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Mayor and Councilman Only Changes By Election

All Other Incumbents Re-elected; McMullan Leads Vote

BUFFLAP LOPES IN
New Officials Will Take Oath of Office Next Tuesday

Tuesday's biennial spring election for the selection of town officers was pulled off in the usual unexcited and quiet way, and except for one change in town management, the entire election might well be referred to as a gesture.

John H. (Jack) McMullan was chosen Mayor to succeed E. W. Spire, who declined to run for re-election, and all the other official incumbents went through with bells on except T. Wallace Jones, who has been serving as a councilman-at-large. J. Edwin Bufflap, editor of The Chowan Herald, was elected to succeed Jones. The vote was 135 for Bufflap and five less for Jones.

John G. Small, who entered himself at the last minute as a candidate for Board of Public Works, was beaten about three to one by each of the other Board nominees.

Naturally McMullan's total town vote, 217, was the largest received by any of the nominees, but Henry Gardner, for re-election as town treasurer, ran him a close second with 213 votes. The smallest total received was that by William E. Bond as councilmanic nominee.

Fourth Ward, everybody who voted, of course, voted for him, but not many voted, only 23.

Except for Small, who showed some little activity election day, all the rest of the candidates stuck to their personal affairs and hardly noticed an election was under way. At least, all but Bufflap, who being a publisher and appreciating the value of hand bill publicity, which he hopes all others will acknowledge the effectiveness of hereafter, got out a bundle of red ink dodgers and shot them all over town. Perhaps, without them, his candidacy would not have been remembered.

Next week the winners of Tuesday will all take office. Mayor Spire will deliver his swan song and Jack McMullan will record his salutatory, and Clerk Roy Leary will note on his docket these official servitors of the Town of Edenton for the next two years:

Mayor—John H. McMullan.
Town Treasurer—W. H. Gardner.
Councilman-at-large—O. B. Perry, J. Edwin Bufflap.
First Ward Councilman—Dr. L. P. Williams.
Second Ward Councilman—Graham Byrum.
Third Ward Councilman—A. G. Byrum.
Fourth Ward Councilman—William E. Bond.
Board of Public Works—J. A. Woodard, F. P. Wood, F. W. Hobbs.
At the same time Mr. Leary will (Continued on Page Five)

Taylor Theatre To Be Greatly Improved

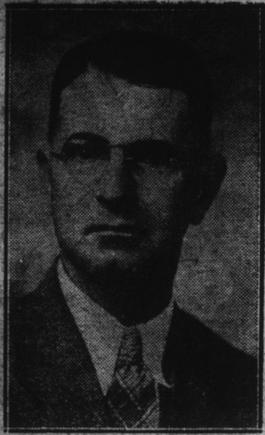
Not content with having just a good theatre, the management of the Taylor Theatre within a week or two will have provided for its patrons one of the most comfortable and up-to-date theatres in this section of the State. Sound engineers are now treating the acoustic arrangements which will make the theatre sound perfect, following the recent installation of the latest General Electric Mirrorphonic Sound system.

The theatre will also be equipped with air cushion seats which are now in transit, as well as a brand new carpet, which has already arrived. The cooling system has also been re-arranged, and will furnish added comfort during the hot summer months.

Aside from these improvements the entire theatre will be redecorated in colonial design, including new stage scenery and draperies, the latter being in an attractive color scheme of red and blue and gold damask.

The management has gone to considerable expense to make the theatre one of the best for an ever-increasing patronage and aside from furnishing an attractive and comfortable theatre, an expense is incurred in booking the best available pictures for movie-goers, which no doubt justifies the noted increase in attendance.

NEW MAYOR



J. H. McMULLAN
Edenton's new mayor, who was elected without any opposition at Tuesday's election.

EDENTON'S VOTE

| Mayor | First Ward | Second Ward | Third Ward | Fourth Ward | Total |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------|
| J. H. McMullan | 84 | 77 | 34 | 22 | 217 |
| W. H. Gardner | 85 | 76 | 32 | 20 | 213 |
| Councilmen-at-Large | | | | | |
| O. B. Perry | 87 | 54 | 31 | 21 | 173 |
| T. W. Jones | 48 | 53 | 17 | 12 | 130 |
| J. E. Bufflap | 52 | 55 | 18 | 10 | 135 |
| Board Public Works | | | | | |
| J. A. Woodard | 77 | 76 | 31 | 19 | 203 |
| F. P. Wood | 81 | 74 | 33 | 19 | 207 |
| F. W. Hobbs | 69 | 52 | 29 | 20 | 170 |
| J. G. Small | 20 | 27 | 5 | 3 | 55 |
| Councilmen | | | | | |
| L. P. Williams | 90 | | | | 90 |
| Graham Byrum | 75 | | | | 75 |
| A. G. Byrum | | | 35 | | 35 |
| W. E. Bond | | | | 26 | 26 |

Attractive Antique Exhibit At Cupola House Next Week

Five hundred cards of invitation have been mailed by the committee for the exceptionally attractive antique exhibit to be held in the Cupola House from next Wednesday through to the following Sunday night. The exhibit being sponsored by the local Garden Club will be for the benefit of the Cupola House Association and a modest admission fee will be charged.

Many original furnishings, not only of the Cupola House, but from private homes, including much rare glass, china and paintings will be displayed during the exhibit. There will, also, be many articles so displayed, like rugs and small pieces, which will be offered for sale during the exhibit.

The exhibit will be open daily from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M. with luncheon and tea served each day at a moderate charge.

Property Advertised For Taxes June 10

Readers this week will notice an advertisement by Sheriff J. A. Bunch to the effect that property will be advertised for 1936 taxes on Thursday, June 10, the sale to take place Monday, July 5. There will be no postponement of this action and to save expense and embarrassment taxpayers are urged to pay their taxes as soon as possible.

Soft Ball League Likely Materialize

Following the game of donkey baseball Tuesday night spontaneous interest in soft ball in Edenton has arisen. In view of the practical certainty that there will be no baseball team this year, many comments have been heard relative to the formation of a league of soft ball teams representing various organizations.

The purpose would be to play late afternoon or night under flood lights and it is the opinion that sufficient teams could be organized to furnish local rivalry as well as claim the interest and attendance of many spectators.

CHOWAN SOCIAL SECURITY BILL TO BE A HEAVY ONE

Commissioners Expect New Welfare to Cost \$30,000 Annually
NAME BERRYMAN

Act Starts to Operate July 1; Applicants For Jobs

As an initial step looking toward full compliance with the state's newly enacted social security program, which is already viewed here as both a perplexing and costly problem, providing as it will for the needy aged and dependent children as well as meeting other welfare emergencies, the county commissioners last Monday named William J. Berryman as their representative on the county welfare board soon to develop when the new statute starts to operate this summer.

The selection of Mr. Berryman as such an agent for the board will be followed, it is understood, by a second member to be chosen by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, which will have the administration of the act in full charge, and these two will name still a third member, the three to constitute the Chowan Welfare Board. All three members will, of course, be residents of Chowan county, and already the state board has been making lively inquiries as to the best eligible man it can select for member No. 2. Numerous names have been suggested, one of them being West W. Byrum, but no intimation has so far been given as to who may be selected to work with Mr. Berryman in picking member No. 3.

Once the county board has been chosen in this manner and organized the next real job will be the naming of some one as County Welfare Officer in place of W. J. Taylor, who, incidentally is a candidate for the berth. The commissioners have not been enlightened as to this as yet, but the talk seemed to be Monday that a comforting salary, would be the honorarium attached to the post. Naturally this belief has brought several applicants into the field besides Mr. Taylor, two others from here, for instance, Mrs. J. H. McMullan, who has been extensively engaged in one way or another in welfare work for several years, and Miss Mary Cody, at present a teacher in the Edenton school. Then a Miss Elizabeth Deans, hailing all the way from Merion, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia, and a William M. Perkins, of Elizabeth City, are similarly hungry for the bait, and the commissioners expect more to be after it.

In a way the commissioners admit to a certain vagueness about the working of the act, as it will develop in this county, and as to what the county's financial burden will be. This last has been variously estimated by those in a position to know as (Continued on Page Five)

Work Begun On New Bridge Over Sound

Work on the forthcoming long vehicular bridge across Albemarle Sound began this week when a Norfolk contracting firm which is to handle the north half of the span work started erecting several office and work shop buildings on the Sandy Point terminal site. Piling will begin to arrive almost any day now, highway department engineers said yesterday, and the arrival of other material is looked for also before the week is out.

In connection with the latter fact announcement was made on Monday that freight shipments would be handled adjacent to Plymouth on the south shore side instead of around here as at first planned. Failure on the part of the Norfolk Southern railroad to get consent to run a short spur out over the local bay waters caused this last change in plans, it was said. By it Edenton will lose but as the clearing house for the bridge materials and, also, in the matter of much anticipated local laboring employment.

Open House Sunday At St. Anne's Church

Father Gross, pastor of St. Anne's Catholic Church, announces open house at the new addition of the church on Sunday between the hours of 2 and 4 p. m. Not only members of the church will be welcome, but everybody is cordially invited.

County Commissioners Start Machinery For Special Election On A B C Liquor

Rotarians Beat Lions In Donkey Game; 1-0

ROTARY BOSS



JOHN W. GRAHAM
Mr. Graham, one of the youngest members of the Edenton Rotary Club, was elected president of the club at the annual election held Thursday. He will take over his new duties July 1.

JOHN W. GRAHAM HEADS ROTARY

New Board of Directors Also Elected; John A. Holmes Again Named Secretary

Election of officers kept local Rotarians busy at their regular luncheon last week. John W. Graham, who has been serving as vice president, was elected president for the ensuing year to succeed the present president, N. K. Rowell. Mr. Graham and W. D. Holmes were conceded the two candidates for the presidency as they received the highest votes. Unfortunately, however, the vote for each was a tie, whereupon Mr. Holmes bowed gracefully and withdrew leaving the subsequent ratification ballot a unanimous one for Mr. Graham.

The new president will take charge as is annually customary in July.

A new Board of Directors was also chosen, five candidates being voted for, the rule being that the candidate receiving the most votes should be named as the club vice president. This honor fell to the club's newest member, William Jones. The other directors named were O. H. Brown, L. C. Burton, Earl Goodwin and M. W. Jackson.

John A. Holmes was again named secretary and W. D. Holmes will perform another year as sergeant at arms.

C. E. Kramer was picked as the club delegate to the district convention and Mr. Graham as alternate. The program at today's meeting will be in charge of Parson Ashby.

Chowan High Uses New Auditorium

Over anxious to hold at least part of commencement exercises in the new school building Chowan High School class day exercises were postponed from Monday night until Wednesday night, with the music recital scheduled to be held Friday night. Graduation exercises will be held tonight (Thursday) as originally planned, when Lloyd Griffin, secretary of the State School Commission, will make the principal address.

Seats have been installed in the auditorium and the only hitch Wednesday morning was the uncertainty of lights. However, it was hoped that current would be turned on, if only temporarily, so that the exercises could be held in the new building.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. C. Aylett Ashby in Ballard's Bridge Church on Sunday night, when the building was packed, with even standing room at a premium. The program was very pleasingly interspersed with special music by Mrs. Gordon Blow and her very efficient girls' glee club.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The annual meeting of the Cupola House Association was held at the Cupola House Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Unique Entertainment Draws Record Crowd; Much Laughter

GRAHAM "STARS"

Earnhardt Makes Paul Revere Ride To Score Only Run of Game

Playing before one of the largest crowds ever to assemble on Hicks Field, members of the Lions and Rotary Clubs on Tuesday night furnished plenty of entertainment in a game of donkey baseball in which the Rotarians, underdogs, won by a 1 to 0 score. The game was played under floodlights and up to time of going to press no demand had been made for return of the admission price on the grounds of lack of entertainment.

Gate receipts netted \$167.40, which by no means is a true gauge of the crowd due to lack of policing to prevent scaling the fence in the darkness. Of this amount 40 per cent will be divided equally between the Lions and Rotarians to be used in their respective programs.

The game was a scream from start to finish, with the Goodwin brothers, Caleb and Earl, on the mound for their respective clubs. John Graham tried to stop them back of the plate for the Rotarians, and George Dail, who is used to stopping folks, was the Lions' backstop. Every man on both teams featured in one respect or another, but John Graham possibly furnished the most laughs when a donkey sent him sprawling head first enroute to first base. Doc Griffin, as a pinch hitter, would have made a base hit had he been able to lift his leg over the donkey, but failed miserably. Parson Ashby all diked out in a Prince Albert coat, Scotch hat and red necktie played a brilliant game in center field, as did Lloyd Burton and Oscar Brown in the left and right wings. Beanie White played first base very well when he could keep his donkey pointed in the right direction. Spec Jones and Jimmie Earnhardt played errorless ball on second and third base. J. Edwin Bufflap lost much of his pep as a shortstop and at one stage of the game two donkeys were on hand to make fielding somewhat easier. Milard Bond substituted for Oscar Brown after the latter failed to clear the rear end of a donkey and was shaken up considerably.

Bill Privott, used to arguing, convinced a number of the donkeys that they should leave first base and made most of the put-outs for the Lions. West Leary, another six-footer, made it hard to pass second base, while Guy Hobbs at third base made a costly error allowing the only run. J. Frank White, Jr., was mighty glad the Rotary sluggers didn't hit many balls down his way because his donkey wasn't much interested in what was going on and possibly needed a little dynamite to make him go anywhere. Clarence (Continued on Page Five)

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AT COLERAIN



GOV. CLYDE R. HOEY

Governor Hoey will deliver the commencement address to the graduation class of Colerain High School on Friday night, May 14.

"Wet" and "Dry" Issue May Be Settled In Next 50 Days

LAW EXPLAINED

Large Social Security Cost Prompted Commissioners to Act

Preliminary action ultimately destined to make of Chowan a "wet" county or permit its continuance as an illegalized one, was taken by the County Commissioners on Monday when they voted formally and unanimously to take advantage of the recently enacted statute privileging a liquor referendum as to whether an ABC store should be established within the commonwealth's confines, presumably in Edenton.

R. P. Badham, chairman of the county board of elections which will select an election date, acted in accordance immediately and has written the Attorney General for detailed information as to the working of the new act as to a time for bringing the issue to a vote in this county.

Local interpretation of the act is that around 50 days must elapse between the board's action and the election, which, if concurred in by the Attorney General would make it possible to vote on the subject some time around July 1, or as Tuesdays are usually election days, on say June 23 or July 6, but nothing definite as to this has been settled upon.

The commissioners acted on their own initiative and without much fanfare of trumpets. They have understood that petitions calling for the election have been prepared and have been partially signed, and they have perhaps, expected their presentation at two previous monthly meetings. And as they have not been forthcoming upon their own initiative was decided upon and without any preparatory agreement so to do.

It would be absurd to say the commissioners were actuated in their decision with the liquor question solely in mind. A much greater quandry, centering, as always about the greatest bugaboo of life, money, has found itself inseparably interwoven in the matter. Of course, the board was frank in its avowals that, legalized or not, liquor is dispensed in Chowan with the utmost freedom and with scant prevention by the authorities. So it will not do to say that a vote is being called merely to make of Chowan a formally "wet" or a formally "dry" county. In that the commissioners have no interest further than to take a step which will either legalize what is now an illicit traffic or prove to the world Chowan prefers an illicit trade. Nor are the commissioners willing to avow the illicit or bootleg trade of the present can be stopped. They know it should be, is their position, just as they know it hasn't been.

But Chowan county is confronted with an old age or social security penalization from now on amounting to, as is surmised, something like \$30,000 a year. This will have to be raised in some way, by direct extra taxation or by revenue from some other source. That the new ABC referendum act and the social security act passed side by side at the hands of the state law mill, is besides the point. That Chowan will have to raise \$30,000 a year for its old folks and can get much of it from ABC store profits, is the point, and was considered frankly by the commissioners.

The new law sets forth that the state shall receive 7 per cent of all gross ABC sales but that "all net profits go to the county except where 1935 or 1937 local laws, (and there are none here) of which there are a number, allow cities to share in the liquor profits." No estimate as to what Chowan's share of such profits will be, of course, can be made, for no one knows how much buying there would be.

The operation of the new law is worthy of mention. It provides first for a special election upon the appeal of 15 per cent of the registered voters or upon the direct demand of the county commissioners, as was done in this instance.

In calling this special election "the board of elections must give twenty days public notice prior to the opening of the registration books, and the registration books must remain open for the same period of time, prior to the liquor election as is required for them to remain open for a regular election, or a 15 day period, new (Continued on Page Five)