

Albermarle Circuit Opens Monday Night

Former Governor Scott Wins Over Alton Lennon For U. S. Senate In Primary Election

J. A. Bunch and E. W. Spires Weather Storm For Re-election

RECORD VOTE

Chowan Registers Majority of 46 Votes For Senator Lennon

According to unofficial returns, former Governor W. Kerr Scott won the Democratic nomination over Senator Alton Lennon for United States Senator in Saturday's primary election. The vote remained comparatively close as returns trickled in so that when all precincts reported Scott held a majority of over 8,000 votes. There were five other candidates for the post, who polled close to 16,000 votes.

Both Scott and Lennon polled a record vote in the State for a primary election. Scott's vote was 310,815 and Lennon's 286,441. The previous record vote was in 1950 when Frank Graham received 303,605 in the first primary and the late Senator Willis Smith polled 281,114 votes in the runoff to win the election.

Sparked by two hotly contested races for local offices, Saturday's Democratic primary election brought out a Chowan County vote about equal to the previous record vote registered when J. C. B. Ehringhaus was nominated for Governor in 1932.

With favorable weather on Saturday, 1,874 Chowan County voters took time out to cast a ballot in the election. The two Edenton precincts had an exceptionally heavy vote, with 703 ballots cast in the East Edenton precinct and 587 in West Edenton precinct.

Chowan County turned in a slight majority for Senator Alton Lennon over former Governor W. Kerr Scott, for a regular term in the United States Senate. Lennon received 871 votes and Scott 825, or a majority of 46 votes. Thirty-two votes were distributed among Wingfield, Bostie, Sprinkle, Turner and Boyd.

For a short term Lennon led with 798 votes with Scott receiving 721. Wingfield received 15 votes and Sprinkle 11.

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Francis S. Chesson Receives B.D. Degree

Among 249 Graduates at Baptist Theological Seminary

Francis Small Chesson, son of W. M. Chesson of Roper, received the Bachelor of Divinity degree at recent commencement exercises of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was one of 249 to graduate from the 94-year-old institution.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is one of five graduate theological schools of the Southern Baptist Convention. It was established in Greenville, S. C., in 1859, and moved to Louisville, Ky., in 1877. The school now has more than 10,000 alumni.

The 1954 graduating class included nine students from the Seminary's School of Religious Education which opened last year. There were 15 graduates of the School of Church Music, and 225 of the School of Theology. Sixty-four graduates at the end of the first semester brought the total for the year to 313, largest in the history of the school.

Teen-Age Club Open Two Nights Week

Mrs. Merle Wilkins, chaperone at the Teen-Age Club, announced this week that the club will be open two nights of the week during the summer months, instead of Saturday nights as previously stated.

The youngsters asked that the club be open to them on Tuesday and Thursday nights, so beginning Tuesday night of next week the club will be open from 8 to 11 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

EDENTON HONOR STUDENTS



Marjorie Webb, left, is valedictorian of the class of 1954 of Edenton Junior-Senior High School. She is president of the Student Council, president of the Beta Club, a member of the Glee Club, Spotlight Staff, Annual Staff, participated in the Senior Play, typist for the English Department and vice president of the Northeastern District Beta Club. Barbara Dail is salutatorian and president of the Tri-Hi-Y Club, secretary of the Senior Class, treasurer of the Senior Book Club, a member of the Glee Club, Spotlight Staff, Annual Staff and a participant of the senior play. (Evelyn Leary Photo.)

Visiting Minister At Baptist Church For Services On Sunday

The Rev. Joseph R. Robinson Will Preach at Both Services

The Rev. Joseph R. Robinson, Professor of Church History at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, will be the guest minister at both morning and evening services of the Baptist Church on Sunday, June 6. He comes with a rather varied background of experience, having been active in the business and publicity fields prior to his call to the ministry. The pastor, the Rev. R. N. Carroll, is attending the Southern Baptist Convention and, in his absence, the Rev. Mr. Robinson will preach at both services.

Besides being Professor of Church History, the Rev. Mr. Robinson is Comptroller of Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest which, because of its recent organization, held its first commencement for a graduating class in late May. Already taking care of as many students as rooming facilities will permit, the outlook promises rapid growth for the seminary as its dormitory facilities expand and especially so when Wake Forest College moves to its new location in Winston-Salem in the near future.

The regular hours for services will be observed. The morning worship service will be at 11 o'clock and the evening service at 7:30. The other regular services of the church are Sunday School at 9:45; Training Union at 6:15 Sunday night; the mid-week prayer service next Wednesday night at 7:30, when the speaker will be the Associational Missionary, G. M. Singletary; the Bible Study Hour on Friday night at 7:30.

Civic Calendar

Mass X-ray survey in progress until July 8th.

Committee meeting tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Parish House to plan for opening of an Edenton USO Club.

Call made for items to be used in proposed Edenton USO Club. The Young Woman's Bible Class of the Edenton Baptist Church will meet next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

Edenton Chapter of the Eastern Star will meet Monday night, June 7, at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

Annual Negro 4-H District Federation will be held in Edenton. (Continued On Page Seven)

13 Seniors At Chowan High Given Diplomas At Exercises Friday

Group of Students Win Awards For Outstanding Accomplishments

Featuring graduation exercises at Chowan High School Friday night was an address by the Rev. P. Rowland Wagner of Norfolk. Mr. Wagner in his inimitable manner injected humor in his remarks, but the gist of his remarks was his advice for the graduates to learn to get over things, learn to get on to things, learn to get into things with a smile on the face and God in the heart.

Carolyn Spivey was awarded the Rotary Cup on her record as the most outstanding student during her high school career in scholarship, citizenship and extra curricular activities. The cup was presented by Gilliam Wood, vice president of the Rotary Club.

The Ruritan Cup went to George Jordan and Mary Sue Elliott for outstanding accomplishments in FFA and FHA. Jordan was also awarded a cash award. Runner-up medals went to Ray Jordan and Rose Marie Hollowell, with presentations made by the (Continued on Page Twelve)

CHOWAN COUNTY'S VOTE

	East Edenton	West Edenton	Rocky Hock	Center Hill	Wardville	Yeopim	TOTAL
U. S. SENATE (Regular Term):							
Lennon	374	296	58	54	58	31	871
Scott	259	262	78	97	72	59	825
Wingfield	6	4	1	1	—	—	12
Bostie	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Sprinkle	3	1	—	—	—	—	4
Turner	—	—	1	1	3	—	8
Boyd	4	3	—	—	—	—	7
U. S. SENATE (Short Term):							
Lennon	353	271	44	44	62	24	798
Scott	229	233	56	88	62	54	721
Wingfield	8	6	—	—	1	—	15
Sprinkle	4	4	3	—	—	—	11
TREASURER:							
Gill	367	314	49	68	46	53	897
James	124	118	16	27	19	16	320
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER:							
Fletcher	264	227	37	44	35	33	640
Gold	225	199	23	40	26	29	542
STATE SENATE:							
Aydlett	331	315	42	85	61	46	880
Godwin	258	263	104	103	100	39	867
Spruill	258	205	32	38	47	27	507
SHERIFF:							
Bunch	474	343	92	81	66	48	1104
Goodwin	193	202	80	71	85	41	672
Lee	36	42	7	9	3	1	98
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT:							
Spikes	488	366	66	89	98	42	1149
Privott	215	213	109	71	58	49	715

Interesting Program Marks Final Exercise Of High School Term

Addresses By Students And Awards Feature Program

Commencement exercises for the Edenton Junior-Senior High School came to a close Monday night when graduation exercises were held in the Edenton Elementary School auditorium and 43 seniors received their diplomas.

The graduates entered the auditorium to Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," after which the invocation was made by the Rev. James MacKenzie.

A mixed chorus then rendered two selections, "Open Our Eyes" and "Beautiful Savior." Clifford Overman, president of the class, was master of ceremonies and with a theme "Think On These Things," three seniors spoke taking the place of a graduation speaker. Ben Browning spoke on "Truth and Justice," while Talbert Jackson's subject was "Purity and Loveliness" and Bobby Whiteman spoke on "Honor and Reputation."

J. P. Partin presented Lions Club Arion award to Hazel Elliott for being the most outstanding student in the band.

Mrs. Laura Ferguson presented a check for \$25 to Marjorie Webb given by the BPW Club for being the most outstanding student in the commercial course.

Ellis McClenney won the bus drivers' award, a pin, presented by N. J. George. Young McClenney holds a record of driving a bus four years without a single accident.

Mrs. W. D. Holmes, Jr., presented three awards from the DAR for the best essays. Marjorie Webb received \$15, Rachel Yount \$15 and Talbert Jackson \$10.

The PTA \$100 scholarship award was presented to Jackie Wallace to be applied to tuition in any college of her choice. The award was presented by W. T. Harry.

Debating medals in the form of miniature Aycock Cups had not been received but these will go to Ethel Ann Swets and Robert Earl Edwards, who are state champion debaters. These were to have been awarded by Superintendent John A. Holmes.

The Rotary Cup was won by Marjorie Webb and presented by John Kramer, president of the Rotary Club. It is given to the most outstanding student in scholarship, citizenship and extra curricular activities during the four years in high school.

The seniors were presented by Principal Gerald James and Superintendent John Holmes handed diplomas to the following graduates: Ray Rufus Alexander, Fred Lewis Ashley, Jr., Harriett Virginia Bombridge, Willie Thomas Boyce, Jr., David Benjamin Browning, Jr., Jane Yount Britton, Shirley Mae Bunch, Ravenal Holland Cayton, Arthur Riddick Chappell, Barbara Nathene Dail, Hazel Martin Elliott, Peggy Lou Goodwin, Ralph Roland Hall, Jr., Betty Christine Harris, Nezzie Chrystal Haste, Douglas Ray Holland, Lawrence Talbert Jackson, (Continued on Page Twelve)

Edenton, Hertford, Colerain, E. City And Rocky Hock In Loop

Guest Preacher



REV. JOSEPH R. ROBINSON In the absence of the Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor, the Rev. Joseph R. Robinson will preach at the morning and evening services at the Baptist Church Sunday.

Schedule Calls For Each Team In Circuit to Play 40 Games

20 HOME GAMES

Edenton and Rock Hock Cross Bats In Opening Game

With five teams forming the circuit, the Albermarle League is scheduled to open the season Monday night, June 7. A six-team circuit was anticipated, but Plymouth pulled out, so that teams in the league include, Edenton, Rocky Hock, Hertford, Elizabeth City and Colerain.

The season will run for 10 weeks, with each team playing 40 games, 20 at home and 20 away. Hicks Field will be the home diamond for Edenton and Rocky Hock, so that four games a week will be on tap for local baseball fans.

A. W. Hefren of Hertford is president of the league, who, together with the directors, approved the schedule as proposed. All games are scheduled to be played at night.

Various clubs have been practicing and playing exhibition games, so that while the brand of ball will hardly match that of the former Virginia and Coastal Plain Leagues, a great deal of rivalry exists between the teams which should create a great deal of interest and, of course, a good attendance.

Gashouse Parker and Palmer Tynch, managers of the Edenton Colonials, and Rocky Hock respectively, feel confident they will have a winning combination and as the season progresses it is hoped interest in the league will increase.

The schedule as announced follows:

Monday, June 7—Rocky Hock at Edenton; Hertford at Elizabeth City. Tuesday, June 8—Elizabeth City at Rocky Hock; Edenton at Colerain. Wednesday, June 9—Rocky Hock at Hertford; Colerain at Elizabeth City. Thursday, June 10—Colerain at Rocky Hock; Edenton at Hertford. Friday, June 11—Elizabeth City at Edenton; Hertford at Colerain. Monday, June 14—Edenton at Rocky Hock; Elizabeth City at Hertford. (Concluded on Page Two)

Joe Conger, Jr., New President Of Jaycees

Gerald James Principal Speaker at Meeting Thursday Night

At a meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce held Thursday night at the VFW home, Joe Conger, Jr., was installed president, succeeding Thomas Shepard. The installation was conducted by Red Gurganus of Williamston, and included these other officers:

Luther Parks, first vice president; Jimmy Ricks, second vice president; Rufus Carraway, secretary; Thomas Byrum, treasurer, and Elton Forehand, Logan Elliott and J. M. Boyce, directors.

The principal speaker for the occasion was Gerald James, principal of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School. James used as his subject "Which Way Do We Go From Here," pointing out some of the needs of the community. He emphasized a full time recreation officer, activities for adults and the swimming pool in particular.

Gilliam Wood served as toastmaster. During the business session it was reported that the campaign to secure magazine subscriptions was still in progress and that the profits will be donated to the swimming pool fund.

A fried chicken dinner was served by VFW members and after the meeting a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

ROTARY MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. President John Kramer urges every member to be present. At last week's meeting R. Elton Forhand, Jr., was inducted as a new member.

Plans Under Way To Open USO Club

Committee Is Called to Meet Tonight In Parish House

Two USO officials were in Edenton Friday to review and make plans for the opening of a white USO in the ballroom of the Hotel Joseph Hewes and a colored USO in the Negro library.

Mrs. Sarah H. Marriner, Director of the New Bern USO, will be in charge of the local clubs as auxiliary USO's of the New Bern Club. A paid supervisor for each of the colored and white Edenton USO's will be secured locally to assist in the operation of the clubs.

Major M. I. McMahon, National Field Supervisor of the Salvation Army USO, who accompanied Mrs. Marriner, expressed pleasure with the accomplishments toward the USO here. He said it was the cooperation of the town that was important in the decision to locate a USO in Edenton in preference to Elizabeth City, Kinston or Greenville, which are actively seeking USO's.

A committee meeting will be held Thursday at 8 P. M., in the Episcopal Parish House to make plans for putting the USO into operation. Mrs. Marriner will be here for the meeting. Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., chairman, said following her talk with Mrs. Marriner and Major McMahon that she hoped the USO could begin operation within a month.

An active campaign to complete pledges and to collect money generously pledged for the rent of \$75 per month for the ballroom of the hotel will be conducted next week.

Three Edenton Clubs Sponsor Tacky Party

Affair In Penelope Barker House Friday Night, June 18

Sponsored by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Edenton Woman's Club, a tacky party will be held at the Penelope Barker house Friday night, June 18, at 9 o'clock.

The wiring at the Barker house has just been completed and now funds are needed in order to complete plumbing. Proceeds from the party will go toward the plumbing expense, and any other contributions will be greatly appreciated.

At the party prizes will be awarded the tackiest dressed man and woman. There will also be concessions and dancing. "Come and join us in the fun which will cost only 50 cents per person," say members of the three sponsoring organizations.