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## Gambling Ring Hits Snag In Operations

### Nine Men Arrested Saturday at Home of Reuben Blount

#### ALL FOUND GUILTY

### Ellis Mater, White Man, Ordered Remain Out Of County

What appears to be a wide-spread gambling ring met with some difficulty in Edenton Saturday afternoon when officers swooped down on the home of Reuben Blount, aged Negro, on West Albemarle Street, and arrested one white man and eight Negroes. The raid was made by Chief of Police G. A. Helms, Sheriff J. A. Bunch, R. L. Pratt, Shelton Moore, Wayland Moore and George Daile.

In the raid officers confiscated two slot machines, a brand new adding machine and a quantity of books and tickets used by the gamblers.

The white man caught in the raid was Ellis Mater, of Elizabeth City, the colored group consisting of Reuben Blount, Charlie Wilson, Theodore Felton, Melton Simons, W. H. Nixon, Grady Sessoms, Oscar Johnson and Levi Privott. It is the opinion of the police that had the raid been made a little later many more would have been arrested.

The affair was aired in Recorder's Court on Tuesday morning, when Mater was charged with operating a lottery and illegal possession of a slot machine. The colored men were charged with aiding and abetting in operating a lottery.

Evidence produced was to the effect that Levi Privott had been employed by an unidentified man to conduct the game of numbers, selling tickets and adding up the totals so that when the "banker" or "boss" arrived the winners would be paid off. Privott testified that he had been working for about two months for the man he called the banker, but did not know his name.

Reuben Blount testified that he rented a room in his home to a strange man, and that different men would appear at his home from time to time, all of them strangers to him. He also testified that he was unaware of what was going on in the room. He was paid \$2.00 a week rent which included making a fire and keeping the room clean.

Blount, Wilson, Nixon and Felton plead not guilty while the other four confessed their guilt.

Mater was represented by W. D. Pruden whose argument tended to show that his client was not guilty of either of the charges.

Judge J. N. Pruden found the white defendant guilty on the first count but not guilty of illegal possession of a slot machine. He was sentenced to six months on the roads or pay a fine of \$100 and costs of the entire court action in the case, including the colored defendants. He was further ordered to remain out of Chowan County for a period of 12 months. The number machine, adding machine and other equipment was ordered held by the Sheriff until further orders from the court. The adding machine, however, through argument of Mr. Pruden, was released to Mater.

All the colored defendants were sentenced to 30 days which was suspended upon condition that they show good behavior for six months.

The police claim that the gambling has been going on for some time, the tickets being sold about town and large numbers gathering at the Blount home when paying off time arrived.

## Christmas Saving Club Ends Jan. 18

Saturday, January 18, is the deadline for any who desire to join the 1936 Christmas Savings Club of the Bank of Edenton, on which date the books will be closed for entering in this ever-growing popular method of saving money for a time when it is most needed.

Bank officials are very well pleased with the enrollment in this year's club, around 400 having joined to date. This number represents a substantial increase over the 1935 membership with the several denominations of the club also showing a substantial increase over last year when \$10,000 was distributed to club members.

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## E. H. S. GRIDDERS ENTERTAINED BY ROTARY FRIENDS

### Calvin Sexton Winner In Unique Beauty Contest

#### MANY SPEAK

### Sonny Davis Principal Speaker At Today's Luncheon

Members of the Edenton High School football team, coach and officials were honor guests of the Edenton Rotary Club Thursday evening in the Parish House, when the Rotarians held their annual banquet in honor of the gridders. The boys were so seated as to be mingled with members of the Rotary Club, which necessarily produced an excellent atmosphere of fellowship.

President Bill Hart heartily welcomed the boys and their coach, Leon Brogden, especially emphasizing the training of clean sportsmanship among the boys. Rotarian Hart then turned the program over to Parson Ashby, who in turn called on Oscar Brown. Mr. Brown introduced a unique stunt in the form of a beauty contest in which the high school boys only were eligible. Calvin Sexton won first place, much to his surprise, for which honor he received a large box and upon opening it found a beautiful head of cabbage. Naturally he was called upon for a speech, which was as follows: "Ha, I'll eat tomorrow!"

Pete Everett was a close second in the beauty contest, but unfortunately no prize was provided for second place.

John Holmes was called upon for a few remarks in the course of which he paid high tribute to Coach Brogden and the boys, saying that the Edenton team has been observed by many football enthusiasts and that most of the credit for the East winning over the West in the all-star game New Year's day was due to the nucleus formed by the Edenton players.

Another stunt that caused necks to stretch and eyes to bulge was when Coach Brogden was placed before a microphone ostensibly for an interview over Station WPTF giving his reasons for the success of the Aces and the future prospects for football in Edenton.

Fred Wood was called on for brief remarks, and he commented on the excellent training of the team and the development of new football material.

A number of the boys were called upon and briefly they had the following to say:

Junius Davis, co-manager, said he thoroughly enjoyed his duties in connection with Coach Brogden and the boys, and expressed his appreciation to the Rotary Club for their interest and cooperation in the school athletics.

Joe Conger, co-manager: "I didn't (Continued on Page Five)

## Carroll Boyce Added To Police Force

Carroll Boyce, possibly the youngest police officer in the State, on Wednesday was sworn in as a night patrolman on the city police force. Mr. Boyce was added to the force in an endeavor to break up petty thievery which has been rampant in the city for some time.

He went on duty Wednesday night.

## Drunken Driver Is Fined \$50 And Costs

A. F. Bolton, of Norfolk, Va., faced Judge J. N. Pruden in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor and with failure to stop following an accident.

Bolton struck a car driven by Paul Spencer at King and Court Streets, causing slight damage to the Spencer car. Bolton continued South on Court Street, turning East on Water down King Street to head off Bolton on KiKing Street to head off Bolton on Oakum Street. Following an argument as to paying for the damage done Spencer's car, Bolton was arrested. He was found guilty of operating a car under the influence of liquor, but the latter charge was dropped. Judge Pruden imposed a sentence of 60 days or \$50 and costs and payment of the damage done Spencer's car. He was further ordered not to drive an automobile in North Carolina for 12 months.

## EDENTON OFFICE ABOVE AVERAGE IN EMPLOYMENT

### Record Gratifying In View of No Large Cities

#### RURAL SECTION

### I. Lee Parker Appreciative of Cooperation In District

In a recent survey of the Employment Service in North Carolina to determine the ratio of district personnel as to active balance and placements for August, September, October and November 1935, it was found that the Edenton district held second place as to average or above the State's average, with seven other district offices in the entire State. It was found that eight of the district offices in the State were not average or above the State average. I. Lee Parker, district manager of the Edenton district, states that this record is very gratifying to him since the Edenton district is made up of an entirely rural population and only has one town with a population in excess of 10,000 and none of the counties in the district are in the industrial section of the State.

The following counties make up the Edenton district: Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Gates and Dare. There are 155 districts in the North Carolina State Employment Service and they are located in the following places: Asheville, Bryson City, Charlotte, Durham, Edenton, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Kinston, Morganton, North Wilkesboro, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Wilmington and Winston-Salem.

At the close of business Saturday, January 4, 1936, there were 12,498 active applications on file in the Edenton district, which balance is made up of 4,351 women and 7,947 men, and of this number of men there were 413 veterans. There are four branch offices located in the 13 counties of the district at the following places: Jackson, Northampton County, which takes care of the activity of Northampton, Bertie and Hertford counties, which is in charge of Mrs. Randolph Holoman, Williamston, which serves Martin County and is in charge of Mr. Curtis Gilliam; Mr. Howard Flora is manager of the Elizabeth City office, which serves Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck Counties; the office at Manteo controls activities of the service for Dare County and is in charge of Miss Evelyn Rogers; with the district office located in Edenton, which serves Chowan, Perquimans, Gates, Washington and Tyrrell Counties.

Mr. Parker reports that he has had wonderful cooperation from the leading citizens of all the counties in the district, which has made this report possible and for this cooperation he wishes to express his sincere appreciation and asks for the continuance of their support during the coming year, which he hopes will make it possible to make even better showing during the year 1936.

## Bonus Would Release \$124,282 In Chowan

Ex-service men in Chowan County and the Albemarle are following closely the fate of the bonus bill now before Congress, and already passed by a large majority in the House.

In event the bill becomes law, 63,926 veterans in North Carolina will get \$34,622,162.80. Of this amount \$124,282.50 would be distributed in Chowan County, Bertie is scheduled for \$284,697.51, and Gates, \$106,229.82.

## Contract Let Jan. 22 For New Water Tank

A joint meeting of the Town Council and Board of Public Works will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd, to open bids on the erection of the new water tank for Edenton.

The letting of this contract has been postponed on two previous occasions due to lack of sufficient information by the bidders, which has now been furnished.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Ward on Saturday, January 11, at their home near Edenton, a daughter, Catherine Anne.

## Petition Signed For Recreational Center

### LAST CHANCE TO GET MONEY LEFT IN CITIZENS BANK

#### Fund of \$1,228.03 Now In Hands of Richard Dixon to be Distributed Within 90 Days

Richard Dixon last week received the fund remaining from the Citizens Bank which will be paid to depositors who have thus far failed to make claims for their portion of the money. The amount of this fund was \$1,228.03, and represents 700 depositors with amounts due ranging from one cent to \$50.

He will hold this money for 90 days, after which time what remains will be escheated to the University of North Carolina, thus winding up the affairs of the closed bank.

Many claims have been made to date and Mr. Dixon is hopeful that the greater portion of the depositors will come in and get their money, thus keeping as much as possible in Chowan County.

## Bank of Edenton Closed On Monday

On account of the fact that the birthday of Robert E. Lee falls on Sunday, the Bank of Edenton will observe the holiday on Monday, January 20. Patrons of the bank are urged to note the holiday and attend to their banking business accordingly.

## Ed Bond Post Auxiliary Sponsors Essay Contest

As has been the custom of the American Legion Auxiliary for the past few years, they are again this month sponsoring an Essay Contest in the Edenton School. The subject, according to Mrs. Jesse White, president of the Auxiliary, will be "How Can I Be a Good Citizen?" A prize of \$2 is offered for the best essay, and all essays must be turned in not later than the end of the month.

## County Council Meets In Hotel January 25

Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent for Chowan County, has announced that a meeting of the County Council will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes on Saturday, January 25th. Matters of importance will come up for discussion, and while Miss Colwell's program has not been completed at this time, she is urging all members of the Council to arrange to be present.

## Business Increases At Local Post Office

That business has been on the upgrade is shown in a report from the local postoffice.

The postal receipts during the quarter ending December 31, 1934, were 13 percent more than in 1933, while the 1935 figure exceeded the 1934 amount by 11 percent, representing receipts of around \$5,000 for the quarter.

The money order business has also been on the increase. During December, 1935, \$7,820.56 were exchanged for money orders, which compares with \$7,471.81 during the same month the year previous. The total money order business done during the year 1935 was \$71,588.15.

Of especial interest to readers also is the fact that since the beginning of the sale of United States saving bonds in March, 1935, patrons have invested \$31,000.

## Council Holds Up Insurance Premium

Members of Town Council were right much disturbed Tuesday night when Clerk R. E. Leary read a bill for the premium on the city's workmen's compensation insurance. The bill was boosted \$75.36 due, a footnote said, to an interchange of labor between the street cleaning, garbage collecting and street repairs.

The city was billed for the highest rated classification, causing much comment and the holding up of the payment of the premium.

An ash tray has been combined with a wire rack that holds a newspaper upright on a table so it can be read by a man whose hands are occupied.

### Boy Scouts Ask Consideration of Town Council

#### OVER 200 SIGNERS

### City Fathers Forced to Buy Another New Trash Truck

Though very few matters were brought up at the meeting of Town Council Tuesday night, the Councilmen were held in session until after 10 o'clock, two propositions alone utilizing practically the entire time. These were the purchasing of a new truck for the Street Department and the matter of providing recreational facilities for the youth of the town.

John Graham, accompanied by a group of Boy Scouts, appeared before the Council with a petition signed by over 200 citizens in which the Town of Edenton was asked to provide some sort of recreational center for boys. The petition was circulated by the Scouts and was signed by adults only and shows that the town was pretty well covered.

Before offering the petition Mr. Graham presented conditions as they are and urged the city fathers to consider the matter and do what was possible for the boys of the town.

The petition as presented is as follows: "We the undersigned, citizens of Edenton, do respectfully petition as follows:

"Realizing that within the Town of Edenton there is no facility either public or private provided for the citizens of the Town, particularly those of a youthful age to take part in indoor sports or other types of indoor recreation and

"Believing that the continuance of this situation is and will be detrimental to the health, happiness and morals of the youth of our community and that the erection of an adequate gymnasium, recreation center or other facility for indoor sports and recreation will aid in large measure the up-building of character and physical well-being among the youth of our community:

"We do earnestly petition the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edenton that they either separately or in cooperation with other governmental agencies do provide for the erection of such a gymnasium, recreation center or other facility so that the youth of our community may have an opportunity for indoor sports and recreation."

Those signing the petition are as follows:

Junius W. Davis, Mrs. W. I. Hart, Jr., Mrs. R. P. Badham, R. C. Holland, Billie G. Partin, Ethel H. Boyce, Goldie Layton, G. A. Helms, George Dail, Wm. S. Elliott, J. Edwin Buflap, H. W. Thomas, Marie Reed, J. N. Pruden, Myrtle Parks, M. P. Whichard, M. D., Myrtle Jenkins, J. A. Powell, Nelson Powell, W. R. Horton, R. E. Forehand, W. D. Pruden, Mrs. J. A. Woodard, Carrie W. Coke, Mrs. J. L. Pettus, R. D. Dixon, Mrs. R. D. Dixon, Mrs. M. L. Bunch, Mrs. J. H. Holmes, Mrs. Earl Goodwin, Mrs. Thos. W. Elliott, A. M. Day, Mrs. W. C. Moore, Mrs. Julian Ward.

Mrs. R. F. Elliott, Mrs. A. B. Harless, R. P. Badham, Hector Lupton, Capt. Leon Billington, Mrs. Wm. J. Leary, Neva Gan Roper, S. W. Moore, Albert Cullipher, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. T. A. Spencer, Mrs. Claude Jones, Miss Eva Bateman, Mrs. A. R. Owens, Mrs. T. E. Parker, Mrs. N. J. Castello, W. C. Hollowell, Mrs. W. C. Hollowell, Mrs. Jasper Copeland, Mrs. Alvah Bunch, S. G. Anderson & Sons, by Ben M. Ganderon, J. A. Bunch, Mrs. H. C. Wozelka, I. Lee Parker, W. I. Hart, Z. Bright Tucker, W. W. Olive, J. A. Crawford, Mrs. J. H. Conger, Mrs. B. C. Hoskins, Mrs. W. B. Shepard, Louise D. Coke, H. G. Wood, Mrs. H. G. Wood, Mrs. W. A. Graham, John W. Graham, J. W. White, W. H. Gardner, D. M. Warren, Zene Elliott, Geo. C. Hoskins, R. G. White, M. F. Bond, Jr., J. R. Byrum, Ike Hobowsky, Mrs. Isaac Hobowsky, Esther Hobowsky, Hazel G. Goodwin, Henry B. Harrell, Fanny Hobowsky, Mrs. Annie Hobowsky, Mrs. A. M. Forehand, Mrs. Wade Olive, Fred White, W. P. Jones, J. H. Conger, Inez Felton, Mary B. Pruden, Mrs. R. E. Leary, R. E. Leary, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, Mrs. Meredith Jones, Mrs. B. W. Hathaway, Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr., E. T. Rawlinson, Mrs. E. T. Rawlinson, J. H. McMullan.

Mrs. W. J. Davis, W. O. Elliott, (Continued on Page Five)