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150 Chowan Citizens Face Possible Indictment For Failure To List Poll Tax

Philip McMullan, county tax supervisor, was summoned before the Grand Jury on Tuesday and ordered to make a thorough check with the registration of votes in the last election as well as the recent draft registration to see if any names were included not now on the County tax books.

Mr. McMullan at once began checking and late Wednesday night had found about 150 persons on the two lists who had not listed poll taxes. These will be turned over to Solicitor Chester Morris for action at the next term of court.

Judge W. C. Harris in opening Chowan Superior Court Monday morning continued the present campaign made by various judges upon those who have not listed taxes, and in his charge to the grand jury, ordered the jurymen to check with tax collectors in town and county and then investigate the registration books for the last election as well as the recent draft registration and report to him all names not on the tax books. He said efforts are being made in the different counties to see that all list taxes and that Chowan will be no exception. He informed the jury that 300 to 400 in Gates County had been missing from the tax books, and that usually it is this group of people who have the most criticism to make of the way the government is handled.

The judge expressed his pleasure to learn that since his last visit when he cracked down on slot machines, none have reappeared.

Judge Harris also stated that he is not in accord with the idea of the county paying board to various persons for those who ordinarily would be in a county home, intimating that the county is dodging its responsibility, and hence ordered the grand jury to report to him the name of every indigent person and a report of the conditions under which these unfortunate people are obliged to spend their evening of life. Proper care of old and unfortunate folks is his hobby, he said, and he is going to see to it that they live decently. As a fitting Christmas thought, he said, it would be a good idea to make life just a little happier for these unfortunate.

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Order Placed For Band Uniforms

Director McCullers Has \$767 of \$1,000 Necessary

C. L. McCullers, director of Edenton band, is very much encouraged at the response of friends to raise funds with which to purchase new band uniforms. The goal is now in sight as Mr. McCullers reports on hand \$767.62 of the slightly over \$1,000 necessary. On the strength of the funds in hand and the belief that the remainder will be forthcoming, an order was placed for the uniforms Wednesday.

In order for those interested to know how the present fund was raised, Mr. McCullers submits the following statement:

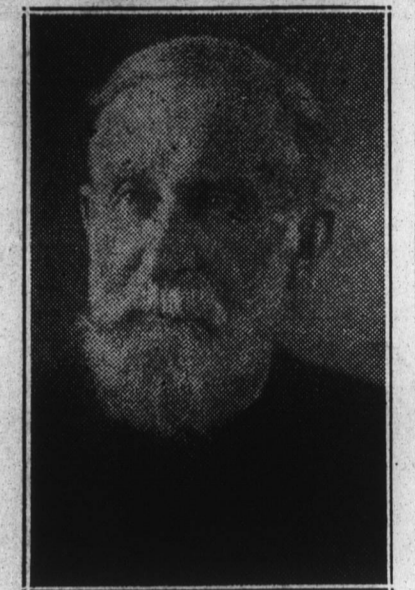
John Graham	\$22.50
Habit Cafe	22.50
Bank of Edenton	22.50
Guy Hobbs	5.00
Julian E. Ward	10.00
W. J. Yates	5.00
Iredell Florist	5.00
Dick Hines	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Amount received from Armistice Day football game	225.70
Amount received from Band parents in advance dues	370.00
Concert proceeds	77.42
Total	\$767.62

Mr. McCullers will appreciate any other contributions, and urges those who plan to aid in providing new uniforms to make their donations at once.

Musical Program At Rotary Club Today

Edenton Rotary Club will meet as usual today at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. For the meeting a musical program has been arranged which will include a trio composed of Grace Wilkins, Frances Hollowell and Estelle Forehand, solos by Julia Weston, with Norma Perry as pianist.

Honored



LATE DR. R. B. DRANE In memory of the beloved rector of St. Paul's Church, a tablet will be unveiled Monday in his honor to which the public is invited.

Tablet Unveiling Monday In Honor Late Dr. R. B. Drane

Ceremony Will Be Held In Church He Served So Long

MANY EXPECTED

Two Grandchildren of Beloved Rector to Participate

Next Monday, December 16, at a service, beginning at 8 p. m., there will be unveiled in St. Paul's Church, by two of his grandchildren, Frances Drane and Bennett Perry, Jr., a memorial tablet to the memory of the late Rev. Robert Brent Drane, D. D., for 56 years rector of said church, and citizen of Edenton. The Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector, will be in charge of the service. Bishop Thomas C. Darst, D. D., bishop of East Carolina, and closely associated with Dr. Drane for many years, will deliver an address on the life and work of Dr. Drane. Many visitors, clergy and laymen, are expected to attend this service. The public is cordially invited.

Dr. Drane was a conspicuous leader in his church and a most useful citizen. His children, Brent S. Drane, of Washington, D. C.; Eliza Drane Webb, of Hillsboro; Dr. Robert B. Drane, of Savannah, Ga.; the Rev. Fred B. Drane, of Monroe; Katherine Drane Perry, of Henderson; and Marian Drane Graham, of Chapel Hill, with their families are to be present.

Besides the congregation which he served, many friends of Dr. Drane of other churches and of no church affiliation, will want to join in this tribute to a revered religious leader.

Christmas Program At Chowan High Dec. 19

A free Christmas program will be held at Chowan High School Thursday evening, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock. The program will consist of numbers by the Glee Club, Chowan faculty trio, primary and grammar grades. A feature of the evening will be a community sing.

Miss Sally Dixon, of Edenton, will be the soloist.

Almost Perfect

Chowan County cotton growers voted almost 100 per cent in Saturday's referendum in favor of having cotton marketing quotas in effect for the 1941 crop.

During the day 230 votes were cast, of which 229 were in favor of the program, and one vote against. The dissenting vote was registered in Yeopim Township.

PTA Presents 'Jane Eyre' Tonight In School Auditorium

Proceeds Will Go Toward Operation of Lunch Room

AT 8 O'CLOCK

Splendid Cast Prepared To Put on First Class Performance

Tonight (Thursday) in the high school auditorium, the Edenton Parent-Teachers Association will present a three-act dramatization of "Jane Eyre." The entertainment is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock and with rehearsals frequently in progress the past week or more, the affair promises to provide entertainment of the highest calibre. The play is directed by Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates, who also takes the part of the leading character, Jane Eyre.

Others in the cast are as follows: Mrs. Fairfax—Dot Moore Ballenger Grace Poole—Margaret Satterfield Rochester—Frank Holmes Mason—Sam Cates Blanche Ingram—Anna Wood Lady Ingram—Barbara Kepler Mr. Wood—Harvey Cheston

The production staff includes: Advisory Committee—Mrs. A. G. Byrum and Mrs. P. S. McMullan. Stage Manager—Elton Forehand. Electrician—Alvin Parks. Property Committee—Mrs. C. C. Cates and Miss Orpha Cozart. Scenery—Ralph Britt and David Goodwin. Make-up—Miss Lucille Clarke. Prompter—Miss Lucille Clarke. Director—Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates.

The proceeds from the entertainment will go toward operation of the school lunch room and for that reason members of the Association are hopeful that the auditorium will be filled to capacity in order to enjoy a fine entertainment and at the same time lend aid in the very worthwhile undertaking of providing meals at the school for undernourished children.

Charles Overman Succeeds Rowell As County Agent

Commissioners Approve Appointment on Monday

Meeting in special session Monday afternoon, Chowan County Commissioners approved the appointment of Charles W. Overman to succeed N. K. Rowell as county farm agent. Mr. Overman was recommended by Troy Ferguson, head of the northeastern district farm agents.

Mr. Overman, a very capable man, is now agent in Dare County and will take over his duties here on January 1. He was graduated from State College in 1928 and has served as farm agent in Nash and Bertie counties before going to Dare, having been in the service for almost six years. Before entering the service he was connected with the marketing division for fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Overman attended Mr. Rowell's funeral Sunday and remained over until Monday when he met with the County Commissioners and was subsequently appointed. He is a very active member of the Manteo Rotary Club and is usually called upon to lead singing at Rotary assemblies as well as at other Rotary affairs. Aside from his Rotary activities, he is a live wire and is expected to maintain the high standard of service so long carried on by his predecessor.

GRAND JURY RECOMMENDS REOPENING OF CHOWAN COUNTY HOME IN REPORT

In their report to Judge Harris before being dismissed on Wednesday afternoon for the term, the Chowan grand jurors recommended that the County Home, more or less abandoned last year, be restored and all buildings be repaired, and that all inmates be returned to the institution instead of being boarded out as at present. This is in consonance with the Court's instructions. The same report announced

Edenton Trio Makes Trip To National Capital To Present Chowan County's Data For \$5,000,000 Dirigible Base

Christmas Tree To Be Decorated On Court House Green

Mrs. Julien Wood, Sr., Put In Charge of Decorations

THREE PROGRAMS

Music By Band, Glee Clubs and Various Choruses

An added feature to the celebration of Christmas in Edenton this year will be a beautiful Christmas tree on the Court House Green, which will be decorated under the supervision of Mrs. Julien Wood, Sr., in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce. Around the tree will center three programs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Christmas week, which have been arranged to add to the spirit of the occasion.

On Monday night, December 23, a musical program will be presented by the combined glee clubs of Edenton and Chowan high schools, as well as several numbers by the Edenton band. The respective glee clubs will be under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Hughes and Mrs. Gordon Blow.

Tuesday night's program includes numbers by a combined colored chorus under the direction of Chester Hawkins.

The highlight of the Christmas tree activities will be on Christmas night when it is planned to hold a general community sing led by the combined church choirs. This feature will be in charge of Miss Mary Elizabeth Cates, Mrs. M. A. Hughes, Mrs. W. H. Colfield, Mrs. Gordon Blow and C. L. McCullers.

Unightly Road Causes Criticism Of Garden Club

Members Urged to Attend Public Forum Meetings

At the regular meeting Monday afternoon the Edenton Garden Club discussed at length the unsightliness of the Cemetery road, which resulted in the appointment of a committee to meet with Town Council to see what can be done about the matter. A great desire was also expressed to look into the advisability of installing a sun dial on the Court House green.

Another matter discussed was the idea of the Town giving to Bundles for Britain the amount usually appropriated for the best decorated home and business house during the Christmas season and instead award blue ribbons to the winners. A committee was appointed to make this recommendation to Town Council. The club voted to support the public forums being held this winter and agreed to share the expenses on an equal basis with other organizations. All members were urged by Mrs. R. P. Badham, president, to attend these very interesting and enlightening affairs.

Members were gratified to learn (Continued On Page Eight)

Richard D. Dixon, Julien Wood, Sr., and John W. Graham Spent Week-end In Washington In Effort to Land Big Project

Though, of course, no commitments have been made, an Edenton trio following a hurriedly planned trip to Washington, D. C., over the week-end feels that Chowan County has a fighting chance to be selected for the location of the five-million-dollar naval dirigible base to be erected by the United States government somewhere along the Atlantic seaboard.

The trio composed of Richard D. Dixon, Julien Wood, Sr., and John W. Graham on Saturday journeyed to the national capital to personally present pertinent data in printed form to Commander C. E. Rosendahl as well as add any verbal information necessary in an effort to secure the base for Chowan County.

There three men, together with D. M. Warren, worked liked Trojans to compile necessary information and are very optimistic over Chowan's ability to at least meet practically all of the requirements set forth by the Navy Department.

In Washington the three Edenton men—Mr. Warren was unable to make the trip—were met by Representative Herbert Bonner, who was very cordial and arranged a conference with Commander Rosendahl. A fresh impetus to the belief that the base will be located somewhere in North Carolina resulted Monday when Commander Rosendahl held a conference with Basil Manly, district freight agent for the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Mr. Manly presented the facilities of the road and said the Norfolk Southern is ready and eager to cooperate with the Navy Department in every way possible if the decision is reached to establish the base within the railway's operating territory.

At the same time Commander Rosendahl said that North Carolina sites would probably be given precedence, but that surveys were also in progress in Florida and in Massachusetts. While the various sections being considered are hopeful that they will be selected, the Edenton delegation, despite the fact that they could not bring back definite encouraging reports, was still optimistic because they had not received any discouraging information.

The site will no doubt be selected in a week or two, and in the meantime the entire citizenry remains hopeful that the Edenton location will be approved.

N. K. Rowell Passes Away Friday Night After Year's Illness

Farm Agent For Chowan County For 21 Years

53 YEARS OLD

Funeral Largely Attended on Sunday Afternoon

Following an illness lasting over a year, some of which time he was confined in a hospital and for the past several weeks confined to his home, N. K. Rowell passed away about 8 o'clock Friday night. He was 53 years old, having been born in Marion, S. C., on December 8, 1887.

Mr. Rowell was one of the oldest county officials in point of service, having served as Chowan County farm agent for 21 years, taking over his duties in 1919. Prior to coming to Chowan County he served in a similar capacity at Trenton, N. C., for two years. He was graduated at Clemson with a B. S. degree in 1912, after which he served as assistant agronomist at the college for one year. In 1913 he was appointed to the federal service as superintendent of the experiment station at Alabang, R. I., Zail Province in the Philippine Islands, where he remained for four years. During his connection with this station he traveled extensively in China, Japan and Hawaii in the interest of his work.

In 1917 he was appointed county agent of Jones County with offices at Trenton, N. C., where he served two years. From Jones County he came to Chowan, where his abilities (Continued On Page Five)

That a larger attendance is expected at the forum Friday night than at the one previously held is evident by the general satisfaction expressed following Dr. E. J. Woodhouse's discussion of International Relations on November 22nd. Many who did not attend the first forum have expressed their intention of attending Friday night's affair. It is hoped by all the cooperating organizations that a large number avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing and taking part in these forums, and Superintendent John A. Holmes has arranged to move the meeting into the auditorium if the library cannot accommodate all who attend.

Easy Money

On Monday morning checks arrived at the local farm agent's office for 97 applicants in the 1940 soil conservation program. This is the first batch of checks received of 640 applications and represents a distribution of \$4,428.49.

Information is given at the office that as fast as checks arrive, the recipients will be notified, so that it is not necessary to come to the office to inquire if any particular checks have been received.

Schools Close Dec. 20 For Holiday Season

Edenton schools will close on Friday, December 20, for the Christmas holidays, Superintendent John A. Holmes announced Tuesday afternoon. Teachers will thus be enabled to enjoy a lengthy holiday season, being required to return for the opening of school again on Monday, January 6.