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Despite Opposition U. S. Fish Hatchery Closed At Edenton

Victim of Administration's Efforts to Reduce Expenses

Despite opposition on the part of many Edentonians and efforts of Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, the U. S. Fish Hatchery has been closed.

In answer to petitions and letters Congressman Bonner had this to say: "I have the petition signed by the Mayor of Edenton, you and others with respect to the continuance of the Edenton Fish Hatchery.

"For a long time we have had difficulty in maintaining this operation. Heretofore I was always successful. Under the present administration no discussion was had as to the feasibility, necessity or advantage of continuing this establishment. The Republicans simply decided to close it as they have many other worthwhile projects throughout the South. I have made an appeal to the authorities here. They merely answered by saying that it is definitely out. I regret very much to send this unfavorable information."

In a letter to Mr. Bonner, John L. Farley, director of Fish and Wildlife Service had this to say:

"This concerns our telephone conversation relative to the proposed termination of fish-cultural activities at the Edenton, North Carolina, Federal fish hatchery.

"The Edenton hatchery is one of a number of units for which the President requested no funds when he presented his 1955 Budget message to Congress on January 21. A tapering off of operations at units to be discontinued is to be effected during the latter part of the fiscal year 1954. In view of the present policy of re-orientation of Government operations to effect savings, unit efficiency and consolidation of effort with the least disruption of over-all Service activities. As Federal hatcheries at Harrison Lake, Virginia and Hoffman, North Carolina, are in a position to fish fish for the stocking of waters in the Edenton distribution area and, to the need for major rehabilitation of facilities at the Edenton hatchery, it was decided that fish-cultural operations at that hatchery should be discontinued.

"It is hoped that this action will not prove to be of detriment to the warm-water fishery in North Carolina. Your interest in and cooperation with Service activities are very much appreciated."

Lions Club Minstrel Will Be Presented Friday, April 9th

J. Clarence Leary Will Serve as Chairman of Annual Affair

Edenton Lions Club's seventh annual minstrel will be staged in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium Friday night, April 9, at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement made by J. Clarence Leary, who will again serve as general chairman.

While the cast has not yet been completed, Mr. Leary states that this year's production is expected to be as good or even better than previous performances.

Proceeds from the minstrel will be used by the Lions Club for blind work in Chowan County as well as in the State as a whole.

Chowan Juniors Will Present Play March 19

The Junior Class of Chowan High School will present its annual play Friday night, March 19, at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium.

"Star Crazy," a three-act comedy by Don Elser, has been selected by the class. There is promise of good entertainment and much laughter.

The cast includes the following: Sara M. Asbell, Ida Ann Blanchard, Evangeline Copeland, Janice Harrell, Peggy Perry, Delton Bunch, George Jordan, Fred Layton and Jackie Morris.

Entertainment during intermission will be furnished by the Chowan Ramblers.

A small admission will be charged.

EASTERN STAR MEETS

Edenton Chapter of the Eastern Star will meet next Monday night, March 15, at 8 o'clock in the Court House. Mrs. E. B. Edwards, worthy matron, is anxious for all members to attend.

Seeking Re-election



WALTER W. COHOON
This week Walter W. Cohoon of Elizabeth City announced he will be a candidate for re-election as solicitor of the First Judicial District.

E. W. Spires Seeking Re-election To Office Clerk Superior Court

Announces Intention to To Be a Candidate Tuesday

E. W. Spires on Tuesday announced he will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Superior Court in the May election. In connection with his announcement, he made the following statement:

"In announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Chowan County, subject to the Democratic primary, I would like to state that I am grateful to the good people of our county for the confidence they have reposed by allowing me the privilege of serving them in the past.

"It has been my steadfast purpose at all times to render efficient and courteous service to the public and to accommodate everyone so far as I possibly could.

"If it is the will of our people that I be returned to office, I sincerely pledge a continuation of that service to the end that the best interests of the public shall be promoted at all times.

"I shall always be deeply grateful for your vote and support."

Red Cross Drive Is Now In Progress

Chairman N. J. George Urges Reports Soon As Possible

Though no reports were available this week, the Red Cross Fund Raising Drive is now in progress in Chowan County. Canvassers are at work making contacts in the areas assigned them and N. J. George, chairman of the drive, is hopeful that the \$3,500 quota will be realized.

Mr. George has as his co-chairman Joe Thorud and R. E. Leary is treasurer.

Various chairmen in the drive, who have called upon others to help, include Mrs. Tom Cross, Jr., Jack Habit, Commanding Officer at the Edenton Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field, Mrs. Richard Hardin, Mrs. L. A. Patterson, Mrs. Albert Lassiter, Mrs. Guy Hobbs, Mrs. Lester Forehand, Mrs. Thurston Stallings, Mrs. Clive Hollowell, Mrs. N. J. George, Mrs. Ben Perry, Al Phillips, Mrs. Imogene Cochran, Ernest Swain, J. B. Small and D. F. Walker.

Mr. George is very anxious to wind up the drive as early as possible, so that he urges all canvassers to complete their work and send in reports.

Miss Sara Kemp Wood In Greek Trilogy Cast At Randolph - Macon

Miss Sara Kemp Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wood of Edenton, has been chosen as a member of the cast for the Greek trilogy to be presented at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Va., on May 15.

Miss Wood is a member of the dance group which will portray the Furies in Aeschylus' "Oresteia" trilogy, which includes the Greek plays, "Agamemnon," "The Libation-Bearers," and "The Furies." This is the 41st Greek production presented at Randolph-Macon in 45 years. All have been directed by Dr. Mabel K. Whiteside, professor at the college, who presented the first play in 1909.

Masons Now Hold Title To Property Along Waterfront

Town Clerk Authorized To Answer Inquiries About Edenton

At its meeting Tuesday night Town Council voted to withdraw a suit of many years' standing between the Town of Edenton and the late Miles G. Brown to establish ownership of the strip of land between the Norfolk Southern Railroad track and the creek on Water and Oakum Streets. The property was recently purchased from the M. G. Brown Estate by Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F., & A. M., so that the Masons now are legal owners of this piece of property. The request was made by H. A. Campen and W. M. Wilkins, two of the trustees of the lodge.

The action of the Councilmen thus terminates a question of long standing as to who is legal holders to the title of this strip of land.

In a brief meeting the Councilmen agreed to have a stop sign placed at Badham road where it intersects Route 32 opposite Leary Bros. Warehouse. Due to a traffic problem at the Presbyterian Church, caution signs will be placed on the highway at certain time and parking allowed on only one side of Moseley Street.

It was reported that shrubbery on the colored playground at Oakum and Freeman Streets causes a blind corner and a traffic hazard, so that the Street Commissioner was instructed to have the condition corrected.

In the absence of a Chamber of Commerce it was agreed to put Clerk Ernest Ward in charge of answering inquiries concerning Edenton. Many letters arrive every week for information and with nobody responsible for answering the letters and sending literature, Mr. Ward was authorized to employ an assistant to answer mail and other duties ordinarily handled by a Chamber of Commerce.

A special meeting of Town Council and the Board of Public Works was called for next Monday night to consider recommendations of a committee appointed to study the possibility of extending the town limits.

Ed Bond Post Meets Membership Quota

Local Post Praised By Department Commander

Ed Bond Post, No. 40, American Legion, has exceeded its membership quota for 1954, according to information received from State Headquarters of the American Legion in Raleigh.

E. J. Hobbs, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from the Legion Adjutant, Nash McKee, expressing thanks to the membership chairman, all Post Officers, and membership workers for their effort.

W. L. McMillan, of Rocky Mount, Department Commander of The American Legion, issued a statement of high praise for the local Post.

McMillan said, "I am proud to congratulate the officers and members of Post 40 upon this notable achievement. All of the programs and services of the Legion are made possible through dues paid for membership and we appreciate the great part played by Post No. 40 of Edenton. Sincere thanks to every member of the Post who had a part in the membership work."

The quota of Post No. 40 is 143 and the membership for 1954 to date is 143. Quotas are assigned each Post by the State Headquarters and are based on the average membership of the Post for the past four years.

"We do not intend to stop our membership drive now that we have reached our quota," Post Commander Hobbs said. "There are many more eligible veterans who have not yet joined our Post and we invite them all to become members."

Civic Calendar

County Commissioners of District One will hold the annual district meeting in Hertford Tuesday, March 16.

Junior Class of Chowan High School presents annual play Friday night, March 19, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

American Legion Auxiliary meets Tuesday night, March 16, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Paul Holoman.

Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet Wednesday night, (Continued on Page Four)

4-H Club 1953 Peanut Contest Winn



Pictured here are the three top winners in the annual 4-H Club peanut growing contest, sponsored by the Edenton Rotary Club. The picture was taken at a Rotary banquet honoring all the boys who participated in the contest, as well as their fathers. Left to right are: Jackie Byrum, third prize winner; Harold Lloyd Bunch, fourth prize winner; Sidney White, Jr., first prize winner, and John Kramer, president of the Rotary Club.

Ernest W. Lee Will Be Candidate For Sheriff In Election

First Candidate to Announce Intention of Running

Chowan County's political waters began to bubble Monday of this week when Ernest W. Lee announced that he will be a candidate for Sheriff of Chowan County in the May election.

Sheriff J. A. Bunch will, of course, seek reelection, so that a contest is assured, with rumors going the rounds that another, and possibly two more, candidates will seek the office.

It is Mr. Lee's first bid for public office and in a statement to The Herald he said:

"If the voters see fit to elect me to this high and responsible position, I will greatly appreciate it and will devote my entire time and efforts to the responsibilities it entails, answering all calls and discharging all the other duties of the office to the very best of my ability."

Mr. Lee has been in business in Chowan County for 17 years. He is a member of the Baptist Church, Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F., & A. M., and Chowan Tribe, No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men.

National 4-H Week Is Being Observed

Nearly 300 Members In Chowan Join In Observance

This week nearly 300 Chowan 4-H Club members join with 142,000 other North Carolina club members in observance of National 4-H Club Week. The theme for this year is "Working Together For World Understanding." The North Carolina slogan is "4-H Trains Farm Youth In The Art of Living."

From its humble beginning in Hertford County in 1909, when I. O. Schaub organized the first club for boys as a corn growing club, the 4-H club has grown so that it is now the world's largest youth organization.

Chowan County 4-H Club work is organized in seven clubs which meet twice a month in the schools and there are six local clubs which are organized on a community basis. These clubs meet once a month in the homes of local leaders or of club members. Occasionally, they meet in a community building.

Each 4-H Club member carries on a project, in addition to attending meetings. Girls' club projects include: cooking, food preservation, sewing, housekeeping, home grounds beautification, poultry, public speaking, safety, gardening, wildlife, and good grooming. Boys' projects include such things as corn, cotton, peanuts, beef animals and hogs, gardening, poultry, soil conservation, wildlife, public speaking, tractor maintenance, and many other projects. In addition to the projects listed girls have demonstration teams on Dairy Foods, Food Preservation, etc. Boys have demonstrations on Soil Conservation, Use of Electricity on the farm and in the home, livestock conservation, dairying and livestock and dairy judging teams, vegetable production and vegetable marketing.

Chowan County Club members have done very well in their work during the past several years. The county has had four State winners in peanut production, one State winner in 4-R corn production, one State winner in 4-H tractor maintenance, one district (Continued on Page Four)

S. K. P. Badham Speaks At Meeting Of Woman's Club

Tells About Recent Tour Made By Three Edenton Ladies

Members of the Edenton Woman's Club heard an interesting talk at their March meeting when Mrs. R. P. Badham presented a colorful resume of the trip she took abroad last year along with Mrs. Ernest Leary and Mrs. Clara Preston.

The three ladies sailed on the Queen Mary on April 15 for Cherbourg, France, and then began an exciting round of sightseeing by train, motor, and steamer which took them through France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland and England.

Mrs. Badham gave a vivid description of the many beautiful and famous places they visited and said that most of the European countries were in a festive mood of blooming flowers. She passed around pictures of the various places of interest visited. While in Paris the trio visited the home of Empress Josephine and the Palace of Versailles, where the famed hall of mirrors is housed. They also visited a perfume factory and witnessed the process of perfume making.

In Rome they attended the opera "Carmen" and in Venice were introduced to Clark Gable, who was seated next to them in the dining room of the hotel they were staying. Mrs. Badham said the Italian people were very polite. "A member of our party lost her opera ticket and she was graciously seated without it."

"Most of the European cities have done a grand job of reconstruction," she declared, "particularly among the Scandinavians where there seemed to be no slums. There were beautiful flowers everywhere and every city so neat and clean, that you would feel it a desecration to drop a piece of paper."

While touring Edinburgh the group visited The Castle Royal, Hollywood Palace, John Knox's House, the University, Scott's Memorial and War Memorial, as well as other historic places. The people here, said Mrs. Badham, were greatly excited and were busy decorating for an anticipated visit from Queen Mary.

The ladies attended several plays in London, where they also saw The Queen Mother Elizabeth who was attending an Air Force banquet in their hotel. There they also saw Gregory Peck and Irene Rich.

One of the biggest thrills of the trip according to Mrs. Badham, was witnessing the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. "Our seats to view the coronation were at Marble Arch," she said, "where we had a grand balcony all around our apartment, and we also had a clear television to see the events in Westminster Abbey. The coronation parade was miles long and a most (Continued on Page Four)

BPW District Meeting Scheduled On March 28

Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, president of the Edenton Business and Professional Woman's Club, announces that the Spring District Meeting of the BPW Clubs will be held in Washington, N. C., on Sunday, March 28.

She urges a good representation from the local club and asks that those who can attend to let her know as soon as possible, so that transportation arrangements may be made and the Washington organization be notified.

72 More People Give To Heart Fund Drive

According to a report early this week 72 more contributions have been made to the Heart Fund appeal in Chowan County. The drive will end on Monday, March 15, so that anyone else who desires to help in this drive is urged to send in a contribution before the closing date.

Red Men Stage Free Wiener Roast Monday

Next Monday night, March 15, in the Red Men hall, Chowan Tribe will stage a free wiener roast. Not only members of the tribe are invited, but also their wives and members of the Degree of Pocahontas and their husbands.

The committee in charge of the affair includes Ernest W. Lee, Frank Hughes and Horace White.

W. O. Speight, II, Leaves For Air Force Training

W. O. Speight II, is scheduled to leave Raleigh Friday, March 12, for Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, where he will begin 18 months of Air Observer Training as an Air Force Cadet. After this period of training he will receive his wings and be commissioned a 2nd lieutenant.