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Edenton And Elizabeth City Men Enter Judgeship Race

Judge C. E. Thompson Of Pasquotank Out to Win Nomination ASKS SUPPORT

First Time Ever Sought Office as Candidate at The Polls

Judge C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, who was recently appointed by Governor Clyde Hoey to fulfill the unexpired term of Judge Walter L. Small, was in Edenton Tuesday and expressed his intention to seek the office in the primary election to be held in June.

In commenting on his candidacy Mr. Thompson had the following to say to the voters of the First Judicial District:

"I am quite sure that each one of you sincerely regrets, as much as I, that Judge Walter L. Small has found that it will be inexpedient for him longer to continue actively as Judge of this District. He made a splendid record on the Bench, and had he continued as Judge I would never have thought of opposing him.

"As successor to Judge Small, Governor Hoey has selected me to fill out the remainder of his Judicial term, which will expire on December 31st of this year.

"As there is opposition to my continuing to hold the office longer than this year, it will be necessary for me to run in the Democratic Primary to be held on June 4th.

"Therefore, I announce that, subject to the action of that Primary, I shall be a candidate in the November election for Judge of the First Judicial District for the term beginning January 1, 1939.

"Although having given a great deal of my time, thought and effort in the interest of the Democratic Party and its candidates, I have never before sought office at your hands. Notwithstanding I would like to see each one of you between now and the Primary, my duties as Judge require me to hold courts in the central portion of the State, and will prevent my seeing many of you in person.

"I hope, therefore, that you will consider this a request for your ardent support."

B. & L. Directors Are All Re-elected

Board Will Meet February 10 to Complete Organization

All directors of the Edenton Building and Loan Association were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Association held in the Court House Monday night when a goodly number of shareholders were present to either represent their stock or act as proxy.

Millard F. Bond was elected chairman of the meeting, who will preside at the directors' meeting on February 10, to elect a president, secretary and appoint various committees.

The directors elected were: By membership, M. F. Bond, E. C. White, L. C. Burton and F. W. Hobbs; by stock, H. C. Holland, O. H. Brown, F. P. Wood and T. C. Byrum. These eight met immediately after the meeting, and again re-elected R. P. Badham as the ninth member of the board.

A printed report of the year's business was distributed among those present which apparently met with the satisfaction of all shareholders. The rate of interest earned for the year was .072627.

Better Buy a Tag!

Tuesday, February 1, is the deadline for automobile owners in Edenton to purchase and display city license tags without encountering trouble with police officials. Chief of Police G. A. ... in a statement to The ... Edenton automobile ... has not purchased a license tag and has it ... subject to ...

Solicitor Herbert Leary Of Edenton Declares Himself In Race CITES RECORD

Explains Advancement Has Always Been The Custom

Though it was not unexpected hereabouts, Herbert R. Leary, at present District Solicitor, on Tuesday announced that he would be a candidate in the June Primary for the office of resident judge for the First Judicial District. Mr. Leary's decision to run for the office was occasioned by the retirement of Judge Walter L. Small, of Elizabeth City, who was forced to retire from judicial duties on account of his health. C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, he was just recently appointed to fulfill Judge Small's unexpired term, which appointment according to custom, Mr. Leary feels should have gone to him.

Mr. Leary's comment about his candidacy follows:

"In announcing my candidacy to succeed Hon. W. L. Small as Resident Judge of the First Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in June, I consider it proper to direct attention to the custom to elevate or promote the District Solicitor in the event of the retirement or resignation of the District Judge and upon the call of the roll for approximately half-a-century it will be recognized this custom is evidenced in the First District by Judge G. W. Ward, a former Solicitor; Congressman H. S. Ward, a former Solicitor, who preferred Congress; Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, a former Solicitor, who declined appointment as Judge on several occasions and Judge Walter L. Small, my immediate predecessor in office.

"I am fifty years of age, with more than twenty-five years continuous practice at the Bar, supplemented by ten years experience in the office of District Solicitor, and, if, in your opinion, I have discharged the duties of the office in a satisfactory manner, ordinarily it would follow you would feel justified in entrusting to me the performance of the duties of District Judge and if there is any real merit in the idea of promotion, I feel I am justified in seeking the nomination, and with expressions of genuine gratitude for the loyalty of my friends in the past, I appeal for their vote and active support, for which I will be deeply appreciative and if nominated for this high office I pledge the best services of which I am capable."

Little Ruth Goodwin In General Hospital

Little Ruth Goodwin, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goodwin, was taken to the General Hospital in Norfolk early Tuesday morning, being operated on about 10 o'clock for appendicitis.

On Wednesday the little girl was showing satisfactory progress.

Cotton Ginning Far Ahead Of Last Year

F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports 4,595 bales of cotton ginned in Chowan County from the crop of 1937 prior to January 16, 1938, as compared with 3,486 bales ginned to January 16, 1937, of the 1936 crop.

Appeal Reaches Here For Chinese Relief

Edenton has been asked by President Roosevelt to do all it can financially toward relieving the suffering in China occasioned by the war there. The President has made his appeal through the American Red Cross, and it has been forwarded to Mrs. J. N. Pruden, local chapter chairman. The national executive urges "all our citizens to give promptly and generously." Contributions for this very worthy cause will be received by Mrs. Pruden or may be left for her at The Chowan Herald office.

MR. WOODARD IMPROVING

Friends will be pleased to know that J. A. Woodard is gradually improving, but is still unable to leave his home.

Slot Machines Are Taboo In Edenton For Time Being At Least

Contraptions Disappear After Threat of Arrests By Helms

NO ARRESTS MADE

Action Attracts Much Attention Throughout State

Edenton crashed the first pages again on Monday when it set a pace for the rest of eastern North Carolina to follow by scaring out the so-called "silent salesman" slot machine racket supposed to have been protected everywhere by an injunction issued by Federal Judge I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City. The injunction was served on Chief of Police Helms, when it became known he was planning to act, and frankness compels the observation that the Chief didn't like it and was scared, too. But Town Attorney W. D. Pruden interpreted the injunction correctly and stiffened the Chief's nerve.

Whereupon Helms let it be known Sunday that injunction or no injunction he would arrest every operator who had a machine in service at 9 A. M. Monday. The town took him at his word and before dark Sunday every machine had disappeared. The answer was obvious—there were no machines Monday and consequently no arrests. And Judge Meekins is quoted as having said "Edenton acted rightly."

However, no one expects this to be the end of slot machines. They have been driven out before, and as soon as the storm clouds settle they come back. They might be termed a migratory device, following the legal climate as civic weathers best make flight or safety desirable. Of course if some well known machine operator got about one year on the roads there would be no such migration.

Fishermen's Protest Results In Lifting Of Ban In Sound Waters

Restriction Lifted Due To Much Money Already Invested

START FEB. 5

Little Publicity Given to Latest Ruling Passed By Board

Under revised orders of the State Board of Conservation and Development gill net fishing for shad and herring will start on February 5 and will be continued until April 15. Pound netters will make a start on February 1, running through to April 25th.

The change and the allowance of gill netting for shad at first banned positively west of the Albemarle Sound vehicular bridge by the State Board, can be traced to protest lodged in Raleigh last week by gill netters from here and other sections of the Albemarle. The netters based their protest that the ban had been placed without their knowledge and had they not read of it in The Chowan Herald they would not have known what was transpiring.

Inasmuch as they had invested much money in new nets and other paraphernalia they asked that the restriction be lifted for this year, and this was agreed to by the Board.

Rev. C. A. Ashby Speaker For U. D. C.

One of the best programs on the observance of Robert E. Lee's birthday in many years chapter last Wednesday when the local chapter of the U. D. C. met in the Cupola House. Rev. C. A. Ashby delivered an extremely interesting address on the life of the famous Southerner, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Besides, under the sponsorship of the U. D. C. about 800 students were enlightened on Lee by the fact that in every school room a suitable program was arranged for the occasion.

Lloyd Griffin Speaks At Lions Anniversary Banquet On Monday

Speaker Acquaints His Hearers With Facts About State

ONE YEAR OLD

Various Committee Reports Reveal Many Accomplishments

Though only a year old, the first anniversary celebration of the Edenton Lions Club held Monday night at Hotel Joseph Hewes revealed the fact that Edenton's newest civic club is a robust "baby" and that considerable more will be heard from it in the coming year. Members of the Club, together with Lionesses and invited guests gathered at 8 o'clock to enjoy an appropriate and very enjoyable program which was prepared by J. Clarence Leary, J. A. Curran and Dr. W. S. Griffin.

To speed up the affair, reports of the accomplishments of the various committees were presented while enjoying a turkey dinner by the committee chairmen. These reports were brief and to the point and showed that more had been accomplished during the first year than had been realized even by the most active members of the club.

Principal speaker for the occasion was Lloyd E. Griffin, secretary of the State School Commission, with special solos by Johnny Wilson, colored singer, to enliven the program.

J. A. Curran reported that the Lions Activities Committee was responsible for 32 people having their eyes examined, 24 being fitted with glasses. Subsequently the club sponsored an eye clinic when 24 others were fitted with glasses, 95 per cent of them being school children who were unable to pay the regular charge by private practice. The committee also used its efforts to secure employment for one.

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Dr. Garriss Plans To Instruct Students Regarding Syphilis

Series of Lectures Are Scheduled For High Schools

START SOON

Miss Ruby Lentz Will Speak to Female Students

Dr. F. H. Garriss, county health officer, plans an extensive educational program among Chowan County high school students which no doubt will begin in about two weeks. This program will include the rudiments of health but more specifically will deal with venereal diseases especially the danger of syphilis.

Dr. Garriss himself will lecture the male students during this program, while Miss Ruby Lentz, public health nurse, will speak to the girls. A similar program was conducted last year in Bertie County by Dr. Garriss with considerable success.

The health officer senses the importance of such an educational program and will proceed with his plans unless there is serious objection on the part of parents or school officials, in which case objections should be made to Dr. Garriss or through this newspaper.

30 High School Boys Practicing Football

About 30 boys of Edenton High School are faithfully practicing football whenever the weather permits and a game between two selected teams was scheduled for Wednesday afternoon. The squad has been divided into two groups, one headed by Pete Everett as captain, calling themselves Pitt, while William Cayton is captain of the group calling themselves Duke.

Coach Holton is well pleased with the interest shown in these early practices and predicts that it will result in some surprises for local football fans when the gridiron season opens next fall. Prospects are bright, he thinks, for another strong team next season.

Large Crowd Expected At Birthday Party In Armory

They Like Shad!

Edenton will be hosts to the North Carolina Alcoholic Control Board Association at 4 p. m., on February 23, at Hotel Joseph Hewes. This decision being made at a special meeting held in Greenville Tuesday night. Many other invitations were presented, but when R. P. Badham, Chowan County Chairman, arose and promised a fine shad supper if the meeting was held in Edenton, the voting came to an end at once and his invitation was unanimously accepted.

Members of the State Control Board, as well as Governor Clyde Hoey, will also be invited to this meeting.

Chowan's entire Board, R. P. Badham, M. F. Bond and Hector Lupton, were present at the meeting in Greenville Tuesday night.

E. H. S. Football Boys Be Special Guests Of Rotary Club Tonight

Dr. R. R. Sermon and Wade Ison of State College Speakers

MEET AT 7 O'CLOCK

Twenty-eight Boys Expected to Enjoy Hospitality of Rotarians

Unless something prevents, 28 Edenton High School football players and managers, together with Coach David Holton, will be special guests of the Edenton Rotary Club tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Parish House. The banquet is an annual affair and both the boys and Rotarians look forward with much pleasure to the occasion.

Of especial interest to all concerned is the fact that Dr. R. R. Sermon, athletic director of State College, and Wade Ison, State College publicity director, will be present at the meeting as guests of the Rotary Club and both gentlemen will be called upon for remarks. Dr. Sermon is especially remembered by some of the Edenton regulars, for it was he who when Fred Hoskins was injured in the Hamlet game at Wake Forest instructed one of the boys to touch a certain spot on Hoskins' face and the steady flow of blood stopped immediately. Both men are interesting speakers and know what to talk about that will interest the football boys as well as the Rotary "boys."

The meeting is scheduled to begin promptly at 7 o'clock and in view of the fact that the other three January meetings have registered perfect attendance, President John Graham feels confident tonight's meeting will result in a perfect score in the contest with the Manteo club.

Boys who have been invited to attend the banquet and who are expected to be present include: Clyde Spencer, Bill Whichard, Billy Shepard, James Cozzens, Fred Hoskins, Tom Byrum, Robert Chesson, Joe Conger, Elwood Nixon, "D." Skiles, Meredith Jones, Sammy Cates, Edward Stokely, Pete Everett, John M. Harrell, John Byrum, James Smith, Ervin Griffin, Jimmy Hassell, Dick Badham, Joe Rowlette, William Cayton, Durwood Harrell, Sam Harris, Howard Collins, and the managerial staff, Junius Davis, A. J. Mason and Bill Cozart.

Prominent Rotarian Will Address Local Club Next Thursday

Edenton Rotarians are highly elated over the news reaching here Tuesday that Lieutenant-Colonel C. Seymour Bullock will speak to the Club next Thursday at the regular meeting in the Parish House. Mr. Bullock is an honorary member of the London, England, Rotary Club and spoke in Edenton on a previous occasion about ten years ago. Mr. Bullock will tell his Rotary friends about International Rotary activities, commenting no doubt on his visits to Rotary clubs in France, Germany and England. He advised John A. Holmes that he would address the Club, which fact is expected to draw another perfect attendance.

New Building Will Be First Opened to Public Saturday Night

ALL IN READINESS

Kramer and Committee Sure Affair Will Be Big Success

When the hundreds of attendants and dancers who are expected to be on hand at the annual President's Birthday Party Saturday night in the new National Guard armory, turn out in anticipation of a gay and festive time, they will find one of the finest and slickest dance floors in the State, and an armory auditorium, never before used, unequalled in size and splendor in the whole of eastern North Carolina. In a sense it will be an informal dedication of the new building, which, of itself, is expected to draw a large crowd.

Brief remarks will be made at the celebration by John A. Holmes and former Mayor E. W. Spires, the affair starting at 8 o'clock when there will be a concert by the High School Band as well as a marching drill by the bandsters. At 8:30 o'clock the show proper will start in the shape of a "Fiddlers' Convention," with the awarding of suitable prizes for the best players. After that and on until midnight, the floor will be thrown open to square and round dancing by all those who may wish to participate.

The ball this year will celebrate the 56th birthday of President Roosevelt and will also be put on to help in the fight against infantile paralysis in the State and the nation. Seventy per cent of the proceeds of the party goes in the town and county toward helping crippled children while the balance goes toward founding the new Infantile Paralysis foundation started by President Roosevelt.

Only a nominal fee of 25 cents will be charged for admission to the festivities, but those who find themselves unable to attend and wish to help the worthy cause inaugurated by the President can contribute through C. E. Kramer, the party chairman, E. W. Spires, Millard F. Bond or J. Edwin Bufflap, who have been delegated to receive all such donations.

Assignment of committee memberships by Mr. Kramer have been announced as follows:

Central Committee: Carroll E. Kramer, E. W. Spires, J. E. Bufflap (Continued on Last Page)

Farm Women Hold First 1938 Meeting

23 County Council Members Meet With Mrs. R. H. Hollowell

The County Council of Farm Women held their first meeting for the year 1938 Saturday in the home of Mrs. R. H. Hollowell, at Cross Roads, with 23 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president. The Council sang "Carolins" and repeated the Collect. The secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Ten clubs were represented. Miss Colwell read two very appropriate poems, "As I Pass By" and "A New Year Poem." The president reminded the members that those who entered the Garden Contest should keep a complete record through the six months.

It was decided to continue serving refreshments at the Council meetings. The spring meeting will be held in Edenton, with Advance as hostess club.

A motion that any member who could not attend a meeting be given the privilege of sending a substitute was carried.

The 1938 tour was then discussed. Both Washington, D. C. and the Azalea Gardens, Wilmington, were suggested. The question was left open until next meeting. A tour of the county, also, was discussed.

Plans were made for entertaining the district meeting which will be held in Chowan County in April. The president appointed the following committee chairmen: Foods, Mrs. Z. W. Evans; Table Linens, Mrs. Noah Goodwin; Decorations, Mrs. Vernon Moore and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell.

Delicious refreshments were served by Members of Ward's Club.