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Chamber Of Commerce Meets Tonight

Social Security Program In Joint Session Monday

Two Boards Will Decide On Most Important Subject

SUPERINTENDENT

Full Time Health Program For Chowan to Be Urged, Also

Next Monday's meeting of the County Commissioners bids fair to be one of the most important sessions of that body in some time. There will be a joint session with the new Chowan County Welfare Board to settle upon the social security program which starts July 1 and which is going to mean a lot of expense. A preliminary budget estimate of this cost will be considered, also as will the very worth while matter centering about the selection of a county welfare officer.

And in addition to this joint action by the two bodies the county commissioners will again be asked to give earnest consideration to a full time health program for Chowan, which of itself will necessitate another sizeable expenditure but which will offer greater opportunities for bettering the health lot of every one of the more than 11,000 residents of the county. In a sense this proposed health program will be a tri-county matter, the plan working out in conjunction with Perquimans and Gates Counties, Chowan's share to be something like \$2,600 a year. Representing the Edenton Rotary Club as its newly elected president, John W. Graham will appear before the Commissioners in behalf of the health program, as will former county health officer J. A. Powell who has been fostering the idea from its conception.

But from a standpoint of more important immediate action the so-called social security program, which will really be an amalgamation of all county welfare matters augmented by the great need for security help to the aged and needy who have reached the age of 65 years, will be the real high spot in Monday's meeting. Except for the selection of a county welfare board comprised of W. J. Berryman, W. D. Pruden and W. W. Byrum the program is all a matter of vagueness yet, at least its cost and its operation. There seems to be no uncertainty but that it will aggregate something like \$30,000 annually, and that this sum will have to be secured in some way, whether by higher taxation or through enlarged revenue from other sources.

In other counties the welfare boards are meeting this week preliminary to Monday's joint county board sessions for the purpose of effecting organization such as the selection of a board chairman, but it was announced yesterday no such course would be pursued here, and that the two bodies would meet together to discuss and consider everything on Monday.

The board has a number of applications for the job of welfare officer, which has been held down capably for several years by W. J. Taylor, but one anyhow, if not others of those who originally applied for the job has withdrawn her application. The impression prevails that the berth, which will carry a salary to be fixed at the joint session, will go either to Mr. Taylor or to Mrs. J. H. McMullan. The State organization heads are holding that the position should be a full time one and that the incumbent should be paid sufficient to not necessitate other work. The county authorities are said to hold to this theory, however, and this point will be made a subject of argument on Monday.

The newly named county welfare board is not scheduled to consider applications for old age assistance or dependent children or blind or 1 before July 1. Forms for personal such applications have not yet been received but may be ready for distribution next week.

Estimates compiled by the North Carolina Board of Charities and Public Welfare indicate that approximately 185 men, women and children of Chowan County will be eligible for aid under two provisions of the state's Social Security Act (Eight)

SALE OF POPPIES NETS ALMOST \$70

Auxiliary Members Appreciative For Splendid Cooperation of Citizens and Salesladies

Exceeding last year's monetary returns, members of the Ed Bond Post American Legion Auxiliary, are expressing great satisfaction over Poppy Day sales last Saturday. Mrs. W. E. Baker, Auxiliary president, and Mrs. Jesse White, chairman of the poppy day committee, are each confident the sales this year clearly evidence the fact that Edenton and its environs has not forgotten the final sacrifice made by those who struggled for the nation's security.

One thousand of the little artificial symbols of world war sacrifice were sent on here from the disabled veterans at Oteen Hospital, where they were made. Hertford has no Legion post and some of the poppies were sent up there for sale, also, and were quickly disposed of.

Here members of the Auxiliary marshalled their forces early in the day. Gay red hatted youngsters from the homes of Auxiliarians were on the streets scurrying here and there all day, stopping everyone and seldom missing a sale.

Before dark Saturday Mrs. White reported she was confident the sales would exceed last year, and after returns had been made to her over the week-end she said a total of something like \$69.80 had been realized, only a small part of which will be retained for local use. Disabled veterans and needy families of veterans will benefit by this addition to a State-wide fund as collected Saturday.

Mrs. Baker and Mrs. White wish to thank all the Auxiliary members who participated in the one day drive, and to particularly express appreciation for the canvassing by the children.

BIBLE SCHOOL TO CLOSE ON FRIDAY

Appropriate Exercises Be Held at Church at 8 O'clock

Attendance and interest in the daily vacation Bible School being conducted at the Methodist Church has held up well during the two weeks session, Rev. George W. Blount, the pastor, reporting that the average attendance for the session is about 80.

On Friday night at 8 o'clock the school will close with appropriate exercises and awarding of certificates. Following the exercises a social hour will be enjoyed in the Sunday School rooms, at which refreshments will be served and the hand-work of the children completed during the school may be seen.

The group which studied English-American friendship will have a British newspaper and an official souvenir program of the Coronation on display.

The vacation Church Movement is now a very large enterprise. Last year in the Southern Methodist Church 2,353 schools were held with enrollment of 133,634 pupils. North Carolina with 7,200 pupils. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the exercises Friday night.

Jesse Craft Joins The Herald Force

Jesse A. Craft on Monday morning joined The Herald force as foreman of the composing room. In this capacity Mr. Craft will have charge of the job printing department of the paper. He is a printer of wide experience and in him the publishers are confident that the high quality of job printing of which The Herald has earned an enviable reputation will be maintained.

Mr. Craft's home is in Kinston, but he has worked in some of the best printing houses in Pennsylvania and Virginia. He is an affable young man and is very anxious to meet and become acquainted with Herald customers as well as citizens in general.

4,652 TREATED IN CHOWAN COUNTY AGAINST TYPHOID

Campaign One of Most Successful Ever Held In County

HAZARDS REDUCED

More Than Half Cases Those of School Children and Teachers

Completing what he termed one of the most successful campaigns of its kind put on in this county, Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer, announced on Tuesday that 4,652 Chowan residents, more than half of whom were public school attendants, have been inoculated against typhoid and diphtheria during the past six weeks.

"I will not say this campaign was the greatest or largest one ever conducted in Chowan county," said Dr. Whichard, "but I fully believe it will prove to be the most successful campaign attempted in this territory. In addition to the great good we feel has been accomplished and the minimizing of the health hazard in these two dread diseases, I have been much impressed by the fine spirit of cooperation shown by every one."

Naturally the campaign was directed largely at the prevention of typhoid, of the total of which 4,355 inoculations were for that prevention. But while at it and sensing the need of diphtheria inoculations, also, Dr. Whichard handled 297 diphtheria cases.

While the health officer and his nursing attendant, Miss Parks, were busy Tuesday making a detailed compilation of statistics of the work, Dr. Whichard made the hasty survey as announced. He said that of the county total of 4,652 cases treated 2,678 were those of school children and teachers. The others, 1,977 treatments, were given those of pre-school age and adults.

Dr. Whichard said he hoped to have a table made showing the inoculations by districts and localities, and that this would be prepared, he hoped, for presentation to the county commissioners on Monday.

Though the campaign closed on Friday, May 21, covering a seven weeks period, there are still an occasional few coming to Dr. Whichard's office to complete the series of treatments.

May Shows Increase Contagious Diseases In Chowan County

That there has been a considerable increase during the month of May in the number of contagious diseases in Chowan County is evident by the report of Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer, which will be submitted to the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday. Dr. Whichard's report includes 22 cases of communicable diseases with chicken-pox far in the lead, 11 cases being listed.

Other diseases and the number of victims follow: Measles, 4; tuberculosis, 3; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 1; diphtheria, 1; and undulant fever, 1.

Homes have been properly placarded by the health officer.

Swimming And Life Saving Classes Begin On Monday Morning

The annual swimming and life-saving campaign held under the auspices of Chowan Chapter of the American Red Cross will begin in Edenton on Monday morning, according to Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman.

The classes this year will be in charge of Melvin Layton, who conducted them very creditably last year, after taking a special course given by the Red Cross.

Mr. Layton is very anxious to instruct a large number in the art of swimming and life-saving and wishes it to be known that any beginners who wish to enter should notify him before Friday of this week.

The junior and senior life-savers and swimmers will be instructed at the Fish Hatchery, but Mr. Layton was unable to say Wednesday afternoon just where he would be able to teach the beginners.

44 GRADUATES AS BANQUET GUESTS OF ROTARY CLUB

Young Folks to Be Feted Friday Night at Parish House

BAND TO PLAY

Annual Honor Custom To Be Enlivened by Snappy Program

The usual Thursday noon day luncheon of the Edenton Rotary will not be held today but in its stead the Rotarians will be hosts to the graduates of the Chowan and Edenton High Schools on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Parish House. Every member of the graduating classes of the two schools has received an invitation from John A. Holmes, secretary of the Club, to be present for the occasion and it is expected practically every one will be on hand.

An appropriate program has been arranged by C. E. Kramer, program chairman, which calls for a 10 or 15 minute address by a representative of each school and an entertainment period under the direction of Rev. C. Aylett Ashby. Mr. Kramer also has arranged with Charles L. McCullers, director of the Edenton High School Band to have his organization at the banquet and render a number of selections.

Twenty-five graduates of the Edenton school and 19 at Chowan High School have been invited to the banquet as well as County Superintendent W. J. Taylor and the two school principals, Pearly L. Baumgardner and Miss Paulina Hassell.

The Rotarians are especially interested in students at both of these schools and look forward with much pleasure at meeting with the 1937 graduates.

Mr. Holmes has already received quite a few replies from the students accepting the invitation to be guests of the Rotarians and any who have not so signified and expect to attend should let Mr. Holmes know at once so that proper arrangements can be made by the ladies of St. Mary's Guild, who will serve the banquet.

At last week's meeting of the Club J. H. Conger, temporary president of the recently reorganized Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Club in the interest of a live and aggressive organization. The Rotarians welcomed the idea of a commettee group to act as a mouthpiece for the town and county and agreed to join with the Lions Club in soliciting individual memberships, each member of the Club being responsible for the solicitation of two potential members.

Baptist Assembly At Chowan College Week of June 7-12

The Chowan Baptist Assembly will be held at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, June 7-12, with Rev. Oscar Creech, of Ahoskie, as director in chief, and Rev. D. S. Dempsey, of Hertford, as assistant.

The deans of the various departments are: School of Prophets, D. S. Dempsey, Hertford; Sunday School, Rev. J. R. Link, Windsor; B. T. U., Rev. D. J. Robinson, Winton; W. M. U., Mrs. Sallie Parker, Jackson.

The teachers for the week are as follows:

School of Prophets, Dr. B. W. Spillman, Expository Preaching; Dr. Hersey Davis, New Testament.

Sunday School Department, J. O. Walton, Some Learning Processes; Miss Marie Riddick, What Do Teachers Do?; Finley Johnson, Building a Standard Sunday School.

B. T. U. Department, W. D. Morris, Senior, Planning a Life; Miss Mable Starnes, Intermediate, Investments in Christian Living; Miss Eloise Miller, Junior, Studying for Service.

W. M. U. Department, W. M. S., Dr. C. G. McDaniel, A Century for Christ in Christ; Y. W. A., Mrs. C. G. McDaniel, Christianity, China Creations; G. A., Miss Mary Herring, Torch Bearers in China; R. A., T. G. Britt, Torch Bearers in China.

There is a class for everybody, and it is hoped that this will be the largest and best encampment ever held.

Permanent Organization To Be Effected At Gathering

NED WHITE LUCKY TO BE ALIVE TODAY

Revived After Hours of Effort When Pulled From Surf Sunday at Kitty Hawk

Ned White is making satisfactory progress at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, Sr., on West Eden Street following what could have been no closer approach to death. He narrowly escaped drowning at Kitty Hawk Sunday while enjoying the week-end at the beach. White, around the noon hour, entered the surf for a swim, but before he was in the water very long was carried out by a strong undertow. Fortunately at the time friends were on the beach and but for the heroic efforts of "Hook" Scott, Tommy Williams and Charles Hollowell, of Elizabeth City, he would have met a watery death. The three contributed to the task of bringing White to shore.

Upon being landed on the beach, Coast Guardsmen immediately began the work of resuscitation and worked unceasingly for hours in bringing the apparently dead youth to life.

He was brought to his home Monday morning and ordered to remain quiet for several days. Though he had several unsatisfactory nights, it is expected he will soon be able to be outdoors.

CLUB MEMBER OF COUNTY HONORED

Mrs. A. D. Ward Elected President of Sixteenth District

Chowan County was signally honored Tuesday in Hertford when Mrs. A. D. Ward, of Gliden, was elected president of the 16th district at the meeting of home demonstration clubs. Mrs. Ward has been very active and efficient in club work in her home county, at present serving as secretary of Ward's Club, and for the past two years acting as president of the County Council. About 75 club women of Chowan attended the district meeting, and all were very much gratified at the selection for Mrs. Ward for this important post.

It was estimated that 600 club women from the district were present for the meeting at which Dr. Leon Meadows, president of East Carolina Teachers College at Greenville, was the principal speaker. Mr. Meadows delivered an extremely interesting and appropriate address in the course of which he emphasized the physical, spiritual, health and educational phases of home life.

E. H. Brant, landscape architect for the Highway Department, also gave a very enlightening address on highway beautification.

The next meeting for the district will be held in Edenton next spring, to which the club women look forward with much interest.

Daniels' Side Wins In Masonic Contest

W. Jim Daniels and his fellow Masonic members were victorious over G. A. Helms and his teammates in the attendance contest of Unanimity Lodge which came to a close Thursday night. The contest created considerable interest among the lodgemen and resulted in the best attendance the lodge has enjoyed in many years. The membership as to possible attendance was about evenly divided with the Daniels' side winning by a scant four majority.

The agreement called for a banquet at the expense of the losing side which will take place next Thursday night. Ladies of the Colerain Woman's Club have invited the Masons to have the banquet in their Club Hall and it is almost certain that the invitation will be accepted. However, at the meeting tonight the place will be definitely decided upon and plans made for the banquet. All members are urged by W. M. Wilkins, master of the lodge, to be present in order to make proper arrangements.

Large Attendance Urged; Secretary, Too, to Be Chosen

SESSION IMPORTANT

Encouragement Shown By Report Membership Drive

Encouraging reports from those who have been conducting the drive this week for memberships in the reorganized Chamber of Commerce, continue to be made to President Joseph H. Conger, and give evidence that a largely attended permanent organization meeting of the body is likely for tonight at the Court House. So far the reports to Mr. Conger show a 100 per cent cooperation upon the part of every one approached, and any differences of viewpoint which have been evinced will be threshed out at tonight's gathering.

The permanent organization meeting has been called for 8 o'clock and in addition to the ratification of those officers chosen temporarily last month, if there is to be such a ratification, a Chamber secretary will be elected and, undoubtedly, his salary decided upon. Every one knows that an alert and aggressive secretary is the key man in all such bodies, and that without such a hustler the organization will have hard sledding. He must be a man, it is argued, who is a "go getter," someone approachable by others and who knows how to do a little approaching himself, an individual of high mental intelligence who can put his thoughts on paper as well as express them vocally, a ready letter writer and expert publicity spokesman for the town.

These are spoken of as but a few of the qualifications that should be possessed by a secretary, and in its free and easy and perfectly frank way in deciding such matters it can be said that tonight's gathering will have no definite candidate in mind for the job. Several names have been suggested, or talked of, but it is Mr. Conger's idea, to have the subject threshed out in open meeting. And it is for that reason he wants a large crowd on hand if possible so the discussion may be general with a unanimity of opinion expressed.

Of those most mentioned for the berth are Mayor J. H. McMullan, ex-Mayor E. W. Spires and John A. Holmes. All three have shown in many ways they can get things done civically and are hustlers. The fact that McMullan is city executive may interfere with his selection—other communities reckon their mayors as top high and none have employed them in other civic capacities such as this. On the other hand there has been some talk that the job and the salary that would go with it would augment the mayoralty, make of it a more important berth, and certainly permit the incumbent to devote full time to both offices.

As for Spires his retirement from the mayoralty because of health and a desire to centralize upon personal business affairs, may prompt him, it is understood, to refuse the berth if offered to him. His interest in the Chamber is keen, however, and tonight's meeting may hear his views on the matter. Mr. Holmes, always heretofore called upon when any secretarial work of any sort in any kind of civic affair, and always without recompense, has shown his availability by this type of gratuitous labor. He was secretary of the defunct Business Men's Association.

However, much else of importance will be discussed at tonight's meeting and President Conger repeats he is and President Conger repeats he hopes for it. A permanent directorate to work with and advise the President in all matters is especially deemed an important selection.

HALF HOLIDAY BEGUN

Edenton stores on Wednesday closed at 1 o'clock thus beginning the Wednesday half-holiday plan which will be in effect during June, July and August. Practically every place of business closed except the hardware stores and drug stores, and of course, the filling stations.