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## UNVEIL HEWES MEMORIAL APRIL 28TH IN EDENTON

### Will Be Feature of George Washington Bicentennial Celebration

When the monument to Joseph Hewes, signer of the Declaration of Independence, is unveiled at Edenton April 28, it will be one of the outstanding features of the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration in the Old North State and the entire country. The memorial, erected by Congressional appropriation, will overlook beautiful Edenton Bay from the foot of the famous courthouse green.

An elaborate program for the dedication has been planned by the committee in charge, and men of national reputation will participate as speakers for the occasion. The principal speaker will be Charles Francis Adams, Secretary of the Navy. He will be introduced by Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, war-time Secretary of the Navy in President Wilson's cabinet.

Congressman Sol Bloom, of New York, associate director of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, will respond to the address of welcome by Mayor J. L. Wiggins. The presentation of the monument will be made by Brigadier General Louis H. Bash, Assistant Quartermaster General of the United States Army and it will be accepted by Governor O. Max Gardner.

The introductory remarks to the celebration will be made by Judge F. D. Winston, chairman of the North Carolina George Washington Bicentennial Commission. Congressman Lindsay Warren will preside as master of ceremonies.

A pageant harking back to Revolutionary War days will be the feature for the afternoon. Actors and actresses will be garbed in authentic Colonial costumes.

Edenton is now making arrangements to play host to the thousands of visitors from all over the country who are expected to attend the ceremonies.

The dedication of this memorial to Joseph Hewes comes at a most appropriate time and is fittingly associated with the Bicentennial Celebration of George Washington's birth. Hewes rendered conspicuous service to his country during the Revolutionary War and was known as a friend of Washington's. He died in 1779 in Philadelphia, his death being directly due to overwork occasioned by his activities in Congress.

Born in Kingston, New Jersey, in 1730, Hewes moved to Philadelphia where he acquired a comfortable fortune as a merchant. He came to this State and settled in Edenton some time between 1756 and 1763. Here he was "a particular favorite with everybody," and was generally regarded as "one of the best and most agreeable men in the world," "the patron and greatest honor of the town."

As a delegate from North Carolina to the Continental Congress, Hewes at first opposed absolute independence. He nevertheless strongly supported the policy of non-importation to protest British taxation of the colonies, although he knew his private business would suffer considerably thereby. Later he overcame his own objections to separation from England and signed the Declaration of Independence in accordance with the wishes of the people of North Carolina.

He was the real head of the committee to fit out and arm vessels; and, as chairman of the committee of marine, was in actual fact the first executive head of the United States Navy. His best services was perhaps as a member of the secret committee on supplies from abroad. His business training and ability and his experience as ship-owner stood him in good stead. He is said to have used his own fleet of ships to bring supplies to this country at his own expense.

It was Hewes who procured a commission for John Paul Jones as an officer in the navy, and it was he who gave the now immortal sea-fighter his start toward fame by finding him a ship to command.

## START EARLY

A campaign to prepare this spring for caring for the needy next winter is in progress in North Carolina and Washington now, it was learned today from R. W. Henninger, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the Governor's Council on Unemployment and Relief.

People are urged to get their gardens planted; to conserve the surplus food by drying or canning; and to plant enough so that plants can remain standing for seed purposes. Every one is urged to have a garden so that food will be more scattered.

## 3 CASES TRIED BY RECORDER

### Defendant Bound Over To Superior Court For Seduction

Probable cause was found in the case of Seaton Patrick, 30, white, who was arraigned before Recorder E. L. Owens Tuesday on a charge of "seducing" Mary Swain under promise of marriage. His new bond was fixed at \$650, signed by the defendant, and Able Adler and W. P. Patrick.

The case will probably be tried at the next term of criminal court, which will meet shortly. Witnesses for the girl include, Herbert Clifton, E. Pritchett, Mrs. Milt Swain, J. L. Swain, O. D. Hatfield, J. W. Starr. The warrant was issued by the girl.

The child is about seven or more months old and was born to the girl while she was an inmate of the Greensboro Rest Cottage, Inc., at Greensboro, where she remained for about six months before coming back home to her parents, who live down the county. The young girl refused to allow the adoption of the child by some one else.

It is understood that Mr. Patrick, who is charged with being the father of the infant, has spent some money in behalf of the girl and baby.

Tom Young, colored, 30, was found not guilty of an assault on Viola Nichols. Jesse R. Bateman was found not guilty of violating the highway laws.

## CHURCH MEETING BEGINS IN ROPER THIS AFTERNOON

### Three-Day Session of Pentecostal Holiness Church Gets Under Way

Roper.—A Bible study today at 3 o'clock in the afternoon will open the three-day session of the Tarboro district quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness church at this place.

A devotional service will be held at 7:30 in the evening, with Rev. Jerome Hodges, superintendent of the North Carolina conference, or another visiting minister, delivering a sermon. A business session will be held Saturday from 9 to 11 in the morning, with delegates from 15 churches in this section present.

A score or more ministers and mission workers are expected to attend along with the delegates from the churches and as many visitors as can get into the building. Rev. N. J. Medford, pastor of the Rocky Mount Pentecostal Holiness church, is district secretary, and it is likely that he will do some of the preaching.

Devotional services through Saturday night and Sunday will be held, but many of the ministers and delegates will leave after the business session for their homes. Delegates from churches in the following places will be present: Williamston, Nashville, Aulander, Robersonville, Rocky Mount, Hobgood, Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Elm City, Bethel, Coleraine, Weldon, and Roper.

## Civil Service Exams Are Announced for Vacancies

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Assistant gardener, \$1,200 a year, or \$4.24 a day when actually employed, Office of Public Buildings and Parks of the National Capital, Washington, D. C. Closing date, April 28, 1932.

Senior inspector, engineer construction (marine), \$2,600 a year, Office of Inspector of Machinery, United States Navy, Groton, Conn. Closing date, May 3, 1932.

Senior plasterer, \$1,860 a year; plasterer, \$1,680 a year, departmental service, Washington, D. C. Closing date, May 3, 1932.

Full information may be obtained from H. A. Liverman, Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office here.

## FRANK GRIST FOR BONUS PAYMENT

### Says County Service Men Would Get \$142,020.72 If Paid Immediately

Former service men in Washington County would receive \$142,020.72 if the soldier bonus was paid in full, according to Frank D. Grist, world war veteran, and candidate for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate, who is now serving as commissioner of Labor of North Carolina.

"The average man thinks that the payment of bonus would increase his taxes, but it will not. This sum will be paid in fact by 380,000 wealthy income-tax payers and the big corporations of the United States which pay taxes on excess profits. Federal revenue is derived from tariff, income, and inheritance tax and internal revenue.

"There are 750,000 able-bodied World War veterans now unemployed, 75,000 veterans with disabilities unemployed, and 800,000 veterans who are working part time of from one to four hours a week and in most cases on reduced wages. Therefore, 1,600,000 veterans and their families are facing hunger and want, and it is imperative that they be paid their bonus at once.

"It is a fact that if the bonus loaned to the veterans last is not repaid before the due date of the principal sum, the interest on the money borrowed will have almost entirely consumed the principal and the veterans will receive nothing. These soldiers braved the red hell of Flanders that the Democracy of the world and the free government of the United States might live, and surely the people and their government will not desert them in the hour of need," concluded Mr. Grist.

## FIRESTONE LED IN DEVELOPING RUBBER TIRES

### Credited With Having Major Part in Each New Feature

The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company is credited with having played a major part in speeding the development of automotive transportation by pioneering practically all the important advances in tire construction. Firestone brought out for automobile use the first straight-side tires, the first rubber non-skid tread, the first commercial demountable rim, the first patented gum-dipping process, the first balloon tire and the first construction giving two extra cord plies under the tread.

Each of these improvements marked a new era in tire building. Together they made possible the safe and economical high speed motoring, with its important advances for 1932.

"The safety of millions and millions of car owners is daily entrusted to the rubber tires upon which they ride," according to Mr. Dan Satterthwaite, of the Roanoke Service Station and Garage, Firestone dealers here.

"Most people give little thought to the heavy responsibility placed upon their tires, and yet the rubber tires beneath their fleeting motor cars assume the burden of transporting the precious human lives in safety against all the tremendous stresses and strains of fast travel.

"On May 30 the great International Speedway Indianapolis races will be held," he continued. "Think of the gruelling strain on man and machine in this event. Five hundred miles in the short space of a little over five hours. Approximately 100 miles per hour average they will travel during the long weary hours of relentless grind around the great oval track. It is a challenge to the character of the tires upon which they tear through space. Last year, as for many years past, all of the winners have come through on Firestones. Not a single life has ever been endangered by the failure of any Firestone Tire to perform its heroic task.

## Marriage License Issued Here During Past Week

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couple by Mrs. Adie L. Brinkley, register of deeds: Leonard David Kennon, Hampton Roads, Va., 27, to Miss Courtney Anne Twiddy, of Mackeys, 19. The document was issued on April 6.

## Recreational School Is Held in Roper Thursday

Roper.—L. R. Harrill, State Club Leader, held a recreational school at Roper school auditorium Thursday evening at 7:30. This was quite a successful school and the different clubs and communities were well represented.

## COURT MONDAY

Superior court of Washington County will open Monday for the regular one-week term for the trial of civil cases, with Judge J. Paul Frizelle, of Snow Hill, presiding. There have been rumors of a change in judges, but this has not been confirmed to C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of the court. Thirty or more cases are set for trial.

## CONTEST IS WON BY ADRIAN AYERS

### Son of Plymouth Couple Is One of Six Winners In United States

Perfect answers to six intricate questions on baseball won a national prize for Adrian Ayers, of Rocky Mount, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ayers, of Washington Street, in Plymouth.

Seven hundred boys participated in the contest, which was conducted by "Sporting News," a magazine of sports. Out of this number only six had perfect answers, and young Ayers was included in this select half dozen. A two-column story appeared in the issue of March 24 of "Sporting News."

Adrian lives in Rocky Mount, where his parents were residing before they returned to Plymouth about two years ago. The youth is well known in sports in the Rocky Mount High School, where he played in the backfield on the varsity grid team last fall. The young fellow works in a drug store also.

Each entry was also requested to submit their choice of players, and the boy chose Chuck Klein, of the Philadelphia Phillies, of the National League, instead of the renowned Babe Ruth. And added to this his reasons:

"In my opinion he ranks with Babe Ruth, of the American League. Klein makes hardly one-fifth of the amount that Babe Ruth does in drawing a salary of \$75,000 a year, but Klein led the National League last season in home runs with a good fielding and batting average to his credit also. I base my selection on ability and not on salary," wrote young Ayers.

## THINK ELLA MAE BJORKMAN ONCE RESIDENT HERE

### Believed To Have Married Dennis Loane Here Few Years Ago

Some of the older residents here are firm in their belief that Mrs. Ella Mae Bjorkman, of Asheville, who died Sunday in a hospital at Nice, France, from loss of blood and poison swallowed Friday night is the same Ella Mae Pratt who married Dennis Loane, of this place a few years ago.

Sidney A. Ward, shoe salesman and now manager of the Buchanan Motor Company, saw Mrs. Bjorkman while she was working as an advertising manager of a large store in Asheville, but she denied to him that she was the same woman. It is also the opinion of B. A. Sumner that this woman was the former Mrs. Dennis Loane, of Plymouth.

The actress and author was found by a chambermaid in a Nice, France, hotel room with her left wrist slashed, and police say they established that she had consumed two bottles of a toilet preparation containing poison.

A note found in her room read, "If today there is nothing else left, I will exist no more," and authorities theorized the woman had lost money over the gaming tables.

Mrs. Bjorkman was the wife of Edmin Bjorkman, Swedish author, translator and editor, who resides in Asheville. She was formerly Miss Ella Mae Pratt, of Asheville, and until her marriage in 1930 advertising manager for several large stores there.

Bjorkman said that he knew no reason for his wife's act unless she was out of funds "and ashamed to ask for them." He said his wife had gone to France March 16 to do some literary work and expected to return to the United States next month.

## Over 200 Children Here In Need of Dental Work

Examinations of the teeth of 254 children in the schools of Plymouth revealed that only 45 mouths were in good condition, while the same number of teeth needed extraction. There was a total of 501 teeth that needed dental care. These statistics were revealed by Superintendent E. H. Hicks.

## Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

The following clubs will meet next week, it was announced today by Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent:

Tuesday, April 19, at 2:30. Swain, Wednesday, April 20, at 2:30. Creswell, Thursday, April 21, at 2:30. Alba, Friday, April 22, at 2:30.

## Firemen of Eastern Carolina Hold Meeting Here Tuesday

### TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

#### Roper Organization Elects New Officers for Coming School Term

Roper.—New officers for the local Parent-Teacher Association here that were elected at a recent meeting are assuming their duties and getting down to business in an effort to formulate plans for a program of work in the school for the coming term.

The new officers are Mrs. A. E. Davenport, president; Mrs. L. S. Bray, first vice president; Mrs. Clinton Everett, second vice president; Miss Carrie Jane Herman, recording secretary; Mrs. Clinton Chesson, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Stark Holton, treasurer.

A recent report of the treasurer showed that there was \$4.57 to their credit with 41 members paid. The treasurer is insisting that all members pay up as this is almost the last of the term. Teacher and grade mother will work together now in place of the usual lunch committee.

### USE POISONS TO KILL FLEA BUGS

#### Farm Agent Suggests Mixture for Control of Plant Bed Insects

The tobacco flea beetle may be controlled by dusting the young plants with a mixture of paris green and arsenate of lead where the tight trap beds were not used and there is a heavy infestation, according to R. E. Dunning, farm agent for Washington County.

Growers using the tight trap beds are pleased with the excellent protection. There are a number of these as demonstrations in various parts of the State and if possible, nearby growers should visit such a bed and be prepared to build one like it next season. Those who do not have such beds and are troubled with the flea bugs should prepare now to poison them.

Mr. Dunning recommends the use of one pound of paris green and five pounds of arsenate of lead mixed together thoroughly and dusted on the young plants dry, using the mixture at the rate of one-half pound to each 100 square yards of plant bed. Remove cover to make applications and so dust the poison that each plant is covered uniformly. To dust in lumps or spots will cause burning of the tender leaves. A good hand duster is the safest machine to use.

The number of dustings will, of course, depend on the severity of the infestation. However, Mr. Dunning suggests making the applications once each week as long as the beetles are noticed on the beds.

### "Tarzan" To Be Shown Here Monday, Tuesday

Next Monday and Tuesday the State Theatre will present to an eager audience a picture that is exploited to be better than "Trader Horn." It is called, "Tarzan, the Ape Man." This picture has won favorable comment from critics and reporters on the larger papers.

"Modern marriage could learn plenty from this drama of primitive jungle mating," Edgar Rice Burroughs's newest Tarzan thriller gives you a new kind of love thrill. The law of the jungle is nature's truest law. When Tarzan saw the woman he adored, he abducted her. And she loved it," writes one reporter.

"Are you all ready for the thrill of your life time? Unquestionably it is the year's outstanding dramatic and romantic experience. Girls! Would you live like Eve—if you found the right Adam?" That is the way one paper puts it. Starring is Johnny Weismuller, Neil Hamilton, Maureen O'Sullivan, and C. Aubrey Smith.

Wednesday there will be James Dunn and Sally Eilers in "Dance Team." Thursday and Friday, Marion Davies and Clark Gable in "Polly of the Circus." Saturday, Tom Keene in "Partners."

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### Side-Lights

#### On Eastern Carolina Firemen's Convention

Chief Mark Lassiter, of Snow Hill, wanted W. C. Manning, sr., of Williamston, to know that "the waters of the old Roanoke river did not run too strong for him," as he explained in his speech.

Whatever firemen of the East Carolina towns do, they should "never forget Mr. Jones, of Greenville," the fireman who was exceedingly friendly and who begged every one in a sincere tone never to forget him once they were introduced.

A typical joke by Sherwood Brockwell: Customer.—The mule you sold me, sir, is blind. Why he staggered around against the other team in the lot, walked headlong into an oak tree and stepped into a well. Dealer.—No; that mule was not blind. He just didn't give a d—.

Didn't even know that Plymouth had a band. Never can be surprised, though, at what these firemen pull out of the bag at any time. A good crowd cheered them when they played for the convention in the courthouse.

And Sherwood Brockwell and Joe Arps can dance.

Despite a little trembling in his voice from stage fright, Mayor Owens put over his welcome speech in fine style. More power to him. He gets better each time.

More firemen were present at the meeting here than at any other meeting in the several years of the organization of the East Carolina Firemen's Association, announced Secretary R. A. Joyner, of Farmville. When Plymouth puts on a convention—it puts on a convention.

President J. E. Jones will possibly overcome his little stage fright by the time the next meeting is held. Anyway, he is a pretty good president—anyway, that is the idea of about 175 firemen who elected him.

Here is an idea of what it takes to make an enjoyable firemen's convention: A fish supper, good music, good speeches, and a little Washington County corn.

Don't know who enjoyed the occasion most—firemen or just plain citizens. All were making merry and forgetting hard times.

Except for a little trouble between Anse Swain and Hugh Brown, everything jingled along to a happy ending.

### JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD AT CRESWELL

#### Is Served in High School Building Last Friday Night

Creswell.—The Junior Class of the Creswell High School entertained the seniors and members of the high school faculty at an elaborate banquet given in the school building Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The guests formed a line and marched into the banquet hall, where places were found at the table by attractive place cards carrying out the color scheme. The banquet hall was beautifully decorated in pink and green crepe paper, which formed a canopy overhead. Fruit blossoms were arranged about the hall.

The table decorations also corresponded to the color scheme. Mary Elizabeth Woodley acted as toastmistress of the evening. The following toasts were given: "To the Seniors," Nellie Hathaway; response, Braxton Litchfield; "To the Faculty," Sara Jane Liverman; response, Mr. Roy Litchfield; "To the Coach," Minnie Furlough; response, Coach L. B. Farabee. A very interesting program was carried out, after which an after-dinner speech was given by Principal C. H. Aderholdt.

Mrs. C. H. Rabon, grade mother of the junior class, was in charge of preparing the food and staging the banquet.

## FEAST AT LOCAL FISHERY ONE OF MAIN FEATURES

### Business Session Is Held at Courthouse With 300 in Attendance

By WALTER H. PARAMORE  
Beacon Managing Editor

Shuffling feet that danced to the tune of modern music at a brilliant ball in a gaily decorated building brought to a close the largest and best-attended meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's Association here Tuesday night.

A nine-piece orchestra under the direction of Herman Mattocks, of Greenville, provided the music for the 200 dancers that enjoyed the light fantastic under a canopy of assorted colored lights that illuminated a store building here that was picturesquely decorated with cedar and forest growth, giving it the appearance of a real cabaret.

The dance immediately followed the adjournment at the courthouse here of a business meeting that was held, with Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, chief state fire marshal, and Bob Whitely, of New Bern, president of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, as the principal speakers. Mayor A. L. Owens made the welcome address to the 400 firemen and visitors who packed the local courthouse.

Chief J. E. Jones, of Ayden, newly elected president, assumed the duties of this office here for the first time. Rev. Richard Lucas offered prayer at the opening of the business session. Chief Mark Lassiter, of Snow Hill, and W. C. Manning, sr., of Williamston, responded to the welcome address. Captain Charlie E. Mizelle, of Roper, made a short talk also.

Representative Zeb Vance Norman was also among the speakers. Several songs were rendered by a quartet composed of C. J. Norman, Z. V. Norman, J. S. Norman, and D. A. Hurley. Chief L. W. Gurkin, of Plymouth, was assisted by his 25 members here in entertaining the visitors. Secretary R. A. Joyner, of Ayden, announced that this was the largest and best meeting that was ever held by the association, as more than 180 firemen were here from a score of towns. LaGrange was the only member town that was not represented.

The local firemen's band entertained during the business session. Firemen were taken to the famous Kitty Hawk and Slade fisheries, near here, where rock, shad, and perch were served to about 300 people.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Robersonville the second Tuesday in October.

## ACTIVITIES OF FARM CLASS

### Creswell Young Tar Heel Farmers Are Hard At Work

By JOE BAKER DAVENPORT

Creswell.—The Creswell Chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers are endeavoring to earn points toward winning the silver loving cup that is to be given to the chapter scoring the highest number of points.

Besides regular farm and project work we have arranged an indoor base ball team. We are making a table to go into the agricultural class room for a small museum. The specimens will be those from the farm, such as diseases and insects, of livestock, poultry, fruits, and crops. Our object in doing this is to make a careful study of the specimens brought in so that we may solve the problem of controlling them.

The boys have been painting some benches for the school grounds. We are holding regular chapter meetings every two weeks. At each meeting we have interesting programs relating to agriculture and agricultural life. The last few weeks of our classwork has been devoted to the study of poultry, as to the feeding, care, and management, and marketing the poultry products.

### Roper Farm Class Has Father-Son Banquet

Farmers Club of the Roper High School gave a banquet recently in honor of "Dad," in the agricultural classroom, which was beautifully decorated in lavender and gold and cut spring flowers. A delicious three-course dinner was served. Places were laid for 28.

Henry Everett, president of the club, presided and made the address of welcome. Emmett Grandy gave a toast to "Dad." E. N. Riddle made the principal speech.