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April 15th Very Important Date

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

30 YEARS AGO
With the new field house at the athletic field completed, Coach Dave Holton urged citizens to inspect not only the house but the entire grounds as well.

A bit of good news for Edenton materialized when negotiations were completed for two northern baseball teams to make Edenton their spring training headquarters. The two clubs were Reading, Pa., and Pocomoke City, Md., which was estimated to bring about 60 baseball players and others associated with the two clubs.

Business and pleasure was crippled in Edenton for about eight hours due to a damaged transformer.

Tribute was paid to the memory of Associate Justice James Iredell with simple but impressive ceremonies held in the Court House and at the Iredell grave in the Johnston Burial Ground at Hayes, where a wreath was placed on the grave of this illustrious Edenton citizen of a century and a half ago.

C. Wayland Spruill of Bertie County formally announced his candidacy for Commissioner of Agriculture in the Democratic primary election to oppose Kerr Scott.

The Chowan High School

faculty presented a play, "Tempest and Sunshine" in the school auditorium. With Albemarle Sound and surrounding rivers and creeks icebound, a cold snap brought recollections of the 1918 freeze when Albemarle Sound was frozen from shore to shore.

Rev. W. C. Benson, pastor of Edenton Methodist Church, received his license as an amateur radio operator. It was the third license issued to Edenton radio enthusiasts, the other two being Thomas J. Wood and John J. Ross.

Alterations were made at Burton's Service Station to make more room for serving light lunch patrons.

Due to treacherous roads, a dance held to raise money for President Roosevelt's birthday went in the red to the tune of about \$50.

Mrs. Martha Umphlett, 87, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Boyce, with whom she lived for several years.

Music pupils of Mrs. Leon Lewis held a recital in the high school auditorium.

The Chowan County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, meeting in the Court House, passed a motion to conduct a county-wide mail box contest.

Dr. and Mrs. P. W. Tedder, who had planned to move to Columbia, S. C., decided to remain in Edenton, where Dr. Tedder continued his veterinary practice in Chowan County.

A few members of the Edenton Rotary Club and Lions Club went to Norfolk in an effort to stage wrestling matches in Edenton.

20 YEARS AGO

A committee from the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce conferred with Senator Frank Graham and Representative Herbert C. Bonner in Washington, D. C., to discuss the status of the Marine Air Base located here. The report was brought back that the activation of the base was unchanged and that no orders had been received from the Navy Department relating either to its permanency or abandonment.

J. H. McMullan announced that he would not seek reelection to the General Assembly. The principal reason for seeking election in the last session, said Mr. McMullan, was his interest in an adequate bridge over Chowan River and to do all he possibly could to remedy the present situation. Mr. McMullan was advised by Dr. H. W. Jordan, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, that the bridge had been approved for reconstruction.

Plans were going forward for widening North Oakum Street from the colored high school out to Highway 17.

At a meeting of Gamma Epsilon, honorary chemistry fraternity at Wake Forest College, James Chestnut, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chestnut, was nominated to an honorary membership in the American Chemical Society.

Congressman Herbert Bonner, on the floor of the House of Representatives, called for a revision of the entire peanut program. He voiced his opposition to the Agricultural Committee's resolution which would increase the production of cotton and peanuts in the face of "great surplus in both crops."

Larry Church, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Church, and Candy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith, were named king and queen respectively of the "Royal Family" at the staging of "It's a Date," a local talent show sponsored by the local BFW Post.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Byrum celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

At a meeting of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Inglis Fletcher spoke about her vision for the Iredell House and adjoining buildings in the future. "This beautiful old landmark can be of vital use to our community," she said.

The tenth consecutive sing-spiration of the Churches of Christ in Eastern North Carolina was held in the Edenton Church of Christ.

Miss Harriet Leary, circulating librarian, announced

that a new circulating book station was set up at Center Hill at the home of Mrs. Elton Jordan.

Herbert Hollowell, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Community Chest Committee, announced that a meeting would be called in

the near future to consider organization of a community chest in Edenton.

Farmers of Chowan County dug over 10 miles of large outlet ditches in 1949 to improve the drainage on more than 1,600 acres of their land.

Smiles Are Cheap

By MARY LIZZIE LANE

If you want to gain a friend,
This is the way you must begin.
Now you must always know
To let your smiles peep through and show.

Your personality must be great
And not always be too late.
You must be dignified, you know,
And also let your culture show.

Rou must meet them at the door,
And smile as you never smiled before.
And welcome them in your home,
Just as they were your very own.

A conversation you must keep,
And often times kind words repeat.
And when their visit's to an end,
Ask them to return again.

If you have a special friend
And can't visit them now and then,
Give them a call or send them a card,
Try to stay in touch, it's not hard.

If your friends can make it there,
Sit beside them in a chair.
A conversation you must learn to carry on,
Don't just sit there and sleep and yawn.

Smiles are very cheap, you know,
Why not always let them show?
That would help along the way
On a long and gloomy day.

This life is very short, you know,
And the majority of the people are on the go.
Our population is very great,
They are all afraid they'll be too late.

We have a purpose here, you know,
God put us in His world below.
Give your best while you are young,
Don't wait until you're old and done.

So. Security Questions-Answers

Q. I will be 65 years old next June. I earn \$3,800 a year but I cannot afford to retire since I still have children in school. Should I even bother to check on my social security?

A. Yes, you should. First, you should file your claim for Medicare even if monthly checks are not payable. It is also possible that some of your social security checks might be payable even though you are still working. You should discuss your situation in more detail with the people in your social security office.

Q. I read that a 19-year-old boy qualified for disability benefits. How can this be? I understood you had to have five years work credits to qualify for disability payments.

A. The requirements were changed last year so that those who become disabled before reaching age 31 need less work credits. For example, the boy who became disabled at 19 needed only one and one-half years work out of the three years before he became disabled. A per-

son who becomes disabled after age 31 still must have five years work credits out of the 10 year period before he became disabled.

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