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## Local School Remodeling Destined To Start Shortly

### Architect Shows Plans At Board Meeting Tuesday

#### \$70,000 COST

### Spacious Auditorium to Be First Built; Rest of Work Next Spring

Definite plans looking toward the building improvement of the Edenton school building were formulated at a special meeting of the town board of trustees Tuesday afternoon. Frank Benton, of Wilson, the architect, who has been at work on the remodeling program, submitted a number of blue prints showing what he has in mind, and these excited much interest.

Perhaps, the most important change, work on which will be begun this fall and bids for which will soon be advertised, has to do with the large new auditorium for the school, to be erected immediately in the rear of the present building and, of course, connecting with it.

At present the old auditorium on the second floor, which will eventually be done away with, of course, seats but around 375. The new, spacious auditorium will take care of 1,000 persons, will have a special projection room for the exhibition of educational films, and will be sheathed with a 20 year guaranteed composition and slate roof.

The proposed auditorium, one of the largest in this section of the Albemarle, together with the great floor space at the new National Guard armory will make it possible for the town to at any time bid for and entertain conventions of considerable magnitude, and in this regard, outside of the school side of the situation, will be an important Edenton innovation.

Mr. Benton explained that under PWA regulations the prevailing scale of wages must be paid and that no worker shall receive less than 25 cents an hour for a 40 hour week, but that the labor need not be, as under the WPA, entirely relief employment. The board passed a resolution in conformity with this.

In further explanation Mr. Benton stated, and again the board gave approval, that \$31,500 had been taken over from the government, or was available from that source, through preferred PWA channels, which together with Chowan's \$39,000 reserve from its recently sold bond issue, would make a sum sufficient to do all the desired work of improvement.

A change in the specifications of recent origin in order that they should conform with the PWA construction regulations, might delay, said Mr. Benton, advertising for bids, but in ten days or two weeks this would all be arranged for, and early in October work on the auditorium might start.

This last will be the first remodeling job tackled at the school inasmuch as this construction will in no sense interfere with the school term. The other improvements will be held over until after the cold spell of winter, but will be started thereafter as soon as feasible.

It will include a change in the basement of the present structure so as to provide three additional class rooms there, two on the boy's side of the basement and one on the girl's. The present reading room will be done away with to clear the way for a hall entrance from the front straight through into the auditorium proper. The reading room, much larger than at present, will be laid out in front of the present auditorium.

Toilet facilities for both sexes will be located on each floor instead of as at present in the basement alone. Also, there will be large shower and locker rooms for athletics and gymnastics under the new auditorium, and, of course, as has been told before, a new heating plant, long needed, will be installed. The old entrance steps in the front will be replaced with stone risers of a wider tread.

#### FOUR TYPHOID CASES

According to Dr. M. P. Whichard's report as county health officer, during August there were three whooping cough cases, one malaria and four who had contracted typhoid fever. Rather significant was the fact, however, that none of the typhoid fever victims had received the typhoid inoculation.

Both the jail and county home were in good condition, according to

## TRIANGLE HEAD INITIATES MOVE FOR TOWN GUIDE

### Miss Audrey Rowell to Show Visitors Historical Points

#### ALREADY AT IT

### No Word Yet on WPA Project For Official Guide

Acting on his initiative because of a procrastinating interest on the part of the community as a whole, Lynn S. Byrum, of the Triangle Filling Station, effected a pleasing arrangement last Friday whereby Miss Audrey Rowell, daughter of Farm Agent N. K. Rowell, agreed to cooperate with him as a sort of official guide for tourists eager to be shown about the local points of historic interest. Miss Rowell took hold over the last week-end.

Ever since spring, when the great influx of traveling visitors began to make themselves apparent in town en route to and from the Fort Raleigh celebration, there has been much agitation for some one to be officially designated as a guiding help for tourists who wish to have points shown them and explained a bit more at length than in the little folders that have heretofore been given out. Mayor McMullan and the local Chamber of Commerce have keenly realized this need and have sought to have the WPA meet the situation by putting on official paid guides. A project to this extent has been submitted to the state director of the WPA but so far nothing has come of it.

Of late, especially over recent week-ends, motoring parties going or returning from Fort Raleigh have literally swamped the town. A conservation estimate yesterday was that 15,000 such visitors have made Edenton an objective since the pageant at Manteo started. It was on the strength of such visitations that Mr. Byrum took the bull by the horns last week and acted on his own responsibility.

Miss Rowell, a very personable young lady and well versed in the historic lore of this section, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, where she specialized in dramatics, having participated in several amateur theatrical productions. Early this summer she went to Iowa for a time to take over the active details of a little theatre movement there, but found the interest scant and came back home.

It was natural, therefore, that when Mr. Byrum learned of her returned presence in town he should check up with her on his new guiding plan. He says that hardly a day has gone by but that a score or more automobile parties have, when stopping for gas or oil, sought some information from him as to where things could be seen and how they could be best explained. He has had to rely on the little "Fourteen Point" folders which he has been giving out, and which he is soon to augment in a new style.

But with Miss Rowell available at all times Mr. Byrum feels he will find the situation greatly accentuated, and surely beneficial to the town as a whole.

## Mrs. Badham Resigns As Member Edenton Board Of Trustees

Mrs. John Badham resigned on Tuesday as a member of the Edenton school board, and her successor will be elected Tuesday at a joint meeting of Town Council and the Edenton Board of Trustees. Mrs. Badham gave as reason for her resignation that due to being away much of the time especially during the summer, she was unable to attend meetings of the Board and properly attend to the duties resting upon her as a member. Her resignation was accepted.

At the forthcoming meeting it will also be necessary to re-elect two other members of the town board whose terms expire in 1937. These incumbents are President Thomas Cheers and W. D. Pruden, both of whom will undoubtedly be re-elected if they desire to continue in office.

#### ROTARY MEETS TODAY

The weekly luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club will be held at 1 o'clock today in the Parish House. The regular meeting last week was called off due to an inter-city meeting held Monday in Elizabeth City.

## BIG BOND SALE OCCASIONS MUCH GRATIFICATION

### County Credit Reestablished Through Disposal of Securities

#### \$90,000 ISSUE

### Outstanding Anticipation Notes to Be Lifted

Probably as much gratification as anything else that occurred at Tuesday's meeting of the County Commissioners was evinced by the announcement by County Counsel W. D. Pruden that the \$90,000 issue of Chowan bonds ordered last summer to provide for the new school at Cross Roads and to aid in improvements and additions to the local graded school, and which had been temporarily supplanted by a series of issuances of notes of anticipation, had at last been sold, and at a rate of interest satisfactory.

The sale of the bonds, Mr. Pruden said in supplementing his announcement, had been approved by the Local Government Commission, which is the state body through which such matters must pass. The commissioners immediately gave their unanimous approval also.

The bond sale, of course, will lift the anticipation notes when next due on September 15. The notes are at present being owned by the Branch Bank and Trust Company, of Wilson, and the Bank of Edenton, which advanced the \$90,000 on them at a rate of interest starting at 3 per cent and running on four occasions during the past year to an interest rate of but 4 1-2 per cent.

The bonds proper will be taken over by R. S. Dickson and Company, of Charlotte, N. C., and the Interstate Securities Corporation, the first \$24,000 of maturities of which will only be taxed 5 per cent, with the remaining \$66,000 of maturities assessed at a 4 1-2 per cent interest rate, plus the usual perfunctory premium, in this case amounting to \$20.75.

The low interest rate asked on the sale of the bonds is viewed by local banking interests as a re-establishment of Chowan's credit, somewhat impaired during the recent economic depression by many large bond defaults.

Word of the bond sale was embraced in a letter to Mr. Pruden from W. E. Easterling, secretary of the local government commission, in which he enclosed copy of a communication he had forwarded to Dickson and Company confirming the sale and saying that every effort would be made to

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## Louis - Farr Fight Pictures At Taylor Monday - Tuesday

There is a lot of comment about the recent Joe Louis-Tommy Farr fight as to who actually won the fight. Many heard the fight over the radio and those who thought Farr should have won will have a chance to make their own decision after seeing pictures of the affair which will be shown at the Taylor Theatre, Edenton, Monday and Tuesday.

This will be the first appearance of the championship title bout to be shown in this section and will no doubt draw large crowds. In connection with the picture manager Jimmy Earnhardt has booked what is said to be the best feature comedy of the year, "Topper," featuring Constance Bennett and Gary Grant.

## Rev. H. K. King To Be Methodist Revivalist

Rev. H. K. King, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City, will preach at the evangelistic meeting to be held in the Methodist Church this year. The meeting will begin October 10, and continue for a week or ten days.

Rev. Mr. King is an excellent speaker and though still a comparatively young man, has had a very wide range of experience, having lived in five foreign countries. During his first year in Elizabeth City he has been very popular, and will bring to Edenton an inspiring message and influence.

#### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular Masonic meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

## New Health Officer Tells Nature Of Bi-County Work

### CHOWAN'S ROAD PROJECTS ADDED TO STATE SYSTEM

#### Highway Commission Approved Road to Bridge and One In Rocky Hook

Cause for gratification to the County Commissioners, as well as citizens in general, was a letter from Ina L. Ferrell, secretary of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, sent to Maurice L. Bunch, clerk to the County Commissioners, that the highway body had approved addition to the highway system of Chowan's road projects Nos. 1 and 3, but that project 2 had not been approved at this time.

At a meeting some time ago when commissioners from several counties met in Edenton with D. Collin Barnes, highway commissioner for the district, to present most needed road problems, Chowan presented only three projects. No. 1 was a connecting road to the new Albemarle Sound bridge road, which was agreed was the county's principal objective. Project No. 2 was the Chingcapin road, which leads from the Virginia Road back to Route 17, a few miles from Edenton on the Edenton-Hertford highway. This was not approved.

Project No. 3 was a road through Rocky Hook and this was approved by the Commission.

## Scout Organization Nearing Completion

Edenton's Boy Scout organization has about been completed following a meeting held Friday when George Capehart was approved as scoutmaster, and William Privott was named chairman of the troop committee, and John H. Holmes chairman of the court of honor. The joint meeting of committees from the American Legion, Lions and Rotary Clubs, which organizations have been interested in reviving the Boy Scout movement in Edenton, did not enter into selecting the scout troop and court of honor, feeling that the scoutmaster and two chairmen would be better qualified to make selections.

Three members compose the troop committee while any number may be named on the court of honor.

Mr. Capehart has agreed to accept the scoutmastership provided he can get proper cooperation from the two committees and citizens in general and will very shortly meet with his advisors to formulate plans and discuss the situation.

## DOUBLE FUNERAL FOR ETHERIDGES

### Former Town Collector And Wife Follow Closely In Death

Probably two of the saddest incidents to strike the communal heart of Edenton occurred last week when news hurriedly flew about town that Mrs. Thomas J. Etheridge, 76, of Oakum street, had died suddenly, to be followed 36 hours later by the announcement that her husband, Mr. Etheridge, who had served faithfully and well for a long term as town tax collector, had passed away, also. Up to the causes responsible for their fatal illnesses neither had been reported in bad health, and their deaths came as a great surprise and saddening blow to the family, relatives and the town in general.

On Friday double funeral services were held for the stricken pair. Rev. E. L. Wells officiated at them in the presence of a crowded assemblage of mourners in the Baptist Church, one of the first double rites of a similar nature held here in many years. Interment followed later when the loving couple, who had lived together through 54 years of happy married life were laid side by side in Beaver Hill cemetery.

Members of the local lodge of Odd Fellows, of which Mr. Etheridge was a long time member, acted as honorary pall bearers at the funeral, and prominent citizens of Edenton attested to their fondness for the Etheridges by serving in an active way as pall bearers. For Mrs. Etheridge those so serving were C. T. (Continued on Page Eight)

### Dr. F. H. Garriss Makes Statement Relative to Services Offered

#### PURELY ADVISORY

### Patients Not Treated But Free Vaccinations May Be Secured

Dr. F. H. Garriss, of Lewiston, health officer under the newly designated Bertie-Chowan health service department, was in Edenton on Tuesday arranging office plans and outlining the work which will be taken over by the new bureau. The bi-county office has already been opened in the Bank of Edenton building under the secretaryship of Miss Frye Pettus, of Edenton, and with Miss Ruby Lentz continuing as official nurse.

Before he left town Dr. Garriss issued a statement to the editor of The Herald in which he explained just what the new service would be, particularly stating that it was in no sense a treatment bureau, but rather a bureau for advice in all sorts of medical or sanitation problems which may come up. The office, he said, will be open every day from 9 o'clock until 5 o'clock, and Dr. Garriss personally will be on hand every Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons as well as Saturday mornings.

Dr. Garriss' statement, which should be of interest to everyone, is given in full as follows:

"As this county has not had a whole time Health Department before, undoubtedly some of you are anxious to know what services you will receive from us. First, we want to explain that a modern health department is not a treatment agency. We will not treat anyone for any disease except Syphilis and in that case only those who are referred to us by the Welfare Department or one of the physicians. The chief function of a modern health department is prevention and we consider the treatment of Syphilis a prevention measure. A good definition of Public Health is "An agency for the prevention of sickness and the improvement of the mental and physical condition of the people."

"We consider the best method we have today for accomplishing the above is the teaching of "Health Education." Therefore we shall exert the greater part of our efforts toward teaching this subject. Also we shall center our activities upon the children of the county, for they will be the mothers and fathers of tomorrow. To begin with, every child in the first five grades will receive a thorough physical examination. Of course, there are many children whose parents carry them to their physician at least once a year for such examinations, but there are many who are not able to give their children this service and others who do not yet believe such service to be necessary. In making these examinations we will locate children who have defective hearts, tuberculosis, infected or enlarged tonsils, poorly nourished and infected teeth, etc.

All children under thirteen will have their teeth examined by a state dentist and if the parents are not able to take the child to their dentist the state dentist will do the treating. Concerning the other defects found, the parents will be notified and if necessary the Health Officer or nurse will visit the home for the purpose of discussing the child's defect with the parents.

"Besides, this examination service, numerous classroom and school talks and demonstrations will be given and even some classes will be taught by the Nurse and Health Officer. Also their services are always at your demand for any occasion at which you want some health subject discussed. Besides our services with the children it is our duty to see that the school property is kept in a sanitary condition and that the children have safe water to drink. This is mandatory by the public health laws of the state. Also, we are responsible for the health of teachers and other school employees. The state law says that these employees must have a health certificate before they begin teaching, issued by a licensed physician of the state. But that certificate does not mean that the teacher will stay well all the year and also there have been instances where a teacher's doctor friend issued a certificate when the teacher did not de-

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#### FAIR MANAGER



With the State Fair back in the hands of the State, Dr.orton has stressed the emphasis to be placed on agricultural exhibits at the exposition to be held in Raleigh October 12-16 which will minor Tar Heel progress.

## Plans Whipped Into Shape For Postmaster Convention Sept. 17th

Plans are rapidly being whipped into shape for the district postmasters' convention to be held in Edenton Friday, September 17, according to Postmaster C. E. Kramer, who says the local office force will make all arrangements and are entering heartily into the affair to make it a success.

The meeting will be held in the Parish House, where dinner will also be served by the ladies of St. Mary's Guild at 7 P. M.

Outstanding visitors for the meeting will be Congressman Lindsey Warren, Wythe M. Peyton, of Asheville, president of the State Postmasters' Association; Paul R. Yountz, of Charlotte, as well as postmasters from 14 counties in the district. W. T. Culpepper, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Louella Swindell, of Swan Quarter, have also expressed their intention to attend.

The postmasters will be welcomed by Mayor J. H. McMullan, as well as D. M. Warren, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners.

Postmaster C. E. Kramer and Harry Ward, of Gatesville, are directors for the district and are doing everything possible to have every postmaster in the district present for the meeting.

## ABC PERSONNEL NOW HAS LUPTON

### Associate Publisher Accepts to Serve With Badham and Bond

After four previous failures, Chowan county completed the personnel of its ABC supervising board on Tuesday, when the joint appointing bodies met and selected Hector Lupton, associate publisher of The Chowan Herald, as the third member of the board to serve until August 1, 1938. Mr. Lupton accepted immediately and has been sworn in and signed the required bond.

Out of an appointing membership of fourteen who were present at Tuesday's meeting Mr. Lupton received 9 votes, with four of the remaining votes cast for Raymond Mansfield, Edenton barber. Miles S. Elliott, former postmaster, submitted a written application for the job through County School Board chairman S. E. Morris, and in the final tally it was found he had received one vote.

Mr. Lupton's third membership term is for one year, but inasmuch as J. B. Webb, Yeopim section farmer, had been named for the berth last month and had temporarily accepted, the Lupton appointment was for the unexpired term of Webb, which makes the term one month and seven days short of a year.

As is known the other ABC board members are E. P. Badham, chairman, and M. F. Bond, and because of

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