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Lack Of Quorum Results In R. P. Badham Holding Post As Chairman Of ABC Board

County Board of Education Blocks Appointment Tuesday

MEET AGAIN Commissioners Ponder Over Policy of Property Revaluation

Re-election of a successor of R. P. Badham as chairman of the Chowan County ABC Board failed to materialize Tuesday afternoon when a joint meeting of the County Commissioners, Board of Health and County Board of Education could not legally function due to the latter board not having a quorum present. The board is now composed of six members, only three of whom, S. E. Morris, T. L. Ward and Z. T. Evans, being present. All of the Commissioners were on hand and of the Board of Health W. J. Taylor, and Doctors Roland Vaughan, Martin Wisely and W. S. Griffin were present. This group waited much over an hour for the fourth member of the school board to put in an appearance and finally the meeting adjourned without taking any action.

Accordingly, Mr. Badham will serve as chairman of the ABC Board until he is re-elected or a successor chosen.

In order to make the appointment, a special meeting of the three boards will be called. While the date was not definitely set, it is expected that this meeting will most likely be held on Monday, September 16.

Prior to the proposed meeting, D. M. Warren, chairman of the County Commissioners, read a report of the audit of the ABC store, showing the total sales, profits and fiduciary information. He also had a letter from Cutler Moore complimenting the county upon the splendid and efficient manner in which the Chowan County store is being operated.

It is generally supposed that there are several who would welcome the chairmanship of the board or even to serve as a member, but with the group of 12 awaiting the fourth member of the school board there was no inkling as to who would be proposed, much less the outcome of the appointment.

Frankly, the Commissioners appeared satisfied with the present set-up except prior to the joint meeting they expressed concern at the in-

Contract Awarded To Put Court House Wiring Up-to-Date

Work Will Be Done By Floars Concern at Bid of \$130

As the result of a contract awarded Tuesday by the County Commissioners, Chowan County's historical Court House will very shortly be wired according to local and State specifications. For a long time it was realized that wiring in the old building was in a bad state, and that this improvement is in the offing will be reason for a sigh of relief to many who were aware of the situation.

The contract was awarded to Floars Plumbing and Electric Company at a price of \$130, which calls for proper switch boxes, the meter to be outdoors, No. 12 wire all to be enclosed in conduits and that lighting fixtures are to remain where located at present. Bids were also submitted by Harry Smith and Smithson and Babb, but these bids were considerably higher than the Floars' price.

In awarding the contract Chairman D. M. Warren cautioned the successful bidder to use extreme care in doing this work so that no damage to the building would result. The work will be under the direction of R. D. Dixon, custodian of the building, who will see to it that no more tearing up than necessary will be done. C. M. Hicks was also asked to act as inspector to see that the wiring will meet all local and State specifications.

The entire building will be rewired, including the old Masonic lodge room.

Stenographers And Typists Examinations Ready For Applicants

Announcement has been made by the U. S. Civil Service of examinations for positions of junior and senior stenographers and typists. The salary for senior stenographers is \$1,620 a year; junior stenographer, \$1,440; senior typist, \$1,440; junior typist, \$1,260. The place of employment is in the states of Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.

Time for filing applications is before the close of business on September 11, 1940.

Full information may be had by those interested at the local post-office.

September Term Of Superior Court Begins On Monday

Judge William C. Harris Of Raleigh Will Preside

The September Term of Superior Court will convene here next Monday for the week. Judge William C. Harris, of Raleigh, here last time five years ago, will be the presiding jurist. As is usual the first day or two will be devoted to the trial of criminal cases, of which there are quite a few of minor importance. The Calendar for the rest of the week will be as follows:

Wednesday, September 11th
Jackson vs. Perry; Leary vs. Perkins; Belch vs. Frassen; Will of Macdonald; Johnson vs. Cook; White vs. Chappell and N. S. Bus Corp.; Hudgins vs. Hotel Company; Parrish vs. Hotel Company.

Thursday, September 12th
Hawkins vs. Edenton Cotton Mills; Perry & Hoffer vs. Hassell; Bank vs. Lowry; John Habit vs. Century Indemnity Company; Joe Habit vs. Century Indemnity Company.

Friday, September 13th
Davis vs. Winslow and Waff; Collins vs. Northcott; Holly vs. Welch.

Motions
Chesson vs. Container Company; Francis vs. Smith; Small vs. Dail.
Motions and Divorce cases heard at the convenience of the Court.

Second Floor Court House Scene Of Court Session On Tuesday

With the County Commissioners meeting in the court room, a session of Recorder's Court was held on the second floor of the Court House Tuesday morning. Only two cases were docketed, one involving Elliott Welch, who was found guilty of drunken driving and driving without a license. He was sentenced to 60 days or pay \$50 and costs.

Harry Lee Spruill, local youngster, was held for Superior Court, charged with entering the home of Leroy H. Haskett last Friday night while a soft ball game was in progress and relieving Edenton's police commissioner of about \$9 in cash. Young Spruill had been out of jail on bond, after being arrested and placed in jail charged with stealing an outboard motor from O. C. Davis.

Rotary Program In Charge C. D. Stewart

The regular Rotary luncheon will be held today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock at the Parish House, with C. D. Stewart, vice president of the club, in charge of the program.

Last week's meeting was postponed and several members of the club accepted the invitation of C. L. McCullers to be guests of the Edenton Band at Camp Leach.

A. T. Allen Will Again Audit County's Books

A. T. Allen, Raleigh public accountant, was awarded the contract to audit the County's books by the County Commissioners Tuesday. Mr. Allen has done this work for a number of years, his bid being the same as last year, \$175.

Lindsay Warren's Successor Will Be Named Tomorrow

District Committeemen Will Meet at Hotel Joseph Hewes LUNCHEON

John Graham and R. D. Dixon Hosts to About 25 Guests

Prior to tomorrow's (Friday's) meeting of Democratic Executive Committeemen of the First Congressional District to select a successor to Representative Lindsay Warren, there will be a smaller gathering of Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee members called hurriedly early this week to name a successor to the late County Commissioner A. D. Ward of the Fourth Township, to run on the ticket at the November election. In the latter instance E. N. Elliott was named by Court Clerk R. D. Dixon to fill the unexpired term of the deceased member expiring in December next, and sat with the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on Tuesday.

It is understood that Mr. Elliott will, also, be named by the Democratic Executive Committee Friday for the full term, as will Herbert C. Bonner, for sixteen years Warren's secretary, by the District Committeemen to succeed his chief.

Following the two gatherings the county and district committeemen and a few others, about 25 in all, will be guests at a fancy luncheon to be held in the Hotel Joseph Hewes at which Chowan district committeemen, John W. Graham and Mr. Dixon, will be hosts. G. H. Harding, of the hotel, has assured Mr. Graham and Mr. Dixon that the meal will be somewhat out of the ordinary, and, if nothing else, will make the committeemen glad they held their district meeting in Edenton.

Mr. Bonner is chairman of the district, or vacancy, committee, and is highly favored by all, so it is understood, for placement on the November ticket in Warren's place. When he calls the gathering to order in the Court House at 11 o'clock on Friday morning, his first move will be a renunciation of himself as chairman. Mr. Graham, it is expected, will be named to succeed him, and if so, will be the youngest such chairman in the State.

Many Edentonians At Albemarle Day On Roanoke Island

Interesting Program Precedes Showing of Lost Colony

Chowan County and Edenton did their part well in making "Greater Albemarle Day" one of the concluding pageant features at Fort Raleigh last Friday. A goodly crowd from this section entered into the spirit of the occasion by making the trip from here to Roanoke Island, enjoying a real fish fry on the Fort grounds, listening to an address by former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus and witnessing, of course, the third from the last of the pageant's showings for this year.

While the crowd was not up to expectations, Bradford Fearing, the pageant impresario, said there was around 1,500 in attendance at the showing. The affair, sponsored by the Greater Albemarle Association and in cahoots with a sister organization, the Southern Albemarle Association across the Sound, was made an occasion of lively interest by the fish fry and the bits of oratory on the stage of the Waterside Theatre prior to the pageant.

P. D. Midgett, of Englehard, president of the Association, made the address of welcome, and E. W. Spires of Edenton, made the response. Wade Marr, the virile and vigorous association secretary, introduced Governor Ehringhaus, who spoke entertainingly as is his wont on all occasions.

REVIVAL CLOSES

Revival services at Happy Home Church closed Sunday. Baptismal services were held at Cannons Ferry Sunday afternoon with a large number of candidates for baptism. The meeting is said to have been very successful.

"Typical Customer" Be Selected During Demonstration Week

Local Promotion Committee Will Meet Tonight AT 8 O'CLOCK

Merchants Association Will Award Prize to Winner

To add a little spice to "National Demonstration Week" which the Edenton Merchants Association is to sponsor here during the week of September 16 to 21 as an aid to better good-will dealing between retailers and customers, the trade promotion committee, fathering the idea, meets tonight at 8 o'clock in the Association's headquarters, at which time a prize, suitable in its import, will be decided upon for award to the store patron picked as "Mrs. Typical Customer" during the week of demonstration.

Just what the prize will be, or what the rules for the selection will be decided upon, has not been agreed to as yet, but will be worked out tonight. Enough is known, however, to say that the one chosen here will be one of those chosen in other cities throughout the Nation during "National Demonstration Week," and that from the list of all, one particular customer will be selected as representative of the United States retail trade and, as such, will be taken to New York for a week of gay festivities, with all expenses paid by the National Association.

This will in no sense be any sort of a tie-up with any store but will be a community affair. The winner of the local contest will, quite likely, have explained in writing "Why I enjoy shopping in Edenton," and will base her views upon her acquaintance with such retailing in Edenton. A special committee will serve as judges in the contest and the successful applicant will be announced on the last day of Demonstration Week.

The Edenton Merchants Association is placing much emphasis on the importance of this week's demonstration and all store members have expressed an eagerness to join in the demonstration. To show how deeply the local body is behind the movement, it has prepared a statement to all its members expressing this realization.

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Local Ambulance Company Awaiting Orders To Depart

About Half of Present Outfit Expected to Resign

In line with President Roosevelt's recent pronouncement calling the Government's National Guardsmen into 12 months war camp training, Edenton members of the local Ambulance unit are still awaiting formal word as to when they will go into this service. Their commander, Lieutenant Martin Wisely, says he expects the call will be for around September 26, ten days later than the date set by the President, and that the unit, if plans do not miscarry will go into camp at Camp Jackson, at Columbia, S. C.

Camp Jackson was used by many of the Chowan volunteers and drafted men during the World War, and since has been very much modernized, and is supposed to be one of the best military training spots in the United States. The local guardsmen have been there on other annual occasions and are glad it is to be selected for this instance.

Lieutenant Wisely, who said the records of the National Guard have been changed to that of Regular Army, stated yesterday that under the privileges granted by Congress for withdrawals, only about one half, if that many, of the local unit would be affected by this training period requirement. All under 18 years of age are dropped automatically, and married men are to be permitted to resign and not go into service, except they so decide otherwise.

The greater conscription bill before Congress at this moment is, also, causing much speculation in Edenton. Resignment liberties will not be so broad in this, it is understood.

Chamber Commerce Gets Good Start In Meeting Of Directors On Tuesday Night

Vacancy Of Special Delivery Messenger At Local Postoffice

Due to Ernest Ward, Jr., enrolling as a student in the University of North Carolina, a vacancy will exist at the Edenton post office for special delivery messenger. Mr. Ward has served in this capacity about a year and plans to study chemistry at the University.

Postmaster C. E. Kramer has several applications for the position, but will not make the appointment until those who so desire file an application.

Need For Central Office Building Again Crops Up

County Now Pays \$100 Per Month For 18 Offices

Though nothing definite was done about it, the need of a central office building in Edenton was again emphasized at the meeting of the County Commissioners Tuesday morning. The idea, discussed a number of times before, cropped up when it was made known by Chairman D. M. Warren that the County at present pays rent on 18 offices for County and government agencies amounting to about \$100 a month.

Not only was the expense occasion for comment, but because these various offices are scattered all over town causes considerable inconvenience among many who are not acquainted with their location as well as the necessity to visit several offices at times.

Merchants' Secretary Leaves For Convention

Mrs. John Dobson, secretary of the Edenton Merchants Association, will leave Edenton Saturday afternoon for Wilson, where she will meet other secretaries and proceed Sunday to Myrtle Beach, S. C., to attend the conference of Merchants Association secretaries which convenes Monday.

Attending the conference will be secretaries from both North and South Carolina.

32 Placed In Chowan Jail During August

Chowan County's jail again proved unpopular in August, when only 32 were incarcerated during the month. This number was shown on Jailer Shelton Moore's monthly report and represented an expenditure of \$94.45, which included jail and turnkey fees. The prisoners were confined for from one to 24 days.

Sunday School At St. Paul's Reopens Sunday

With the arrival of September, St. Paul's Sunday School will reopen on next Sunday morning. Due to the hot weather and so many being away for vacations, the usual services were abandoned during the summer. The school will begin at 9:45 o'clock on Sunday morning under the supervision of Ernest Swain, superintendent.

Game Warden Releases Young Wild Turkeys

Game Warden J. G. Perry last week distributed 40 young wild turkeys throughout Chowan County. These birds came from the State farm at Fayetteville and Mr. Perry urges hunters to refrain from shooting the young turkeys in order to help replenish the stock in the county.

Mr. Perry also expects a shipment of quail within the next few days, which will also be distributed in various sections of the county.

CORRECTION

Miss Chrystal Gregory and Ward Hoskins motored to Norfolk, Va., on Sunday, August 25, instead of Pocomoke City, Md., as was stated in The Herald last week.

Secretary's Salary Cut In Half at Own Suggestion

ON TRIAL

Membership Meeting to Be Held First Tuesday In Each Month

With all but four of the members of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce present at a meeting Tuesday night, the organization apparently got off to a good start. President J. W. Davis presided and with dispatch various matters were disposed of and the meeting, as per his intention, was over within one hour.

The first item of business to be presented was setting the salary of C. L. McCullers, the new secretary. Mr. McCullers himself suggested slicing the salary exactly in half, making it \$300 per year instead of \$600 as heretofore. There were no other suggestions and the amount was agreeable to the directors, other than it was specified that office expenses should be borne by the organization and that traveling expenses should be paid as directed by the Board.

In accepting the position as secretary and the salary, Mr. McCullers was frank in his remarks that he was primarily employed to instruct and develop Edenton High School's band and that this duty could of no account be neglected. In fact, he offered to put forth his best efforts in the interest of the Chamber of Commerce for a period of two or three months and if he found in that time that his Chamber of Commerce duties were detrimental to the band, he would be forced to resign as secretary. It was the general opinion, however, of Mr. McCullers as well as President Davis and the directors that the secretarial duties were of such nature and could be done at a time which would not conflict with his band duties.

It was reported that about \$700 had been pledged in way of memberships and with interest in the

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E. N. Elliott Takes Seat On Tuesday As Commissioner

Chairman Warren Explains Duties and Purposes of Board

Taking the oath of office, which was administered by Clerk of Court Richard D. Dixon just a short time before, E. N. Elliott on Tuesday morning sat with the County Commissioners as a representative of the Fourth Township. Mr. Elliott was appointed by Mr. Dixon to fulfill the unexpired term of A. D. Ward, who died suddenly recently.

Before the meeting began Chairman D. M. Warren, for Mr. Elliott's benefit, explained the duty of the County Commissioners and said that while the county had a conservative tax rate, it was the desire of the Commissioners to spend the money over the county equitably for value received in way of taxes. He also referred to two ticklish problems with which the Commissioners of necessity come in contact, these being schools and liquor. The former, he said, can very easily create a great deal of confusion due to the natural desire to have convenient facilities, while in the latter case he commented upon the price of liquor being so high as to encourage bootlegging. The greatest interest in a legal liquor store in Chowan County, he said, was to control liquor rather than placing emphasis on the profit.

During his remarks Mr. Warren also expressed the opinion that the county might be able to save some money through centralized purchasing. While the School Board, Welfare Board and Board of Health present their budget and as a whole have worked out fairly well, it was his opinion that if items for these three boards were bought by one person better prices might result by such coordination. He threw out this idea in the hope that it would be considered by the board when organized.