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Edenton's DAR Chapter Will Join In 168th Observance Of National Constitution Week

Everybody Is Urged to Read and Consider Constitution

Members of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, call attention to the observance of National Constitution Week which will be observed throughout the nation September 17-23, in commemoration of the 168th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

During the week Mrs. R. P. Baham, regent of the Edenton DAR chapter, requests merchants to display the American flag and especially urges everybody to read the Constitution of the United States. She also announces that a special program will be presented at the DAR meeting which will be held in the Iredell house Wednesday afternoon, September 14, at 2:30 o'clock and asks every member to make a special effort to be present.

The Constitution was signed September 17, 1787, with three North Carolinians adding their names to the famous document. The three were William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight and Hugh Williamson, the latter of Edenton, whose picture adorns the wall of the panel room in the Chowan Court House.

Members of the DAR chapter in Edenton point out that the basic ed in the nation today is the preservation of constitutional government and in order to protect this priceless heritage under our unique form of government it is essential to support the Constitution, the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man. For its proper support, it is necessary that our citizens understand its provisions and principles and appreciate its values and benefits as the greatest document for human liberty in 2,000 years of recorded history.

Mayor Ernest Kehayes has pres. Continued on Page 2—Section 1

Dr. M. Ray McKay Will Preach Again At Baptist Church

Will Be In Pulpit For Both Services Next Sunday

Members of the pulpit committee, and members of the Baptist Church, are quite pleased that Dr. M. Ray McKay, professor of preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, has accepted the invitation to preach next Sunday, September 11, in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. R. N. Carroll, who is on vacation. He will preach during both services—the morning worship hour at 11 o'clock and the evening worship hour at 7:30 o'clock.

Having filled the Edenton pulpit last Sunday, and on previous occasions, Dr. McKay needs no introduction to Baptist audiences and members of the congregation will welcome another opportunity to hear this forceful speaker and diligent preacher of the Bible.

The service of Dr. McKay to the local church presents a realistic example of the far reaching ministry of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. Every Sunday, members of its faculty and student body find their places primarily in North Carolina and southern pulpits as well as in special speaking, teaching and advisory engagements as the need presents itself. Truly North Carolina is blessed by the coming of this beneficent institution within its boundaries.

Regular services of the day and week will be observed: Sunday School at 9:45 o'clock; Training Union at 6:15 o'clock, mid-week prayer service at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening; Bible study hour at 7:30 o'clock on Friday evening.

Booster Tickets Put On Sale To Help Raise Finances For Athletic Programs At School

Ticket Includes Admission to All Home Athletic Events

Gerald James, principal of the Edenton Junior-Senior High School, announces that Booster Tickets are now on sale in order to raise money for athletic activities at the school. The tickets are selling for \$7.50 and include reserved seats for all home football games this season as well as admission to all baseball and basketball games played in Edenton.

Mr. James points out that school athletics are financed solely by gate receipts, for no funds are appropriated by the school trustees for this purpose. It is, therefore, his hope that many will buy these Booster Tickets, thus reflecting their interest and support of the school's athletic teams.

There are 336 Booster Tickets for sale and Mr. James says single admission for a reserved seat, if any are available, will be \$1.25 at the gate on game nights. General admission to football games will be \$1.00 with student tickets being 50 cents unless they are purchased in the school the day of the game, when the price will be 25 cents.

The importance of raising money by the sale of Booster Tickets is stressed by Mr. James, who says it costs \$125 to outfit one football player, not to mention the increased cost of other items used in the various contests.

Mr. James says friends may purchase blocks of reserved seats in order to be together at football games, and that orders for such blocks should be filled out in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue of The Herald or they may be reserved by contacting Mr. James' office, phone 785. The tickets will be sold Monday of next week by students, so that no special seats can be guaranteed after that time. It is hoped all of the 336 reserved seats will be sold.

Enrollment Higher For Opening Day In County Schools

909 Enrolled First Day as Against 898 First Five Days Last Year

Schools in the Chowan County administrative unit opened Thursday morning of last week with a first day enrollment higher than the enrollment for the first five days of last year. This year's first day enrollment totaled 909 as against 898 for the first five days of last year, and more are expected to enroll.

In the Chowan High School 133 students enrolled as against 123 last year, while 335 enrolled in the elementary school. In the Rocky Hock elementary school 61 enrolled, making the first day enrollment in the two elementary schools 396, slightly below last year's first five days, when 408 were enrolled.

In the White Oak Consolidated School 380 were enrolled the first day as compared with 367 for the first five days last year. The first day was devoted to assignment of classes and the schools are now operating on regular schedule.

Only two changes have been made in the faculty of the schools, these being at Chowan High School, where Miss Ethel M. Murray succeeds Miss Minnie Warren as En-

WAR ON... Mosquitoes

Under the direction of Mayor Ernest Kehayes and with the help of Street Department employees a program of spraying is under way in an effort to get rid of some of the mosquitoes which have been plaguing Edenton residents since the recent high water in connection with Hurricanes Connie and Diane. Last week some spraying was done and though some good was realized a breeze was blowing which reduced the effectiveness of the spray. However, on Tuesday night another round was made and it is hoped the efforts meant the death of many of the pests.

Group Of Edenton Stores Continue To Close Wednesdays

Though the summer season is about at an end, a group of Edenton stores will continue to observe the Wednesday half holiday, closing their doors at 1 o'clock each Wednesday.

The stores which have agreed to continue the Wednesday half-day closing are as follows:

- Forehand Jewelers, S. C. Mills Barber Shop, Ralph E. Parrish, Bell's, Thrif-T-Gas Company, C. N. Ricks Jeweler, Ward's Barber Shop, Hughes-Parker Hardware Company, 20th Century Barber Shop, Quinn Furniture Company, Campen's Jewelers, Edenton Furniture Company, Western Auto Associate Store, Byrum Hardware, Percy's Barber Shop, Mischew's Barber Shop and Percy Reeves' Barber Shop.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council will hold its September meeting next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building.

English and French teacher, and Bobby Godwin, who succeeds Joseph Deaton as science teacher and athletic director.

The remainder of the Chowan High School faculty includes: R. H. Copeland, principal; Miss Louise Wilson, social studies; E. S. White, vocational agriculture; Mrs. Lorraine H. Rogerson, vocational and home economics; Mrs. Thomas W. Elliott, eighth grade; Mrs. Margaret Smithson, seventh grade; Mrs. Myra B. Stokley, sixth grade; Ralph A. Spainhour, fifth grade; Mrs. Ella Mae Nixon, fourth grade; Miss Hattie Hudgins, fourth grade; Mrs. Marguerite B. Burch, third grade; Mrs. Margaret F. Rountree, second grade; Miss Jane Haislip, second grade; Miss Ada Morning, first grade; Miss Susan C. Willoughby, public school music teacher, and Mrs. Ralph White, piano teacher.

At the Rocky Hock School the faculty is composed of the following: Mrs. Mattie Nixon, sixth and seventh grades; Mrs. Mae P. Asbell, third, fourth and fifth grades; and Mrs. T. C. Chappell, first and second grades.

At the White Oak Consolidated School the faculty includes: W. H. Creech, principal and eighth grade; Raymond Purnell, eighth grade and

It's "Back to School" in Turkey, Too!



FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL takes courage, but these jaunty little lasses have plenty of that. Their "little red schoolhouse" is likely to be white, but like American youngsters, they can look forward to a good education—even though they live in a tiny village. The Turks believe in "education for democracy." That's why they have a public school system that is free from kindergarten through college. Determined to raise the educational level of the country even further, they have more than doubled the allotment for education in the last five years. When the school bells ring this year, almost two million children will answer them—a record number for Turkey.

BPW Club Holds Initial Meeting Of Fall September 15

Miss Inez Felton, New President Lists Various Committees

Miss Inez Felton, new president of the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club, announces that the first fall meeting of the organization will be held Thursday night, September 15, at the Barker Community Building beginning at 8 o'clock. This will be a regular business meeting and several projects now in the making must come up for discussion, so that all members are urged to be present.

Miss Felton also lists the new committee chairmen for the year and members who will serve on these committees:

- Education and Vocation—Lena Jones, chairman, Nora Boyce and Ella Mae Robbins. Finance—Annie Mills, chairman, Bertha Bunch, Elizabeth Ashley, Celia Boyce. Health and Safety—Margaret White, chairman, Opal Wood, Adelaide Chesson, Emma Perkins. International Relations—Anne Jenkins, chairman, Corinne Long, Tessie Bunch. Legislation—Josie R. Carr, chairman, Ida Campen, Evelyn Leary, Capola Jackson. Membership—Mildred Munden, chairman, Goldie Layton, Anne Cates. Public Affairs—Margaret Phthisic, chairman, Kate Wozelka, Dorothy Phelps, Lena Leary. Hospitality and Recreation—Lola Smith, chairman, Myrtle Cuthrell, Beulah Perry, Lit Daniels. News Service—Evelyn Leary. Program Coordinator—Margaret Phthisic. National Security Committee will be composed of all chairmen.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Stockholders of the Edenton Development Corporation will meet at the Court House Monday night, September 12, at 8 o'clock.

Sponsored by the DAR, National Constitution Week will be observed September 17-23.

Special program in connection with Constitution Week will be presented at the meeting of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR in the Iredell home Wednesday afternoon, September 14, at 3:30 o'clock.

Edenton's Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its first meeting of the fall Thursday night, September 15, at the Penelope Barker house at 8 o'clock.

Town Council will meet in regular monthly session Tuesday night, September 13, at 8 o'clock. Edenton Business and Professional

Legion Post Will Stage Fish Fry At Meeting Sept. 13

Annual Drive For New Members In Post to Be Launched

Thurman Harrell, commander of Ed Post No. 40 of the American Legion, announces that a fish fry will be held at the regular meeting of the post Tuesday night, September 13, at 7 o'clock. Not only Legionnaires and their wives are urged to attend, but members of the Auxiliary, as well as all veterans who are not members of the Legion, are cordially invited.

The purpose of the fish fry, according to Commander Harrell, is to launch a new membership drive, so that he hopes a large number will turn out.

A special feature of the meeting will be addresses by R. A. Clack of Rocky Mount, division commander, and W. L. McMillan, also of Rocky Mount, division membership chairman.

Record Number Of Chest X-Rays At Health Department

Monday and Thursday Set Aside For This Work

The month of August was one of the heaviest for chest X-rays ever reported at the District Health Department in Elizabeth City by the Pasquotank - Perquimans - Camden-Chowan Tuberculosis Association.

A total of 305 people had chest X-rays taken, of whom 226 were from Pasquotank County, 35 from Perquimans, 20 from Camden, 7 from Chowan, 13 from Gates, 1 from Dare and 13 from Currituck.

Mrs. Alice Sawyer, X-ray technician has been serving for six years in this work. Monday and Thursday have been set aside for chest X-ray days so that everyone will have an opportunity of using the X-ray machine which was given by the Lions Club for the general public. Since January, 1955, 1,578 people have had chest X-rays. This total does not include chest X-rays made in Chowan. Continued on Page 5—Section 1

ROTARIANS MEET TODAY

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of R. N. Hines and President Gerald James is urging a 100 per cent attendance.

Haiti Boy Scouts Forced Down At Local Air Station

Group Entertained By Edenton Scouters Monday

Boy Scouts of Edenton and Haiti had an opportunity to mingle together Monday at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station. The opportunity arose when a plane was grounded while the Haiti Boy Scouts were enroute home after attending the eighth World Boy Scout Jamboree held in Canada.

The plane grounded due to unsettled weather conditions in the Caribbean Sea and on it were 18 Boy Scouts, four Scout leaders, a priest and a newspaper reporter. The plane landed about 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and proceeded on its journey homeward Tuesday afternoon. They slept and were fed at the base.

The Haiti group was entertained by Scoutmaster Jack Habit, Assistant Scoutmasters Horace White and Bill Andrasevic.

The Haiti Scouts were taken to the local Scout cabin, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Monday night the group was taken to the movies at the base, after which a swapping session was held with an Edenton group who visited them before retiring for the night.

The get-together was very enjoyable on the part of both the Haiti and Edenton Scouters, for some of the Haiti Scouts spoke English very well while others depended upon an interpreter. They left high in praise of the hospitality afforded them on their brief forced stay in Edenton, and before leaving extended an invitation to Edenton Scouts to visit a Haiti Scout camp during the Easter vacation.

POCAHONTAS MEETS FRIDAY

Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, will meet Friday night, September 9, at 8 o'clock in the Red Men hall. Mrs. Myrtle Hollowell, Pocahontas, urges every member to attend.

LIONS MEET MONDAY NIGHT

After an interruption of meetings during the summer months the Edenton Lions Club will resume its regular weekly meetings next Monday night, September 12, at 7 o'clock. President Al Phillips urges every member of the club to be present Monday night.

15 More Enrolled In White Schools First Day Than Last Year

Colored School Enrollment Drops Due to Lack Bus Drivers

John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton schools, reports that enrollment in schools on Tuesday, the opening day of school, was 987 and that before this week is out he expects the enrollment figure to pass the 1,000 mark.

The first day's enrollment exceeded last year by 15. In the Edenton Junior-Senior High School 383 enrolled which is three more than last year. In the Elementary School Principal Ernest Swain reported a first day enrollment of 604, which is 12 over the first day last year.

D. F. Walker, principal of the Edenton colored schools reported a total enrollment of 825, as compared with 867 last year, a loss of 42. However, this loss is attributed to lack of school bus drivers. Of the eight colored school buses ready for transporting children, only four were in operation despite the fact that children in the rural section were standing along the highway waiting to be taken to school. The trouble as pointed out by Prof. Walker is that drivers

Edenton Aces Open '55 Gridiron Season At Roanoke Rapids

Important Meeting

W. P. Jones, temporary chairman of the Edenton Development Corporation, again calls attention to a meeting of the stockholders scheduled to be held Monday night, September 12, at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

The principal reason for this meeting is to elect permanent officers of the organization, so that every stockholder is especially urged to attend.

Jaycees Will Again Sponsor Fat Stock Show And Sale

Second Annual Affair Scheduled to Be Held In May

Several Chowan County 4-H Club members have expressed a desire to fatten out a beef steer to be entered in the Chowan County show and sale next May. The second annual fat stock show and sale will again be sponsored by the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce.

FFA and 4-H Club members from Chowan County are eligible to enter steers and hogs in the sale. In case there are FFA and 4-H Club members who are interested in entering a steer or hogs in the show and sale they should contact E. S. White, vocational agricultural teacher at Chowan High School or the County Agents' office.

Steers which will be entered in the show and sale must be strictly meat type and they should be obtained in the near future. Club members can attend one of the many sales which will be held in September and October and select a good steer for fattening out. The following sales will be held:

- Laurel Hill—September 21. Rocky Mount—September 22. Goldsboro—September 23. W. Jefferson—September 27. Other sales will be held at later dates in the upper Piedmont and mountain areas.

Friday Night's Probable Lineup Released By Coach Billings

After several weeks of strenuous practice sessions, the Edenton Aces are about ready for the opening game of the 1955 gridiron season which will be played in Roanoke Rapids Friday night, September 9.

Coach William Billings, who has had, for the most part, inexperienced material to work with, is making no predictions but feels sure his 1955 edition of the Aces will give a good account of themselves this season. "We will get pushed about a lot," he says, "but the boys are developing very creditably, so that they should make a good showing against this year's opposition."

Some 40 boys reported at the first call for football recruits, but some have dropped out, so that the 1955 squad includes only 25 boys. On the squad are:

- Ends—Johnny Kramer, Bobby Pratt, Larry Tynch, Donald Roche, Sid White and Wayne Emmminer. Tackles—David Fletcher, Carl Forehand, Lloyd White, John Speight and Sherwood Harrell. Guards—Richard Canipe, Wayne Keeter, Ralph Chappell and Gary Dail. Centers—Albert Ward and Eddie George. Backfield—Stuart Holland, Chan Wilson, Billy Bunch, Tom Bass, Jerry Downum, Clarence Lupton, Bruce White and Ray Hollowell. Wayne Keeter and Stuart Holland are co-captains for this year's team.

Coach Billings announced early this week that the starting lineup for the Roanoke Rapids game will most likely be as follows:

- John Kramer.....Left End Albert Ward.....Left Tackle Wayne Keeter.....Left Guard John Speight.....Center Gary Dail.....Right Guard David Fletcher.....Right Tackle Wayne Emmminer.....Right End Stuart Holland.....Quarterback Billy Bunch.....Halfback Jerry Downum.....Halfback Chan Wilson.....Fullback

Woman's Club To Hold Thrift Sale September 16-17

Members of Club Now Soliciting Contributions For Event

The Edenton Woman's Club is planning a thrift sale on Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17 and is asking for donations of clothing from anyone who might have some which they cannot use. Several Marine families have already contributed toward this sale, pointing out that they were planning to move and had some discarded clothing which they did not want to pack. The club greatly appreciates their help, and wishes to solicit contributions from not only its members, but people in the community as well.

The proceeds of this sale will go toward charity and community projects here in Edenton and in the county. Mrs. R. J. Boyce at 367 or Mrs. A. M. Stanton at 758 will be glad to pick up any clothing donated.

Sales Tax Collections In Chowan Higher In July Than June

A report of sales and use tax collections made by the North Carolina Merchants Association reflects an increase of gross collections for the month of July over June in Chowan County.

Gross collections for July of this year amounted to \$13,419.21, which compares with \$11,363.92 for June. The collections for July, 1954, were \$10,489.86.