

Chowan Recorder's Court Has Steady Business Increase

In Five Years Fines and Costs Rise From \$10,077 to \$31,065

Some idea of the increased business done in Chowan Recorder's Court is reflected in a report submitted to the County Commissioners Monday by E. W. Spires, Clerk of Court.

The report covers the fiscal years 1951-52, 1954-55 and 1955-56. During the fiscal year 1951-52 the number of cases handled by the court amounted to 483, with costs amounting to \$3,640.14 and fines \$6,437.75, for a total of \$10,077.89.

In the 1954-55 fiscal year the number of cases increased to 1,216 with costs amounting to \$10,423.15 and fines \$13,479.50, for a total of \$23,846.30.

For the last fiscal year, 1955-56, the number of cases jumped up to 1,556 with costs amounting to \$14,940.05 and fines \$16,725.50, for a total of \$31,065.55.

During the 1951-52 fiscal year 72 cases were the most handled in any one month, while in 1954-55 there were only four months when less than 100 cases were handled.

During the last fiscal year there were only three months when less than 100 cases were handled, the highest being 215 in January while the three low months, July, April and June 98, 88 and 92 cases, respectively, were handled.

The cost of operating Recorder's Court for the 1955-56 fiscal year was \$12,044.20.

20 Years Ago

As Found in the Files of The Chowan Herald

County Commissioners, County Board of Education and Edenton School Trustees considered deplorable condition of schools in Chowan County following burning of Chowan High School. The county filed an application for an outright grant of \$83,000 for school needs.

N. K. Rowell was installed president of the Edenton Rotary Club. "Pin tables" and "marble games" were outlawed in Chowan County as the result of a ruling by the State Supreme Court.

Beecher Ward of the Ryland section and Herman Bunch of the Rocky Hock section reported the first cotton blossoms in the county.

The Rev. W. T. C. Briggs charged the editor of The Herald was unfair to him in a squabble between the two.

Red Cross Chapter began life-saving course at the U. S. Fish Hatchery.

Democratic rally drew a large crowd at the Chowan County Court House with special music furnished by the Swanner String Band.

Edenton Police Arrest 40 People During June

Chief of Police George I. Dail reports that during June Edenton police made a total of 40 arrests, three of whom were released to mothers. Of those arrested, 36 were found guilty as charged.

Miscellaneous traffic arrests led the list at 19, followed by seven for being drunk.

Of those arrested 24 were white males, three white females, 13 colored males and no colored females. Fines amounted to \$325 and costs \$175.75, or a total of \$500.75.

Activities during the month included 58 calls answered, four accidents investigated, three funerals worked, 20 street lights reported out, 22 courtesies extended, 13 doors found unlocked, 20 investigations made and 678 citations issued. The police made 861 radio calls and were on the air one hour, 11 minutes and 45 seconds.

Winners Named In Chowan County's Elimination Events

The third annual Chowan County 4-H Elimination Day which was held Friday, June 29, at Chowan High School and Community Building was very successful. Barbara Ann Byrum was county winner in the Junior Division of the dairy foods demonstration. Barbara gave a demonstration on "Milk Makes A Difference". Kay White was winner in the senior division of the dairy foods demonstration. The title of Kay's demonstration was "A Sundae Everyday".

Barbara Ann Jordan and Ruth Ann Layden were winners of the poultry marketing demonstration contest. The title of their demonstration was "Chicken Sense for More Cents". In the vegetable marketing demonstration Sherwood Harrell and Dick Lowe were winners with their demonstration entitled "Why Lose Your Pot of Gold?". Kay White gave an electric demonstration on "Homemade and Handy", being winner of the electric demonstration contest.

"Don't Let Them Sneak In" was the subject of the prize winning entomology demonstration which was given by Kay Lowe and Gail Skinner. Ray Frivott was winner of the Forestry Demonstration. Kay gave a demonstration which was

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Methodists Name John Holmes New Chairman Of Board

Sesquicentennial Celebration of Methodism In Edenton Aired

At a meeting of the official board of the Methodist Church held Monday night, John A. Holmes was elected chairman, succeeding Dr. A. F. Downum. At the same time A. B. Harless was elected vice chairman and Mrs. Jesse Harrell secretary.

This was the first meeting of the new "official family" of the church to which members of the official members of the various commissions and officers of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and the church school staff were requested to attend.

The Rev. Earl Richardson, pastor of the church, devoted the first part of the meeting to a discussion of possible things to come in the life of the Edenton church, notably a revival to be conducted beginning February 3, by Dr. Clovis Chappell of Waverly, Tenn.

Mr. Richardson also pointed out that Methodism in Edenton will be 150 years old in 1958, and called for a two-year celebration in terms of the most vital spiritual history thus far in the life of the church. It is hoped that a major sesquicentennial celebration may be held by the Edenton church.

A part of such a celebration would be the preparation of a history of the Edenton Methodist Church for general distribution. Mr. Richardson called upon Mrs. Mary Leggett Browning for a brief extempore talk on what she knows

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Reception In Honor Of Great Wenonah

Sponsored by Chowanoke Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas, a reception will be held in the American Legion hall on the Windsor highway Friday night, July 6, at 8 o'clock. The reception is in honor of Mrs. Martha Crumney, Great Wenonah of the Great Council of North Carolina, who next May will be elevated to Great Pocahontas.

Members of the Degree of Pocahontas, as well as Red Men and their wives are cordially invited to attend the reception.

Budget Adopted

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday morning adopted the county budget for the 1956-57 fiscal year, which calls for a tax rate of \$1.53 per hundred dollar property valuation, the same as last year.

No change was made in the figures which were approved at a special meeting held Monday, June 18.

Rogerson Urging Cautious Driving

State Highway Patrolman Mack Rogerson wishes to impress upon the driving public how important it is to be alert while driving on the crowded highways of today.

"There is no such thing as relaxing while you drive," says Rogerson. "Driving is a full time job. Although you might be a good driver, you must be alert to avoid the other man and that is important due to the fact that it may save your life."

"So, let's be extra cautious during the vacation and holiday season."

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Scheduled To Leave Edenton



COLONEL HAMILTON LAWRENCE

Col. Hamilton Lawrence, commanding officer of the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station, is scheduled to be transferred this month to the First Marine Aircraft Wing in the Orient, the Air Corps has announced. The Colonel and his family plan to leave Edenton about July 15.

Lt. Col. F. H. Collins is to relieve Colonel Lawrence, the Marine Corps said. Colonel Collins is presently stationed at Newport, R. I.

Colonel Lawrence reported to Edenton in August of 1954 and became Executive Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 14. The facility was known then as Marine Corps Auxiliary Landing Field.

When the Edenton base was designated a Naval Auxiliary Air Station in September of last year, Col. Lawrence was named Commanding Officer. It is the first and only time that a Marine has commanded a Naval Station.

Prior to his assignment at Edenton, Colonel Lawrence was Naval Attache at Oslo, Norway.

While in Edenton, Colonel Lawrence accepted an invitation to become a member of the Edenton Rotary Club and has been active in that organization since. Colonel Lawrence was born in Manila.

Elevator Cause Of Delay In Opening Of New Furniture Store

Tom Hopkins, manager of the new Albemarle Furniture Company, has announced that opening of his new store has been held up due to installation of an elevator in the building. Mr. Hopkins has a large line of merchandise ready to be put on display, but is handicapped because an elevator has not been installed in order to move some of the merchandise to the second floor of the building.

Workmen this week began installing the elevator so that Mr. Hopkins is hopeful that he can open his new store for business within the next few weeks.

When everything is in readiness Mr. Hopkins plans to observe open house during which a complete line of new furniture will be on display and prizes awarded. He intended to be in operation by this time but has been unable to do so due to delay in installing an elevator.

John Griffin Wins Red Cross Honors

Airman First Class John Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Griffin, has recently completed the course in senior life-saving and was awarded the American Red Cross card and life saving patch. Griffin is stationed at Springfield, Mass., with the USAF.

Ernest J. Ward, Jr., Installed President Edenton Lions Club

New Officers Installed At Meeting Held Monday Night

Ernest J. Ward, Jr., was installed as president of the Edenton Lions Club Monday night, succeeding Al Phillips. R. W. Leary, Jr., was in charge of the installation ceremonies.

Other officers installed at this time were: M. A. Hughes, first vice president; G. M. Belch, second vice president; J. R. Dulaney, third vice president; Eric Haste, lion tamer; Earl Harrell, pianist; J. Clarence Leary, chorister; W. J. Taylor, secretary-treasurer; Herbert Hollowell and Haywood Bunch, one-year directors; E. W. Spires and G. B. Potter, two-year directors.

President Ward and John Mitchener, Jr., made a report on the International Convention held in Miami last week. Others attending the convention were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Percy Smith, Dr. Richard Hardin, Jesse Harrell, Tom Francis and Eric Haste. All reports indicate that the convention was most enjoyable and all of North Carolina was proud of John L. Stickley who was installed as president of Lions International.

Boy Scouts Leave For Camping Trip Sunday

Edenton's Boy Scouts are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Sunday, July 8, when they are scheduled to leave for Lake Sherando in the Blue Ridge Mountains to spend a week in camp.

Forty-five boys and four leaders expect to spend the week in camp, leaving Edenton by bus Sunday morning.

ROTARIANS MEET TODAY

Edenton Rotarians will meet this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. President George Alma Byrum urges a 100 per cent attendance.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold a stated communication tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Ernest P. Kehayes, master of the lodge, urges a full attendance.

118-Year Old Gun Discovered In Yard By Son Of Marine

A Marine sergeant at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station has proof that any gun is potentially dangerous. His son unearthed an 118-year-old muzzle-loading shot gun in the backyard recently, which was found to contain a live charge.

T/Sgt. J. C. Efrid, who is an amateur gunsmith, said newspaper wadding which he removed from the barrel indicates the weapon was last loaded about 1889. Black powder, also found in the barrel burned normally when touched by flame.

"All that was needed to fire the weapon was a cap—match, other improvised agent or an ordinary aluminum-foil cap," said Sergeant Efrid. "Actually," the sergeant explained, "it would have blown up, because the barrel was clogged with dirt and rust."

It all started last April, when Owen Efrid, seven-year-old son of the Marine sergeant, found the shotgun in some backyard bushes at his new home. The Efrid family had just moved into the house at 206 West Church Street in Edenton.

The boy's father immediately placed the gun in a safe location, but did not find time to examine it in detail until this week.

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Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr. Stricken By Polio, Is Now In Hospital

Cotton Blossoms

Asa Griffin was the first person in Chowan County to bring a cotton blossom to The Herald office. Mr. Griffin had a bloom in a field in the Cowpen Neck section Wednesday, June 27 and by Friday the field was full of blossoms.

Lionie Harrell on Friday morning also reported cotton blossoms in a field in the Rocky Hock section.

Hurley Ward, Route 1, brought in a blossom Monday morning.

Lions Elect International President



John L. Stickley

John L. Stickley of Charlotte, North Carolina has been elected International President of Lions International at the association's 39th annual convention in Miami, Florida. Lions International, with 542,828 members in 12,334 Lions Clubs in 75 countries or regions, is the world's largest service club organization.

56 JAILED IN JUNE

Jailer Herman White reports that during June 56 persons were locked up in the Chowan County jail with confinements ranging from one to 30 days.

The expense amounted to \$543.86, which includes jail and turnkey fees, scouring the jail, soap and washing powder, telephone bill and 10 glasses.

Stricken While Visiting Mother At Pink Hill

Edenton friends will regret to learn that Mrs. J. P. Ricks, Jr., is a patient in Maryview Hospital in Portsmouth, where she is a victim of polio.

Mrs. Ricks was stricken with the disease while visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Burke at Pink Hill and was rushed to Maryview Hospital Saturday night. She had been complaining of a cold and fever and it was at first thought she had contracted influenza, but the muscles in the lower part of her body began to tighten and it later was discovered she was suffering from polio.

While resting reasonably comfortable in Maryview Hospital, Mrs. Ricks is reported to be paralyzed from her waist down so that her stay in the hospital is uncertain.

According to Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, Mrs. Ricks has non bulba polio and she had not had polio vaccine. The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis and the U. S. Health Service recommend that the vaccination program be continued without interruption during the summer months.

Legion Auxiliary Officers Installed Tuesday, July 10th

Installation Ceremony In Legion Hall at 8 P. M.

Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will install new officers at a meeting to be held in the Legion hall Tuesday night, July 10, at 8 o'clock. Legion Auxiliary officers will also be installed at the same time.

John A. Holmes will be the installing officer during which William A. (Bill) Perry will succeed Thurman Harrell as commander of the post and Mrs. Maurice Bunch will succeed Mrs. Juanita Cozzens as president of the Auxiliary.

All Legion and Auxiliary members are especially urged to attend. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Project Chairmen Named For Jaycees

Appointments Awarded By President Dick Dixon

Six new project chairmen were named by President Dick Dixon at a meeting of the Edenton Junior Chamber of Commerce held Thursday night in the Penelope Barker house.

Luther Parks is chairman for the annual Jaycee Distinguished Service Award, which will go to a male citizen of Edenton between the ages of 21 and 36. The person selected need not necessarily be a member of the Jaycees.

Bill Johnston was named to represent the Junior Chamber of Commerce as a member of the USO Executive Committee.

Tom Shepard is new manager of the Jaycee softball team. Tom Byrum is chairman of a wiener roast for all Jaycees and their families, to be held Wednesday evening, August 1.

Logan Elliott will supervise distribution of Scotch Lite reflecting safety tape for use on the bumpers of motor vehicles. Joe Pogers is in charge of supplying local restaurants with cards, furnished by the Jaycees, to encourage saying of Grace before meals.

War On Rats Still Waged In Chowan

Poison Bait Available Free at Office of County Agent

Sponsored by the Chowan County Commissioners, a county-wide rat campaign is still in progress in Chowan County.

County Agent C. W. Overman informed the County Commissioners Monday that a large quantity of rat poison has been distributed and that he understands a large number of rats have been killed during the drive.

Poison is furnished free and can be secured at the county agent's office. The Commissioners desire to make the drive on rats as effective as possible, so that they urge all who have not secured the poison bait to do so at once.

CIVIC CALENDAR

Edenton Lions Club will conduct a bread sale Monday evening, July 9, starting at 6:30 o'clock.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will hold its annual banquet Friday night, July 20, at 7 o'clock in the American Legion hall.

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Edenton Boy Scouts will leave Sunday, July 8, to spend a week camping at Lake Sherando in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Waynesboro, Va.

Chowan Council No. 54, Degree of Pocahontas will sponsor a reception in honor of Mrs. Martha Crumney, Great Wenonah of the Great Council of North Carolina, in the American Legion hall Friday night, July 6 at 8 o'clock.

Cub Scouts will enjoy a watermelon cutting Tuesday night, July 5, as a climax of the month's theme "Cub Scout Regatta".

Daily vacation Bible School is in progress at the First Christian Church and will close Friday, July 6.

The children will present a program in the church Sunday night, July 8, at 7:30 o'clock.

The C.D.M.C. Circle of the First Christian Church will meet Friday night, July 6, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Cattie Lassiter.

Edenton's Rotary Club will meet (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House.

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