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## 17 Candidates Now Entered In Race For Town Offices Primary Election May 6

### Five More Announce Candidacy During Past Week

#### FIVE CONTESTS

### All Incumbents Finally Decide to Seek Return To Office

With five more announcing their candidacy for office in the Town Democratic Primary election May 6, there are now 17 candidates in the field for 10 offices to be filled. Those who have announced they will be candidates since the last issue of The Herald are J. P. Partin, Graham Byrum, W. M. Wilkins, David Holton and W. H. Gardner.

All of the incumbents are now seeking re-election, and at the time The Herald went to press five contests have developed. These are for Mayor, with Mayor Leroy Haskett and former Mayor J. L. Wiggins as candidates.

The contest for First Ward Councilman involves J. Clarence Leary, incumbent, and Frank Holmes. It is Mr. Holmes' first bid for public office. In the Third Ward J. P. Partin, incumbent, is opposed by George Twiddy, while in the Fourth Ward W. M. Wilkins, incumbent, has Clyde Hollowell as an opponent. Both Twiddy and Hollowell are seeking public office for the first time.

For the two offices of Councilman-at-large there are four candidates. The latest to announce for this office is David Holton, who was elected in 1941 and defeated in the 1943 election. The other candidates are W. J. Yates and J. Edwin Buflap, incumbents, and Ed Habit.

Graham Byrum has no opposition for Councilman in the Second Ward, is the case with W. H. Gardner, treasurer and the three members of the Board of Public Works, J. H. Conger, Geddes Potter and O. B. Perry.

## Barter Theatre Will Present "State Of The Union" April 23

### Appearing Under Sponsorship of Junior Woman's Club

Sponsored by the Edenton Junior Woman's Club, the world famous Barter Theatre of Virginia will present the 1946 Pulitzer prize play, "State of the Union," in the Edenton High School auditorium Wednesday night, April 23, at 8:30 o'clock. Permission to present the play has been granted by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse, who won the Pulitzer prize.

The political satire, which ranks with "Life With Father" as one of the finest comedies of the contemporary theatre, was produced by Leland Hayward and opened in New York November 14, 1945. The setting is Washington and New York, and the play satirizes political bosses, lobbyists, isolation publishers and bigots.

"State of the Union" presents situations familiar to those who have followed the political panorama during the last decade or two, and calls big-wigs by their names. In capsule, it tells of the airplane manufacturer who is groomed for the presidency by political bosses, falls for the lures of a woman publisher, but is won back to the people by his faithful wife.

The Barter Theatre, first state theatre in America, is a far cry from the depression inspired experiment that Robert Porterfield, founder and director, launched with a hope and a string bean at Abingdon in 1933.

That was the year Porterfield led 22 hungry and unemployed fellow actors from the inhospitable sidewalks Broadway to the warm hills of his live Virginia highlands. They opened in the old Abingdon municipal auditorium, popularly called "The O' Opera House" (built in 1830) the night of June 10 to a full house and a box office that resembled the corner green grocery. Thus was born the first playhouse to function on the produce exchange basis.

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### Barter Pig



Here Robert Porterfield, founder and director of the Barter Theater of Virginia, is shown with the original "Barter Pig", turned in at the box office in Abingdon for a season ticket in 1933. All royalty hams have come from descendants of this pig. The Barter Theater presents "State of the Union" in the Edenton school auditorium April 23rd. The play is sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club.

## E. H. S. Senior Play Is Scheduled To Be Presented April 18

### Ten Members of Class Casted In "Ready Made Family"

Friday night of next week, April 18, the Senior Class of Edenton High School will present its annual play, "Ready Made Family", a three-act farce-comedy, beginning at 8 o'clock. The play centers around the theme of a widow and a widower who marry, only to find that they are getting themselves "ready made families". The antics performed by the members of these families to prevent the marriage and the surprise twist at the end promise laughs from beginning to end.

This class is the same one which presented another farce-comedy, "Here Comes Charlie", which was very well received last year. B. F. Askew, of the high school faculty, who did a very praise-worthy job of directing last year, is again guiding the students as director. Joyce Moore has been chosen as student director and prompter. Senior class officials who have seen rehearsals thus far predict that this year's play will be as big a hit as was the one last year.

The cast of four men and six women represents the best acting talent of the Senior Class. Those casted are: Beverly Moore, as a handsome widow of 40; Davey Lee Ward, as a good-looking boy of 20; Nelle Perry, playing a pretty young girl of 18; Charlotte Bunch, in the role of a child of 11, of the "Little Iodine" type; Ruth Goodwin, acting the part of a dowdy-looking old maid of 50; Marian Alexander, portraying a vivacious girl of 17; Rodney Harrell, as a good-looking 19-year-old boy; Juanita Harrell, as a typical Negro cook; Melvin Ashley, as a Negro handy man; and Eric Coffield, in the role of a business man-widower of 45.

## Counter Suit

In connection with the Town of Edenton's suit against the Hervey Foundation, the latter, in connection with its answer, has instituted a counter suit in which damages in the amount of \$100,000 are listed.

The Foundation claims it was wrongfully charged in the Town's complaint relative to breach of contract and that because of the suit and appointment of a receiver its credit has been endangered and that loss from profits have resulted.

Business damage is listed at \$75,000 while lost profits are listed at \$25,000 and continued damage of \$10,000 a month as a result of the litigation.

## Student Council Congress Meets In Edenton On Friday

### Theme of Meeting "The Outlook of Youth's Future"

#### GOOD PROGRAM

### Miss Charlotte Bunch Is President of Eastern District

On Friday of this week the eighth annual meeting of the Eastern District of the North Carolina Student Council Congress will be held at the Edenton High School. The theme of the meeting will be "The Outlook of Youth's Future."

Registration of delegates will be in progress from 9 to 11 o'clock in the morning, with the first general business session scheduled to begin at 11 o'clock. Miss Charlotte Bunch is president of the organization and will preside over the meeting. The devotional will be in charge of Davey Lee Ward.

A welcome to Edenton High School will be delivered by Joseph Privott, vice president of the Edenton Student body, while John A. Holmes will also deliver an address of welcome to the visitors.

The principal address for the morning session will be made by J. G. McCracken, superintendent of Elizabeth City schools.

Following Mr. McCracken's address, Miss Bunch will recognize officers, the roll will be called by Martha Winslow of Goldsboro, secretary, who will also read the minutes of the seventh annual Student Council Congress.

Items of business to be considered include the appointment of standing committees by Miss Bunch, nomination of candidates for officers and announcements. This session is scheduled to end at 12:30, and at 12:45 luncheon for official delegates and advisors will be served in the school library.

The second general session will convene at 2 o'clock, which will open with campaign speeches. The delegates will then adjourn to discussion groups where topics in keeping with the theme "The Outlook of Youth's Future" will be presented. Leonard Fulghum of Goldsboro High School and Joe Taylor of the Grainger High School at Kinston will lead the discussions.

Following this phase of the program Eric Coffield, treasurer, will present his report, committees will report and election of officers take place. Final announcements and recognition of new officers will follow with the meeting scheduled to adjourn at 5 o'clock.

Friday night, a dance for the delegates will be staged at the armory. Music will be furnished by an orchestra from East Carolina Teachers College.

President Bunch, Mrs. John Morgan, faculty advisor to the Council, and the Councilors are looking forward to a successful Congress, offering much information which will enable many high schools to more efficiently exercise student self-government.

## ENLISTMENT IN EDENTON CANNON UNIT OF NATIONAL GUARD WILL BEGIN FRIDAY NIGHT IN ARMORY; FULL STRENGTH IS 101

### Annual Payroll Is Estimated at Approximately \$20,000; Wm. P. Jones Commanding Officer And Jesse Harrell First Lieutenant

Cannon Company, 119th Infantry, Third Division of the National Guard has been designated for Edenton by Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts as of April 1, and a recruiting period will begin in the Edenton armory Friday night at 8 o'clock.

William P. (Spec) Jones has been named Captain and commanding officer of the outfit, and Jesse Harrell first lieutenant. In order to be recognized by the Federal Government, the company must have two officers and 30 men, though the full strength of the company is 101 men, made up as follows:

One captain and commanding officer, two first lieutenants, two second lieutenants, one first sergeant, three technical sergeants, four staff sergeants, 10 sergeants, 16 corporals, 11 technicians fourth grade, 11 technicians fifth grade, 29 privates first class and 11 privates.

The age limit is from 18 to 55 and

## Club Women Of 16th District Will Convene In Edenton Thursday

### Mrs. Harriet Pressly of Raleigh Principal Speaker

#### ALL DAY SESSION

### Meet at School House With Lunch Served At Armory

Today (Thursday) the Sixteenth District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will meet in Edenton when State officers and representatives from eight northeastern counties are expected to attend. Counties in the district include Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank and Perquimans.

The meeting will begin at 10:30 this morning in the high school auditorium, with Mrs. C. S. Fairless, chairman of the Sixteenth District, presiding. Singing of "O Worship the King" will open the meeting, followed by invocation by the Rev. H. F. Surratt. Welcome addresses will be delivered by Mrs. W. A. Harrell, president of the Chowan Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and Mayor Leroy Haskett. The response will be made by Mrs. T. C. Perry, president of the Perquimans Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Greetings will then be brought by Mrs. P. P. Gregory, vice president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs; Miss Verna Stanton, assistant State Home Agent, and Mrs. Arthur Green, president of the Sixteenth Federation Women's Clubs. Next a solo will be given by Mrs. Frank Elliott, followed by roll call and minutes and the report of the treasurer, Mrs. C. A. Perry. The group will then sing "Hail Club Women, Crowned Through Service".

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## E.H.S. Debaters Win Triangular Contest

### Go to Greenville April 18 To Compete For District Honors

Edenton High School's debating team won both sides in the triangular debate held Wednesday of last week when the affirmative debaters went out over the Elizabeth City negative team in Hertford and the Edenton negative debaters in Elizabeth City were declared winners over the Hertford affirmative team.

Edenton's affirmative debaters were Marian Alexander and Harold Webb, while upholding the negative side were Susan Thigpen and Peggy White. The query debated was, "Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Provide a Complete System of Compulsory Medical Care to Citizens."

By reason of winning both sides of the debate, the Edenton debaters will go to Greenville Friday of next week to compete for district honors.

## Town Council Officially Calls Election For Edenton Officials Tuesday, May 6th

### Note, Parents!

Parents of white and colored children from six months to six years are asked to bring them to the Health Department on the second floor of the Bank of Edenton or take them to a private physician to be vaccinated for diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough or typhoid fever.

Hours for administering these vaccinations in the Health Department are Fridays from 9 A. M. to noon and Saturdays from 9 A. M. to 12 o'clock noon.

## Mrs. Nathan Dail Names Chairmen In Cancer Drive

### Chowan County's Goal Is Set at \$800; Great Need For Funds

Mrs. Nathan Dail, chairman in Chowan County for the Cancer Drive, this week announced the various chairmen who will have charge of the canvass for funds. The drive will be held the week of April 14-19, during which a goal of \$800 for the county has been set.

Those named by Mrs. Dail to have charge of the canvass are as follows: Mill Village—Clarence Cates.

Rural Section—Miss Rebecca Colwell.

North Edenton—Mrs. William White.

Colored Section—Prof. D. F. Walker.

The town proper, Morris and Pembroke Circles, industries and business houses will be solicited by members of the Junior Woman's Club, sponsors of Chowan's drive.

"Inescapable is the fact that 184,300 Americans will die of cancer in 1947," says Mrs. Dail. "That is 520 every day or one every three minutes. Tragic as those figures are, it is even more appalling to know that on the basis of today's knowledge, 30 to 50 per cent of cancer's victims might be saved through early recognition and prompt treatment. This year 55,000 Americans—some of them probably residents of Chowan County—need not have died had they been aroused to the danger signals of cancer that give first warning."

Mrs. Dail calls attention to the fact that money contributed helps finance research to find the cause of cancer, thus developing new hope for thousands and helps pay for equipment that some day may save many lives.

"During April, the American Cancer Society must raise at least \$12,000,000 to continue the multi-million dollar research program which has already been instituted for the purpose of finding the cause and cure of cancer," says Mrs. Dail. "We dare not delay or halt this work when American lives are at stake."

## A & P Changes To Self Service Store

### Closed Three Days In Order to Make Necessary Alterations

After being closed since Saturday, the local A & P store reopened its doors this (Thursday) morning practically a new store. The establishment was closed in order to make the necessary changes to operate a Self-Service store, by which customers can wait on themselves, go to the cashier and leave without the necessity of waiting for a clerk to attend to their wants.

The entire interior of the store has been renovated and redecorated for the purpose, with merchandise attractively and conveniently displayed, properly priced, so that the customer knows the price of each item purchased.

For this opening of the new Self-Service plan the A & P has a full line of merchandise, some of which is listed in an advertisement appearing on page ten of this issue of The Herald.

### Registrars and Judges Of Election Named To Serve

#### POLLING PLACES

### Registration Books Will Be Open 20 Days Before Election

Town Council Tuesday night officially called a Town election for Tuesday, May 6, and subsequently set up machinery for carrying it out. In the election the following will be elected: Mayor, treasurer, three members of the Board of Public Works, two councilmen-at-large and one councilman from each of the four wards.

The following registrars and judges of election were appointed by the Councilmen from the respective wards:

First Ward—J. J. Long, registrar; H. T. Miller and W. A. Everett, judges of election. Voting place, the Municipal Building.

Second Ward—O. C. Davis, registrar; G. E. Cullipher and C. T. Dougherty, judges of election. Voting place, Court House.

Third Ward—L. S. Byrum, registrar; Sidney Campen and W. H. Parrish, judges of election. Voting place, W. H. Parrish's store.

Fourth Ward—Paul Holoman, registrar; R. L. Ward and Thurston Stallings, judges of election.

Registrars are required to keep the registration books open for the registration of voters at some convenient place 20 days prior to the election.

At Tuesday night's meeting the Councilmen emphasized the fact that to vote in the Town election, it is necessary to be registered on the Town books. There are some voters who are registered on the county books and are of the opinion that this entitles them to vote in a city election. There are two separate sets of books, so that to vote on May 6 a citizen must be registered on the book in either of the four wards.

Town Clerk R. E. Leary on Wednesday morning notified the registrars of their appointment and all have agreed to serve.

## Rev. Lee Sheppard Listed As Speaker For Training Union

### Convention Opens April 18 In Aulander Baptist Church

Among the outstanding speakers on the program of the annual Regional Training Union Convention in Aulander, April 18-19, is the Rev. Lee Sheppard, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh. Mr. Sheppard will preach the annual convention sermon during the Saturday morning session. His subject will be "The Book's Message—Go Ye." Mr. Sheppard is very popular with the Training Union forces of the State and is very active in promoting such work among the Baptist youth. He has been pastor of Pullen Memorial Church for quite a few years and this church would be considered that of the Baptists attending N. C. State College. For this reason he is intimate with the problems and outlook of college students and other youth of the State. This well qualifies him to bring the annual sermon to the

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## Hospital Booster

One of the most enthusiastic boosters for the Chowan County Hospital is I. E. Halsey, who was a patient seven days while undergoing an operation for appendicitis recently. Mr. Halsey is high in praise of his treatment, saying he cannot begin to say what he would like to say in behalf of his treatment on the part of Dr. Frank Wood and the entire staff.

Mr. Halsey says he could not have fared better in every respect in any hospital anywhere.