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## Legislature Coming 'Home'

### White Wins First Round In Scrap Over School Board

Nominations Approved By Committee and One Board Unit Idea

BOARD AT HEARING

County Members Present Resolution But Say Nothing

Whether it is willing to be admitted or not, it is none the less true that John F. White, Chowan County's representative in the General Assembly, won by a wide margin the first round in his fight to replace the Chowan County Board of Education. A hearing was granted to those opposing his action before the education committee of the House of Representatives on Friday, the committee overwhelmingly voting to approve Mr. White's appointment of Z. T. Evans, T. L. Ward and T. C. Byrum, which would mean that all of the present board, who were elected in the primary, would be discarded except Mr. Evans. Those who would be dropped by the change would be S. E. Morris, L. W. Belch, Isaac Byrum and Mrs. George Wood. About 20, including all members of the Board of Education except Mrs. George Wood, went to Raleigh to attend the hearing.

Hugh Horton, chairman of the committee, called on Mr. White first to state his case. The latter very briefly told his reason for desiring to oust the present board. He told the committee that he was of the opinion that the county was small enough to justify having only one board of education, and that in order to abolish the Edenton city administration unit it would be necessary to have a county board of education, as well as a Board of County Commissioners, who would recommend to the State School Commission the abolishment of the unit. This was the principal reason advanced by Mr. White for his desire to have the board changed.

He further gave as a reason for his desire to abolish the city unit his opinion that there was entirely too much favoritism shown in the election of teachers. He told the committee that it was almost impossible for a home girl to study to be a teacher and secure a job under the present set-up unless she was a relative or a particularly close friend of someone on the Board. "And this condition is not only confined to Chowan," said Mr. White. "There stands a member of the school commission," he said, "and there are school teachers who are members of this committee who know what I am talking about and know it is true." [He cited several instances relative to the Edenton unit as well as one or two cases in the county unit where, he said, room was made for relatives or close friends as teachers at the expense of others.]

Mr. White also told the committee he was convinced there was a general desire, except by some members of the Edenton unit and their relatives or personal friends, to have only one board of education in the county. "In fact," he said, "when some members of the county Board of Education voted to establish the city unit they admitted afterward that they didn't know what they were voting for." He stated that something should be done about the situation and in order to bring it to pass he would have to have a county board that would favor the change, which, he said, isn't the case with the present members in that only a few days previous both boards met and passed resolutions to stand by each other to the end that no change is made in the present set-up.

Following Mr. White, B. Warner Evans acted as spokesman for the opponents. At the outset Mr. Evans said he was not particularly anxious to become involved in the controversy, but had been requested, as chairman of the county executive committee, to present the matter.

Mr. Evans first read the following paper which was signed by three precinct chairmen, two others being non-committal and one being unable to be seen:

"We, the members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Chowan County, respectfully request that

### LIONS PLAN BIG TIME AT CHARTER NIGHT MEETING

Event Scheduled For Monday Night At Hotel Joseph Hewes

100 EXPECTED

Washington, Columbia And Plymouth Clubs Will Attend

Plans for the observance of Charter Night by the recently organized Edenton Lions Club have been perfected, and according to the enthusiasm and interest shown at the regular meeting of the club Monday night an occasion long to be remembered will take place next Monday night when the local club will be clothed with full authority to do business and undertake a program of activities that should result in the aims and purposes of the club being recognized in the community as a whole.

Lacking one member, the entire membership of the club was present at the last meeting at which time R. C. Holland and Earl Harrell were added to the club roster, bringing the membership now to 23, and including a representative group of business and professional men whose efforts and cooperation are capable of accomplishments much needed at a time when opportunities are presented from almost every angle.

The Lions are expecting a wonderful meeting Monday when over 100 Lions and Lionesses from Columbia, Plymouth, Washington, Belhaven and Edenton are expected to attend, and in preparation for whom the local committee has arranged an interesting program, the principal address of which will be by District Governor V. J. Ashbaugh, who will also present the charter to the Edenton club. The meeting will be held somewhat later than the 6:45 hour of the weekly gathering of the club, the time being set at 7:30 o'clock at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

The complete program follows: "America," Assembly. Invocation, Rev. Frank Cale. Introduction of Toastmaster, Lion J. C. Meekins, Columbia.

Response by Toastmaster, Lion W. D. McInnis, Washington, N. C. Solo, Mrs. T. C. Byrum. Music, Chowan Coon Hunters. Banquet.

Song: "Don't You Hear Those Lions Roar?" Assembly. Address of Welcome, Lion R. C. Holland.

Daniels Quartette. Introduction of Visiting Clubs, Lion Harry Slater. Address and Presentation of Charter, Lion V. J. Ashbaugh, District Governor.

Acceptance of Charter, Lion William Prvott, president. Daniels Quartette.

Song: "Lions Till We Meet Again" Assembly. Adjournment.

### E. H. S. Triangular Debaters Selected

Edenton High School's debating teams which will participate in the annual triangular debate was selected Monday at trials held in the auditorium. The successful debaters were Mary White and Junius Davis for the affirmative and Mabel Harrell and Edward Bass for the negative. Alternates are Gussie Cox and Elbert Copeland.

The query to be debated this year will be: Resolved, that the Government should own and operate electric utilities.

The triangular debate will be held April 2nd, with the usual members of the triangle, Edenton, Hertford and Elizabeth City, participating. The school whose both teams win the debate will participate for State honors at Chapel Hill two weeks following the sectional debates.

(An Editorial)

### WE ARE HONORED

Edenton is anticipating with much pleasurable happiness the forthcoming visit of Governor Hoey and the General Assembly. It feels that a nice sense of what is right, just and true has been shown in this legislative manifestation of reverence for primal days. For the honor, the esteem, the respect paid it by this intended "one day session" sojourn, Edenton bows in gratitude, and hopes that it will evidence its appreciation in a manner that will be lasting and unforgettable. It intends to—it will do so!

But Edenton is far from a selfishly proud community. Beyond the town of Edenton is a great state, to us all the best commonwealth in the union of states. That state got its start here. Here was the focal point of that state's beginning in law making life. Here statutes and life were carved heroically out of a wilderness. Here was begun a rugged citizenship that hewed its way with axe and gun down through the ages on the road to a destiny that has endured and, perhaps, has been the key-stone of the North Carolina of 1937.

So, while Edenton glories in the opportunity to center the General Assembly here in the land of its forebears, it hopes the thought will be clear that in honoring Edenton in this manner the General Assembly has in a greater sense honored North Carolina. Edenton was but a place where North Carolina's Book of Genesis was written. Edenton is prouder of its state than any editorial pen can say, and what has been done and what it will do to make the law-making visit memorable will be done solely with this thought in mind.

### New Sinclair Station Opens Saturday; W. J. Yates Is Manager

Edenton's newest service station will be open for business Saturday morning when the Sinclair station at the corner of Broad and Queen Streets will be ready to receive and accommodate customers. The station adds greatly to the appearance of Edenton's principal intersection, replacing the old dilapidated frame dwelling house which was more or less of an eyesore for the past several years.

The new station will be operated by W. Jordan Yates, who until recently was one of the four partners of the Chowan Motor Company, and had charge of the service department.

Mr. Yates has had many years of experience in the service line of the automobile business and coupled with this advantage he has purchased the latest and most up-to-date service station equipment which will enable him to compete favorably with the best of stations.

Mr. Yates in this issue publishes a statement in a page advertisement in which he thanks all his friends for past business and extends a cordial invitation to all to visit his new enterprise. As an inducement for business on opening day he will give a free lubrication job to anyone who will purchase 10 gallons of gas or more.

### Movies Subject At Rotary Club Today

Edenton Rotarians at their regular luncheon today will become informed about the moving picture industry when the principal speaker will be Jimmy Earnhardt, manager of the Taylor Theatre. Mr. Earnhardt has been very successful during his short time with the local theatre and is well enough versed with the business to present an interesting and enlightening program on his particular vocation.

At last week's meeting William Jones delivered a splendid address on his vocation, the manufacture of ice.

All Rotarians are urged to attend today.

### Shad Experts Now Here To Determine Vanishing Of Shad

Start in the state's "Save the Shad" program was made anew this week when Harry Canfield, technologist and culturist of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, arrived here from Washington, and immediately got busy on an intensive survey of Albemarle shad resources which may be continued for a month and which will lead him to the various heretofore well known spawning grounds of this great fine springtime fish.

Virginia's interest in the same quandary as has proved so disturbing to this state was shown when one of its shad experts, C. E. West, came here with Mr. Canfield and is accompanying him on his tour of investigation. It is expected, too, that Richard Armstrong, Virginia's fisheries commissioner, and John A. Nelson, who holds the same post in this state, as well as R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the state bureau of conservation and development, will be here, likewise, to offer what aid they may to Mr. Canfield in his inquiry.

The federal specialist got here last Sunday and frankly admitted he could reach no intelligent conclusion as to the causes behind the shad decline of recent year, until he had made a thorough examination into the spawning ground situation. This he has in mind as his first move. On Monday he and West visited with W. S. Vincent, superintendent of the United States fish hatchery, and learned from him his views as to what may be back of the shad shortage.

It is the intention of the experts to boat about the Sound and river waters, to visit Avoca and Colerain, once well known shad seining spots, and to seek some determination as to why the shad have not been reaching these points in the great schools of a decade or so ago.

### Edenton Masons Go To Colerain Friday

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. and A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. W. M. Wilkins, master of the lodge, is very anxious that a large attendance is present in order to plan for a delegation to visit the Colerain lodge Friday night.

### Saturday, March 6th, Will Probably Be Date Selected

SPEAKS SUNDAY



MISS IRENE HOPE HUDSON  
Miss Hudson will speak in the Edenton Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

### Visiting Speaker At Presbyterian Church Sunday Night, 7:30

Announcement was made Tuesday that Miss Irene Hope Hudson will speak in the local Presbyterian Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Hudson is a graduate of the General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers of the Southern Presbyterian Church. After ten years' experience as director of young people's work and religious education in the First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, S. C., where she served first with Dr. A. D. P. Gilmour, and then with Dr. Henry Wade Dubose, she took a special course in the Biblical Seminary, New York City. She did notable work among students at the two colleges in Spartanburg, and has found a cordial welcome in all college groups. Since 1929 Miss Hudson has served as field secretary of the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. She is an interesting speaker and those who hear her this Sunday evening will have a treat. The members of the church are urged to be present and the public is cordially invited to attend.

### Mrs. Hoskins Ready Receive Applications For Crop-Feed Loans

Applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1937 are now being received at Edenton by Mrs. George C. Hoskins.

These loans will be made only to farmers who cannot obtain credit from any other source, as provided by regulations issued by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. The money loaned will be limited to the farmer's immediate and actual cash needs for growing his 1937 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock, and in no instance may exceed \$400.00.

Farmers are not eligible for these loans if they can borrow from an individual, production credit association, bank, or other concern. Emergency crop and feed loans will not be made by the Farm Credit Administration to standard rehabilitation clients of the Resettlement Administration whose current needs are provided for by Resettlement.

As in the past, the security for these loans will consist of a first lien on the crop financed if the loan is for the production of crops, and if for the purchase of feed for livestock, then a first lien on the livestock to be fed. Landlords, or others having an interest in the crops or the livestock to be fed, will be required to waive their claims in favor of the lien to the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration unit until the loan is unpaid.

Checks in payment of the approved loans will be issued by the Regional Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Office at Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. George Hoskins will take the applications for the seed loan at N. K. Rowell's office in the Post Office Building.

### Solons Quickly Vote For Resolution Introduced By John White

GOVERNOR COMING

Legislators Anxious and Reported Coming In Large Numbers

Word reaching The Herald late Wednesday afternoon from Representative John F. White in Raleigh was to the effect that the General Assembly had not at that time decided upon the day they will meet in Edenton. However, it was thought that a definite date would be set before the week is out and in all probability would be Saturday, March 6.

Another signal honor has been bestowed upon Edenton, probably the highest in all its long life, certainly one that has made it very proud and happy, and for which it intends to show its appreciation in a manner that will be ever memorable.

For the first time since August 2, 1720, when "Chowan Precinct" became the seat of government of this great state, then a puny commonwealth, and enacted its first laws on the very spot where the handsome old hall of jurisprudence now stands—early day laws that have been a bulwark down through the subsequent centuries—the General Assembly, Governor Clyde R. Hoey, the Governor of Virginia, maybe the Governor of South Carolina, too, nearly all of the state house officials and their chief assistants, have promised by legislative resolution to "come back home" to the hallowed land of their law-making sires, to Edenton, for a one day commemorative session in this little but powerful fountainhead of North Carolina history.

With the exact date undetermined as yet, the certainty is nevertheless not lessened. Sometime before the law mill adjourns its regular biennial labors its members will be here, and great and glorious will be their reception, a reception that will give Edenton an opportunity to once again prove itself a land of allure and of true southern hospitality.

Already plans are under way to make the reception noteworthy. There will be a gathering of the officials, of course, in the historic Court House, maybe with an overflow meeting if the weather is propitious on the town green in front. Nobody expects the state solons to transact much important business at this session but sufficient will be done recently to indicate that the Senators and Representatives will bow in obedience to the ancient forebears who enacted legislation in a day when law was law and its disobedience meant the stocks or pillory or whipping post, with paroles and pardons legal phantoms of the future.

Before or after the session there will be a meal of meals for everyone, probably at the Hotel Joseph Hewes where diminutive but proud Governor Charles Eden and bluff old George Burrington, and stylish, dapper and armored Richard Everhard, were wont to raise their flagons in salute on the same site in the old King's Arms Tavern. And so there may be no fear or confusion in the minds of the coming guests there may be similar 1937 flagons that can be tipped in salute to the days gone by.

Shad, the grand Albemarle spring-time fish which Bruce Etheridge and his department experts are just now wondering so much about, will be the piece de resistance at this mid-day town dinner, with yams and all the other field delicacies to go with it.

And Edenton expects the ladies, too. It has much to show and admire and it welcomes the opportunity to exhibit its beauty and its history to the fair and gracious ones attached to the homes of its legislators. They will be taken on little travelogue tours to beautiful Old St. Paul's Church where lie the bodies of so many of the early day immortals, to "Hayes," the home of Governor Samuel Johnston whose daughter Joseph Hewes sought in love and whose death was hastened when she

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