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## Chowan Farmers To Organize Next Week

### Large Number Attend Preliminary Meeting In Elizabeth City

#### AWAIT BLANKS

### Farmers Decide to Link Up With American Farm Bureau

Following a largely attended meeting of the Albemarle farmers in Elizabeth City on Tuesday morning at which plans were formulated to help along the formation of a State-wide branch of the American Farm Bureau, announcement was made that the farmers of this County will meet here early next week to set up a temporary organization in Chowan. Explanation of the Farm Bureau plan will be gone into thoroughly at that time and an effort will be made to impress upon the agriculturists the absolute necessity for affiliation with the bureau if it is hoped to secure and receive the consideration due them.

Blanks providing for membership in the Bureau are expected shortly and upon arrival efforts will be made to secure as many signatures as possible. Those behind the movement are hopeful that Chowan's membership will recird 100 per cent. This done an organization will be set up in each township which in turn will be affiliated with the county and State units.

That Chowan County farmers are vitally interested in some arrangement for agricultural equality was evidenced at the Elizabeth City gathering when approximately fifty attended the meeting. The gathering was largely attended by groups from other counties, the Alkrama Theatre being filled with those who are desirous for some definite action to protect the farmers' interests.

The Elizabeth City meeting was called following a meeting held Monday in Greenville, when J. E. Winslow, of Greenville, was appointed temporary chairman of the organization until a permanent organization is set up. At the meeting in Greenville the Farm Bureau was selected as the farmers' organization with which to affiliate to press farmers' rights. The Farm Bureau, a strong national group, has a large membership and has representatives in Washington in the interest of farm legislation.

R. G. Arnold, representing the American Farm Bureau, explained the workings of his organization to the Elizabeth City gathering and explained the necessity of forming county farm bureaus to fully protect farmers' interests.

While it is understood the American Farm Bureau is not actually identified with the Department of Agriculture, its principles may be said to be in thorough harmony with those of the Department. Chester Davis, its head, is warm associate of Secretary Henry Wallace and at no time have their interests been at dispute.

The direct purpose of the Bureau is to represent the farmers of the nation in Washington and before the various state law mills. The organization is gigantic in scope and its friends in Congress and in the State legislatures are legion. Legislation inimical to the interest of agriculture anywhere meets with its strong opposition, and vice versa. The particular value of membership or affiliation with such a bureau is found in the fact that such legislation may develop over night in Congress without, say, any North Carolina lobby on hand to work for or against it. The Bureau jumps into the breach at once and makes the fight a general one.

Mr. Winslow, who has been named chairman of the temporary organization in North Carolina, is a prominent and active Pitt County farmer, and has already gone to Washington to consult with national Bureau leaders on this State's agricultural desires. He has selected six associates to aid him in making this State's organization permanent. They are W. W. Eagles, of Edgecombe; Ben Everett, of Halifax; J. H. Lane, of Wilson; L. D. Moseley, of Lenoir; J. B. Patrick, of Beaufort; and J. L. Scott, of Johnston.

#### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

## OFFICERS HALT ATTEMPT TO ROB FREIGHT STATION

### Night Patrolmen Discover Strange Car Parked at Office

#### GIVE CHASE

### Door of Office Found Forced Open With Crow Bar

Alertness on the part of the police early Wednesday morning thwarted what the authorities believe may have been an expected continuation of the many thieveries rampant of late in this section of the Albemarle. Robbers were intercepted while about to make a haul at the Norfolk Southern Railroad freight station on the waterfront. One of the thieves escaped after an exciting auto chase, while others, it is thought, made their get away afoot in another direction.

Night Patrolmen Bob Pratt and Carroll Boyce were cruising in their car about 3 A. M. when they saw a strange automobile backed up against the freight station. As the officers drove in to see what it was all about the lone occupant of the other machine stepped on the accelerator and shot out ahead of the cops and across the tracks into Oakum Street. One of the rear tires on the fugitive's high-powered machine went flat as the tracks were crossed, but despite this impediment the vehicle was able to beat the Pratt-Boyce car in a mad dash out Oakum Street and into the Hertford road.

One of the employees at a filling station at the end of Oakum Street saw the car as it swung into the main highway and went off in a whirl of smoke east and north. Pratt and Boyce felt further chase fruitless and returned to the freight station after first summoning State Highway Patrolman George Dail, and Chief of Police G. A. Helms. The latter found an iron crow bar that had been used to jimmy open the door of the freight office. Apparently the thieves intended to rob the office safe and when they heard their car dash off made their own exit onto the water side of the station. Nothing was stolen and no arrests have yet been made.

## W. J. Taylor Confined To Home By Mumps

W. J. Taylor, superintendent of the County administration unit of schools is confined to his home on Queen Street suffering from an attack of the mumps. Mr. Taylor became ill after attending the fire at Chowan High School last Wednesday night and was confined to his home until Monday, when he went to his office to attend a called meeting of the Board of Education to consider plans for forming temporary schools. However, he was forced to return to his bed and is still unable to be out.

The sick superintendent is directing the work of opening schools from the sick room, and hopes to be able to hold school for practically all of the pupils by Monday.

## Junior-Senior Soiree Held Friday Night

Plans have now been completed for the annual Edenton High School Junior-Senior soiree which will be held Friday evening in the room over the Edenton Cafe. The upper classmen of the school anticipate a pleasant evening, the affair having once before been postponed.

The program is in charge of Mabel Ruth Harrell and will include a number of skits and the usual toasts. Edward Bass was elected by the Junior Class to act as toastmaster, with Calvin Sexton coming in second in the voting.

## Edenton Rotarians Endorse Ed Harding For Rotary Governor

Ed Harding of Washington, N. C., was unanimously endorsed as Rotary governor of the 57th District by the Edenton Rotary Club at its weekly luncheon last Thursday. Mr. Harding is very well and favorably known among Rotarians all over the district having for a long time been very active in all of the Club's affairs.

He has on several occasions attended Rotary meetings in Edenton, and added greatly to the success of the affairs by furnishing music on his accordion, as well as taking a prominent part in the programs.

## AMATEUR NIGHT STAGED TUESDAY AT PARISH HOUSE

### Unique Program Planned by Ladies of St. Mary's Guild

#### CASH PRIZES

### C. E. Kramer and Oscar Brown Imitate Radio Favorites

Plans are rapidly being completed for the amateur night to be held on Tuesday night in the Parish House under the auspices of St. Mary's Guild. It is the expectation of the ladies to have at least 12 amateurs on the program, ten of this number having already agreed to appear in the show. The amateurs will include both adults and children who will give performances in singing, tap dancing, quartets, and most likely imitators. The talent thus far secured includes some of the best in the Albemarle and those in charge expect one of the most unique and interesting programs to be rendered in a long time. It will be the last function before the observance of Lent begins and is expected to draw a capacity house.

Mrs. E. T. Rawlinson and Mrs. W. H. Coffield have been very busy getting in touch with local amateurs, and any who desire to take part in the entertainment are urged to communicate with either of them at once. A rehearsal will be held in the Parish House tonight at 7:30 o'clock when all participants are urged to appear. C. E. Kramer will imitate Major Bowe, while Oscar Brown will imitate Graham McNamee, the popular radio announcer. These two will also meet with the amateurs tonight to take part in the rehearsal.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in the amateur night performance, and according to those in charge there will be keen competition for high honors. A small admission charge will be made, the proceeds going to one of the circles of the Guild.

## Jim Daniels Speaks To Rotarians Today

W. Jim Daniels will be the principal speaker at today's luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club when he will relate some of his past experiences as a rural mail carrier. He is expected to consume the entire time allotted to the program and all Rotarians are urged to be present. In view of the fact that Mr. Daniels is a song leader, an unusual number of Rotary songs will be sung.

At last Thursday's meeting of the Club, John Graham was the principal speaker, when he had charge of a program commemorating Abraham Lincoln. Many interesting facts, unknown before by some of the Rotarians, were brought out by Mr. Graham, whose address lasted until the adjournment hour.

## Football Candidates Have Light Practice

In preparation for a strong high school football team next fall, Coach Leon Brogden on Monday issued football equipment to a large number of candidates who took a light workout. Mr. Brogden expects to start intensive training just as soon as the weather permits.

Prospects appear bright for another championship team next year inasmuch that many of last year's team will appear on the squad as well as experienced boys who played on the second team last season.

## School At Merry Hill Remains Closed Due To Impassable Roads

The schools of Merry Hill, which have been closed for about two weeks, will remain closed due to the almost impassable condition of the roads. No definite time has been set for the reopening date, which will depend upon the improvement of the highways.

## Garden Club Meets For Reorganization

A meeting of the Garden Club has been called for Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Municipal Building. The meeting is called for the purpose of reorganization, and all who are interested in the activities of Garden Club are especially urged to attend.

## Temporary Schools Arranged In County

### Chowan High School Was Not Equipped With Extinguishers

Due to much comment since the burning of the Chowan High School and the possible impression that the building was equipped with automatic fire extinguishers which are claimed to prevent such a fire, the following information has been given The Herald by Superintendent W. J. Taylor:

"This is to advise the general public that Chowan High School at Small's Cross Roads, was not equipped with Automatic Fire Extinguishers, but it did have a few Manual Type that were to be used in case some one was in the building."

"It was noticed by a number of people that when these extinguishers did go off that the fire died down, but, of course, there were not enough to do any good."

"No doubt if it had been equipped fully the building would have been saved. I understand that the State is encouraging this equipment for schools and other public buildings."

## TWELVE AWARDED CERTIFICATES FOR FIRST AID COURSE

### Classes Taught By Dr. J. A. Powell Complete Work Under Auspices of American Red Cross

Twelve certificates have been awarded to members of the first aid class which has been taught by Dr. J. A. Powell under the auspices of the American Red Cross. These classes have been in progress since January 21 and the course was completed on February 13. Twenty had enrolled in the class, but for some reason eight dropped out, leaving 12 who completed the course and now have their diplomas.

The course was composed of seven classes of 2 1/2 hours, and was taught by Dr. J. A. Powell in the North Carolina Reemployment office. The twelve who have been awarded certificates by the Red Cross are as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker, Mrs. Tim Blanchard, Mrs. Arrie Furry, Miss Jessie Mae Harrell, Miss Edna Hollowell, Walter Hollowell, J. Frank Miller, Miss Mildred Munden, Mrs. P. G. Perry, Miss Louise Simpson, Miss Myrtle Waff.

## Arthur Chappell Is Planning For Formal Opening New Stand

Arthur Chappell, who recently purchased the W. T. Satterfield building on Broad Street next to Quinn Furniture Company, expects to be ready for business in his new location the latter part of next week. A corps of carpenters, plumbers and painters are now busily engaged remodeling the interior of the building which when completed will no doubt add greatly to the appearance of the Edenton business section.

Mr. Chappell plans to utilize both floors of the building, dividing the first floor to the use of a billiard parlor, while in the other half will be an up-to-date cafe. The entire second floor will be transformed into an attractive room which will be used jointly as a dining room and dance hall.

Mr. Chappell is not able to name the exact date of the opening of his new quarters, but is arranging for an elaborate formal opening, at which time he will secure the services of a good orchestra and hold a free dance, as well as serve free clam chowder to all who attend the opening.

## CLARA MEADE SMITH ON HONOR ROLL AT COLLEGE

Clara Meade Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, a student at Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C., was among the students in that institution to be placed on the honor roll for the past month. Miss Smith is the only student from Edenton enrolled in the school, and in addition to being outstanding in her scholastic work, she is also very active in extra-curricular activities.

#### VISIT PARENTS

Miss Sara Mae Chappell and Miss Syble White, spent the week-end with their parents near Center Hill.

### Educators Do Quick Work Following Loss Of School By Fire

#### START MONDAY

### Buildings Used at Center Hill to Centralize Activities

What possibly was one of Chowan County's greatest catastrophes occurred last Wednesday night just after the issue of The Herald was printed, when the Chowan High School was destroyed by fire, leaving only the brick walls as a reminder that a school building occupied the site. The fire, of unknown origin, is said to have started over Principal Pearly Baumgardner's office on the second floor and when once gaining headway soon spread to all parts of the building.

An emergency call was sent to the Edenton Fire Department and the large fire truck was sent to the scene, but the firemen were helpless in combatting the flames due to no available water. A bucket brigade, however, using water from a nearby pump, was successful in preventing the one-story frame building adjacent to the main building from catching fire. The fire occurred around 8 o'clock and attracted quite a crowd, but no assistance could be given by the eager spectators as the flames were very soon out of control. The building and equipment are a complete loss and were only partially covered by insurance, \$16,000 being carried on the building and \$1,000 on the equipment.

Education officials at once devoted their attention to formation of temporary schools to finish out the term, and while various plans have been suggested, Superintendent W. J. Taylor, from his bed, has announced the following tentative arrangement:

The first and second grades will be taught in the same building as heretofore, the frame structure adjacent to the former school.

The third and seventh grades will meet in the building used by the high school as a basketball court.

The high school classes will meet in the Center Hill School building.

The remainder of the grades will be distributed in the store room opposite the Center Hill school, which has been rented from the Winslow Oil Company, and three class rooms will be made in Joe Byrum's store and warehouse near the railroad station at Center Hill.

By this arrangement, Mr. Taylor says transportation will be centralized thus eliminating right much confusion and transportation costs as well.

The temporary school rooms will be fitted up with new furniture, proper ventilation and lights. Additional toilets will be built at the Center Hill school, as well as an extra well. Toilets and a pump will also be placed at Joe Byrum's warehouse. Wood stoves will be used for heating in all rooms other than at Cross Roads, where two coal stoves will be put in operation to use what coal was left over at the destroyed building.

It was first decided to use the Odd Fellows hall near Cross Roads as a temporary school, but this was abandoned due to the danger of the children having no playground and possible accidents on the highway.

A shipment of new desks have already arrived and are being installed in the various buildings, and unless something unforeseen occurs, Mr. Taylor is hopeful that the schools will be ready for operation by Monday morning or sometime during the week.

School officials have not made any definite plans for rebuilding the school, but it seems that there is a general opinion that if a new building is erected it should be on the other side of the highway on higher ground. For the present, however, education officials are vitally interested in opening the temporary schools and have not given much thought to a new building.

## Medical Society Meets In Edenton Feb. 27

Dr. L. P. Williams, secretary of the Medical Society of the First District, has notified physicians in the district of a meeting of the group to be held in Hotel Joseph Hewes on Thursday, February 27, at 7 P. M. All members of the Society are being urged to attend.