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## Gill Netters Hopeful Shad Season Will Now Be Removed

### Delegation Goes to Raleigh to Protest State Board Ruling

### RETURN OPTIMISTIC Expect Extended Season and Old Rules to Continue

Very shortly after the publication of the news in last week's Chowan Herald announcing certain revolutionary actions by the State Board of Conservation and Development on gill net fishing for shad west of the new Albemarle bridge, fishermen from here and other sections of the Albemarle were much perturbed and on Tuesday carried their grievances to Raleigh. They were given an all day hearing and returned yesterday quite optimistic, feeling that the State Board would grant their requests.

While no definite announcement was made by the Board, which was in Raleigh again yesterday, the local fishermen said they felt certain the board would be advanced this morning to permit netting immediately instead of starting February 1st. That all restrictions against netting west of the bridge would be ended for this year.

In addition to the delegations from Currituck, Camden, Washington and other counties, Chowan sent 7 of its leading gill netters, for representative John F. White, its spokesman and made an immediate plea. William B. Shepard, netter, also addressed the board and some of the others from here were Tom Jackson and his two sons, Brickley and Ed Spruill, and the latter of Macgeys.

Netting out that shad prices were from \$40 to \$50 a box in January when the season is closed, and with \$10 to \$12 in the late season, the fishermen declared that they would be increased greatly by extending the season early and closing the season early.

The board offered several proposals to fishermen, with sentiment apparently favoring advancing the closing date three days for every 30-day limit. Should they adopt the proposal, the gill net season would be open from January 15 to April 5, rather than February 1 to April 15, as at present, the gill net season would be open from January 15 to April 25, and from February 15 to May 1.

The delegation from Chowan and Washington Counties vigorously protested the Board's action of last week placing a ban on shad fishing west of the new highway bridge of the Albemarle Sound.

The Board declared that enforcement of a ban would amount to "communalization of fishermen along the river and to confiscation of their property." He said that the ban would force fishermen to move 12 miles up the river to reach open waters. Shepard pointed out that at the time the action was taken last year, fishermen were not aware of the ruling until recently, after they had purchased new nets. Most of the fishing is done in open rows that could not make the 12-mile trip to open water during varying weather. Shepard said there were about 12 fishermen on each side of the river, suggested that the ban be deferred for two years until fishermen could realize their investment from the nets.

The Board, in feeling out the sentiment of the delegates, indicated that enforcement would be delayed one year. There is no restriction on shad fishing in Virginia, and Georgia and North Carolina permit shad fishing. These states offer serious competition to North Carolina fishermen. Clarence Midgette, of Dare County, said:

The session was attended by about 20 fishermen from Dare, Chowan, Currituck, Currituck and Sampson counties. L. C. Boyd and P. G. McNeill of Sampson County, deputed a later shad season because they require 30 to 40 days after the Sound to reach upland

## 1938 Health Goals For North Carolina

1. Make motherhood and babyhood safe by extending the provision of competent medical care to every baby and prospective mother.
2. Extend organized public health service to the thirty-three counties now without it. Increase the quality and quantity of work in counties enjoying organized health work.
3. Inaugurate an effective Statewide syphilis control program.
4. Promote an adequate and coordinated pre-school and school health service.
5. Safeguard family and community health by competent supervision of milk and water supplies, public eating places, disposal of human wastes and general sanitation.
6. Immunize every baby between six and twelve months of age against diphtheria.
7. Extend laboratory services by the erection and furnishing of a new State laboratory building.
8. Prevent or remove the handicaps that tend to deny any family the opportunity to honestly provide themselves with "sufficient for the needs of their bodies and the demands of health."
9. Work for the day when no citizen shall suffer and die from a preventable disease or injury.

## Reported in Chowan Seven Cases Measles County Since Jan. 1

### Practically All Have Been Contracted Out Of County

#### STAY HOME!

### Dr. Garriss Explodes Old Idea About Children's Diseases

Since January 1 there has been reported to the Health Department seven cases of measles. All of these but one or two were contracted out of the County.

The Health Officer wishes to take this opportunity to compliment the people of Chowan upon their wonderful spirit of cooperation in helping to control this epidemic.

"As yet we do not have any sure method of controlling measles except to keep your children away from it," says Dr. F. H. Garriss. "There is a method of vaccination that is still in the experimental stage. We hope that in a few years it will be perfected. The only advice we can give you now is to keep your children away from the measles, and if there is any chance that your child has been exposed to the disease, also keep him home or away from other children for ten or twelve days or until you are sure he is not going to develop it."

"The old idea that a 'child should have the childhood diseases, while young, and get them over with' is a terrible health fallacy. There is no excuse whatever for any child to have any childhood disease. We have learned through experience that the real danger resulting from measles, whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever, comes on any time from fifteen to twenty years later. We see so many young adults develop heart or kidney diseases that date back to a childhood disease. Besides this latent danger, whooping cough and measles often are complicated by pneumonia and cause death or sinus and middle ear disease that leaves the child debilitated for life."

"Parents, keep your children away from childhood diseases.

"The present epidemic of measles was brought into the County by children from here visiting friends in Elizabeth City or children from there visiting in this County. Your child's safety and future health is worth far more than the pleasure of a little visit."

Workers in a famous glass factory in Germany have an orchestra, and play instruments made of glass.

## Annual Banquet Of Chamber Commerce To Be Early In February

### D. Colin Barnes Being Sought as Principal Speaker

#### HELD AT HOTEL

### Definite Date Set After Conference With Mr. Barnes This Week

Unless something interferes, the annual banquet of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce will be held early in February, sometime between the 1st and 15th of the month. This decision was reached at a meeting of the executive committee held Monday afternoon in the Municipal Building.

It is hoped that Highway Commissioner D. Colin Barnes can be secured as the speaker for the occasion, having been selected from a number of suggested speakers. In an effort to have Mr. Barnes attend the meeting, President J. H. Conger and Secretary J. H. McMullan will sometime this week go to Murrefreesboro in order to secure a definite answer from Mr. Barnes, and subsequently set a definite date for the banquet.

The banquet will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes and it is expected to attract approximately 100 members and those interested. President Conger expressed the hope that every member of the organization will attend, but made it clear that non-members would be welcome, and in fact urges them to be on hand for the meeting.

In preparation for the banquet, J. A. Curran was instructed to arrange with W. R. Horton, proprietor of the hotel, to accommodate the banquet. C. D. Stewart was appointed to have charge of the music in connection with the meeting, while Earl Harrell will be asked to preside at the piano.

Another meeting of the executive committee will be called next week to set a definite date for the banquet and proceed with plans to make the affair a complete success.

## Building & Loan Meeting Monday

### Association's Rate of Interest Earned For Year .072627

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Edenton Building and Loan Association will be held at the Court House on Monday night at 8 o'clock. Reports of the year's business have been mailed to every stockholder with a request that their shares of stock be represented at the meeting.

Proxies have also been mailed to be signed and turned over to a stockholder, who will be present so that enough stock will be represented to conduct the usual business.

Secretary R. E. Leary's report shows that the Association's net rate of interest earned for the year is .072627, with assets amounting to \$211,607.04.

## E. H. S. Grid Warriors Presented Sweaters

Eight more Edenton boys are now the proud possessors of sweaters given in recognition for their services on the Edenton High School football team the past season. The sweaters were presented to the boys on Friday, the happy recipients being Billy Shepard, Tom Byrum, Bill Whitchard, Elwood Nixon, Durwood Harrell, D. Skiles, Meredith Jones and A. J. Mason, as one of the managers.

Boys who had already been given sweaters were presented with a star, with Pete Everett, captain of the squad, receiving a crescent.

## County Council Meets Saturday Afternoon

A meeting of the Chowan County Council of home demonstration clubs will be held in the home economics room at Chowan High School Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

All club officers and county project leaders are members of the County Council and should attend this very important meeting.

## Edenton Is Assured Emergency Hospital Under Dr. J. A. Powell

### Dr. Roland Vaughan Is Added to Present Staff

#### ON MODEST SCALE

### Dr. Powell Scoffs at Exaggerations in Newspaper Story

What gives promise of being one of the most important innovations of benefit to Edenton and this section became apparent this week when announcement was made that Dr. J. A. Powell was planning to establish an emergency hospital in connection with his offices in the Citizen Bank Building. While the proposed arrangements will naturally be on a modest scale at the outset, building space controlled by Dr. Powell will permit of their enlargement as conditions may require.

To carry out his idea thoroughly Dr. Powell has already arranged for a second associate in the person of Dr. Roland Vaughan, an unmarried young native of Richmond, Va., who has had a special training and later extensive experience in surgical work. He will report here for duty around February 15.

Dr. Vaughan will be identified with Dr. Martin Wisely, who is of about the newcomer's same age and who has been associated with Dr. Powell since he gave up his one-time East King Street offices and removed to the first floor of the bank building. Dr. Vaughan is a graduate of the University of Virginia and after graduating there entered the United States Public Health Service at Baltimore, where he served about 18 months. For the past 18 months he has been assistant surgeon at the Virginia State Penitentiary.

In talking about the hospital proposal Dr. Powell declared the new arrangements were in no sense strictly personal but would be for the benefit of the entire professional fraternity of Edenton and nearby sections, and that patients from other doctors needing major emergency surgical attention such as could not be handled otherwise would be welcome for observation by himself and staff in the new quarters, and that if operations were necessary and desired they would be carried out.

Dr. Powell rightly feels the hospital, small as its initial scope may be, will fill a long felt want in this neighborhood and would be an especial relief in cases that have heretofore and at present have to be hurried elsewhere. Minor operations like tonsil removals, fractures and such like, will be handled comfortably and easily at the new hospital, and other operations not viewed as of highly major importance will, also, be performed.

At present Dr. Powell rents the entire first floor of the bank building. He already has established an elaborate X-Ray and operating room, well lighted and air conditioned, and suitable adjoining rooms to accommodate beds have been similarly prepared. In addition to the nurse now in service at the offices extra nurses will be on duty as required.

Dr. Powell commented as "ridiculous" certain portions of a newspaper story Tuesday and said the emergency hospital idea will be carried on in a modest way, but that he and his associates hoped the idea would warrant expansion which will be done if and when conditions justify.

## Local Tennis Courts Likely Be Improved

In order to furnish adequate facilities for playing tennis, as well as beautifying the northern end of Hicks Field, Mrs. W. E. Baker is this week soliciting contributions to improve the tennis courts. She is well pleased with the response made early this week and if there are any who desire to assist in the way of making a contribution, they should call Mrs. Baker this week.

## Mid-Term Exams Start Today In Local School

Mid-term examinations begin in the Edenton school today (Thursday). Students generally are in a nervous state of mind, their principal worry being certain as to whether or not they will be able to come out with passing marks.

## Anthony Eden Named First Honorary Edenton Citizen

### Edenton Troop Of Boy Scouts Will Organize Tonight

Another meeting of the Troop Committee of the Edenton Boy Scouts has been called for tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Scout cabin. Scoutmaster George Capehart says that at this meeting all necessary arrangements will be made to register the Edenton troop in the Tidewater Council and National headquarters.

## Committees Named To Handle Birthday Party On January 29

### Duties Will Be Assigned At Meeting Called For Friday Night

#### MUCH INTEREST

### Chairman Kramer Very Optimistic Affair Will Be a Success

Enlisting the cooperation of the American Legion Auxiliary, Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, the Rotary Club and Lions Club, as well as others in the county Carroll Kramer feels very optimistic that Chowan County's celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday will be a success. The party will be held Saturday night, January 29, in the new Edenton Armory in the form of a fiddlers' convention and both round and square dancing, with activities scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. The Edenton High School Band will also cooperate in the affair, rendering a band concert as well as a number of drills.

Interest in the fiddlers' convention has taken an upward rise since the announcement that Scarborough Mizell, of Windsor, will act as conductor.

Already Mr. Kramer is assured that representatives from Gates, Pasquotank, Bertie, Perquimans and Hertford counties will enter the contest and he feels certain that followers from each of these counties will help swell the crowd of Edenton and Chowan people who are expected to attend.

While the amount has not been definitely decided upon, prizes will be awarded during the evening, first and second prize money going to the best string band, the best violin solo, best guitar player, best banjo player, best mandolin player and best harmonica player.

Mr. Kramer has announced that those from the Legion Auxiliary who will assist in the celebration are: Mrs. Howard Jackson, Mrs. M. P. Whitchard, Mrs. Julian Ward, Mrs. R. E. Leary, Mrs. W. B. Shepard and Mrs. C. E. Kramer.

The Legion Post committeemen are: G. B. Potter, W. W. Byrum, R. L. Pratt, W. E. Baker, J. C. Boyce and Frank Ward.

Rotarians named to help are: John A. Holmes, O. H. Brown, W. P. Jones, C. D. Stewart and J. Edwin Buffall.

The Lions committee is composed of W. S. Privott, J. Clarence Leary, W. W. Byrum, Hector Lupton and Kenneth Floars.

Others who will be pressed into service include E. W. Spires, C. L. McCullers, Thompson Greenwood, Roy L. Spry, J. L. Hassell, Charlie Swanner, H. C. Goodwin and John Perry.

Mr. Kramer has called a meeting of all committeemen for Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building when duties will be assigned to each member. It is hoped every one will be present so that there will be no delay in whipping into shape final arrangements for the celebration.

Chairman Kramer is very anxious to be able to report a creditable amount as the result of this entertainment especially because funds will not only be used nationally to fight infantile paralysis, but will be distributed so that many victims not living near large centers will be able to receive benefits.

#### MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular communication of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 7:30. All members are urged to attend.

## Great English Descendant of Charles Eden Given Distinction

### SENDS ACCEPTANCE

### Ambassador Acknowledges Proffer For Cabinet Member

Edenton, town of many honorary citizens, added to its roster this week when Anthony Eden, British cabinet member and away-back-descendant of Royal Governor Charles Eden, for whom Edenton is named, accepted the distinction voluntarily conferred upon him by Mayor J. H. McMullan. The acceptance came in the shape of an official, dignified letter from the British Embassy in Washington, D. C., and bore the signature of Ambassador R. C. Lindsay personally.

Ambassador Lindsay wrote: "My dear Mr. Mayor: "Mr. Anthony Eden has received your letter of the 26th November with its enclosures, in which you were good enough to inform him that the City of Edenton had conferred upon him his honorary citizenship.

"In accordance with my instructions I have to inform you that Mr. Eden greatly appreciates the honour which has been conferred upon him. He had also read with interest the booklet which you sent to him.

"Yours sincerely, "R. C. LINDSAY."

Mr. Eden holds a warm spot in his heart for Edenton, early day home of his distinguished ancestor, and this latest action emphasizes that fact. That he will be a visitor here eventually is generally believed, and when he does Edenton will tear loose with the hospitality it will bestow upon him.

A half dozen years ago Mayor McMullan, then a private citizen, wrote the British peace negotiator, describing the charms of Edenton and seeking some knowledge as to Sir Anthony's relationship to the ancient governor. Mr. Eden responded volitionally, regretting he had never traced back his ancestry, but thought he was more closely akin to the Governor's brother than to the governor himself. He added that when he got to it he would visit America and make Edenton his main objective.

Last August, or earlier in the summer, the Mayor wrote him again saying President Roosevelt intended to honor the first English white settlement in this country by appearing at the Paul Green pageant in Manteo and urged Mr. Eden to be there, too. To this Sir Anthony again responded expressing his regrets a second time, saying that Manteo was a long way from London and his engagements just wouldn't let him come here much as he would like to.

Then came the town's official booklet, and the Mayor inscribed and sent one to Mr. Eden with an accompanying letter stating Edenton had conferred the rank of honorary citizen upon him, a distinction which the town proudly made. It was to this the Lindsay letter came in reply this week.

## County Committee Meets On Friday

### 1938 Farm Program Will Be Discussed In Office Of County Agent

Fifteen members of Chowan County and community committee in charge of the 1938 farm program have been asked to meet with County Agent N. K. Rowell in his office in the post office building Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Commenting on this meeting, Mr. Rowell said, "It's a big job and we are trying to do all we can to help the farmers of our county. We hope they will cooperate and share in the government payments, but it is not compulsory, and if some farmers refuse to comply with the provisions laid down to secure government payments, we just cannot help it as they will be the losers."

At Friday's meeting the 1938 program will be discussed and plans made for carrying out all the details. Later Mr. Rowell plans to hold meetings in various sections of the county for the purpose of further acquainting farmers with the provisions of the new program.

## Installment Of School Funds Arrive

A. Holmes on Friday received an installment of the \$31,500 granted by the government for the Edenton school. The amount of \$17,500 was immediately turned over to George H. ...