

Fire Destroys Boat House Near Railroad

R. E. Thornton Narrowly Escaped Burning Inferno

Edenton's Fire Department was called out late Saturday afternoon when fire broke out in one of the boat houses on Water Street near the Norfolk railroad trestle. Huge billows of black smoke soared skyward which attracted many Saturday afternoon downtown shoppers.

The fire is reported to have started when R. E. Thornton, local contractor went into one of the boat houses with some gasoline for a motor boat. He stumbled and spilled the gas, but then siphoned some from his automobile parked on the street. Upon entering the building he struck a match to light his pipe and when he threw down the match the gasoline ignited and soon the building was enveloped in flames.

The boat house burned to the water's edge and another was badly damaged. Three boats and motors were also consumed by the flames, so that damage was estimated at around \$1,000.

Thornton himself had a narrow escape for he was forced to jump into the water and swim to shore.

Edenton's Debaters Win State Honors

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Among Edenton people who attended the debates were the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Edwards, Chaplain and Mrs. William Swets, Mrs. Ralph Blades, coach, Mrs. L. A. Patterson, Faye Haste and Archie Patterson, who was alternate for the Edenton debaters.

Both the winners are children of ministers, Robert Earl's parents, being the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Edwards and Chaplain and Mrs. William Swets being the parents of Ethel Ann.

It was the 42nd annual final debate of the North Carolina High School Debating Union for the Aycock Memorial Cup and was held in Gerrard Hall. Since 1913 the cup has been won by schools in the eastern part of the state 13 times. Wilson won in 1915, 1918, 1924 and 1925. In 1929 Roanoke Rapids was the winner. Goldsboro won in 1930, 1931 and 1935. Elizabeth City won in 1923. Kinston won in 1936, Weldon in 1937 and Rocky Mount in 1942. Roxboro won the cup in 1951 and 1952, but the R. J. Reynolds High School won in 1953 and, of course, Edenton was declared the State Champions in 1954.

Competing teams in the debates were: Edenton, North Mecklenburg, Reynolds High School of Winston-Salem, Roxboro, Concord, Charles L. Coon High School of Wilson, Sand Hill, Maxton, Drexel, Clinton, Walter M. Williams High School of Burlington, and Grainger High School of Kinston.

Participating in the finals were 14 boys and 10 girls.

Mrs. Lee R. Sutton Dies Following Brief Illness


Mrs. Maude Lee Sutton, 64, died at her home on the Windsor highway at 11:50 o'clock Saturday night after a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband, Lee R. Sutton, proprietor of the Superior Hatchery; a brother, Frank Tedford of Edenton and a cousin, Mrs. Leroy Widgeon of London Bridge, Va.

Funeral services were held at the Ziegler Funeral Home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. John Byrum of Belhaven, a former pastor, officiated. Interment was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sidney Cobb, Percy Saunders, Julius Hardison, Earl Jones, James Byrum and Asa Griffin.

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Mrs. Earnhardt Gives Convention Report

Praises Work of "Help A Home" Project In Nation

Mrs. W. J. P. Earnhardt, past State chairman of the "Help A Home" project, and Mrs. Richard Goodwin, newly elected president of the Edenton Woman's Club, attended the 52nd Convention of Women's Clubs held at George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville, N. C., April 27-30.

At the convention Mrs. Earnhardt, as outgoing State chairman of the "Help A Home" project, gave the following report on this worthwhile project that is now taking hold throughout the nation.

"If it were possible for this report to carry the pictures of the aid that has been given during the past year by the 'Help A Home' project, here are some of the pictures you would see:

"Help started on its way to a family with three children whose home was burned down and everything they owned destroyed. They were given a studio couch, sheets, a bed and bed clothing, and dishes and kitchen utensils sufficient for basic needs.

"Cheer entered another home where the father was in the hospital. Nine children and the mother lived in dreary, drab surroundings. Because of the 'Help A Home' project an oil heater was given, a set of dishes and frying pans, and the bleak windows took on a new and happier tone as attractive curtains were provided.

"Six children in still another family were kept warm by the blankets that were given through the working of the project, and you will be glad to know of the aid given to a family with seven children. The father was injured in an automobile accident and was in the hospital for nearly two months. The mother was expecting another child and was unable to work. Though the father received a small pension there were other needs which were met because of the 'Help A Home' project such as a bed and mattress and springs.

"Having seen these word pictures of what the 'Help A Home' project is meaning to homes of needy people over the State, you would wish to know what progress has been made in the less than a year since the plan was first adopted. Rarely, if ever, has a new project claimed the interest and effort of the club members as has the 'Help A Home' project. They have entered into the spirit of the plan and have gone even beyond the basic suggestions to meet needs which are urgent.

"As you would expect, these basic household items form the bulk of the things distributed to needy families: high chairs, oil heaters, bassinets, sheets, stoves, drapes, cooking utensils, scatter rugs, kitchen cabinets, carpeting, pressure cookers, silver, and many, many more items.

"Some of 'life's extras' that were given include: A bicycle so that a small boy could carry a paper route; a walking table for a spastic child; installation of a telephone for a polio victim confined to bed; haircuts and personal grooming; relief for crowded sleeping conditions; strollers for babies; medical aid for the sick and a host of other gifts that take understanding and sincere interest.

"The 'Help A Home' project has increased the interest of the club members in the welfare of the community. They have had a better understand-

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ing of the workings of the county welfare departments. It has meant an increased awareness of the needs of the community.

"The project, begun only eight months ago, has now gathered momentum and this year ahead should see very nearly 100 per cent of the counties represented and the project given careful consideration by every one of our clubs. Even this past month additional clubs were beginning operation of the project, having just completed arrangements for operation and distribution.

"A total of 145 clubs sponsored the project this past year. There were 75 counties represented and every district participated. We have records of over 500 families aided and hundreds of articles distributed. National notice has been taken of the work of the North Carolina clubs in this project.

"We wish to thank all the clubs which have participated, making this first year of the operation of the 'Help A Home' project such a grand success, especially do we wish to mention the 21 Junior Clubs which have taken part in the good work.

"Our report would not be complete without expressing our deep appreciation to the State Board of Public Welfare and the county welfare departments which have made available their knowledge of the needs of the communities and have added to our voluntary efforts. Especially would we wish to express our appreciation for the continuous interest and cooperation and the invaluable services of Nelson W. Stephenson, Consultant on Community Service; Dr. Ellen Winston, Commissioner of the State Board of Public Welfare, and Dr. Edwin S. Preston, Director of Publications and Information."

Hospital Patients

Patients admitted to Chowan Hospital during the week of April 26-May 2 were as follows:

White—Miss Kathryn Gibson, Mrs. Undine Ausbon, Miss Elizabeth Skinner, Joe Keeter, Mrs. Leila White, Mrs. Christine Chappell and baby girl, Mrs. Vivian Ward, Mrs. Lorena El-

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Negro—Lillie Norman, Gurney Jordan, Joe Holley, Elisha Burke.

Patients discharged during the same period were:

White—Miss Kathryn Gibson, Miss Elizabeth Skinner, Mrs. Undine Ausbon, Mrs. Paulina Bennett, Mrs. Lorena Elliott, Joe Keeter, Jackie Byrum, Mrs. Christine Chappell and baby girl, Miss Peggy Goodwin, Miss Cecilia Willoughby, Mrs. Lucille Miller, Master Johnnie Miller, Master Terry Helms, Mrs. Frances Tarkington.

Negro—Erma Lee Granby, Essie Hunter, Ethel Morris, Elisha Burke, Joe Holley.

Visiting ministers for the week of May 3-9 are: White, the Rev. L. C. Chandler; Negro, the Rev. Harrison Valentine.

CELEBRATES SIXTH BIRTHDAY

Loretta Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Parks, celebrated her sixth birthday at a party held in her honor at her home Wednesday, April 21.

Those present were: Pat and Roger Nixon, Pamela Ashley, Evie Pierce Bass, Ivy and Nelia Grey Lowe, Georgia and Robert Skinner, Doris

Jean Cale, Carol and Tommy Forehand, Thurman Lee Goodwin, Ronnie and Donnie Forehand, Ann and Tommy Castello, Linad and Nancy Spivey, Gail, Sandra and Iris Hare, Waverly Bond, Janice Faye White, Cullen and Allen Baker, Joyce Bond, Billy Twiddy, Carolyn and Barbara Bass, Mary Sue, Nancy, Lula Mae and Debbie Lou Rogerson, Barbara and Rachel Wilder, and Jack Perry.

After opening and thanking all for the many lovely gifts, ice cream, cake, nuts and candy were served to the little guests.

Several aunts and her grandmother and grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Will Hassell, also were present.

A good laugh is sunshine in a house.
—Thackeray.

EDWARDS FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Will Edwards held the Edwards family reunion at their home on 308 East Queen Street Sunday, May 2. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Worley Edwards of Rocky Mount, Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Hamrick and children of Rocky Mount, Mr. and Mrs. Orin Summers of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Wiley Creech and son of Craddock, Va., Mrs. Margie Hockaday of Gloucester, Va., Mrs. Estelle Hurd of Gloucester, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Julius Edwards and children of Gloucester, Va., S-Sgt. and Mrs. W. A. Casserly and children of Camp Lejeune, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Berry and children of Portsmouth, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sadder and children of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hawkins of Edenton.



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