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Warren Gets Large Sums To Ease Shad Situation

Hatchery Here Lands \$25,000 Appropriation For More Ponds

\$45,000 BESIDE

Last Amount to Meet Costs of Shad Survey Around Here

According to the following letter memoranda received this week by Mayor Edward W. Spires from Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, it would seem the Edenton fish hatchery may yet get an appropriation for outside propagating ponds. Such a proposed appropriation Mr. Warren says has been passed by the House of Representatives and if embodied in the general appropriation bill of both branches of Congress, and acted on favorably, would be available for usage after July 1, next. The same act includes an appropriation of \$45,000 for a survey of the shad situation on the eastern seaboard.

As Mr. Warren's office writes about the matter, the story is this: "Representative Lindsay Warren was successful today in his efforts to enlarge the U. S. Fish Hatchery at Edenton, North Carolina when the Department of Commerce Appropriation bill was reported to the House carrying an item of \$25,000 for this purpose. The bill will probably be passed on Tuesday but the money will not be available until after July 1st.

"Mr. Warren spoke before the Appropriations Committee several weeks ago on the necessity for the enlargement of the Edenton Hatchery which is supposed to serve all of Eastern North Carolina. It is proposed to increase the pond capacity of the hatchery at least 200 per cent. In past years the Edenton Hatchery has been an important factor in stocking the streams of the State but the lack of proper facilities has reduced their output in recent years." The Mayor responded at once acknowledging, also, a previous brief letter from Congressman Warren in which Mr. Warren regretted his failure to be here during the recent visit of the General Assembly and Governor. The congressman in this communication said:

"I truly regret that I could not be at Edenton. I had an important hearing that day before the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors with people from our District and it was impossible to cancel it. I have seen many who were there and they are unanimous in the wonderful reception you gave them."

In his joint reply Mayor Spires wrote: "It is gratifying to note that you are meeting with success in your fine efforts to secure that \$25,000 appropriation for enlarging the U. S. Fish Hatchery at Edenton. You have always taken a keen interest in the hatchery, realizing as you do the absolute necessity of undertaking a real program in order to save this great industry for our state and for posterity.

"I do not know what appropriation has been requested by the Bureau of Fisheries to be used in the propagation and distribution of baby fish for the ensuing fiscal year. I hope, however, that you will look into this and endeavor to secure as large a sum as possible. While the ponds and other facilities are an essential requisite, I think we all can agree that a larger appropriation is needed to operate the plant if the best results are to be assured.

"Am glad to note that your friends who attended the session of the State Legislature held here on the 11th, were favorably impressed with the

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Three Edenton Girls Win In Music Contest

All three of Edenton's entrants in the music contest held in Hertford Saturday won in their respective groups. The contest was staged by the Northeastern District of the Federation of Music Clubs of which Mrs. R. M. Riddick, of Hertford, is chairman. In the contest were entrants from many eastern towns and Mrs. L. L. Lewis, counsellor of the Edenton club, feels very much gratified at the showing made by the local youngsters.

The three who won first places were Jennie Ruth McAilly in Class E, Katharine Reeves in Class C, and Julia Burton in Class B.

These three young ladies will go to Greensboro Saturday, April 3, to compete for State honors.

LEADERS SCHOOL ON LIGHTING TO BE HELD APRIL 16

Virginia Electric & Power Company Line In Upper Chowan County Rapidly Being Completed

Miss Rebecca Colwell, county home agent, announces a club leaders school on lighting which will be held on Friday, April 16, the time and place of which has not yet been decided upon.

At this school Miss Pauline Gordon, of Raleigh, extension specialist in home furnishing, will be in charge and will discuss the placing of lights, outlets and selection of fixtures, as well as comment on other types of lighting with lamps.

The school will be especially timely, says Miss Colwell, in view of the fact that extension of election service in the upper end of the county is rapidly coming to a realization. Poles have been planted along the highway from Sunbury, workmen this week working near the E. L. Winslow home. That upper Chowan residents welcome the opportunity to secure electricity in their homes and farms is evident by the fact that already some homes are being wired and will be ready to connect when the line is completed.

Geo. Bond Ordained As Baptist Minister

Friends will be delighted to know that George Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bond, who has been taking a theological course for several years, was ordained as a Baptist minister in Richmond, Va., last Sunday night. The services were held in the Cavalry Baptist Church and were participated in by leading Baptist divines of Virginia.

The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Charles S. Gardner, and the charge made by Rev. R. B. Watkins.

Immediately after the presentation of a Bible, the pastor, Rev. J. P. Guiley, presented Mr. Bond with a leather diary, a gift from the Mattie Macon White Circle of the Edenton Baptist Church.

The new minister, who was a student at the University of Richmond, has accepted a call to the Fort Lee Baptist Church, near Richmond.

Unique Service Tonight At Methodist Church

On Thursday evening (tonight) at 8 o'clock, the celebration of the Lord's Supper will be observed, in commemoration of the Last Supper of Christ and the Apostles upon the Thursday evening of Holy Week. This will be a brief but impressive candle-light service, with appropriate Scripture, prayer and hymns. There will be no preaching message and no offering. In the absence of Mrs. W. A. Leggett, because of recent ill health, Mrs. L. C. Lewis, a new resident of Edenton, will be the organist, and will also play at the Sunday morning service.

County And Home Agents From Ten Counties Meet Here

County and home agents from 10 eastern counties will meet in Edenton Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss 4-H club work and will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Agents from the following counties are expected to be present: Pasquotank, Perquimans, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Washington, Tyrrell, Currituck, Camden, and of course N. K. Rowell and Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan agents.

Improvements Made At Leggett & Davis

Workmen on Wednesday began tearing out the front of Leggett & Davis drug store, which will be replaced with a new front that will greatly improve the appearance of the building as well as that part of the business section. The new front will be of modernistic design with attractively decorated plate glass windows.

Besides the improvement to the front of the building one of the most up-to-date fountains will be installed, a new floor put in as well as other improvements made to the interior, which when completed will make the store one of the most attractive in this section.

WIND-UP RESUME OF CHOWAN ACTS IN LEGISLATURE

Old Age Pension Bill Said to Cost County Heavily

FERRY SURVEY

Commissioners Will Be Elected By Townships Hereafter

With the final wind up of the General Assembly Tuesday night an unofficial summary of passed legislation affecting Chowan County, would indicate that, perhaps, the most important has to do with this county's forthcoming fiscal part in the old age pension act, by which all indigent over 60 years of age would benefit. It is a proportionate share each county will be called upon to bear, and, according to Representative John F. White, Chowan's amount will be something like \$30,000 a year during the operation of the act, which sum will no doubt mean a tax on land or be derived from the profits of a liquor store.

This sum, which will have to be raised by taxation, meaning, naturally, increased taxes both in the town and county, will not necessarily be allotted for distribution in Chowan alone, but will go into a Statewide pot for use throughout North Carolina. County Counsel W. D. Pruden said the other day he had not gone deeply into the subject, but he understands that taxation would be the method resorted to in every county to meet the act's monetary demands.

Among the other Chowan matters was the passage of the Omnibus Educational Bill in the last hours of the session, and which brings to this county an additional membership of two on its county board of education. This is the result of the recent, amiable compromise growing out of the original board squabble that would have originally done away with the existing board and have substituted one of three members. But under the compromise the old board of five members will be increased by two more, W. B. Shepard and T. L. Ward.

Still another enactment put through by Mr. White would elect the Chowan County Commissioners hereafter by townships instead of as a county-wide matter. This, however, would have no bearing on the present board membership, and will go into effect, only, at the completion of their term.

A perfunctory pair of acts also passed have to do with rules guiding procedure in the Chowan Recorder's Court and an act changing the term of Chowan Superior Court, which instead of being held Christmas week will be held two weeks earlier.

W. A. Everett's effort to get the State Highway Commission to eventually reimburse him for what damage may result to the Edenton-Mackeys Ferry line by the construction of the vehicular bridge over the sound with an anticipated loss of ferry patronage as a result, ended in the creation of a commission appointed by the Governor to investigate damages, if any, and report back to the Governor and 1939 Legislature.

Special Easter Service At Catholic Church

Father E. L. Gross announces a special Easter service at St. Anne's Catholic Church Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, at which time he will conduct Holy Mass and a sermon, which will be followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament.

Rev. Mr. Gross extends a cordial invitation to all to attend this service, both to white and colored people, announcing that the gallery will be reserved for colored people.

Bank of Edenton Be Closed Monday

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Monday, it was announced by D. M. Warren, cashier, due to Easter Monday. Patrons are urged to note the holiday and transact their banking business accordingly.

Cemetery Association Meets 3 P. M. Today

The Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting today (Thursday) at 3 o'clock, with Mrs. R. F. Tuttle. All lot owners interested in the upkeep of the cemetery are urged to be present.

LARGE FUNERALS FOR TWO CHOWAN COUNTY FARMERS

J. Carroll Byrum and Robert C. Bunch Pass Away

MANY CARS

Tremendous Crowd of Friends and Relatives Attend Last Rites

Friends all over Chowan County were shocked last Thursday afternoon when news of the sudden death of J. Carroll Byrum, 48, rapidly spread throughout the countryside. Mr. Byrum, while outwardly in good health, was a World War veteran, and was known to have never fully recovered from gassing received in the trenches.

He was found dead under a shelter near his home by a son and was at first thought to have been a victim of a heart attack. However, upon arrival of physicians and subsequent examination it was disclosed that he met his death by gun shot wounds, supposedly by his own hands.

The funeral, which is said to have been one of the largest ever held in the county, was held Friday afternoon. Brief services were held at the home on the Virginia Highway, near Small's Cross Roads, with interment taking place in Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton.

Traffic officers report that more than 100 cars were in the cortege from the house to the grave, and that half as many more failed to come to Beaver Hill, where the local post of the American Legion officiated and Revs. W. Frank Cale and Robert Walton read the Scripture and made invocations. The active pallbearers were E. L. Winslow, B. Warner Evans, R. C. Privott, W. V. Byrum, John A. Bunch and W. S. Privott, while those who served in an honorary capacity were Drs. M. P. Whitchard, J. A. Powell and W. I. Hart and R. C. Bunch, Jr., L. W. Belch, Z. W. Evans, W. H. Winborne, Robert Evans, S. W. Taylor, A. M. Forehand, P. L. Baumgardner, E. B. White, Walter M. Hollowell, K. M. Pierce, W. J. Berryman, W. J. Taylor and J. H. Asbell.

Surviving the deceased are: Mrs. Ellen Byrum, his aged mother; his widow, Columbia Wright Byrum; five children, Fahey, Carroll, Margaret White, Paul and Lloyd; two brothers, George P. and T. C. Byrum, and six sisters, Mrs. Riddick Chappell and Mrs. T. R. Winslow, of Hertford; Mrs. Roy Furry, of Center Hill, Mrs. Henry Goodwin, Mrs. R. N. Privott, and Mrs. R. W. Leary, Sr., of Chowan County.

Robert Cullen Bunch, a prominent farmer of Chowan County, died at his home near Evans' Church Saturday morning, after a short illness of pneumonia.

His parents were John A. and Rebecca Gaskins Bunch, and in his parental home, where he spent his entire life, he was born on September 6, 1875.

His wife was Miss Lulie Watkins, of Oxford. To them were born four sons and two daughters, all of whom survive him: Robert, George, Glenn, and Ray; Mrs. Walter Small, and Miss Elizabeth Bunch.

He was a man who was greatly loved in his home, his community and his church, having united with Ballards Bridge Baptist Church in his early boyhood. He was an industrious farmer, a kind neighbor and a true friend to many.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. T. Byrum, and Rev. R. E. Walston. Interment was in Beaver Hill Cemetery, Edenton. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

The quartette of the Edenton Baptist Church sang "Crossing the Bar" (Tenyson) at the burial service.

Active pallbearers were John Bunch, Will Bunch, Patie Perry, Miles Chappell, Nat Watkins, John

Masonic Banquet Has Been Postponed

The annual Masonic banquet which was to have been held tonight at Hotel Joseph Hewes has been postponed indefinitely due to a communication from River Johnson, of Warsaw, on Friday that he would be unable to attend and deliver the principal address for the occasion.

W. M. Wilkins, master of the Lodge, is endeavoring to secure a speaker for the banquet which will be held just as soon as he can make the necessary arrangements.

Plans Under Way For Book On Civic Life Of Edenton

LEADERS APPROVE BOOK ON EDENTON

That the idea of getting out a booklet on Edenton, which will be printed in The Chowan Herald office, is meeting with general approbation is evident by just a few sentiments by local leaders.

D. M. Warren, cashier of the Bank of Edenton, had this to say: "I have had the matter of an illustrated booklet for the Town of Edenton presented to me.

"We have a wonderful asset in our History, and believe that such a booklet should cause many people in other sections of the country to desire to visit with us.

"By co-ordination of all forces and co-operation of all our business interests in a composite publication, we should be able to attract a few heads of industry here, which should augur to the benefit of the entire section."

Mayor E. W. Spires, who is much enthused at the prospect of publication of the book, says:

"I understand that at least five thousand copies of this booklet giving a summary of the history, resources, possibilities and advantages of the community will be printed, and that it will be distributed throughout the North, East, West and South.

"If it pays to advertise and we know that it does, we should let the world know of our History, and the many excellent advantages that we enjoy and have to offer, and it appears to me that there is no better way of doing this than in the publication of an attractive, concise and authentic booklet.

"The proposition is a meritorious undertaking, and it is my sincere wish that all forward looking citizens in the community will co-operate in making the booklet an outstanding success."

EDENTON HIGHS TROUNCE E. CITY

Roanoke Rapids Expected to Furnish Plenty Opposition On Local Diamond Friday Afternoon

Edenton High School appropriately opened the baseball season Tuesday afternoon on home soil by defeating Elizabeth City's High School nine by a count of 14 to 5. Lester Jordan, one of the best twirlers to represent Edenton in many years, appeared to be in mid-season form, setting down 14 Elizabeth City batters by way of the strike-out route. And while he was doing this his teammates were gathering 13 hits from Seymour and McHarney to easily turn back their opponents. Jordan allowed six hits.

Melvin Layton, William Cayton and Pete Everett starred at the bat, while the entire Edenton team showed up well. Coach David Holton is very optimistic for a successful season on the diamond, but is of the opinion that Friday of this week will bring the real test. On that afternoon Roanoke Rapids Highs will be here to cross bats in the second conference game, and a battle royal is in prospect. If Roanoke Rapids can be turned back, Coach Holton feels sure his boys will have a good chance at championship competition.

Easter Services At Methodist Church

At Easter Sunday morning service at 11 o'clock in the Methodist Church, the subject will be, "The Changeless Light of Easter Morn." Young ladies home from college are expected to lead the choir in appropriate Easter music. At this service there will be reception of members.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., and it is hoped that there will be the largest attendance at the Sunday School, and at the church service of the year.

At the evening service at 7:30, an Easter program will be given by the Children's Department concluding with a brief play given by the young people, "The Easter Garden." The public is cordially invited to this and to all services.

New Doctor Plans Coming To Edenton

Though final arrangements had not been made as The Herald went to press, Dr. Holmes Chapman, of the General Hospital at Norfolk, Va., is expected very shortly to arrive in Edenton where he will be associated with Dr. J. A. Powell and Dr. L. P. Williams.

Work Already Begun Under Strong Editorial Board

MEETING TONIGHT

Business Men Asked to Meet and Get Behind The Idea

A meeting of the Business Men's Association has been called for 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Municipal Building to talk over the proposed publication of a town booklet descriptive of every phase of Edenton life, industrial, historical, educational, agricultural and from a religious angle. Secretary John A. Holmes is urging a large attendance so that immediate action can be secured. It is hoped everyone who may be interested will be on hand and express themselves.

As a municipality of many diversified interests, industrial as well as historical, Edenton seems about to make a move it has had in contemplation for years—the publication of a booklet in which the business life and activities of the town will be set forth entertainingly and accurately for dissemination all up and down the eastern seaboard, and in the haunts of trade and avenues of commerce elsewhere.

It goes without saying that such a booklet, preliminary plans for which have been under way for some time now, has for its purpose the greater attraction of interest to the town. It is thought it will further accentuate tourist visitation and, of course, acquaint industry everywhere with the opportunities Edenton has to offer. This last does not entirely mean to coax new business here, although this would be a subject of much desirement, but to be a civic salesman of everything Edenton and its environs has to offer.

Of course all is in an embryo state at the moment but the suggestive plan, in which an editorial board have participated, would be to have a booklet of comforting size published in a first edition of at least 5,000 copies, and sent out to all the tourist agencies of the north and be available otherwise in every center of trade territory reached by Edenton's industries.

However, a meeting of the Business Men's Association in the Municipal Building tonight will reach some decision, it is thought, as to these details and an urgent call for attendance has been issued by Secretary John A. Holmes.

At present the so-called editorial board which will be responsible for the review of the town's 1937 position in the life of the Albemarle and State will be comprised of its leading citizens. These will be Mayor E. W. Spires, who will discuss the community from an executive and managerial viewpoint, Richard D. Dixon, who, of course, will treat history and the days agone, D. M. Warren, who will write of the fiduciary growth of the commonwealth and of the reasons for this, Rev. C. A. Ashby, who will discuss Edenton's religious part in the past and present, J. A. Moore, who may head a chapter on the textile importance of this section, James H. Wood, who has a flair for handling the peanut industry in a way that has ever kept it to the fore, John A. Holmes, on education, and N. K. Rowell, farm agent, who knows, surely, all there is to know about the agricultural resources of Chowan.

It may be said, as everyone knows, that the town has never had a booklet the same as has almost every other community of importance in the State. It has heretofore confined itself to the little folder mentioning the historical points of interest only. This, Edenton feels, is all right for overnight visitors, but should be enlarged upon and elaborated in a way that would cite much else than history. And it is for that reason the forthcoming booklet, long a subject of hope here but never one of realization, will be attempted this spring.

Two angles have aroused new interest in the proposed venture—the recent great host of visitors who came to town at the legislative house party and who freely commented that Edenton had much else besides history to attract the outside world, and the forthcoming great vehicular bridge over the Sound, which will land near here on this side and which is bound to put Edenton in the spotlight of trade opportunity.