

In these columns will be found a fair presentation of local and county news of general interest.

# THE CHOWAN HERALD

This newspaper is circulated in the territory where advertisers will realize good results.

A HOME NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

Volume V.—Number 28.

Edenton, Chowan County, North Carolina, Thursday, July 14, 1938.

\$1.25 Per Year.

## Mass Meeting To Be Held Tonight At Boy Scout Cabin

### Slick Safe Cracker Pays Edenton Visit And Robs Two Safes

Kirtweid von Wischon Captured Thursday In Hertford

### HEARING TUESDAY \$75 Taken From Safes In Jenkins Motor Company

Kirtweid von Wischon, who has given several home addresses, and who was captured in Hertford several hours after a local burglary, was brought here Monday and will be arraigned before Recorder J. N. Pruden next Tuesday and held under bond for the Superior Court. In the meantime he has, also, been loaned to Elizabeth City for arraignment there in connection with a safe robbery at the Perry Motor Company.

Wischon was caught in the Winslow-White Motor Company, Hertford, just before dawn last Thursday morning. He had money and a radio and gun, which had been previously taken from the Jenkins Motor Company here, at first denying their possession, but subsequently admitting the Jenkins' theft.

It was around 2 o'clock last Thursday morning, that Thomas Bailey, salesman for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer pictures, who was up late with Jimmy Earnhardt, saw from his hotel room window someone attempting to enter the office of Dr. L. P. Williams. He notified the night clerk and in the latter's efforts to contact Night Officer Joseph Bunch, the intruder was frightened away.

The Jenkins burglary was not known until the motor place was visited after breakfast Thursday morning. It was then found that two safes in the place, one used by the Jenkins' people and the other by Fernor W. Hobbs, who has an office there, had been smashed into and robbed. The burglar had knocked off the combinations and had found access easy afterwards. About \$60 just collected by Mr. Hobbs as house rentals, an ancient horse pistol and some other trivias were taken from the Hobbs receptacle, and \$15 from the safe of Jenkins. A bundle of checks in the latter were shrewdly not touched.

### Byrum Succeeds James A. Woodard On E. & W. Board

### Unanimously Appointed Tuesday Night By Town Council

West W. Byrum was on Tuesday night appointed by Town Council to succeed James A. Woodard as a member of the Board of Public Works. Mr. Byrum was recommended by Fred Wood and Fernor Hobbs, the other members of the Board, and after very little discussion, members of Town Council unanimously accepted the recommendation.

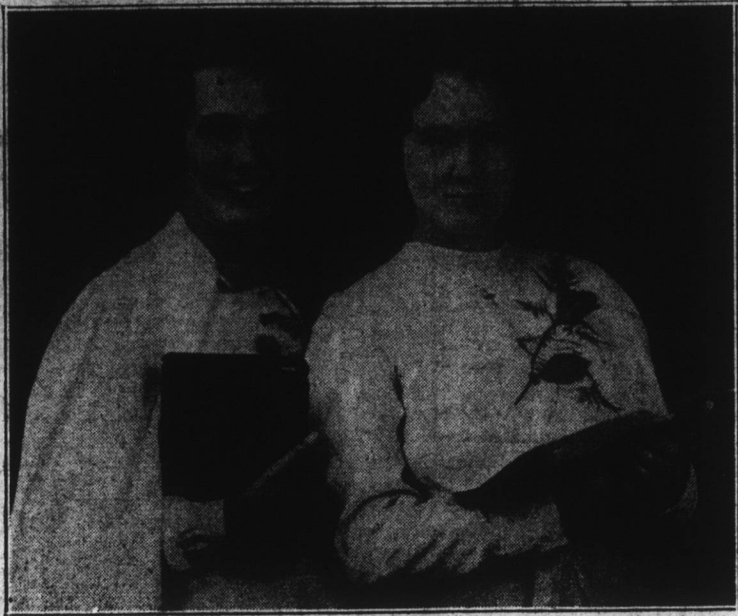
Mr. Byrum was the only one considered for the appointment, though E. W. Spires had been approached before the meeting and asked whether he would accept the position if appointed. Mr. Spires, however, said he would not be able to accept. His health has improved since he has thrown aside many other duties and it was in the interest of his health that he would not consider the appointment.

The new board will elect their chairman at the next regular meeting.

### Firemen Wanted!

With Company F, local ambulance unit, going to leave the latter part of this month, Fire Chief R. K. Hall will be minus four of his regular volunteer firemen. Though he hopes there will be no need of the services of any of his men, Mr. Hall is asking for four new volunteers to serve as firemen during the 15-day absence of the National Guardsmen. Anyone interested should see Mr. Hall at once.

### EVANGELISTS AND SINGERS



VERBEL ASKEW AND FERN HUFFSTUTLER Both very proficient in either preaching or singing, the above young ladies will conduct a revival at Full Gospel Tabernacle in North Edenton the remainder of July.

## Holiday Will Be Declared In Albemarle Counties For Bridge Celebration Aug. 25

### Central Committee Requests Advancement or Postponement of Tobacco Market Opening Date to Prevent Conflict

Unless C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, chairman of the Central Committee of the Albemarle Bridge Celebration, sees fit to call his committee members together again, the last meeting in connection with the big event was held last Thursday in Edenton. Mr. Tatem and chairmen of committees and sub-committees met in the Municipal Building here with the meeting consuming the major portion of the day.

According to reports submitted everything is moving nicely toward a program that will attract, according to estimates, in the neighborhood of 10,000 people to enjoy the program on August 25.

Only one hitch appeared in the off-

ing, that being the fact that the tobacco market is scheduled to open on the same day as the celebration. John W. Darden, of Plymouth, chairman of the program committee, brought this matter to the attention of those present, suggesting that the association of eastern warehousemen be prevailed upon to either advance or postpone the opening date so as not to conflict with the bridge dedication. The committee subsequently favored Mr. Darden's suggestion and he, together with West Byrum, were appointed to draft a resolution requesting a change of date.

Mr. Darden also explained that it would be impossible to stage a re-

(Please Turn to Page Four)

### "Battle Of Season" Is Scheduled Next Sunday Afternoon

### League Team and Cotton Mill Play For City Championship

### STARTS 3 O'CLOCK

### Great Deal of Rivalry Apparent Between Two Outfits

"The battle of the season" will take place Sunday afternoon at Hicks Field when Edenton's two baseball outfits will settle the argument as to whether the Cotton Mill team or the team just withdrawing from the Virginia-Carolina League is the best. There has been a great deal of rivalry between the two clubs and after a considerable amount of bickering a game was finally arranged for Sunday afternoon which undoubtedly will draw the largest crowd of the season.

The Cotton Mill aggregation has been playing a splendid brand of ball and has attracted a large number of fans, which fact has materially cut into the attendance at Hicks Field when both clubs played on their home diamond.

Both teams have a group of loyal followers and information is to the effect that many willing to take a chance are placing wagers on their favorite club.

For the league team Snooks Burnham will no doubt be on the mound while either Johnny Crabtree or Kirby Wright will pitch for the Mill boys. The two Ambrose brothers, Tom and Ernie, will appear on the Mill team's lineup, which fact has increased stock in that club winning the game. However, both teams predict a victory, which will no doubt result in a battle royal and a game worth seeing.

### Bunch Is Appointed As Superintendent U. S. Fish Hatchery

### Appointment Is Made Known Early This Week

### NOT UNEXPECTED

### Fielding Tanner Promoted But Transferred To Georgia Hatchery

Though it was not unexpected, W. Carey Bunch early this week was notified that he had been appointed superintendent of the United States Fish Hatchery here as of July 1. Mr. Bunch succeeds William S. Vincent, who died January 31, of this year, and had been in charge since 1922.

Last week Congressman Lindsay Warren visited at the Hatchery and though it was not official, told Mr. Bunch to go to bed at night and forget about the appointment, which Mr. Bunch took literally to mean that he would be given the position.

Early this week he received a letter from Charles Jackson, deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries, stating that he had been given the appointment. Mr. Bunch, who owns his own home in North Edenton, will move to the spacious home at the Hatchery and rent his own home.

Also affected by the appointment of Mr. Bunch is the promotion of Fielding Tanner, his assistant, who has been given the rating of fish culturist. However, Mr. Tanner will be transferred to the hatchery at Cohutta, Georgia.

**MASONS MEET TONIGHT** The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock.

### Robert L. Chesson Files Suit Against Plymouth Concern

### Asks \$13,500 From Pulp Mill For Breach of Contract

### TWO CHARGES Plaintiff Claims Libel In Letter Written to J. C. Wilson

Robert L. Chesson this week filed suit with Clerk of Superior Court Richard D. Dixon against the Kieckhefer Container Company and North Carolina Pulp Company, of Plymouth, claiming damages of \$13,500. The complaint, in two actions, asks for \$11,000 due to breach of contract and \$2,500 is asked for wrongful and unlawful libel.

The lengthy complaint, prepared by J. Henry Leroy, of Elizabeth City, Chesson's attorney, sets forth that the defendants agreed to purchase from the plaintiff all such quantities of pulp wood as plaintiff might be able to furnish, from two tracts, offering at the time to buy additional quantities of pulp wood provided plaintiff was able to provide same at \$4.50 per cord. The defendants, states the complaint, agreed to furnish plaintiff such teams, trucks and equipment as was necessary in the cutting of said pulp wood and to advance to plaintiff funds necessary to meet plaintiff's pay roll in cutting, preparing and loading said pulp wood. The defendants, continues the complaint, were to reimburse themselves for the cost of furnishing said team, trucks, equipment and pay roll advances by deducting the sum of 50 cents from the purchase price of each cord of pulp wood furnished by Chesson, it being further understood that \$4.50 per cord was the minimum price and that defendants were to pay plaintiff in addition thereto in the event the price of pulp wood rose above that amount.

The complaint says that Chesson furnished 15 cords of wood and that after said operation was begun he notified the defendants and called upon them to perform their part of the agreement, particularly that he was in need of equipment, team and trucks and that he was due to meet a pay roll. The defendant is charged with neglecting to fulfill the contract and by breach of the contract made it impossible to continue operation. It is claimed that Chesson purchased all of the six-inch timber in the Small tract and as a result of the defendants' wrongful and unlawful breach of contract Chesson was damaged in the sum of \$11,000 or some other large sum.

A separate and second cause of action by the plaintiff avers that the contract was broken by the defendants by which Chesson was to sell about 1,800 to 2,000 cords of wood from the J. C. Wilson tract for \$4.75 per cord. In this cause Chesson also charges wrongful and unlawful libel, claiming \$2,500 damages. The libel is based on the following letter sent by the defendants to Mr. Wilson:

"We have in our office now a contract which Mr. Chesson drew up with you, and we are sorry that it is legally worthless and I recommend that you do not allow Mr. Chesson to cut one stick of wood for you to be shipped to this mill as we would not accept it under any circumstances... this company has definite policies which allow us to work with only experienced contractors and not with such men as Chesson."

### Town Council Pays \$250 Toward Bridge Celebration Aug. 25

Town Council at its meeting Tuesday night appropriated \$250 toward Chowan County's expense in staging the Albemarle Sound Bridge celebration on August 25. The total amount was estimated not to exceed \$500, and the County Commissioners agreed to go on a 50-50 basis in taking care of the expenditure.

This amount includes the cost of erecting the county's float to be entered in the parade depicting outstanding historical events in the several counties, which for Chowan will be the Edenton Tea Party.

**LICENSED TO WED** Only one marriage license was issued during the week by Mrs. Maurice L. Bunch, deputy register of deeds, that being to Walter Adams, of Edenton, and Ethia Winslow, of Belvidere.

### PROMOTED



W. CARBY BUNCH Though effective since July 1, Mr. Bunch was only on Saturday notified that he had been appointed superintendent of the local U. S. Fish Hatchery, succeeding the late W. S. Vincent.

### Parking Situation Is Vexing Problem For City Fathers

### Councilmen Realize Immediate Action Must Be Taken

### EXPECT MORE CARS

### Special Meeting Called With Merchants On Monday Afternoon

With the opening of the new Albemarle Sound Bridge near at hand and with the parking situation in Edenton's business section already a very complex problem, Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night decided that some definite action should be taken to relieve the situation in order to provide parking facilities for the increasing number of people coming here to visit and trade. As a result of a lengthy discussion it was decided to have a special meeting of Town Council next Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock to which every merchant and business man is invited to attend in the hope that some method can be adopted to furnish more parking space to visitors.

Several ideas were discussed which included a one hour parking limit in the business section on Saturdays. The idea of renting a lot for free parking also entered into the discussion. It was brought out, however, that some merchants and their employees monopolize a goodly portion of parking spaces and it is with the idea of having full cooperation of every merchant that they will be asked to attend the meeting next Monday. They primarily will be the beneficiaries, for as the Councilmen view the situation, the more parking space made available for those who come here to trade, the more business will result.

The Jenkins Motor Company will be given an opportunity to rent the town lot adjoining the garage and if they do not care to rent, this property will be used for parking purposes.

The matter has been brought up several times before Town Council and it is hoped every merchant will be present at the special meeting to help in solving the problem as satisfactorily as possible.

### Methodist Church Services At 8 O'clock

Sunday night services at the Methodist Church have been changed back to 8 o'clock. For several Sundays the pastor, Rev. George W. Blount, in an effort to have larger congregations, held vesper services at 5:30 o'clock, but there was little response to the new hour of service. The 8 o'clock hour went into effect Sunday night.

### R. K. Hall Delegate To Firemen's Convention

Fire Chief R. K. Hall was given authority Tuesday night by Town Council to attend the State firemen's convention to be held in New Bern the week of August 8. Mr. Hall holds the distinction of being the oldest active fireman in the State and has hosts of friends among firemen from every section.

### Parents Of Scouts And All Interested Urged Be On Hand

### Future Welfare of Local Troop an Important Issue

### NEED MONEY

### Boys Now Enjoying Camp at Minnosott Beach on Neuse

Parents and other citizens interested in the activities of the local Boy Scouts organization are expected to turn out in goodly numbers tonight at a mass meeting called for 8 o'clock in the Scout Cabin. The future welfare of the organization will be made an important issue at the gathering.

Last year a movement was inaugurated to get the Edenton Scout Council to affiliate with the Tidewater Council, the central scout directing body in this section. The Tidewater Council headquarters out of Norfolk, Va., and a rather large membership fee was asked.

Three of the local men's organizations, namely the Rotary and Lions Clubs and the American Legion, got behind the Tidewater idea and pledged themselves for \$75 each to meet the Tidewater fee. The \$225 was turned over to the local scouts, but sometime afterward there was a feeling displayed that the amalgamation might be delayed, and it has not yet been consummated.

The local scout expenses have eaten into this sum, and on Monday the Scouts were sent to Minnosott Beach, near Oriental on the Neuse River, eating into the fund, also. Of late, too, some of the scout parents have been insistent that the local boys should take up anew the Tidewater proposal and join the Norfolk council.

It is the intention to thresh this all out at tonight's meeting and if necessary devise ways and means to give the Council a surplus fund beyond the amount already in hand. It is hoped that many will attend.

### District Bar Meets In Gatesville July 20

### Judge L. R. Varser of Lumberton Principal Speaker

The annual meeting of the District Bar of the First Judicial District will be held at the Court House in Gatesville on Wednesday, July 20, at 11 a. m., according to John W. Graham, secretary, who has notified every member.

Judge L. R. Varser, of Lumberton, a former Gates County resident, will be the principal speaker for the occasion. As a special feature the Gates County Bar is inviting as special guests several members of the bar in various parts of the State who were former residents.

A. Pilston Godwin, of Gatesville, is president of the group.

### Jimmy Munch First To Cross New Bridge

Jimmy Munch, superintendent of the Tidewater Construction Company, contractors for the northern half of the new Albemarle Sound bridge, has the distinction of being the first to drive an automobile the entire length of the long span. He crossed the bridge Friday afternoon, together with several other cars.

### In The Money!

That's the way W. D. Pruden, W. R. Horton, Gayle Kavanaugh and Earl Goodwin figured it out yesterday morning when each got checks from a Parisian sporting club for 2,000 francs, and an accompanying letter saying payment was in return for a \$2.50 ticket bought last winter on the Great National Steeplechase run June 26, at the French capital. The winners here had a horse named "Sixth of April." The nag was way back in the "also ran's" but because he was entered in the winter book and stuck to the end the pay off was made. The checks were for the equivalent of \$111.10.