to attend the afternoon session in order to hear Dr. Johnson speak.

Lions Club Minstrel Will Be Presented Friday, April 10th

Chairman J. Clarence Leary Says Show Will Be Excellent

The Edenton Lions Club will present its sixth annual minstrel Friday night, April 10, at 8 o'clock. J. Clarence Leary, chairman of the minstrel, states that an excellent show is in the making to provide one and one-half hours of good entertainment.

N. J. George will be interlocutor for the show and end men will be John Mitchener, Jr., Ben Perry, George Thompson, Jimmy Partin, Al Phillips and Ernest Ward, Jr.

Soloists will include Ben Perry, George Thompson, Jimmy Partin, Joan Cobb and Norman Leonard. Mrs. Mary L. Browning's Treble Clef Club will bring a lively note to the affair with their numbers.

A new feature of the show will be a group of Chowan County boys who have a unique band that has brought them offers from as far away as Florida.

Proceeds from the minstrel will be used by the Lions Club for blind work in Chowan County and the State of North Carolina.

Easter Services At St. Paul's Church

The public is cordially invited to attend Easter services in St. Paul's Easter Sunday, April 5. There will be an 8 A. M., celebration of the Holy Communion with Easter music, a 9:30 A. M., service for the children of the Church School, and at 11 A. M., celebration of the Holy Communion with Easter music and sermon.

The church is always open for private devotions. "Please do not hesitate to use the church daily," says the rector, the Rev. Gordon Bennett.

Most All Stores Will Close Easter Monday

The Herald was informed early this week that a majority of Edenton stores will be closed Easter Monday, April 6.

Most of the stores will be closed Wednesday afternoon, April 8, except grocery stores, which will remain open all day Wednesday.

Visitors This Year Expected To Exceed Prior Years' Mark

HELP! HELP!

With some of Edenton's tourist courts already completely sold out during the Edenton Pilgrimage, April 10-11, Mrs. R. N. Hines, general chairman, reports many more inquiries about sleeping quarters.

Mrs. Hines, therefore, is appealing to citizens to list with her any rooms which will be available for the occasion so that she can provide accommodations for the many visitors expected.

March Of Dimes In Chowan \$1,835.31

Final Contributions Of \$122.05 Come From Rural Section

What is probably the final report on the 1953 March of Dimes for Chowan County is presented this week. Two reports were returned during the week which brings the contributions to \$1,835.31 or \$1.75 over last year, despite this year's messed up campaign. Last year's final contributions amounted to \$1,828.16.

The two final reports were received from the white rural section and the colored rural section. Miss Rebecca Colwell sent in \$96.00, of which \$16.30 was from the Gum Pond community, \$10.50 from the Cross Roads community, \$7.25 from Beech Fork community, \$36.45 from the Advance community and \$25.50 from the Glidden community.

J. B. Small, Negro County Agent, turned in \$26.05 which was collected among colored people in the rural section.

Previously reported was \$1,713.26 and with the rural contributions amounting to \$122.05, the total March (Continued on Page Six)

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.

Lions Club meets Monday night at 7 o'clock.

Red Men meet Monday night at 8 o'clock.

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.

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 meeting in the Edenton High School auditorium Wednesday, April 8, at 10:30 A. M.

Miss Susan Thigpen will present an organ recital in the Methodist Church Tuesday evening, April 7, at 8 o'clock. She will be assisted by Norman Leonard and Corporal Billy Leazer.

Home demonstration club radio program on WGAI Thursday, April 9, at 12:45 P. M.

Community Sing at Chowan High School auditorium Monday night, April 20, at 7:30 o'clock. (Continued from Page Seven)

14 Homes and Public Places Will Be Open For Visitors

MUCH PUBLICITY

High School Students And Scouts Will Act As Guides

Fourteen stately homes and public buildings, many of them dating back to pre-Revolutionary days, will be thrown open to visitors during the Pilgrimage of Colonial Edenton and surrounding countryside of Chowan County April 10-11.

This will be the third organized, guided tour of this historic city since it was established in 1628. The Pilgrimage was begun in 1949 as a biennial event sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club.

Known as Queen Anne's Towne until 1722, when its name was changed in honor of Royal Governor Charles Eden, Edenton was at one time capital of the Colony of North Carolina and residence of the colonial governor. Surviving from its past are many noteworthy examples of Georgian and early American Colonial architecture. These, with Edenton's waterfront location on Albemarle Sound, magnificent trees and well-kept lawns and gardens, make this small city one of the most beautiful along the Eastern seaboard. It is on U. S. 17, 346 miles north of Charleston, S. C., and 93 miles South of Williamsburg, Va.

The Chowan County Court House, which has been in continuous use since its completion in 1767, is considered one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in the South. A number of houses in the city and on the plantations along Albemarle Sound and the Chowan River remain from an even earlier period, and have been continuously maintained as private dwellings. Other homes which will be opened during the Pilgrimage were built between the Revolutionary War and the War Between the States.

Colonial Edenton and the gracious residences on nearby plantations figure prominently in the novels of Ingulis Fletcher, whose own plantation home, Bandon, will be opened to visitors during the Pilgrimage.

As a political, commercial and social center in the 18th century, Edenton was the home of men and women who (Continued on Page Twelve)

Boy Scout Meeting Called For Tonight

Hubert Williford, Chairman of the West Albemarle District, Boy Scouts of America, announces that the District Committee will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock at his home.

The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the Training Course for Cub, Scout and Explorer Leaders; to plan a spring camporee; and to get reports from the various operating committees. All Scouters are invited to attend.

Mrs. Privott's Pupils Win Music Honors

Inadvertently left out of The Herald last week was mention of the piano pupils of Mrs. Wood Privott who attended the district music festival of the National Federation of Music held in Elizabeth City.

Six of Mrs. Privott's pupils participated in the event, with five awarded a superior rating and one excellent.

Those who were graded superior included Frances Holton, Jane Dulaney, Jack Overman, Anne Taylor and Ariminta Hobbs. Judy Riley was awarded an excellent rating.

Primary Department Musical On April 23

"Over the Garden Wall," a two-act musical program, will be presented in the Elementary School auditorium by the Primary Department Thursday night, April 23, at 8 o'clock.

In the neighborhood of 250 children will take part in the entertainment, which is expected to attract a large crowd.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
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, announces that the second degree will be conferred, so that he urges a full attendance.

Song Leader



W. JIM DANIELS
At the Fifth Sunday Sing held at Conortsa Baptist Church Sunday, W. Jim Daniels was elected song leader.

Red Cross Ready To Provide Relief In Case Of Disaster

Campaign Now In Progress To Help Raise Funds

If a major disaster should strike in this community—which is conceivable, for no community is immune—the families who are its victims will not only need help in the emergency, but many of them will need a friend to help them farther along the difficult road back from their disaster-ridden status.

This help would be forthcoming through the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter here and, if the chapter needs it, also through trained staff and financial aid from the Red Cross national organization.

"The Red Cross," explains Dr. A. F. Downum, chapter chairman, "works with other community agencies in giving aid during the emergency period of a disaster, but it goes further than that."

"Individual families without resources to repair or rebuild and refurbish homes, pay medical or hospital bills or other expense resulting from disaster, are the special concern of their local Red Cross. The chapter (Continued on Page Twelve)

Sunrise Service Sunday At Happy Home Church

Next Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock there will be a community-wide Easter sunrise service at the Happy Home Church near Center Hill. This is an annual service with the churches of all denominations in upper Chowan County and Perquimans County cooperating.

The Rev. Lee A. Phillips will bring the Easter message and there will be special music by two youth choirs and a soloist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Chowan Tribe Changes Weekly Meeting Hour

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will change its hour of meeting for the summer beginning Monday night. The tribe will meet at 8 o'clock instead of 7:30.

A wiener roast will be held Monday night, April 13, and it is hoped many members will attend.

Communion Service At Methodist Church

The Rev. E. B. Edwards, pastor of the Methodist Church, announces that a Holy Communion Service will be held in the church Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Golf Club Reduces Monthly Dues To Attract Members

Directors In Meeting Tuesday Discuss Various Matters

The Board of Directors of the Edenton Golf Club held a meeting Tuesday to discuss present conditions of the club and to map out future plans. The directors found the affairs of the club in excellent condition provided all members pay up their dues in full. Contemplating that all dues will be paid up at once, the directors ordered that all bills be paid and that dues be reduced to all present members to \$6.00 per month including tax.

It was also brought out that during the month of April the Marine Corps will allow the club to take in a limited number of new members. All new members coming in the club will be required to pay an entrance fee of \$10.00, and \$6.00 per month thereafter. (Concluded on Page Six)

Pre-School Clinics In District From April 7 To May 14

All Parents Urged to Carry Children For Examination

Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, announces that the District Health Department will conduct the pre-school clinic for the district, April 7 to May 14.

Exclusive of Elizabeth City primary school which usually has about 150 children to attend the clinic, 884 names of pre-school children are on file in the health offices. All parents (Continued on Page Twelve)

OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY
County and town offices will be closed next Monday in observance of Easter Monday. All important business should be transacted accordingly.