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Varsity Club Banquet Attracts Over 250 On Last Monday Night

Many Sports Celebrities On Hand To Deliver Outstanding Talks

More than 250 people, including some 65 high school athletes who were special guests, attended the Varsity Club's fourth annual Sports Awards banquet here last night, and heard Murray Greason, basketball coach at Wake Forest College, speak on athletics in general in North Carolina.

Greason told his audience he thought sports in North Carolina had come a long way and said he was pleased to note more North Carolina boys are playing in North Carolina schools now. He felt the reason for this was the civic organizations and people in the various towns and communities who are backing sports and giving players more inspiration to play.

Greason said he thought basketball could be improved in North Carolina and said rule changes will come about in college ball. He advocated going to professional basketball rules to make a better college game. Speaking on football, Greason said he was glad to see the two-plateau system abolished, adding it would make it easier for the smaller high schools and colleges. "I think it will be much more of an honor to win a letter in the one-plateau system," Greason said.

Baseball rules must change, too, if college baseball is to survive, Greason stated. He would like to see some agreement whereby professional ball clubs would not sign college players to contracts until they graduate, or get the colleges to permit a player to sign a pro contract and still play college ball.

The speaker congratulated the high school coaches and players and urged the players, "when crowned champions, wear the crown like a champion." He concluded by telling the players, "if you go to college, make up your mind you're not only going there to play athletics but also to get an education." Greason was introduced by Al Phillips, president of the Varsity Club, who was toastmaster for the affair.

Jack Lewis, captain of the Wake Forest football team last fall, spoke briefly to the group before making the presentation of awards to athletes who participated in football. Fred Eason, former Wake Forest baseball great and currently a principal at Elizabeth City, did the honors in baseball. In the absence of Dickie Hemric, the highly touted Wake Forest star, Coach Greason made the presentation to athletes who participated in basketball.

Winners of the Varsity Club's most outstanding player's trophies were Bobby Bunch, football; Al Owens and Margery Thigpen, basketball, and Fred Lassiter, baseball. Selection of winners were made by the athletes at the school. Gold footballs, basketballs and baseballs along with awards certificates were presented each athlete.

Rotarians Planning Ugliest Man Contest

Pictures of Contestants Will Be Placed In Various Stores

Edenton's Rotarians have decided to hold an "ugliest man contest," plans for which were announced at Thursday's meeting by George Alma Byrum, chairman of a committee in charge of the contest.

Contestants will be picked by this special committee. Any member of the Rotary Club selected as a candidate is compelled to be a contestant, while others in the contest throughout the county will be asked to participate.

Pictures of the various contestants, which is expected to number about 25, will be placed in various stores, where votes will be cast of a penny each with the proceeds going toward Rotary projects, which include Boy Scouts, student loan fund and other worthy causes.

The contest is scheduled to begin Thursday, May 28, and close Thursday, June 11.

The winner of the contest will be crowned in the Taylor Theatre.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F., & A. M., will hold a stated communication tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. C. T. Griffin, master of the lodge urges a full attendance.

Civic Calendar

Next visit of Red Cross bloodmobile will be Thursday, May 21, at Edenton armory. Quota will be 150 pints.

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

Dog vaccination campaign now in progress and ends June 1.

Lions Club meets Monday night at 7 o'clock.

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

Chowan Tribe of Red Men meet Monday night at 8 o'clock.

American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day will be observed Saturday, May 23.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Chowan County will meet at Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church Thursday, May 21, at 10 A. M.

Rotary Club's "ugliest man contest" May 28 to June 11.

B-Sharp Music Club will present Spring Recital in elementary school auditorium Friday night, May 22, at 7:30 o'clock.

Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 9280, will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the new VFW home on old Hertford Highway at 8 o'clock.

Piano students of Mrs. Wood Privott will render a recital on Tuesday night, May 26, at 8 o'clock in the music room on the ground floor of the elementary school.

The White Oak Consolidated School will hold closing exercises Thursday and Friday of next week in the school auditorium.

Closing exercises for Rocky Hook School will be held Thursday of next week in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Commencement exercises will begin at Chowan High School next Sunday night, May 24, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. John W. Privott.

Edenton BPW Club will hold a dinner meeting at the Parish House Tuesday night, May 26, at 7:30 o'clock.

Chowan County To Observe Poppy Day Sat. Of This Week

Appeal Made To Every body To Help Honor War Dead

Auxiliary members will be among the Poppy Day volunteers who will distribute poppies here on Poppy Day next Saturday, Mrs. Jimmie Cozzens, Poppy Chairman of Edenton Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced today. The poppies will be worn to honor the nation's war dead, and contributions for the welfare of disabled veterans and needy children of veterans will be received.

All of the Auxiliary's poppy workers will serve as unpaid volunteers, with the entire amount of all contributions going into Auxiliary rehabilitation and child welfare funds. They will be on the streets throughout the day offering poppies made by disabled veterans at Veteran hospitals in memory of those who gave their lives for America in the battles of the World Wars and the Korean conflict.

Praising the patriotic spirit of these women and girls, Mrs. Cozzens said:

"Standing on a street corner offering poppies to passers-by is hard, unaccustomed work for them all, and requires sacrifice of time and personal interests. Yet they realize that this is nothing compared with the hardships and sacrifices of America's defenders whom the poppy honors and aids. So they will be smiling brightly as they do their part to help make Poppy Day a success, and I am sure they will be met by everyone with the same patriotic spirit."

Piano Recital To Be Presented May 26th

Piano students of Mrs. Wood Privott will render a recital Tuesday night, May 26, at 8 o'clock in the music room on the ground floor of the elementary school.

Students participating in the recital include Betty Jo Webb, Ann Wells, Marian Bunch, Ann Jenkins, Judy Riley, Araminta Hobbs, Jane Dulaney, Patricia Watt, Frances Holton, Lois Privott, Jack Overman, Kathleen Overton, Charlotte Bunch, Dianne Hollowell and Ann Taylor. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. R. H. Vaughan Again President Of Edenton PTA Group

Association Endorses a Request For More Teachers

At the final meeting of the school year of the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association held last week in the library of the Junior-Senior High School reports from the various committees were presented, which also included a report from Thomas Cheers, chairman of the school trustees.

Cheers reported on a recent meeting of the school board with the county commissioners in which the school board requested the appropriation of the 1953-54 budget of enough money to hire three additional teachers for Edenton high school. The PTA has endorsed this request and are anxious to see the school acquire the needed money to perfect the hiring of the three teachers. The PTA and the school board are in agreement on the need for the additional faculty members in order to have the necessary courses so the school can be accredited by the Southern Association. The school is presently under survey for that purpose. Should the three additional teachers be acquired by the local school, it would provide a public school music teacher, long desired by the local system.

Cheers could bring no assurance that the request would be granted but it is the hope of the school board and the PTA that the money can be appropriated for this purpose.

Mrs. R. H. Vaughan, president, reported that a room is to be prepared at the Elementary School for use as a kindergarten for next year. Mrs. John F. White has accepted the teaching position and any inquiries regarding the kindergarten should be directed to her. A tuition will be charged in as much as this is not a regular part of the school system. The PTA granted \$60 to secure initial supplies for this work.

The association approved a program of planting for both the high school and elementary school campuses. Nathan Dail is chairman of this committee assisted by Mrs. C. W. Overman, Mrs. Leon Leary and Parker Helms. The group is forming.

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Officers Installed In New Eastern Star Chapter Mon. Night

High Officials Of Order Institute Local Officers of Chapter

Hugh Williamson Prince, Worthy Grand Patron of Dunn, assisted by Mrs. Helen Bell Rimmer, Worthy Grand Matron of Sanford, under dispensation issued by the Grand Chapter, instituted a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Monday night, May 18, at 8 o'clock, in the Court House.

The following served as officers during the instituting ceremony: Hugh Williamson Prince, Worthy Grand Patron, assisted by Mrs. Helen Bell Rimmer, Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. Louise Winslow of Hertford as Grand Secretary; Mrs. Annie Laura Mullen of South Mills as Grand Marshal; V. J. "Bill" Spivey of Williamston, Grand Chaplain; Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry of Hertford, Grand Warder; Mr. Mitchell of Ahoskie, Grand Sentinel, and Mrs. Blanche Twiford of Elizabeth City, Grand Organist.

After the chapter was instituted, a Degree Team composed of members of the Eastern Star Chapters of Hertford and South Mills very impressively exemplified the degrees of

BPW Club To Hold Dinner Meeting May 26

The Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club will hold a dinner meeting at the Parish House on Tuesday night, May 26, at 7:30 o'clock. Installation of new officers of the club will take place at this meeting.

Mrs. S. C. Mills, president of the Club, urges all members to attend and to please notify Mrs. W. J. Daniels of their intentions.

AUXILIARY TO MEET
The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 9280 will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the new VFW home on the old Hertford Highway. All members are urged to be in attendance.

Edenton Woman's Club Holds Meeting St Paul's Church

Reports Of N. C. Federation Given By Delegates at Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Edenton Woman's Club was held at St. Paul's Parish House on May 13.

Reports from Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, District President; Mrs. J. H. Conger, Jr., president of the local club, and Miss Kathryn Brown, vice president, who were delegates to the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs Convention at Wrightsville Beach were heard with great interest.

Mrs. Earnhardt reported that District Sixteen, of which the local club is a member, won eleven awards. This is the greatest number of awards won by any district in the N. C. Federation. The Edenton Woman's Club won the Verner Cup which is presented "for the best overall program of community beautification in North Carolina." This was won for the Barker House project, and for other projects of restoration and beautification.

The club members feel that the community, as a whole, should be proud of this award. It is the direct result of a splendid spirit of co-operation from the two other clubs involved in the Barker House project: the Business and Professional Woman's Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, as well as the merchants, professional men and private citizens who have supported this and other civic enterprises undertaken by the Woman's Club.

Miss Kathryn Brown reported that three other awards were won by the Edenton club.

The following officers were installed to serve for the coming year: President, Mrs. Frank M. Holmes; vice president, Mrs. Richard Goodwin; secretary, Mrs. Allen F. Downum; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. N. Pruden; treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Jones, and historian, Mrs. Martin Wisely.

New Officers Are Installed For Tea Party Chapter DAR

Mrs. W. D. Holmes Elected Regent For Next Year

The Edenton Tea Party Chapter, N.S.D.A.R. held its regular monthly meeting at the Iredell House Wednesday afternoon, May 13.

After yearly reports were given by the retiring officers, the following new officers were installed: Mrs. W. D. Holmes, Jr., regent; Mrs. J. L. Pettus, vice regent; Mrs. Philip McMullan, recording secretary; Mrs. George Mack, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Bond, treasurer, and Mrs. Ralph Parrish, chaplain.

Committees were appointed by the new regent.

New Bleachers Being Erected For Football

Two Sets Will Accommodate Approximately 2,000 People

With the arrival last week of football bleachers at Hicks Field, members of the Edenton Street Department are now erecting them at the same place where the old wooden bleachers were located and torn down when they became rotten and dangerous.

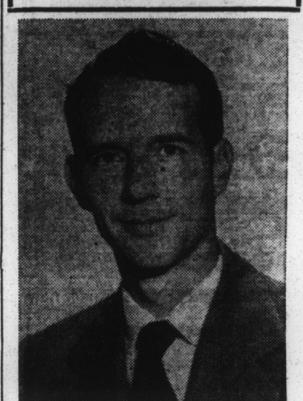
There are two sets of bleachers, one for each side of the field. Those on the south or home side are stationary, while the set on the north side can be easily moved from place to place.

The southside bleachers are of steel construction with treated wood seats and foot boards. They are 150 feet long with 14 rows of seats and will easily seat over 1500 people.

The other bleachers are of the portable type and can easily be moved from place to place. They are 75 feet long and will seat approximately 570 people.

Purchased from the Leavitt Bleacher Company, Urbana, Illinois, through their distributors, Sales Associates of Columbia, S. C., the bleachers cost \$8,151.44, and will be ready for use when the football season rolls around.

Coach Resigns



Announcement was made last week that George L. Thompson resigned as coach and director of physical education at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Thompson has accepted a similar position at the Lumberton High School.

Hospital Auxiliary Holds Final Meeting Of Current Season

Group Delighted With Recent Work Done On Hospital Grounds

The Auxiliary of the Chowan Hospital held their last meeting, before recessing for the summer, on Friday, May 15, with Mrs. J. C. Leary, Sr., presiding.

House committee duties are in the hands of the Vivian Nowell Circle during May and in June will be done by the Colored Auxiliary. Mrs. E. N. Elliott reported 35 sheets and 18 pillow cases mended in the county. Mrs. W. J. Daniels told of an enormous amount of work in the sewing room accomplished with her helpers, Mrs. Thomas Wood, Mrs. Leroy Haskett, Mrs. Jesse White, Mrs. T. B. Willford and Mrs. A. S. Wiggins.

Miss Tillett is delighted with the recent grading of the back hospital grounds by the State Highway and the Edenton Street Departments. When this cleared land is grassed in the fall it will be a great improvement.

During the last few years the Auxiliary has accumulated quite a sizeable fund from special gifts and memorial donations. It was decided to purchase with this money a Bovie Electrosurgical Unit, much needed equipment for all major and minor surgical procedures. All who have contributed to the fund will be gratified to know that it was spent to further the efficiency of our surgery.

Remember to make offers of thanks or tributes to friends by sending money to the hospital. A suitable card, bearing name of donor, will be sent to the family of the remembered person.

Bloodmobile Will Be At Armory Today

Appeal Made For More People to Donate a Pint of Blood

Today (Thursday) the Red Cross bloodmobile will make another visit to Edenton, when it is hoped the county will secure its quota of 150 pints of blood.

Jesse Harrell, chairman of the Chowan County Blood Program, points out that substantially the same people donated blood on previous visits of the bloodmobile, and he is appealing to others to join in this very worthy cause.

J. R. Dulaney, recruiting chairman, has directed a thorough campaign for donors with a group of recruiters making a canvass to secure donors, as well as sending out postcards in the hope that more people will sign up to donate a pint of blood.

The bloodmobile will be stationed at the Edenton armory and an appeal is issued for more people to cooperate in providing blood to help relieve suffering and saving lives.

NO ROTARY MEETING TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will not meet today (Thursday) as usual. The club at last week's meeting voted to attend the Varsity Club's annual sports-awards banquet Monday night, which takes the place of today's meeting.

Finals Exercises Begin At Chowan High Sunday Night

Former Chowan Graduate To Deliver Mes- sage For Occasion

Commencement exercises will begin at Chowan High School next Sunday night, May 24, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. John W. Privott, a former Chowan High School graduate.

Class night will be observed Wednesday night, May 27, at 8 o'clock, with the theme being "The Open Road."

During the exercises the valedictory address will be given by Julia Leary and the salutatory address by Marjorie Davidson.

Graduation exercises will be held Friday night, May 28, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium when the principal address will be made by Dr. W. C. Strickland of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C.

The program includes two numbers by the chorus, with the Rev. Lee A. Phillips offering the invocation and pronouncing the benediction. Dr. Strickland will be introduced by Superintendent W. J. Taylor.

Members of the senior class are Marjorie Davidson, Norma Jane Harrell, Tommy Hollowell, Melvin Howell, Sherlon Layton, Douglas Leary, Sarah Morris, Dearl Parks, Shirley Parks, Stanford Perry, Rufus Smithson, Jr., Carolyn Wiggins, Clyde Williams, Kermit Williams and Marguerite Wilson.

Marshals will be: Lorene Ashley, Chief; Peggy Turner, Carolyn Spivey, Jacquelyn Bunch and Alvis Perry.

Richardson Released Under Bond Of \$3,000 In Abortion Charge

State Accepts a Plea of Accessory Before The Fact

In a preliminary hearing in Chowan Recorder's Court last week, James Richardson, who was confined in jail without bond in connection with the death of his wife, was ordered by Judge Marvin Wilson to be held for the September term of Superior Court. Bond was set at \$3,000 and Richardson was released from jail Wednesday.

Richardson testified in the preliminary hearing of Mrs. Lillie Ward, who is charged with first degree murder as the result of the death of Richardson's wife after an abortion operation. He testified that he took his wife, Joyce Hudson Richardson, to the home of Mrs. Ward for the purpose of an operation, that he did not object and had the money to pay for the operation. Following his testimony he was jailed without bond on similar charges lodged against Mrs. Ward.

At his hearing the state accepted a plea of guilty to accessory before the fact, which was presented by J. N. Pruden, acting for John F. White, who was ill. Mrs. Ward is still in jail without bond.

W. J. Yates Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Explains Proposed New Fire Station For Edenton

W. J. Yates, who for several years has been vitally interested in securing a new fire station for Edenton, was the principal speaker at the Rotary meeting Thursday afternoon. Mr. Yates was introduced by Geo. Alma Byrum, who in the recent town election defeated Mr. Yates in the councilmen-at-large race. Mr. Byrum had charge of the program.

The speaker distributed drawings of the proposed new fire station which were looked over by the Rotarians. In his remarks he pointed out that Edenton needs a new fire station principally due to present crowded quarters, because of congested traffic conditions in the business district and because a fire station should be more centrally located.

Mr. Yates referred to a recent plea.

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