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## Survey In Chowan To Find Defective Sight

Cards Will Be Distributed Among School Children

WITH LIGHT BILLS

Desire to Get Accurate Information In Entire County

The State Commission for the Blind is making a survey of Chowan County to locate every one who has seriously defective eyesight or is blind.

The city and county schools are distributing survey cards for the Commission, and the Town of Edenton will enclose one with each light and water bill that is sent out this month. In the County Schools, Superintendent W. J. Taylor has arranged for one child from each home to receive a card; the Edenton Schools will only give cards to children from rural homes not having electric service, this arrangement having been made with Superintendent John A. Holmes.

However, in both cases the children will carry the cards home so that their parents may write on them the names and addresses of every one known to them who either has seriously defective sight or is blind. Then the survey cards should be returned to the schools by the children. From the school they will be collected into the respective superintendent's office.

The cards going out in the light and water bills are to be filled out in the same way. Persons receiving them should write on the cards the names and addresses of those they know who have seriously defective sight or are blind. Then the survey card should be returned to Town Clerk R. E. Leary's office when the light bill is paid.

The Commission classifies as "blind" any one who is unable to read ordinary newsprint, even with the aid of glasses. Those who have "seriously defective sight" may still be able to read some and to do their daily work in a limited way. Some of them only need proper glasses to restore useful vision; others need operations for cataract or some other kind of eye treatment.

Persons ranging from infancy to old age should be reported in the survey, and both races. No consideration should be given to a person's ability or inability to provide for himself financially.

Should any one fail to get a survey card, he may report cases of seriously defective sight and blindness by writing: State Commission for the Blind, 405 Agricultural Building, Raleigh. The Commission will follow up the survey and base its program on the needs disclosed.

## Mrs. Roy E. Leary Elected Auxiliary District Secretary

The American Legion Auxiliary holds its regular meeting on Friday evening at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Jesse White, who gave an interesting report of the District meeting held in Manteo in February. At this meeting, Mrs. Roy Leary was elected district secretary for the year.

The two papers on "How to Become Good Citizens" were read. The first prize winner in the essay contest, Margaret Griffin, was the guest of the Auxiliary, and read her paper. The other paper, which received honorable mention, was written by Annie Ruth White.

Mrs. Jesse White won the door prize.

## Sheriff In Upper Chowan Next Week

Sheriff J. A. Bunch has arranged to be in the upper end of Chowan County two days next week for the convenience of those who desire to pay their taxes. On Wednesday, March 18, he will be at Lloyd Briggs' filling station at Gliden, and on the following day he will sit at L. W. Belch's store at Center Hill.

Mr. Bunch is sacrificing this time and hopes taxpayers in these communities will meet him at the times arranged and pay their taxes.

## SERVICE LEAGUE TONIGHT

The Young People's Service League of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Parish House.

## AMATEUR NIGHT BIG SUCCESS AT TAYLOR THEATRE

Second Program Tomorrow Night Will Include Only Adult Contestants

That amateurs or local talent is appreciated in Edenton was clearly demonstrated Friday night when the Taylor Theatre was packed for the first of a series of Friday amateur nights. Every seat on the first floor was occupied with many standing in the rear of the theatre. Those appearing on the program, which was presented between the two picture showings, made a very favorable impression and each group was given tremendous applause, making it very difficult to decide the winner of the contest. In fact the applause was so great in two instances that the first prize of \$10 in cash was divided between Bill Cozart, of Edenton, and Miss Reta Shirley Messick, of Washington, N. C.

Bill Cozart, who was accompanied on the piano by his sister, Miss Orpha Cozart, sang two numbers, "Moon Over Miami," and "Please Believe Me," while Miss Messick sang two snappy numbers and gave an exhibition of tap dancing.

Another number which pleased the crowd was the Honolulu Strummers composed of Wilborne Harrell, John Presley and his daughter, Myrtle. This group played two Hawaiian numbers and was a close contestant for first honors.

Other amateurs appearing on the program included the Merry Hill Ramblers, composed of Stevenson White, Harry Bowen and Tal Outlaw, who rendered string music. Shirlee Todd, of Windsor, known as "Eastern Carolina's harmonica king," played a few numbers on his mouth harp, being accompanied on a guitar by Sumler Casper, also of Windsor. George Harrison, also of Windsor, and Sumler Casper presented a couple of numbers on guitars. The Corprew brothers of Chowan County, completed the program with music on a mandolin and guitar.

The winners were selected by the applause received upon their presentation on the stage after the entire program was heard.

Manager Jimmy Earmhardt stated Wednesday that the amateur program on Friday night will include five or six acts by adults only and that the following Friday's list will include only children. Later on, he said, an amateur night will be held including only colored talent.

## Sauerkraut Supper Served At Tonight's Masonic Meeting

Of especial interest to local Masons is the information that tonight a sauerkraut supper will be served immediately after the regular meeting. This is an annual affair looked forward to with much pleasure by members of Unanimity Lodge.

The sauerkraut is furnished by F. F. Muth, an honorary member of the lodge, who for many years has been serving a similar supper to his Masonic friends. Though Mr. Muth is very ill at his home and will be unable to attend, his son, Frank Muth, will serve this delicacy, which no doubt will result in a good attendance at tonight's meeting.

G. A. Helms, J. A. Crawford and B. F. Britton, Sr., have made all arrangements for the supper.

## Two Of Chowan's Triplets Now Dead

Though triplets born to Fred and Lucille Leary, colored tenants on the farm of E. N. Elliott, near Cross Roads on Tuesday, February 25, at first appeared healthy and most likely to live, two of them have died. One of the trio, all boys, died last Thursday afternoon, the other passing away Sunday night.

## MRS. CALEB GOODWIN BETTER

News has been received here that Mrs. Caleb Goodwin, who was seriously ill at her home in Morganton last week, is much improved. Her mother, Mrs. S. A. White, and her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Hefren, of Hertford, who were called to Morganton, have returned. Mr. Goodwin and their daughter, Miss Sara Ellen, were both quite sick a few days last week, but are rapidly improving now.

## LITTLE BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT COUNCIL MEETING

Carroll Boyce Retained On Police Force For Another Month

REFUSE SIGN

Discuss Advisability of Changing Traffic Stop Light

Though little of importance came before Town Council at the monthly meeting Tuesday night, the session lasted until after 10 o'clock. Those on hand for the meeting were Mayor E. W. Spiers, A. G. Byrum, W. E. Bond, Graham Byrum and Wallace Jones.

Mayor Spiers reported that \$6,603 had been transferred to the Council's general fund by the E. and W. Department to pay for the city's share of skilled labor in the erection of an armory for Edenton. The Council in turn passed a resolution that this amount be appropriated as a supplement on the WPA project to provide a building for use as an armory by the 15th Ambulance Company and for civic purposes.

The matter of retaining Carroll Boyce on the police force was also discussed, the Town Fathers feeling that his services are needed in view of the epidemic of robberies in this section. He was therefore retained at least until the next meeting of Town Council. Mr. Boyce's activities on the police force were highly complimented, and but for the fact that the amount of his salary was not included in the budget, members of the Board feel that he should be employed permanently.

A request by W. R. Horton, proprietor of the Hotel Joseph Hewes, for permission to hang a neon sign across the intersection of Broad and King streets, was discussed. Mr. Horton as well as members of the Board realize that such a sign would be of service to strangers coming in town who want to stop at a hotel and are unfamiliar with the location. However, there is an ordinance prohibiting this and the Councilmen were of the opinion a precedent would be set which might prove embarrassing later on. The Councilmen were of the belief that an attractive corner sign answering the same purpose could be erected on one of the buildings at the intersection.

The matter of the stop light at the corner of Queen and Mosely streets came up for some criticism by the Councilmen, it being the opinion of some that a blinker at the same location would be more effective than the stop light. It was thought that the stop light would better serve the purpose at the corner of Church and Oakum streets, which is a blind corner. However, the town's finances in some instances are now in the red and the outlay for a new blinker was deemed inadvisable at this time.

## Athletic Club To Organize Tonight

Due no doubt to the inclement weather and the observance of Lent a small crowd responded to the opening dance of the Albemarle Athletic Association Tuesday night in the club room over Ed Habti's dry cleaning works. An orchestra from Cole-rain furnished music, but very few couples were on hand to dance.

A meeting of the organization will be held tonight in the club room when the organization will be effected, officers elected and charter members enrolled. Any one who is interested in joining the club is urged to attend.

## R. H. Goodwin Faces Embezzlement Charge

R. H. Goodwin, prominent Chowan farmer, was charged with embezzlement in a warrant sworn out this week before Clerk of the Court W. H. Pitt in Hertford, and which is returnable next Tuesday at the regular session of the Perquimans County Recorder's Court.

Mr. Goodwin was named administrator of the estate of W. Clyde Elliott, when the latter and his wife were shot to death a number of years ago in the Beech Spring section of Perquimans County.

The warrant was sworn out by M. M. Elliott, son of the murdered man, who claims that Mr. Goodwin misappropriated for his own use \$51 of his father's estate as well as other funds now in his hands.

## Commissioners Refuse \$100,000 School Building At Cross Roads

Rev. George Blount Special Speaker At Rotary Meet Today

Rev. George W. Blount, pastor of the Methodist Church, will be the principal speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club today in the Parish House. The program will be in charge of Millard Bond, chairman of the vocational service committee.

Due to illness, W. S. Privott, who was scheduled as a speaker at last week's meeting, was unable to appear. As a substitute program, Rev. C. A. Ashby conducted an "intelligence" test in which Jesse White and J. Edwin Buflap competed to see which one could thread a needle in the quickest time. Jesse White was the winner of the contest. Another feature on the program was the putting together of a pasteboard box in which C. H. Wood, M. W. Jackson and D. M. Warren competed. Mr. Warren easily won out over his "rivals."

D. M. Warren, also in a few brief words explained the seriousness of the school situation in Chowan County, telling the Rotarians that it was a matter affecting the County as a whole in which each tax payer will be called upon to pay his proportionate share.

## "Sandy" Graham On State-wide Radio Hook-up Tonight

Those who are politically-minded will be interested to know that over a State-wide radio network A. H. ("Sandy") Graham, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will speak to the people of North Carolina on tonight (Thursday), from 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock.

Included in the radio network will be radio stations in Raleigh, Charlotte, Greensboro and Asheville. These facilities will afford an opportunity for Mr. Graham to be heard in every county of the State.

Mr. Graham in this State-wide address will give his views on the important problems of State government which affect every citizen, such as public schools, roads, old age pensions, control of alcoholic beverages, the sales tax, and State finances.

## Major Whichard Gets Plans For Armory

Allocation of WPA funds for the erection of National Guard Armories here, in Wilson, New Bern and five other places in the State was announced in Raleigh on Tuesday. Coupled with the announcement was the receipt yesterday by Major M. P. Whichard of architectural plans and drawings for the new building to be erected on the old fair grounds on North Broad Street. Work on the armory will be started, it is expected, within the next two weeks. The armories will all cost the same amount, \$25,200, and will be uniform in appearance.

## Methodist Zone Meeting March 17 In Hertford Church

A Zone meeting of the Chowan-Perquimans Missionary Societies will be held in the Hertford Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 17, beginning at 10 A. M. and will continue throughout the day. Interesting speakers will appear on the program and the meeting is calculated to draw a large crowd.

## DAN MORAN UNDERGOES VERY SERIOUS OPERATION

Dan Moran was carried to Protestant Hospital, Norfolk, Va., Monday morning, and late that afternoon was operated on following an attack of acute pancreatitis. Mr. Moran was stricken Saturday night and since has been very ill. He is getting on as well as could be expected, after such a serious operation, but he is very ill yet.

## METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS MARCH 18

The Missionary Society of the Edenton Methodist Church will have their regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon at the church at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to plan to attend.

## MR. PERRY BETTER

O. B. Perry has been very ill with pneumonia. Miss Frances Evans is nursing him. His condition was reported to be somewhat better Wednesday.

## 200th Anniversary Of St. Paul's Church Be Observed May 14

Members of St. Paul's congregation are looking forward with much interest to a special service which will be held on May 14 commemorating the 200th anniversary of the building of the church.

Special features in connection with the celebration will be a paper read by John W. Graham concerning the history of the church, while Mrs. Henry Bond will tell of her personal recollections of the Parish. The 53rd annual convocation of the Diocese of Eastern Carolina will be held at the church the same week with Bishop Thomas C. Darst in charge.

## Speakers Secured For Club Federation Meet On Tuesday, March 31

That their is much interest among the club women of Chowan County is apparent from the fact that already the program is almost completed for the spring federation of Chowan demonstration clubs which will be held on Tuesday, March 31, at 2:30 o'clock.

While the program isn't ready to be announced, Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan home agent, has given the information that the two principal speakers for this event have been secured. They are: Mrs. J. L. Weller, president of the Norfolk Federation of Garden Clubs and recording secretary of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, which is made up of 29 clubs. Mrs. Weller holds a certificate in flower arrangement as well as judging and staging flower shows. Her topic for discussion to Chowan women will be "Flower Arrangement."

The other speaker will be Richard S. Orr, of Norfolk, Va., who will give an illustrated lecture on landscape gardening.

The meeting will be held in the Edenton High School, and it is expected a large representation of the County's club women will attend.

## Revival Starts Sunday In Assembly Church

Rev. Kelly Wigfield, pastor of the Pentecostal Assembly of God in North Edenton, announces that a series of revival meetings will be held in his church beginning next Sunday. The revival will continue for two weeks or possibly longer, according to Mr. Wigfield, with services being held at 7:45 every evening.

The revival will be in charge of Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Owens, of Oklahoma.

## Chowan Game Warden Explains Fishing Laws

Due to the fact that he has been asked many questions regarding the fishing laws, J. G. Perry, Chowan County game warden, this week made the following statement to The Herald:

"It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm or corporation to set or place fish traps, fish slides or fish baskets, or to take or kill fish in any of the waters of North Carolina designated as inland fishing waters by any means or method whatsoever, except with hook and line, rod and reel, or by casting, provided that shad and herring may be taken with skim or gill nets of not less size bar than one and one-half inches on Friday and Saturday of each week from January 1 to May 1, of each year in inland fishing waters."

Mr. Perry further desires fishermen to observe the closed seasons and bag limits on the various species of fish. It shall be unlawful to fish or take fish by any means whatsoever in inland fishing waters of North Carolina from April 1 to May 10 of each year, both dates being inclusive.

Mr. Perry is especially anxious that fishermen become acquainted with the law relative to the sale of game fish. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to buy, sell, offer for sale, or to ship at any time game fish caught in inland fishing waters. Commercial fishermen, however, may ship or sell robin, rock, red fin and white perch.

## Also Deem Central High School For County Out of Question

WILL MEET AGAIN

Receptive to Expenditure of \$50,000 at Cross Roads

The puzzling school situation confronting the Chowan County Commissioners regarding the erection of a school building to replace the one burned at Cross Roads and necessary repairs to the Edenton building or a new building was thoroughly discussed at a joint meeting of the Commissioners and the County and City education boards on Monday afternoon. In opening the meeting D. M. Warren, chairman of the Commissioners, stated briefly the purpose of the gathering, after which he requested both boards to make their requests known.

W. J. Taylor, as spokesman for the County board, reiterated the needs for upper Chowan, and referred to the plans submitted to the Commissioners last week which called for an up-to-date plant costing in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

John A. Holmes, superintendent of City schools, was asked to submit the request for his board, which held a special meeting earlier in the day to discuss their plans. Mr. Holmes told the Commissioners that his board recommended the building of a central county high school costing approximately \$100,000 and spending \$15,000 on necessary repairs to the present building which would be used for elementary grades, or if this would not be done to spend \$30,000 to repair and enlarge the present building.

The recommendation of a central county high school brought vigorous protests from members of the County board as well as from a number of residents in the County who were present at the meeting. W. J. Taylor was very frank in saying that the idea was unwise and impractical due for the most part to the transportation problem. He further told the Commissioners that there are 401 pupils enrolled at Cross Roads, 120 of whom are high school pupils, with the possibility of an enrollment of approximately 700 if an adequate building replaced the one burned. This would be brought about, he said, by the most likely addition of 32 pupils from Beech Fork, 19 from Elmo, 71 at Center Hill, 48 from Gum Pond, and 91 at Oak Grove.

Mr. Holmes in explaining his board's request, said a new heating plant is absolutely necessary in the present building as well as a new roof, changes in toilet facilities and if additions are to be made, a new auditorium will have to be provided.

W. D. Pruden, the city's attorney, was asked to explain the legal side of the situation during which he said the law requires that if the Commissioners allot any amount to one school district, the other district is entitled to an allotment in proportion to the enrollment. The matter of the insurance of \$17,000 on the burned building was also explained by Mr. Pruden, who said that if the insurance money, which belongs to the County, is used to pay off the remaining indebtedness of the Cross Roads school, the Commissioners will have to assume the indebtedness of the Edenton district, which is in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

In order to get an idea as to the sentiment of the County as a whole, Mr. Warren allowed a number in the audience to express their views in the matter:

W. D. Welch said a central County high school was entirely out of the question and that it is absolutely necessary for a building for both high school and elementary pupils to be at Cross Roads. He explained that even now there are times when busses must leave their starting point about day break in order to get the children to school in time and for the addition of the extra miles to come to Edenton would work an extreme hardship upon the children as well as the parents.

L. W. Belch was also of the opinion that the school should be placed at Cross Roads, and Rev. John Byrum, who said he hadn't given the question considerable thought, was of the opinion that a school at Cross Roads was for the best interest of the children of Upper Chowan.

Mrs. E. L. Winslow and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell both were not in the least uncertain in their desire for the school at Cross Roads in preference to the one at Edenton.

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