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## J. H. McMullan Definitely Announces He Will Not Be Candidate Again For Mayor

Has Distinction of Being Youngest and Oldest Edenton Mayor

SEES PROGRESS

Pays Tribute to Able Leadership of Predecessors In Office

That there will necessarily have to be a new candidate for Mayor of Edenton in the forthcoming May primary election, was assured this week when Mayor J. H. McMullan issued a statement to the effect that he positively will not seek re-election.

In discussing the matter, Mayor McMullan, who has the distinction of being Edenton's youngest and oldest Mayor, expressed his belief that there comes a time when any public official has held office long enough, placing himself in that category and preferring to retire to private life.

In connection with his announcement, Mayor McMullan had this to say:

"It is the plain duty of a public official to make known to his constituency some time in advance of an election as to whether or not he intends to stand for re-election.

"It is my studied opinion that there comes a time when an official should realize that he has held office long enough and that the best interest of himself and the public will be served by his retirement to private life.

"Self analysis convinces me that that time has arrived in my Mayoralty career. I have been honored on two notable occasions by the electorate. I was first elected Mayor when I was only 24 years old, when I became the youngest person ever to be elected to this office. Today, by virtue of the good graces of the public, I am serving in the same position, and so far as can be ascertained, I am now the oldest person ever to fill this office. During this span of over 36 years I have seen much water go over our community mill. I have seen Edenton grow from a sleepy old Colonial town that had made little progress since Colonial days to an up and going modern little city. From a town without public utility of any kind, without public sanitary or health facilities, and devoid of in-

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## Special Program At PTA Meeting Tuesday

A meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held Tuesday afternoon, April 6, at 4 o'clock, in the school auditorium, at which Mrs. W. D. Pruden, program chairman, has arranged for the presentation of a dramatization of a part of Silas Marner by the English class taught by Mrs. J. E. Debnam. The children themselves wrote the dramatization and will also play the various parts.

All members are especially urged to be on hand promptly at 4 o'clock in order to allow the children to leave on the school buses for their homes. The business meeting will follow the program.

## Swine Specialist In Chowan County Friday And Saturday

Meetings For Hog Raisers at Chowan and Edenton Schools

Hog raisers of Chowan County will have an opportunity to hear a swine specialist discuss breeding, farrowing, growth and disease control at two meetings scheduled for this week. The speaker will be Fred Reiners, from Ultra-Life Laboratories, who is thoroughly familiar with proper raising of hogs and who will impart timely and valuable information to those who will attend one or both of these meetings.

One of the meetings will be held at Chowan High School on Friday night at 8 o'clock, while on Saturday night at the same hour, Mr. Reiner will speak at the Edenton High School.

These two meetings are sponsored by the Home Fertilizer Works, and it is hoped that every hog raiser will be present to benefit by the knowledge of the swine specialist.

## D. M. Warren Elected As New President Of The Bank Of Edenton

Veteran Banker Pays Tribute to Predecessor, Julien Wood

LEGGETT CHAIRMAN

Cashier W. H. Gardner Is Promoted to Vice President

Due to the recent death of Julien Wood, who had served as president of the Bank of Edenton since its organization in 1894, the directors of the institution held a reorganization meeting Tuesday, at which time W. A. Leggett was elected chairman of the board, a new office. Mr. Leggett previously was vice-president.

D. M. Warren was elected president of the bank to succeed Mr. Wood. The veteran banker has been associated with the local bank 36 years, going to work in 1907, and being advanced until he has been honored with the presidency. He was elected cashier in 1917, which position he filled continuously until 1942, when due to a period of ill-health the directors saw fit to elect him executive vice-president in order to relieve him of some of his responsibilities.

At Tuesday's meeting W. H. Gardner, who was elected cashier last year when Mr. Warren was promoted, was elected vice-president and will continue as cashier. Mr. Gardner has been associated with the bank since 1914. He left the bank's employ to enter the Army in the first World War and upon his return again resumed his duties and has since gradually advanced. He will be Mr. Warren's right-hand man in conducting

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## Pre-School Clinics Schedule Released

Five Fridays Will Be Devoted to Treating Youngsters

Announcement of the schedule for the pre-school clinics to be held in Chowan County during the month of April was made this week by the local Health Department. This schedule is as follows:

Friday, April 2—Rocky Hock Central School, from 10 to 11 a. m.

Friday, April 9—Chowan High School, from 10 to 12 a. m.

Friday, April 16—Edenton White High School, from 9:30 to 12:15 a. m.

Friday, April 23—Edenton White High School, from 9:30 to 12:15 a. m.

Friday, April 30—Edenton Colored Grammar School, from 9:30 to 12:15.

During these clinics children who will enter school for the first time should be treated and parents of such children are urged to arrange to have their youngsters on hand at the proper time and place. They are requested to contact school principals in order to allow a systematic operation of the clinics.

## TRIAL FOR CAPITAL CRIME HIGHLIGHT OF CHOWAN SUPERIOR COURT TERM

Largest Number of Criminal Cases Docketed In Several Years; Negro Soldier Sentenced to 6-8 Years For Stabbing Walter Adams

Promptly at 10 o'clock Monday morning Judge Walter Bone opened the March Term of Chowan Superior Court in which was docketed more criminal cases than in any term in a number of years, one of which is a Negro charged with a capital crime. Very little time was consumed in selecting the grand jury, and no time at all was lost by Judge Bone in hearing excuses for not serving, his honor leaving the matter of excusing jurors up to the foreman.

The 18 men called for jury duty included M. A. Hughes, foreman; K. N. Floors, Johnnie Bass, Russell Byrum, J. W. Hollowell, Bertram Hollowell, J. H. Bunch, O. M. Blanchard, Leslie Morgan, Hector Lupton, R. F. Jordan, L. E. Twine, A. R. Chappell, C. R. Mason, C. W. Jordan, F. A. White, J. F. Crumney and O. M. Eason. Of this number Russell Byrum, A. R. Chappell and K. N. Floors were excused for legitimate reasons.

In opening his remarks to the Grand Jury, Judge Bone said he was very glad to be in the county and though assigned to the district five

## Chowan County Citizens To Appeal Of Red Cross For Waiver And Quota Of \$4,200 Reported Reached By M. F. Bond

## CHOWAN COUNTY BOY COMMENDED FOR ACTION WHILE BEING ATTACKED

Leslie Carroll Alexander Member of Armed Guard Crew When Merchant Ship Was Attacked By Enemy Craft

An official letter of commendation from the Secretary of the Navy has been awarded to Leslie Carroll Alexander, seaman, first class, United States Navy, of Edenton, commending him for his conduct as a member of the armed guard crew of a merchant ship when that ship was attacked by enemy craft.

Citing the action that took place, the commendation goes on

to say: "Your action on the above occasion was in keeping with the best traditions of the naval service.

"A copy of this letter has been made a part of your official record in the department." Alexander was born on December 2, 1924. He enlisted in the Navy on December 30, 1941, at Norfolk, Va.

## Chowan Is Granted License To Operate Radio Transmitters

Short Wave Outfit to Be Used In Civilian Defense Program

MUCH RED TAPE

Makes Possible Sending Messages Throughout County

Early this week the Rev. W. C. Benson, director of communications for the Chowan Civilian Defense Council, was informed that a license had been granted to Chowan County to operate short wave high frequency transmitters in connection with the civilian defense program.

This license was granted only after considerable amount of effort on the part of Mr. Benson, for in order to obtain authority from the Federal

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## District Commander Roland Garrett Will Be Guest Local Post

Roland Garrett, of Elizabeth City, commander of the First District of the American Legion, will be a guest at the meeting of Ed Bond Post next Tuesday night in the Red Men's Hall, which should be an incentive for a large representation of the Post's membership. Other guests are also expected, and due to some important business to be transacted, Commander R. L. Pratt is urging every Legionnaire to make a special effort to be present.

The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock.

## Not A Candidate



MAYOR J. H. McMULLAN Claiming the distinction of being Edenton's youngest and oldest Mayor, J. H. McMullan this week definitely announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election in the coming election.

## Albemarle Peanut Co. Closes Plant Monday

Edenton Peanut Company Also Near End Of Supply

With its stock of peanuts completely sold, the Albemarle Peanut Company suspended operation Monday until a new crop of peanuts is available. The off-season has occurred considerably earlier this year than usual which is attributed to the increased consumption of peanuts on the one hand and a small crop on the other which was caused by extremely dry weather during the growing season.

The Edenton Peanut Company also has comparatively few peanuts on hand and is expected to discontinue operation within a few weeks. Until both plants can secure new supplies much of the time will be devoted to making necessary repairs and getting ready for the new season.

## Flag Benediction At St. Paul's Sunday

Conger Family Gives Flags In Memory of Late E. R. Conger

At the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning at St. Paul's Church, two flags, the flag of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the flag of our Nation, will be blessed. These flags were given for their father, the late E. R. Conger, by the Conger children. Mr. Conger was for a number of years Senior Warden of St. Paul's Church and was one of the outstanding citizens of the town. The Rev. Mr. Schenck will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion and patriotic hymns and music will feature the service. The public is most cordially invited to attend.

\$4,103 Actually In Hand Of Treasurer Early This Week

QUOTA COLLECTED

W. H. Berryman Hopes Contributions Will Reach \$5,000

Though Millard F. Bond, treasurer of the Red Cross War Fund Drive, had \$4,103.40 in hand early this week, Chowan's quota of \$4,200 has been definitely raised. In contacting several of the canvassers who had not turned in their reports to Mr. Bond, it was learned that enough contributions have been collected to put Chowan County over the top, though actually the official report as of Tuesday lacks \$96.60.

Contributions took an upward trend during the week, the half-way mark not having been reached when last week's report was submitted. A group of liberal contributions helped to swell the total, and both Mr. Bond and Mr. Berryman, chairman of the drive, are well pleased with the progress shown during the week. The drive was late in starting which was due in part to Mr. Berryman not having sufficient supplies. He sent three telegrams and when the material was received the group of loyal canvassers went to work with a determination and as a result, it did not take long to substantiate the prediction that Chowan would again rally to the Red Cross and contribute what it was asked for and even more.

Though the outcome was somewhat discouraging last week, Mr. Berryman had little doubt that the quota would be reached and before the campaign started and even now entertains hopes that when all contributions are reported the amount will reach \$5,000.

It is particularly noticeable that contributions at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station have boosted considerably. Last week the amount was \$354.37. Acknowledgement of these contributions appears in this week's issue, but since that time \$285.95 more has been reported, bringing the amount up to Tuesday at \$643.32. The latter contributions will appear in next week's issue of The Herald due to the amount of space used this week in acknowledging contributions.

Though the quota is assured, those in charge of the drive urge any who

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## Cemetery Association Meeting On Friday

A meeting of the Cemetery Association will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. W. S. Privott. This will be the annual business meeting and for that reason every lot owner is especially urged to be present.

## Lions Club Sponsors Sale Of Easter Seals

Schools Will Play Important Part In Local Campaign

Edenton's Lions Club will again sponsor the annual sale of Easter Seals in Chowan County, the proceeds from which will go toward aiding crippled children. A systematic plan of sales has already been adopted in which the schools will play a major role. In the County schools W. J. Taylor will conduct the campaign, while in the Edenton schools John A. Holmes will direct the sales in the white schools and D. F. Walker in the colored school.

In announcing the campaign Mr. Taylor emphasizes the opportunity of having a part in placing crippled youngsters more nearly on a par with non-handicapped children and thereby helping to equip them for earning their own livelihoods and producing happy, useful and contributing citizens.

Contributions are deductible from income tax, and the local club is hoping that this year's contributions will be the largest Chowan County has ever made for the purpose. The Seals will soon be distributed for sale and everyone is urged to make liberal purchases.