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W. D. Pruden Named President Chowan Business Men's Group

One Hundred Members Join Much Needed Association

DUES \$1.00 PER YEAR

County Committee Selected to Secure Rural Members

Over one hundred men, 104 to be exact, representing every walk of life in Chowan County gathered in the King's Arms Tavern last Thursday for the purpose of organizing a Business Men's Association. After a delightful meal served by the hotel management J. A. Moore was named temporary chairman and W. H. Gardner, temporary secretary, in order to get the new organization under way.

A few short talks were made to impress upon those present the necessity of a business men's organization in the County, D. M. Warren being the first one to be called. He explained that at present there was no organized body in the County to press claims and to place Edenton and Chowan County in their proper place in the State and nation. Such an organization is needed, said Mr. Warren, if we are to secure things to which the County is entitled.

A motion was made and carried that nine directors be elected, who would name the officers for the association. These nine were as follows: L. W. Belch, J. H. Conger, Fred Wood, D. M. Warren, J. A. Moore, J. A. Webb, E. W. Spires, W. W. Byrum and X. E. Copeland.

This group met Tuesday night and elected the following officers:

President—W. D. Pruden.
Vice President—J. W. Davis.
Secretary—John A. Holmes.
Treasurer—W. H. Gardner.

Mayor E. W. Spires was also called upon for a few remarks and he expressed delight at seeing such a large crowd present, especially those from the rural sections. In his remarks Mr. Spires reiterated the projects received for the County thus far and expressed the opinion that a live business organization would have much weight in securing needed improvements through the President's relief bill.

N. K. Rowell spoke about home life in the County, stressing the need for sanitation, roads and electricity. He urged the County people to join the organization.

W. F. Taylor, County school superintendent, explained conditions in the County schools, and pointed out that many improvements are needed, and for that reason many should line up with the new organization.

A committee was appointed to solicit membership among the rural sections of the County consisting of the following: Z. T. Evans, W. D. Moran, B. W. Evans, W. H. Winborne, Joe Byrum and George Goodwin.

The membership dues was fixed at \$1.00 per year which should result in a large membership, numbers being the important feature of the new organization. Many present at the meeting paid dues and practically all present signed up as members.

Those who have joined the new organization to date are as follows:

H. B. Jones, E. R. Conger, J. E. Peele, J. N. Smith, J. A. Moore, J. H. Holmes, W. H. Winborne, W. W. Byrum, W. A. Everett, R. F. Elliott, W. B. Shepard, W. D. Moran, J. W. Davis, J. H. Byrum, Rev. C. A. Ashby, Mike Kehayas, J. N. Pruden, Gordon Blow, X. E. Copeland, F. P. Wood, Shelton W. Moore, John W. Graham, G. B. Potter, Z. T. Evans, Robert L. Bunch, S. L. Moore, P. S. McMullan, W. P. Jones, L. C. Burton, J. H. Wroton, B. W. Evans, W. H. Parker, J. W. White, W. H. Gardner, R. P. Badham, E. W. Spires, C. E. Kramer, S. Hobowsky, W. S. Griffin, C. H. Barber, Earl Goodwin, M. W. Jackson, Geo. S. Goodwin, J. N. Oglesby, W. J. Daniels, P. T. Owens, Ben M. Ganderson, L. S. Byrum, J. Clarence Leary, J. E. Debnam, L. B. Williams, W. I. Hart, T. C. Byrum, C. M. Kavanaugh, Chas. H. Wood, J. M. Vall, D. M. Warren, Chas. P. Wales, J. H. Conger, O. B. Perry, J. J. Jackson, W. J. Yates, A. G. Byrum, J. E. Wood, T. W. Jones, O. H. Brown, W. J. Taylor, R. B. Hollowell, Jr., J. G. Wood, W. M. Wilkins, J. A. Webb, C. E. Byrum, A. S. Smith, T. B. Smith, W. D. Holmes, J. H. McMullan, W. S. Privott, E. T. Rawlinson, A. S. Hollowell, J. E. Bufflap, M. F. Bond, Jr., Chas. G. Conger, F. W. Hobbs, R. E. Leary, W. C. Mason, G. M. Byrum, Thos. Chears, Wade H. Jordan, John L. Spruill, I. D. Layden, G. A. Helms, Chas. D. Stewart, N. D. Dalk, N. K. Rowell, J. G. Campen, T. E. Parker

Chowan School Ready For Commencement

Members of the faculty and students of the Chowan High School are now busily engaged in preparations for activities in connection with the closing of school.

Arrangements are now completed for the Junior-Senior banquet which will be held Saturday night, April 27. Class Night will be observed Friday night, May 3rd, at 8 o'clock.

The baccalaureate sermon, which will be preached by Rev. M. O. Stephenson, pastor of the Center Hill Methodist Church, will take place on Sunday night, May 5th.

The final function of commencement will be the graduating exercises to be held Monday night, May 6th, the principal speaker for which has not yet been secured.

Merry Hill School Has Perfect Dental Report

The Merry Hill school has made an outstanding record in that it is numbered among the three schools of the State that have reported a 100 per cent dental examination and necessary work done, according to the dentist in charge.

The Merry Hill High School claims the further distinction of being the only high school in the State having a 100 per cent average in this work. Dr. A. C. Earley of Aulander has had charge of the examinations and dental work which required about 10 days.

Funeral Wednesday For Marjorie Boyce

Marjorie Boyce, 16 year old member of the Chowan High School senior class of 1935, died Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Boyce, near Sign Pine, Chowan County.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Center Hill Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. Frank Cale, officiating. Interment followed in the family burying ground at Center Hill.

Besides her parents, the deceased is survived by one brother, Ernest. She is the niece of M. L. Bunch, Register of Deeds.

W. M. MORGAN OF HERTFORD CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY

W. M. Morgan, of Hertford, who is well-known in Chowan County, is celebrating his 21st anniversary in business in Hertford during the next 30 days. Attractive prices are being offered which will be seen in a double page advertisement in this issue of The Herald.

Mrs. John Hollowell Leads In Herald's Subscription Contest

No Candidate, However, Has Prize Cinched; Interest Increasing Throughout Territory; Still Time to Enter

HERE'S HOW THEY STAND

Now is the time to subscribe with your favorite candidate—your subscription may be the one needed to put them over the top.

Mrs. John W. Hollowell, Edenton Route 1	433,000
Miss Sara Lee Hobbs, Edenton	430,000
Mrs. K. R. Winslow, Hobbsville R. F. D.	415,000
Miss Bernice Williams, Edenton	335,000
Miss Sue Doris Smithwick, Merry Hill	305,000
Mrs. Bessie Allen, Colerain	225,000
Miss Dorothy Moore, Edenton	225,000
Miss Bernice Dail, Edenton Route 2	125,000
Miss Elizabeth White, Center Hill	125,000
Miss Sue Martin Capehart, Scotch Hall	5,000

With public interest increasing daily in The Chowan Herald's Expansion Campaign, candidates for the splendid prizes which The Herald has so generously offered should take advantage of the high votes schedule during this period to boost themselves into a winning position.

Naturally, everyone likes to help a winner, and candidates who put themselves well up at the top of the list now will be accorded much of the voluntary support which is always accorded a winner. Make your report Saturday such that you will be assured of being well up in the list.

While the last few days have shown an increase in activity and interest, there is still plenty of room

New Sheriff Named By Commissioners

A special meeting of the Chowan County Commissioners will be held Thursday morning for the purpose of naming a sheriff to fulfill the unexpired term of 20 months of Sheriff C. A. Boyce. Several names were under consideration by the Commissioners prior to the meeting, but The Herald, going the press Wednesday night, was unable to learn at that time who would be appointed.

R. D. Dixon Ready For CMTC Applicants

Richard D. Dixon has again been appointed to receive applications in Chowan County for the Citizens Military Training Camp, and on Wednesday morning received the proper forms for this work. This camp is held at Fort Bragg, and Mr. Dixon urges any young man in the County under 17 years of age who desires to attend to file his application as soon as possible as the quota is limited this year due to a reduction in the appropriation.

Four courses are given at Fort Bragg, after completion of which the graduates are eligible to take examination for lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps. The camp lasts 30 days and furnishes, besides army discipline a variety of sports, instructions and various worthwhile activities.

Club Leaders Meet At Penelope Barker

A Club Leaders school was held Wednesday in the Penelope Barker Hotel when Miss Willie N. Hunter, of Raleigh, State Clothing Specialist, conducted the sessions to which club leaders of the County were present. Attendance was somewhat affected due to the sudden death of Sheriff C. A. Boyce, necessitating a change in the meeting place, as well as the funeral of Miss Marjorie Boyce, in the County.

SLIGHT SNOW TUESDAY

Edenton and this section experienced a cold snap the fore part of this week following a series of heavy rains. Slight snow flurries occurred throughout the County on Tuesday morning, W. J. Daniels, rural mail carrier, running into three separate snowfalls while on his mail route.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is desired.

MUCH COMMENT HEARD RELATIVE TO DISPOSAL CHOWAN COURT HOUSE

John Sprunt Hill of Durham Would Make Museum

Many inquiries have been made during the past week as to the identity of the philanthropist who desires to restore the old court house here to its 1767 interior shape for use as a museum of history. While the County Commissioners made no secret of the matter following their April 1 meeting, there seemed to be as much conjecture about it, it was deemed temporarily unwise to go further into it than the HERALD did in its last issue.

The Charlotte Observer and other State papers have discussed the project both in their news and editorial columns, and for that reason there can be no harm in mentioning the name of John Sprunt Hill, of Durham, as the one whose money is said to be behind the restoration. Mr. Hill and Senator Lloyd E. Griffin, who is a great enthusiast in getting the court house back into old time form, have had a number of conferences on the matter, and it is to Mr. Griffin who Mr. Hill has said he was much interested and would do what he could.

Transfer of the court house into a museum would necessitate a new court house property, and it is this phase of it which the Commissioners will likely make decision on May 6. However, it is cautiously advisable to await further developments. Certainly no one would want the court house to be abandoned as such for a museum except the return be commensurate with the transfer.

The news story in the Charlotte Observer with an editorial in the same paper endorsing the idea follow:

"From a restoration viewpoint Edenton, fountainhead of colonial history, stands a good chance of being the Williamsburg of North Carolina, and John Sprunt Hill, the wealthy Durham philanthropist, the John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of the same commonwealth.

"Mr. Hill is said to have let it be known he is deeply interested in the ancient history of this quaint old town, and has expressed a willingness to take a flyer in making some points of Edenton what they were back in the middle 1700's. One thing Mr. Hill wants particularly to do, so Edenton understands, is to restore the old Chowan County court house in the State, and one of the nation's architectural gems.

"Not only does Mr. Hill want to restore the place to its 1767 shape but he would ask payment in the nature of a deed for the edifice so he could turn it over to the Daughters of the American Revolution as a "John Sprunt Hill Museum of History of the Albemarle."

"This would mean Chowan County would have to get another court house, and the defunct Citizens National Bank building here, which could be bought for a song, has been offered to the County Commissioners for that purpose. The Commissioners are considering both proffers and will announce a decision at their next meeting May 6.

"Besides the court house Edenton prizes its Cupola House not far from the water front, its old St. Paul's Church, and its dream of what its renowned Tea Party folks housed themselves in just before the Revolution."

This is the Observer editorial:

"Eastern North Carolina is rich in colonial history and the pity is that the people there and here have had so little care in the matter of preserving historical buildings. It is an extremely interesting proposition said to be under contemplation by John Sprunt Hill for restoration of the ancient Edenton court house. This might be the beginning of a move that would eventually mark restoration of ancient Edenton on a scale somewhat similar to that at Williamsburg. Then there's Roanoke Island standing today as a monument to present and past generations—neglect of intensity in historical opportunity. The Observer entertains the hope that Mr. Hill is really interested. If he should make start of the sort, it would eventually bring historic Eastern North Carolina to the front."

Sudden Death Sheriff Boyce Shocks County

Bertie Sends Large Delegation To Edenton

A delegation of upwards of 50 men from Bertie County, hailing from Colerain, Ahsokie and towns along the route, arrived in Edenton Friday about noon for a conference with Julien Wood, member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, seeking a hard surfaced road from Colerain to Ahsokie. The meeting was held in the Municipal building with Dr. L. A. Nowell, of Colerain, speaking for the delegation.

It was pointed out that this particular road was promised by E. B. Jeffress, former chairman of the Highway Commission and also that a large number of Bertie residents as well as many business firms would greatly benefit from the hard surfaced road. The distance, approximately 16 miles, serves as a feeder for 18 roads coming in from a thickly populated and rich farming section of the county, and members of the delegation felt that they were entitled to the improved road.

Mr. Wood admitted the merit of their request and assured the delegation that he would present the matter at the next meeting of the Highway Commission.

High School Nine Plays Chowan College Today

The Edenton High School baseball team's game with Chowan College which was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon was postponed on account of cold weather and instead was slated to take place this afternoon on the local diamond. To date the Edenton team has won all of the games played, taking two victories from Columbia High School and easily defeating Williamston on Monday.

The Chowan College team is reported to be a strong aggregation and will most likely furnish a real test of the strength of the Edenton team.

Last Thursday the locals journeyed to Columbia and returned with the long end of a 2-0 score. The game was very well played, both teams giving good support to their pitchers, who were engaged in a pitching duel. Davis, of Edenton, allowed only two hits, while Alexander, of Columbia, yielded three safe blows.

On Monday afternoon the Edenton team completely outclassed the boys from the Williamston High School in a seven inning game by a score of 14 to 2. The game, played in a cool breeze, lacked enthusiasm and was of little interest. Wozelka, in the box for Edenton, had the situation well in hand, but was relieved by Davis in the last inning.

Edenton had a merry-go-round in the second inning, scoring nine runs before the side was retired, Coach House's boys securing base hits almost at will.

The batteries were: Edenton, Wozelka and Davis and Spruill and Cates; Williamston, Strawbridge and Shaw.

Special Services In Local Churches Easter

Easter Day services will be featured Sunday in all the local churches.

At the Methodist church, where services have been held nightly this week, there will be a special Sunrise Service Sunday morning and a Resurrection pageant in the evening, with special Easter music.

At St. Paul's, where Lenten twilight services have been conducted each late afternoon for the past forty days, a special song service will be offered at 7:30 and 11:00 A. M., with the observance of the Holy Communion. A special Sunday School celebration will be held at 4:30 P. M.

In the Baptist Church Easter singing will be similarly featured at both services.

Large Crowd Expected At Midnight Dance

Plans are completed for the Easter midnight dance which will be held in the Armory starting at midnight on Sunday, April 21st. Music for the dance will be furnished by Dick Pollock and his orchestra from Rocky Mount.

According to those in charge of the dance a large crowd is expected to be on hand, invitations having been sent to dance-goers in this section.

Popular Official Stricken While Making Fire Tuesday

LARGE FUNERAL

Friends From Whole County Crowd Baptist Church

The entire citizenship of Chowan County was grievously saddened and shocked on Tuesday last to learn of the sudden and totally unexpected death of one of its foremost friends, Sheriff Carroll A. Boyce. Strong, erect and rugged, and in perfect previous health this earnest man and faithful official, had arisen to make a fire against the chilling morning blasts. As he bent over the stove his sight peculiarly failed him.

"There is something the matter with my eyes, dear," he called to his wife, adding "What I see seems to be of somewhere else," as if an inspired vision of the future had been his deserved privilege.

Mrs. Boyce helped him to a couch and at once summoned Dr. M. P. Whichard, but before he could reach the Boyce home the sheriff was dead.

This was around 7:30 o'clock and judging from the telephonic inquiries coming into the court house within an hour afterward news of the death had spread about the county with amazing rapidity, and great was the regret everywhere.

A detailed obituary outlining the life and career of this fine gentleman and sheriff may not be necessary, as probably more residents of Chowan, in fact the whole Albemarle, had an intimate and lasting acquaintance with and knowledge of the man. It may be said, however, that he was born in the Yeppim section of the county about 44 years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Boyce, surviving. His education was acquired in the public schools and was followed by varied positions in the clerical and salesmanship lines. Later on the sheriff joined the local branch of the National Guard and responded eagerly when called to service on the Mexican border in 1916. A slight wound there and he came back to Edenton to reenlist, this time for war service in France.

In the Argonne sector he was wounded again and gassed. Others may have worn the Distinguished Service Medal, the Croix de Guerre and such symbols, but the little insignia of the Order of the Purple Heart, ordered by George Washington soon after the Battle of Germantown to be given out somewhat along the same line as the famed Legion of Honor price of France, was held in great value by Sheriff Boyce. It was bestowed upon him upon his return to these shores and those who have heard of some of his life secrets know it was never apart from his body.

Coming back from France Sheriff Boyce tried out life insurance salesmanship for awhile but thought little of the opportunity it afforded, and started selling automobiles instead. This was more to his active, nervous liking, but politics coaxed him away from all else and his County popularity was soon demonstrated. In 1932 he ran for sheriff, having seven opponents and defeating them all with ease. He was re-elected for a second term last year and was sworn in again December 1, having served about four months of this term when fatally stricken.

His church relationships showed him an ardent and enthusiastic Baptist with which denomination he identified himself as a lad. He quickly interested himself in Sunday School life, and, big hearted boy he was, got behind a large bass horn in the Sunday School choir. The Sunday morning before his death he sat on the front seat by the side of Bible Class teacher Lloyd E. Griffin and gave rapt attention to the Senator's talk on the Divinity of Christ. His departures from church took on the nature of Sabbath receptions as he was stopped and greeted on all sides, his ever happy smile making these greetings particularly agreeable.

Those who recalled the sheriff remember him as he was, a big, powerful, broad shouldered happy friend to humanity. It is said he never made an enemy and that even those with whom his official life brought an undesired contact had been gladdened by their acquaintance with him. High in Masonic circles he was known throughout the State and his membership in the local Rotary Club, the

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