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Conger, McMullan, Bond Named Heads Of C. Of C.

Other Officers Picked at Reorganization Meeting

FUND ASSURED

Mayor Gets Keyman Post While Bond Will Handle Finances

Permanent organization of the Chamber of Commerce was effected at a Court House gathering of the organization last Thursday night, and immediately afterward and since the body has been making itself felt in several town and county ways.

Joseph H. Conger, who had been serving as acting president, was given the real job of chieftain for a year and Mayor Jack McMullan, who got the chamber reorganization started, was named as secretary of the body at a \$50 a month salary, and Millard F. Bond was picked as treasurer.

W. D. Pruden, W. S. Privott and John W. Graham will be the body's vice presidents, and the chamber's executive committee, the working part of the organization will be made up of C. E. Kramer, W. W. Byrum, Julien Wood, J. L. Wiggins, E. W. Spires, Mrs. J. A. Moore, W. M. Wilkins and J. Edwin Bufflap.

In addition to the reorganization election and selections of McMullan and Bond the latter, as acting secretary earlier in the meeting, reported that the intensive membership drive of last week had brought but one downright refusal to join, but four others who asked for time to consider the proposition, and about 60 or so promises. The cash return from the membership campaign while not up to that figure gave confident indication that at least \$1,000 would be put in the treasury before the next meeting.

At the time The Herald went to press Mr. Bond reported the actual cash in hand was \$326 with more than enough promised to reach the goal of \$1,000 as a working fund. A number have promised to join, but for some reason or other the money has not been paid to the canvassers or else the canvasser has not made a report to Mr. Bond. In this connection Mr. Bond is very anxious to complete his report on the membership drive and desires to make an urgent appeal to all who have promised to join the organization to send checks to him even if they are not solicited.

Those who have joined and paid their membership fees follow:

Edenton Cotton Mills, (P. S. McMullan, Richard Elliott, J. W. Cates) Leary Bros. Storage Co., J. G. Wood, Goodwin's Quality Store, Ward's Shoe Shop, Ziegler & Son, Ed Habit, Habit Transfer Co., Will Bunch Garage, Jenkins Motor Co., Chowan Motor Co., Gulf Service Station, Triangle Service Station, Bridge Turn Filling Station, Jordan Yates' Filling Station, M. W. Jackson Dairy, Wilkes Vener Co., Floars Electric Co., Taylor Theatre, Leggett & Davis, The Chowan Herald, Bank of Edenton, (W. H. Gardner, E. L. Wells, Jr., George Hoskins) Burton's Service Station, Albemarle Peanut Co., S. Ganderon & Son, Hobbs & Moran, Edenton Ice Co., The Texas Co., Badham Bros., Preston's, J. A. Curran, J. H. Holmes Co., T. Wallace Jones, Sutton Drug Store, C. E. Byrum, Campen's Jewelry Store, Chapel's Restaurant, Quinn Furniture Co., Byrum Bros. Hardware Co., W. D. Holmes, C. A. Ashby, E. R. Conger, E. L. Gross, W. R. Horton, C. E. Kramer, J. W. Davis, D. M. Warren, M. F. Bond, Jr., W. W. Byrum, G. B. Potter, Fred P. Wood, Albert Byrum, J. A. Moore, A. S. Smith, Gordon Blow, W. P. Jones, J. H. Conger, E. C. White, W. D. Holmes, Jr., W. I. Cozens, Graham Byrum, J. H. McMullan, N. L. Ward, J. M. Jones, J. N. Pruden, C. M. Hicks, John W. Graham, Julien Wood, M. L. Bunch, J. A. Bunch, W. D. Pruden, C. D. Stewart, W. S. Privott, Herbert R. Leary.

All others who join in this badly needed organization will be mentioned in subsequent issues of The Herald.

The meeting last week produced a lively and healthy discussion of local matters. Announcement was made at the gathering of the forthcoming visit of State Highway Commissioner D. Collin Barnes and the county commissioners from six adjacent counties here next Tuesday for a chat about road conditions and their possible improvement.

It was the consensus of opinion (Continued on Page Twelve)

Sheriff Chalks Up One Day Record In Collection Of Taxes

Establishing a record for one day's collection of taxes in Chowan County, surely during his term of office, Sheriff J. A. Bunch on Saturday exacted around \$5,500 from taxpayers for their 1936 taxes. What makes this amount more imposing is the fact that it did not include the larger taxpayers, but for the most part was made of the smaller taxpayers. Both the Sheriff and his wife, acting as his assistant, were kept busy until near the midnight hour, and at times as many as a dozen were in the office to be waited upon.

In his report to the County Commissioners Monday Sheriff Bunch reported \$6,044.74 collected during May which brings the total amount of 1936 taxes collected to date to \$53,656.87. The commissioners were gratified at the splendid Saturday collection, but still are scratching their heads when it is taken into consideration that the total amount of taxes on the books for 1936 amounts to \$84,564.00, leaving about 37 per cent yet to be collected.

HORTICULTURAL PROJECT BY WPA

Beautification of County Grounds Will Provide Much Extra Labor

The diversity of WPA projects aimed to provide labor for the needy was well shown on Monday when the County Commissioners approved the expenditure of \$50 as its share of a total labor expense of \$6,014.40 for the horticultural beautification of the Court House grounds or the property surrounding other public buildings, such as the Edenton High School or the new school at Cross Roads.

Mrs. P. G. Perry, county project supervisor, in the absence of Mrs. C. P. Wales, brought the subject up before the Commissioners, stating that it was desired to provide employment for needy persons, "mostly women," who will plant and care for small flowers around the public buildings. No money is being set aside for materials further than a small sum for rakes and hoes, but the government has agreed to outlay \$5,964.40 as its share of the improvement project.

The Commissioners voted to approve the project, which was done early this week.

Steak Supper Tonight At Hotel For Masons

Edenton Masons will gather in Hotel Joseph Hewes tonight where they will be served a steak supper. The affair is the result of an attendance contest of Unanimity Lodge recently held which provided for the losing side to bear the expense of the supper.

The supper will be served at 7 o'clock and every Mason is urged to be present on time. W. Jim Daniels will be in charge of a short program in connection with the event.

W. M. Wilkins, master of the lodge, has called off the regular meeting of the lodge tonight on account of the supper.

Tax Complaints Will Be Heard June 21st

Chowan County Commissioners will sit in special session on Monday morning, June 21, to hear any complaints relative to property valuation. There was no new assessment made this year, but an opportunity will be given any who so desire to register a complaint. The meeting will be held at the Court House.

ALLEN WILL AUDIT BOOKS

A. T. Allen, public accountant of Raleigh, on Tuesday night was awarded the contract to audit the books of the Town of Edenton. Mr. Allen has been doing this work for years, his price being \$125. Immediately after the audit the Finance Committee of Town Council will set upon the duty of preparing the budget for the next two years.

SEVEN COUNTIES IN ROAD CONFAB HERE ON TUESDAY

Highway Chieftains to Meet Commissioners Of All Albemarle AT COURT HOUSE

Visitors Dinner Guests Of Chowan County Board

Chowan County will be official host next Tuesday at a seven county highway meeting to be presided over in the Court House by the new State Highway Commissioner, D. Collin Barnes, of Murfreesboro. The chief division engineer for the First District, J. P. Gardner, of Tarboro, will, also, be on hand, and a lively discussion of road conditions in this section of the Albemarle may be expected.

Some time ago Mr. Barnes announced that he would be accessible once every month in Winton at which time and place complaints or requests could be presented to him. He said he would welcome various county delegations who might seek to remedy faulty road conditions. But since then he decided to advance the Winton gatherings by explanatory sessions in different first district sections, and fixed on June 15 for one such session in Edenton.

Particular request has been made by Mr. Barnes for attendance at the Edenton meeting of the county commissioners from Gates, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck and Dare to join with the commissioners from Chowan. All of the commissioners will be expected to lay before Mr. Barnes and Mr. Gardner at this time the numerous requests by rural sections for road improvements and express their preferences as to necessary constructions. Road conditions generally in every one of the seven counties will, also, be discussed.

The Chowan county commissioners were reminded on Monday anew of next week's gathering by President Joseph H. Conger, of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Conger thought it might be a good trick for the county to serve the visitors a good luncheon, and to do this the commissioners agreed to foot the bill.

Lions Club Sponsors Home Talent Play "Rosa," July 1 And 2

Principal business coming before the Edenton Lions Club Monday was the decision to sponsor a home talent play. This entertainment will be presented Thursday and Friday, July 1 and 2 in the school auditorium.

The play selected by the Lions is "Rosa," an American musical comedy carrying with it a very interesting Gypsy background. Twenty-five to 30 actors and actresses will make up the cast who during the course of the play will use about 100 beautiful costumes.

As usual a large group of children will take a prominent part and the Lions are confident that a cast can be secured which will command capacity houses at each showing.

The entertainment will be presented under the direction of the American Players Service, who will furnish an efficient coach.

Swimming Lessons Postponed To Monday

The swimming and life saving course held annually under the auspices of the Chowan Chapter, American Red Cross and which was to have begun on Monday morning, has been postponed until next Monday according to Mrs. J. N. Pruden, county chairman. The postponement was caused by absence from the city of Melvin Layton who will act as instructor as well as the inability to secure a proper beach for use of beginners. However, the classes are expected to get under way Monday, when Mr. Layton will be back and in the meantime Mrs. Pruden has completed arrangements to teach beginners at Eden House Beach each morning at 10 o'clock. Juniors and seniors will again take their lessons at the Fish Hatchery bridge in the afternoon.

It is necessary for beginners to have cards signed by their parents which can be secured from Mrs. Pruden and in the absence of Mr. Layton can also be had by applying to Emmett Wiggins.

TAYLOR CHOICE OF COUNTY FOR WELFARE HEAD

Recommended as Chief Advisory Officer For Social Welfare UNANIMOUS VOTE

Approval of State Welfare Board Is Now Awaited

Initial steps in operating the proposed social security program in this county, which is supposed to get under way in the nation and state on July 1, were taken on Monday when the County Commissioners and the recently named County Welfare Board met in joint session and recommended W. J. Taylor for County Welfare Officer.

Mr. Taylor was on hand when the salary question came up. He was asked if he would be satisfied with supplementing his salary \$50 a month. The Commissioners explained that the duties of the new post would be many times more onerous than those associated with the similar work Mr. Taylor had been doing, but they were confident that his past knowledge of welfare conditions and needs in the county made the incumbent more conversant with the duties than any of the numerous applicants they had before them, which was why Mr. Taylor was picked. The latter said he appreciated the honor conferred upon him, would be satisfied with the salary providing the extra expenses he would necessarily be under would be met, too. This, of course, the Commissioners agreed to.

Both the Commissioners and the welfare board of the county are hopeful Mr. Taylor's selection will be approved by the state board to whom it must be referred. There had been much talk about a full time official being chosen, or one who can devote his or her full time to the many intricate problems connected with the security program. In filing his application in the face of this requirement Mr. Taylor stated that he believed that with, perhaps, some additional office help the new duties could be easily handled in conjunction with his work as county superintendent of schools. The commissioners and their welfare associates felt similarly about it, and Mr. Taylor's selection was the unanimous choice of every member of both bodies.

W. W. Byrum, of the county welfare board, placed Mr. Taylor in nomination for the berth, the selection being seconded by W. J. Berryman and voted upon favorably by W. D. Pruden and the county commissioners as a unit.

Previous to the Taylor recommendation the two bodies listened while the applications of eight others (Continued on Page Twelve)

Miss Lentz Praised As Health Nurse

That Miss Ruby Lentz, Chowan County's health nurse during the past year, has won for herself a well-earned reputation is evident by Dr. M. P. Whichard's report as county health officer submitted to the County Commissioners Monday.

"I wish to take this opportunity to commend Miss Ruby Lentz for the excellent work she has done in Chowan County relative to maternal and child welfare work," said Dr. Whichard, "and I heartily recommend that Miss Lentz's services be continued by the County if it is felt practicable."

Miss Lentz, whose services will expire July 1, was placed here by the North Carolina Board of Health for one year in an experimental capacity without cost to the county. However, if her services are continued after July 1, the County will be obliged to stand the expense. No definite action was taken by the Commissioners at their meeting on Monday, the matter being included with several others which were held over until the budget for next year is worked out.

No Bids Entered For Chowan County Bonds

Due to lack of bidders for \$90,000.00 worth of Chowan County bonds which were advertised for sale May 14, the County Commissioners Monday ordered the renewal of bond anticipation loan notes in that amount for 60 days, the rate of interest being 4% per cent. The notes will become due on July 14.

Chowan Health Unit Plan Laid Over Another Month

TYPHOID RATE LOW IN CHOWAN

Dr. M. P. Whichard, County Health Officer, Would Make Diphtheria Treatment Compulsory

"The typhoid rate in Chowan County is as low or lower than any county in the state," reported Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer, in his monthly report to the County Commissioners Monday. This situation Dr. Whichard attributes to the typhoid treatment administered in the county every three years.

The diphtheria rate has also gradually decreased during the past two or three years, and Dr. Whichard this year reported the largest percentage of small children treated for diphtheria than ever before. He also recommended in his report that the diphtheria treatment for pre-school children be made compulsory in Chowan County.

LIONS AHEAD IN SOFT BALL PLAY

Interest Increasing In Local Night Baseball League

HOW THEY STAND	Won	Lost	Pct.
Lions	2	1	.666
Red Men	1	1	.500
Masons	0	1	.000

Though opening of Edenton's soft ball league had been postponed several times, the first game was played Wednesday afternoon of last week and with each succeeding game interest has been increasing.

Three teams have begun a schedule, the Lions, Red Men and Masons, with the Lions Club leading the league, Red Men in second place, and the Masons in the cellar position.

The first game, played in daylight, was a walk-away for the Red Men, who defeated the Lions 35 to 6. The Red Men swatted the big ball to all corners of the lot, and besides the Lions had had little previous practice.

On Friday night fans witnessed a very interesting game when the Lions and Masons played for the first time under the new flood lights. The game was nip and tuck and furnished an abundance of fun for the spectators. The Lions took the lion's share of the score, winning by 19 to 15 in a nine inning game.

The standing of the clubs became closer after Tuesday night's game when the Lions realized revenge for their former drubbing at the hands of the Red Men and walked off with the long end of a 12 to 3 score. The Red Men and Masons were scheduled to play this game, thus evening up games played by each club, but due to a number of Masons being unable to play, the Lions played instead.

The next game is scheduled to be played Friday night at 8 o'clock when the two fraternal groups, Masons and Red Men, cross bats for the first time. Quite a few of the Masons have been experiencing stiff muscles after the first game, but Manager Jim Daniels feels certain the members of his team will be able to furnish plenty of opposition to the younger Red Men players.

The Masons have a strenuous schedule ahead, three games in succession being called for in order to make an equal number of games played. Aside from their game Friday night, they will meet the Lions Tuesday night, and again Friday night will play the Red Men.

Considerable interest in the game is shown among the groups represented, many of them going to Hicks Field on off nights to engage in practice games. The lights have been installed and adjusted so as to provide plenty of light for playing as well as for spectators to witness the game.

4 Edenton Students Graduate At U. N. C.

Four Edenton students were among the 475 graduates who were awarded their diplomas at graduation exercises held Monday night at the University of North Carolina.

The four were Stuart Blow, Audrey Rowell, David Warren and John Mitchener. Moses Braxton Gilliam, Jr., of Windsor, Evelyn Blanchard of Hobbsville and Edith Riddick of Gatesville were also members of the graduating class.

Commissioners Hesitant About Approving New Program COST SCARES

Health Officials Plead Earnestly at Lively Hearing

Proponents of a full time health service for Chowan County went to the mat with the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday, but despite very forceful arguments and presentation of figures the only assurance that the plan would be adopted was the promise that it would be given consideration when the new budget is made up at the July meeting.

First to speak for the plan was R. C. Holland, who reiterated the benefits of the service as compared with what the county is now receiving and for which the county would be asked to appropriate \$2,500 of a total cost of \$16,860. Two other counties, Gates and Perquimans, would be included in the set-up, the former being asked to pay \$1,800 and the latter \$2,000. The remainder of the cost would be borne by the State Board of Health and Federal agencies. Chowan's quota is somewhat above the other two counties which is due to the fact that the district office would be located in Edenton.

It was brought out that the plan would include a whole time nurse, secretary, trained sanitary inspector in the counties, a whole-time health officer, a dental clinic for school children under 13 years, list vital statistics, furnish health certificates for waiters and servants, conduct anti-venereal clinics and provide continuous examination of all school children, particularly in regard to teeth, tonsils and tuberculosis. For all this, and possibly other phases of health service, it was said, the county would pay only \$1,000 more than at present.

Mr. Holland pleaded with the Commissioners to adopt the plan and in closing his remarks he said: "It is not a matter of whether or not the county can afford to adopt the plan, but rather can it afford not to adopt it?"

A number of other spokesmen supported the idea which included Dr. J. A. Powell, Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., Dr. W. S. Griffin, Dr. L. P. Williams, W. W. Byrum, and John W. Graham. Dr. M. P. Whichard in his report to the Commissioners said that if the service provided a full-time health officer, he approved the idea and that it was his purpose to oppose any progress of the county.

The idea of a complete county health service was inaugurated at a recent meeting of the Lions Club when a representative of the State Board of Health explained the plan. The Lions immediately supported the movement and similar action has since been taken by the County Board of Health and the Rotary Club. Town Council, too, on Tuesday night approved the plan.

Dr. Powell in his remarks said that the present county tax rate for health is 8 cents and 10 cents for charity, which nets in the neighborhood of \$13,000, and according to his figures the county is now spending only between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for this phase of expense. He also intimated that under the social security program, which goes into effect July 1, the county home would no doubt practically go out of business. The service, he said, would take over all the duties of the present part-time health officer except care of inmates of the jail and county home and suggested paying per visit instead of a regular salary, which he said would be a considerable saving.

D. M. Warren, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, briefly enumerated expenses which will face them and was especially concerned about the amount the county will be called upon to pay under the social security act. He explained that there are about \$30,000 of uncollected taxes, the amount anticipated from this sum having been already spent.

W. H. Winborne, a member of the Board, commented that the Commissioners wouldn't mind raising the tax rate if those who sponsor the health service would guarantee to collect taxes as they come due.

A considerable amount of time was devoted to the discussion of the proposed health program, but the commissioners felt reluctant to approve it until the new budget has been made, and made their decision accordingly.