

Interest In Edenton Election Now At Fever Heat With 21 Candidates Seeking Office

Only Three Candidates Enter Election Unopposed

With 21 candidates seeking the 13 offices to be filled in next Tuesday's municipal election, Edenton's political point has reached the boiling point, so that the election bids fair to be one of the most interesting held in recent years.

Only three candidates will be elected without opposition, these being W. H. Gardner as treasurer, Graham Byrum, Councilman in the Second Ward, and Luther C. Parks as Councilman in the Fourth Ward. Clyde Hollowell had announced for re-election in this ward but withdrew when Parks entered the race.

Without doubt the highlight of the election will be the contest for Mayor, in which Leroy Hasket, incumbent, is opposed by Ernest P. Kehayes. Both candidates appear very much encouraged as the result of their pre-election efforts, so that each one has a feeling he will be elected.

Another contest is for the two Councilmen-at-large seats now held by George Alma Byrum and J. Edwin Bufflap, both of whom are seeking re-election. Two other candidates, making their first bid for public office, are Larry Dowd and Dr. A. F. Downum, so that there are four candidates in this race.

More of a scramble for office is the race for members of the Board of Public Works. This board for many years included three members, but at the present session of the General Assembly Representatives passed a bill calling for a five member board instead of three. Mr. White appointed W. J. Yates and Thomas Byrum, Jr., as the new members, both of whom are seeking re-election. Besides these two candidates Dr. J. A. Powell and Ralph E. Parrish, are seeking re-election. Aside from these, there are four other candidates including Philip S. McMullan, A. B. Harless, J. P. Ricks, Jr., and Horace White, making eight candidates from which five will be elected.

Two ward contests for Councilmen have also developed, one in the First Ward, where J. Clarence Leary, incumbent, is opposed by Frank M. Holmes. The other ward contest is in the Third Ward, where John Mitchener, incumbent, is opposed by Sidney S. Campen.

With interest at high pitch, many of the candidates have been calling upon the voters in their own behalf. As a result of the new registration, which closed Saturday, 1,290 voters registered, so that all the candidates will be angling to get enough of the votes to win the election. Polls will be open from 6:30 o'clock Tuesday morning until 6:30 o'clock at night.

Sell-out Crowd Expected At Lions Minstrel Friday Night

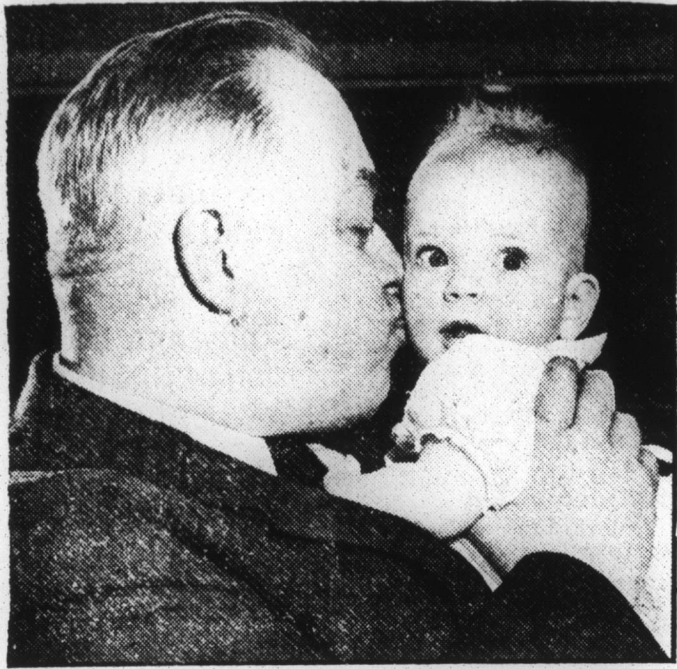
Band Will Head Parade Planned Friday Afternoon

All indications point to a sell-out crowd for the annual Lions minstrel show, which will be staged in the auditorium of the Edenton Elementary School at 8 o'clock Friday night of this week, according to highly optimistic reports made by the various committees at the Monday evening meeting of the club.

Rehearsals have been held several times each week and they have been stepped up to include every night this week, the one on Thursday evening to be a full dress rehearsal, under the direction of West Byrum, Jr., assisted by Earl Harrell.

There will be a parade down Broad Street at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, headed by the Edenton High School Band. The band will also play at the minstrel.

Many new stunts and jokes have been added and those who have seen the rehearsals are convinced that this year's show will prove to be the most enjoyable ever staged.



KISS OF VICTORY—Mayor-elect Roe Bartle of Kansas City, Mo., didn't kiss any votes good-bye in campaigning for office. Prize-winning smooch, above was delivered to 8-months-old Sue Ann Falcone on election day itself.

477 Chowan Youngsters Get First Salk Vaccine Treatment

Second Dose Scheduled In Two to Four Weeks

Chowan County joined other counties throughout the nation in administering the much heralded Salk vaccine for the prevention of infantile paralysis. A shipment of the vaccine arrived last week and 477 children were vaccinated Friday and Monday.

The first vaccinations were administered Friday when 126 colored children in the first and second grades were vaccinated, these including children in St. John's School.

On Monday 99 white children were vaccinated at Chowan High School, including those from the Rocky Hook school. In the Edenton school 191 children were vaccinated, while at the White Oak school 58 children were treated.

There are 723 children enrolled in Chowan County in the first and second grades, but only the 477 had the consent of parents to be vaccinated with the new vaccine. The second of three shots will be given in from two to four weeks.

The vaccination was conducted under the supervision of the local Health Department, with Dr. Richard Hardin, Dr. Martin Wisely and Dr. O. L. Holley assisting.

1,290 Eligible To Vote In Edenton For City Officials

Second Ward Leads In Registration With 460 on Book

As the result of the new registration held in Edenton, which ended Saturday, exactly 1,290 voters will be eligible to cast a ballot in next Tuesday's municipal election.

The largest registration is in the Second Ward, where 460 voters entered their names on the new registration books. The Third Ward was next with 335, followed by the Fourth Ward with 234 and the First Ward with 261.

With so many candidates in the field and interest at high pitch, the election is expected to bring out the largest Edenton vote in many years. Voters are reminded that they can cast a ballot next Tuesday, May 3, from 6:30 A. M., to 6:30 P. M.

Chowan Narrowly Misses Disastrous Forest Fire Loss

700 Acres Threatened, But Blaze Confined To Three Acres

Chowan County narrowly escaped a disastrous forest fire last week when a woods near Welch's Chapel Church was set fire by two colored boys between 9 and 12 years old while smoking.

The fire was discovered by Henderson Peele, who immediately called Forest Ranger Frank V. White and the Edenton Fire Department. Led by Highway Patrolman Mack Rogerson, who cleared the highway, Mr. White and the firemen drove the 15 miles in 20 minutes, and with two trucks from Edenton and two Forest Service trucks, together with approximately 50 men from the Tyner section the fire was halted. However, in five more minutes, it was said, the fire would have gotten out of control threatening destruction of about 700 acres of valuable timber. As it was the damage was held down to about three acres.

Not only the church was saved, but a lodge room and the Hudson Grove school house. Only recently about \$1,500 was spent on repairing and remodeling the church. The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Davis and Forest Ranger White desire to thank each and every person who helped to bring the fire under control.

With an election to determine rural fire protection in the making, Forest Ranger White points out, especially in this instance, the valuable assistance which will be available if and when a new fire truck is purchased.

Civic Term Chowan Superior Court Will Begin Next Monday

24 Cases For Trial Are Listed on Week's Calendar

A civic term of Chowan Superior Court is scheduled to begin Monday morning, May 2, with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland most likely presiding.

Cases listed on the docket include the following:

- George Privott vs. Ethel Twine Privott; John Harris vs. Alice Lee Harris; Eric Spruill Dolberry vs. Smith Edward Dolberry; George A. Holley vs. Elnora B. Holley; Rudella H. Bonner vs. Herman Bonner; Faye T. Page vs. Russell J. Page; Margaret N. Blanchard vs. Samuel Blanchard; Howard William Stokes vs. Elizabeth Lester Stokes; Barbara Cuthrell Dollinger vs. Thomas William Dollinger; Mattie Yount Twiddy vs. Lois Twiddy; Louis E. Frances vs. David M. Smith; Herbert S. Small vs. Farmers Cotton & Peanut Co., Inc.; Thelma A. Hassell vs. Continental Life Insurance Co.; in the matter of a Purported Will of Nellie E. Jones, deceased; The Town of Edenton et als vs. Hervey Foundation, Inc.; J. W. Chappell vs. Josiah Chappell; J. W. Chappell vs. Henry M. Layden; Wallace Goodwin vs. Richard Greene, F. W. White et als; Carrie S. Chappell vs. Joe O. Chappell; John R. Hendon vs. Ervin J. Lane; Mary Privott Baird et als vs. M. G. Brown Co., Inc.; Blades Lumber Company vs. S. J. West; Wallace White et ux vs. Mollie Nixon, Exrx. V. D. Jones Estate et als; Mary D. Roberson, Admrx. vs. Dr. J. A. Powell et al.

Third Degree Tonight At Masonic Meeting

C. W. Overman, master of Unity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., has announced that an emergent communication of the lodge will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting will be to confer the third degree upon a candidate. All members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are invited to be present.



Dr. Jonas E. Salk, who developed the polio vaccine named in his honor, poses with wife, Donna, and their three sons. Among first to receive inoculations during the test run in 1954 the boys are, from left: Jonathan, 5, Peter, 11, and Darrel, 8.

First 4-H And FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale On Wednesday

Seven Steers and Approximately 60 Hogs Will Be In Show

Final preparations are being made for the first annual Chowan 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale. The various committees of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce are very busy in preparing for the big event. The show and sale will be held at the American Legion Building on Wednesday, May 4, with the show starting at 10 A. M., and the sale at 1:30 P. M.

There will be seven steers and approximately sixty market hogs in the show and sale. Buyers have already been contacted, prize money raised, and the trophies and ribbons are already to be awarded.

The contestants who have steers and hogs are busy grooming and training their animals. A fitting and showmanship contest will be held in connection with the show and sale. This event should be very interesting to the townspeople as well as the farmers. Since the show and sale will be held inside the American Legion Building spectators should not worry in case May 4 is a rainy day.

Methodists Will Observe 'Family Night' May 6th

The Edenton Methodist Church will hold three special observances of National Family Week, May 1, through May 8. The first will be Family Night, from 6:30 to eight o'clock Friday evening, May 6. An effort will be made to have as many families of the church and its constituency present as possible. This occasion is designed to bring Edenton's Methodist families together for fun and fellowship in a supper meeting at the church. The meal will be a covered dish supper furnished by the families who attend.

The program will feature recreation for all and news and comment on church life by the pastor, the Rev. J. Earl Richardson. This program has been planned by a special committee recently appointed, known as the Family Life Committee. Members of this group are J. A. Truslow, Parker Helms, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Richardson.

At 11 o'clock on May 8, Mother's Day, Mr. Richardson's sermon will be on "Open Your Home to God." The special music for this service will be provided by the Children's Choir.

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Leaves Edenton



J. M. PRICE
After being in Edenton 16 years as county office manager of the Chowan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, Mr. Price and his family left for Raleigh Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Price has been transferred to the State ASC office in Raleigh.

Chowan Boy And Girl Win First Place In District Contest

Graham Bass and Esther Layton Take Top Honors

Esther Layton, sixth grade pupil at the Rocky Hook School and Graham Bass, fifth grade pupil at the same school, won first places in the Albemarle Soil Conservation District poster contest held at the Virginia Dare Hotel in Elizabeth City Friday afternoon of last week. The contest was sponsored by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce.

Counties in the district include Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank. Esther Layton's poster was on "Conservation, the Farmer Holds the Keys." Each key named a type of conservation practice, cover crop, drainage, contour plowing, irrigation and crop rotation.

Graham Bass' poster showed a train with a conservation practice on each car: contour plowing, crop rotation, strip crop, cover crop, irrigation and tree crop.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Chowan 4-H and FFA Fat Stock Show and Sale, sponsored by the Edenton Jaycees, will be held at the American Legion Fairgrounds Wednesday, May 4.
Open house will be observed to Continued on Page 2—Section 1

Swimming Pool For Edenton Expected Arrive Next Week

Local Guard Unit Mobilizes Quickly In Minuteman Test

On Way to Strategic Points 30 Minutes After Signal

Edenton's heavy mortar company of the North Carolina National Guard joined in carrying out "Operation Minuteman" Wednesday of last week.

The signal was received at 6:40 o'clock from regimental headquarters in Ahoskie and within 30 minutes 4 officers and 80 enlisted men reported at the armory and were on their way to designated spots. Within an hour all men reported. Some of the National Guardsmen were sent to Chowan River bridge, Pembroke Creek bridge, Albemarle Sound bridge, the electric and water plant, the telephone office and some remained at the armory. The groups practiced on protection against sabotage, with members of the company rotating at the various points.

The Edenton Company is still short about 45 men of being full strength. Pay starts at \$2.67 per drill and a raise or promotion in a few months after enlistment. Anyone interested in enlisting is requested to contact Chief Warrant Officer John Asbell at the armory. The Edenton Company is scheduled to go to Camp Pendleton at Virginia Beach April 30 and May 1, where they will be engaged in a week-end of firing small arms. They will return to Camp Pendleton on June 4 and 5 for gunners' examination on the 4.2 inch mortar, the principal weapon of the company.

The Guardsmen are scheduled to spend their annual two weeks' encampment this year at Fort Bragg from August 14 to 28.

Presbyterian Revival Is In Second Week

The Rev. Teyman Williams, of Appomattox, Va., who has been preaching at the Presbyterian Church every night this week, will continue his series of sermons on John 3:16 until Sunday night, May 1st. The services, which begin at 8 o'clock, feature, in addition to the regular sermon and congregational singing, a special sermonette for the children, and special music by the young people in the church.

Mr. Williams is well known in Edenton as a sincere and gifted preacher of the Word of God, and returns here by popular request. Everyone is invited to attend all of these services, and Christians are requested to remember them in prayer.

Baptists Will Observe Open House Tonight At Their New Parsonage 8 To 10 O'clock

Attractive Parsonage At Blount and Mosley Streets

Open house will be observed at the new Baptist parsonage on the corner of Blount and Mosley streets tonight (Thursday) from 8 o'clock until 10 o'clock. An invitation to attend is extended to the public and it is the desire of all concerned that friends throughout the county and adjacent areas will understand that the invitation includes them.

This attractive home of Dutch-Colonial architecture was begun November 1, 1954 and has just been completed. It is a very welcome and a very appropriate coincidence that its completion and the ninth anniversary of service to the church by the pastor and his wife have coincided.

The building committee, under

Jesse Harrell Points Out More Funds Are Needed

Jesse Harrell, president of Hicks Memorial Swimming Pool, Inc., said early this week, that he had been notified that the new steel swimming pool is expected to arrive in Edenton sometime next week. The pool was ordered several weeks ago with the hope that it will be completed and in operation this summer.

This good news should boost the enthusiasm of everybody to the extent that pocketbooks will be opened wide and large contributions pulled forth. The new pool will come in sections of steel which will be put together by local welders. But before anything can be done after the pool is unloaded at the pool site, more funds will have to be raised for excavation of the hole along with welding the steel and getting construction underway.

"The pool will be a community project and every citizen in Edenton should take a part in it," says Mr. Harrell. "It would no less be a calamity, and shocking experience to get this worthwhile recreation center started and then have to come to a stand-still because there is not enough money to finish it.

If work on the pool is done by piece-work there is a possibility it will not be completed in time for use this summer. Once construction gets underway it is up to each individual to retain interest in the project and see to it that the youngsters get what they have so long been waiting for. This cannot be done without the necessary funds and full cooperation.

"The time is ripe now to carry the project through! Edentonians have always responded generously in other drives for funds. Let this be no exception. A swimming pool here would not only be a diversion for the kids, but it would be a credit to the Town. Give the youngsters a break and let them have their pool by mailing a check to Mr. Harrell or donating when called upon. If you want a swimming pool in Edenton, let it be known, you hold the purse strings."

Harless Praised By Chairman Of State

A. B. Harless, Chowan County U. S. Savings Bond Chairman, has been congratulated by W. H. Andrews, Jr., the State Chairman, for the splendid showing of Chowan County in the first quarter of this year.

Mr. Andrews advised Mr. Harless that "we are sure to reach our State goal of \$58.8 million if we can continue our present pace." It is hoped, Harless added, that Edenton and Chowan County citizens will also continue to participate in the program in the future as in the past.

Summer Schedule In Effect At Library

Miss Harriett B. Leary, acting librarian at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, announces that beginning Monday, May 2, the summer library schedule will be as follows:

Open 9:30 to 12 A. M.; 2:30 to 5 P. M., and 7:30 to 8:30 P. M., on Monday and Thursday.
The library will be closed Saturday afternoon and Sunday.