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Seven Counties Present Double Score Projects At Lively Road Conference

County Commissioners Have Confab With D. Collin Barnes HOTEL BARBECUE Chowan Requests Road From New Bridge Highway

County commissioners from all but one of the commonwealths east of the Chowan River whom he referred to as "partners with us in the consideration of road needs," were in lively confab here on Tuesday with newly designated state highway commissioner D. Collin Barnes, of Murfreesboro, and two of his division engineers, R. R. Roper and George W. Mack. In addition to outlining a double score of desired improvements in their respective territories, all of which Mr. Barnes took under advisement, the visitors were luncheon guests of the Chowan board at a spicy barbecue feed in the Hotel Joseph Hewes.

The commissioners were here in full complement or in part from Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Dare counties. Illness or other unavoidable detentions prevented Currituck to have a similar representation except through alternates, who, however, seemed conversant with their county's road needs and evidenced that fact by a number of projects advanced by them.

The meeting was in the court house with Mr. Barnes, of course, presiding. At the outset he made a brief talk of explanation in which he said that the state road needs were generally understood to be great but that the set up made it impossible, or would do so, to complete this year all that would be asked for. In the so-called first highway division, Mr. Barnes said, there are now 14 counties, the eastern division being broken up into three sectors. The first of these sectors, which brought Tuesdays' gathering into conference, he stated comprised all of the counties east of the Chowan river.

Naturally, the commissioner stated, division headquarters would remain at Tarboro where there are large highway shops with Division Engineer J. C. Gardner, who, unfortunately is in a hospital and unable to be here on Tuesday, in charge. In the same view Mr. Barnes said he felt Mr. Gardner, whom he praised highly, should remain in Tarboro with his assistant, a Mr. Miller, "regarded in engineering department work as one of the best in the state," with him.

Each district of the division, said Mr. Barnes, should have its own headquarters. Murfreesboro, of course, was picked as one such because the commissioner is located there, and Elizabeth City was selected as the other in preference to Edenton "because it is more central for the district shops," and the work can be more easily and economically administered from it than elsewhere. "New legislation makes the county commissioners partners with the highway commissioner in the consideration and adjudication of all road needs," declared the Commissioner, who added "from you we shall be expected to be informed of all improvement desires in your various counties."

In closing Mr. Barnes said he was, of course, confident that the visitors realized that all such requests could not be acted upon at once, and he, therefore, hoped he would only be acquainted with the most imperative needs. Money, he said, has been allocated to the counties in proportion as it has been allocated to the districts. He hoped that all needs would be considered as of sufficient importance to warrant no waste of money. The highway department is the largest business of the state and must be safeguarded against waste and extravagance. Such meetings as the one held here, he stated, will keep everybody in close touch with road work and eliminate the need of going to Raleigh, as has been done in the past, with dismissals there without any results. Above all Mr. Barnes said there was nothing selfish behind the new plan; and he hoped this would be understood.

As Chowan host Chairman D. M. Warren responded to the commissioner thanking him for his visitation in Edenton and saying that while Edenton was regretful over the loss of its highway shops it had become reconciled to that fact and could

ON BENCH



J. WALLACE WINBORNE
Mr. Winborne, a native of Chowan County, was this week appointed by Governor Clyde R. Hoey as a member of the State Supreme Court.

Mrs. Wood Privott Edenton Booster

Mrs. Wood Privott felt highly honored last week when she had an opportunity to speak to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Wallace strawberry festival. And Mrs. Privott proved that she was an Edenton booster by saying to the First Lady in the course of her conversation: "We consider Edenton as another Williamsburg and would feel greatly honored if you would pay a visit to the old historical town."

However, Mrs. Roosevelt said she would be delighted to come to Edenton, but that it was just impossible. She further expressed regret at not being able to accompany President Roosevelt when he attends the Roanoke Island Celebration during August.

RED CROSS SWIM HAS BIG CLASS

Swimming Training By Far Exceeds All Expectations

Chowan's annual week of swimming instruction, sponsored by the local Red Cross chapter under the guidance of Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chapter chairman, and with Melvin Layden, swimming master, in charge, got under way Monday. The classes are the largest ever held. Mrs. Pruden says, and she is particularly pleased with the interest shown by parents and friends who have gathered daily to watch the youngsters learn the art of swimming.

A special class for beginners has been held daily at Edenhoe Beach, for the free use of which Mrs. Pruden and her organization are expressing much appreciation to the beach lessees. This beginners' class has totaled 78 members, and the class for juniors at the Hatchery bridge has aggregated 25 others.

In his work of training the young folk Layden has been assisted by Emmett Wiggins. Both say they have found the tyros particularly apt in their efforts and very few, if any at all, have been found who cannot swim in some form or other.

Jess Powell Battalion Commander at V. M. I.

Information reached Edenton Wednesday that Jess Powell, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Powell, was promoted from the rank of first sergeant to battalion commander at the Virginia Military Institute. Jess is a junior and will complete his senior course next year.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. Roy Byrum returned to her home near Cross Roads Wednesday from Duke Hospital, Durham, where she had been for treatment. She was brought home in Ziegler's Ambulance.

REPORT MUST BE MADE OF MOTOR ACCIDENT CASES

Helms to Crack Down On Those Who Fail To Make Report

DAIL, ALSO

Law Cited to Show Such Reports Are Mandatory

Except there be a change in the attitude of residents who fail to report motor accidents or other traffic violations, Chief of Police Helms reports he is likely to make a drastic effort to enforce the law against such delinquent ones. Of late this indifference on the part of taxpayers who may have witnessed such violations or been involved in them and who have made no effort to acquaint the authorities with the offenses, have been piling up somewhat, and the chief says he is determined this shall not go on.

Corporal George I. Dail of the state highway patrol, to whom such reports of violations outside the town limits should also be made, said on Tuesday he is in thorough sympathy with the chief's position and will join with him in jacking up those showing a reticent attitude except a change for the better in reports is made.

As the chief views it many accidents, while, perhaps trivial in their import, are smoothed over by the offending parties as of no importance. Private settlements have been effected frequently, the chief says, with no knowledge to the authorities of what has taken place. Inasmuch as this is in direct violation of the law the Helms position is that the police will hereafter bear down good and hard upon those who show this indifference.

Section 128 of the Motor Vehicles Law is very clear on the subject, the chief says. Paragraph "d" of this act sets forth that the drivers of vehicles involved in any type of accident whether to blame or otherwise, shall within 24 hours file a report of the mishap with the police department. It is the duty of the latter body to convey such information to the state motor vehicle department, and where such information gets to the latter board from other sources naturally the police are questioned about it.

The chief is firmly determined to press this matter to a conclusion where any such reports fail to reach him. Those so involved who may fail to report violations will be called or brought before him and asked why they have taken the position they have.

FORMER E. H. S. FOOTBALL STARS GO TO ALABAMA

Paul Spencer and Calvin Sexton Given Opportunity to Travel With Faster Company

Paul Spencer and Calvin Sexton left Edenton late last week for Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where they will attend summer school at the University of Alabama, preparatory to fall football practice. Both boys are former Edenton High School stars and last year played on the Augusta Military Academy eleven, where they attracted the attention of several college scouts. Their many friends will watch with interest the progress they make among faster company.

Worth Spencer, another E. H. S. star, was also given an opportunity last week to go to Furman University in South Carolina, but early this week he had not made a decision as to whether or not he will accept.

Edgar Holmes Now Located in Chicago

Edgar Holmes, who for the past several years has been employed in New York City, is now located in Chicago. Information reaching Edenton this week is to the effect that he has joined the Chicopee Sales Corporation and has already moved to the Windy City.

Incidentally, Mr. Holmes has written The Herald to change his address on the mailing list so that he doesn't miss a single copy.

MASONS LEADING TEAMS IN LOCAL SOFT BALL LOOP

Lions Trimmed Tuesday And Red Men Last Friday

BATTING SPREE

Redskins and Masons Battle Friday Night At 8 O'clock

HOW THEY STAND

	W	L	Pct.
Masons	2	1	.666
Lions	2	2	.500
Red Men	1	2	.333

Winning two consecutive games, one from the Lions and one from the Red Men, the Masons' entry in Edenton's soft ball league now holds first place in league standing. The Lions occupy second place, while the Red Men, reputed to have the strongest team in the loop, occupy the cellar position.

Facing what seemed to be certain defeat on Friday night, the Masons went into their half of the seventh inning with the Red Men leading 7 to 2. Two men were put out when, coupled with an error, the Masons went on a batting spree and after the smoke cleared had added six runs to their total. The Red Men failed to score in their half, leaving the Masons possessing the long end of an 8 to 7 score. The game was a thriller for the spectators with both teams playing an excellent brand of ball.

Again Tuesday night the Masons gradually overtook an early lead of the Lions and by bunching hits in the fifth inning forged ahead in runs and were able to hold the lead until the end of the game. The Masons possibly saved the game in the fifth inning when the bases were filled and a neat triple play was executed. Both teams hit hard with the Masons possibly gaining the advantage by making hits when hits meant runs.

A goodly number of fans were on hand Tuesday despite threatening weather and as the standing of the teams becomes closer interest in the game is increasing.

The next game will be played Friday night at 8 o'clock when the Masons and Red Men cross bats. This will be the second game between these two clubs, the Masons winning the first contest. The Red Men have a hard hitting and fast fielding team and will be out for revenge. Friday night's game will make all teams having played the same number of games and if the Red Men are the victors the standing will be at a deadlock, each team having won two and lost two. However, Jim Daniels is very well pleased with the improvement of his players and is confident the Masons can again turn back Manager Raleigh Hollowell's Red Skins.

Correction In Justice To Dr. M. P. Whichard

It is strange how just one little word will change the entire meaning of an important statement. This occurred in last week's issue of The Herald by the omission in a story of the word "not." Reporting the story of the health service for Chowan County either the editor or typesetter left out this little word which would convey the impression that Dr. M. P. Whichard is opposed to any progress made in the county. To anybody knowing Dr. Whichard and his interest in the county it must have been obvious that an error was made for contrary to the way the sentence was worded, everybody knows that he would wholeheartedly cooperate in any movement for the betterment of his county. The editor regrets the error and is glad to make this correction.

Miss Rowell Accepts Position In Iowa

Many friends of Miss Audrey Rowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. K. Rowell, will be interested to know that she expects to leave Edenton Saturday for Fairfield, Iowa, where she has accepted a position with the Universal Producing Company.

Miss Rowell was a member of the 1937 graduating class at the University of North Carolina, completing her work only last week and during her enrollment won for herself an enviable reputation in dramatics, taking outstanding parts in a number of plays produced at the school.

Seawell Overrules Dual Jobs In Welfare Program

GOING WEST



MISS AUDREY ROWELL
Miss Rowell will leave Edenton Saturday for Fairfield, Iowa, where she has accepted a position with a large producing company.

Property Owners Urged Cut Weeds On Vacant Lots

Failure of property owners to cut down weeds on vacant lots was called to the attention of Town Council at the executive session held Friday afternoon. Following a thorough discussion of the matter Chief of Police G. A. Helms was ordered to have all lots cleared within a week if owners fail to abide by the town ordinance governing city property.

Mayor J. H. McMullan urges all property owners to cooperate in this respect, especially in view of the fact that if town employees are obliged to cut weeds, the cost thereof will be added to taxes on the property.

BAND CONCERTS BRING APPROVAL

Large Crowd at Second Performance Profuse In Their Praise

Another large crowd of townsfolk gathered on and about the green in front of the court house Monday night to enjoy the second of the season's weekly concerts by the high school band under the leadership of their instructor, C. L. McCullers, of Rocky Mount. The youngsters, three of whom are girls, again resplendent in their fifty suits of white with blue capes and augmented by several of the older school graduates with extensive musical training, played through a number of intricate pieces of band music and acquitted themselves more than creditably, occasioning much applause and commendation.

Mr. McCullers, in the course of the evening's play, said he was having real delight in his association with the local boys and girls, that they were showing more aptitude than those he has tutored elsewhere, and that he is confident that the regular Monday night recitals will demonstrate this to the town before the summer is over, and prove the desirability of having a permanent band organization here. Not only are the youngsters playing well in unison, he said, but it was his expectation several of them would be able to play in solos at one of the concerts next month.

Mayor McMullan and a number of the town councilmen were noticed in the assemblage which brought out many of the town's leading citizens in addition to the fond parental admirers of those in the band. The Mayor and councilmen were most profuse in their praise of the laudable efforts of the youngsters.

First Grade Teacher Resigns At Merry Hill

Friends in Merry Hill were sorry this week to learn of the resignation of Miss Mary Frances Hedgepeth as teacher of the first grade in the Merry Hill school. Miss Hedgepeth lives in Morehead City and sent her resignation from there.

Attorney General Eliminates W. J. Taylor as Superintendent

MEETING MONDAY

Boards Favor School Head Who Must Quit Job to Accept

While more or less feared and not wholly unexpected, and in no sense final as to the individual in question, Chowan County's social security program plans met up with their first obstacle yesterday when a letter reached here from Attorney General A. E. F. Seawell holding that last week's selection of W. J. Taylor as welfare superintendent was incompatible with the constitution, that it was in violation of the law prohibiting dual office holding and that his choice could not be approved by the State.

A special meeting of the county commissioners in joint session with the county welfare board will be held Monday morning to consider the situation. While no official statement has been made since the receipt of the Seawell letter it can be stated that the attitude of the Chowan boards remain favorable to Mr. Taylor's selection for the post, and that it is still hoped some plan may be devised whereby he can remain Chowan's choice.

One certain way, of course, to make this possible would embrace the possibility of Mr. Taylor resigning as county superintendent of schools and be named welfare head at a salary larger than he is now receiving as school chieftain. This may be made a subject of discussion with Mr. Taylor on Monday. The latter's salary as educational superintendent in the county is \$1,700 and there has been some talk this might be raised to \$2,000 for the welfare post, providing the State would meet, as it has inferred it would in some of the smaller counties, part of the welfare officer's salary.

In any case the situation has aroused much interest and it can be taken for granted the county authorities will make an earnest effort to continue Mr. Taylor in the post for which he was tentatively named. Mr. Taylor, however, refused to commit himself yesterday as to the likelihood of his resigning as county school superintendent. Should he do so however, the selection of some one to succeed him in his present position would keep the home fires burning lively, also.

Mr. Seawell's letter came to W. J. Berryman, chairman of the Chowan Welfare Board, and was immediately taken by him to Chairman D. M. Warren, of the Chowan County Commissioners. The communication, brief in its phrasing, but important in its purport, set forth that dual office holding, of the character proposed is prohibited by Article XIV, Section 7 of the state constitution, and for that reason the Taylor choice could not and would not be sanctioned by the state welfare board.

The alternative proposed was Mr. Taylor's resigning his present educational berth.

Mr. Warren and Mr. Berryman viewed the situation as crucial with the July 1 date for starting the social security program machinery so near, and Monday's meeting was at once proposed and arranged for.

The question of selection of one of the numerous other applicants for the position was not taken up yesterday, and will not be reckoned with, it is understood, until the joint conferees have thoroughly threshed out the matter with Mr. Taylor on

Bill Harrell Honored At Fishburn School

Edenton friends are quite proud of William Harrell's record at Fishburn Military Academy during the past year. The school paper "C Q", had this to say. "In the popularity contest conducted by the staff, for the most popular cadet, Bill was an overwhelming favorite. He also took the best all-around cadet honors by a large margin and was voted the best football player."

Besides being captain of the varsity football team, he was also a member of the baseball and track teams, a committeeman of the Cotillion Club, president of the Monogram Club and sergeant of the Second Pontoon, Company A.