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## Great Welcome Planned For State Legislators

### School Units Deny Charges Made By Rep. John F. White

W. J. Taylor Says He's To Be Penalized For Way He Voted

#### NO DECISION

### John A. Holmes Defends Election of Edenton Teachers

In an effort to prevent Representative John F. White naming a new County Board of Education and to deny accusations that there was favoritism shown in the selection of teachers in the Edenton City administrative unit, members of both school groups went to Raleigh Tuesday morning, where they were granted a hearing before the Education Committee. Though spokesmen for both boards presented their matter to the committee, no action was taken in the executive meeting following the hearing and the school men left the capital under the impression that the committee would decide on the matter Wednesday. However, at the time of going to press The Herald was unable to learn whether or not the Education Committee had reached a decision.

The entire County Board as now constituted was present at the meeting, together with W. J. Taylor, superintendent, while W. D. Pruden and Thomas Chears, together with Superintendent John A. Holmes represented the City Board. W. D. Welch and A. D. Ward also accompanied the delegation.

W. J. Taylor was first to speak before the committee, and in his remarks said that from the things that took place immediately after the June primary he felt that he was to be penalized for the way he voted and that this impression was the result of a visit to his office by Mr. White the third day after the primary. In substance, Mr. Taylor said, that he was told by Mr. White, "You made me sweat in June and now I'll make you sweat." Summing up his remarks Mr. Taylor said that in disregarding the County Board named by the voters and the naming of a board by Mr. White, he could not believe it was anything other than an attack on him and his board for the way they voted.

S. E. Morris was next to speak and he said he wanted to briefly answer four accusations made by Mr. White. He denied Mr. White's former statement that there had been an agreement of the two boards to stand together to the end that the Edenton unit would not be abolished. He also denied that there had been any friction between the two boards. As to the present board not being sympathetic to Mr. White, Mr. Morris said he (White) had never been to a board meeting and had never made any request, and on that ground he was unable to charge that the board was not sympathetic. Mr. Morris also said it was untrue that a teacher was discharged to make room for his daughter.

Isaac Byrum told the committee that at a party given by Mr. White, the latter informed a lady member of the County Board that he was going to put her off the board and in order to accomplish this he would wipe out the whole board. Mr. Byrum said the majority of the people do not approve of Mr. White's action in the matter.

W. D. Welch also spoke, saying he held no brief for the board as constituted and had nothing to say against Mr. White, that he was a friend of his and not opposed to any of the members he proposed. He stressed the fact that five had been nominated in the primary and led the county ticket and that he thought they ought to be approved by the Legislature. Party harmony in the county now is excellent, said Mr. Welch, and he said he knew for a fact that what Mr. White intended doing would split the county as it has never been before. He said it would create factions that would be more antagonistic than he has ever known in the county. He said he had served on the county board for nearly 30 years as well as having been a member of the General Assembly and that he had been close to the political life of the county practically all his life. To substantiate his contention that a split would result, Mr. Welch told the committee that Mr. White had

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### Inclement Weather Reason For Delay Typhoid Treatment

Due to inclement weather Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer, was obliged to postpone the typhoid treatment campaign, which was to have been started Monday. Dr. Whichard says the campaign will get under way as soon as the weather permits, which he hopes will be within a week or two.

A revised schedule will be published in The Herald when the dates and places have been decided upon.

### 762 Unemployed In Six Counties Register In Edenton Office

According to Mrs. Randolph Holman, acting district manager, records in the Edenton district office of North Carolina State Employment Service show that from July 1st, 1936 to date 762 people in the six counties whose records are kept in the Edenton office, have registered for employment, 167 in Chowan, 326 in Gates, 171 in Martin, 42 in Perquimans, 18 in Tyrrell and 148 in Washington. The active balance of unemployed for these six counties is 2,206. Four hundred and eighty-seven of this number are in Chowan County. Among this number unemployed there are brickmasons, carpenters, watchmen, painters, pile drivers, teachers, electricians, operators of machinery in road building, bookkeepers, salesmen, salesladies, stenographers, typists, seamstresses, maids, cooks, nurses, practical, registered and children's, unskilled labor and others.

A total of 766 placements have been made in these counties, 315 of these being in private industry and 451 of these being in public work. Two hundred and twenty-seven of this number were in Chowan County, 193 were placed with private employers and 37 in public employment. The local office has been informed by a representative of one of the contractors on the Albemarle Sound Bridge that work would begin on that project in about 30 days.

### SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL MONDAY

Approve Sale of Armory; Contribute To Entertainment Expense of General Assembly

A special meeting of Town Council was held Monday afternoon for the purpose of acting upon the sale of the old Edenton Armory, the sale depending upon the approval of Town Council and Major M. P. Whichard, trustee of the local Ambulance Company. The property was sold at public auction Saturday at noon to T. Wallace Jones for the sum of \$2330, and both Town Council and M. P. Whichard approved the sale. Major Whichard at the meeting asked members of the Board to appoint Mayor E. W. Spires to act with him as custodian of the new armory, which was accordingly done.

The matter of financing entertainment for the North Carolina general Assembly when it meets in Edenton was brought to the attention of the councilmen and it was decided to appropriate \$125 to assist in this expense.

### Ten Applications For Boarding Homes For Homeless Children

Following a story appearing in last week's Herald relative to the need for boarding homes for homeless children, in Chowan County, Miss Meta Dowling, child welfare assistant in her report to the County Commissioners Monday said ten applications had been made for licensed boarding homes. She also reported that a State department field agent for boarding homes would be in Chowan County Monday 8, to consider the qualifications of these homes in which to place children who need proper care.

At present there are three children to be returned to Virginia and one to Florida.

### RED CROSS DRIVE BRINGS LETTER OF APPRECIATION

National Body Sends Warm Thanks For Relief Donations

#### AROUND \$1,163

### Chowan Chapter Included In State's One Hundred Best

Chowan County's generous part in the recent Red Cross drive for funds for the Ohio River flood sufferers has brought a happy response from the National headquarters of the organization at Washington. Mrs. J. N. Pruden, local chapter chairman who conducted the campaign here last month, got the letter this week from William Carl Hunt, assistant manager for the Eastern Area.

The communication receipts for \$992.38 turned in by Mrs. Pruden as Chowan's liberal donation, stipulates also, that the Edenton Rotary Club's \$15 contribution sent to Rotary headquarters, has been similarly credited to the Chowan Chapter, while an accompanying memorandum states that a letter has gone to Louisville directing similar local credit for a \$150 donation sent west direct by the Edenton Peanut Company.

Chowan County was one of 100 chapters in North Carolina to greatly exceed their original quotas, Mr. Hunt writes, his letter in full being as follows:

"My dear Mrs. Pruden: "By this time you have our receipt for \$992.38 covering your check which came on February 17. I thought I had sent you a copy of our February 5th letter to the Edenton Rotary Club, acknowledging their contribution of \$15.00 for flood relief. This amount will be credited to your chapter's quota for flood relief. We are delighted your county has shown such a splendid response to this special disaster appeal. You will be glad to know that over 100 chapters in North Carolina have reached or greatly exceeded their original quotas.

"You have also received the Honor Certificate in recognition of Roll Call achievement."

### 16 Cases Contagious Disease In County During February

Sixteen cases of contagious diseases were reported in Chowan County during February in Dr. M. P. Whichard's report as county health officer. Whooping cough was in the lead with eight cases reported, while chicken pox followed with six cases, and two cases of scarlet fever.

Dr. Whichard also reported on his inspections of the Court House county jail and County Home, saying all were in good condition.

### CHARTER GOES TO LIONS AT BIG 4 CITY GATHERING

Local Club Given Certificate By District Governor

#### LIVELY PROGRAM

### Guests From Franklin, Columbia and Washington Present

"Charter Night" for the recently organized Edenton Lions Club was a memorable affair, socially and in every other respect, at the Hotel Joseph Hewes last Monday night. A 100 per cent local club membership was on hand, and everybody brought his wife or lady love with him, the latter all dressed becomingly in attractive evening dresses and certainly adding eclat to the evening.

And from Franklin, Virginia, and Washington and Columbia, too, still more Lions and their fair ones were on hand to decorate the evening's gayety, 82 altogether, and to make it the happiest "Charter Night" seance in the long life of many such official seances of District Governor V. J. Ashbaugh, of Durham, who was present to formally induct the new organization into being and to present to it the handsomely engraved documentary parchment chartering it on its course to future success.

Mr. Ashbaugh, an entertaining speaker, said this very thing. He declared privately that not in his career as Governor had he been prouder to induct an organization into office, and not before had he faced "such intelligence and feminine charm" as when he stood up at the banquet table Monday night to outline the principles and aims of the Lions. This last he did in a telling manner. A large chart showing the different phases and opportunities of Lions fellowship hung from the wall behind him, and each feature thereon he explained with happy minuteness.

The District Governor, of pleasing personality, enunciated these aims of Lions everywhere and declared with much emphasis that they existed as much if not more so in a thriving bustling little town like Edenton than in a larger metropolis.

An outstretched Lions' hand with a smile behind it, can mean much, very much, in civic life, he stated, "but when there is occasion to roar let your roar reverberate so that it cannot be mistaken." In this connection Mr. Ashbaugh said it was probably not the purpose of Lions to engage in crusading but it should be their desire in all civic affairs to voice quietly and positively the right as against the wrong.

Opportunities for service are multiple, said the speaker, and the local organization will find them plentiful if they train their observations upon them, and act in unison. While not a (Continued on Page Five)

### President As Possibility Also, Enthuses Everybody

Commissioners Pass Buck For Liquor Election

Though members of the Board of County Commissioners anticipate the necessity of calling for an election to vote on whether or not Chowan County may have an ABC liquor store, they refused to take the initiative at their meeting Monday to call for such an election.

They do, however, believe that a petition will be signed by a sufficient number of voters, and when it is presented an election according to the new law must be held.

### Commissioners Ask For Postponement Of Regular Term Court

In view of the fact that there are scarcely any important court cases on hand, the County Commissioners on Monday passed a resolution requesting the judge to postpone the term of Chowan Superior Court which is scheduled to be held the week beginning March 29. This action was taken in an effort to save the County extra court costs when very little business would appear on the docket.

However, a jury list was drawn as a precautionary measure in event the judge failed to grant the request. If the postponement is granted and important cases come up for trial a request will be made for a special term, the expense of which will be less than a regular term.

Those who were selected for jury duty, but who will not be summoned unless the regular term is held are as follows:

W. E. Jordan, Jr., Leslie Morgan, J. B. Perry, W. D. Moran, Nathan Dail, J. C. Hendrix, C. F. Chappell, W. A. Perry, E. L. Hollowell, Zeb Smith, John R. Lewis, C. A. Bass, W. E. Speight, J. C. Haste, J. I. Boyce, Jr., W. W. Bunch, Jr., G. A. Boyce, J. S. Turner, E. F. Parks, Lloyd E. Bunch, Frank Elliott, T. B. Barrow, Martin L. Hofer, Richard G. Bunch, S. M. Wilkins, Curtis Chappell, Ralph Goodwin, Henry Bunch, John M. Elliott, George Smith, Thos. B. Wood, I. D. Bright, T. O. Asbell, J. H. Byrum, R. K. Hollowell, Bertram Hollowell.

### Want State Take Over Road In Rocky Hock

Rev. Norman Ashley, appearing before the County Commissioners Monday in behalf of a group of petitioners, asked that body to pass a resolution requesting the State Highway and Public Works Commission to take over a stretch of road in the Rocky Hock section. The road in question is about a mile long leading from I. D. Harrell's home to Edgar Pearce's farm.

Mr. Ashley explained to the Commissioners that the road saves considerable travel by residents going from one section to the other and would be a great advantage.

The Commissioners agreed to pass the resolution requested and residents affected will continue in their efforts to have the road maintained by the State.

### Garden Club Meets Tuesday Afternoon

A meeting of the Garden Club will be held Tuesday afternoon in the Cupola House. This meeting will begin at 4 o'clock and all members are especially urged to attend.

#### MRS. R. K. HALL HOME

Friends will be delighted to know that Mrs. R. K. Hall on Monday was brought to her home in North Edenton following an operation in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Hall shows signs of improvement, but is still confined to her bed.

#### MRS. LEARY IMPROVING

Mrs. B. F. Francis was advised Wednesday night that the condition of her sister, Mrs. Jodie Leary, was much improved. Mrs. Leary was quite sick last week at her home in Williamston. She is at the George Reynolds Hotel with her son.

### Mayor Wires Invitation And Impresses Others To Help

#### GOVERNOR JOINS

### Large Crowd Expected For General Assembly Next Week

Edenton's legislative house party, commemorating by the General Assembly, Governor Hoey, a great host of State officials and employees, and, maybe, by President Roosevelt, a past of which it has ever been proud and mindful, too, continues to bid promise of being a large affair numerically. No definite date has yet been set but word from Raleigh Tuesday afternoon was that both law mill branches would reach a decision on this Friday, and that the March 9 or 10 dates next week might be considered as still standing.

However, much will depend on the President. Serious effort is being made to bring him here. He has said he would leave Washington early next Wednesday morning after delivering his forthcoming radio talk the night before. It has been thought that he might be prevailed upon, if these plans carry, to have his train for Warm Springs, Ga., where he is going, stopped en route, say at Rocky Mount, and escort him from there in a great travelcade of motor cars, returning him to his train later in the day.

It is felt that it would agree to this a definite date to suit his convenience would, of course be decided upon. In line with this idea and hope Mayor E. W. Spires yesterday sent the following telegram to the President:

"President Franklin D. Roosevelt,

"Washington, D. C.

"General Assembly of North Carolina, together with Governor Hoey, plan one day meeting in Edenton, probably some time next week in recognition of this Old Colonial Capital. Understand you plan to pass through this State en route to Warm Springs during the same week. Your presence on this occasion would confer a great honor upon our State and community. A motorcade would escort you and your party from whatever point you designate. Am requesting Governor Hoey to extend similar invitation. Would appreciate advice soon as possible in order we may request Legislature to set date to conform with your plans. E. W. SPIRES, Mayor."

On top of this message a telegram went to Representative John F. White acquainting him with the wire to the President, and suggesting he confer at once with Lieutenant Governor Horton and Speaker Cherry as well as the Governor as to a date, and stating that if the President can come a move would be started at once for a nation-wide radio hook-up broadcast. While the Mayor was at it he telegraphed invitations to former Governor Ehringhaus and family, to Chairman C. M. Wayne, of the State Highway Commission, asking him to hold the March highway meeting here while the legislature is on hand to Mrs. J. B. Spillman and to R. Bruce Etheridge.

The telegram to Governor Hoey, also by the Mayor, spoke of the importance of pressing this appeal upon the President. Other telegrams went forward to United States Senator J. W. Bailey and "Our Bob" Reynolds, as well as Congressman Lindsay Warren, urging them to make the appeal to the President in person, and to report back as quickly as they can on the subject.

It might, therefore, be said that while great activity has been shown in arranging for the legislative session all plans have momentarily been dropped in a concentrated move to bring the President here. Perfect frankness, however, justifies the feeling that Edenton doubts the President's ability to make this change in his contemplated travel itinerary. It is certain his desire would be to honor this fine old town and great State in the manner proposed, and hopes above all else he will do so.

Until he is heard from and until some positive date has been set by the State law mill, Edenton has to mark time on the whole proposition. Should the President come, of course, the rest of the Carolina world would (Continued on Page Five)

## Want A Job?

In a way that indicates anew that when it has a thing to do Edenton knows how to do it, around a half hundred leading town residents, men and women about equally divided, met with Mayor Spires at the Municipal Building Tuesday night and for a couple of hours showed a willing eagerness to make the forthcoming visit of the General Assembly a memorable occasion. Those present might be said to represent every phase of civic life both in an organization and personal way, and pretty nearly all of them were given a job to do in anticipation of the legislative visit.

Committees were appointed, decision as to the program was reached, announcements were made that free bus transportation had been pledged from Raleigh and that a special train, also, might be pressed into service, that the meeting should and will be held in the Court House to the exclusion of any other spot be the crowd large or small, that the town should be adorned and decorated the best way possible, and that all things pointed to a large gathering, one of the largest, perhaps in the history of the town.

Mayor Spires, naturally, presided at the meeting Tuesday night, in fact

had called it into being. John A. Holmes, as usual, was given the secretarial job and Jesse W. White was named as treasurer.

One of the first things brought up had to do with feeding the guests at the Hotel Joseph Hewes. It was agreed that this meal should only be for legislators and official guests and it was left to the Mayor to decide who these should be.

The selection of committees then took up much time but a fine spirit of harmony and willingness to serve and do anything desired to make the affair a lasting and unforgettable one was evidenced by everybody present.

The possibility of the President and his entourage coming of course excited everyone to a high pitch of enthusiasm and it was thought desirable to leave no stone unturned to make this possible.

Naturally there was much pleasantries throughout the session, as for instance when someone said the special train would not return until night, another was quick with his laughing rejoinder "Gosh that will mean two meals."

The Mayor said he had been assured that every branch of the State government would be represented (Continued on Page Five)