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Bi-County Health Unit Is To Have Office In Edenton

Headquarters Located In Bank of Edenton Building

COST \$1,667

Miss Ruby Lentz Will Continue as Nurse For Chowan

Following the assured appropriation of \$500 by Town Council in conjunction with \$1,500 to be supplied by the County Commissioners as Chowan's share in the Bertie-Chowan health service, a joint meeting of the Boards of Health of the two counties was held in the Court House at Windsor Friday night for the purpose of organization. J. A. Speight, chairman of the Bertie County Commissioners, was named chairman of the meeting and W. J. Taylor, of Edenton, secretary.

After a thorough explanation by J. A. Pritchett of the State law relative to the district health department, the two boards unanimously agreed to employ Dr. F. H. Garris, of Lewiston, as health officer, but as this was not the regular time for appointing health officers, according to law, the secretary was requested to write Dr. Reynolds to appoint Dr. Garris or to approve the action of the Boards of Health in the joint meeting.

Dr. Garris explained that the budget had been worked out on the basis of population of two counties, which provided for Bertie to pay five-sevenths and Chowan two-sevenths of the amount to be appropriated by the two counties. The budget, adopted for ten months due to being ten months late in starting, provides for two full time nurses in Bertie and one full time nurse in Chowan. A sanitary engineer will divide his time between the two counties. The health officers will give eight half days in the office in Bertie and four half days in the Chowan office each week. A full time secretary will be employed in each county.

Bertie's share calls for \$3,880 and Chowan's share \$1,667. To these amounts the State will add \$2,353 and the Federal government \$5,950, making a total of \$13,850 to be spent in the health service in the two counties.

This entire amount will be utilized in the way of salaries, the schedule of pay being as follows: Health officer, \$375 per month; sanitary inspector, \$230 per month; three nurses, \$155 per month; dentist, \$135 per month; two clerks, \$60 per month; two contingents, \$30 per month.

According to a motion passed by the two boards, an advisory committee will be appointed from each of the said counties. The Bertie committee will be Dr. S. A. Saunders, H. W. Early and J. A. Speight. The Chowan committee has not yet been named.

Those attending the meeting from Chowan were W. J. Taylor, Dr. L. P. Williams, Dr. J. A. Powell and Dr. W. H. Hart.

L. L. Jones, of Windsor, has been named sanitary inspector and the two nurses for Bertie will be Miss Elizabeth G. Norfolk and Miss Nellie G. Phelps. Miss Ruby Lentz will serve as the nurse for Chowan County, while Miss Frye Pettus will be clerk in the Edenton office.

Local offices are now being set up on the second floor of the Bank of Edenton, and though Miss Pettus was on duty Wednesday, little can be accomplished until carpenters have completed repairs.

Melvin Layton Will Enter Wake Forest

Edenton football fans may see another former E. H. S. star on a college squad by reason of the fact that Melvin Layton, sparkplug of the local eleven the past two years, will enter Wake Forest College. Layton plans to leave Edenton for Wake Forest Sunday a week where he will compete for a berth on the freshmen team.

IKE LAYDEN LEAVES BURTON'S

Ike Layden, who for the past several years has been an employee of Burton's Service Station, resigned Saturday. Mr. Layden's successor will be William Sexton, a former employee and for several months acting as a clerk in Pender's store.

District Meeting Of Postmasters Held In Edenton On Sept. 17

Prospects of a district meeting in Edenton of the North Carolina Postmasters' Association loomed brightly early this week when C. E. Kramer, Edenton postmaster, received word from Wythe M. Peyton, president of the State group, that the invitation to meet here had been accepted. While no definite arrangements have been made, it is assured that the meeting will be held Friday, September 17. If plans work out it is hoped to have Congressman Lindsey Warren and Senator Bob Reynolds present for the occasion, as well as the president of the national organization.

Mr. Kramer is very active in the Postmasters' Association and will spare no efforts to make the meeting a success.

SOFT BALL NOW NEARING CLOSE

Friday Last Scheduled Game; Post Season Series to Determine League Champions

HOW THEY STAND

	W	L	Pct
Lions	7	3	.700
Masons	4	4	.500
Rotary	4	5	.444
Red Men	3	6	.333

Though only two league games have been played during the week in Edenton's soft ball league, quite a change has resulted in the standing. The Lions lead was clipped from .750 to .700 due to their third defeat at the hands of the Masons, the latter slipping in ahead of the Rotarians to claim second place by a half game margin. The Red Men played no game and hence have not had a chance to crawl out of the cellar.

Last Wednesday night's game proved to be one of the most interesting and well played games of the season when the Masons tripped the fast-stepping Lions to the time of 4-1. The game was the fastest played of the season, having required only 45 minutes.

On the following night the Lions came back strong, turning back a stubborn Rotary team 10 to 5, but only after a batting rally in the last inning, and aided by a couple of miscues by the Rotarians.

The game Friday night between the Masons and Red Men was cancelled to permit a game between Winfall and local soft ballers.

Tuesday night's game between the Masons and Rotarians was rained out, with the Red Men and Lions scheduled to play Wednesday night as The Herald was being printed.

The official schedule comes to a close Friday, but a number of rained out and cancelled games must be played to decide which teams will participate in a five game series to determine the league champions.

Rotarians Enjoyed Inter-City Meeting

Fifteen Edenton Rotarians and their wives attended the inter-city Rotary meeting held in Elizabeth City Monday night, and all report one of the most entertaining Rotary programs ever held in this section. A special feature was the presence of a number of actors and singers who are participating in the Lost Colony pageant at Roanoke Island, all of whom added considerably to the pleasure of the evening.

Rotarians of the Elizabeth City, Manteo, Hertford and Edenton clubs, who are now part of the 187th district, had an opportunity also to meet George N. Matthews, district governor, who made a very favorable impression upon all Rotarians present, and members of the Edenton club look forward with interest to his visit to Edenton later in the year.

Methodist Picnic On Friday Afternoon

The Sunday School of the Methodist Church will hold a picnic at Eden House Beach Friday afternoon. It is the purpose to leave the church at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and everybody attending is asked to bring a picnic lunch.

Adults are asked to be at the church with their cars at the stated hour in order to furnish adequate transportation for those who go on the outing.

CAPEHART IS TO TAKE CAPTAINCY OF BOY SCOUTS

Kermit Layton to Join Him as Assistant Scoutmaster

ASKS COOPERATION

Trying Problem Meets Happy Conclusion At Last

Lying in a state of dormancy for many months due to having no scoutmaster, the Boy Scout movement in Edenton will very shortly take on new life. The Edenton troop has had no scoutmaster since John W. Graham was forced to give up the post due to other activities and though much has been printed and spoken relative to someone taking charge of this group of boys, it was not until this week that George Capehart consented to act in the capacity of scoutmaster.

Three organizations have been working on the selection of a scoutmaster for some months, a committee having been appointed from the Lions Club, Rotary Club and American Legion, and though no official meeting has been held by the joint committee, it is almost certain they will approve Mr. Capehart for the post.

These committee men are: Lions, Clarence Leary, T. C. Byrum and Hector Lupton; Rotary Club, C. E. Kramer, M. F. Bond and William Jones; American Legion, W. W. Byrum, Geddes Potter and O. H. Brown. C. E. Kramer was named general chairman and has been very active in making various contacts in an effort to secure a scoutmaster for the troop.

Mr. Capehart has consented to act as scoutmaster only on condition that he will receive full cooperation of the scout troop, court of honor, and citizens in general. He is a young man who realizes the ambitions and stored up energy in a group of youngsters and should, with the proper support, muster together a troop that will be a credit to the town.

The scout cabin, which was given the Scouts by J. A. Woodard, is in itself a credit to the community and with a scoutmaster to lead them, a group of interested boys will no doubt make their presence felt and much good will be accomplished.

Kermit Layton, who has had considerable scout experience and for a time held the troop together, will assist Mr. Capehart as assistant scoutmaster.

Mrs. M. V. Horton, of Farmville, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Pattie Brown, on Wednesday.

Booklet Continues To Attract Notice

Favorable Responses Keep Coming In From Recipients; John Park Calls It "A Pippin"; Mildred Seydell Says "It's Splendid"

With requests pouring in to receive copies of the booklet on Edenton and many congratulations as to the workmanship of the book as well as the contents, Edenton is realizing even more publicity than was expected at the outset. Quite noticeable, too, has been the increased number of visitors in town since distribution of the booklet was begun and when the entire 5000 have been broadcast those interested in the booklet believe more people will become acquainted with Edenton's historical past as well as present opportunities, resulting in much benefit to the town.

Space in The Herald will not permit listing those who have requested copies nor all the nice things written in about the booklet, but just a few appears this week to give an idea of the reception given the booklet by some who have received or seen a copy.

Robert P. Beamon of the National Bank of Commerce in Norfolk, Va., in a letter to Richard Dixon, had this to say: "I appreciate very much the booklet which you sent me regarding Edenton, and I have read it with a great deal of interest and pleasure."

Mildred Seydell, nationally known writer, who was a recent Edenton visitor, has written thusly: "Congra-

TOWN TAX RATE MAY YET REMAIN AT OLD MAXIMUM

Anticipated Boost of 10 Cents Checked By Committee

\$1 RATE LIKELY

Bond Decrease Will Offset Proposed Increases

Though it was believed at an earlier meeting of the finance committee of the Town Council that there would be a boost possibly of 10 cents on the hundred dollars in the city tax rate, at a check-up meeting held Monday night members of the committee comprising Albert Burum, Dr. L. P. Williams and J. Edwin Bufflap, it is believed the budget has been arranged which will not necessitate a boost and will no doubt remain at an even dollar as capacity of tax rate.

Though expenses in practically every department in the general fund have been raised somewhat, the street paving and outstanding bonds have been decreased which, together with a higher valuation, will offset the added expense.

Outstanding bonds total \$27,200, of which \$13,200 is or will be due during the year, which together with \$1,432 as interest represents \$14,632 to be raised in this department. Of this amount \$1,000 is anticipated from uncollected taxes and \$4,921.97 has already been collected for retirement of bonds, leaving \$8,710.03 to be raised through taxes. A levy of 29 cents will raise this amount and has been recommended by the finance committee.

There has been an increase in property valuation in Edenton, this year being \$3,100,000 as against \$2,900,000 last year.

In the general fund the budget calls for \$31,404 as against \$30,055 last year which figure was arrived at by the following appropriations: Administrative, \$3,481.50; Police Department, \$4,875; Fire Department, \$5,422.50; Health Department, \$500; Street Department, \$11,200; other expenses, \$5,925. To raise these amounts a tax levy of 71 cents will be necessary, bringing the total tax rate to \$1.00.

At the former meeting the finance committee allowed the same levy for bonds, which it was learned Monday had been decreased enough to slice off 10 cents on that department.

The tentative budget will be submitted to Town Council, possibly at a called meeting, and unless some added expense is added, and the report is approved, tax payers will welcome the news that their taxes will not be any higher this year.

Quorum Indifference May Arouse Court Criticism

Taylor Explains New Health Service To Members Lions Club

The Lions Club held their weekly meeting Monday night in Hotel Joseph Hewes with a goodly number of members present, some of whom have been out of town spending vacations. Secretary W. J. Taylor consumed the greater portion of the time informing club members about the full time health service setup for Chowan and Bertie counties. A meeting of the health boards of the two counties was held in Windsor Friday night and Mr. Taylor presented the minutes of the meeting, for which he acted as secretary, and explained in detail the benefits to be received from the service.

The Lions Club was original sponsors for a health service for Chowan County and on numerous occasions members of the club sacrificed time and effort to put the program across. The club is justly proud of the part it had in urging adoption of the service and Mr. Taylor in no uncertain terms said the Lions should be given credit for keeping the subject alive which resulted in its ultimate consummation.

Virginus Spry One Youngest Engineers On Larger Vessels

Friends of Virginus Spry, who made a flying visit to his mother, Mrs. Mary Spry, over the week-end, will be interested in the following clipping taken from a Portland, Oregon, daily newspaper:

"When the steamship Julia Luckenbach makes port tomorrow or Tuesday, this vessel will have in charge of her engines one of the youngest chief engineers on vessels in the intercoastal service, if not the youngest. This engineer is V. H. Spry, 30 years of age.

"Spry, it is said, is on his first voyage in charge of the engines of the big ship, but he has been going to sea for many years. For nine years he was with Chief Engineer Haigh on the Dorothy Luckenbach. Under the tutelage of this old engineer he went up from oiler, water tender and fireman to his present berth.

"Besides looking after his engines, Mr. Spry has one hobby and this is fishing for salmon. If the ship is in port long enough he may be found off Point Defiance for a whirl with the big fish. Last year while fishing off Duwamish he and another engineer went overboard. His mate couldn't swim. There was quite a story before a rescue was made."

Will Of Z. W. Evans Probated By Dixon

The will of the late Z. W. Evans, recently probated before Clerk of Court Richard D. Dixon, named his son, B. W. Evans, as executor of the estate. Mr. Evans' kindly disposition is reflected in his last request in that he expresses his wish that some for whom he held notes be given the privilege of renewing after his death in order to prevent any hardship.

The value of the estate, cancelling any money given to his children, is estimated to be \$57,542 and beneficiaries in the will include his widow, Mrs. Beatrice W. Evans; his children, Mrs. John G. Small, Willieetta Evans, B. W. Evans, Esther Evans, Frances Evans and Helen Evans, and two grandchildren, Ruth Pardee and Etta Pardee.

Mrs. T. J. Etheridge Dies Wednesday As Result Of Shock

Mrs. T. J. Etheridge, 76, died at her home on Oakum Street at 4:15 Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Etheridge, when informed two days ago that her husband had little longer to live, collapsed and died Wednesday as a result of shock. Mr. Etheridge, on Wednesday afternoon was in a serious condition, being in a profound coma and will not live more than 24 hours in the opinion of Dr. M. P. Whichard.

Funeral arrangements have not been made pending developments in Mr. Etheridge's condition.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
The weekly meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

So Stated at Meeting to Complete ABC Board Personnel

FIFTH TRY NEXT

September 7 Set as Date to Name Associate of Badham and Bond

Another attempt to complete Chowan County's liquor control board went awry last Thursday morning when a quorum was lacking by the Chowan County Board of Education, thus preventing the selection of the third member to complete the liquor board. A quorum was present from the County Commissioners and Board of Health, but according to law a quorum must be on hand from each of the boards whose duty it is to appoint members of the third member to complete the liquor board. Only two members of the Board of Education were present, these being S. E. Morris, chairman, and W. B. Shepard.

Representing the County Commissioners were Chairman D. M. Warren, A. D. Ward, J. A. Webb and W. H. Winborne, while the Board of Health had present Mayor J. H. McMullan, Dr. J. A. Powell, Dr. W. I. Hart and D. M. Warren.

Complaint was registered by most of those in attendance at repeated called meetings to select the third member of the board which to date has met with failure and the suggestion was made that those who were present select the third man without a quorum present from all boards. It was suggested that if any complaint was made as to the person named, then another meeting could be called to rescind the action taken Thursday. However, D. M. Warren, chairman of the County Commissioners, who acted in the capacity of chairman of the joint meeting, raised the question of a quorum, stating that critical eyes will be upon every action of any person having anything to do with the ABC store, and for that reason he objected to winking at the law regarding the method of selecting members of the board which calls for a quorum from each board. Mr. Warren, however, looked with disfavor at the necessity for meeting so often to complete the board and frankly asked S. E. Morris, school board chairman, if he knew for a certainty if members of his board purposely refused to meet because they were opposed to liquor. "It is a duty thrust upon members of the three boards," said Mr. Warren, "if they are opposed to a liquor store or not, and I am afraid if this duty is not carried out before the next term of Superior Court we will be in for some sharp criticism from the presiding judge."

Subsequently the meeting adjourned to meet Tuesday, September 7, in regular session, at which time it is hoped the final member of the liquor board will be selected. Monday is the regular meeting day for the County Commissioners as well as the school board, but both groups will meet Tuesday due to September 6 being Labor Day.

In the meantime the two members, Chairman R. P. Badham and M. F. Bond, have gone ahead with the work in connection with the ABC store which opened Wednesday with Rupert Goodwin acting as store manager and John Lee Spruill as clerk.

Chowan's ABC Store Opened Wednesday

Though only about 250 cases out of a possible stock of 700 cases of liquor for the Chowan County ABC store was on hand, the store opened for business Wednesday at 1 o'clock. There was nothing unusual connected with the opening, Manager Rupert Goodwin reporting that during the first hour about 50 bottles of liquor were sold. The first purchaser of liquor from the new store was John F. White, Chowan County's representative.

The store will be open every week day from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m., with Mr. Goodwin and John Lee Spruill acting as clerks. Of course all holidays will be observed in accordance with State liquor law.

BANK CLOSED LABOR DAY
The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day, a national holiday. Patrons of the bank are urged to arrange their banking business accordingly.