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## Bi-County Health Service Merger Now Seems Likely

### Chowan and Bertie Plan to Join In Statewide Program

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### County to Put up \$1,500 If Town Allots \$500 Toward Cost

Right now Chowan County seems pretty sure to be a party in the Statewide health unit service, with a secretarial and full-time nursing service located in Edenton. Proposed consolidation with Bertie county, which has been agreed to tentatively, will make this possible, and many happy over the possible solution of a problem which has been somewhat bothersome for a couple of months.

Under the plan outlined to the County Commissioners on Monday by State, Bertie and Chowan health officials, this county's share for the proposed consolidation will be around \$2,000, of which it was suggested the town of Edenton should bear a \$500 share of the cost. At a subsequent meeting of the town's finance committee full tentative agreement was given to this through the elimination of certain expenditures totaling around the asked for amount.

Which means if the double-barrelled county and town plan goes through the consolidated service of the two counties will go into effect soon with Dr. F. H. Garris, of Lewiston, as the joint county health officer. Dr. Garris is at present, and has been for the third year, serving in this capacity for Bertie alone, the consensus of opinion being that as he was most conversant with all details of the work Chowan could well endorse him for the consolidated

Former county welfare officer W. J. Taylor, appeared before the commissioners on Monday with Dr. Garris and Dr. R. E. Fox, of the State Department of Public Health. Dr. W. I. Hart and other town and county health board members were, also, on hand. Explanation was made at the outset that the original plan of several months ago that Chowan should join with Gates and Perquimans counties in the health unit service had fallen through because of the failure of Gates and Perquimans to join the endeavor, and that a subsequent request that Chowan merge with Pasquotank and Dare counties in a similar way had met with no encouragement here because of the far from close proximity of the other two counties.

Chairman D. M. Warren then read from a carefully prepared type-written statement showing what benefits would accrue through an association with the county neighbor to the west, Bertie. The statement detailed how the service would be handled, each county having its own (Continued on Page Five)

## R. D. Dixon Rushed To Norfolk Hospital

Friends were shocked Tuesday when news rapidly spread that Richard D. Dixon, popular clerk of Chowan Superior Court, was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk, Va., suffering an acute attack of appendicitis. Mr. Dixon was accompanied by Mrs. Dixon and J. N. Pruden, Mrs. Dixon remaining with her husband.

Immediately upon arrival Mr. Dixon was operated upon and while the appendix was gangrenous, he was reported Wednesday to be making satisfactory progress.

## White Schools In County Open Sept. 13

White schools in the Chowan County administrative unit will open Monday, September 13, according to an announcement made Wednesday by Superintendent W. J. Taylor. In announcing the opening date Mr. Taylor said that teachers in his unit have been employed except the mathematics and science teacher who also acts as coach, who will replace Luby Jernigan.

Opening date for colored schools in the county has been set for Monday, October 4.

**MASONS MEET TONIGHT**  
A regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 4, A. F. & M., will be held tonight in the Court House at 8 o'clock. W. M. Wilkins, master of the lodge, promises a brief meeting at which all Masons are urged to be present.

## Jury List Is Selected For September Term Of Superior Court

In anticipation of the September term of Superior Court, the County Commissioners on Monday empaneled the following as a jury list:

O. M. Blanchard, J. E. Wood, A. M. White, J. C. Leary, R. W. Leary, Nicholas Muth, O. J. Forehand, Eugene Baker, W. T. Forehand, Chas. H. Wood, P. C. Ashley, Albert Cullipher, J. R. Perry, R. W. Carden, W. S. Perry, Henry S. Rogerson, A. D. Rountree, L. B. Harrell, J. Q. Bass, Josiah Elliott, Gordon Blow, D. R. Baker, C. R. Satterfield, J. T. Parrish, C. W. Sawyer, J. H. Asbell, E. M. Howell, C. R. Mason, W. H. Parker, J. R. Peele, Frank Miller, P. M. Forehand, Henry Corprew, E. L. Ward, T. A. Berryman R. F. Elliott.

Court will convene Monday, September 13, with Judge R. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, presiding.

## Resettlement Office Will Be Located In Chowan Court House

Forced to leave the old postoffice quarters due to the building being rented, the local resettlement office will shortly be removed to the Chowan County Court House. Permission to use the small room on the second floor formerly used as the sheriff's office and later by N. K. Rowell, county agent, was granted by the County Commissioners Monday.

D. M. Warren, chairman of the Board, was vested with authority to have placed on the floor some material that would eliminate any fire hazard, which appeared to be the greatest concern in allowing the room to be used. However, George C. Wood and John Pope, who are connected with the resettlement office and who appeared before the Commissioners in behalf of new quarters, assured the Commissioners that very seldom are there more than two or three in the office at one time and that the time required in which to transact business is very brief.

The move is expected to be made within the next two weeks.

## DONKEY BALL IS AGAIN SCHEDULED

### Game Will Be Played Friday Night at 8 O'clock

Another donkey baseball game will be held in Edenton Friday night which no doubt will draw a capacity crowd of spectators in search of a lot of fun. At a previous game played at Hicks Field one of the largest crowds ever to gather at the baseball diamond witnessed a game played between the Rotary and Lions Clubs, causing favorable comments and requests from residents as far as Gates and Bertie counties to be informed when another game is played.

Two local teams will perform Friday night, one selected from the Masons and Lions, which will try their skill at playing baseball and riding donkeys against a team picked from the Rotary Club and Red Men. Players from all four clubs in the soft ball league will participate, and the proceeds from the game going toward payment of the flood lights erected on the diamond.

The game will begin at 8 o'clock, taking place of the scheduled game between Masons and Rotarians. Line-ups had not been selected at the time. The Herald went to press, but it will be the purpose to use as many of the league players as possible during the contest.

Considerable publicity has been made concerning this fun-provoking event and barring unfavorable weather another record-breaking crowd is expected to be on hand to enjoy the game.

**WOODMEN MEET FRIDAY**  
Elm Camp, No. 945, Woodmen of the World, will hold their monthly meeting Friday night. All members are especially urged to be present. Refreshments will be served.

## ELEANOR DARE WITH HER BABY



Katherine Cale, English actress, as Eleanor Dare with her baby, Virginia Dare, in a scene from Paul Green's pageant-drama, "The Lost Colony." This is one of many illustrations in the edition of the play just published by the University of North Carolina Press.

## WITH WEBB OUT ABC APPOINTORS MUST TRY AGAIN

### Latest Appointee Resigned Tersely Monday Morning

#### AUG. 11 NEXT DATE

### But Badham and Bond Carry on Heroically With Full Power

A further muddle over the personnel of the Chowan ABC supervising board, brought about Monday by the unexpected resignation of the latest third member appointee, J. B. Webb, leaves the county still perplexed as to who will be the operating employees in the proposed liquor store now being remodeled for occupancy in the White property to the north of Supton's Drug Store. Much interest is being continually evinced in these selections but it can be said authoritatively no choices for store manager or clerks will be announced until after a further meeting to pick a successor to Mr. Webb next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Webb's declination to serve came surprisingly out of a clear sky and was embodied in a terse letter to the County Commissioners, presented at their August meeting Monday. Although he had accepted the berth at the time of his selection, had been formerly sworn in and furnished the required security, and had, also, accompanied Chairman R. P. Badham and his associate Millard F. Bond on a visit to the State ABC board in Raleigh, and in addition had joined with Mr. Badham and Mr. Bond in signing a lease for the White property, Mr. Webb remained silent in his written resignation as to the reasons behind his retirement.

It is understood, however, that Mr. Webb, a confirmed "dry," has never been enthusiastic about the ABC situation and that his family have opposed his going along as a serving member. Mr. Webb, an earnest nearby farm resident, has felt, though, that despite all such prejudices his position on the board (Continued on Page Five)

## TOWN TAX RATE MAY SOAR FROM \$1.00 TO \$1.10

### Tentative Figure Set by Finance Committee For Approval

#### BUDGET HIGHER

### Overdrafts, Salary Increases and Welfare Reasons

As if to keep step with the county of which it is the center, Edenton, too, stands a chance of raising its tax rate for the ensuing year. At a meeting the finance committee of Town Council Monday night it was tentatively agreed, subject to approval, of course of the town council, that the Edenton 1937-38 rate would likely have to be boosted to \$1.10, or around that figure as against a present rate of \$1.

Several things conspired to prevent the finance committee from holding the forthcoming rate to a lower figure. A recommendation agreement that the town bear a share of the Bertie - Chowan health unit service, as endorsed by the county commissioners Monday, stuck an unexpected \$500 in the proposed budget. A further inclusion of \$250 to keep the town's contractual welfare obligations was, also, included. Recent salary raises to most of the town employees and the prospective appointment of a third policeman, also had to be reckoned with, so the new rate, except the E & W Department comes heroically to the rescue, may have to take a boost when finally approved by Town Council.

The committee learned that last year's budget had been over-spent something like \$500, but actually the general fund was something over \$6,000 in the red, which overdraft has been taken care of by E & W earnings. Cause for figures appearing in red in this fund was occasioned by anticipated collection of back taxes which did not materialize. This amount, too, will have to be reckoned with in making up a workable budget.

## Edenton Recipient Of Nice Slice Of National Publicity

Whether many newspapers are in sympathy with the Eastman-Scott Advertising Agency's scheme in publicizing North Carolina, Edenton on Sunday was awarded a nice slice of publicity which no doubt appeared in 22 Hearst newspapers all over the country as a result of Mildred Seydell's recent visit to town.

Following appears Mrs. Seydell's story which appeared in Sunday's edition of The Atlanta Georgian:

Mayor McMullan complains that Edenton, North Carolina, is too blessed with its historic reputation. Visitors are so overwhelmed with its relics of colonial grandeur that they forget to notice that it is the second largest peanut market in the world! Speaking of his town, he says:

"If I may coin the phrase, we have here in Edenton that which might be termed a 'Communal-Indus-

trialism.' We have the raw material at our very door which is processed by our various manufacturing plants. The stock in all of our industrial plants is locally owned and widely distributed.

"The labor used is native-born and wedded to the community in which it was reared. All of these enterprises are financed by a local bank, the stock of which is locally owned. In addition to this, the executive officers of these enterprises are native citizens.

"None of these enterprises have been in serious financial condition. And there has never been a strike or suggestion of one in the entire industrial history of Edenton."

But after all, Mayor McMullan, Edenton does have a St. Paul's, and whereas other communities can have prosperity they can't have a church (Continued on Page Five)

## Chowan County Tax Rate Will Be Boosted To \$1.30

### An Unusual Health Report For July

That health conditions in Chowan County are in first class shape is evident by Dr. M. P. Whichard's report as health officer made to the County Commissioners Monday. Two cases of measles were the only quarantineable diseases reported for the month of July, which is rather unusual.

The county jail and county home were both in good condition also according to the submitted report.

### Rotarians Enthused Over Joint Meeting At Colerain Monday

Edenton Rotarians are looking forward with much interest to the joint meeting of the Edenton and Windsor Rotary Clubs which will be held at Colerain next Monday night at 7 o'clock, and according to reports the Colerain ladies, who will serve a barbecue chicken dinner, are equally anxious to prove their ability as hostesses and are optimistic that their treatment will warrant a return visit from the Rotarians.

C. E. Kramer is in charge of arrangements for the Edenton Club and the latest check up revealed that about 35 will attend from Edenton, including Rotarians and their wives, or as Secretary John A. Holmes wrote in a circular letter, "some other fellow's wife."

The Windsor Club will be in charge of the program and if a live-wire club means anything a program comparing favorably with the menu will be on tap, which will include special music by Scarborough Mizelle and his group of music-making singers.

At the Rotary meeting today Millard Bond will be in charge of the program and plans to present an unique program consisting of a group of national items of interest taken from David Laurence's United States News.

At last Thursday's meeting W. M. Perkins, superintendent of public welfare, was the principal speaker and during his remarks traced the thought of welfare work from time immemorial to the present social security program.

## NCSES OFFICE IS TO BE CONTINUED

### Encouraging Response To Chamber of Commerce Protest

Pressure by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce directed against the permanent removal to Williamston of the local district office of the North Carolina State Employment Service, has brought a happy response from R. Mayne Albright, of Raleigh, director of the state organization, saying the change is only an administrative one, means in no way the abandonment of the office here, and that on the contrary "should not effect the usefulness and efficiency of the Edenton office."

Mr. Albright's communication was in response to a letter and resolution of explanation and regret sent him by the Chamber of Commerce. He expressed his thanks in replying, stated that under the present plan of operation Currituck, Camden, Dare and Pasquotank counties will be handled through the Elizabeth City branch office, that Edenton will continue to look after Chowan, Perquimans, Gates, Hertford and Bertie, and that Williamston will only serve Martin, Washington, Tyrrell and Beaufort. He closed by expressing assurance of the bureau's desire to cooperate in serving the employment needs of Edenton and Chowan county.

Another letter reached the commerce chamber from Commissioner A. L. Fletcher of the State Department of Labor, promising to do whatever he could to ease the local situation and expressing a willingness to receive a delegation from the chamber at any time. However, it is unlikely any further steps will be taken until some definite move indicating an intention to upset the local office additionally is made.

Outside of its regret, of course, (Continued on Last Page)

## Social Security Does Its Expected Part—Cost Of Schools, Too

#### BUDGET \$101,481

### Even So, Rate Is Twenty Points Lower Than Anticipated

Faced with an increased budget total of \$17,915, largely due to the new social security program and other health and charitable obligations, the Chowan commissioners wrestled long and patiently with the county tax rate problem on Monday, and by much perspiratory squirming and readjustment of submitted figures were able to hold the rate for the ensuing year down to \$1.30 per \$100 of valuation.

While the \$1.30 rate decided upon is an increase of 11 points over the rate for last year, it is actually 20 points if not more lower than the board anticipated. Preliminary budget figures, the puzzle over what social security was and would cost, had led all hands to the belief a rate of \$1.50 was likely, and one official even intimated two weeks ago the rate might be nearer \$1.60.

But when the board met on Monday Chairman D. M. Warren and his associates set the \$1.30 rate as the maximum to be allowed. Contrary to the usual procedure, the commissioners fixed the rate first, if it can be so expressed, and then pruned and readjusted the budget to keep within this allotted figure.

As for the finally approved budget its total was fixed at \$101,481 for 1937-38 as against a budget of \$83,566 for the prior year, a working excess of \$17,915.

Statistically the budget allotments for the ensuing year as compared with similar allotments for 1936-37, showed tabularly in this wise:

	1937-38	1936-37
Social Security	\$ 6,502	
Schools	19,089	11,631
Bonds and Interest	53,060	46,435
Health charity and		
General Co. Fund	22,830	25,500

\$101,481 \$83,566  
By shifts here and there the board was able to prune two four-point cuts in the budget by transferring funds from both the bond and general county funds, which have a substantial reserve. Another saving of a higher rate was the decision not to levy for a \$1700 welfare item which amount is anticipated from profits of sales by the forthcoming ABC store.

The social security item is, of course, a new one, but in no sense aggregates all the welfare expenses of the county as expected expenditures for "Health and Charity," not enumerated (Continued on Page Eight)

## Part Of Ivy Ordered Removed From Old Chowan Court House

That the ivy which covers the outside of the vault adjacent to the clerk of superior court's office in the ancient Chowan County Court House has not been removed this week is no doubt due to the fact that on Tuesday Richard D. Dixon, clerk of court, was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk, Va., following an acute attack of appendicitis.

Mr. Dixon, at the meeting of the County Commissioners Monday, was instructed to have the ivy removed because it was thought that the thick growth was detrimental to the interior of the vault as well as to the old records stored in them.

It was called to the attention of the Commissioners that the interior walls remained damp causing the plaster to become loose, the moisture even penetrating the records which include some of the oldest papers in the State, dating back to 1659. It was also brought out that after having the vault closed for a day or two mold collected on the walls and floor which condition, if allowed to continue, would have a ruinous effect on the valuable documents.

The opinion was expressed that the ivy permitted a certain amount of seepage which was the major cause of the trouble, the Commissioners therefore ordering the ivy removed. However, a number of complaints have already been made to the effect that the condition could be remedied from the interior rather than by removing the ivy, which is reason for considerable pride on the part of many townspeople.