

### Recreation Feature Of Negro Clubs For Meetings In August

Since recreation is a vital part of family living, home demonstration clubs, during the month of August devoted their meetings to some type of planned recreation. These plans were made in the July meetings with the home agent, Mrs. Onnie S. Charlton. The August meetings were under the supervision of project leaders and club officers as the home agent was on sick leave. Leaders and officers report a very good time, at the various outings and fine cooperation on the part of Home Demonstration women.

The clubs and their activities were: Edenton, family picnic; Cisco, family picnic; White Oak, fish fry; St. John, family picnic; Hudson Grove, fish fry; Canaan Temple, family picnic; Triangle, lawn party; Virginia Fork, Wiener roast; Warren Grove, husbands' night; Green Hall, community picnic; Center Hill, community picnic; Ryans Grove, party for children, Cedar Grove, family picnic.

### LEST WE FORGET

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South and brought fishing equipment by railroad to Baltimore and by boat to Edenton (there was no railroad to Edenton at this time. The Norfolk Southern did not come until 1881). He established his fishery at Sandy Point, known then as Paxton's fishing beach, and set the first Dutch or pound nets to be set in Albemarle Sound. In a short time he brought his family from Pennsylvania to Edenton. He bought Snow Hill farm on Albemarle Sound and moved there. He also bought Long Beach and extensively fished the waters of Albemarle Sound. In those days riches were for the taking, not only were the adjoining waters teeming with fish, but the large tracts of land he acquired abounded with virgin growth of timber. So, John P. Hettrick set up and operated a saw mill at Snow Hill. He cut lumber for houses, and for his fish boxes in which to ship his fish. He also cut and gave the lumber from his mill to the colored people of that section to build a church. This church is known as St. Johns and stands as a monument to John Penrose Hettrick to this day down on the Indian Trail Road.

Not for naught was John Hettrick a thrifty and ingenious Dutchman. He was also a smart Yankee and being a man of much ingenuity he quickly perceived that his Dutch nets could serve a dual purpose. Not only from the water but also from the air could he reap a harvest. He had noticed that in winter to his fields at Snow Hill and Long Beach came millions of blackbirds to feed. This thrifty Dutchman did not want to board them without some reward, so he carried his nets to his fields and set them inverted, bottom side up, and baited them with grain. The birds would go in through the funnel by the thousands and after they had eaten the bait they would try to get out through the sides and top of the net. Mr. Hettrick would throw the funnel, lift the side of the net and go in with a paddle and kill the birds by the barrels. He would then bring them to Edenton and retail them for ten and fifteen cents per dozen.

The Pennsylvania Dutch have always been famous for their good cooking and as Edenton was without a bakery, Mr. Hettrick readily recognized another lucrative opening and he established the first bakery here. It was located on part of the site now occupied by the Quinn Furniture Store on Main Street.

John Hettrick's wife was before her marriage Amelia Shannon and she was related to General George G. Meade, who fought a tie battle against General Robert E. Lee at

Gettysburg. John Penrose Hettrick and his wife had five children: George, Isaac, Emma, Laura Meade and William. Laura Meade married Demetrius Smith, a long time police officer of Edenton and was the mother of Mrs. J. Frank Miller, Mrs. Elsie Mansfield of Jacksonville, Florida, and Herbert Smith of Ahoskie, North Carolina.

It was on one of Mr. Hettrick's many business trips to Baltimore, Maryland, where one of his sons was in the wholesale fish business, that he was stricken very ill. He died in Johns Hopkins Hospital on July 30, 1894, and his body was taken to his old home in Selensgrove, Pennsylvania, for burial.

During the time that John Penrose Hettrick was establishing himself and his family in Chowan County his younger brother, William H. Hettrick, who had been a sergeant in the Federal army of the Civil War (Company H, 68th Regiment, Illinois Infantry) made many visits to North Carolina and the Albemarle. He, too, was interested in Dutch net fishing and about eight years later (around 1878) upon the invitation of Mr. G. J. Cherry, who lived at Cherry's Point on Edenton Bay (adjoining Hayes plantation) he came South and established his fishery across the sound near Skinnerville, the old Cherry plantation. He lived with the Cherry family as he was a bachelor and here he met and married the niece of Mrs. Cherry, Miss Alice White of Perquimans County, daughter of Elizabeth Parker White, a descendant of the founder of Martinique plantation here in Chowan County. To this union was born two children, Ernest F. Hettrick of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mrs. Alice Hettrick Shaffer of Norfolk, Virginia.

William H. Hettrick, or "Captain Bill" Hettrick, as he was better known, joined his brother in advancing the use of Dutch nets on both sides of Albemarle Sound. He also was a very successful business man and acquired much property in and around Edenton, as well as his holdings in Washington County. He owned the old Branning Commissary Store, the old Ziegler Furniture Store and White's Meat Market, formerly occupying most of the center section of the West side of Main Street between Eden Street and the Bus Station. He also owned the Skinner farm one and one-half miles East of Edenton.

"Captain Bill" and his family lived on Hayes plantation in the house now owned by Miss Sophie Wood and it was here that his son, Ernest F. Hettrick, was born. "Captain Hettrick" died in 1895 and was buried in Beaver Hill Cemetery here in Edenton. Four years after "Captain" William Hettrick's death in 1895, Mrs. Hettrick moved to Norfolk. She was quite a wealthy woman and was a charter investor in the Edenton Cotton Mills. I recall that she still owned the Branning stores when I came to Edenton in 1899. Later she married Captain M. E. Mott, master of the Branning Manufacturing Company tug boat, J. W. Branning. After her death several years later, her body was brought to Edenton and buried beside her first husband in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Prior to 1869 the only method of taking commercial fish from the waters of Albemarle Sound and the Chowan River was by the operation of long seines. These seines averaged from 2,000 to 2,700 yards in length and dragged the bottom of large areas of water. In the 1890's and early 1900's there were five of these large seines in operation, at Drummond's Point, Bluff Point, Greenfield, Sandy Point and Avoca. Their operation required the services of from twenty to thirty men, consisting of a full time carpenter and blacksmith and were quite expensive to operate, whereas, a crop of twenty to thirty pounds of Dutch nets only required from four to

six men to attend them. On account of the expensive costs of operation the seines gradually went out of business and pound or Dutch nets were readily adopted. At one time there were setting in Croatan and Albemarle Sounds and Chowan River more than 5,000 pound nets, extending from Oregon Inlet to Winton on the Chowan River a distance of about 100 miles. Today the principal method for taking fish is by the pound net.

Too much cannot be written about the Hettrick brothers' contribution to the economic welfare of the Albemarle alone. I wish I could portray by comparison the number of fish taken from our waters by pound nets, as we speak of them today.

These nets are made from heavy twine with 1 1/4-inch meshes and consist of a lead or straight line leading to the funnel of the pound, then also there are hearts or wings extending from the sides of the pound to help steer the fish into the pound. These nets are set in rows extending from near the shore line out in the sound in water from 10 to 25 feet in depth. Long poles or stakes are driven in the mud underneath the water to hold them. The writer has seen more than 10,000 herring taken from one pound, and has known when all the pound nets were operated for more than 500,000 herring to be landed and cured in Edenton in one day. Not only herring by the thousands were taken, but shad, rock and even ten and twelve foot sturgeons were caught in these nets.

In thinking of the achievements of the Hettrick brothers, I am reminded of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, "The Builders," for builders, indeed, were they:

All are architects of fate,  
Working in these walls of time  
Some with massive deeds and great  
Some with ornaments of rhyme.

For the structure that we raise,  
Time is with materials filled,  
Our todays and yesterdays  
Are the block with which we build.

### Legal Notices

#### NOTICE OF SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned, representing the heirs-at-law of the late P. M. Forehand, deceased, all being over the age of 21 years, will offer for sale to the highest bidder at public auction at the Chowan County Court House door, Edenton, N. C., at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, September 4, 1954, the following described real estate in Second Township, Chowan County, North Carolina, to wit:

That tract of land known as the P. M. Forehand homeplace lands and bounded on the north by Cisco Road—

lands of G. O. Toppin estate and N. B. Toppin; bounded on the east by the lands of Mildred Jones-Moses Boyce and John Parrish; bounded on the south by the lands of John Parrish-Ray Boyce and Byrum lands; bounded on the west by the lands of Henry Nixon estate-B. W. Evans and N. B. Toppin; containing 115 acres, more or less, and being the same lands devised by will of Joel Forehand to William T. Forehand, in Item 4 therein said will, and recorded in Will Book E, page 67, in Clerk Superior Court's office, Chowan County, North Carolina; and being the same lands devised by will of W. T. Forehand to P. M. Forehand in Item 8 therein said will and recorded in Will Book E, page 385, Clerk Superior Court's office, Chowan County, North Carolina, to which reference to said wills and instruments mentioned therein are hereby made for further description and chain of title.

Prospective allotments of year of 1955 are as follows:

Peanuts	Cotton	Corn
5.2 Acres	3.3 Acres	9 Acres

Owners reserve the right to reject all bids. Terms of sale cash, ten per cent (10%) purchase price payable on day sold, and balance payable on delivery of deed, said delivery to take place not later than January 1, 1955. Sale subject to crops growing on said land for year 1954.

Dated and posted this 21st day of August, 1954.

WELDON A. HOLLOWELL,  
Aug 26, Sept. 2 Attorney.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Addie Mae Brabble, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Route 2, Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 12th day of August, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This August 12, 1954.

J. THOS. BRABBLE,  
Administrator of  
Addie Mae Brabble  
Estate.  
Aug 12, 19, 26, Sept 2, 9, 16, 23

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Clara L. Bunch, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 29th day of July, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This July 29th, 1954.

HORACE E. BUNCH,  
Administrator of  
Clara L. Bunch Estate  
July 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 26, Sept 2, 9

#### ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Administratrix CTA of the estate of William A. Munden, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Edenton, North Carolina, on or before the 7th day of August, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This August 7, 1954.

MILDRED G. MUNDEN  
Administratrix CTA of  
Wm. A. Munden Estate  
Aug 12, 19, 26, Sept 2, 9, 16

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Emma Baker, deceased, late of Chowan County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Tyner, North Carolina, or or before the 12th day of August, 1955, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This August 12, 1954.

JAMES E. BAKER,  
Administrator of  
Emma Baker Estate.  
W. A. HOLLOWELL, Atty.  
Aug 19, 26, Sept 2, 9, 16, 23

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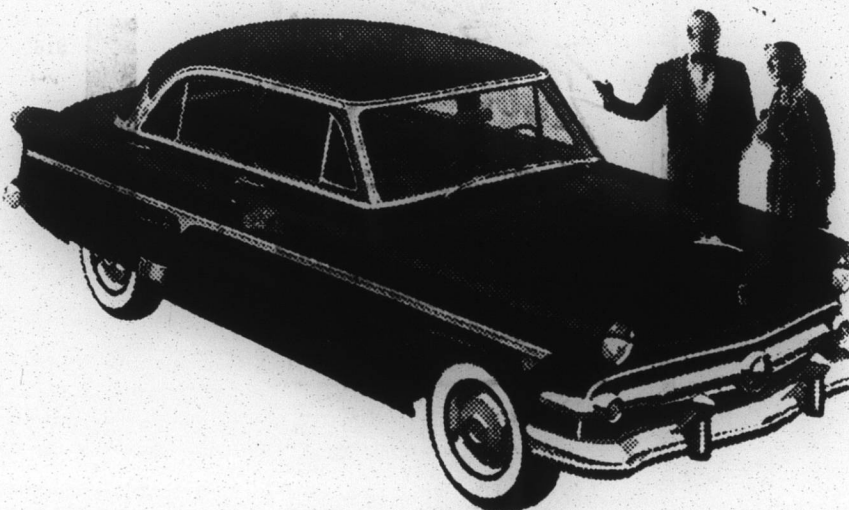
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