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Byrum Named As Member Of County Welfare Board

Personnel Completed to Handle Social Security Legislation

MEETING JUNE 7

Meet Jointly With Commissioners and Then Start Machinery

With the selection of West W. Byrum as its third and final member the personnel of the Chowan Welfare Board, which will have the handling of the State's intricate but most important social security program in this section, was completed on Tuesday. Along with the other two board members, W. J. Berryman originally selected by the Chowan County Commissioners, and W. D. Pruden, picked as its representative by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, the trio will meet with the Commissioners on Monday, June 7, and name a county welfare officer for which post there are numerous aspirants.

W. J. Taylor is welfare officer at present and is out after the new berth which may or may not pay a substantially satisfying salary to be fixed by the county board and county commissioners in joint conference. Mrs. J. H. McMullan is, also, anxious to get the post, and the belief today is the ultimate choice will lie between these two.

The selection of Mr. Byrum and the completion of the county board personnel followed closely upon the action by the Supreme Court of the United States upholding the constitutionality of the Social Security Act with all its many ramifications, and supporting decisions by the same body that states were entirely within their rights in enacting "run-along" legislation, or legislation in local consonance with what the government and New Deal Administration has been advocating. The court's many barreled decision in this regard has been mentioned as one of the most important rulings in support of the Administration.

In Chowan as elsewhere throughout North Carolina the Social Security program will go into effect on July 1. Even now the program is not a matter of clear and definite understanding here, but sufficient is known to reach the conclusion the program will be an expensive one for Chowan. Various amounts have been mentioned as to the ultimate cost of the undertaking and the prevalent idea seems to be that it will aggregate something like \$80,000 annually.

This does not mean, however, that this amount, or what the correct amount may be, will be an expenditure in addition to what is now being spent for welfare work in the county. On the contrary the various welfare channels of the county, as they have been operated under the guidance of the county commissioners, will be amalgamated into one cohesive whole and perpetuated by (Continued on Page Seven)

J. H. Conger Speaker At Rotary Today

Rotarians at their meeting today in the Parish House will hear of the progress made by the recently organized Chamber of Commerce when Joe Conger will be the principal speaker. Mr. Conger will in his remarks request each member of the Rotary Club to solicit two prospective members for Chamber of Commerce membership. He will likewise ask the Lions Club, the other civic club in Edenton, to do likewise in order to quickly establish a membership and perfect a permanent organization at a meeting to be held June 3rd.

At last week's meeting O. H. Brown, departing from his own particular vocation, gave a very interesting and enlightening address on the origin and development of iron.

Stores Begin Half Holiday Wednesday

Starting next Wednesday practically all of Edenton's business houses will close at 1 o'clock and remain closed the remainder of the day, thereby affording clerks, and owners as well, an opportunity to enjoy a half holiday. The Wednesday afternoon closing will be in effect during June, July and August, and citizens are urged to do their shopping as early Wednesday mornings as possible in order to allow clerks to receive full benefit of the half day's vacation.

BUY A POPPY ON SATURDAY



SATURDAY

PLANS FOR POPPY SALE SATURDAY

Auxiliary to Keep Custom Alive With Earnest Street Sale

An appeal for general wearing of the memorial poppy in remembrance of the World War dead on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 29, was issued today by Mrs. W. E. Baker, president of the Legion Auxiliary. She asked that every person in Edenton pay honor to the men of the city and of the nation who gave their lives in defense of the country by wearing a poppy on Poppy Day.

"The poppy is the individual tribute to the memory of the men who died in World War service," said Mrs. Baker. "Everyone can wear a poppy to show that he remembers and is grateful for the gallant sacrifices made for America's security and democracy. Every patriotic citizen will take part in the observance of Poppy Day."

"The poppy is the symbol of the supreme sacrifice. It stands for the highest type of patriotism we can conceive. Wearing this little flower awakens in our hearts a deeper conception of our duties to our country. It reminds us that life itself is not too much to give if our country is in danger and gives us inspiration to serve in peace with the same spirit of patriotic devotion that inspired those who died among the poppies of France."

Members of the Auxiliary will distribute poppies on the streets all day Saturday, receiving in exchange or their contributions for the Legion and Auxiliary welfare work among the disabled veterans and needy families of veterans. The poppies have been made by disabled veterans at Oteen Hospital.

T. B. CLINIC FOR COLORED PEOPLE BE HELD JUNE 10

Around 70 Positive Reactors Found As Result of Pre-School Examinations by Local Physicians

Colored residents will have an opportunity to be examined to determine whether or not they are victims of tuberculosis at a clinic to be held Thursday, June 10. This clinic is the result of about 400 pre-school examinations made by Drs. J. C. Hines and O. L. Holly, of which 70 positive reactions were determined.

The clinic will be in charge of Dr. E. P. McCain, superintendent of N. C. State Sanatorium, who will have a technician here to take X-Ray pictures and while making pictures will make examinations of adults who avail themselves of this opportunity. Dr. Hines and Dr. Holly are very anxious that a great number be examined, stressing the fact that many are afflicted with the dread disease, but are unaware of it until it has reached the advance stages. Especially do they urge servants to be examined in order to prevent spread of tuberculosis among children.

The clinic is endorsed by Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer and assisting in the examinations will be Miss Ruby Lentz, county health nurse.

The clinic will be held above the Royal Cafe, corner of Oakum and Albemarle Streets for the one day, June 10, starting at 10 a. m., unless sufficient applications for examinations are received to warrant an extension of time.

A registration fee of \$2.00 will be charged for the X-Ray pictures.

NO UNCERTAINTY ABOUT REMOVAL OF HIGHWAY SHOPS

Headquarters to Be at Murfreesboro and E. City

MACK PROMOTED

Big Loss to Town But Redistricting Given As Reason

While no formal or official word has reached here as yet relative to the talked of removal of the State Highway Commission shops from Edenton to Murfreesboro and Elizabeth City sufficient "news" has got to town to convince pretty nearly everyone the shops are to go elsewhere on July 1. In fact Commissioner D. Collins Barnes, who has succeeded Julien Wood in this district, spoke frankly on the subject to a small delegation of Edentonians who called on him in Murfreesboro the other day, and said that the State Commission was making an entire new set up in its different districts and Edenton and this wing of the Albemarle would be affected by the new plans.

The State Commission met in Raleigh on Tuesday and appointed engineers for its ten new road districts. The district engineer for the First District was mentioned in the News & Observer as J. C. Gardner. While everything seems vague as yet as to what will be done in the district re-vamping it is understood that R. R. Roper, who has been a district engineer here, will be sent to Elizabeth City, and that George K. Mack, Mr. Roper's assistant, had been promoted to the rank of district engineer and would be assigned duty at Murfreesboro.

The transfer of the shops from Edenton where they have been in operation for the past decade anyhow, will mean quite a loss to the town. A payroll, variously estimated at as high as \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year, will naturally be cleared elsewhere. In other words that much money has been coming in as salaries for local workers who have largely spent it here. To slice off \$60,000 from an ambitious little town's income is something to be deplored, naturally.

A survey of the situation also indicates that more than a score of families will be moved from the town to other locations, and to be frank about it none of the families are looking forward with much pleasure to the shifts. Nor is the town happy over their prospective departure.

In addition the proposed changes will mean the scrapping of a plant here that cost originally, around \$12,000 or \$15,000. Of course the plant may be kept running with one or two workers to meet any repair work that may from time be necessary on the public school buses, but even that has not been admitted.

Soon after he had been chosen president of the newly reorganized Chamber of Commerce last week Joseph H. Conger headed a small delegation of Edentonians to Murfreesboro to complain to Mr. Barnes against the removal of the shop and to see if something could not be done to continue the plant here. Mr. Barnes appreciated Edenton's interest but was emphatic in saying the Edenton shift was but part of a (Continued on Page Seven)

Rotary Endorses Full Time Health Service

John W. Graham, recently elected president of the Edenton Rotary Club, will appear at the next meeting of the Chowan County Commissioners on Monday, June 7, to represent the club in its endorsement of a full time health service, which action was taken by the club at its meeting last Thursday.

The matter was thoroughly presented by Dr. W. I. Hart, who explained the benefits to be derived by the service and according to his information with the money now spent for health activities in the county little more would have to be raised.

The Lions Club several weeks ago also went on record as endorsing the movement.

Dr. Graham Speaker At N. Y. Medical Meet

Dr. William A. Graham left Edenton Sunday night for New York City, where he had been invited to deliver a paper before the New York State Medical Society.

FLOOD LIGHTING IS ORDERED FOR SOFT BALL PLAY

New League Now Expected to Get Going Next Week

COST GUARANTEED

Lighted Field Figured To Be Big Drawing Card

Edenton's soft ball league opening failed to materialize Tuesday night when the Lions Club and Masons were scheduled to meet in the first game of the season. Both teams were ready for the game, but the lights which had been erected were unsatisfactory and rather than begin play with inadequate light, league officials postponed opening of the league until regulation lights are erected.

An order for flood lights was wired Tuesday and upon receipt and erection the soft ball league will get under way. The paraphernalia comes from Atlanta, and a definite date for opening of the league cannot be made at this time, but it is hoped arrangements can be made to be ready by next Tuesday night and certainly not later than Friday night.

It was expected to rig up lights by using aluminum dish pans as reflectors, which were used several years ago for a night football game, but due to the layout of a baseball diamond proper lighting effects were not secured. A number of those vitally interested in soft ball play immediately arranged to guarantee the expense of proper flood lights which will cost between \$200 and \$300. Members of the Lions Club individually pledged enough to cover the clubs' proportionate part of the expense, the Red Men took similar action Monday night, except that the Tribe will be responsible for the cost. League officials were also assured by the Masonic Lodge that their share of the cost would be guaranteed, leaving only the Rotary Club to determine whether or not the club, either as a whole or individually will guarantee one-fourth of the cost.

Considerable comment has been heard about the cost of the lights, but those who have guaranteed the money feel certain that it will easily be raised by admissions to the games, and even if insufficient gate receipts are taken in, there are a number of other entertainments that can be held to raise the money.

The present set-up calls for a four-club circuit including the Lions, Rotarians, Red Men and Masons. There is some speculation that the Rotary Club will not enter the league, but in that event another club will take its place.

Soft ball teams are being organized in Hertford and Elizabeth City and from both towns comes the suggestion that games be played between teams from the three towns. Of course these games would not interfere with the league here for they would be played on nights when there was no league games scheduled. These games alone should draw good-sized crowds and help defray the cost of light installation. Then there has been the suggestion that the Bloomer Girls might be scheduled for a game, which it is calculated would command a crowd equal to the one recently to witness the donkey game. Another suggestion has been made that just as soon as farmers are over their present rush a number of mules could be borrowed to stage another donkey game between two clubs.

In the meantime members of all four organizations are gathering nightly at Hicks Field in order to be in shape for the opening game.

St. Paul's S. S. Called Off During Summer

Next Sunday will be the last session of St. Paul's Sunday School, a vacation being taken until fall. The officers and pupils are asked to keep up their duplex envelopes during the summer, and to place on the plate at church or to get to Miss Betty Wales, the treasurer, who will see that due credit is given by the financial secretary, Mr. Thomas M. Griffin. The Sunday School is in good shape, and it is hoped that the church services will attract the children, when in town, during the hot weather.

The picnic will be at Eden House again, with Superintendent Billie Whichard in charge. Plans will be worked out later.

Whirlwind Campaign Plans For C. Of C. Membership

Graduates Guests Of Rotary At Banquet To Be Held Next Week

Organization Functions Quickly and Actively; Meets Next June 3

\$1,000 BUDGET

Drive Chairmen Named to Comb County For Members

Graduates of the 1937 class of Edenton and Chowan high schools will be honor guests of the Edenton Rotary Club next week. This decision was reached at the weekly luncheon of the Club last Thursday, but the exact date of the banquet will be decided today Thursday at the Club luncheon.

C. E. Kramer, chairman of the program committee, together with John A. Holmes, is already at work arranging an appropriate program which without a doubt will be enjoyed by the graduates as well as the Rotarians.

Invitations will be issued to each graduate who will be requested to signify whether or not he or she can attend the banquet in order to make proper preparations.

The Rotary Club is vitally interested in both schools, each year presenting the Rotary Cup to the most outstanding senior in the graduating class, and the Club looks forward with interest to the banquet given in honor of both classes.

LIVELY INTEREST IN BIBLE SCHOOL

84 Members Take Part In Daily Vacation Study

Getting off to fine start Monday morning, interest and attendance at the daily vacation Bible School being held at the Methodist Church is increasing each day. On the first day 75 enrolled in the school, while on Tuesday the figure jumped to 81, and on Wednesday 84. The school will continue for two weeks, at the end of which appropriate commencement exercises will be held in the church.

The children apparently greatly enjoy the sessions which include singing, class work, hand work and a play period. With the attendance increasing each day, it is the belief of Rev. George W. Blount, pastor of the church, that it will reach at least 100, and he issues a general invitation to children of all denominations to enroll in the school.

An efficient corps of teachers have very generously offered their services for the school and those who have been meeting and teaching the children daily are: Mrs. G. A. Helms, Mrs. J. W. Munch, Mrs. R. E. Leary, Mrs. Lee Sledge, Miss Kathleen Barrow, Mrs. Frank Muth, Mrs. W. E. Baker, Mrs. L. C. Lewis, Rev. George W. Blount. Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates is acting in the capacity of pianist and secretary.

Capt. Leon Billington Leaves Chowan Herald

Leon Billington, who has been foreman of The Chowan Herald Job Department for the past three years, will sever his connection with The Herald Saturday. Mr. Billington has been a valuable employee and is given credit for producing first class work which would be a credit to printing offices in cities much larger than Edenton.

Mr. Billington has not definitely decided upon where he will go, but it is altogether likely that he will open a printing plant of his own in Hertford in the near future.

The Herald greatly regrets losing the services of Mr. Billington, who will be replaced by J. A. Craft, of Kinston, and who also has the reputation of being a first class printer. He will arrive in Edenton Sunday and begin work Monday morning.

Veterans' Graves Be Decorated Sunday

In commemoration of Memorial Day next Sunday all graves of war veterans in Edenton will be decorated under auspices of Bell Battery Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. In order that this work is carried out in detail, Mrs. George Byrum, president of the Chapter, has appointed the following decoration committees:

- For Beaver Hill Cemetery—Mrs. Walter White, Mrs. Sidney McMullan and Miss Margaret Pruden.
- St. Paul's—Miss Mary Pruden.
- Baptist Cemetery—Mrs. A. T. Bush.
- Catholic Cemetery—Mrs. W. S. Summerell.

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That J. H. Conger, temporary president of the newly reorganized Chamber of Commerce, is anxious to have a proper functioning organization was evident this week when on Monday night he called a meeting of the executive committee and planned for a whirlwind membership campaign to the end that a complete membership would be secured and plans ready for the election of permanent officers at the next meeting which will be held Thursday night, June 3.

At the meeting Monday night chairmen were named for the various classifications in Edenton and Chowan County, who formulated a budget in the hope of raising \$1,000 which amount it is felt is needed to effectively carry on the work of a live and aggressive organization.

The following were named to budget and solicit memberships among the various groups:

- Industries—J. L. Wiggins.
- Professional Men—W. S. Privott.
- Merchants—W. M. Wilkins.
- Filling Stations and Garages—O. B. Perry.

Individual Members—E. W. Spires.

Mr. Conger stated that it was not his idea to carry on a long-drawn out campaign, but rather that a large number take part and complete the drive in a few days, and in order to accomplish this he has asked the Lions and Rotarians, Edenton's two civic clubs, to assist. It was suggested that each member of the two clubs be given two names of prospective members and for that member to be responsible for the solicitation of the two on his list.

Membership in the Chamber of Commerce, according to the schedule drawn up, ranges from \$50 for the larger industries and business houses to \$5 as individual dues.

That there is a very real need for an active Chamber of Commerce, especially at this time, was the opinion of every one present at this meeting. It was felt that an increasing number of occasions are arising when the town should have an official and unified mouthpiece, in the absence of which the town and section would greatly suffer.

The membership drive will get under way either the latter part of this week or early next week, and it is the hope that everyone, merchants, professional men, industrial men and private citizens realize the need and importance of a live Chamber of Commerce for the town and readily agree to join when approached by the canvassers.

The next meeting has been set for June 3rd, when everyone who has joined will have a voice in electing permanent officers for the organization.

Mr. Conger as temporary president, already senses duties of a Chamber of Commerce and together with a few others last week went to see D. Collins Barnes, highway commissioner for the district, in an effort to (Continued on Page Seven)

Masonic Contest Will Come To Close Tonight

Tonight's Masonic meeting winds up an attendance contest which has been in progress the past two months, and which meeting is expected to draw another record crowd. As the contest now stands W. Jim Daniels' side leads G. A. Helms' side by a scant three-majority and both leaders predict victory after tonight's meeting.

The losing side will be obliged to stand the expense of a banquet which in all probability will be served next Thursday night at the Woman's Club at Colerain, the ladies of which have invited the Masons to come to Colerain for the affair.