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Badham ABC Chairman Bond A Member; Welch No

Boards Meet Jointly Tomorrow to Pick New Third Man

SALARY STATUS

Short Life For Bootleggers If Authorities Have Their Way

Carrying out the law in an earnest endeavor to take the ABC situation in this county, as approved by the electorate, out of the problematical class at the very outset, and establish its operation on a high standard basis, the three Chowan boards empowered with this privilege and authority have already acted this week, and, because of the reluctance of one appointee to serve, will do so again at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Last Monday R. P. Badham, Edenton merchant and chairman of the county board of elections, was chosen chairman of the supervising Board of Control, at a salary of \$75 per month. Millard F. Bond, Edenton peanut processor, was named a second member of the same body, and W. D. Welch, up-county resident, was selected as third member, the last two on a \$4 per diem basis.

Yesterday, however, Mr. Welch sent word to town inquirer that he had refused to accept the position. His response to his appointment would be negative, that under no circumstances could he adjust his past attitude of opposition to one of compliance, and for that reason if no other he would refuse the honor.

Once this refusal had been made known to D. E. Warren, head of two of the appointing boards, plans were made for hurried action looking toward the naming of some one to fill Welch's place. The meeting for tomorrow afternoon, will, therefore, cover that purpose.

Once the supervising board is completed tomorrow it is understood there will be practically immediate action looking toward the selection of a site in which to locate the store, and the naming of subordinate employees, presumably two, to serve as dispensers of stock. At the moment there seems a prevalent belief that the store will be centrally located on Broad Street, probably in the White property adjoining Sutton's drug store, although no positive statement as to this can be made until the Board acts. There has been much talk, too, that the store might go down below King Street, in the ancient Chesapeake section, but that seems to be out.

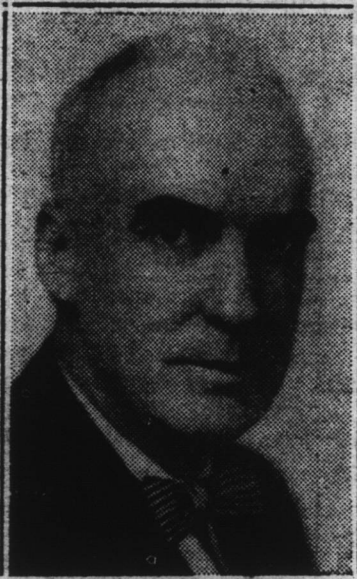
As for the proposed store manager, for which there have been the usual number of aspirants, the appointing conferees have made the board chairman's salary sufficiently high, they feel, to require of him a more exacting supervision than in Bertie and Pasquotank counties, where the salary is but \$50 a month. In other words, and the appointers have been frank about it, and Mr. Badham agrees, it will be expected of the new chairman that he will more or less usurp the job of manager as well as chairman, and that while he will not be expected to serve as a counter salesman he will, nevertheless keep a sharp eye on what goes on most of the selling hours, and be responsible for the proper operation of the store.

The law is pretty explicit as to whom sales may be made and some one other than a happy greeter will need to be watchful. For instance anyone ever arrested for drunken driving, or one who has been up for continued drunkenness, can make no purchases, and in this regard, of course, there will be full enforcement of the regulations.

At Monday's meeting a full attendance was noted from the County Commissioners, with five of the seven members of the County School Board also present as follows: Chairman Samuel E. Morris, Z. T. Evans, T. L. Ward, Mrs. George C. Wood and W. B. Shepard, while the third body, the County Board of Health, had Mr. Warren, Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., and Dr. L. P. Williams on hand with Mayor McMullan present as an ex-officio member.

At the very outset it was explained that the full life of ABC was but for three years, that it would be on probation for that period, and that if its operation was deemed unsatisfactory by the citizenship, it could be voted out of business. On the contrary a similar vote for its continuance will be required in 1940. In the same manner the new chairman

HEADS BOARD



R. P. BADHAM

After careful consideration Monday morning, Mr. Badham was unanimously elected as Chairman of Chowan County's Alcoholic Board of Control.

Edenton Committee To Assist In Celebration Of U. S. Constitution

The Herald has just received from Sol Bloom, director general of the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, the names of a committee to cooperate on plans for observing the 150th anniversary of the formation of the United States Constitution. The anniversary will be September 17.

The committee, appointed by Mayor J. H. McMullan, is as follows: John Augustus Moore, J. L. Wiggins, Julien Wood, John A. Holmes, W. D. Pruden, E. W. Spires, Mrs. Junius W. Davis, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Mrs. M. P. Whichard and Mrs. C. E. Kramer.

Godwin Referee In \$12,000 Lumber Suit

Surrounded by many blue print drawings, ancient deeds and books of record, Judge A. P. Godwin, of Gates County, sitting as a special referee in the Superior court here, took testimony from a large number of Chowan farmers and others this week in the consideration of an action brought by E. B. White, up county husbandman, against the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company, of Elizabeth City. Something like \$12,000 with interest for seven years is involved in the matter which has to do with the logging of 150 acres of White's timber, totaling around a million and a half feet of lumber.

The action reached Referee Godwin through Superior Judge Walter Small, now seriously ill. The defendant, represented at the proceedings by W. D. Pruden, is charged with having overcut a large contract in the neighborhood of White's property, and that no subsequent recompense was made for the White timber. The plaintiff offered many neighbors in substantiation of his claim the timber had been removed. R. C. Holland and John F. White of Edenton and J. A. Pritchett, of Windsor, prosecuted the action for White.

C.M.T.C. Applicants Have Limited Time

Brigadier General Manus McCloskey, Commanding General Fort Bragg is most anxious to see that the young men of North Carolina avail themselves of the opportunity to secure Uncle Sam's prize one month summer vacation at the Citizens' Military Camp, which is to be held at Fort Bragg, N. C., the largest Artillery Post in the United States, from August 3rd to September 1st. This opportunity will be lost to the boys of Chowan County unless they enroll quickly, according to information received from General Manus McCloskey, the Commanding General of Fort Bragg.

Prospective applicants should apply to Richard D. Dixon, of Edenton, N. C., the county representative of this county, who will give them application blanks and full information. They may also write to the C. M. T. C. office at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, for blanks and information.

(An Editorial)

Boy Scout Trails Lead To Democracy

One could not read the account in the "New York Times Magazine" of June 27 of the Boy Scout Jamboree held in Washington, D. C., without regret that Edenton was not represented in that mighty host of 25,000 boys, the future American Citizens.

Our town, boasting its history, its culture, refinement, and its patriotism, is woefully lacking in its response to train our young boys in all the qualities that are found in Scout ranks. We have these young folks, anxious to be scouts but waiting for a leader. We also have fine young men who have been and could be efficient leaders if they felt their responsibilities. Some say they haven't time but we are afraid they look at the work for the year as an arduous task. But the great Teacher said when He taught His disciples, "Give us this day our daily bread", not for a whole year or a month but for one day at a time. Our boys have already been provided with a beautiful cabin given by one of our generous citizens. Shall it stay closed while our youths roam up and down the streets without the training they deserve? A Scout is trustworthy, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. This is their law.

To be a Scout is to belong to an organization already established in 46 Countries, an international brotherhood of boys, non-political, non-sectarian. Boys and young men with scout training are stepping more and more into positions of leadership. Fifty per cent of our high school boys are scouts, most significant that they hold a clear majority of student offices.

What an opportunity is before some young man in helping to shape our boys' destinies to become useful citizens through the contact with them in the work of this great organization.

It must make one proud to be selected as the leader of the local unit of which there are 32,000 in America.

Let us become more interested and enthusiastic in the undertaking and let us hope that one of our young men may soon feel the call to lead these fine boys, knowing that this training leads to true democracy.

SOIL CONSERVING PROGRAM URGED UPON EVERY ONE

Rowell Asks All Farmers to Join Benefitting Movement

SUPERVISORS SOON

Acree Base Increases Likely to Follow Such Action

N. K. Rowell, Chowan County Agent, is very anxious that all Chowan farmers benefit by the government soil-conserving and soil building program and in order to stimulate interest and acquaint farmers with this opportunity, he has mailed many letters regarding this matter.

The substance of his letter is as follows:

"The Supervisors will soon begin work in mapping farms, getting acres of cotton, tobacco, peanuts and general crops, as well as soil building practices. I hope when they call, you will assist them as much as possible in getting up the necessary information and that you will be able to comply with the Soil Conservation Program. Last year we received 731 checks amounting to \$58,722.58, and will be entitled to more this year and an additional amount of \$11,896.40 for soil building practices, provided these payments are earned. Last year we had a total of 175 farms that did not qualify and I hope that we will get 100 per cent to qualify this year.

"According to records we have around 1500 acres of idle land and I hope you will get this into a soil conserving crop between now and October 31. This will help you to qualify and earn soil building payments. I was talking to a farmer a few days ago who is entitled to a diversion and soil building payment amounting to \$46.68 and unless he has the required acres of soil conserving crops he will not earn one penny. I have advised him to go to the expense of planting all his idle acres to a soil conserving crop. He can afford to do this since it will cost less than the money he will earn and his land will be in better shape for another year.

"I believe you will agree with me that our bases for cotton, tobacco, peanuts and general crops are low and we have worked faithfully in trying to get them raised, but when we go to Raleigh they always tell us that our census report gives us credit for only 35,000 acres of crop land. They are willing to make an increase if we can prove to them that we have more crop land in the county. This is impossible when there is so much land lying idle and I hope by October 31 it can be reported as soil conserving."

County Council Meets Saturday Afternoon

A meeting of the County Council of home demonstration clubs will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Court House. Miss Rebecca Colwell, just back from a session of summer school, is anxious that every member of the Council be present.

JOB APPLICANTS MUST FILL OUT QUESTIONNAIRE

Town Adopts Modern Wrinkle to Secure Best Employes

INNOVATION

Inspired by Police Commission In Search For New Patrolman

Perplexing consideration of the selection of a third patrolman for the Edenton police department has led the newly appointed police commissioners together with Mayor McMullan to the determination that the only way to meet an appointment of this sort, or any other piece of town employment, is to have all applicants fill out an autobiographical form relating to themselves, their past, their present and what they really aspire to be. Actually the blank may be of a type used in larger cities but it is an innovation here and will go far toward eliminating influence or pull in greed for office.

The commissioners were confronted with the need of a third officer to take the place at once of Night Patrolman Bob Pratt, who starts on his vacation today. Five candidates were out for the berth, even if a temporary one, and it was surprising how many "friends" each had. These "friends", following the customary procedure, buttonholed the commissioners privately, dragging them into secret recesses and using the ancient play of hot air influence in trying to coax the job for their favorite.

Naturally this proved irksome to the commissioners and they were just about to recommend Dan Canady, former Edentonian now of Elizabeth City, when, after conference with Mayor McMullan, they hit upon their application idea. The application blank, which leaves no loophole for evasion and which says unequivocally "Show me," as well as the section requiring three prominent endorsements, and which will be used for all

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Mrs. Holoman Speaks At Rotary Meeting

Of interest to Rotarians at their meeting today will be a vocational address by Mrs. Randolph Holoman, acting district manager in the N. C. employment office. Mrs. Holoman will explain the work done through her office and no doubt bring to the attention of the Rotarians many accomplishments of which very little is known by the club members and citizens in general.

The program last Thursday was in charge of Jimmy Earnhardt, who called upon various committee chairmen for suggestions as to club activity during the year. In this connection the club expressed its concern over the naming of a scoutmaster for the Edenton Boy Scouts as well as arranging a play ground for children at the northern end of Hicks Field.

Two new members, George Capehart and Arthur Chappell, have recently been added to the club.

Progress Report Indicates C. of C. Been Very Active

LIKES EDENTON



MRS. MILDRED SEYDELL

Internationally read newspaper woman, who made a second visit to Edenton the latter part of last week. "I fell in love with your city on a former visit," said Mrs. Seydell, "and I just had to come back." She gathered considerable information about Edenton about which she will write in metropolitan newspaper columns.

Edenton Men Injured In Auto Accident

Three men suffered painful if not serious injuries in two motor accidents in this section Tuesday night. Floyd White, war veteran and state employment agency aide here, was hurt the most after his car had crashed head-on with one driven by J. Lester Forehand near Hancock station. Possible internal injuries and a bad leg wound were his portion, and Forehand lost a lot of blood and received a couple of minor fractures. Both were brought to town for treatment.

As Corporal George I. Dail, who was summoned to the scene, gathered his report White was northbound on the Virginia highway headed toward the White homestead near Gliden. As he neared the curve he found himself suddenly confronted by a mule cart without a light. To avoid collision with it he swerved his car to the left and contacted with Forehand coming south. Both cars were wrecked.

The other mishap happened up near Mitchell's curve. Claude Ward, Gates county man, preferred a telephone pole to the highway and knocked it down, wrecking his car in doing so and necessitating 17 stitches in his scalp at a Sunbury doctor's office.

Jack Russell Aids In Earhart Search

Friends hereabouts will be interested to know that though the search for Amelia Earhart, missing aviatrix, was unsuccessful, Jack Russell, Edenton boy, is a member of the U. S. S. Lexington carrying 65 planes which was brought into service to search for the famed flyer. Jack is proud of his part in the search and, in part, writes as follows to the editor of The Herald from Howland Island:

"Working all night at Long Beach, Cal., loading fuel and provisions, we left for San Diego to pick up men from several squadrons prior to landing 62 planes on the flight deck. After three days, 21 hours and 16 minutes we anchored in Tahaima Roads. The U. S. S. Avoret came along side upon anchoring to give us gasoline for the planes.

"At 4:30 Friday morning the U. S. S. Ramapo, Navy tanker, came in to refuel us before our dash southward to search for Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan. After refueling we proceeded to the Phoenix Island group south of the equator.

"Upon arrival off the Phoenix group two squadrons, one on either side of the ship, will take off with two miles flying space between the planes. They traveled at an altitude of about 300 feet, at 90 miles per hour, then turning in the same direction of the ship going another 40 miles. Having made this flight the two squadrons returned aboard and two others went through the same procedure."

Jack had only about 15 minutes to write his letter before one of the utility planes left for Honolulu, and in closing expressed best regards to his Edenton friends.

Executive Session Reveals Moves Made to Benefit the Town

14 PROJECTS

President Conger Urges All Members Make New Suggestions

Although quietly active since its recent organization proof was offered at a meeting of the executive committee of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday afternoon to indicate that the organization has been on the job from the start, and has promoted or is promoting a large number of important projects of lively industrial interest to this section.

Tuesday's gathering was called by President Joseph E. Conger, who, with Secretary J. H. McMullan, has been instrumental in keeping the business pot boiling hereabouts. It was Mr. Conger's thought that not only should there be an enumeration of what had been done since the Chamber started but that new views should be obtained as to anything additional the organization should popularize.

Best of all the news was the realization that many outside interests had written in relative to Edenton and the Chowan sector. Mr. Conger expressed himself as feeling this showed a quickening interest in this territory as a trade center, and he said he was confident that as the fall months approached these inquiries would multiply and that some satisfying results would accrue.

Mr. McMullan was asked to mention off-hand the things the Chamber had promoted and was working for. His enumeration included such matters as:

Promoted luncheon to the District Highway Commissioner and visiting County Commissioners on the occasion of their road project hearings at Edenton. Financed by County Commissioners.

Promoted (and contributed special articles) to Virginia Dare Celebration special editions. Advertisements paid for by County and Town.

Promoted publication of 10,000 handy booklets inviting tourists to Edenton. Have arranged to distribute them in quantity to the Roanoke Island Celebration.

Have interceded with Congressman Warren and the Bureau of Fisheries to have the Pembroke Creek waters leading to the Fish Hatchery cleared of all obstructions to traffic. Feel assured of success.

Negotiating at length with a soy bean manufacturer to locate in Chowan County. Good progress being made.

Assisting Edenton Boys' Band to attend the Virginia Dare Celebration. Arranging for this colorful organization to distribute our literature on that occasion.

Perfecting an organization of Northeastern N. C. counties to fight to retain U. S. Route 17 as now located.

Have contacted WPA authorities relative to further projects for Chowan County.

Arranging for formation of a Merchants' Association as an agency of the Chamber of Commerce

Have supplied publicity to Carolina Motor Club agencies, State Port Authority of Virginia, and have answered numerous inquiries for information about Edenton and Chowan County.

Perfecting plans for a system of effective Bill Board advertising calling attention to our tourist appeal and industrial advantages. Also arranging for advertisements in Manufacturers' Record.

Have written to District Engineer urging opening up of a county road in Cowpen Neck section.

Much correspondence with federal and commercial authorities relative to the establishment of a seaplane anchorage here.

Has urged an appropriation for deepening the harbor which has already been allocated.

It was the consensus of opinion of the committee that these things showed a step forward but that much else remained to be done. The President said he was always at the call of all the Chamber members and would welcome any suggestion from each of them at any time.