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Louise Coke Chosen Woman Of Year By BPW Club Members

Honored at Meeting of Club Held Thursday Night

BIG SURPRISE

Honoree Employed By Town of Edenton For 24 Years

BY EVELYN G. LEARY

Miss Louise Devereux Coke, well-known and highly esteemed Edenton woman, was honored Thursday night, September 23, when she was named by the local Business and Professional Women's Club as their "Woman of the Year." As a tribute of gratitude and appreciation for Miss Coke, a dinner meeting was held in her honor at the Penelope Barker Community House, at which time she was presented a dozen red roses by Mrs. Corie B. White on behalf of the club.

In accepting the honor Miss Coke told the members of the club, "This is one of the biggest surprises I have ever had in my life, and the most agreeable. I can't tell you how much I appreciate it."

Miss Coke is the fifth of Edenton's outstanding women to receive such honor from the Edenton Club. The first woman chosen was Mrs. Lullie K. Summerell, now deceased, then Mrs. Charles P. Wales, Mrs. Anne Shepard Graham and Mrs. Clara Preston, last year's choice, who was a guest at the meeting.

Miss Louise, as she is familiarly known, was born on November 20, 1892, and is from one of the pioneer families of Edenton. Her father was an outstanding doctor in the community and her mother was from one of the first families. She is the daughter of the late Martha Ann Skinner and Dr. George Hankins Coke.

She received her education at the Old Edenton Academy and attended three summer sessions at Chapel Hill. She taught for 17 years, the second grade for two years in the old academy and then the third grade in the Elementary School. She helped to mold the lives of many people in her teaching profession, as well as assisting several of her nieces and nephews to further their education.

Miss Louise has been a leader of young people in the Service League of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for several years. She has been the assistant treasurer of the church since 1939, and still holds this office. This outstanding woman has always been active in civic and social affairs of the community and lends a helping hand in every way for the betterment of the town.

In the business world, she is a legend with the Town of Edenton for her outstanding achievements in the positions she has held. She was cashier for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company here from 1917 to 1929, and held the position of Tax Collector for the Town of Edenton for 24 years, from which position she recently retired.

Miss Coke is indeed a very modest person. Being unaware that she had been chosen Woman of the Year, the reporter thought she was going to have to reveal the secret to her before she could get an interview. She definitely stated she did not like publicity. However, when the writer

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Group Of Pocahontas Members At Meeting In E. City Monday Night

Twenty-eight members of Chowanoke Council, No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, 15 of whom were new members went to Elizabeth City Monday night to witness conferring of the degree by the Elizabeth City degree team.

In the Edenton group were Irma Allsbrook, Margaret Phthisic, Martha Crumney, Ellie Mae Parrish, Hilda Bass, Myrtle Hollowell, Dorothy Phillips, Josie Gay, Ruth Chappell, Edith Buffal, Virginia Bunch, Magdalene King, Neldia Haste, Ethel Lavoie, Nina Downing, Pat Strickland, Iva H. Edith Oliver, Ann Cates, Irene Jar, Louise Pratt, Dorothy Pavlison, Louise Chappell, Lois Ashley, Ethel Simpson, Ailene Bunch, Beulah Cale and Elsie Lee.

ELLIOTT STORE REOPENS

Elliott Company's store will reopen for business today (Thursday). The store has been closed since the disastrous fire July 30, when the Malone 5, 10 and 25c Store, next door, was destroyed and smoke ruined merchandise in the Elliott store.

While the stock, all brand new, is not complete, enough merchandise has been received to carry on business.

Civic Calendar

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M. will observe open house at its new temple on East Water Street and Oakum Streets Sunday afternoon, October 3, from 2 to 6 o'clock.

Monthly Cancer Clinic at the Elizabeth City Health Center Friday, October 1, with registration beginning at 1 o'clock.

Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, Edenton Woman's Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor a pancake breakfast and supper (Continued on Page Four)

Volunteer Nurses Aid Training Program In Progress At Hospital

First Meeting of Hospital Auxiliary Reflects Much Activity

At the first meeting for the fall of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary a large crowd of members were on hand, when Mrs. George Hoskins, president, presided and splendid reports were presented from various committees on their summer work.

New plans for fall were discussed, including a bake sale in October by the Finance committee. It was also announced that some baby blankets were still available for purchase and anyone interested is requested to call Mrs. Martin Wisely.

A volunteer nurses' aid training program was the big undertaking in 1953 and its success is a matter of great pride. In May the first class of ten graduated and have been giving their services at the hospital and at the blood bank.

Now a splendid group of 18 young women is in training every Monday night under the direction of Mrs. Georgia Quicksall, superintendent of nurses at Chowan Hospital. Included in this group are: Imogene Byrum, Mary Ann White, Edith M. Wood, Carolyn Raines, Elvanda Gibbs, Neldie Jones, Nell Wood, Ruth Phillips, Mrs. Lloyd Chappell, Mrs. Ralph Ward, Mrs. Hallett Hobbs, Mrs. Wilbur Privott, Beverly Harrell, Catherine Ward, Dorine Lupton, Kathryn G. Brown, Nancy Wood and Martha Leary.

At the meeting Miss Ruth Elliott and her sister, Mrs. Jim Turner, gave a very interesting program on life in Japan, and the Far East, using costumes, color pictures and other mementos. Miss Elliott taught school in Japan last winter and Mrs. Turner lived there, where her husband was stationed.

Tea was served by Mrs. L. A. Patterson and Mrs. Albert Byrum.

Lions Join In Effort To Secure Activities Bus For High School

Coach Bill Billings Principal Speaker on Program Monday Night

After hearing the report of West Leary, chairman of the Boys' and Girls' Committee, members of the Edenton Lions Club voted at their Monday evening meeting to join hands with the various other civic organizations here in the matter of raising about \$4,000 for the purchase of a new bus for school activities.

The quota set for the Lions Club is \$500, which is based on an average of \$10.00 per member. This formula is being used by each organization participating, explained Leary.

"The old bus is worn out and it would cost more to repair it than could be realized by way of trading it in, and it would still be hazardous to use it," said Leary. "Under our present plan of transporting the children by private cars, they are exposed to much more danger than would be involved where a bus is used," Leary said.

It was stated that the bus will be used exclusively for school activities, such as transporting the athletic teams, band, etc.

The bus would ordinarily cost (Continued on Page Four)

EDENTON'S "WOMAN OF THE YEAR"



In the picture above Mrs. Corie B. White, left, is presenting Miss Louise Coke a dozen red roses when the latter was named Edenton's "Woman of the Year." The honor was conferred upon Miss Coke by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club at a dinner meeting Thursday night in the Penelope Barker House.—(Evelyn Leary Photo).

Three Clubs Sponsor Pancake Breakfast And Supper Oct. 9th

Funds Needed to Complete Work on Penelope Barker House

Sponsored by three organizations, Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce, Edenton Woman's Club and the Business and Professional Women's Club, another pancake breakfast and supper will be served at the Penelope Barker community house Saturday, October 9.

Breakfast will be served from 6:30 to 10 A. M., and supper from 5:30 to 8 P. M.

For the breakfast and supper Aunt Jemima, nationally famous pancake advertising medium will be here in person to help in serving a delicious breakfast and supper. Tickets are now on sale.

Everybody is urged to patronize the affair since funds are badly needed for completion of the Penelope Barker House. It is the purpose to make the old historical building as attractive as possible and it is hoped all of the work can be completed in time for the forthcoming Garden Tour in the spring.

BPW Club Plans For Busy Year Of Work At Meeting

First Meeting of Fall Is Held Thursday Night Of Last Week

Edenton's Business and Professional Women's Club held its first Fall meeting Thursday night in the Penelope Barker House with the new president, Mrs. Adelaide Chesson, presiding.

Mrs. Annie Mills gave the invocation and a delicious cold ham plate was served by members of the Hospitality and Recreation Committees. Guests attending were then introduced and welcomed. They were Mrs. Clara Preston, Mrs. Anne Keeter, Miss Hattie Singletary, Miss Nancy Boswell, Mrs. H. B. Batton and Mrs. W. B. Shepard.

The program was turned over to Mrs. Corie B. White, who announced Miss Louise Coke as the club's selection of the "Woman of the Year." Mrs. White presented Miss Coke with a dozen red roses on behalf of the club.

During the business session Mrs. Chesson urged members to get their Christmas gifts for Italian war orphan Paola Scipio to Mrs. Annie Mills at the Elliott Store as soon as possible, so that the presents will reach her by Christmas. The president also announced that the plastering in some rooms of the Barker House will get underway soon and that the plumbing (Continued on Page Five)

Edenton Aces Meet Spring Hope High On Hicks Field Friday

Local Outfit In Tip Top Shape Will Make Bid For Fourth Victory

Contrary to what appeared in The Herald last week, Edenton's Aces will play a football game on Hicks Field Friday night, when they are scheduled to meet Spring Hope High School's gridiron machine.

Earlier in the season the Aces had an open date for October 1 and a game was subsequently scheduled with Spring Hope about which The Herald was not informed.

The strength of the Spring Hope team is a big question mark in Edenton, but they were defeated by Ahsokie 26-0. Coaches Bill Billings and Alton Brooks are putting the Aces through strenuous workouts this week in order to be prepared for anything the Nash County aggregation might present.

The Aces have won the three games played thus far this season and will make an effort to make it four straight. The Aces' victims to date are Roanoke Rapids, Morehead City and Williamston. The squad emerged from the Williamston game without injuries so that, barring any accidents, the team will be at full strength Friday night.

Children's Pictures Will Be Taken In Edenton October 7

Arrangement Calls For Publishing Pictures In The Herald

Thursday, October 7, is a big day for the picture taking of youngsters in Edenton and Chowan County. On that day The Herald is having pictures taken of all children who are brought by their parents or other guardians to Hotel Joseph Hewes between 1 P. M., and 8 P. M., free of charge.

The Allen Studios of Detroit, Michigan, nationally known for excellent children's portraits, will send an expert photographer here to take the pictures. The Herald wants a picture of as many children as possible, which will appear later in The Herald in a forthcoming feature "Citizens of Tomorrow," a series of photographic studies of local children. The more pictures taken, the better the feature will be, so that the cooperation of mothers and fathers is urged.

To add to the interest and fun in this exciting event, studios will award \$250 in cash prizes . . . \$125 to the cutest girl and \$125 to the cutest boy. Each child or children photographed in this community will automatically be entered in the contest. (Continued on Page Five)

Public Invited To Masonic Open House

The general public is cordially invited to attend Open House of the

New Temple of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M. on East Water and Oakum Streets, Edenton, N. C. Sunday afternoon, October 3 from 2 to 6 o'clock.

Open House Planned Sunday Afternoon At Masonic Temple

List Living Quarters

Mayor Leroy Haskett reports that there is again a great demand for living quarters in Edenton and in an effort to be of service requests anyone who has houses, apartments or rooms for rent to list them at the Town Office.

"If living quarters are listed in the Town Office," said the Mayor, "we will be better enabled to be of service to those coming to Edenton to live."

Almost 3,000 Service Men Attend USO Club During First Month

Crying Need For Junior Hostesses as Well as Senior Hostesses

The Edenton USO announced the first month's attendance figures at its executive committee meeting on Monday, September 13. Almost three thousand servicemen attended the Joseph Hewes USO's activity nights, and over five hundred took part in activities at the Brown-Carver Library on Oakum Street. The USO wishes to thank the people of Edenton for their very generous support during the first critical month. Its success reflects the mutual understanding and cooperation that exists between the town and the Marine base.

A very serious difficulty has arisen, however, regarding senior and junior hostesses. Many of the junior hostesses have returned to college, and the USO needs all the volunteers it can get for activities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Any girls, who are 17 or older, could do a great deal in helping the young servicemen from the base by volunteering to be a junior hostess. Those who are interested are asked to contact Mrs. R. P. Badham at her home or at the USO.

Senior hostesses are very much needed on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday when the USO is open as a "drop-in" lounge. The USO committee knows that this is a very busy time for most people, but asks women of the community to help them keep the USO open at these times by volunteering their services. The need is very great, so if you would like to give an evening or two a month toward helping young men find a home away from home, please contact Mrs. Badham.

Again the USO and the local servicemen say, "Thank you, Edenton."

Deputies Of Eastern Star To Visit Edenton Chapter October 4th

Special Meeting of Chapter Scheduled For Tonight

A special meeting of Edenton Chapter, No. 302, Order of Eastern Star, will be held in the new Masonic Temple tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Mrs. R. E. Leary, worthy matron of the chapter, urges every member to make a special effort to attend in preparation for the visit of district deputies Monday night, October 4.

On Monday night Mrs. Doris Bonner of Manteo, district deputy grand matron, will make her official visit to the Edenton Chapter and at the same time Robert Spence of South Mills, district grand patron, will make his official visit, so that Mrs. Leary is very anxious to have every member of the chapter present in the new temple.

Monthly Cancer Clinic In E. City October 1

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will hold its next monthly clinic on Friday, October 1, in the Elizabeth City Health Center. Registration will begin at 1 o'clock and all who attend are urged to take along a housecoat.

LIONS MEET MONDAY Edenton Lions Club will meet Monday night in the Lions Den at 7 o'clock. President Earl Harrell urges every member to be present.

Beautiful Building Dedicated at Ceremony Wednesday Night

MASONS PROUD

Lodge Extends Thanks To Every Person Who Cooperated

Having completed their new Masonic temple, one of the finest in the eastern part of the state, officers and members of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., take this opportunity to thank every person, Mason and non-affiliate, who in any way, contributed toward the ultimate completion of the temple. Without this wholehearted support the lodge could not have accomplished its goal.

Not only was this fine building erected to provide a home for the Masonic lodge, but another purpose was to provide the community with an attractive and modern dining room and a place to hold meetings of various kinds. Lodge officials hope the public will use this building for the purposes intended and urge that there be no hesitancy in asking for its use.

The temple was dedicated Wednesday night of this week by members of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina with Grand Master Robert Pugh of New Bern officiating. The dedication attracted many prominent Masons from various parts of the State, who enjoyed a barbecue dinner on the Court House Green prior to the dedication ceremony. The spacious lodge room on the second floor was crowded with local and visiting Masons, who enjoyed the impressive ritualistic ceremony in connection with dedicating a Masonic hall.

On Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock open house will be observed under the supervision of both Unanimity Lodge and ladies of the Eastern Star, who will serve refreshments. On display will be the George Washington chair, old Masonic minutes as well as other antique relics.

A feature of the open house program will be organ recitals. This service will be furnished by A. E. Denton of the Milton Music Company of Norfolk, who will transport a Baldwin electric organ to Edenton and has secured the services of Warren Glocke of Baltimore. Mr. Glocke is quite an accomplished musician, having for several years appeared on stage, radio and television. Unanimity Lodge is very fortunate in being able to secure the services of Mr. Glocke to render this program and it is possible only because he is at present stationed at the Norfolk Naval Base.

Members of Unanimity Lodge are justly proud of their new temple and hope a large number of people in Edenton and surrounding territory will attend the observance of open house Sunday afternoon. Visitors will be asked to register, after which they will be escorted throughout the building and served refreshments by members of the Eastern Star.

Joe Thorud Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Conducts Very Interesting Program Dealing With Football

Featuring the Edenton Rotary Club's meeting Thursday afternoon was an address by Joe Thorud, who was introduced by R. N. Hines, in charge of the program.

Mr. Thorud, a conference football official, explained some of the football rules as well as the duties of officials. At the close of his remarks he conducted a brief forum and a quiz, in which the Rotarians were asked to answer 10 questions having to do with football. The program proved very interesting and Mr. Thorud was given a round of applause.

The club each week conducts a contest with members guessing football scores. The winners last week were J. L. Chestnutt and George Alma Byrum.

Visitors at the meeting were Holly Mack Bell, the Rev. Gardner Underhill, Joe Cooke, and Goodwin Byrd, all of Windsor; John Bowers and Harry Jones of Elizabeth City, and Harrell Pratt of Edenton.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

Chowan County Commissioners will hold their October meeting next Monday morning, October 4, in the Court House. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock.