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## Efforts Made To Combat Shortage Of Labor On Farms

### J. A. Webb, Jr., to Act As Farm Labor Assistant

### MUST COOPERATE

### Request For 300 Italian War Prisoners Fails To Materialize

J. A. Webb, Jr., has tentatively agreed to accept the position of farm labor assistant in the farm labor program operating through the Agricultural Extension Service in an attempt to assist Chowan County farmers with their labor problems this fall.

The Chowan County USDA War Board has requested placement of 300 Italian war prisoners in Chowan County for assisting with crop harvesting, but information has been received that no war prison labor will be available for farm work this fall. The only hope of outside labor was drawing workers from other counties and other states, but District Agent Roy Ferguson and Mr. Briggs, of the Employment Service, state that there will be very little of this labor available. Both are of the opinion that it will be necessary to work out labor problems locally this fall.

Through the efforts of Mr. Webb, cooperating with County Agent C. W. Overman, it is hoped that farmers will be assisted in organizing their workers and work to the extent that local labor can be used most effectively and most efficiently. If farmers will cooperate in working together by using their equipment cooperatively, they should, with normal weather conditions, be able to harvest their crops this fall in good shape.

## Scrap Iron Moves From Local Yard

### Hobowsky Ships Three Three Carloads Since August 14

Following recent criticism of an undue accumulation of scrap iron in Edenton, Mayor Leroy Haskett was, this week, notified by W. S. McCall, district salvage manager, that the War Production Board had information that S. Hobowsky had moved three carloads of scrap iron from his junk yard. These shipments include two carloads of No. 2 steel and one carload of cast iron scrap, shipped since August 14.

Mayor Haskett appealed to Mr. Hobowsky to move this vital metal and feels very much encouraged at the response which, he believes, will result in a greater incentive to salvage more of this vital material in Chowan County.

Mr. McCall informed Mayor Haskett that the State office of the War Production Board will, at no time, relax in its efforts to maintain a steady flow of scrap material from Edenton.

## Navy Recruiter In Edenton Sept. 7th

J. W. Brown, petty officer in charge of the Elizabeth City Navy Recruiting Station, will be at the Edenton Post Office Tuesday, September 7, to assist youths in making applications for enlistment in the United States Navy. He will be on duty from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., and will be delighted to explain the opportunities offered young men in the U. S. Navy.

## Standing Room For Labor Day Travelers

Those who are planning to take a train or bus trip over Labor Day, probably will have to stand in the aisles, ODT officials say. Passenger trains and buses throughout the U. S. continue to run heavily loaded, with standing in the aisles occurring frequently, particularly at week-ends.

## 11 Edenton Stores Closed On Labor Day

Labor Day next Monday, September 6, will be generally observed by Edenton's business concerns, Mrs. Hazel Gibbs, secretary of the Merchants Association, announcing that all stores will be closed the entire day in observance of the holiday.

## Hat In Ring



**LYNTON YATES BALLENTINE**, State Senator L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, Wake County farmer and dairyman, on Wednesday announced his candidacy for Lieutenant Governor in the Democratic primary election next Spring. He is the second candidate to announce, W. I. Halstead of Camden County being the first to announce.

## Cotton Picking Prices Worry To Chowan Farmers

### Some Pickers Demanding Extortionate Price For Work

### PRICES SET

### Meeting Called For 3 O'clock Today In Court House

During the last several days there has been much variation in opinion as to the price to be paid for picking cotton this fall. In many cases pickers have wanted extortionate prices and in other cases, perhaps, farmers may have offered prices unreasonably low.

In several counties the Farm Labor Advisory Committee and the County Agricultural Wage Board have held meetings with leading farmers and labor leaders to determine a fair price to both picker and grower. According to the information obtained by C. W. Overman, Chowan County Agent, the highest maximum price agreed upon in any county is \$1.50 per 100 pounds. Prices on green and damp cotton range from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per 100 pounds.

On Thursday afternoon, September 2, (today) at 3 o'clock (War Time) the Chowan County Farm Labor Advisory Committee and the County Agricultural Wage Board will meet at the Court House in Edenton to discuss the above question. Leading farmers and labor group leaders are invited to attend this meeting.

At this meeting the group will also discuss wage rates to be paid for digging peanuts. It is hoped that a fair price rate can be agreed upon for this work.

Cotton is still green, states Mr. Overman, and farmers should let their cotton open and dry out before picking. He urges available cotton pickers to cooperate to the fullest extent with farmers in saving this cotton crop.

## Grocers And Quinn's Plan To Continue Half Holiday Observance

Though the Wednesday half-holiday which was observed throughout the summer by the majority of Edenton business houses came to an end Wednesday of last week, all grocery stores except the A. & P. will continue the half-holiday throughout the remainder of the year. Joining the grocery stores in the movement is Quinn Furniture Company.

## County-City Offices Closed Labor Day

Both County and City offices will be closed all day next Monday, September 6, Labor Day, in order for employees to observe the holiday. Any business to be transacted should, therefore, be attended to accordingly.

## Bank Of Edenton Closed Labor Day

In order to observe Labor Day, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day next Monday, September 6. Important banking business should, therefore, be transacted accordingly.

## W. D. Pruden Elected New President Of First District Bar

### Group Favors Abolishment of Judge Rotation System

### PASS RESOLUTION

### Chester Morris Elected Vice President, J. N. Pruden, Secretary

Meeting in annual session in Edenton on Thursday of last week, members of the First District Bar elected W. D. Pruden as president to succeed Hallett S. Ward of Washington. Solicitor Chester Morris, of Currituck County was elected vice president, and J. N. Pruden was re-elected secretary.

Those named on the executive committee were Martin Kellogg, of Manteo; Chester Morris of Currituck; W. I. Halstead of Camden; A. P. Godwin of Gates; J. W. Jennette of Pasquotank; J. S. McNider of Hertford; John F. White of Edenton; C. S. Meekins of Tyrell; Clay Carter of Beaufort, and O. W. Williams of Hyde.

During the business meeting, which was held in the Court House, one of the principal items of business transacted was passing a resolution requesting the State Bar to consider asking the General Assembly to change the court calendar and abolish the rotation system of judges. The intent of this resolution is to allow resident judges to preside more frequently in their home districts, where they are better acquainted with conditions and the criminal element.

The resolution as adopted follows: 1. Resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that the system of rotation of judges in this State should be abolished, and it is recommended that the matter be submitted to the proper committees of the State Bar, Inc., and the State Bar Association, and brought to the attention of the Legislature for submission to the people of the State. 2. Resolved: That the Secretary cause this resolution to be published in the Press of the State.

Judge C. E. Thompson of Elizabeth City, spoke briefly during the meeting.

The group decided to hold the next annual meeting in the Currituck County Court House.

Despite war conditions, a goodly number was present for the meeting, at the conclusion of which a luncheon was enjoyed in the Rose Room at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

## High Ranking Red Men Scheduled To Visit Chowan Tribe

### Delegation Headed By Great Sachem Charlie Wallace

Charlie Wallace, of Gastonia, Great Sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men in North Carolina, will pay an official visit to Chowan Tribe, No. 12, next Monday night at the regular meeting of the local tribe. Accompanying Mr. Wallace are expected to be other members of the Great Council, so that Ehrie Haste sachem of the tribe, as well as other officers, is very anxious to have a large attendance for the occasion.

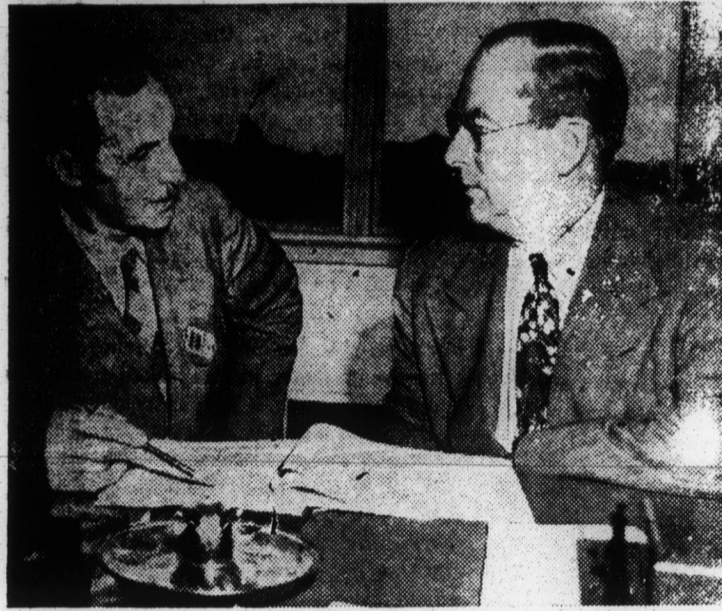
The visit was the object for much discussion at Monday night's meeting and arrangements were made to provide some sort of entertainment, as well as refreshments. Jack Mooney, W. A. Munden and J. Edwin Bufflap were appointed on a committee to make the necessary arrangements. A special feature will be music by a quartet composed of W. J. Daniels, A. S. Hollowell, R. B. Hollowell and Jack Mooney.

## Presbyterians Worship At St. Paul's On Sunday

With their church undergoing remodeling, the Presbyterian congregation will worship in St. Paul's Episcopal Church at the 11 o'clock service next Sunday morning, at which time the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will preach.

All members of both congregations are urged to attend, and a special invitation is extended to visitors.

## WPB Launches National PULPWOOD Drive



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Walter M. Dear, Chairman of the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee, reports to Donald Nelson, WPB Chairman, on the plans for an intensive press campaign to increase the production of pulpwood. Following the pattern of last year's National Scrap Drive, more than 1,900 weekly newspapers will be asked to cooperate in the organization of local committees in pulpwood producing states.

## CHOWAN COUNTY DRAFT BOARD ORDERED REOPEN CLASSIFICATION OF REGISTRANTS

### With Single Men and Married Men Without Children Exhausted In County, Fathers Now Facing Class 1-A Grouping

For the information of all registrants in Chowan County between the ages of 18 and 38 who have not yet been inducted or volunteered in the service of the country, J. L. Wiggins, chairman of the Chowan County Draft Board, wishes to advise that in accordance with a letter to local Board members from General Lewis B. Hersey, director of Selective Service, dated August 21, are the following stipulations:

That after October 1, it will be necessary to induct (a) Single men without dependents. Mr. Wiggins states, however, that this group in Chowan County has been exhausted long ago. (b) Single men with collateral dependents. This group has also been exhausted. (c) Married men without children. This group is practically exhausted. (d) Men with children, non-deferrable activities and occupations; (e) Men with children.

According to General Hersey, says

## Housing Project Expected To Start By September 15

### Option Secured For Site And Plans Now Being Prepared

In answer to a recent letter written by Mayor Leroy Haskett to Aubrey McCabe, State Director of the Federal Housing Administration, relative to the Federal housing project scheduled for Edenton, Mayor Haskett has been informed by Mr. McCabe that the local project should be underway by September 15.

Mr. McCabe stated that good progress is being made toward the proposed housing project for Edenton, the sponsors having secured options on the property in North Edenton and are now having the property laid out in the Land Planning section. Plans and specifications are also being prepared to be submitted to the office of State Director McCabe.

## New Schedule Of Hours At Library

Miss Elizabeth Copeland, librarian at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, announces new library hours, which are as follows: Every week-day morning from 10 to 12 o'clock. Every week-day afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

## Methodist Zone Meeting Evans Church Sept. 8th

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will hold its fall Zone meeting at Evans Church on Wednesday, September 8th. Anyone interested in attending this meeting is requested to get in touch with Mrs. P. T. Owens.

## State Wood Pulp Becomes "Armor" For Deadly 105's

### Pulpwood of Nation In Forefront as Essential War Material

### BIG SHORTAGE

### Appeal Made By Government to Meet Situation

Wood pulp from North Carolina is playing a vital role in supplying the raw material for essential war items. As an instance of what North Carolina wood pulp can contribute to national armament, 73 million of the paper "suits of armor" encasing the 105 mm. shells used with such deadly effect against the enemy in Africa could be obtained from the 179 thousand tons of the material produced annually, according to estimates approved by the American Paper and Pulp Association.

The slim-waisted 105mm. shells were used to reduce enemy replacements in Tunisia to rubble, stop infantry attacks and knock out the Panzer MVI tanks, regarded by the Nazis as one of their most invincible weapons, dispatches from the front stated.

The technique of developing mass production of the paper containers which guard the 105's until they go into action from the mouths of long-nosed howitzers originated in peacetime food packages, such as the cartons commonly used for cocoa, salt and other products. Asked by Washington officials to develop production methods which would assure an adequate source of supply, the American Can Company reports it has delivered almost 100 million of the paper "suits of armor" to hold as many shells to help smash the Axis war machine.

Today, wood pulp has become such an essential war material that the government is sponsoring a campaign to increase the supply.

The Herald, together with many other newspapers in pulpwood producing areas, is cooperating in a campaign to overcome a threatened shortage of 2,500,000 cords. This shortage has come about, not through lack of pulpwood, but due to a heavy demand upon manpower urged by the war effort, so that an urgent appeal is made to farmers to devote three extra days to cutting pulpwood during the remainder of this year. It is estimated that the critical shortage can be averted if enough farmers, woodland owners and woodsmen perform this important patriotic duty of giving as much of their time as possible to cutting pulpwood.

"Pulpwood from a single tree will make enough smokeless powder to fire 35 shells from a 105mm. cannon (Continued on Page Five)

## G. H. Harding Leases Hotel Joseph Hewes

### Haywood Duke and W. G. Malone Are New Owners

G. H. Harding, proprietor of Hotel Joseph Hewes, on Wednesday leased the hotel to Haywood Duke and W. G. Malone, two hotel men who have other hotel interests. The two men have had a great deal of hotel experience, Mr. Duke, who was reared in Elizabeth City, having been manager of King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro for 6½ years. Prior to that time he managed the Carolina Inn at Chapel Hill. He was one of the builders of the Nags Head at Nags Head, which he was the first to manage in 1935.

Mr. Malone has been manager of the Sheraton Hotel at High Point for five years, prior to which he was manager for 10 years of the Hotel Danville at Danville, Va.

That the two men are prominent in hotel circles is reflected in the fact that Mr. Duke is president of the Southern Hotel Association, and Mr. Malone is secretary of the organization.

Mr. Malone will come to Edenton as manager of the Hotel Joseph Hewes, bringing his wife with him on October 1. He is very favorably impressed with the hotel and local prospects, and promises to continue to give Edenton hotel facilities of which the town can be proud.

Mr. Harding plans to retire in an effort to regain his normal health.

## Pre - Pearl Harbor Fathers Subject To Being Reclassified

### Status of Those Essentially Employed Will Not Be Changed

The following statement has been issued by General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service: "Recent directives from national headquarters require the reclassification of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers without regard to their eligibility for a III-A classification. Such registrants who are essential farmers or who are employed in war production or in support of the war effort are in no danger of reclassification. Such registrants whose induction would result in 'extreme hardship and privation' to a wife, parent or child may be deferred for dependency in Class III-D. All other registrants now classified in III-A on account of their family status should not be surprised if they receive notice that they have been reclassified in Class I-A. "The fact that a pre-Pearl Harbor father finds himself in Class I-A does not necessarily mean that he will be inducted immediately. Registrants are divided into four groups and all available men from each group will be inducted before men are selected from the next group. These groups are as follows:

- 1—Men with no dependents.
- 2—Men with collateral dependents, provided such status was acquired prior to December 8, 1941.
- 3—Men who have wives with whom they maintain bona fide family relationships in their homes, provided such relationship was acquired prior to December 8, 1941.
- 4—Men who have children with whom they maintain bona fide family relationships in their homes, provided such relationship was acquired prior to December 8, 1941. (A child born on or before September 14, 1942, should be considered as having been conceived prior to December 8, 1941.

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