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Death Of Chatham County Man Solves Fire Bomb Mystery

George Henry Smith Is Found Dead In Woods Near Home

CASE CLOSED

Chief of Police George I. Dail Still Patient In Hospital

With members of the State Bureau of Investigation working feverishly following the explosion of a crude fire bomb found in Mrs. Imogene Cochran's car, in the hands of Chief of Police George I. Dail Wednesday morning of last week, SBI Director James W. Powell considers the case closed.

Reason for the SBI decision was that on Friday the body of George Henry Smith, 38, was found dead in a woods about a mile from his home in Chatham County. A .22 calibre rifle was found near the body, so that all indications point to suicide.

Smith was the principal suspect for over two years in connection with the death of Mrs. Cochran's husband, William Homer Cochran, Jr., who was killed at Mt. Airy on New Year's eve, 1951. Cochran, who was an agriculture teacher, lived only 13 hours after he stepped on the starter of his truck causing a bomb to explode which had been attached to the ignition system. The case had not been solved, but after the fire bomb was found in Mrs. Cochran's car Wednesday of last week, SBI agents felt sure they could crack the case and they did.

The bomb was discovered by Mrs. Cochran, Chowan County's home at, when she entered her car to her office. She noticed the cardboard box protruding from under the (Continued on Page Seven)

Final Plea Made To Buy Easter Seals

Future of Crippled Children Depends Greatly On Contributions

As the 1954 Easter Seal drive ends Sunday, G. B. Potter, president of the Chowan County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, made a final plea to citizens of Edenton who have not made their contributions to the campaign.

"The future of our crippled children in this area depend on you," said Mr. Potter. "We must not let them down!"

He pointed out that help and hope to crippled children in clinics, treatment centers, special schools, convalescent hospitals and numerous other vital Easter Seal facilities may face curtailment unless public spirited citizens of Edenton contribute generously to the 1954 Easter Seal appeal.

"Thirty years ago a crippled child was an unusual sight," added Mr. Potter. "This was not because there weren't any, but because ignorance, poverty, shame and indifference surrounded handicapped children with barriers which neither they nor their families could penetrate. They were literally hidden away from the public."

"Today, that is all changed, and the crippled children are growing up to be a useful part of our world, making their contribution to the professions, to business and to industry. They have been discovered as an important national resource, waiting only for the magic touch of scientific rehabilitation and human understanding to make them productive human beings."

"All of us can help give our crippled children a new lease on life by making our contribution today. It is bound to bring us personal pride in knowing that we have done our part in helping some handicapped youngster on to a more happy, useful life."

Liars' Contest Held At Rotary Meeting

A. Campen presented a rather program at last week's Rotary meeting, when he held a liar's contest. He called upon each Rotarian to tell a lie with a prize given to the best two lies. Winners in the contest were Robert S. Marsh, first, and Jimmy Earnhardt, second.

Various kinds of lies were told and Bob Marsh was "appointed" to represent the Edenton Club at the liar's contest to be held by the Burlington Rotary Club on May 17.

Comic Calendar

Forest College and East Carolina College will play a game of baseball on Hicks Field Monday night, April 26, at 8 o'clock with proceeds going into the swimming pool fund.

Dress revue and talent show in the Merry Hill High School auditorium Tuesday night, April 20, at 8 o'clock.

The kindergarten class of the Edenton Elementary School will present a May Day program in the Elementary School auditorium Thursday night, May 6, at 8 o'clock.

Fifth grade of the Edenton colored high school will present its annual operetta, "Over the Garden Wall," Friday night, April 23rd.

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Pre-School Clinics Begin In Chowan Tuesday, May 4th

Schedule Arranged For Convenience to Take Children

Pre-school clinics will be held in Chowan County beginning Tuesday, May 4 through Friday, May 14. Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, calls attention to the fact that all children whose birthday is on or before October 15, 1948, should attend one of these clinics, for frequently at these clinics physical defects are found which can be corrected before school opens.

Parents will be welcome at these clinics, but their presence is not necessary, if the child is taken to the clinic by an older child. At the clinic a child's full name and exact date of birth must be furnished.

The schedule for Chowan County follows:

May 4 at 9 A. M.—Chowan High School boys and girls.

May 5 at 9 A. M.—Rocky Hock School.

May 5 at 10:30 A. M.—St. John's School.

May 6 at 9 A. M.—Edenton colored school girls.

May 7 at 9 A. M.—Edenton colored school boys.

May 11 at 9 A. M.—Edenton white school girls.

May 13 at 9 A. M.—White Oak school girls and boys.

Wake Forest And ECC Scheduled To Play Here April 26

Game on Hicks Field Sponsored By Varsity Club

Local baseball fans will have an opportunity to witness a college baseball game on Hicks Field Monday night, April 26, when Wake Forest College and Eastern Carolina College will cross bats. The game is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock.

The game is sponsored by the Edenton Varsity Club with proceeds going into the swimming pool fund. It is hoped there will be a large turnout of fans, who will see two good baseball teams in action, as well as help in a worthy cause.

Former Edenton Marine Wins Television Jackpot

L. E. Rawles of the Norfolk Distributing Company was in Edenton Tuesday for the purpose of presenting either a \$500 government bond or \$375 in cash to John DeForest Pettus, Jr., but left Edenton unable to give the money away.

It so happened that Pettus recently won a \$500 bond as a jackpot prize donated by the Beacon Company, chemical manufacturers, on a nationally televised program, "On Your Account," featuring Beacon wax.

Young Pettus was a Marine stationed at the Edenton base, but since has returned to his home in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Cancer Crusade In Chowan County Is Very Discouraging

Mrs. Aubrey Turbeville Reports Less Than \$100 Collected

Mrs. Aubrey C. Turbeville, chairman of the Chowan County Cancer Crusade, stated early this week that contributions in the drive amounted to less than \$100, while the quota for the county is \$1,155.

The drive for funds with which to combat cancer began Thursday of last week, so that Mrs. Turbeville is urging her canvassers to complete their work as well as appeals to the citizens of the county to be as generous as possible with their contributions.

The campaign for funds will end Friday, April 30, but Mrs. Turbeville is anxious to have complete reports before the closing date.

Mrs. Turbeville stated: "Even today, in the battle against one of our cruellest and strongest enemies—Cancer—there are splendid indications that our hope and faith are not misguided; that the long winter of despair is no longer quite so cold nor quite so dark. Already, cancer patients are being cured—completely cured—who, even five years ago, would have been beyond all help."

"Tens of thousands are living happily today and will live through many more days yet to come—because they were saved last year from cancer, much of which credit goes to those who made contributions in order to train physicians, hold clinics and for research."

Adult Homemaking Classes Now Being Planned At School

Initial Meeting Will Be Held at School April 21 For Organization

According to an announcement early this week there will be a meeting in the home economics room of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School Wednesday night, April 21, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of planning cooperatively adult education homemaking classes. It is the purpose for these classes to be conducted each Monday night throughout the remainder of April and May.

All interested persons are urged to attend the initial brief meeting next Wednesday night so that topics of greatest interest can be included in the classes.

Vaccination Of Dogs Will Begin April 19th

Dr. G. L. Gilchrist, Rabies Inspector, Announces Schedule

Dr. G. L. Gilchrist, rabies inspector for Chowan County, announces that the annual vaccination of dogs against rabies will begin in the county Monday, April 19. He desires to emphasize the law which requires all dogs to be vaccinated.

Dr. Gilchrist has arranged a convenient schedule in order for owners of dogs to comply with the law. The schedule is as follows:

April 19—Quinton Bass' Store, at 11:30 A. M.; Grover Cale's Store at 12:30 P. M.

April 20—Valhalla, 11:30 A. M.; Henry Bunch's Store, 12:30 P. M.

April 21—W. E. Smith, 11:30 A. M.; Small's Cross Roads, 12:30.

April 22—Center Hill, 1:30 P. M.; Arthur Byrum's Store, 12:30 P. M.

April 23—L. C. Briggs' Store, 11:30 A. M.; Ryland, 12:30 P. M.

April 27—Bishop Brown's, 11:30 A. M.; St. John's 12:30 P. M.

April 28—At Office in Edenton from 1 to 5 P. M.

No Trash Collection On Easter Monday

Due to the observance of Easter Monday on April 19, employees of the Edenton Street Department will be given a holiday. No trash, therefore, will be picked up next Monday. Collections will be resumed as usual Tuesday morning.

CLOSED EASTER MONDAY
Town and County offices will be closed all day Easter Monday, April 19. Important business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

Machinery Set Up In Chowan County For Election May 29

Registrars and Judges Named to Handle Election

Machinery was set up this week to handle the primary election which will be held Saturday, May 29. The Chowan County Board announced officials who will serve in the election and stated that registrars will sit at precinct polling places Saturday, May 1, 8 and 15, from 9 A. M., to sunset for the purpose of registering voters. The registrars will also sit at polling places Saturday, May 22 from 9 A. M., to 3 P. M., for the purpose of challenging voters.

On election day polls will open at 6:30 A. M., and close at 6:30 P. M.

Registrars and judges of election as announced by the Board of Elections follow:

East Edenton Precinct—Miss Sarah Jones, registrar; W. M. Wilkins and Floyd Cayton, judges.

West Edenton Precinct—Mrs. George C. Hoskins, registrar; George S. Twiddy and M. A. Hughes, judges.

Rocky Hock Precinct—W. H. Pearce, registrar; W. H. Saunders and M. J. Tynch, judges.

Center Hill Precinct—Ralph Goodman, registrar; R. H. Hollowell and E. D. Byrum, judges.

Wardville Precinct—T. A. Berryman, registrar; Herbert Peele and Melvin Copeland, judges.

Yeopim Precinct—T. J. Hoskins, registrar; T. J. Hoskins, Jr., and J. A. Webb, Jr., judges.

Polling places will be as follows: East Edenton, Court House; West Edenton, Municipal Building; Rocky Hock, Henry Bunch's Store; Center Hill, Elliott Belch's office; Wardville, Herbert Peele's Store; Yeopim Precinct, Harry Perry's Store.

Local officials to be elected in the election are: Sheriff, Clerk of Court, County Commissioners, Judge of Recorder's Court, Coroner and Representative in the General Assembly. Of these offices opposition has developed thus far for only two, Sheriff and Clerk of Court.

Local VFW Post Decides To Sponsor Marble Tournament

Two Top Shooters Will Play In State and National Contests

William Perry, commander of William H. Coffield Post, No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, announced early this week that the local post has decided to sponsor a marble tournament and take part in the fourth annual VFW State Marble Tournament, which will be held in Fayetteville May 21-22. He stated that already 30 towns have registered to participate in the State contest.

The national VFW Marble Tournament will be held in Akron, Ohio, June 16-18.

The exact date for the local tournament has not been decided, but Mr. Perry hopes a large number of youngsters will participate. The post will award a prize to the Chowan County winner, who, together with the runner-up will be sent to Akron, with all expenses paid to participate in the national tournament.

Mr. Perry stated that schools will be contacted in order to secure permission to tell the boys about the contest and rules.

The contest will be held at the VFW home on the old Hertford highway, where a ring is now being constructed. On the day of the contest refreshments will be served the boys who participate, as well as visitors who go out and watch the tournament.

Talent Show And Dress Revue At Merry Hill

A dress revue and talent show will be held in the Merry Hill School auditorium Tuesday night, April 20, at 8 o'clock. Cash prizes, compliments of Belk-Tyler's of Edenton will be given the winners of the dress revue.

Garments must be modeled by maker or member of her family. Judgments will be secured from Edenton and Windsor.

This affair will be sponsored by the Merry Hill Home Demonstration Club. Anyone wishing to enter either contest is asked to contact Mrs. Owen Barfield or Mrs. E. J. Pruden, Jr., at Merry Hill.

Move Under Way To Give Armory Title To National Guard

Error Made

In last week's Herald a statement was made that the shad season had been extended and would close Saturday, May 15. This was an error. The season has been extended 15 days from April 25, which puts the closing date at Monday, May 10.

The Herald regrets the error, which was reported by Cage Hayman, inspector of the Division of Commercial Fisheries of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Large Crowd Turns Out Last Week For Annual Art Show

Abundance of Talent Is Reflected In Various Entries

The annual Art Exhibit held in the Penelope Barker house Saturday and Sunday, April 10 and 11, sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee of the Edenton Woman's Club, drew throngs of art lovers in this section. An abundance of talent was evidenced in the many beautiful and interesting entries by the children and adults and adding to the attractiveness of the show was arrangements of the displays by Mrs. John Kramer, chairman of the affair, and her committee.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frith Winslow of Plymouth served as judges, with the following receiving awards and ribbons.

Kindergarten Class, Mrs. John F. White, teacher—Grand prize winner, Dianthia Sexton, who also won a blue ribbon, with Norfleet Pruden winning a blue ribbon and Bill James a red ribbon.

First Grade, Miss Thelma White's room—Claire Belch, blue ribbon; Brenda Stallings, white ribbon. Mrs. Lane's room—Sara Francis Edwards, blue ribbon; Lynn Carol Mizell, white, and Marilyn Campbell, red ribbon. Mrs. Willis' room—Richard Small, grand prize winner and blue ribbon; Betty Wall, white ribbon and Linda Davenport, red ribbon. Miss Harney's room—Kenny Harold, blue ribbon; Roy Dorsett, white ribbon.

Second Grade, Edenton School, Miss Ruby Felts' room—Jean Goodwin, blue ribbon; Jean Goodwin, white; Ruth Overman, red ribbon. Miss Peggy White's room—Betsy Campen, blue ribbon; Ruth Hollenbeck, white and Sandra Hare, red ribbon.

Second Grade, Rocky Hock School—Judy Bunch, blue ribbon; Arlyn Bunch, white and Judy Bunch, red ribbon.

BPW Club Elects Officers Tonight

Mrs. Alice Futrell of Hertford Principal Speaker

Tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock, the Edenton Business and Professional Club will meet in the Penelope Barker House, at which time club officers will be elected for the year 1954-55.

A feature of the program, in charge of Mrs. Annie Mills, health and safety chairman, will be a brief address by Mrs. Alice Futrell of Hertford, district safety representative.

Mrs. Lala Smith and Miss Goldie Layton will have charge of a covered dish dinner served at the meeting. Mrs. Evelyn Jackson, president, urges every member to attend.

BAND PLAYS AT BASE

Edenton's High School Band rendered a concert at the Edenton Marine Base Tuesday evening for the entertainment of the Marines. The program included army marches and popular numbers which apparently were very much enjoyed.

BANK CLOSED NEXT MONDAY

Due to the observance of Easter Monday the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day next Monday, April 19. Important banking business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

Building at Present Is Badly In Need of Repairs

COSTLY PROJECT

Town Council Is Again Faced With Zoning Problem

Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night took steps toward transferring title of the Edenton armory to the North Carolina National Guard, which is used by the Heavy Mortar Company, 119th Infantry, 30th Division.

Captain Cecil Fry, commanding officer of the company, appeared at the meeting with a report made by R. E. Shelden, engineering officer for the Adjutant General Department. Mr. Shelden recently made a thorough inspection of the armory, which showed that a great deal of repair work is necessary to protect the property and make it better suited for the National Guard.

The report, read by Mr. Fry, contained a long list of necessary repairs, so that the following recommendations were made:

Paint all exterior woodwork and replace rotten sash.

Cut out and recaulk with expanding caulking compound all joints on the coping stone.

Mop the roof with a coat of RPM perma-roof cold application compound and repair flashings.

Repair and replace all damaged gutters and down spots.

Remove existing plaster from in-

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Information About USO Club Received

Associate Regional Executive Writes Letter To Mrs. J. P. Ricks

In regard to the delay in securing a USO for Edenton, Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., chairman of the Edenton USO committee, has requested that the following letter appear in order that all who have made pledges and who have devoted time to the project may be informed.

April 6, 1954.

"Dear Mrs. Ricks: I wish to acknowledge receipt of your March 31st letter in reference to USO service in Edenton.

"We have just returned from a conference in New York where we had an opportunity to get together and discuss this situation a little more thoroughly.

"I know how concerned you and the people there must be in reference to getting definite word from USO after all the extensive work you and your committee have done in obtaining the funds so that it would be possible to give USO service in Edenton.

"All I can say at this time is that we should have definite word within the next two weeks, and I sincerely hope that you will pass the information to the Committee so that they will not lose complete hope and faith in what we are both trying to accomplish.

"As soon as I get this word I will let you know immediately.

"My sincere regards for all the fine work that you people have been doing in Edenton.

"Cordially,
"Tom Kunz,
"Associate Regional Executive."

W. C. Bunch Is Now Superintendent Of Fish Hatchery In Arkansas

W. C. Bunch recently arrived at Mammoth Springs, Arkansas, where he now is superintendent of the Federal Fish Hatchery there.

Mr. Bunch until recently was superintendent of the Edenton hatchery, a position he filled for about 15 years, succeeding the late W. S. Vincent. He has been with the service 32 years and after retirement will again make his home in Edenton, where he was active in church and fraternal affairs, having been a deacon in the Baptist Church and a past master of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M.

John H. Asbell will remain at the Edenton hatchery until June 30, when the hatchery will be officially closed. Just what disposition will be made of the hatchery is not known.