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## Of Joe Habit Postponed Until Tuesday Morning

Six Counts In Three Warrants Following Arrest

### JURY TRIAL

Gambling and Attempt to Bribe Officer Mentioned

Though little was accomplished, session of Recorder's Court Friday morning lasted until after the hour, with a crowd present which exceeded the attendance at the session of Superior Court. No doubt attracted most of the present was the expectation Joe Habit would be tried following his arrest Friday night. Three warrants were issued against Habit following his arrest by Officer Robert and Deputy Sheriff Shelton W. one for selling alcoholic beverages purchased from an ABC store, one for playing at a game of chance in which money was bet and one for a gambling game to be played in a house of public entertainment, namely his restaurant. The warrant included three charges, one for offering a bribe to an officer, one for selling alcoholic beverages in a house of one gallon for the purpose of sale and possession for the purpose of sale liquor purchased from an ABC store.

Habit, through John White, his attorney, requested trial by jury, which was granted by Judge J. N. Pruden. The trial will be held next Tuesday. The jury to serve were: M. W. C. Skinner, J. R. Bunch, J. D. Harrell, T. C. Byrum, W. M. Mills, G. L. Parrish, M. M. Harrow and J. H. Holmes.

Woodrow Gay elected to serve 30 days on the roads for being drunk and disorderly, to which charge he was convicted. He was acquitted on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon on Billy Morris.

George Perkinson, colored, was sentenced to 60 days on the roads for assaulting his wife and failing to support and maintain his wife and three children.

A great portion of the morning session of the trial of Thaddeus H. Jr., colored, who was charged with failing to provide adequate support for the maintenance of an illegitimate child. Revell maintained that he was not the father of the baby, and in order to shed some light on the matter Dr. O. L. Holley was called to court to render his opinion whether Revell was the father. After a thorough examination Dr. Holley expressed his opinion that due to the outstanding characteristics he had of Revell was the father. Geneva Privott, could give testimony as to the age of the child and other information which was in the defendant being found guilty.

## Inmates In Jail During December

There were 48 inmates in the Edenton County jail during the month of December. Jailer Shelton's report showed that the cost of the month was \$93.70, including jail turn-key fees, which amount to \$126.55 for the present month.

## Police Officers To Be Installed Tonight

A principal item of business at the meeting of the Edenton Police Association, held at the Edenton Hotel, E. & A. M., tonight will be the installation of officers, who were elected at last week's meeting. These officers, together with those who will be elected by the incoming masters of the Edenton Police Association, will take over their duties at that time.

## Next Master Jewels Will Also Be Installed

The next master jewels will also be installed in connection with the installation ceremony, these going to the hands of the incoming masters of the Edenton Police Association, W. M. Wilkins, both of the local lodges.

## Pictures At Theatre Two Days

The pictures at the theatre will be the same as last week's.

## CANNING EXPERT



MRS. ROSINA MAXWELL  
Mrs. Maxwell will conduct meat canning demonstration at Chowan High School Thursday afternoon, January 13, at 2:30 o'clock.

## Demonstration On Meat Canning At C. H. S. On Jan. 13

Mrs. Rosina K. Maxwell Will Instruct County Club Members AT 2:30 O'CLOCK

## Affair Will Be Held In School's Demonstration Room

Of particular interest to members of Chowan County demonstration clubs is a meat canning demonstration which will be held at the Chowan High School on Thursday afternoon, January 13. The demonstration will take place at 2:30 o'clock in the demonstration room of the school and all club members are especially urged to attend.

In charge of the demonstration will be Mrs. Rosina K. Maxwell, from the educational department of Ball Bros. Company of Muncie, Indiana. Mrs. Maxwell has given canning demonstrations under widely varying conditions. She has taught club members under ideal conditions, with every kind of modern convenience, and has gone to the homes of relief families to show how modern canning may be done with the most primitive equipment.

One of the outstanding accomplishments during Mrs. Maxwell's employment was the winning of the National 4-H Club Canning Contest in 1934. She has had considerable experience as a judge of canned goods and at the National Club Congress she was asked to be one of a committee of three to judge the exhibits.

## SENATOR STACY HERE

Senator J. Benton Stacy, of Raleigh, head of the state purchase and contract department, was in Edenton Wednesday on business.

## \$31,245 Spent For Liquor In Chowan In Four Months

Though in operation only four months, sales in the Chowan County ABC store show a total of \$31,245.10 to January 1, according to the records of Manager Rupert Goodwin. Of the four months, December by far showed the largest amount of liquor sold, when \$10,000 was taken in, due no doubt to the holidays.

## Fire Causes Delay In Publication Of This Issue Of The Herald

Machinery In Shape For Operation Thursday Morning

## WATER DAMAGE Southeast End of Broad And King Street Seriously Threatened

Fire, the second largest conflagration since the Farmers Peanut Company blaze of five years ago, threatened on the southeast corner of Main and King Sts. around supper time Wednesday night and put the finger of fate temporarily on The Chowan Herald plant. Which means there may be some delay this week in this publication as well as The Perquimans Weekly, of Hertford, and a helped out edition of The Independent, of Elizabeth City. An all night effort will be made, of course, to overcome the trying situation, and The Herald publishers hope they will be indulged with in this emergency.

The blaze, which did an unestimated damage and which may run into several thousands of dollars, started around 6 o'clock on the second floor of Habit's restaurant and beer garden, and in an incredibly few minutes had gutted its way through that establishment and caused a blaze on the top floor of The Herald office on King Street.

Within 10 minutes half the town it seemed had gathered on the scene and joined with the fire department in throwing water on the blaze. Much of the water seeped through into the W. D. Holmes Co. wholesale grocery, the W. A. Cozzens store on the corner, and into The Herald plant. First sections of the three papers in question had been printed and forms were in readiness for the final printings. However, water damaged many of the initial covers, and these are being run through the presses again, which naturally will delay each publication going out at the usual time.

## Traveling Library In Edenton Jan. 17 to 22

North Carolina's traveling exhibit of children's books, conducted by the State Library Commission, will make its annual visit to the library here during the week of January 17-22. The books for the little folks will be placed on display for exhibition purposes, and the following week will go on to Washington, N. C. The exhibit librarian is Mrs. Elizabeth Betts, of Raleigh.

## Fiddlers Convention Be Held On Jan. 29

Edenton Band Will Also Be Asked to Give Concert In Armory

Though nothing definite has been arranged, C. E. Kramer, Chowan County chairman for the President's birthday party, has discussed among his committee associates a tentative program for the affair which will be held on the night of January 29. It is the general impression that the party will be held in the new Armory and that it will be in the form of a fiddlers' convention. Initial suggestions are that to begin with the Edenton High School Band will stage a band concert, which will be followed by a fiddlers' contest, and later by both round and square dancing.

It has been definitely decided that this form of entertainment at a nominal admission charge would provide amusement for a larger number of people than to hire a high-priced orchestra and stage an elaborate ball, and at the same time result in a larger amount of revenue with which to combat infantile paralysis, which is primarily the purpose of the President's birthday party celebrations throughout the nation.

An effort will be made to secure the services of Scarborough Mizell, of Windsor, to conduct the fiddlers' convention, Mr. Mizell bearing the reputation of being a past master at this sort of entertainment.

## N. K. Rowell Planning Meetings To Explain 1938 Farm Payments

Soil Depleting and Soil Building Goals In New Program

## LETTERS SENT Agent Acquaints Farmers With Condition Of Payments

In furtherance of the AAA's soil conservation and improvement program being generally advised and directed throughout the nation, County Agent N. K. Rowell sent out a letter this week to all Chowan agriculturists, explaining to them the purpose of both a soil depleting goal and a soil building goal, which are part of the 1938 program. Payments will be earned, Mr. Rowell brings out, by meeting the two goals, by not overplanting the soil depleting plan, and by coming up to or exceeding the soil building.

A series of explanatory tables outlining how the goals work on an acreage base for 1937 in the case of cotton, peanuts and other crops, are incorporated by Mr. Rowell in his two page letter to the farmers, as well as the 1938 payments that will accrue.

In order to more thoroughly acquaint the husbandmen with both plans Mr. Rowell says he expects to hold meetings throughout the county later, and "at these I will explain these payments, rates and any other questions that may come up."

Concluding his letter Mr. Rowell states: "Now, you may feel, as so many did in 1937, that you can earn more by planting your entire farm to soil depleting crops. Before making any plans it is hoped that you will study this program and see if you won't earn more net income by planting the goals as given us for 1938. I do not think that you can earn a greater net income by planting your entire farm in soil depleting crops than can be earned by following the program, if you consider the extra cost, present prices and value of the soil improvement. The average increase in yields for the state, due to cover crops being turned under, has been cotton 400 pounds, peanuts 5 bags and corn 21 bushels per acre or a value of \$10.86. This would increase the value of the program as far as this farm is concerned to \$462.86 besides the extra grazing furnished by the cover crops carried over to be turned under in 1939."

## Lions Back Move To Get Road To Bridge

Topic Revived at Monday Night's Meeting By C. E. Kramer

C. E. Kramer was guest speaker at the Lions meeting Monday night when he made an interesting talk on Scouting. Mr. Kramer also commented on the advantages that would accrue to the town by a connecting paved road to the new Albemarle Sound bridge highway and in the course of his remarks suggested that the Lions Club and Rotary Club cooperate to the fullest extent with the Chamber of Commerce in securing this important highway.

Backing up their desire to cooperate in the matter, Clarence Leary and W. R. Horton were appointed by President William Privott to meet with a similar committee from the Rotary Club in order to urge a called meeting of the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of discussing the possibilities of securing this road.

Anticipating a fitting observance celebrating the first anniversary of the Edenton club, which will take place on Monday night, January 24, West Leary, J. A. Curran and Wallace Griffin were appointed to arrange for the affair.

## FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT

The monthly meeting of the Edenton Fire Department will be held tonight at the fire station. Fire Chief R. K. Hall urges a full attendance as a barbecue supper will be served immediately following the meeting.

## A Lesson In Thrift

The Tyler brothers, a fairly-famed septette of Negro masons hailing from Oxford, are here at work on the local school annex. They are laying bricks with great precision and rapidity and are a source of wonderment to Principal John A. Holmes. The seven brothers have been in masonry for 15 years and are said to have never been unemployed in all that period. They are a thrifty, frugal clan, who pool their earnings and deposit them in a joint bank account each week in Oxford. Their idea of meeting "the recession" is to keep at work. They are making \$1 an hour on the job here, a total of \$280 a week, of which they say they will ship \$200 weekly back to the Oxford bank.

## Sale Of Christmas Seals Nets \$226.45

Exceeds Amount For Last Year By \$67; All Well Pleased

Those in charge of the sale of Christmas Seals are highly gratified at the result of the pre-Christmas drive, Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer, reporting that \$226.45 had been taken in during the campaign. The amount exceeds last year's return by \$67, when \$159 was collected. Whole-hearted cooperation on the part of canvassers and purchasers was reported and the result was indeed pleasing to all connected with it.

Mrs. Holland's report shows the following returns: Industrial places, Mrs. J. M. Jones, canvasser, \$60; Broad Street from Church to Water Street, West side, Mrs. J. S. Davis, canvasser, \$26.70; East side, Mrs. N. K. Rowell, canvasser, \$14.08; hotel and business block, Mrs. Herbert Leary, canvasser, \$9.00; Colonial Square and Water Street, Mrs. J. L. Pettus, canvasser, \$5.00; Oakum Street, Mrs. Jim Daniels and Mrs. Arthur Hollowell, canvassers, \$5.00; upper Broad Street, Mrs. Wood Privott and Mrs. Albert Byrum, canvassers, \$5.60; Granville Street, Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr., and Mrs. Geddes Potter, canvassers, \$4.10; Church Street, Mrs. Walter Jones, canvasser, \$9.55; East Queen Street, Mrs. C. T. Doughtie, canvasser, \$4.19; Blount and Mosely Streets, Mrs. D. M. Warren, canvasser, \$4.00; King Street, Mrs. Roy Leary, canvasser, \$4.35; West Queen Street, Mrs. Earl Goodwin and Mrs. Lee Moore, canvassers, \$4.50; Albemarle Street, Gale Street, East King Street, Eden Street, Mrs. Jim Wood, Mrs. T. C. Byrum, Mrs. W. B. Shepard, Mrs. W. I. Hart and Miss Estelle Rogerson, canvassers, \$6.14; North Edenton, Mrs. John Pope, canvasser, \$3.00; Advance school, E. A. Swain, canvasser, \$1.90; Edenton white school, \$28.05.

Colored Contributions: School, \$16.67; A. M. E. Zion Church, Mrs. Mary Blanchard, canvasser, \$2.77; Rev. L. G. Nichols for Providence Baptist Church, \$3.00; Rev. S. N. Griffith for St. John's Church, \$3.05; Mrs. Julia Hines for Gale Street Baptist Church, \$5.80.

## Mrs. Julien Wood In Very Grave Condition

Grave anxiety continues to be felt regarding the condition of Mrs. Julien Wood, who has fluctuated between life and death since Christmas Sunday when she was first stricken with pneumonia. All of her sons and daughters are with her, and two doctors and two nurses have been in daily attendance. An oxygen tent was resorted to last week in order to keep up the flow of life, but recent reports continue discouraging. The sympathy of the entire community has been expressed in many ways to the anxious family.

## Postal Receipts 17 Per Cent Above 1936

Though postal regulations prohibit release of actual figures, Postmaster C. E. Kramer this week did venture the statement that business in the Edenton post-office for the year 1937 was approximately 17 percent above that of 1936. The increase was principally in postal receipts, Mr. Kramer stating that money orders, especially during November and December, were just about the same as last year.

The month of December showed the largest increase in postal receipts, which was 20 per cent above the 1936 figure.

## John B. McMullan Will Be Candidate For Office Solicitor

Elizabeth City Man Will Conduct a Vigorous Campaign

## WELL KNOWN First Candidate to Make Formal Announcement Of Candidacy

Elizabeth City, Jan. 4.—John B. McMullan, junior member of the law firm of McMullan & McMullan, of Elizabeth City, today gave form and substance to a report current here for sometime by the definite announcement that he is a candidate for the office of Solicitor of the First Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in June.

Mr. McMullan, by his announcement, makes himself the first and so far the only candidate in the field. Herbert Leary, present solicitor, who has held the office for the past ten years having as yet issued no statement as to his candidacy this year.

Mr. McMullan indicates that, regardless of who may or may not enter the race for the solicitorship, he will make a vigorous campaign for the office.

"I only wish," said he in the statement authorizing the announcement of his candidacy, "that I could have a campaign which would bring me into personal contact with all the men and women of the several counties comprising this Judicial District. However, knowing that the large geographical area to be covered, together with the necessity of earning my livelihood while I am conducting the campaign, will make it impossible for me to see and know personally each and every voter, I wish now to assure these voters of my desire to meet them and of my purpose to make myself known to just as many of them as I can under the conditions of my campaign."

"I further pledge that I shall, if elected, display in office the same vigor and zeal in the prosecution of its duties that I put forth in the campaign for nomination. "Finally let me assure the voters of the District of my deep, abiding and grateful appreciation of whatever support and encouragement they may see fit to give me at the polls."

Only thirty years old, Mr. McMullan has eight years in the practice of his profession behind him, having been licensed to practice law in August, 1929, and thereafter receiving his law degree from the University of North Carolina the following January.

## Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Tonight

The regular meeting of the Auxiliary to the American Legion will be held tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Red Men Hall.

The president, Mrs. William Shepard, urges all members to be present. January is Legislation month and at the meeting tonight a discussion of how the Auxiliary can best cooperate with the Legion will be held. To hold a really successful meeting all members must be present, and the president is anxious for a full attendance.

## Charlie Morgan Has Broken Collar Bone

Charlie Morgan had the misfortune to break his collar bone early Wednesday morning. Mr. Morgan, together with Robert Perry, are papering and painting the interior of Chappell's Restaurant at night, and as Mr. Morgan finished hanging a piece of paper before quitting work at 10 o'clock, he fell from the