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## Tyrrell Case Be Tried In Next Chowan Court

### Aged Colored Couple Granted Change of Venue

#### CONCERNS FARM Action Result of Farm Sold For Fertilizer Bill

A change of venue from Tyrrell County to the Chowan County Superior Court has been granted in the action of Ellen Hill and Charles W. Hill, aged colored couple, versus the Albemarle Fertilizer Company, Inc., of Elizabeth City, and also involves W. S. Carawan, of Columbia, and the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C.

The action involves the 480-acre farm, known as the Ben Hassell place, which the Hills had acquired, and which is located near Columbia. H. S. Ward of Washington, N. C., and P. H. Bell, Negro barrister of Plymouth, brought the suit for the Hills.

The action originated five years back in a purchase of fertilizer, followed by note transactions and, in clearance of the notes, a mortgage on the farm for \$1,600 to the fertilizer company on which \$600 was paid, with later foreclosure and sale to the fertilizer company that held the trust deed, its officer being trustee. Private sale was then made by the fertilizer company to W. S. Carawan, agent for the company, and he, it is claimed in the papers, secured on the property a loan of \$8,000 from the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C.

According to the answer filed, Mr. Carawan paid taxes, and made considerable improvements on the farm before securing the loan from the land bank.

The colored couple are suing for the return of the farm, and asked the case to be transferred to Chowan County for trial which was accordingly done, the proper papers having been received by Clerk of Court R. D. Dixon.

### Two Cases Disposed Of In Court Tuesday

Two cases confronted Judge J. N. Pruden Tuesday morning in Recorder's Court when Roy Forehand was haled before the court on a charge of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor and larceny of an automobile, and Eugene White, colored, was charged with breaking into Tom Walker's store.

Forehand was found guilty of the first charge and sentenced to 60 days on the roads, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$50 and costs, his driving license revoked for 12 months and showing good behavior for the same time.

White pleaded guilty to the house-breaking charge and was held over for Superior Court.

### Local Doctors Attend Reunion Of Classes

Dr. M. P. Whichard and Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., left Edenton Tuesday for Baltimore, Md., where they will attend their respective class reunions of the University of Maryland. It will be the tenth reunion of Dr. Hart's class, while Dr. Whichard's class will celebrate its 25th reunion.

While in Baltimore Dr. Whichard will also attend a clinic and undergo an examination for sinus trouble.

### Club Women Sponsor Special Supplement

A special Home Demonstration Club supplement to The Herald will be issued on Thursday, June 13, plans for which are now underway. This effort on the part of club members is in charge of Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan home agent, and from advance indications the special supplement will be a creditable edition, containing timely club information of general interest.

The advertising committee has already secured a number of advertisements to appear in this issue and this work will continue next week. Aside from going to every Herald subscriber this special supplement will be distributed by club workers to members of the various clubs.

The club women urge merchants and business men to cooperate with them in their latest venture.

## COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS NAMED FOR NEXT SESSION

Pearly Baumgardner Will Return as Principal at Chowan High School

The County Board of Education at a special meeting Monday appointed the following district and advisory committees for the Chowan administrative unit.

The advisory committee do not elect teachers, but advises with the district committee in recommending teachers and have oversight of the school property for their particular school. The advisory committees are as follows: Chowan High School—E. G. Blanchard, J. L. Savage, and J. C. Byrum; Beech Fork School—John S. Bunch, Stillman Leary, and Mark Bunch; Oak Grove School—J. N. Smith, Calvin Haste, and A. M. Harrell; Gum Pond School—Lewis Smith, L. A. Bunch, and C. M. Evans; Center Hill School—N. Bunch, E. C. Perry and Jesse Bunch; Elmo—C. E. Asbell, E. D. Byrum, and T. D. Boyce.

The district committee is charged with selection of teachers, same being approved by the County Superintendent and the Board of Education. The district committee is composed of B. W. Evans, Dewey Berryman, and J. H. Byrum.

The following teachers have been selected for approval:

**White Schools**  
Chowan High School: Marjorie Hefren, English, History and French; E. C. Woodard, Science and Mathematics; P. L. Baumgardner, principal, Mathematics and History; Marian Fiske, English, French and History; Lois Savage, First Grade; May Belle Edwards, Second Grade; Eunice Hobbs, Third Grade; Mrs. Nora Lane Boyce, Fourth Grade; Myra Bunch, Fifth Grade; Mrs. Evelyn Blow, Public School Music.  
Center Hill: Mrs. Mary Nixon and Miss Virginia Cale.  
Beech Fork: Miss Mary Lee Copeland.

**Colored Schools**  
Center Hill: Mrs. Alethia J. Edwards.  
Britts: Edith Jane Bonner.  
Hudson Grove: Rosa Howcutt and Virginia Anderson.  
Green Hall: Mrs. Delilah Satterfield and Chas. L. Fayton.  
Warren's Grove: Mrs. Naomi Blount Hicks and Mrs. S. J. V. Ethe-ridge.

**White Oak:** William H. Creecy, Tinnie Jernigan and Harriett Louise Futrell.

### Vacation Bible School Has Closing Exercises

Quite a number of parents and friends were present in the Methodist Church Tuesday night when the commencement exercises of the daily vacation Bible school were held. The program was very interesting, the pupils, about 40 of them, demonstrating some of the things learned during the school.

These children have been meeting daily for a little over a week under the direction of Mrs. W. F. Walters, Mrs. G. A. Helms, and Mrs. Wayland Moore, who were assisted in the various groups by Mrs. S. X. Stephenson, Mrs. Franklin Britton, and Evelyn Brown. The school was the outgrowth of the recent visit of Mrs. H. M. Wade, who conducted a Bible school training institute in the local church.

### Increased Interest In Housing Plan

Washington D. C.—Farmers in all parts of the United States are showing increased interest in the modernization credit plan of the Federal Housing Administration, according to reports from field representatives in the rural areas.

Both interior and exterior repairs to homes lead the work now being done, according to the reports, although barns, poultry houses, granaries, machine sheds and other buildings involved in efficient production are not being neglected.

### Masonic Meeting In Williamston June 12

A meeting of the second district will be held in Williamston Wednesday night, June 12, at 7:30 o'clock, according to information received here from S. E. Phelps, district deputy grand master. A number of local Masons plan to attend the meeting.

### LEGION MEETS TUESDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of Edenton Post, American Legion, will be held Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock.

A few very important matters will come up for discussion and Commander W. W. Byrum urges every member to be present.

## Mayor E. W. Spires Endorses Better Housing Program Here

The first impression gained by visitors is usually a lasting one. Edenton has been the recipient of many complimentary expressions upon the cleanliness, neatness and beauty of our town by tourists and other travelers in our midst, for which we have a right to feel very proud.

However, there is always room for improvement. Painting, renovations, alterations and enlargement of homes not only adds to the beauty of our community and reduces unemployment in the building trades but also will relieve the acute housing problem now extant. Moreover, it will impress visitors with the fact that we have civic pride and are enjoying a measure of returning prosperity.

With the back-bone of the depression definitely broken, we can well afford to face the future with a full measure of confidence. Our forefathers who hewed a nation for us out of a forest literally swarming with hostile savages faced with determination many hardships far greater than those endured by us for the past few years. Their accomplishments is a challenge to us.

Therefore, it is with genuine pleasure that I give my unreserved indorsement to the drive which is being instituted in Edenton commencing on June 1st by the Federal Housing Administration through the efforts of Field Representative J. H. McMullan, County Chairman O. H. Brown and a corps of workers, and to express the confident hope that our people will take full advantage of this excellent opportunity.

E. W. SPIRES, Mayor.

### School Boards Meet With Commissioners

Following information relative to the method of disbursing the Federal government's \$4,800,000,000 relief fund, both the city and county school boards met with the County Commissioners Wednesday morning to discuss the procedure to be taken in securing adequate school facilities, projects for which were submitted when the Chowan planning board was formed.

John A. Holmes, who is thoroughly conversant with the school problem, presented the matter and after a thorough explanation asked that the County Commissioners pass a resolution authorizing the school boards to make an application to the PWA board for a new high school in Edenton and alternations made to the present building. The plan will also call for additions to the colored school.

At Chowan the plan calls for rebuilding the school, including a gymnasium and water and sewerage disposal system.

The County Commissioners unanimously passed the resolution, which, however, does not commit the Commissioners at all but gives the schools a chance to get on the eligible list, and if the project is accepted then the Commissioners will have the opportunity to accept or reject the proposition of government aid.

### Local Boy Scouts Play Game Of Baseball

The Boy Scouts of the Edenton troop played an inter-troop game of baseball Monday afternoon in which no little amount of interest prevailed among the boys. The team made up of the Panther and Flying Eagle patrols defeated the Beaver and Wolf aggregation 16 to 7.

The Scouts left Wednesday morning and returned Thursday morning after enjoying an all night hike which was for the tenderfoot boys who passed their test. The regular meeting will be held Friday night in the Scout cabin, to which all Scouts are urged to be present.

## Two Of Edenton's Cannon Blown To Pieces In 1890

### Investigation by Mrs. W. A. Graham Reveals Information That Famous Cannon Were Thrown From Train at Hillsboro

More light this week has been shed on the whereabouts of at least two of the cannon which were made from the metal of the Edenton bells during the Civil War and about which right much publicity has been given in recent days, the last report being that they were resting on the bottom of Eno River at Hillsboro.

Mrs. W. A. Graham recently returned from a visit to Hillsboro, where she spent no little time and energy in tracing any information available regarding the cannon and in the course of which she conversed with a number of old residents of that section whose recollection is quite clear in reference to the cannon.

Mrs. Graham, in her investigation, has learned that two of the Edenton cannon were thrown from a train where the railroad crosses the bridge at the Hillsboro depot, landing in a deep ravine which empties into Eno river. It is thought that possibly at the time the river had overflowed its banks and the cannon were thrown overboard when it became apparent that they might be captured by the Federal troops. The cannon, according to Mrs. Graham, remained in the ravine, obscured from view by pine trees for a number of years after the War closed, and subsequently were

### Swimming Allowed At Fish Hatchery

W. S. Vincent, superintendent of the U. S. Fish Hatchery, out of consideration for the pleasure of local swimmers, will allow swimming at the fish hatchery during certain hours this summer provided certain rules are observed. In commenting on the matter Mr. Vincent issued the following statement to The Herald:

"I have been implored regarding the privilege of swimming at the Fish Hatchery and have decided to grant permission under certain restrictions which if not strictly observed, will be withdrawn.

"Beginning with June 1, swimming will be permitted from 4:00 P. M., to 7:00 P. M. only; providing one comes dressed for swimming. No one must interfere with any equipment of the Hatchery, such as boats, etc., nor overrun the buildings.

"The Bureau can not afford the policing of the grounds, therefore, these restrictions must be observed. The grounds are not public in every sense of the word, and order and quietness must be observed."

### Edenton's Poppy Day A Complete Success

Poppy Day was a complete success in Edenton Saturday when the 500 poppies ordered by the Auxiliary of the American Legion were sold before noon. In fact quite a few of the poppies were turned in and resold, the sale netting \$37.10, which was a larger amount than was realized from the sale last year.

The Auxiliary members were very well pleased with the response made by interested citizens and desire to thank all for their cooperation.

### TWO LICENSES TO WED ISSUED

Register of Deeds Maurice L. Bunch on Saturday issued a marriage license to Milton Jordan and Irma Holley, colored, of Chowan County. A license was also issued Monday night to Alford Mayo and Martha Holley, also colored, of Chowan County.

## LARGE CROWDS EXPECTED TO SEE FIREMEN'S PLAY

Two Presentations of "Black-Eyed Susan" Given Thursday and Friday Nights

The Edenton public will see the first performance of the Firemen's show "Black-Eyed Susan" at the Edenton High School auditorium with the curtain rising promptly at 8:15 tonight (Thursday). The second performance will be given Friday night at the same time. Besides the main show there will be added attractions before the show and between the acts. Miss Mary Simpson, of Elizabeth City, will appear in a song and dance number and a quartette composed of Claude Evans, Jim Lassiter, Jim Daniels and George Lassiter, which will sing at the 60th Anniversary of the Shenandoah Conservatory at Dayton, Va., will render several numbers on Friday night. Music between the acts and before the show will be furnished by Floars' orchestra.

With "Epe" Debnam and Dorothy Moore in the cast the success of a show is secured. They are both seasoned actors and have a well-rounded supporting cast. Frank Holmes in the role of the absent-minded professor is unusually good. He and Dorothy Moore are cast together. Mrs. Rupert Goodwin who plays one of the old maids has given a splendid portrayal and promises to be very good. With her is William E. Bond who not only gives an excellent performance but sings one of the title songs of the show. Frank Hughes and Marjorie Sawyer play the black-faced comedy parts of Uncle Ed and Mandy. Eleanor Small, Marjorie Powell, Myrtle Parks, each are well cast and have done some very good work in their roles. The others in the main cast are Dick Goodwin, Jack Satterfield, and John F. White. Mrs. John F. White will be "Black-Eyed Susan."

Not the least of the attractions of the show will be the excellent accompanying of Mrs. Gordon Blow. There are ten song hits, all of which have special chorus arrangements. The show will open with the Flower parlour. The theme song of it is "The Song of the Gardens." The girls in this part of the show are Sarah Edith Oliver, Virginia Moore, Mary Ellen Moore, Emily Howard, Elizabeth Moran, Corinne Forehand, Catherine Reeves, Pauline Moore, Doris Jean Leary, Ruth Byrum, Joyce Wood, Helen Carter, Josephine Mills, Lois Reich, Betsy Wood, Betsy Goodwin, Ruth Goodwin, Joyce Brunson, Mary Dale Spry, Charlotte Bunch, Carolyn Elliott, Lillian Byrum, and Margaret Ann Mansfield.

The other choruses are composed of Evelyn Spruill, Margaret Satterfield, Mary Cates, Margaret Spires, Orpha Cozart, Sarah Elizabeth White, Arlene Jackson, Dolly Spencer, Myrtle Spruill, Ethelyn Everett, Foy Cozart, Ann Hinton Davis, Lena Smith, Maude Miller, Evelyn Brown, Sarah Ellen Goodwin, Jennie Ruth MsAlly, Juanita Hayman, Ike Byrum, Bill Cozart, Mike Byrum, and John Hassell. The members of the Garden Club who appear in the first act are Helen Goodwin, Annie Mason Cobb, Kathleen Barrow, and Mrs. James Taylor.

The stage will be beautifully decorated, which work will be done under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Davis. Reserved seats are on sale at Leggett and Davis' Drug Store. The doors to the auditorium will be opened at 7:30. The show is good and it is for a good cause. Let's support it, Edenton.

### Ladies Seek Better Road To Cemetery

The ladies of the Cemetery Association are up in arms over the condition of the road to the cemetery as well as the unsightly city trash pile near the city limits. The ladies have been discussing among themselves just what can be done to remedy the situation, the suggestion having been made that shrubbery be planted along the road to hide the dumping grounds which have become quite conspicuous while on the way to the cemetery.

The road beyond the city limits is badly torn up, the many holes in the roadbed making the journey to the cemetery very rough.

This piece of road sometime ago was repaired by the city street department, but since has become in a bad state of repair. As to the road beyond the city limits, an official of the city stated to The Herald that he didn't feel that Town Council would be justified in spending city tax-payers' money to repair a road not in the incorporated limits.

The ladies are willing to cooperate and do all in their power to remedy the situation and in all probability the Association will be represented at the next meeting of Town Council and the County Commissioners to request something to be done about the matter.

## Campaign For Better Housing Is Under Way

### Corps of Canvassers Begin Work Next Week

#### OFFICE RENTED Campaign Under Supervision of Edgar Rea

Edgar Rea has been appointed supervisor of the Chowan County Better Housing Campaign, his office being in the old postoffice building next to the Bank of Edenton. Organization of the Chowan unit has now been effected and work on this program will get under way next week when canvassers will make a house-to-house canvass to determine the building needs of city property. A canvass of the county will likewise be made at a later date.

All information will be brought to Mr. Rea's office by the canvassers where it will be taken down and classified, and will be available to the public in general interested in supplies and work. The office will also furnish information as to securing loans for building and repairing, and will furnish the proper blanks for this purpose.

J. H. McMullan, field representative for Eastern North Carolina was in Edenton this week assisting in the organization of the Chowan Unit, and work in this phase of government relief is expected to be well under way by next week. O. H. Brown is Chowan County chairman, having been named at a meeting of interested business men a few weeks ago.

Mr. McMullan in explaining the function of the Federal Housing Administration said:

"Embodying two phases under separate titles, the housing act is designed to encourage both the repairing and the building phases of home ownership.

"Title one deals with modernization and improvement and title two with financing a new home or refinancing an existing home.

"Loans made under title one are character loans, with no mortgage being required. Applications for these loans are received at the Bank of Edenton here. However, manufacturers of building materials will make the loan if the borrower buys one fourth of his material from them. Application for loans from manufacturers should be made with their dispensers.

"Loans of from \$1 to \$2,000 are made, with five per cent discount. Payment is made in monthly installments, and the borrower is given from one to five years in which to repay the loan.

"For instance, on a \$1,000 one year loan, the borrower would receive \$950 and pay back \$1,000 in 12 monthly installments. In this way, the home owner gets the advantage of being able to pay cash instead of credit prices for material used in repairs.

"Loans under title one are made for any kind of a building, located at any place.

"Loans under title two are made only on home property, located in urban communities. However, loans may be made for apartments designed to house up to four families, and a builder may secure a loan to build any number of houses for personal use, sale or rent, provided the real estate market is favorable to more houses. Loans are made up to 80 per cent of the appraised value of the property. The maximum amount allowed is \$10,000.

### No, No Bounty Paid For Blue Eagle Head

Richard D. Dixon, clerk of Superior court to whom was given authority by the Department of Conservation and Development to pay bounties for heads of destructive birds and animals, struck a snag this week.

"Hello," came a voice to Mr. Dixon over the phone, "are you still paying a bounty for the heads of birds?"

"No, I'm sorry," said the clerk of court, "that fund has all been paid out."

"Well, I'm some kind of sorry," was the reply. "I wanted to bring in the head of the Blue Eagle and collect some money on it."

The conversation was the outcome of the Supreme Court's ruling against the NRA, and Mr. Dixon hurriedly hung up the receiver.