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## County Tax Rate Scheduled To Soar Around \$1.50 Mark

### Commissioners Study Figures at Wednesday's Meeting

#### \$1.19 LAST YEAR

### Definite Tax Rate Will Be Adopted at Later Meeting

Though figures are only tentative and considerable juggling will likely take place before a county tax rate is definitely set, county commissioners at their meeting Wednesday foresaw a soaring figure that apparently will land between \$1.45 and \$1.50 on the hundred dollar valuation, as compared with a \$1.19 rate last year. At present the indication is that the General Fund will require in the neighborhood of 40 points, bonds 45 and schools 30.

Though the Commissioners were dealing with figures most of the day, the only definite action taken was approving the two school units' budgets. These were somewhat less than last year, W. J. Taylor's budget calling for an outlay for the county unit of \$8,746.06, and John A. Holmes asking for \$9,343.88 for the city unit.

Contributing to the reason for an increased county tax rate is the county-wide school bonds and added outlay due to social security program. Aside from these, though no action was taken Wednesday, the commissioners faced requests for added appropriations in connection with the farm agent and home agent offices. A request to appropriate \$2,500 for a full-time health service and a small appropriation to be used in treating crippled children and training crippled children of working age for various vocations.

The budget last year for the General Fund called for an expenditure of \$25,500, with \$26,229.94 spent during that time. This year's tentative budget provides for \$30,359 with possibly more to be added.

As the budget now stands the various amounts are provided: County Commissioners, \$2,000; listing property, \$750; sheriff, \$3,200; elections, \$600; county accountant, \$600; county treasurer, \$850; court house and grounds, \$650; register of deeds, \$1,200; coroner, \$120; county jail, \$1,500; county home, \$1,650; outside poor relief, \$600, which amount will be materially boosted probably \$2,000; agricultural and economic development, \$2,200; county health department, \$1,500; county aid, \$200; superior court, \$1,000; clerk superior court, \$300; recorder's court, \$1,700; juvenile court, \$275; vital statistics, \$175; old age assistance, \$3,000; dependent children, \$1,710; administrative cost of social security program, \$3,154; aid to blind, \$425.

Bonds and interest will call for an outlay of \$49,560.33.

In discussing the budget, the commissioners were greatly surprised to discover that although the old age phase of the social security program has gone into effect, there will be no appreciable decrease in the items for outside poor relief, at least for this year. No allowance had been made for profits from a liquor store, the commissioners being at a loss to estimate the amount of revenue received through sales. What profits are derived can very easily be applied to one source or the other.

At the meeting Wednesday the commissioners being at a loss over the tax levy will be definitely decided at a later meeting during the month.

A resolution was passed to renew \$90,000 bond anticipation loan notes of the county which fall due July 14. They will be renewed at 5 per cent interest bearing a maturity date of September 14. This matter will be transacted at the special meeting called for July 19, on which date the commissioners will meet jointly with the Board of Education and Board of Health to elect a Chowan Alcoholic Control Board.

## President's Ball Nets Over \$25 To Chowan

Citizens will be glad to know that C. E. Kramer has received a check for \$25.37 as Edenton's share from telegrams sent to President Roosevelt in connection with the President's Birthday Ball. The check has been turned over to M. F. Bond, treasurer, to be used in connection with treatment for infantile paralysis victims in Chowan County.

## No Need To Rush For Old Age Assistance, Says Superintendent

"There should be no need of a rush to make application for old age assistance," says William M. Perkins, superintendent of public welfare, "as the social security program is not one of the temporary organizations such as the various alphabetical government set-ups."

Commenting on his work, Mr. Perkins says "people are still applying for Old Age Assistance who are by no means eligible. They must be in need and have no relatives to aid them before they can be considered. The Welfare Department is primarily interested right at this time in completing the application of those cases who are now getting county aid. As that aid was terminated July 1, there have been about 35 applications made and these are being rushed to completion by home visits, checking Court House records, and making collateral calls."

"If Social Security is handled properly and not abused, there is no reason to think that it should not be a permanent governmental, state and county activity," says Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Perkins also announces a CCC enrollment for July 14 for Chowan County selectees. The quota for Chowan County is two white juniors and one colored junior.

## Round Table Talk At Rotary Today

Today's Rotary meeting in the Parish House will be devoted almost entirely to suggestive plans for the year's activities of the Club, President John W. Graham calling for a round table discussion with Club officers and chairmen of the various committees. Mr. Graham has adopted this plan to the end that a schedule of programs can be arranged for in advance and proper preparation made that will insure an interesting program for each meeting.

Installation of new officers for the Club year took place at last Thursday's meeting which included: John W. Graham, president; William Jones, vice president; John A. Holmes, secretary; W. D. Holmes, sergeant-at-arms. President Graham also announced the following chairmen of the various committees:

- Aims and Objects Committee—John W. Graham.
- Club Service Committee—N. K. Rowell.
- Program Committee—Jesse White.
- Classification Committee—O. H. Brown.
- Fellowship Committee—J. A. Moore.
- Attendance Committee—W. D. Holmes.
- Rotary Information Committee—N. K. Rowell.
- Vocational Service Committee—J. Edwin Buffaf.
- International Service Committee—J. A. Moore.
- Community Service Committee—D. M. Warren.
- Boys' Work Committee—C. E. Kramer.
- Crippled Children's Committee—W. I. Hart, Jr.
- Student Loan Committee—John A. Holmes.
- Rural-Urban Acquaintance Committee—D. M. Warren.

## Many At Showing Of Musical "Rosa"

Despite a very limited time for rehearsals, coupled with some difficulty in selecting a cast, "Rosa," the musical comedy sponsored by the Lions Club and presented Thursday and Friday nights in the school auditorium, resulted in a creditable performance and satisfactory attendance. Naturally, the first night's performance drew the larger crowd, but those in charge of the affair were agreeably surprised at the second night's attendance.

Each member of the cast performed well under the direction of Miss Frances Perry, of Atlanta. The Club realized around \$60 on the show which will be used principally in connection with the club activities with eye clinics.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT EVANS METHODIST CHURCH

The Vacation Bible School at Evans Methodist Church will start Monday afternoon. Rev. R. E. Walston will be assisted by the Rev. Mr. Mallory, of Duke University.

## RED MEN TIGHTEN GRIP ON FIRST PLACE IN LEAGUE

### Masons and Lions Fall Prey to Leaders During Week

### HARD HITTERS

### Lions and Masons Clash In Important Game Friday Night

#### HOW THEY STAND

	W	L	Pct.
Red Men	5	2	.714
Lions	3	4	.428
Masons	2	4	.333

The Red Men's entry in Edenton's soft ball league strengthened their lead Tuesday night when they defeated the Lions Club by a score of 20 to 17, running their wins to five, while dropping only two games. The Lions continue to hold second position, while the Masons went deeper in the cellar position by their defeat at the hands of the Red Men Friday night.

The Lions Tuesday night held a commanding lead over the Red Men, being far ahead at the sixth inning when the score stood 17 to 9. However, in their half of the sixth, the Red Men clouted the ball to all corners of the lot which together with costly errors on the part of the Lions netted 11 tallies.

Frank Hughes was on the mound for the Red Men, while W. J. Taylor, Cecil Byrum and Leroy Haskett tossed them in for the Lions.

The Masons and Lions will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock when the Masons will strive to change the club standing. A victory for the Masons would transpose the two clubs. The Lions, however, will put up stiff opposition to maintain second place, which should result in a very close and interesting game.

Appearing to have the game in the bag Friday night, the Masons blew up in the seventh inning and dropped another game to the Red Men 19 to 15. The Masons played an excellent brand of ball up until the last inning when they held the upper hand of a 15 to 10 count. In the seventh, however, the outfield weakened with costly errors allowing the Red Men to score nine runs and win the game.

## Legionnaires Stage Fish Fry Tonight

Tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock Ed Bond Post of the American Legion will hold a fish fry at Hicks Field which will take the place of the regular July meeting. The Legionnaires at this time will also entertain members of the Auxiliary, as well as elect new officers for the year and appoint delegates to attend the State Legion convention which will convene this month in Durham. Fish for the fry have been donated by Legionnaire Charles D. Stewart, who has also arranged for the Edenton High School Band to furnish music for the occasion.

Every member of the Post and the Auxiliary is especially invited to attend the open air meeting.

## Henry Rogerson Wins Fluffy Ruffles Contest

Henry Rogerson was first prize winner in the Fluffy Ruffles flour contest just closed by W. D. Holmes, his prize being a 98-lb bag of flour for the greatest number of empty flour sacks brought to the store.

C. W. Alexander won second prize, a 24-lb. bag of flour, and H. W. Batton took third prize, a 12-lb. bag of flour.

Mr. Holmes announces the receipt of another carload of this popular flour and will stage another contest in the near future.

## Health Conditions In County Excellent

General health conditions in Chowan County are exceptionally good at this time, according to Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer. In his report to the county commissioners Wednesday he reported that there were no cases of typhoid fever in the county and only an occasional case of malaria.

Seventeen cases of measles were reported for the month of June and one case each of scarlet fever, chicken pox and whooping cough.

## Chowan Voters Roll Up Majority Of 181 For County Control Liquor Store

### Mrs. Cad Capehart Will Open Boarding House In Edenton

Many friends in Edenton will be delighted to know that Mr. and Mrs. Cad Capehart, of Merry Hill, together with their twin daughters, will move to Edenton sometime in August. The Capeharts will live in the Moore house, opposite Sutton's Drug Store, which will undergo major repairs and improvements, including steam heat. Mrs. Capehart plans to open the house to tourists and boarders, and unless local citizens offer a better name for the place, Mrs. Capehart will adopt the name "Capehart's Inn." Mrs. Capehart herself has had considerable experience in home economics, having graduated in this work, and is capable of serving good meals.

Mrs. Capehart has been The Herald's correspondent since the paper was started, and will continue to act in that capacity until she moves to Edenton.

## Esso Road News Helps Given Town Publicity

Of interest to local citizens and through which Edenton will benefit no doubt by the publicity is an item appearing in current issue of Esso Road News, published by the Standard Oil Company and widely distributed throughout the country.

The article follows: "At Pembroke, near Edenton, N. C., the lovely site chosen by Stephen Cabarrus, Revolutionary patriot, for his home in colonial days, there now is an interesting Federal Fish Hatchery where each year are spawned sufficient shad, herring, and other fish to populate a sizeable piece of the Atlantic Ocean. Visitors are welcome, and an attendant will explain how the hatching is done. The location is on the Chowan River about one half mile west of Edenton (O-2)."

## \$350,000 Predicted For State's Melons

North Carolina watermelon growers, on the basis of last year's production, will receive approximately marketing specialist of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture has announced.

Meanwhile, the markets division of the Department will assign 25 watermelon inspectors to handle the crop this season.

The Cuban Queen, earliest of the commercial melons shipped in quantities will be moved around Raeford early next week and Watson melons will be shipped in large quantities during the week of July 19.

Watermelons are grown commercially in the sections of Laurinburg, Raeford, Maxton, Johns Station, Gibson, Rowland, Laurel Hill, Red Springs, Calypso, Morehead City, Edenton, and Currituck County.

Growers planted 12,800 acres to watermelons last year as compared to 11,600 acres this year.

## Bloys Britt Leaves Hotel Joseph Hewes

William Harrell and Leslie Harrell this week accepted positions with the Hotel Joseph Hewes, the two brothers acting as cashier and overseer of the coffee shop. W. R. Horton, manager of the hotel, also has released Bloys Britt, night clerk, which position will be taken care of jointly by Mr. Horton himself and Gayle Kavanaugh, who has been acting as day clerk.

## 27 Jailed In Chowan During Month June

Twenty-seven defendants spent part of their time during June in the county jail, Jailer Shelton Moore's report to the County Commissioners showing that number were placed in jail during the month. The expense involved, including jail fees and turnkey fees, totaled \$65.05.

## \$15,000 Of 1936 Taxes Still Remain Unpaid

At the beginning of the county's fiscal year about \$15,000 of uncollected 1936 taxes remain on the tax books. In his report made Wednesday, Sheriff J. A. Bunch reported that \$11,208.96 were collected during June, bringing total collections to date to \$69,499.31.

## CHOWAN'S VOTE

	For	Against
East Edenton	282	114
West Edenton	301	159
Yeopim	80	13
Rocky Hock	32	111
Wardville	45	88
Center Hill	16	90
Total	756	575

## Legion Auxiliary Name Convention Delegates

The American Legion Auxiliary to Ed Bond Post No. 40, holds its regular meeting Thursday evening in the Red Men Hall. Mrs. W. E. Baker, president, opened the meeting. The colors were advanced and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was made. "Star Spangled Banner" was sung. The regular order of business was followed, and the chairmen of the various committees made their reports. The history for the year was read by the historian, Mrs. M. P. Whichard, who had prepared an interesting resume of the year's activities. The naval plate recently purchased by the Auxiliary was displayed to the members.

The nominating committee presented names of officers to serve for the coming year, and these will be approved at a call meeting to be held this week.

Mrs. C. E. Kramer, Mrs. R. L. Pratt and Mrs. S. F. Small, with Mrs. D. M. Reeves and Mrs. Edna White as alternates, were named as delegates to the State Convention to be held in Durham this month.

## Social Security Act Humane Legislation Says Governor Hoey

Meeting at the Carolina Hotel in Raleigh last Friday afternoon, North Carolina's County Welfare Superintendents heard Governor Clyde R. Hoey assert that the state's new Social Security Act, which went into effect on July 1, was "the most humane legislative measure ever adopted."

"The Act is not perfect—no legislation is," Governor Hoey said, "but it is a great forward step in caring for our unfortunate and underprivileged children and elderly citizens. "Childhood and age are both appealing, especially among unfortunate, and it is my opinion that human nature is getting better all the time. We are becoming more interested in the welfare of those not so fortunate as ourselves. I confidently expect North Carolina to be a better state in which to live because of this legislation."

Governor Hoey told the welfare workers that upon their wisdom and judgement depended the success of the Social Security program.

"It is in your hands," he declared, "and I know you will do your utmost to discharge the task in a capable manner."

Informal round-table discussions of various problems in connection with the Social Security program for the state were indulged in during the morning and afternoon sessions of the conference.

## Mild Celebration Of Fourth In Edenton

But for the fact that practically all business houses in Edenton were closed, one would have hardly realized that the Fourth of July holiday was observed on Monday. Aside from a soft ball game scheduled to be played between colored single and married men, no celebration had been planned. For the most part the day was spent visiting or entertaining visitors.

Police reported a very mild weekend, the principal offense being the theft of an automobile. Vernon Lane, of the Paradise section, parked his car in North Edenton and when he went for it, it was missing. The car, however, was recovered by Patrolman Boyce near the Chowan River Bridge and Dunnay Moore, of Washington, N. C., and Hathaway Pierce, of Bertie County, were arrested for the theft. Pierce was released under \$300 bond while Moore is in jail awaiting trial at Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court.

Aside from the car theft police reported six arrests for drunkenness and disorderliness, the defendants being fined from \$5 and costs to costs of court.

## City Majority Offsets "Against" Vote From County

### MANY RUMORS

## July 19 Set as Date to Name Alcoholic Control Board

As a result of the strong support vote recorded at Tuesday's special ABC election Chowan County will be dispensing its own legalized liquor in an officially peopled store in Edenton by September 1, maybe by the middle of next month.

Machinery to make this possible was started by the County Commissioners yesterday when they set July 19 for a special joint meeting with the County Board of Education and the County Board of Health, at which time a County Board of Alcoholic Control will be named. This will be composed of a chairman and two associates who will in turn select a store site, a store manager and other employees, as well as set salaries.

At the moment a million rumors are of course afloat. One has the present resettlement bureau offices adjoining the bank as the exact spot where the store will be placed. Three other sites have been mentioned, the store and office in the Hotel Joseph Hewes property immediately adjacent to the Hotel Joseph Hewes, the Nejam Building now occupied by the Edenton Ice Company for refrigerating display, and the vacant end of the E. C. White property adjoining the Gulf Filling Station on Broad Street.

The election went off easily. Naturally there was lively interest but the final score, 756 for and 575 against, was not wholly unexpected. As on other occasions the countryside came through with a suffrage against the store totaling 302 but when it hit the town vote, as it has before, it found itself swamped. Edenton registered a majority of 310 votes for the store, or 8 votes more than the country antis totaled.

A table of the vote appears elsewhere but a recapitulation sets forth that Edenton went 583 for liquor and 273 against with the outlying sections scoring but 173 for and 302 against, resulting in 181 majority for liquor control.

No doubt the greatest interest in the fight was shown in Edenton where heavy registrations and hard work by volunteers resulted in a heavier vote than was expected. In the county the highest scoring was in Rocky Hock, Center Hill and Wardville, each of which went against the store. Yeopim, however, repudiated its neighbors and registered a majority for the store, its vote being 80 for to 13 against.

In favoring the store Chowan was the sixth victorious county out of thirteen in the state to vote on the same question. The county has been legally "dry" since 1909 but pretty "wet" otherwise as the court records bear testimony every week.

Just what effect the store will have on the county remains to be seen. Theoretically it should reduce the need of patronizing unlawful bootleggers and thus have an effect on their much desired elimination. Certainly the expected profits from sales, a profit which the county will derive, will go toward a reduction in taxation and be of aid in meeting the social security program already in operation.

## Sarah White Class Officer In Capital

Friends in Edenton will be interested to know that Miss Sarah Elizabeth White has been elected vice president of her class in Washington School for Secretaries. Miss White's picture, together with that of the president and secretary of the class appeared in a recent issue of The Washington Herald. She is a graduate of the Edenton High School.

### PICNIC AT EDENHOUSE

The Baptist Sunday School at Merry Hill is planning to hold a picnic supper at Edenhouse Beach on Friday afternoon.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Mizell, on Wednesday, June 30, a son, Lewis Carlton.