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## Confab Planned To Discuss Improving Fish Hatchery

Establishment of New Field Stations Also In Mind

### FEWER FISH

Seeking to Have Appropriation Increased For Edenton Plant

Coincident with the receipt by The Herald of a letter from W. Carey Bunch, culturist at the federal fish hatchery on Pamlico Creek, renewing his plea for the conservation of migratory fish like shad and rock, and appearing elsewhere in this issue, came word to Mayor E. W. Spires on Tuesday stating that Charles E. Jackson, acting commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries in Washington, D. C., would soon meet in conference with officials of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development "with reference to making improvements to the Edenton hatchery and to also ascertain if it is possible to establish field stations for the propagation of shad and striped bass."

The latter course is not what the local enthusiasts, who are particularly anxious to get an increased operating fund for the Pamlico hatchery, have in mind, but it is hoped the proposed conference will bring about this objective, so that this fine plant which used to operate on such a large scale will be able to resume the position of importance it once occupied.

The Mayor and others have been pleading for an increased appropriation for the hatchery through Congressman Lindsey Warren. It has been explained to him that in years past this appropriation has been as high as \$12,000 and that in those days it was possible to buy sufficient shad eggs especially to insure a large propagation. But in recent years this appropriation has dwindled, so that of late it has reached a low ebb of but \$900, hardly enough to keep the hatchery going with nothing left over with which to buy eggs or encourage propagation.

The Mayor particularly has told all this to Mr. Warren, explaining, "Fishermen are not interested in going to the trouble of saving the eggs from the fish they catch which are spawning unless they are paid something," and this, of course, cannot be done with the small amount allotted the hatchery. A request for an old-time appropriation of \$10,000 was made.

To this Congressman Warren made response, enclosing Mr. Jackson's comment, as follows:

"My dear Mr. Spires: From time to time we have had correspondence in reference to improvements at the hatchery at Edenton. On several occasions I have discussed the matter with the Bureau of Fisheries. This is the time of the year when the various departments make up their budgets for submission to the Bureau of the Budget, and on August 6, I again brought up the Edenton hatchery, as without budget and Department approval Congress will not appropriate funds. I am enclosing you a copy of a letter I have just received from the Commissioner of Fisheries, and I am likewise sending a copy to Hon. R. Bruce Etheridge. You will note that the Department says it must make certain investigations to ascertain if it is possible to establish field stations for the propagation of shad and striped bass. I am calling Mr. Etheridge's attention to my interest in Edenton if such field stations are established. With best wishes, I am, Sincerely, LINDSEY WARREN."

The letter from Mr. Jackson enclosed to the Mayor was as follows: "My dear Congressman: In reply to yours of the 5th you are advised that the Bureau expects to hold a conference with officials of the State Department of Conservation and Development of North Carolina, with reference to making improvements (Continued on Page Five)

## Edenton's Fire Chief At Firemen's Meeting

R. K. Hall left Monday for Raleigh, where he is attending the State Firemen's Convention. The firemen's meeting began Monday and will close Friday.

Mr. Hall has the distinction of being the oldest fire chief in point of service in the State, and takes great interest in attending the State convention.

## J. W. CATES MADE HEAD OF COUNTY WELFARE BOARD

Child Case Worker Explains Nature of Her Work In County

### MET FRIDAY

Miss Ruby Lentz, County Nurse, Also Tells Of Her Activities

J. W. Cates was elected chairman of the Board of County Welfare at a meeting held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the office of Superintendent W. J. Taylor. Members of the Board are W. J. Berryman, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, J. W. Cates, and W. J. Taylor.

The newly appointed child case worker, Miss Meta Dowling, was present to explain to the Welfare Board something of the nature of her work in the county. Miss Dowling is working under the Division of Child Welfare Services, as sponsored by the North Carolina State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. She comes to this county well qualified to carry on the work she has been appointed to do. Miss Dowling graduated from the Greenville Woman's College in South Carolina with the A. B. degree, and from the University of North Carolina with the M. A. degree in the department of Sociology and Social Work. She also holds a certificate from the Y. M. C. A. Training School in New York City. She was employed by South Carolina ERA as social survey and then served as case worker in the Columbia relief office for nine months. For eighteen months she was senior visitor in the relief office in Asheville, North Carolina, and since the closing of the relief office there, she has been certifying case worker in the Department of Public Welfare in Asheville. Miss Dowling comes to this county highly recommended, and it is believed she is going to fit well into the Chowan-Perquimans unit. A tentative schedule has been arranged for the two counties, since she is to work in the two counties on a half time basis. She will be in Chowan Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and in Perquimans Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. In each county, she will be in the office in the morning and in the afternoon she will be in the field. The office in Chowan is the office formerly occupied by Mrs. J. H. McMullan until July 1st.

Briefly stated, the work of Miss Dowling is to assist the Superintendent of Public Welfare, with emphasis on child welfare in the county. Many problems arise where the welfare of the child is neglected. It is hoped that Miss Dowling will be able to awaken a public conscience that will mean much to the neglected children.

The chairman of the Board of Public Welfare appointed an advisor (Continued on Page Five)

## Final Stewardship Declamation Tests Saturday Afternoon

The Stewardship Declamation contest of the Chowan County Circuit will have its final test Saturday afternoon at Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church at 3 o'clock. Each junior organization of each Baptist church in the county is asked to have a representative in this contest.

Mrs. C. T. Doughtie, county W. M. U. leader, urges each society to be well represented at this meeting in order to encourage the young people. The winners in this test will be presented a gift from the county circuit. Come out and hear the young people.

## Chowan Farmers Get \$1300 Fertilizer Refund

A little over \$1,300 has been received by Chowan County farmers from Smith-Douglas Company as a refund on fertilizer purchased prior to April 15, according to Clarence Leary of the Leary Bros. Storage Company, agents for this brand of fertilizer in the county. This refund, guaranteed against their decline of prices, averaged from 40 cents to over \$100 and came as a pleasant surprise to the recipients.

The Leary Brothers rejoice with the farmers who benefited by buying fertilizer early in the season and anticipate an even greater volume of business this year, which has been rapidly increasing during the few years they have been handling it.

## SHAKEUP OF WPA DISTRICT OFFICE MISSED EDENTON

Mayor Spires Joined In Opposing Moving Office From E. City

### AT WILLIAMSTON

4 Counties Have Been Added to W. E. Baker's Territory

Recent official announcement that Elizabeth City would not be selected as the site for the consolidated WPA district headquarters, and that the present district branch office there would be abandoned, the new location to be Williamston, instead, is to be regretted in a way but apparently will have no effect on the local office or its working force.

Mayor E. W. Spires, acting for a community that had had but the pleasantest of relations with the WPA branch at Elizabeth City, joined with officials of that town in urging that the change be not made. Th Mayor sent a telegram to this effect to his good friend George W. Coan, State WPA director at Raleigh, but got a reply Saturday that Mr. Coan was sorry that orders requiring the transfer to Williamston had come from Washington and could not be altered.

The proposed change may affect E. S. Askew, who has been regional director at Elizabeth City, and who has many friends in this section. Lee Wallace, of Washington, N. C., has been named to take charge of the Williamston office with Edward L. Winslow as assistant director. Under the change nineteen counties in eastern North Carolina will be consolidated into one district instead of two as at present, with a quota of working employees set at 4,481.

W. E. Baker, project foreman here, through this change, has had four counties added under his supervision, these being Bertie, Martin, Washington and Tyrrell. The branch office, however, will remain in Edenton.

## Merit Badge Library Added To Library

A merit badge library has been added to the Shepard-Pruden Library. This library consists of interesting and informative literature relative to the various phases of Boy Scout activities and was added to the library in an effort to stir up interest among the boys in the Edenton troop.

Scoutmaster John W. Graham has read a number of the pamphlets and recommends them to every member of the troop and hopes that the boys will take advantage of this opportunity.

## Waynick Convinced Roads In Colerain Section Neglected

Chairman of the State Highway Commission, Capus M. Waynick, and Mrs. Waynick, and Mr. Julien Wood and his daughter, of Edenton, were guests of honor at a chicken barbecue Friday, August 7, at Colerain Beach.

The visitors repeatedly expressed their delight at the natural beauty of Colerain Beach, and were pleased that roads leading to this beautiful spot were being built. They agreed that Colerain had been badly neglected for past years in the distribution of road funds.

The party visited Perry-Belch Fish Co., and the packing house where hundreds of crates of tomatoes are being packed daily.

After a bounteous lunch and a rest by the river they were taken back to Edenton by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beasley on their cruiser "Lou-Wood."

Those attending the barbecue besides the guests of honor, were: Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beasley, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Nowell, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Holley, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beasley.

## REVIVAL AT EVANS CHURCH

Revival services will begin at Evans M. E. Church Sunday afternoon, and will continue for one week. The pastor, Rev. R. E. Walston, will be assisted by Rev. E. Soter, of Durham. An invitation is extended to all to attend the services.

## 2 New Historical Markers Soon Ready For Edenton

Some Faces Change But Others Do Not

Seventeen years is a pretty long time to remember faces, especially when the last time you may have seen these "mugs" was when they were covered thick with the mud and dirt and grime and blood of a fighting trench on the Hindenburg line near Bellecourt, France. So it was natural when Dolph Blue, sporty and wealthy present day owner of a chain of small town drug stores, now living in Carthage, came to town yesterday to meet up with some of his old war time buddies of Company I, 119th Infantry, to whom he had last said goodbye on the last day of the war in 1919 and had not seen since, to assume he might have forgotten how they would look in their 1936 splendor.

But his eyes didn't fail him, though the same cannot be said for his Edentonian pals, save Shelton Moore. One glance and Moore named him instantly, but Bob Pratt, boastful of a good memory, and Oscar Brown, who hasn't missed out yet, and West Byrum and a half dozen others, fell down dismally. But, oh boy, what a reunion they had together, and Mr. Blue went back home saying he wouldn't have missed it all for a million!

## COACHING JOB IS STILL UNFILLED

John A. Holmes In Touch With Number of Applicants For Brogden's Successor

Despite strenuous efforts on the part of John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton schools, to secure a coach to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Leon Brogden, no successor had been definitely decided upon this week. Mr. Holmes has been in communication with a number of applicants for the position but in an effort to obtain the best man possible, no definite decision has been reached. Mr. Holmes refused to divulge the names of any of the prospects under consideration until a decision has been reached, for the reason that most of them are now employed and publicity as to their desire to make a change might prove detrimental to their present position.

Coach Brogden was coach at Edenton High School for only one year, but during that time developed eastern championship teams in both football and baseball, in both instances, however, losing the State title to the western champions. He further laid the foundation for a creditable football team by encouraging the sport among the younger boys of the school. Last year he placed a junior team on the field that played a creditable brand of ball and from this squad will likely be selected a number of players on the varsity squad to replace vacancies caused by graduation and any who fail to return to school.

Due to Mr. Brogden's efforts, Mr. Holmes is very optimistic that Edenton High will again be well represented on the gridiron, and he is especially anxious to secure a man who is capable of developing the material on hand. For this reason the selection of a new coach is not being arrived at in a great hurry, but Mr. Holmes is certain that a competent man will be secured in time for early practice.

## Governor's Son Passes State Bar Examination

John Christopher Blucher Ehringhaus, Jr., son of Governor Ehringhaus, was among the 80 students announced Saturday who successfully passed the recent bar examination. Mr. Ehringhaus was a student at the University Law School at Chapel Hill, and has been vacationing at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, at Greenfield.

## Town Council Meeting Postponed Until Friday

The regular meeting of Town Council which was to have been held Tuesday night was postponed until Friday night. This postponement was necessary due to a number of the councilmen being out of town.

Hayes and Home of Governor Eden Latest Designated

### EXPECT SEVEN

Local Folks Interested In Having Correct Spelling

Edenton, which at the outset began to have some fear it would be neglected in an unsatisfactory way by the State Historical Commission in the placement of markers designating spots of local history interest, is rapidly coming into its own and bids fair to be the most prominently marked location in the entire State. On Tuesday Mayor E. W. Spires received word relative to two more such markers to be located hereabouts, making one already in position in front of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and four others promised and under way, with probably two additional ones, if not more yet to come.

Besides the marker at St. Paul's the second and third markers designated for here have to do with the home of James Iredell, early day Supreme Court Justice, on East Church Street, and another calling attention to where Joseph Hewes, Signer of the Declaration, lived and engaged in his shipping and candle business.

The latest two other markers about which the Mayor has had word will point the way to "Hayes," home of Samuel Johnston, and to the residence of Governor Charles Eden in Bertie county. Still other proposed markers for this town, so it is hoped, will direct travel to the old court house, to the Cupola House, and to "Beverly Hall," the Dillard-Dixon home on West King Street, where State banking got an initial start in North Carolina.

To show the great interest local enthusiasts are taking in the markers a brief allusion appeared in a State paper to the fact a marker had been decided on for Edenton to point the way to the home of "Samuel Johnson." This was on Saturday and the spelling of the early governor's name caused some consternation. Without consultation the Mayor, as city executive, John A. Holmes, as secretary of the local business men's league, and Richard D. Dixon, on his own hook, swamped C. C. Crittenden, chairman of the executive committee on historical markers, with telegrams and letters urging that the proposed "Johnson" marker be spelled correctly with an inclusive "t" rather than merely as "Johnson."

On Tuesday these gentlemen received letters of thanks from Mr. Crittenden saying the press accounts were in error "and you may be sure that the historians on the committee" (Continued on Page Five)

## CHOWAN'S MELON CROP ABOUT OVER

Only 15 Boats Leave Harbor Compared With 48 Last Year, and 56 Year Before

Officially Chowan's watermelon crop for 1936 has been marketed and the season may be referred to as over, incidentally the poorest season numerically in the history of the county. R. L. Peck, federal inspector or here from the start, left yesterday for other points, and C. L. Pobst, AAA representative from Washington, who had been here with him, went elsewhere some time ago.

Figures show that but 15 boat loads of melons have left this port this year, as compared with 44 boats last year and 56 the year before. What possibly is the last cargo went north early Tuesday morning when three boats departed for Baltimore. No more boats are expected and if there are any further melons to market they will have to be sent by truck.

There are about 4,000 melons on an average to a boat, which would make this year's shipments total around 60,000 melons as against some past years when the total has been as high as 300,000 or 350,000. Climatic conditions and overworked soil have been mentioned as contributing factors for the shortage.

Restraining orders recently issued out of federal courts against some growers had a marked effect on shipments recently. Since the orders all growers offered their melons for grading and inspection, which was far from true at the outset and prior to court interference.