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## Chowan Enters Contest To Select Queen of Albemarle During Bridge Celebration

Citizens Asked to Vote For Their Favorite Beauty

CLOSES AUG. 13

Arrangements For Day Gradually Being Put Into Shape

Chowan County will be represented in the beauty queen pageant planned in connection with the Albemarle Sound Bridge celebration on August 25. This was decided at a meeting of the county advisory committee held late last week, when the plan of selection was also adopted. As was the case in selecting the little boy and girl to officiate at the ceremony on the bridge, Chowan's queen will be chosen by voting. Every person in this county is eligible to cast one ballot for his or her favorite to act as queen. This voting can be done at Leggett & Davis drug store, where a ballot box has been placed as well as a book to register so that every person can vote only one time.

The advisory committee sensed a possible opportunity for criticism in selecting a young lady to act as queen and for this reason the voting idea was thought to be the fairest plan for avoiding criticism.

Voting will continue until 6 p. m. on Saturday, August 13. There is no charge or red tape in connection with voting for any favorite, other than that each person is allowed only one vote and for reason of checking a voter must register in a book provided for the purpose.

Chowan County originally had decided not to enter the beauty queen contest, and its participation still depends upon whether or not the two floats required will be paid for out of the general celebration fund. West Byrum, chairman of the finance committee, frankly informed the committee members that if all counties pay anything like their proportionate amount enough money will be in hand to pay for the floats out of the general fund, but if not, then of course, the floats would have to be financed otherwise. However, it is the general impression that enough funds will be forthcoming and Chowan is proceeding to choose its representative.

The beauty queen feature will, according to present plans, be one of the highlights of the day. Each of the seven counties is expected to have an entry and from this group the queen of the Albemarle will be selected by a drawing. The county whose entry is fortunate enough to win the honor will be obliged to furnish another representative to (Continued on Last Page).

## Wischon Placed In State Penitentiary

Sheriff Reid Requests Removal From Plymouth Jail

Kurtweid von Wischon, alleged safe cracker, who was taken from the Chowan County Jail to Plymouth, was again obliged to change his "boarding place." Sheriff J. K. Reid, of Washington County, informed Sheriff J. A. Bunch that on account of leaving for Alabama on a vacation, and due to the fact that Wischon receives and sends considerable mail and telegrams, he was reluctant to be responsible for the unwelcome prisoner. According to Sheriff Reid, Wischon's manners were a source of concern and the German, too, had threatened to commit suicide. Papers were prepared by Clerk of Court Richard D. Dixon and on Saturday Sheriff J. A. Bunch, armed with the proper credentials, carried Wischon to the State penitentiary in Raleigh, where he was confined on death row.

However, Wischon appears to be no stranger to prison officials. Sheriff Bunch was told that on one occasion while confined to the prison he apparently became insane and while an inmate at the asylum he escaped.

Wischon is scheduled for trial in Chowan Superior Court the week of September 12 and will remain in State penitentiary until removal here, made to the satisfaction of

## Health Department Shares In Money To Fight Syphilis

Bertie - Chowan District Will Receive Between \$1,200 and \$1,500

HOLD CLINICS

## Chowan's Share as Sponsor of Movement Is Only \$54

The Bertie-Chowan Health Department will receive from \$1,200 to \$1,500 as its share in the \$84,000 allotted to North Carolina for syphilis work under the Bulwinkle-LaFollette bill in the recent Congress, according to Dr. F. H. Garriss, health officer of the district. The congressional bill provides for an appropriation of \$3,000,000 for the year 1938-39 to be increased to \$5,000,000 in 1939-40 and to \$7,000,000 in 1940-41 to carry on a syphilis prevention and treatment work in the whole United States.

Counties that receive allotments from the appropriation are required to put up a small amount as a sponsor's share. The whole amount put up by the Bertie-Chowan district was only \$261, of which Chowan County contributed \$54, and \$20.40 from Edenton.

Dr. Garriss does not have time to operate clinics while schools are operating and for this reason the money will be used, he says, in hiring doctors to carry on venereal clinics, for rental of clinic space and equipment.

Dr. Garriss stated yesterday that he hopes to establish a venereal clinic at Colerain about September 1, when the money from the fund will be available.

In Edenton treatments are limited to indigent patients referred to the health department by private physicians. About 60 are treated each week.

## Game Warden Now Has New Licenses

Combination Hunting And Fishing License Affords Saving

County Game Warden J. G. Perry announces receipt of the new hunting and fishing licenses which he urges sportsmen to secure before going afield and along the streams in compliance with the law. The new badges, taking somewhat the appearance of a policeman's badge, are now on sale at Byrum's Hardware Store.

The combination license, costing \$3.10, affords a saving to sportsmen who if buying separate licenses would have to pay \$2.00 each.

Authorized later than the separate hunting and fishing licenses, the combination permit has grown steadily in popularity during the past several years and the attractive design is expected to make the demand still greater.

## County Pays \$50 To Ocean Highway

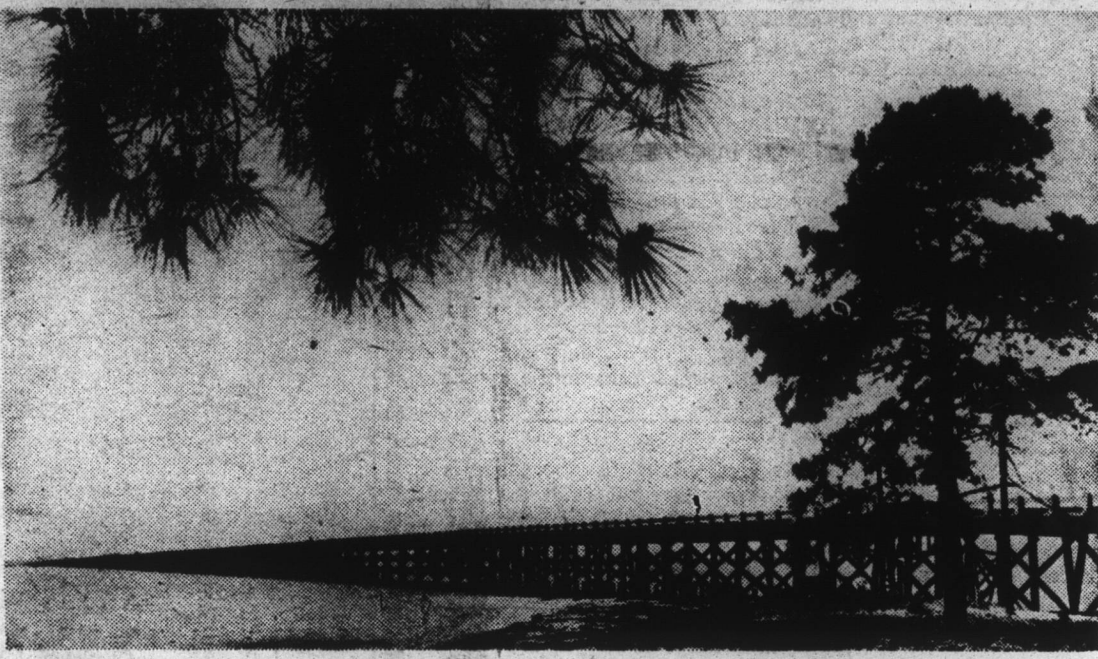
Cooperating with town officials, the Chowan County Commissioners on Monday agreed to appropriate \$50 to the Ocean Highway Association. Through this association Edenton and Chowan County are given a considerable amount of publicity, is directly responsible for many tourists selecting Route 17 while traveling north or south.

## Bathing Beauty

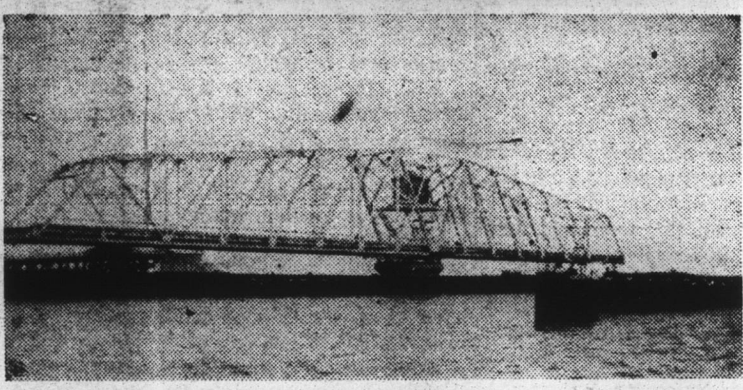
Ruth Elliott, the attractive daughter of Mrs. Thomas W. Elliott, will represent Edenton in the bathing beauty contest held at the Tobacco Festival in Wilson on August 15.

Miss Elliott was appointed by Mayor J. E. McMillan on Saturday

## New Bridge Over Albemarle Sound



Attractive part section photograph of the new Sound bridge and snap of the 330 feet long electrically operated central draw. The bridge picture was taken through the pine trees on the Chowan side of the great span and while not complete, of course, carries the bridge beyond the half way point. The draw proper will of course be of sufficient breadth when open to permit the largest of the nation's battleships to pass through without touching.



## W. E. Baker Named Asst. Fish Culturist At Local Hatchery

At Present Serving as County Supervisor For WPA

W. C. Bunch, superintendent of the United States Fish Hatchery, has just received information from the Bureau of Fisheries that W. E. Baker has been appointed assistant fish culturist, replacing Fielding Tanner, who was promoted to fish culturist when Mr. Bunch was appointed superintendent.

For the present both Mr. Tanner and Mr. Baker will be located at the local hatchery, but it is expected that Mr. Tanner will be transferred when shad hatching time arrives.

Mr. Baker is no new-comer at the fish hatchery, having been employed before and for several years acting as superintendent of the State-owned Frank Stedman hatchery at Fayetteville. He is at present county supervisor for the WPA and will resume his hatchery duties immediately after working out a 15-day notice.

## Band Plays Aug. 10 At Roanoke Island

Director Appeals For Use of About Dozen Automobiles

Edenton will be given a goodly share of publicity at the showing of The Lost Colony pageant at Roanoke Island on Thursday, August 10, when the High School Band will play for the occasion. A concert will take place on the out-door stage between 7 and 8 o'clock.

Director C. L. McCullers is right much concerned over means of transportation which will necessitate use of about 12 cars, and before leaving for Camp Leach Monday requested The Herald to appeal for the use of cars. Anyone who will drive his or her car is requested to get in touch with Mr. McCullers or notify the editor of The Herald.

## Rev. George Blount At Lake Junaluska

Rev. George W. Blount, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, left Monday for Lake Junaluska, where he will remain for two weeks. He was accompanied to camp by his mother, who has been in ill health. While at the Methodist summer assembly grounds, Mr. Blount will attend the pastors' conference as well as the leadership training conference.

## NAMED BRIDGE TENDER

David Hughes, of Edenton, and Charles Foudry, of Elizabeth City, have been appointed as bridge tenders on the new Albemarle Sound bridge which will be opened to traffic within the next few days.

## Strictly Legal

Chowan County for the first time in many years will have its first strictly legal jury for service during the September term of Superior Court. The list of jurors drawn Monday by the County Commissioners was taken from a recently revised jury book during which the Commissioners refrained from excusing any person for service. Excusing a juror after his name is drawn is a duty falling upon the presiding judge and it was for this reason that the Commissioners recently canvassed the list and removed all names of persons who have died, moved away or for any reason were not capable of serving on a jury.

The list as drawn follows: Percy Satterfield, Lonnie Bunch, W. S. Perry, N. J. Goodwin, Joel C. Williams, Clarence Bunch, W. M. Wilkins, Gordon Blow, J. L. Chestnutt, Jesse Lane, Louis Goodwin, W. J. Berryman, T. S. Leary, C. D. Privott, I. D. Harrell, John G. Wood, Nicholas Muth, George E. Hassell, J. E. Basnight, R. E. Baker, W. L. Smith, G. B. Potter, C. M. Evans, J. S. Corbitt, W. D. Elliott, W. J. Goodwin, E. L. Brinkley, W. A. Sexton, G. C. Sutton, H. C. Jackson, W. F. Perry, R. E. Coffield, Harry Corporew, George Privott, Seth Cayton, W. H. Gardner.

## Holmes Speaker At M. E. Church Sunday

Occupies Pulpit In Absence of Rev. George W. Blount

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. George W. Blount, John A. Holmes will occupy the pulpit and speak at the morning service in the Methodist Church Sunday. Mr. Holmes is a leading layman of the Methodist Church, and beloved teacher of the Men's Bible Class. There will be no evening service, but Sunday School will convene at the usual hour, 9:45 Sunday morning.

Next Sunday morning Wade Marr, Jr., of Elizabeth City, will speak at the morning service.

## Boy Scouts Sponsor Supper August 12th

Edenton's Boy Scouts will sponsor a supper to be served in the Scout Cabin Friday night, August 12. The meal will be served between 6:30 and 8 o'clock, and parents and friends of the Scouts are urged to attend. Tickets for the supper are now being sold by the Scouts.

## JULY TAX COLLECTIONS

Tax collections have come almost to a standstill in Chowan County during July, Sheriff J. A. Bunch's monthly report revealing that \$167.57 for 1936 taxes were collected and \$468.26 for 1937 taxes.

The total amount of 1937 taxes collected to date is \$37,459.25.

## Dr. Van Zandt On Program At Rotary Club Meeting Today

Rotarians Have Piano Music Treat In Store Today

If Oscar Brown has his way, every member of the Edenton Rotary Club will be present at the luncheon in the Parish House today. When Mr. Brown was recently installed as president of the Club, he made a plea for a perfect attendance at least the first meeting in each month, and to this end he especially urges every member to be on hand. At least two members will be absent, Secretary John A. Holmes and C. L. McCullers, but both will make up this meeting by attending the Washington Rotary Club meeting.

At today's meeting the Rotarians will be treated to an outstanding musical program on the piano by Dr. J. Menzies Van Zandt. Dr. Van Zandt, a pupil of the famous musician Paderewski, is a son of the late singer, Marie Van Zandt, who is still listed in Who's Who in voice.

Dr. Van Zandt on Monday played at the meeting of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club and reports are to the effect that it was one of the best piano musical programs ever listened to. President Oscar Brown is especially anxious that every Rotarian avail himself of the opportunity to hear the visiting musician.

The Rotarians last Thursday listened to an address by Dr. Roma Cheek, executive secretary of the State Blind Commission, during the course of which she very ably explained the work of the commission in helping the blind of the State. Dr. Cheek briefly explained nine phases of the blind program, stating that in North Carolina there are over 6,000 blind or near blind, 30 of whom are in Chowan County.

Dr. Cheek reported that Alphonso Jordan, a Chowan County blind man, is well placed and making a fine showing attending a newspaper stand in Raleigh.

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## Enough's Enough!

Chowan County Commissioners have lost patience with those tax payers who fail to pay their poll tax for the years 1935, 1936 and 1937, and at their meeting Monday took definite steps to have this money come into the county's coffers.

Sheriff J. A. Bunch was authorized to use all means possible to collect all unpaid poll tax. He was instructed to notify every delinquent tax payer and if the tax is not paid within 10 days after receipt of notice he will positively garnishee wages and levy on and sell personal property.

Proper forms have been printed and Mr. Bunch intends to follow his instructions immediately.

## \$103,000 For Chowan Farmers — That Is If They Comply In 1938

Efforts Made to Have Farms Checked By August 15

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Rowell Explains Reason For Lower Payment This Year

If farmers in Chowan County compete in the soil conservation program for 1938, about \$103,000 will be distributed among them under the program, says County Agent N. K. Rowell, who is vitally interested in every farmer securing as large a payment as possible.

In an effort to acquaint producers with facts, Mr. Rowell has sent the following circular letter to the farmers:

"I am sure you will be interested to know that the payments under the Soil Conservation Program for our county in 1938 will be around \$103,000 provided all producers comply. This of course will include the Cotton Adjustment Payment. While this amount is not as great as it should be, considering parity for all major crops, it will be a great help this year and we will be glad to assist you in earning your share of these payments. You have been given allotments and if they are not exceeded you will earn payments provided you reach your soil building goal, which includes Soil Building Practices such as turning under cover crops, seeding winter legumes, applying limestone and planting permanent pastures. You will shortly be notified as to your soil building requirements.

"Our supervisors are doing all they possibly can to check all farms by August 15th, and it is hoped that you will render what assistance you can. We are now using aerial maps which are very accurate but require more careful checking. The supervisors are all good honest men and they are trying to render you assistance in getting a just share of the national income. We hope to have this work completed so that we may be able to notify you of any overplanting or shortage of soil building units before it is too late to correct any error which might be made.

"Our payments for the year 1937 were much lower than the preceding year. The causes were due to three reasons: First, we increased peanuts 5 percent, tobacco 25 percent and cotton 21 percent over the preceding year. This reduced our payments \$24,916.96. Second, the program was changed and all general crops such as corn interplanted with soybeans or cowpeas were counted full acres whereas in 1936 they were counted one-half depleting and one-half soil conserving. Third, we were given a very low general base. In 1938 we were given 4,000 acres more in general allotments. If we can get a correct report on all land in the county I am sure we will be able to hold to this allotment."

## Awards Made To Edenton Scouts

Forty-three Boys Get Merit Badges Friday Night

With the troop committee present at a court of honor meeting Friday night at the Scout Cabin, 43 merit badges were awarded members of the Boy Scouts, as well as other honorary badges.

Scouts receiving merit badges were: Meredith Jones, 10; John Hassell, 6; Nick Gardner, 5; Elbert Copeland, 6; Richard Mizell, 3; Norbert Sawyer, 3, with the following boys receiving two each: James Bond, Frank Muth, George Alma Byrum, Melvin Griffin and Jimmy Hassell.

Elbert Copeland, Nick Gardner, John Hassell and Meredith Jones were awarded star scout badges, the latter on condition of three months service as a first-class scout. He was also awarded a life scout badge on condition that he serve three months as a star scout.

First class scout badges were also awarded to George Alma Byrum, Elbert Copeland, Norbert Sawyer, John Hassell and Nick Gardner. Those receiving second class badges were Lloyd Burton, James Bond, Lester Stewart, Richard Mizell and Melvin Griffin.