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Prospects Bright To Get Loan From WPA

Application Sent to Local Government Commission

TIME SHORT

Chowan's Request For \$267,722 In State Schedule

Renewed activity looking toward the establishment and construction of new town and county high schools was evidenced on Wednesday following a conference between Principal John A. Holmes and County Superintendent W. J. Taylor. Acting in accordance with the written suggestion of Dr. H. G. Baity, acting State director of the PWA, they have again forwarded their application for federal loans, totaling \$267,722, to the Local Government Commission at Raleigh, and once approval is secured there—an approval believed to be but perfunctory—the loans seem assured.

This being true the PWA grants will be made contiguous upon assurance from the Chowan County Commissioners that they will ratify a bond issue equaling 45 per cent of the monies advanced by the government. This issue will stand in the form of an assurance to the government that its amount will be returned at the end of 40 years. The Commissioners have given no intimation as yet how they will consider the matter, but the schoolmen feel that some action will have to be taken by the Commissioners at their September meeting next Monday.

Mr. Holmes and Mr. Taylor have already made several trips to Raleigh in behalf of the school loans, and on each occasion have been encouraged at each department visited. They felt they already had had a verbal approval from the Local Government Commission to which such matters must be formally approved, but Dr. Baity's letter of Tuesday indicated this would have to be in writing, and forwarded to him to go along with the rest of the papers in the application.

Reports from Raleigh as featured prominently in Wednesday's newspapers state that Dr. Baity has already scheduled Chowan's request total, and that this helps to make up a State aggregate of \$13,881.71 for PWA projects in North Carolina. While four-fifths of the other Carolina counties are favorably scheduled for loans for other projects than schools, the \$267,722 from Chowan for a school here and another at the Cross Roads seems to be the only cataloguing of possible advances to this county. Originally last March the total of work wished for in this county was up around the \$2,000,000 mark but apparently it has dwindled to the sole issue of schools.

Another Wednesday newspaper story has it that both the PWA and the WPA at Raleigh are planning a vigorous campaign to hurry up more requests for federal moneys. It is expressed that "warnings" have been sent out to county and town officials that the "opportunities" for "cheap" and "free" federal money for all sorts of improvements will be closed within a few days, and that by September 7 such applications must be in Washington.

The same story has it that a "Whirlwind campaign" by "flying squadrons" will be sent out at once to "awaken" towns and counties to the chance they may be avoiding if they do not put in applications immediately. It is stated that Dr. Baity desires to have the North Carolina total run up as high as \$30,000,000 instead of less than one-half of that amount as at present.

Masons Urged Attend Regular Meet Tonight

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight in the court house. A large attendance is urged due to the fact that a short program will be rehearsed to be presented Thursday night, September 5, when a delegation from the local lodge will visit the lodge at Wanchese. About 20 Edenton Masons are planning to make the trip.

DIES IN SANATORIUM

A telegram was received Monday from Sanatorium announcing the death of Ed Harrell, colored tenant on the farm of George Wood. Harrell was a tuberculosis victim and had been sent to the sanatorium by the county about two weeks ago.

Quick Action Needed To Get WPA Money

The following telegram was received Wednesday afternoon by The Herald from E. S. Askew, Works Progress Administrator director of District No. 1, which shows the importance of quick action necessary to secure federal money for projects:

"Please give publicity to the fact that all projects will have to reach the Raleigh office by Sept. 10th, in order that they may be checked in this office in time to reach the Raleigh office by Sept. here as early as possible and not later than Friday night, September 6th. Call on this office by telegram collect for any service we can render in preparation of projects."

COUNTY SCHOOLS OPEN ON SEPT. 16

Teachers Secured For All Schools Except Elmo; Colored Schools Open September 30

The tentative date for the opening of white schools in Chowan County is September 16, while the colored schools are scheduled to begin work on September 30.

According to Superintendent W. J. Taylor, all teachers have been selected with the exception of a teacher for the Elmo school, and prospects are bright for a successful session. Teachers in the various schools are as follows:

White Schools
Chowan High School—Miss Marjorie Hefren, E. C. Woodard, P. L. Baumgardner and Miss Marian Fiske.
Chowan Elementary School—Miss Eunice Hobbs, Miss Lois Savage, Miss May Belle Edwards, Mrs. Nora Lane Boyce, Miss Myra Bunch, Miss Mary Adams, and Mrs. Thomas W. Elliott.

Center Hill—Mrs. Mary Nixon, Miss Virginia Cale.
Elmo—Vacant.
Oak Grove—Mrs. Sadie Morris, Miss Gladys Smith.
Gum Pond—Mrs. Bertha Hubbard.
Beech Fork—Miss Mary Lee Cope-land.

Colored Schools
Center Hill—Aethia J. Edwards.
Britts—Edith Jane Bonner.
Hudson Grove—Virginia Anderson, Rosa Howcutt.

White Oak—Henry Creecy, Harriett Futrell, Tinie Jernigan.
Green Hall—Charles L. Fayton, Delilah Satterfield.
Warren's Grove—Mrs. S. J. V. Etheridge and Mrs. Naomi Blount Hicks.

MASONIC HALL IS BEING DECORATED

Paul Olsson Will Make Unanimity Lodge Room Most Unique In North Carolina

Work on the decorating of the Masonic hall on the second floor of the Court House was started Monday morning. This work will be done by P. Olsson, who is an expert in this line and will be completed in about two weeks. Mr. Olsson, a member of Unanimity Lodge, is very much interested in affairs of the lodge and gave it to be understood that upon completion the local lodge will have one of the most unique halls in North Carolina.

Mr. Olsson in his decorating program plans to paint various symbols of Masonry on the walls and ceiling and when the work is done it is expected to be not only a credit to the local lodge but the city as well.

The local lodge plans to have a celebration in honor of the event when Mr. Olsson has finished the decorating. In the meantime the communications of the lodge will be held in the grand jury room.

Many Attend Rocky Hock Revival Meeting

Large crowds have been attending the evangelistic services being conducted this week at Rocky Hock Church, of which Rev. Frank Cale is pastor. The preacher for these meetings is Rev. T. P. Simmons of Ashland, Kentucky, and he has been delivering interesting and powerful sermons. The meeting will close on Sunday night.

Next week the Rev. Mr. Simmons will conduct revival services at Warwick Swamp Church and the following week at Center Hill, to which all are invited to attend.

SCHOOL CHILDREN MAY RENT BOOKS FOR YEAR'S WORK

Rental System Established By Last General Assembly

ONE-THIRD COST

Edenton Schools Will Open Monday, September 23

The text book proposition in the local schools this year will make it less burdensome for parents of children due to the past Legislature providing for the rental system of school books. Under the dual plan children may buy new books as heretofore if they so desire and may buy needed second-hand books if they can be secured.

Books, however, will be available on the renting system, the rent for a book for a year being approximately one-third of the list price. The exact procedure relative to book renting has not been completed, a meeting being called for school superintendents and principals in Elizabeth City on Monday, September 2, when all the details will be explained.

The life of a book is estimated to be three years and remains the property of the State, the third price for rental each year being calculated to cover the list price. John A. Holmes, however, has not been advised just how the situation will be handled, the new system necessarily creating extra work due to keeping records and providing for the damage and loss of books.

School books will be furnished free to families on relief rolls.

The white schools of Edenton and Advance will open Monday, September 23, while the city colored school will not open until Monday, September 30.

The same faculty as last year will return to the schools in the Edenton administrative unit with the exception of a successor to Henry House as history teacher and athletic coach. This vacancy had been accepted by Jim Morgan, of Albemarle, but shortly thereafter he wired Mr. Holmes he would not accept in order to work nearer his home. The coaching problem at the Edenton school is no nearer settled than when Mr. House resigned.

As The Herald goes to press, Mr. Holmes is in communication with Frank Suttentfield, former coach, who will come back to Edenton if citizens of the town will supplement his salary as they did Mr. House last year.

Shaft At Peanut Mill Torn Down Wednesday

The brick elevator shaft at the Farmers Peanut Company, which has been standing high in the air as a reminder of one of Edenton's most disastrous fires, was blown down by dynamite Wednesday morning. The shaft has caused much concern on the part of John G. Wood and it was decided this week to have it torn down.

The first attempt failed when a heavy cable fastened to an iron beam in the shaft was connected to a Norfolk-Southern yard engine in the hope of toppling the structure. The beam, however, was pulled out, not having any effect on the shaft. On Tuesday another attempt was made, when five charges of dynamite was exploded at various places in the wall. This again failed but on Wednesday morning six more charges of dynamite was used and the shaft crashed to the ground. The shaft, however, remained in the air several minutes after the explosion and fortunately missed a number of men who had gone up to the place and scrambled away as the bricks crashed to the ground.

Mr. Wood contemplates building a new warehouse where the old peanut cleaning plant stood.

United Charities Fund Now About Exhausted

Unless citizens of Chowan County come to the rescue of the United Charities, the supplementary relief given by this organization to those on the relief roll of the County will have to be suspended. According to Mrs. A. T. Bush, treasurer of the United Charities, this fund was barely sufficient to give this added relief this week, and unless there are more donations forthcoming those receiving aid will have to be content with what they receive from the County.

There are from 17 to 20 of these old persons who are unable to work and each Monday morning have been receiving orders for groceries from the United Charities.

REVENUE OFFICER MAKING CHECKUP ON TAX DODGERS

R. F. Tuttle Apprehends Six Failing to File Sales Tax Return

TWO PLEAD GUILTY

Two Settle Out of Court And Two More Awaiting Trial

Acting upon instructions of his superiors, R. F. Tuttle, state revenue collector, is now making a thorough check-up of licenses and sales tax returns in his territory, which resulted in the finding of six violators last week. Charges were brought by Mr. Tuttle against G. A. Hollowell, J. S. Goodwin, R. L. Chesson, J. W. Griffin, Joel Goodwin and Roy Hollowell, manager of the Chowan Grocery.

Two of these, G. A. Hollowell and J. S. Goodwin, came before Recorders Court Friday afternoon, both being charged with failing to obtain license for a gasoline station and to file sale tax returns. Both men pled guilty and entered prayer for judgment to be continued until December 1, during which time the license and tax must be paid.

Sheriff J. A. Bunch was unable to serve the warrants upon Chesson and Griffin in time for court Friday and Joel Goodwin and Roy Hollowell's case was not pressed, they having settled out of court.

P. L. BAUMGARDNER PROMOTED TO RANK OF CAPTAIN IN N. G.

Assigned to Duty With 115th Ambulance Company; Capable and Efficient Officer

Pearly L. Baumgardner was signally honored last week when he was promoted in the North Carolina National Guard, being elevated from the rank of a first lieutenant to that of Captain.

Major M. P. Whichard on Saturday received the following letter regarding the promotion, by order of the Governor, from Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts of Raleigh:

"Having appeared before the examining board and satisfactorily passed the examination prescribed by the War Department under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1916 (as amended) and as called for under special orders No. 262, AGO. N. C., August 16, 1935, promotion of the following named officer in the National Guard of North Carolina and of the United States, is hereby announced:

"Pearly Lorenzo Baumgardner, First Lieutenant, MAC, to be Captain, MAC.

"Captain Baumgardner is assigned to duty with the 115th Ambulance Company, 105th Medical Regiment, N. C. N. G., station Edenton, N. C., vice vacancy in the grade of Captain, and will report in person to Major Murray P. Whichard, M. C., commanding 115th Ambulance Company, 105th Medical Regiment, N. C. N. G., Edenton, N. C."

Captain Baumgardner has served with the 115th Ambulance Company for the past six years and has served in the grades of private, private 1st class, corporal and first lieutenant. According to Major Whichard he has made a very capable and efficient officer and enjoys the utmost respect and esteem of every member of the local outfit.

Highway Commission Takes No Action On Bridge Over Sound

Julien Wood, member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, has returned from a meeting of the Highway Commission in the western part of the State. According to Mr. Wood the members of the Commission were on more or less of an inspection tour and nothing was considered regarding a bridge across the Albemarle Sound.

The Commission will meet early in September, at which time the body expects to be flooded by requests for roads, bridges and other improvements.

Mr. Wood was unable to say what disposition would be made of the Albemarle Sound bridge proposition.

HALF HOLIDAY OVER

Wednesday was the last of the half holidays which have been observed in Edenton during July and August. Next Wednesday, September 4, all stores will be open all day as usual.

Suttentfield May Be New Edenton Coach

HAT IN RING



DR. RALPH W. McDONALD

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, leader of the anti-sales bloc and champion of the schools in the 1935 General Assembly, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina.

In his brief announcement Dr. McDonald calls for a definite choice between "machine government for the benefit of the few" and "genuine democratic government for the benefit of all."

Dr. McDonald stated that he is unconcerned over reports that he is unlimited amount of money would be spent in an effort to defeat him. "I have had that experience before," said McDonald. "The day when a North Carolina election could be bought is gone forever."

SEEKING DATA ON APPLICATION FOR OLD AGE PENSION

Baltimore Resident Claims She Was Born In Edenton In 1834 and Married In 1869

R. E. Leary, Town Clerk, on Friday received a letter of inquiry from the Baltimore Emergency Relief Committee relative to the date of birth of a Sarah Cox, who has made application in Baltimore for old age pension, claiming to be 101 years of age.

The letter, signed by Mrs. Roberta E. Finkbinder, district secretary, follows:

"It would be very helpful to us in our eligibility in investigation if we could obtain proof from your files of date of birth and marriage of Sarah Cox (nee Brown) who claims to have been born in Edenton in 1834 and married William Cox there in 1869. If you have any means certifying the above, will you kindly notify us at once so as to expedite the investigation?"

Mr. Leary was unable to find any information regarding either date and accordingly notified Mrs. Finkbinder.

Edenton Boys Return From European Trip

Amos Griffin and Jack Pruden, popular young men of this city, returned Tuesday to their respective homes, after spending the past two months in Europe, where they went as members of the orchestra aboard the S. S. Europa. Jack is a student at the University of North Carolina, and Amos attends North Carolina State College, where he directs his own orchestra. Both young men are musicians of note, and have played at many musical entertainments both in Edenton and elsewhere.

Ed Bond Post Meets On Tuesday Night

The monthly meeting of Ed Bond Post will be held on Tuesday night in the Red Men Hall at which time a report of the delegates to the State Convention will be heard. Among other matters to come up for discussion is decision upon plans for the installation of the recently elected new officers of the Post.

All members are urgently requested to attend.

BACK FROM SOUTH AMERICA

Oscar E. Duncan, who has spent the summer making trips from New York to South American ports, has returned to Edenton. Mr. Duncan is a member of the faculty of the Edenton High School.

Frank Suttentfield Will Return If Supplement Is Raised

FANS ANXIOUS

Superintendent John A. Holmes Prefers Former Coach

As The Herald goes to press there is a likelihood that Frank Suttentfield may be secured to coach athletics at the Edenton High School this year. Mr. Suttentfield has gone to Spray, where he has been offered a position in one of the mills there, but has intimated to John A. Holmes that if the salary as teacher of history and coach is supplemented by Edenton citizens as it was last year for Henry House, he would be receptive to accepting the position.

Of the available coaches, Mr. Holmes prefers by far to have Mr. Suttentfield, but at present is unable to guarantee him any supplement by football, and high school fans. In the meantime Mr. Holmes would like to know if a movement would be started in an effort to raise enough money to secure the former coach.

Mr. Suttentfield had much to do with promoting athletics at the local school. He put extra good athletic teams on the field and it was under his coaching that the majority of the members of last year's championship football team received their first training. He is well liked by citizens as a whole and demands the respect of high school students.

Mr. Holmes at this time isn't dicker-ing with any other man as coach and will wait to see if Edenton fans will raise enough to warrant Mr. Suttentfield returning to Edenton. Mr. Suttentfield would like to return to Edenton and coach athletics, but at the present salary allowed for teaching he feels that it is insufficient to support himself and wife.

Anyone who is interested in raising a fund to secure Mr. Suttentfield should get in touch immediately with Mr. Holmes. The time for opening of school is drawing near and fans as well as football players are very anxious to know who to expect as coach.

BOY SCOUTS WILL HAVE CAMPING TRIP

Edenton Troop Plan To Leave On Wednesday For Camp at Point Harbor

The Edenton Boy Scouts will leave for a camping trip on Wednesday. This decision was reached Monday night at a meeting of the troop committee in the office of Scoutmaster John W. Graham. Point Harbor has been selected as the site for a camp and the boys and scoutmaster are now busily engaged in preparing for camp.

Members of the troop committee who were present Monday night were C. E. Kramer, Millard Bond, Joe Conger, W. D. Holmes and Scoutmaster John Graham.

Mrs. Robert White Buried In Hertford

Mrs. South Jackson White, 79, widow of the late Robert White, died at her home on North Broad Street Sunday afternoon, following an attack of malaria and a chill on Friday. She was a very lovable old lady and during her lifetime had won a host of friends. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Church and took an active part in the work of her church up until her death.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon with Rev. W. F. Walters, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating. The body was taken to Hertford, where it was interred beside her husband, who died several years ago.

Mrs. White is survived by one son, R. Graham White, of Edenton; one niece, Mrs. W. A. Everett, of Edenton; three nephews, L. J. Wool, of Nags Head; William Small and J. S. McNider, of Hertford.

Ballenger-Moore Wedding Today

The wedding of Miss Dorothy Moore and Mr. Earl L. Ballenger will be solemnized at seven o'clock tonight at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Moore, in the presence of a few relatives and friends.