

Woodworking Shop Of M. G. Brown Co. Lost By Fire Early Tuesday Morning

Firemen From Base And Edenton Fight Blaze Six Hours

One of Edenton's most disastrous fires in recent years occurred early Tuesday morning when the woodworking shop of the M. G. Brown Company was totally destroyed and with it two other warehouses, one adjoining the building and the other across the railroad right of way. In the warehouses was general merchandise, practically all of which was destroyed.

The fire was discovered about 1 o'clock by J. P. Ricks, Jr., who heard a crackling noise and saw a faint reflection of fire. He reported the fire to the Fire Department at about the same time it was discovered by James Horton, who was making his 1 o'clock round.

An appeal for help was sent to the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station and three fire fighting trucks were dispatched to the scene, which, with two from the Edenton Fire Department battled the blaze for over six hours.

There was little chance to save the woodworking shop, but the firemen were successful in preventing the fire from spreading to the planing mill, other warehouses and the home of Mrs. M. G. Brown. However, the latter was damaged to some extent by being scorched on the side facing the fire. A number of trees in the yard and some shrubbery also burned.

The origin of the fire, which started near the center of the woodworking shop, is a mystery. Gurney Hobbs, foreman of the shop, said all of the electricity except the main light switch had been turned off at quitting time Monday night. The fire spread rapidly and its reflection in the sky could be seen for many miles, so that a large number of people, many attired in night clothes, got as close to the fire as possible. Fire hoses crossed Highway 17, so that traffic was halted or was forced to detour for several hours.

C. O. Letcher, general manager of the concern, was reluctant to estimate the damage done until an inventory can be completed, but estimates ranged as high as \$100,000. The loss was covered by insurance.

Two persons were injured while helping to fight the fire. Gurney

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Chowan County Has Bought 35 Per Cent Of Savings Bonds Quota Thus Far This Year

Harless Reports Series E Bonds Growing In Popularity

U. S. Savings bonds sales in Chowan County so far this year amount to \$70,656.25, according to A. B. Harless, local volunteer savings bonds chairman. This amount represents 35 per cent of the annual quota.

Mr. Harless reports that Series "E" bonds continue to show growth in popularity across North Carolina. Last month "E" bonds sales totaled \$3,118,648.75, a 3 per cent rise over June 1955. For the 6 months' period ending in June, sales were \$21,977,635, a 2.2 per cent increase over the same period last year.

While the "E" bond sales have increased, the Series "H" investment bond which ranges in size from \$500 to \$20,000 showed a drop as compared to the past 6 months of last year.

The combined sales of Series "E" and "H" bonds totaled \$3,951,648.75 which showed a drop of 5.2 per cent last month as compared to June 1955. For January-June period combined E and H sales totaled \$27,793,635, which is 44.3 per cent of its annual quota of \$62,700,000.

Annual Red Men Banquet Will Be Held Friday Night

Great Sachem D. Reid Wallace Principal Speaker

Plans have been completed for the annual banquet of Chowan Tribe No. 12, Improved Order of Red Men which will be held in the American Legion hut Friday night, July 20, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Wives of Red Men and members of the Degree of Pocahontas have been invited as special guests, so that in the neighborhood of 200 are expected to be present.

A feature of the banquet will be an address by D. Reid Wallace of Bessemer City, who is now serving a term as Great Sachem of Red Men in North Carolina.

Dress for the occasion will be informal.

Study Is Made Of Marketing Eggs Profitably In Chowan

Purpose of Survey Is Two-fold Says C. W. Overman

An egg marketing study was made in Chowan County last week, according to County Agent C. W. Overman. Egg producers in general appear to be finding good markets for their eggs.

The purpose of this survey was two-fold. First, to determine how producers are marketing their eggs in view of any suggested improvements that might be made. Second, to determine whether organized marketing would improve the situation and give producers a little higher net return for their eggs. The survey was made by Dr. Clayton Liebman, Extension Poultry Marketing Specialist and County Agent C. W. Overman.

Many producers have regular retail customers. Some of the eggs move to customers such as hotels, restaurants, and others where the producer gets approximately five cents per dozen under the regular retail price but better than the

Still In Business

Despite the disastrous fire early Tuesday morning at the M. G. Brown Company, which totally destroyed the woodworking shop, business will continue as usual. The concern plans to rebuild the woodworking shop as soon as possible.

In the meantime merchandise destroyed will be immediately restocked. One of the warehouses housing a great deal of merchandise, was not affected by the fire and a full line of lumber is still available, so that the concern will be able to service most of the orders received.

T. B. Williford Is New Tail Twister Of Edenton Lions Club

Will Succeed West Byrum, Jr., Who Has Resigned

By action of the Board of Directors Monday night T. B. Williford was named tail twister to succeed West Byrum, Jr., who resigned.

At the Monday night meeting Norman Leonard was presented the Certificate of Membership. During the presentation, best wishes on behalf of the club were presented on his move to Fayetteville.

Proceeds from the bread sale netted the club \$172, which is some higher than announced at the close of the sale last Monday night, due to some late donations.

The case of a local blind person was brought to the attention of the club by Al Phillips. "This man is quite skillful in the art of caning"

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Cub Scout Leaders Will Meet July 24th

Adult leaders of Cub Scout Pack 159 will meet Tuesday night, July 24, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Harrell in Edenton.

The Cub Scouters will complete arrangements for the regular monthly Pack meeting, scheduled for July 31, and will make plans for August activities.

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New Commander At Edenton NAAS



Pictured above during change of command ceremonies held at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station Friday are Col. Hamilton Lawrence (left) and Col. F. H. Collins (right). Colonel Lawrence was relieved as commanding officer of the Marine Base by Colonel Collins.—(Official Marine Corps Photo).

ABC Officers Ruin Fifty Gallon Still In Chowan County

Citizens Urged to Report Any Known Illicit Stills

ABC officers found and destroyed an illicit still Wednesday afternoon of last week in the Cowpen Neck section of Chowan County. The still, apparently recently constructed, was found along Rocky Hook Creek and was an outfit of 50 gallon capacity. The still, along with 100 gallons of mash and 10 gallons of non-tax-paid whiskey, was destroyed, but no arrests were made.

The still was discovered by Troy Toppin, Chowan County ABC officer, who was assisted in its destruction by M. R. Harshaw, F. T. Woolard and P. H. Blettner of the Elizabeth City Alcohol Tax Unit, and Deputy Sheriff Woodrow White of Gates County.

ABC officials point out the fact that operation of stills is not only a violation of the law, but at the same time operators are cheating both the federal and state governments out of revenue. They also point out that it is the duty of all law-abiding citizens to report any known still operations which can be done by notifying ABC Officer Troy Toppin or can be done by letter, addressing it to P. O. Box 467, at the Edenton Post Office.

Methodist Men's Club Meets July 26

Kenneth Ball of Charlotte Will Be Principal Speaker

Kenneth Ball of the Wells Agencies of Charlotte, a church survey group, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Methodist Men's Club which will be held at the church Thursday evening, July 26, at 6:30 o'clock.

Mr. Ball will arrive in Edenton about noon for the purpose of holding discussions with the Rev. Earl Richardson, pastor of the church, and other church leaders. On the basis of these conversations Mr. Ball will point out ways in which the church may improve in the area of stewardship.

This program is announced by John A. Holmes, new chairman of the official board of the church and program chairman of the Men's Club. All members of the club are especially requested to attend the meeting.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
A stated communication of Unity Lodge No. 7, A. F., & A. M., will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Ernest Kehayes, master of the lodge, urges a full attendance.

Boy Scouts Return From Week's Camp In Mountains Of Va.

Boys Obligated to Experience Scouting In The Rough

Forty Edenton Boy Scouts and three Scout leaders returned home late Saturday afternoon after spending a week camping at Lake Sherando, near Waynesboro, Va.

During the week's outing the Scouts were on their own, being obliged to do their own cooking and housekeeping, somewhat different from their previous camping trips at Camp Darden. The experience was new to some of the boys and provided the sort of training essential to development of good Scouting.

During the week classes were conducted in swimming, life saving, Scoutcraft, cookery and a full schedule of recreation.

The list of boys who attended camp included the following: Tommy Kehayes, Jack Overman, Donald Welch, Arthur White, Leroy Spivey, Bill Harry, Paul Twiddy, Ashby Tarkington, Billy Dail, Jimmy Dail, Douglas Ward, Curtis Twiddy, Ronnie Turner, Billy Keeter, R. B. Keeter, Jack Ashley, Fred Britton, Wayne Baker, Bill Cates, Dick Goodwin, Warren Elliott, Joe Campen, Clyde Cobb, Frank Williams, Robert White, Roland Vaughan, Erwin Griffin, Clayton Letcher, Brad Williford, Bryant White, Billy Bolanar, Jimmy White, Alex Kehayes, Joel Reynolds, Dicky Hobowsky, Boots Lassiter, Calvin Foxwell, Billy White, Dallas Stallings, Bill Goodwin.

The boys were accompanied by Scoutmaster Jack Habit, and Horace White and Sgt. C. O. Turner, Scout leaders.

Meeting Scheduled To Consider Fishing Regulations Aug. 18

Hearing Will Be Held In Windsor Court House

Announcement is made by the Board of Conservation and Development that a public hearing will be held in the court room at the Court House in Windsor Saturday afternoon, August 18, at 2 o'clock.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider regulations affecting conventional fishing in Roanoke and Chowan Rivers and Albemarle Sound.

Proponents and opponents of any proposal in regard to any changes in existing regulations will be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting.

County Agent C. W. Overman Talks Farming To Rotarians

Says Farmers Can Increase Income Another Million

County Agent C. W. Overman was the principal speaker at last week's Rotary meeting, at which time he presented pertinent facts relating to agriculture in Chowan County. Mr. Overman stated that Chowan farmers could increase their gross income by about a million dollars if they would do the job they are able and should do.

Mr. Overman paid tribute to the farm families in the county as being as fine a group of people as can be found anywhere, but that it is a problem to impress upon them the importance of producing more of their home food supply.

Citing figures, Mr. Overman said farm income in the county in 1954 amounted to a little over \$3,750,000, of which over two million dollars went for expenses, leaving a net income of over \$1,750,000.

In 1954 the county averaged 2,007 pounds of peanuts per acre but this figure could be boosted, he said. Corn averaged only 30 bush-

Command Changes Friday At Edenton Naval Air Station

20 Years Ago
As Found In the Files of The Chowan Herald

John Graham, C. E. Kramer and Earl Goodwin were appointed on a committee by the Edenton Rotary Club to investigate the possibility of providing bathing facilities for the youngsters of Edenton.

Eighty-two children enrolled in a swimming course at the U. S. Fish Hatchery sponsored by the Chowan County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Town Council leased an acre of land on Hicks Field to A. M. Forehand for 10 years at a rate of \$10 per year for the erection of a warehouse.

Upon complaint Town Council authorized dangerous trees to be removed in front of the residences of John C. Badham, John C. Bond and W. A. Everett.

Jim Henry Bowen was painfully injured when he fell from a scaffold at the Northcott Building.

John G. Wood was elected president of the Edenton Cotton Mill. Edenton won first half in Bertie-Chowan League, including Edenton, Perrytown, Lewiston and Windsor.

Boy Scouts started drive for final \$200 needed to send the Scouts to camp at Atlantic Beach.

J. H. Holmes Company held its 34th annual pre-inventory sale. Caroline White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. White, celebrated her third birthday.

Postmaster C. E. Kramer reported the highest postal receipts since the peak quarter during the year 1929.

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Col. F. H. Collins Succeeds Col. Hamilton Lawrence

Change of command ceremonies were held last Friday morning at the Edenton Naval Auxiliary Air Station. A review and parade marked the relief of Col. Hamilton Lawrence by Col. F. H. Collins as Commanding Officer of the Marine Base.

Officers and men of Marine Aircraft Group 14, commanded by Col. L. K. Davis, participated in the ceremonies with personnel of the Station command.

Colonel Lawrence is scheduled to report for duty with the First Marine Aircraft Wing in the Orient.

Colonel Collins arrived at Edenton on Wednesday with his wife, the former Miss Kathleen Pain of Sidney, Australia. Colonel and Mrs. Collins will reside at 901 Cabarrus Street in Edenton.

This will be the second tour at Edenton for Colonel Collins, who was commanding officer of a medium bomber squadron here in 1944. The new Station CO has been assigned to various bases in North Carolina during his 17 years in the Marine Corps.

Colonel Collins graduated from the Naval War College at Newport, R. I., prior to reporting to Edenton last week. Previously, he was Commanding Officer of Marine Aircraft Group 35 at Cherry Point.

Colonel Collins was graduated in 1939 by the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps immediately and won pilot's wings at Pensacola, Fla., three years later.

During World War II, the new Station CO served in the South Pacific for 22 months and on Okinawa and in China for 10 months. He was stationed in Korea for 13 months. Decorations and awards which Colonel Collins holds include two Distinguished Flying Crosses, eight Air Medals, a Personal Commendation and many others.

Parents of the Colonel are Mr. and Mrs. Otis Collins, who live at 10 Kavanaugh Place, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Coach Ben E. Perry Goes To Lumberton

Succeeds Geo. Thompson, Another Former Edenton Coach

Friends in Edenton will be interested to learn that Ben E. Perry, former football coach at the Edenton Junior-Senior High School, has accepted a coaching position at Lumberton High School.

Mr. Perry, now coach at Fuquay Springs, will succeed George Thompson, another former Edenton coach, who has resigned to become assistant football coach at Davidson College.

While at Fuquay Springs Mr. Perry won the Wake County championship.

Edenton Youngsters At ECC Music Camp

Five Edenton youngsters left Sunday to attend the two weeks music camp being held at East Carolina College at Greenville. In the group were Leigh Dobson, Brenda Mooney, Linda Leary, Sandra Boyce and Eddie George.

Three of the group, Leigh Dobson, Brenda Mooney and Linda Leary are enrolled in the majorette school, while Sandra Boyce and Eddie George are enrolled in the band clinic.



D. REID WALLACE
At the annual banquet of Chowan Tribe of Red Men Friday night in the Legion hut D. Reid Wallace of Bessemer City, Great Sachem of Red Men in North Carolina, will be the principal speaker.