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## Investigation Results In 241 More Automobiles Put On County Books For Taxes

**Tax Supervisor William Privott Submits His Final Report**

**MORE POLL TAXES**

**Commissioners Anticipate Revaluation In 1941**

Faced with very little business, the County Commissioners on Tuesday held one of the shortest meetings in many months. They met Tuesday instead of Monday, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Possibly the most important matter to be brought to their attention was a report by William Privott, tax supervisor, who completed instructions given him a few months ago to endeavor to place all automobiles on the tax books of the county. The Commissioners felt that there were more automobiles in Chowan County than were listed and therefore ordered an investigation.

Mr. Privott has been working on the matter for several months and reported that on account of his efforts 241 more automobiles are now on the tax books valued at \$37,885.

In connection with his investigation there were also more poll tax payers placed on the county's books, and property valuation in the amount of \$47,979 which heretofore was untaxed.

Besides, in the course of his work, Mr. Privott added 15 more dogs for taxation, 12 of which were males and three females.

The Commissioners appeared to be very well pleased with the result of the investigation, but still express the belief that there is other property in the county upon which no taxes are being paid. However, they anticipate a re-valuation of all property in the county in 1941, when they hope all property will be placed on the books for taxes and which will result in some property being valued higher than at present, upon which

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## Week's Schedule Of WPA's Bookmobile

**Requests Desired For Appearance of Traveling Library**

Mrs. Bessie Gwyn, in charge of the WPA Bookmobile appearing in Chowan County during the months of September and October, announces the following schedule for the week of September 11. There have been several alterations of the original schedule and Mrs. Gwyn has asked to be informed if there are other places in the county where it is desired to have this traveling library appear during its stay in the county.

The schedule follows:

Monday—9 to 10, Overton's Store, Yeopim Section; 10:30 to 11:30, High School, beginning September 25th; 11:30 to 12:30, Boy Scout Cabin, Edenton; 1 to 2, Advance School.

Tuesday—9 to 10, Enterprise, Home of Mrs. W. H. Hollowell; 10:30 to 11:30, Perry's Store and Beech Fork School; 12 to 1, Henry Bunch's Store.

Wednesday, 9 to 10, Gum Pond School; 10:30 to 11:30, Oak Grove School; 11:45 to 12:45, Elbert Peele's Store, Rocky Hook Section; 1 to 2, Evans Mill, near Cross Roads.

Thursday—9 to 10, Chowan Community House, Cross Roads; 10:30 to 11:30, Belch's Store, Center Hill; 12 to 1, Elmo, Twine's Store.

Friday—9 to 10, Ryland, old School Building; 10:30 to 11:30, Snow Hill, Copeland's Store; 12 to 1, Gliden, Briggs' Store.

## Band Returns From Camp Leach Monday

It was a happy and healthy looking crowd of youngsters who returned to Edenton Monday morning when the members of the Edenton High School Band arrived home from a week's stay at Camp Leach. A very delightful and instructive week's outing was enjoyed by the young people, as well as parents of several of them.

While in camp the band was visited by many Edenton friends, who were especially complimentary of the manner in which the camp was conducted as well as of the way meals were prepared and served while there.

## Center Hill Club Gives Program On Farm-Home Hour

**Interesting Paper Presented at 1 O'clock Today**

**OVER WPTF**

**Mrs. Smithson and Mrs. Walston Will Be Speakers**

Chowan County people, and especially members of home demonstration clubs, will be greatly interested in a radio broadcast today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock over Station WPTF at Raleigh. On the farm and home program at that hour a program sponsored by the Center Hill Home Demonstration Club dealing with home management and several other major projects of the year will be presented by Mrs. Rufus Smithson and Mrs. R. E. Walston. The subject matter to be presented was prepared by Mrs. Smithson and Mrs. Walston, assisted by Mrs. T. E. Chappell.

These three ladies will be accompanied to Raleigh by Mrs. J. S. Turner and Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan County home agent.

## Unique Program At Baptist Church On Sunday Night

**Only Men Will Participate in Feature of Service**

A very unusual program will be rendered at the Edenton Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock during the regular preaching hour, when the men of the Training Union will present a program depicting interesting experiences and facts encountered throughout the State in promoting the Baptist program in North Carolina.

This program is unique in the fact that only men will take part in it, and includes music by a male chorus. The music for the program will be rendered by a select group of men from the church and will be under the direction of W. Jim Daniels.

Every member of the church is especially urged to attend, and the public is cordially invited.

## Edenton Eliminated By Scotland Neck In Play-off Series

Though experiencing little difficulty during the baseball season to defeat Scotland Neck, the Halifax County team downed Edenton three straight games in the play-off series in the Albemarle League, thus eliminating the local team in a shot at the championship title.

The locals were forced to give up the ghost Sunday afternoon when after going into the 11th inning deadlocked 1-1, the visitors slaughtered the offerings of Outlaw for a total of five runs, winning the deciding game 6 to 1.

## Vestry Of St. Paul's Meets Monday Night

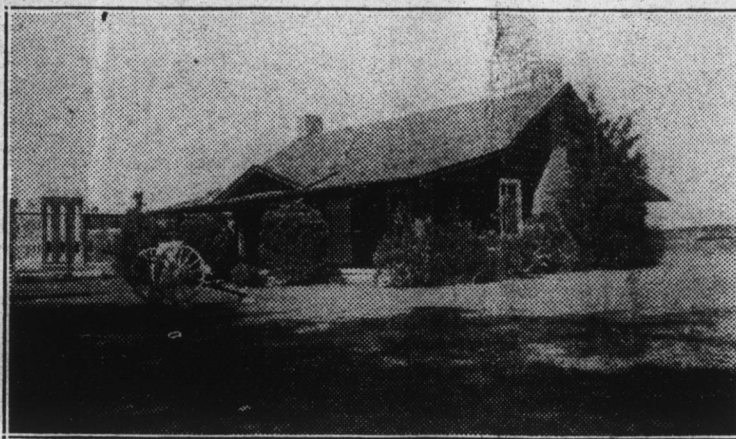
There will be a meeting of the vestry of St. Paul's Church on Monday night, at 8 o'clock, at which all vestrymen are urged to be present.

Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of the Church, has also announced that Sunday School will be resumed next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, with Superintendent Ernest A. Swain in charge.

## CAKE SALE SATURDAY

A cake sale will be held at Quinn's Furniture Store Saturday morning at 10 o'clock under auspices of the junior girls of the Edenton Baptist Sunday School.

## TEN YEARS OLD



Here appears a picture of the Edenton Boy Scout cabin, a gift of the late J. A. Woodard. The tenth anniversary of the gift was celebrated by the Scouts with appropriate exercises in the cabin Tuesday of last week. (The picture was mislabeled and arrived too late for last week's issue of The Herald).

## Peanut Program To Be Announced By Next Monday

**R. C. Holland Expects Same Prices as Prevailed In 1938**

**LONG WAIT**

**News Given Out When Newspaper Folk Are Entertained**

Twenty-six northeastern North Carolina weekly newspaper editors and publishers and invited friends were guests of R. C. Holland Saturday night at a barbecue chicken supper at a tobacco barn on his Bowen farm. The affair was one of the most enjoyable ever experienced by the newspaper folk who have been meeting monthly for the past two years.

Of especial interest to the newspaper folk was an announcement made at the supper by Mr. Holland to the effect that the 1939 peanut program would be announced by next Monday. He said that he had been informed by a high official in Washington that the 1939 program will be patterned after that of 1937 and 1938 and will carry approximately the same schedule of prices.

Mr. Holland told the gathering that in order to have some definite information to give inquiring reporters, he called Washington only a few minutes before the meeting and that he was informed the plan of the program was completed at 6 o'clock Saturday evening and is to be submitted to the Secretary of Agriculture this week and that it would undoubtedly be announced by next Monday.

"Farmers have been waiting in suspense for several weeks," said Mr. Holland, "and the information should be heartening to every one of them."

In the absence of Mayon Parker, president of the group, J. Edwin Buf-flap presided. Those called upon to speak were Mr. Holland, John F. White, Paul Olsson, Linwood Skinner, of Hertford, Miss Addie Mae Cooke, of Gatesville, and Charles Pierce, of Ahoskie.

An invitation was extended by Lucius Blanchard, Jr., editor of The Perquimans Weekly, to have the next meeting in Hertford. The invitation was accepted.

## Few Inmates In Jail Last Month

**Only 27 Locked Up During August; Cost Is \$56.50**

During August there were fewer people placed in Chowan County's jail than has been the case in many months. This fact was revealed in Jailer Shelton Moore's report made to the County Commissioners Tuesday which showed that during the month only 27 were incarcerated, the majority of whom were arrested for from one to three days.

The cost incurred by the prisoners was only \$56.50, which included turnkey and jail fees.

## Homecoming At St. David's October 1st

Plans are being made for a Homecoming Day Celebration at old St. David's Church at Creswell, to take place the first Sunday in October, according to the rector, the Rev. Wood Gaither.

## County Residents Receive \$1,143.50 In Aid Payments

**Director Yelton Releases Report For August**

**146 RECIPIENTS**

**Average Monthly Old Age Assistance Payment \$7.89**

Chowan County received a total of \$1,143.00 of combined county, state and federal funds in August for distribution to 146 recipients under the North Carolina public assistance program, H. D. Farrell, field representative for the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, has been advised by Nathan H. Yelton, director of public assistance.

To 165 needy aged in the county went a total of \$859.50, giving them an average grant for the month of \$7.89, while 37 dependent children received average grants of \$7.68 to make a total expenditure for that purpose of \$284.

Yelton's communication to Mr. Farrell showed there were no widows of Confederate veterans in the county drawing old age assistance payments under the legislative act transferring them if eligible to the public assistance rolls.

State-wide average payments to needy old people was \$9.58, to dependent children \$5.91, and to pensioners \$25.31. A total of 55,283 persons over the State received \$463,118.82 in August while for the fiscal year through August State totals were: old age assistance, \$635,140.16; aid to dependent children, \$249,194.54; Confederate widows on the public assistance rolls, \$33,221.26.

## Sunday Shows At Taylor Resumed

**Matinee and Night Performances Begin Next Sunday**

Jimmy Earnhardt, manager of the Taylor Theatre, announced early this week that beginning Sunday afternoon he will again stage Sunday shows. The shows were held until the beginning of this summer when they were discontinued until the fall. As previously, a matinee will be held every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and the night show beginning at 9:15.

## Louis George Wilkins Goes To Grand Rapids

Louis George Wilkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Wilkins, left Edenton today (Thursday) for Grand Rapids, Mich., where he has accepted a position with Seidman and Seidman, public accountants. Mr. Wilkins was a member of the graduating class of 1939 at the University of North Carolina, since which time he has been connected with his father at the Quinn Furniture Company.

## TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Mrs. Howard Jackson will leave Saturday for New York City to attend the fall convention of the New York Hair Dressers Association in session at the Pennsylvania Hotel four days next week. She will be accompanied by her nephew, George Ward, and after the convention closes they will visit friends and attend the World's Fair.

## Beauty Queen Contests At Taylor Theatre Monday And Tuesday, September 11-12

## Laymen Of East Carolina Diocese Meet Next Week

**Convocation of Edenton Meets In Washington Tuesday**

**GOOD PROGRAM**

**J. A. Moore and John W. Graham In Charge Of Groups**

Bishop Thomas C. Darst has arranged two meetings of the laymen of the diocese of East Carolina, both to be held next week. The Convocation of Edenton, which embraces the northern part of the diocese, will meet in St. Peter's Parish House, Washington, next Tuesday, September 12th, at 5 p. m. The meeting will adjourn at 9 p. m. Supper will be served at 6:30 at a reasonable price. The Bishop hopes that a large number of the laymen will attend, and has a program that should interest them.

The Convocation of Wilmington, which embraces the southern part of the diocese, will meet at White Lake on September 14th.

J. Augustus Moore is chairman of the Convocation of Edenton, and John Washington Graham is chairman of District No. 7, which takes in Edenton, Hertford, Elizabeth City, Nags Head and Camden. Messrs. Moore and Graham will probably see to it that the Convocation and district they head are fully represented. Bishop Darst will be in charge of the gathering.

## Garden Club Holds First Fall Meeting Monday Afternoon

**Final Plans For Observance of Arbor Day Will Be Made**

The Edenton Garden Club will hold its first meeting of the fall Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. Clarence Leary. At this meeting Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. C. D. Stewart and Mrs. J. S. Davis will act as hostesses.

Very important matters are scheduled to be brought before the Club, which includes final plans for the observance of Arbor Day in Edenton. For this reason every member of the Club is requested to be present.

## Vernon Spruill Goes To Greenville As State Highway Patrolman

Vernon Spruill left Monday for Greenville, where he will be stationed as a member of the State Highway patrol. Mr. Spruill was among the group of 50 new patrolmen to be selected at a recent try-out when about 100 prospects went in training at Henderson.

## Perkins Reports On Welfare Activities

According to the monthly report of W. M. Perkins, superintendent of public welfare, 109 persons received old age assistance during August, the amount being \$859.50. There were also 20 cases of dependent children, representing 39 children, who received \$284. Eight received blind aid amounting to \$98.

Perkins also reported that three paroled prisoners had reported to him and that seven employment certificates were issued to minors.

## COURT OPENS MONDAY

The September term of Chowan County Superior Court will be held next week, opening on Monday morning with Judge Q. K. Nimrock, of Fayetteville, presiding.

## MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Tonight at 8 o'clock the regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held. All members are urged to attend.

## 'Miss Edenton' and 'Miss Chowan County' Will Be Selected

**LITTLE TOTS, TOO**

**Winners Given Trip to Blowing Rock For Screen Test**

Girls from Edenton and Chowan County will be afforded an opportunity to secure a screen test Monday and Tuesday nights, September 11 and 12, at the Taylor Theatre, where a contest will be held to select "Miss Chowan County" and "Miss Edenton."

On Monday night "Miss Edenton" will be selected from local girls and the winner of this contest will have all expenses paid while at the State contest in Blowing Rock, where a screen test will be made. This film will be sent to the Taylor Theatre so that local people can see how their candidate looks in Hollywood make-up. On the same night there will be an amateur contest, with all types of amateur acts competing for a trip to Burlington.

Tuesday night there will be a county contest with girls from all over the county competing for the title of "Miss Chowan County." The winner of this contest will receive the same trip as "Miss Edenton" as well as the screen test. On the same night there will be a Junior Queen contest which will include all the cutest little tots from two to ten years of age. The winner in this group will be eligible to compete in the State picture contest for State "Junior Miss North Carolina."

Some lucky girls will be grateful for these contests, since they will have an opportunity to meet girls from all over the State at the famous summer resort at Blowing Rock.

Manager Jimmy Earnhardt states that everyone is assured a most pleasant evening of entertainment by seeing their local girls at their best.

The contest will be directed by Buddy Darnley, talent scout for United Cinema Productions, of Virginia Beach.

## Important Meeting At Cupola House

**Committees Asked to Discuss Planting of Crepe Myrtle**

A meeting of much importance will be held at the Cupola House this afternoon (Thursday) at 5 o'clock, to discuss the possibility of planting crepe myrtle trees along the Edenton-Windsor highway to the Fish Hatchery as a memorial to Chowan County's war veterans.

Earlier in the summer the Masons, Red Men, Rotary Club, Lions Club, American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary were asked to appoint a committee to be ready to report at this meeting, and it is hoped these various committeemen will be on hand at the meeting this afternoon.

## Rotary Club Meets At 1 O'clock Today

Though the program has not been announced, William Jones, president of the Edenton Rotary Club, urges every member to be present at today's meeting in the Parish House. During the summer attendance has been off considerably and with September here Mr. Jones is very anxious for the club to get back to normal.

At last week's meeting Thompson Greenwood read a number of poems in Negro dialect written by John Charles McNeill. Before his readings, Greenwood commented on the fact that all too often good and worthwhile poetry is shunned because of mediocre verse seen in print and he expressed the belief that more good poetry should be read.

"Most of our writers have been obliged to leave the State in order to be recognized," he said, "but McNeill remained at home and wrote of a people familiar to us. Though only 33 years old when he died, his poems are permeated with a mellowness which fills readers of them with a longing for a return of the almost forgotten days."