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Social Security Program Goes In Operation Today

County Will Continue Welfare Program But Under New Name

PERKINS IS HERE

Offices Opened In Citizens Bank; Mrs. McMullan as Aide

Chowan County, like all the other state commonwealths, swings in today on its new patronizing program, a program that has adopted the phrase "social security" to supersede the better known word, "welfare," but which, as the lady in the balcony cooed sweetly down to the hungry swain on the trellis, or vice versa, "what's in a name...?" Social Security and welfare are spelled out differently, but that's all there is to it, except, as usual, the nation's \$33,000,000,000 indebtedness is not going to be lessened thereby.

W. M. Perkins, who landed the important berth of county superintendent of welfare under the new program, has been here this week, has opened up offices in the Citizens Bank Building, is trying hard to equip them, has engaged lodgings on West Church Street, and will get going for a sure today.

Mr. Perkins' first announcements had to do with those whom he intends to have associated with him. He has named Mrs. J. H. McMullan as his \$900 a year chief aide, and Miss Eula Nixon, as office assistant. Mrs. McMullan, who has had a long identification with welfare work, quit her present post yesterday, and is fully ready to take over with Mr. Perkins today.

Of course, the new program will be an expensive one, something like \$30,000 a year, but that doesn't mean \$30,000 for Chowan County. The state will bear the brunt of it, Chowan's share being only around \$5,000 more than it has been expending for welfare work annually recently. And, of course, too, this is not an actual statement for what the state pays as its burden Chowan will have to bear its proportion of in some way. If money is to be spent money must be raised somehow.

However, all of Chowan's heretofore welfare activities and costs will be stopped today and merged in with the security program. This means every welfare thing. For instance the county home has been carried as a welfare matter. It will be closed as soon as the program gets to working, its superintendent will be minus a job and home, and its ten indigent and homeless inmates will have to be provided for some other way. Instead of the county being taxed so much per home inmate the inmates will be allowed so much per month under the program and left to support themselves.

This is expected to be one of the real problems of the program and how it will be worked out remains still up in the air, but it is expected to result in a substantial saving to the county.

In announcing his plans Mr. Perkins explained the program as follows:

"The new program of Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children which goes in effect July 1st is based on need. Need means those without subsistence who are not being cared for by anyone. Aged persons and dependent children who are now being cared for by relatives and parents will not be eligible to receive aid under the new program, provided these relatives and parents are caring for them in a reasonably comfortable manner.

"Old Age Assistance in no way relieves the responsibility of sons and daughters for the comfortable maintenance of their aged parents. Neither is it a pension which reaches everyone who is 65 or older. It should not be confused with Old Age Benefits which is an annuity plan whereby those working in certain occupations set aside a certain percent of their wages as a retirement fund for old age. The sum set aside by them is matched by their employers and the Federal Government.

"Those aged persons receiving county aid will be among the first to qualify for Old Age Assistance, if they meet other eligibility requirements.

Relatives who are able to support their aged persons will not be eligible for aid.

ROTARY CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS TODAY

John W. Graham Will Serve as President For Next 12 Months; New Board of Directors

Beginning with today's luncheon the Edenton Rotary Club will have a new set of officers, who were elected by the club at their meeting Thursday, April 29. The new officers who will be installed are: John W. Graham, president; William Jones vice president; John A. Holmes, secretary, and the following directors: O. H. Brown, L. C. Burton, Earl Goodwin and M. W. Jackson.

At last Thursday's meeting a round table discussion was held during which the social security program as applied to Chowan County was the subject. D. M. Warren, who is chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, upon whose shoulders rests a considerable amount of the responsibility for the working machinery for the program, was the principal speaker.

Mr. Warren told his fellow club members that both the Commissioners and Board of Welfare had been criticized for not appointing a local person as superintendent, but that after scrutinizing the several applications only four could qualify under the stringent rules set down by the state board, three of these being ladies. It was the opinion of both boards, he said that the job of superintendent was a man's job and besides, a cold business proposition in which it was thought possibly a stranger who had no relatives or family connections in the county might be better able to administer the program equally.

"ROSA" STAGED FOR TWO NIGHTS

Home Talent Will Open Play Tonight at High School

Following a strenuous week of rehearsals, the three-act musical comedy "Rosa," which is being sponsored by the Lions Club, will be staged in the Edenton school auditorium tonight and again Friday night at 8 o'clock. Miss Frances Perry, of Atlanta, Ga., who has been coaching the cast which includes wholly home talent, is well pleased with the progress made in the extremely short time and is very optimistic that the performance will be first class in every detail.

The play is filled with laugh-provoking situations and includes the usual children's choruses and snappy song hits.

The Lions Club sponsored the play in the expectation of raising money to be used in eye clinics which is one of the major objectives of the Club work and a large attendance is hoped for at each presentation.

The cast of characters, in order of their appearance, follows:

Tessie, clerk at Inn, Ruth Privott. Billy Penn, Bob's partner, Jesse Harrell.

Bob Brown, owner of College Inn, Bill Jones.

Madame Dunn, opera singer, Margaret Rowlette.

Professor Jones, Bob's father in disguise, Frank Holmes.

Gordon Spikes, comedian, Louis George Wilkins.

Hurbie Date, comedian, John Briggs.

Mrs. Bachelor, domineering woman, Dorothy Ballenger.

Mr. Bachelor, her henpecked husband, J. Frank White, Jr.

Fanny Bachelor, their modern daughter, Frances Ward.

"Rosa," little Gypsy girl, Helen Hughes.

Uncle Delora, Gypsy leader, Oscar Duncan.

Miss Fortune, a visitor at the Inn, Ethlyn Everett.

Mr. Wise, master of ceremonies, Bill Privott.

Gypsy Chorus, Virginia Moore, Corinne Forehand, Mary Elizabeth Cates, Evelyn Jackson, Arlene Jackson, Elizabeth Elliott.

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HORRIBLE ROAD DEATH MET BY JOSEPH NOWELL

Ryland Storekeeper Is Struck by Two Cars; Terribly Mangled

MONDAY MORNING

Hit and Run Driver Being Sought By the Police

In what was believed to have been a double motor accident Joseph Nowell, 42, bachelor, Ryland section store keeper, met a horrible death early Monday morning on the Virginia highway about fifteen miles north of here. Struck first by what the authorities consider may have been a hit and run driver, and left dying or otherwise in the roadway, the injured man was run over soon afterward by a second motorist.

Quick response by Sheriff Bunch and Corporal Dail disclosed that Nowell, a former world war veteran, had been instantaneously killed either when first struck or surely by the second mishap. The dead body was terribly cut and dismembered. The man's head was crushed in, the upper and lower halves of the body were nearly severed at the waist, both arms and both legs had suffered several fractures, and the man's shoes had been stripped from his feet.

The accident happened between the Emmett Elliott homestead and Ballards Bridge Church. Nowell, whose nocturnal habits have led to much midnight hour wandering about the countryside, was apparently walking south when the first car hit him, and hurled him ahead on the roadway about fifteen feet. The unconcerned and brutal driver of the offending vehicle apparently made no effort to stop, and fled on in the darkness.

Nearby farmers heard a piercing scream and moan sometime around 1:30 o'clock, which is supposed to be the hour when Nowell was first hit. And it was sometime after that that J. B. Hollowell, motoring a party of friends through to Cannon's Ferry "ran over something in the road" but thought it a dead dog or large animal and went on to his destination.

Upon Hollowell's return he stopped at the scene and was horrified to find Nowell's mutilated body. He ran at once to the Elliott home and Mrs. Elliott telephoned Dail. The latter roused the sheriff and the pair hurried to the scene. From the blood marks in the road indicating that Nowell had been struck previously and later carried along by the Hollowell car, Hollowell was absolved from any blame in connection with the death, but voluntarily offered to present himself later if desired.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon with interment being made in the graveyard at the Dorsey Ward home-place. Rev. J. T. Byrum officiated.

New Ford Agency Opens In Edenton

Another Ford agency, the Albemarle Motor Company, has been organized in Edenton, being located at the corner of Broad and Water Streets. The partners in this agency are Lewis Harrell, Luther Bunch and Frank Perry. All three young men are well-known throughout the entire county and have a host of friends who wish them much success in their enterprise.

Mr. Harrell has for over 11 years been employed by Byrum Hardware Company, and Mr. Perry, formerly of Bertie County, too, has been a Byrum employee for over two years. Mr. Bunch is a farmer, and the trio plan an active campaign to place more Fords on the roads in this section.

There has been no Ford agency in Chowan County since the J. V. Mann Motor Company suspended operations several months ago.

Dr. W. A. Graham To Open Office In Durham

Dr. William A. Graham left Edenton Wednesday for Durham where he will begin practicing as a physician. He will be succeeded in Edenton by Dr. J. H. Brown.

SLIGO WILL HAVE HUGE TOWN SIGN INVITING VISITORS

Tourists to Shore Points To Be Told of Edenton In This Way

DIXON'S IDEA

Supplemental Folder Is Printed In Large Edition, Also

Edenton's newly reorganized Chamber of Commerce has been Johnny on the job for sure this week, and in a way that is really surprising to a citizenship that has been more or less somnolent for years as to its opportunities. And if it all has done nothing else it has forced Richard Dixon, to cut himself loose from the cocoon of shyness and lack of desire to push himself forward in which he has for long been enveloped, and has developed him instead into a red hot live wire for the town of his nativity.

Without more temporary ado the Chamber is putting up a huge roof sign about 40 ft. long and 12 ft. high, at the northeast corner of the Sligo road juncture, in and on which it will make a lively bid for travelers to and fro to the Fort Raleigh celebration which starts on Sunday. In addition a first order of 10,000 four leaf folders descriptive of Edenton and supplementing the large town booklet now soon ready for the press which is to be out, also, this summer, has been finished and will be in Manteo and Fort Raleigh before the celebration starts there. Subsequent editions up to a total of 100,000 are, likewise planned.

To Richard Dixon goes the credit for both ideas. For years Mr. Dixon has been the historian superior here, but his efforts have all been quiet and unobtrusive. Then came the proposition to print the town booklet and Mr. Dixon was put on the committee. His interest was instantly keen, and he has been one of the generals in the compilation and lay out of the proposed publication.

So it was but natural that a few nights ago he should knock out the draft of the little four page folder, which made an instant hit, and should follow this up two nights later with a drawing of and matter for the sign. And this, too, hit between the eyes, and the cost of both were instantly underwritten through Chamber Secretary Jack McMullan's efforts.

The sign, gaily colored and snappy to the eye, will be placed where it will be seen first by those going south from Norfolk and by those returning north from the shore. It will be one of the largest signs in Eastern North Carolina, and will be in two panels. Across the top of both panels will be "Be sure to visit" and the left hand panel will state "Edenton, the Town Renowned" in two lines, with "Historic, Modern, Progressive" in three lines beneath it. As for the opposite panel it will start with "Chowan County" on a direct line with "Edenton" on the left side panel, and beneath will be "Mild Climate, Diversified Soils, Something growing every day of the year."

The folder, printed artistically in The Herald office on granite stock carries a miniature picture of the court house on the cover with the date of its construction beneath. The purpose of the folder is expressed above by the attractively placed three line phrase "Don't Go Home Until You Have Visited Edenton," while down at the bottom of the cover is "Colonial Capital—1722-1766." On the back is a replica of the teapot on the edge of the green and an explanatory statement in brief to the effect that it was there the Edenton matrons resolved not to drink any tax imposed tea.

Inside the folder are two panels, one devoted to the high spots in Edenton history and the opposite side given over to a terse description of those industrial things which have made and kept Edenton "Modern and Progressive."

Those who have seen the folder say it is the best thing of its kind ever put out by the town, and along with the sign and the large booklet intended to spur on local trade and advertise Edenton as the focal point of Albemarle industry, the Chamber expects great results.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Burton Monday, June 28, 1937, a son, Mr. Burton.

Both Sides Claim Victory In ABC Election Tuesday

Meeting Called To Discuss Set Up Full Time Health Service

A call meeting of county officials from three counties consisting of Gates, Chowan and Perquimans is scheduled to be held at Perquimans County Court House Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the consideration of the district full-time health set-up. A representative from the State Board of Health is expected to be present at this meeting.

In Edenton the Lions Club and Rotary Club have gone on record as approving the movement and other prominent citizens are strong in the endorsement of the program.

First District Bar Meets On July 9th

A meeting of the State Bar for the First District will be held in Washington, N. C., Friday, July 9. The session will be held in the Federal court room. John W. Graham is secretary for the First District, and this week mailed notices of the meeting to all members, urging them to attend.

W. O. ELLIOTT GOES UNDER KNIFE FOR APPENDICITIS

Friends will regret to learn that W. O. Elliott is a patient in the General Hospital, Norfolk. He was seized with an attack of appendicitis Friday and rushed to the institution where he was operated upon immediately. Though Mr. Elliott's condition was not so favorable after the operation, he is now showing satisfactory progress.

RED MEN HOLD LEAD IN RACE

Rain Prevents Games Tuesday Night and Wednesday

HOW THEY STAND

	W	L	Pct.
Red Men	3	2	.600
Lions	3	3	.500
Masons	2	3	.400

Steady rainfall Tuesday night prevented the scheduled soft ball game between the Masons and Red Men, which game would have evened up the number of games played by each club, and had the Masons defeated the Red Men, all three teams would have had the same percentage of .500 by having won three and lost three games.

However, with the game rained out the Red Men continue to hold top position while as the result of Friday's game, the Lions and Masons exchanged places, the Lions holding second place with a .500 percentage, and the Masons shoved into the cellar position with a percentage of .400.

On Friday night the Masons apparently had the game in the bag, leading the Lions club at the fifth inning by a score of 11 to 6. However, in their half of the inning the Lions bunched hits, including three home runs, which together with several miscues by the Masons, resulted in 11 tallies and winning the game 17 to 14. The game was very exciting throughout with the Lions doing their heaviest hitting of the season. Leroy Haskett, who due to an injured finger was forced to be out of the game since the season started, clouted out two home runs and Caleb Goodwin also hit for the circuit. West Leary performed well in the field for the Lions, possibly saving the game in the last inning when he made a shoestring catch which would have, no doubt, materially changed the score.

For the Masons, Warren Sawyer was the heaviest hitter, while Arthur Hollowell played a steady game at shortstop.

Willie White went the entire route on the mound for the Masons, while this work for the Lions was divided between Clarence Leary and Cecil Byrum.

Due to the musical comedy on Thursday and Friday nights, the Red Men and Lions were scheduled to play Wednesday afternoon, but as this story was written the game was no doubt postponed on account of rain.

The Red Men and Masons are scheduled to meet late Friday night.

Balance of Power May Rest In Edenton's Voting Strength

MUCH INTEREST

Increased Registration; Campaign Speakers In Lively Wind Up

Voters of Chowan County will have an opportunity next Tuesday to register their approval or disapproval of an A B C liquor store in the county, the election having been requested by the County Commissioners and called by the Chowan County Board of Elections.

With proponents and opponents of the issue working toward ultimate success, the outcome of the election has created considerable interest and will undoubtedly bring out a large vote. That this will no doubt be the case is evident by the fact that in the East Edenton precinct Miss Sallie Jones, registrar, reports that about 30 new registrations have been entered on the registration books, while in the West Edenton precinct, R. L. Spry, registrar, reports 37 additional names entered on the books.

Of course, both sides predict victory, the dry forces practically conceding defeat in Edenton, but laying much hope in the rural sections, where they believe a majority will be rolled up against a legal liquor store sufficiently large enough to offset any losses in Edenton.

The dry forces have imported very capable speakers to urge defeat of the issue, the last one of whom will be Col. John D. Langston, of Goldsboro, who will strongly condemn the idea of an A B C liquor store Sunday night in the Edenton Baptist Church.

Those favoring the establishment of a legal liquor store in the county are equally certain of success at the polls Tuesday. For the most part they pin their hopes on the assumption that voters realize that with a legal liquor store bootlegging in the county would suffer a knockout blow, and further that money now being spent with bootleggers as well as in adjoining counties where A B C stores are operated, would add materially to the county's revenue and necessarily tend to reduce taxes which on the face of present indications will have to be increased. Proponents of a legal liquor store also stress the fact that a bootlegger pays no taxes on his product and that they use no discretion in selling whiskey, that regardless of age, all that is necessary is the price to secure any amount of whiskey.

The dry forces, on the other hand, maintain that a legal liquor store will not reduce bootlegging, but that it would rather increase the sale of liquor by this class of people.

Polls will be open from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M., during which hours voters must cast their ballot. To vote is very simple, for on each ballot is plainly printed "For County Liquor Control Stores" and "Against County Liquor Control Stores," the voter being required to mark the square opposite the way he wishes to vote.

Dr. Wisely Joins Dr. Powell On July 1st

In answer to various rumors, Dr. J. A. Powell wishes to notify the public that he is not planning to retire from the practice of medicine. Beginning July 1, however, he will have associated with him a young medical man, Dr. Martin Robert Wisely, of Waynesboro, Va.

Dr. Wisely was graduated from the University of Virginia College and Medical School in the class of 1935 and spent one year at the University of Virginia Hospital, where he specialized in internal medicine. Since July, 1936, he has been on the resident staff at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va. Dr. Wisely has been highly recommended by Dr. W. B. Martin and Dr. R. L. Payne, under whom he has been working for the past year.

At present, Dr. Wisely and Dr. Powell will be located in Dr. Powell's office on East King Street, but if there is a change of location in the future, the public will be notified.

BANK CLOSED MONDAY

Due to the Fourth of July, a national holiday, falling on Sunday, the Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Monday, July 5, in order to observe the holiday.