

Many At Unveiling of Bronze Marker On Norcom House

Very Impressive Pro- gram Given at Sycamore Plantation

With favorable weather prevailing Sunday afternoon, a large number of people gathered at Sycamore Plantation, owned by G. H. Harding, where a bronze marker was unveiled on the Thomas Norcom house. The marker was unveiled by Ann Wells and Helen Pruden, descendants of Mr. Norcom, who built the house possibly as early as 1667. The unveiling was sponsored by the Sir Walter Raleigh Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century.

Prior to the unveiling a meeting of the chapter was held at Hotel Joseph Hewes, when officers were installed.

At the Norcom house Mrs. Thomas Stamps presided. Part of the Edenton High School Band played several numbers under the direction of Mike Malone. Mrs. M. B. Koonce, chaplain of the chapter, gave the invocation and Mrs. J. W. Thornton of Dunn, honorary national president general of the society, led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mrs. Inglis Fletcher extended greetings to the visitors and Mr. Harding then extended a cordial welcome to the guests, during which he complimented the Colonial Dames for their accomplishments and urged them to continue their efforts to preserve historical records and shrines.

Mrs. C. H. Stephenson then gave a history of the Norcom house. She said Norcom was one of the earliest settlers in this section and read an account of the purchase of the tract of land in 1697.

Then followed the unveiling of the marker, after which Mrs. Stamps, on behalf of the Sir Walter Raleigh Chapter, presented it to the State organization. The acceptance was made by Mrs. Raymond Maxwell for the chapter and Mrs. Thornton for the national society.

Many prominent visitors were recognized, after which the Rev. Gordon Bennett, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, pronounced the benediction.

Following the ceremony at the Norcom house the visitors were entertained at a luncheon served at Bandon Plantation by Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher and to wind up the occasion Yaupon tea was served at the Iredell house by members of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Edenton's Colonial Dames and James Iredell Association, where the ladies serving were attired in attractive Colonial costumes.

The marker on the Norcom house reads: "Thomas Norcom place, 1669-1955. Presented by the Sir Walter Raleigh Chapter of the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century."

Up-County Store Is Consumed By Fire

B. P. Monds' Store at Tyner Completely Lost Sunday

Edenton's firemen on Sunday about noon were called at the store and service station of B. P. Monds in the Tyner section, where considerable damage was done by a fire that had started by a short circuit caused by wiring. The rear of the building was in flames when the fire was discovered, so that the firemen's efforts were confined to preventing its spread. They threw water on two gasoline pumps which probably would have been lost by fire.

A small amount of merchandise was saved from a warehouse next to the main building, but practically all of the contents of the store was lost with damage estimated to run as high as several thousand dollars. The building was owned by Ross Bunch and the business by Mr. Monds.

Escape Artist Will Present Show At School On July 4th

Dr. Earl Lockman Will Put on Show For VFW Post

Sponsored by the William H. Coffield Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Dr. Earl Lockman, master escape artist, will present an unusual program in the Edenton Elementary School Monday night, July 4, at 8 o'clock. During the show will be presented a display reputed to be the world's most formidable collection of handcuffs and leg irons which date back to medieval times and has been gathered by Lockman from the four corners of the world.

In villages, towns, and cities all over America, from border to border and coast to coast officers have chained him, roped him, padlocked him, put him in straight jackets, sealed him in sacks, bound him, shackled him, clapped him in irons, used every conceivable kind of handcuff ever manufactured and walking out of them to Doctor Earl Lockman is like walking through a puff of smoke.

Asked by completely baffled members of his audience how he does it, he explains very simply that there is absolutely no trickery to it—that it is merely a matter of muscular control and keeping one's self in perfect physical condition which is accomplished by clean and regular habits (Lockman does not smoke or drink) and by proper exercising of his body, particularly the hands, which are kept pliable and strong by manipulating as many as twenty-six half-dollars at the same time.

The escapes he will do are all the original devices of the Great Lockman and his means and methods were developed while traveling in the Orient where he hob-nobbed with Hindu Rajahs, witnessed and conceived their many exhibitions of thaumaturgy and he speaks with authority on Page 2—Section 1

Jackie Morris At Va. 4-H Club Week

Chowan Boy Is Representing North Carolina's 4-H Clubs

Jackie Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morris of the Cannon's Ferry community, is attending the Virginia State 4-H Week at Blacksburg, Va. Jackie was selected as the 4-H boy to represent the North Carolina 4-H Clubs at this event. This is quite an honor for Jackie and it speaks well of the Chowan County 4-H Club program. Jackie went to Suffolk on Monday of this week, where he met delegates from Nansemond County. He accompanied these delegates to VPI College at Blacksburg, Va., where the Virginia State 4-H Week is held. He will return to Edenton on Saturday, July 2.

No Trash Collection To Be Made Monday

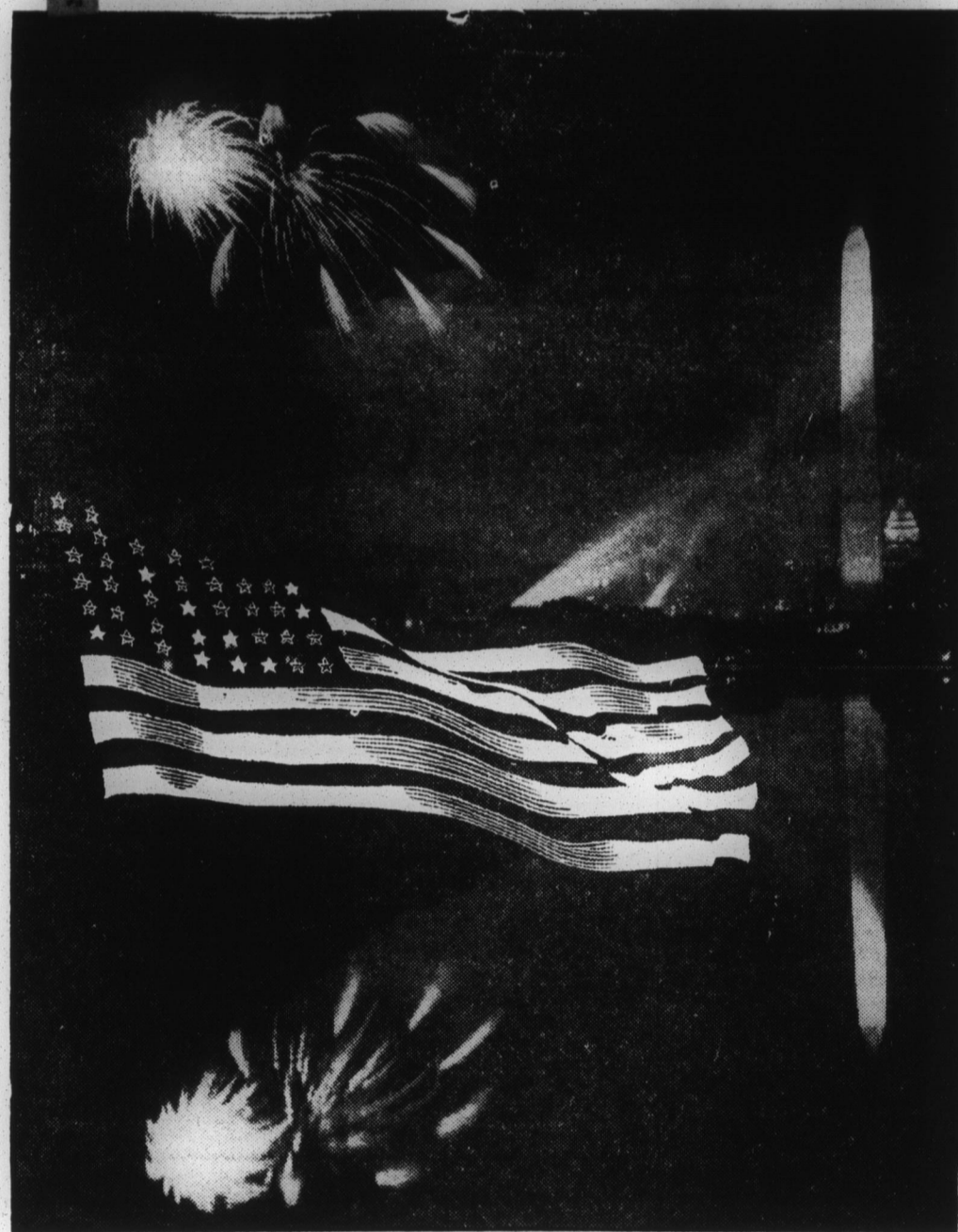
Due to July 4th falling on Monday of next week, members of the Edenton Street Department will be given a holiday in order to observe national Independence Day.

The regular trash collection will be made on Saturday, but no collection will be made Monday. Citizens are, therefore, requested not to put trash and garbage on the streets until Tuesday morning.

Town-County Offices Closed On July 4th

All town and county offices will be closed all day next Monday, July 4, in observance of national Independence Day, a national holiday. Any important business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4th



"... and the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there."

E. J. Hobbs Installed Legion Commander For First District

John A. Holmes Appointed to Important Chairmanship

John A. Holmes, W. A. Perry, Troy Toppin, John A. Holmes, Jr., and E. J. Hobbs, Jr., attended the installation of officers for the North Carolina Department of the American Legion which was held Sunday in Chapel Hill.

Department officers were given the oath by retiring Department Commander Milton Faust. Among the officers installed was E. J. Hobbs, Jr., commander of the first district. John A. Holmes gave the charge to the department vice-commanders.

The newly installed department commander, Paul Robertson, appointed John A. Holmes Americanism Chairman which is considered one of the most important chairmanships in the American Legion. Commander Robertson was high in his praise for Mr. Holmes' activities in the past.

Following the installation ceremonies and executive meeting a banquet was held by the Chapel Hill Post of the American Legion. Many prominent citizens were present, preceding an address by United States Representative Durham of the Sixth Congressional District, who is chairman of the atomic energy committee.

Two Deacons Will Be Ordained Sunday At Ballard's Bridge

Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church will ordain two men to the Board of Deacons at the morning worship Sunday, July 3rd. The two men selected by the church are Jesse Harrell and Edgar Howell. This will bring the total number on the board to twelve, of which Melton Bateman is chairman.

The pastor, the Rev. Ralph W. Knight, will conduct the service and the visiting speaker will be the Rev. G. M. Singletary of Elizabeth City, who is the Chowan Association's Missionary. The public is cordially invited to attend this ordination service.

New Agent



MISS HELEN McDONALD
Above is pictured Miss Helen McDonald, of Carthage, N. C., who succeeds Mrs. Elton Boswell as Chowan County's assistant home demonstration agent. Miss McDonald graduated from Woman's College at Greensboro this year.

Visiting Minister At Methodist Church On Sunday Morning

While the Rev. J. Earl Richardson, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, is on vacation the pulpit will be filled by guest speakers. The preacher on next Sunday morning, July 3, at 11 o'clock will be the Rev. W. W. Williford, Sr. Mr. Williford has for many years given devoted service to the Virginia Transit Company's Y.M.C.A. program.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Sponsored by the Edenton Heavy Mortar Company of the North Carolina National Guard, three girls' wrestling matches will be staged in the Edenton armory Friday night, July 1, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

The Rev. W. W. Williford of Norfolk will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the Methodist Church in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. J. Earl Richardson. Dr. Earl Lockman will present an

Girl Wrestling Card Will Be Presented Here Friday Night

Three Matches Scheduled to Begin at 8:30 In Local Armory

Sponsored by the Edenton Heavy Mortar Company of the North Carolina National Guard, three girls' wrestling matches are scheduled to be held in the Edenton armory Friday night, July 1, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

Three matches are included in the program, with the feature event being a four-girl tag team match. The participants will include wrestlers who have appeared on television shows.

A special attraction will be a women's championship match between Violet Ray, the world's lightweight champion and Maria Garabaldi, Italian champion star of the wrestling motion picture "Pindown Girls." In the semi-final Hillbilly Kate, one of the most unique girl wrestlers, will meet Princess Dawn Eagle, Indian girl wrestler.

It will be the first time a wrestling match has been staged in Edenton in over 20 years when the Red Men sponsored a match on the baseball diamond and the first time girl wrestlers put on a show.

The tag team match promises to be the highlight of the evening. In this event two wrestlers are on each team and it is up to the referee to keep all four from coming in the ring at the same time.

Violet Ray, billed as the world's lightweight champion, is the most scientific wrestler in the women's division. She has never been defeated by any one in her weight and has been victorious in 207 matches.

Frances Boyce Chosen As Chief Cheerleader

Edenton's Tax Rate For New 1955-56 Fiscal Year Expected To Be \$1.30 Same As Last Year

Edenton Colonials Hold Slim Lead In Albemarle League

Chowan Breaks Losing Streak to Win Two Games

Up to Tuesday of this week the Edenton Colonials were clinging to the lead in the Albemarle League by a slim half game margin over Elizabeth City. The Colonials won five and lost two, while Elizabeth City won five and lost three.

Chowan, plagued with a string of defeats, during the week, managed to win two games, but were still tied with NAF for the cellar position with two victories and six defeats.

Chowan 4, NAF 0

While all games were rained out Tuesday night of last week, Chowan managed to win its first game of the season which was also halted by rain after five innings were played on Hicks Field. The uncounted outfit played Weeksville NAF on even terms until the fifth inning, when Chowan rallied to score four runs before the game was called and won by Chowan 4-0.

Williford was on the mound for Chowan and gave up only two hits in the five innings. Chowan batters took a liking to Rhodes for NAF and touched him for 10 hits, with Sexton, Mathews, Williford and Williams each making two. Weeksville was also ragged in the field, with seven errors charged in the abbreviated game.

Edenton 0, Hertford 2

Due to rain the next games played were on Friday night when the Hertford Indians defeated the Edenton Colonials 2-0 in a game played on the Hertford diamond.

At the same time on Hicks Field in Edenton Elizabeth City defeated the Chowan team 6 to 1.

In Hertford Paul Matthews, Indian moundsman, limited the Colonials to three hits, while Monk Raines, on the mound for Edenton, was touched for nine hits. Raines fanned 12 Hertford batters while Matthews disposed of 14 by way of the strikeout route.

Hertford scored their first run in the third inning on singles by Morris and A. Winslow and the other run in the following inning on a walk and singles by Towe and Riddick. Only six Colonials reached first base during the game.

Chowan 1, Elizabeth City 6

In the Edenton game veteran Jim Curtis was on the mound for Elizabeth City and held Chowan at his mercy. He allowed only four hits and at no time was he in any particular trouble. Palmer Tynch, Chowan's manager used three hurlers, with Rupert Hawkins starting and giving way to Franklin Hollowell, who was relieved by Allen Powell. The three moundsmen gave up seven hits, one a home run clout by Curtis Albertson.

Chowan 7, Colerain 0

Behind the superb hurling of Bill Williford, Chowan on Monday night blanked Colerain and won the game 7 to 0. Williford allowed only two hits during the game, while his mates chalked up 11 hits off Troy Perry, Colerain moundsman.

Chowan got off to a good start by scoring four runs in the opening inning after two men were out. They added two more runs in the fifth and one for good measure in the eighth.

Estep, Mathews, Habit and Williford each made two hits for Chowan, while Love and Austin were the only Colerain batters who managed to hit safely off Williford.

Lost Colony At Manteo Will Open Season On July 1st

General Manager Ex- pect Very Successful Season

What is expected to be the greatest opening in the history of The Lost Colony, will be the 15th season premiere in Waterside Theatre at Manteo on Friday evening, July 1, it is stated by R. E. Jordan, general manager of the drama, which has lived longer than any other outdoor production.

"Already we have sold scores of tickets for the opening performance in addition to more than 800 memberships to Roanoke Island Historical Association, each of which represent a season's ticket to any or all showings this year," he said.

Jordan pointed out that he expected large attendance of season ticket owners on opening night, due to the fact that The Lost Colony this year with some minor and some major changes will have a new look. In addition to the usual opening night attractions which normally draws a large audience, there will be many new actors in the cast this year, especially principals, and in show business this always attracts attention from those who like to be first nighters.

Director Clifton Britton states that rehearsals have been progressing much better than some had anticipated with several new faces in leading roles.

Among the new actors this year will be Martin Gerrish in the role of John Borden, male lead and also David Bowen who will portray the ever popular role of Old Tom Harris. Gerrish came from Arizona to play the lead and Bowen came from New York via the Raleigh Little Theatre where he was director of productions during the past winter.

Among groups buying advanced tickets for the 15th season premiere have been many families with children, Jordan stated. The Lost Colony has always proven of as much interest to children as to grownups. The drama tells the story of English-speaking America's beginning in the New World and it tells the story also of a history-mystery never solved.

Two Edenton Boys Now Instructors At Camp Darden

Sid Campen and Caleb White on Boy Scout Staff

Sidney Campen, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Campen, was among 85 young men who successfully completed a recent two weeks course at the Red Cross National Aquatic School held at Brevard, and is now filling the position of assistant waterfront director at Camp Darden, Va., the Boy Scout camp.

Young Campen, who was a member of the 1955 graduating class at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School, was one of 140 students from 10 southeastern states to take the course and was awarded certificates for passing the standard course, water safety course and swimmer.

At Camp Darden Campen is giving instructions in swimming and life saving.

Another Edenton boy, Caleb White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace White, is also another instructor at Camp Darden this summer. Young White is a woodworking instructor.

Councilmen In Session Until Midnight Hour Monday Night

Town Councilmen had their first round with the town's 1955-56 budget at a special meeting Monday night and after deliberating and studying figures until a few minutes before the midnight hour, emerged from the meeting with the decision that the town's tax rate can be held at \$1.30 per \$100 property valuation, the same as last year. The arrival at this figure was made despite a general request for increased appropriations from almost all sides.

The total budget for the year amounts to \$139,242 and is made up as follows:

Administrative	\$ 8,220.00
Police Department	30,040.00
Fire Department	14,207.00
Street Department	58,777.00
Cemetery	1,943.00
Publicity Department	2,730.00
Other Expenses	23,325.00

Total.....\$139,242.00

The proposed budget was presented by the Finance Committee, members of which have been working for several weeks in compiling figures. Each item in the various department budgets were considered separately, and while a number of changes were made, Town Council finally agreed to these changes in order to prevent an increase in the tax rate.

In the Street Department a request for two new trucks was taken out of the budget which effected a saving of approximately \$3,400. Another item deleted was \$850 requested by the Vine Oak Cemetery. This figure was omitted pending a meeting with the trustees of the colored cemetery relative to deeding the property to the town and operated under the supervision of the Street Department, the same as the white cemetery.

The proposed budget is now on file in the Town office, where it can be inspected by anyone who desires to do so.

Methodist Officials Form Organization

Dr. A. F. Downum Re- elected Chairman of Official Board

At a meeting of Methodist Church officials held Wednesday night of last week, organization was effected for the new church year.

Dr. A. F. Downum was re-elected chairman of the official board, with T. B. Williford as vice chairman and Mrs. Jesse Harrell, secretary.

Mrs. W. E. Baker was elected chairman of the Membership and Evangelism Commission, with Norman Leonard, vice chairman and Mrs. Glenn Stallcup, secretary.

On the Finance Commission, J. W. Davis was elected chairman with Dr. A. M. Stanton, vice chairman and Gerald James, secretary.

Rufus Carraway was elected chairman of the Commission on Education, with W. T. Harry, vice chairman and Mrs. Richard Hardin, secretary.

E. W. Spires was elected chairman of the Commission on Missions, with Mrs. E. L. Ward, vice chairman and Miss Aurelia Layden, secretary.

Masonic Banquet Is Scheduled Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock Edenton Masons will hold a "Dutch" supper in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple. The supper in its charge of Ernest Kehayes and an interesting program has been arranged for the ladies' night affair.

BANK CLOSED JULY 4

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day next Monday, July 4, in observance of national Independence Day. Important banking business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.