

Chamber of Commerce Will Stage Banquet At Cross Roads Tuesday, March 25

Rural Citizens Invited To Be Present For Affair

SURPRISE PROGRAM

President Davis Names Three Important Committees

Chowan County's little and attractive Community House beyond Cross Roads, to be the scene of two other banqueting affairs of prominence this month, has been similarly selected by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce for its annual dinner on Tuesday, March 25, to which mid-county farmers from the surrounding section will be invited. Inasmuch as the Chamber has 86 active members, and a substantial number of outsiders will be given special invitation, also, it is expected the affair may have up around a hundred or more in attendance.

The Chamber of Commerce has planned for a banquet earlier in the year in Edenton with the corps of engineers expected for a stay here as guests but the engineers apparently have gone astray, so at a special meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday afternoon, the county dinner was decided upon instead.

What is termed a "surprise program" of entertainment will be offered the guests at the dinner, the program, however, to be far from tiring and lasting not over an hour and a half. John A. Holmes will be the only speaker introduced and his talk will be a brief one.

The decision to have the dinner at the Community House was based on a desire to inculcate, if possible, a warmer spirit of comradeship and cooperation between the agriculturists of the county and those living in Edenton. An especial effort will be made to encourage this.

Last Tuesday's gathering was called hurriedly by President J. W. Davis, who has done much of late to quicken a renewed interest in the organization, and in furtherance of the same thought a second directors' meeting will be held next Tuesday night at which final plans for the dinner will be promulgated.

At Tuesday's meeting President Davis appointed three committees, his expressed intention being not to appoint a long list of committees, but to name them as they are needed.

To arrange for the banquet he appointed John A. Holmes, L. S. Byrum, T. C. Byrum, Earl Harrell, Jesse Harrell and C. E. Kramer.

Mr. Davis also felt it necessary to appoint a national defense committee and an agricultural committee, which are as follows:

National Defense—J. L. Wiggins, J. H. Conger, the Rev. C. A. Ashby, L. C. Burton and J. Clarence Leary. Agriculture—C. W. Overman, J. Clarence Leary, Wallace Jones and Guy Hobbs.

At the meeting the directors also voted to accept the invitation of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce to meet jointly four times a year, twice in each town, to discuss matters of mutual benefit and create a feeling of cooperation instead of antagonism.

Lack Of Interest May Kill Edenton Home Guard Unit

Millard F. Bond Discouraged With Attitude Shown

Whether or not Edenton will have a home guard protective unit as desired by the State seems to still hang from the heavens, and, frankly, with no sharp interest being shown by the town regarding its establishment. Millard F. Bond, who has agreed to accept the captaincy of the local unit, told the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, and told them very emphatically, some real desire must be shown by the community before he would make a further move to start the ball rolling.

Mr. Bond, who would naturally make somewhat of a business sacrifice in assuming the captaincy, feels there are two direct angles that must be ironed out before the unit is started—one a legalized attitude (Continued on Page Four)

Elizabeth City And Edenton C. Of C. At "Peace" Table

Representatives of Two Groups Meet Monday Afternoon

COOPERATE

Iron Out Speeding of Legislative Special Through Edenton

That there will be more cooperation between the Edenton and Elizabeth City Chambers of Commerce in the future will no doubt result following a meeting Monday afternoon of a delegation of Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce members and local representatives. The meeting materialized when it was learned in Elizabeth City that there was a feeling of dissatisfaction in Edenton regarding the attitude of Elizabeth City citizens relative to the legislative special train stopping in Edenton on its way to hold a one-day session in Elizabeth City.

The information in Edenton was to the effect that the train was to stop here for fuel, but that when this was learned, somebody who had something to do with chartering the train immediately made it clear to railroad officials that the fee was paid by Elizabeth City and that an Edenton stop was absolutely forbidden.

Upon the assumption that the train would either stop or slow down, the Edenton High School Band marched to the station, as well as a goodly number of citizens to see and welcome, if possible, members of the General Assembly.

As a good will gesture, it was also planned to distribute bags of peanuts thus letting the legislators and others on the train know that Edenton is the largest peanut market in the State. It was necessary, however, to send the peanuts to Raleigh in order to have them distributed, which was done.

On the assumption that the feeling in Edenton was more aggravated than it really was, a meeting was asked with several Edenton Chamber of Commerce members in order to iron out the affair.

In the Elizabeth City group were C. W. Ward, G. C. Meads, Roland Garrett, Lorimer Midgett and Miles Clark. The Edenton group included J. W. Davis, C. L. McCullers, Joe Conger, Richard D. Dixon, John W. Graham and J. Edwin Bufflap.

The visitors expressed regret that the misunderstanding arose regarding (Continued on Page Five)

Town Councilmen Again Wrestle Long With Proposed Improvements; Project Reduced To Sponsor's Share Of \$22,194

Speak Tonight To Former U. N. C. Students



J. MARVON SAUNDERS

J. Marvon Saunders, alumni secretary of the University of North Carolina, will assist local graduates tonight in organizing a new alumni club for Chowan County.



COACH RAYMOND WOLF

Raymond B. Wolf, head football coach at the University of North Carolina since 1935, will be the principal speaker tonight at a meeting of former University students.

Possibility of Election Called to Vote on Bond Issue

CHANGES MADE

Attorney Instructed to Investigate Financial Status of Town

Town Councilmen, again at their regular meeting Tuesday night, wrestled long with the proposition to inaugurate an extensive improvement program by which practically all streets would be hard-surfaced, sidewalks laid, or at least one side of all streets, and curbs and gutters placed on the cotton mill village. Other than showing an interest in at least some of the improvements being made, no definite steps were taken except to instruct Town Attorney John F. White to investigate what amount of bonds the town would be permitted to sell in order to make the improvements. A special meeting will be called when this information is in hand.

Following instructions, the street Commissioner presented a new set of figures, which eliminated a portion of originally proposed street paving, but included every street running across town and Oakum Street from Church to Freeman. The new figures also provide for reducing the sidewalk project, including sidewalks on only one side of most of the streets instead of two.

Originally proposed improvements represented an approximate expenditure of \$76,000, of which the town's part would have been \$28,247. Under the revised set-up, the total expense will be \$61,314, with the town's share being about \$22,194.

It was generally agreed by the Councilmen that improvements should be made, but there was a diversion of opinion as to whether all the work contemplated should be undertaken. It was figured that bonds could be sold and paid for on an annual \$1,000 maturity basis for about a 7-cent tax levy. This, however, included all of the improvements upon which there was a diversion of opinion. It was also the consensus of opinion that the town should make the improvements instead of seeking petitions for street paving and sidewalks. It was felt doubtful if many of the improvements would materialize if it was dependent upon petitions and property owners paying for part of the work. However, if the town decides to make the improvements and sells bonds for the purpose, it will be necessary to call an election for the purpose of voting on the matter. This will be done, no doubt, when Mr. White is informed about the town's financial status.

In order to acquaint citizens with exactly what the contemplated improvements include, they are listed below:

Placing curbs and gutters on the cotton mill village.

Street Paving

Oakum Street from Church to Freeman.

Granville Street from Carteret to (Continued on Page Five)

Appraisers Work Hard And Long To Finish Their Work

Commissioners Will Sit To Hear Complaints Next Monday

Property appraisers for the First Township, which includes Edenton, have been working overtime lately, remaining long into the night in the office on the second floor of the Court House in order to complete the task of revaluing property. This work is about completed in the other townships of the county and efforts are now directed on city property so that property owners can be notified of any increase in valuations in time to appear before the County Commissioners on March 17 for the purpose of registering any complaints.

On March 17, the Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review to hear and act upon any complaints. It is hoped to complete this work in one day, but if not it will be necessary to adjourn and continue sessions until all complaints have been heard. (Continued On Page Four)

Edenton Baptist Church Host To B. T. U. Convention

District Workers Meet Here Friday and Saturday

GOOD PROGRAM

Dr. Wagner and Archibald McMillan Principal Speakers

Tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, members of the Edenton Baptist Church will be hosts to the 1941 Baptist Training Union Convention of the First District. The two-day session will begin at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, with a night session scheduled to continue until 9 o'clock, when there will be an informal reception.

In connection with the convention, a sunrise service will be held at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning, conducted by Harry Hand, of Wake Forest College. At 9 o'clock the program will be resumed and continues until noon. The afternoon session will begin at 1:30 and continue until 3:15.

For the occasion John M. Elliott, president, has arranged a very interesting and informative program, which will be featured by two prominent speakers. The Rev. P. Rowland Wagner, of Norfolk, Va., who has spoken in Edenton on several occasions and will undoubtedly attract a large audience, will deliver an inspirational address at 11:30 on Saturday morning. Archibald M. McMillan, editor of "The Chowan" (Continued on Page Eight)

Unique Improvement Made At Hotel Joseph Hewes Coffee Shop

Further improvement is being made to the interior of the Hotel Joseph Hewes when workmen started in this week on the redecoration of the first floor coffee shop. This room will be beautified with side walls of 200-year-old cypress paneling, in its natural color, and when completed will be one of the most attractive and unique dining places in the State. The cypress being used represents ancient trees recently cut down from the great cypress woods at "Greenfield," and have been planed and prepared in a local mill. The redecoration will add materially to the appearance of the coffee shop.

Methodist Ladies Will Meet Monday

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church will meet Monday afternoon, March 17, at the home of Mrs. P. T. Owens. The meeting will begin at 3:30 o'clock and all members are urged to attend.

Former University Students Gather At Hotel Tonight

Plan to Organize U.N.C. Alumni Association For Chowan

AT 7 O'CLOCK

Coach Wolf and Secretary Saunders Principal Speakers

In the neighborhood of 40 former University of North Carolina students of Chowan County are expected to meet tonight (Thursday) at a banquet to be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes for the purpose of organizing a U. N. C. alumni club. There are 53 Carolina men listed in Chowan, according to Frank M. Holmes, who inaugurated the idea of organizing a locally. He has distributed tickets for the banquet, which will be held at 7 o'clock, and is very much encouraged by the response.

Mr. Holmes will act as toastmaster, according to the program arranged, which also includes addresses by Coach Ray Wolf and Marvon Saunders, alumni secretary of the University of North Carolina. The program will begin by singing two favorite University songs, "Tar Heels on Hand" and "Hark to the Sound," after which C. D. Stewart will ask a blessing. Following dinner Mr. Saunders will speak, using as his subject "U. N. C. Alumni Clubs." After Mr. Saunders' remarks, John A. Holmes will present Chowan alumni personalities, which will be followed by a business session in charge of Joe Conger.

Following the business session, the principal address of the evening will be delivered by Coach Wolf, at the conclusion of which pictures of the Carolina-Duke football game will be shown.

There was an organization of Chowan alumni some years ago although no meetings have been held recently and Mr. Holmes, one of the youngest graduates, has been very enthusiastic in an effort to have a club functioning in Chowan County.

Mayor To Represent Town In Cemetery Association Confab

Following a request by the Cemetery Association for the County and Town to take over the maintenance of Beaver Hill Cemetery, Mayor J. H. McMullan on Tuesday night was instructed to represent Town Council at a meeting to discuss what steps might be taken.

D. M. Warren as chairman of the County Commissioners, will represent the county board, who together with members of the Cemetery Association and Mr. McMullan will meet, discuss the proposition and report back to their respective groups.

B. T. U. Speakers



REV. P. ROWLAND WAGNER

At 11:30 Saturday morning Rev. Mr. Wagner will deliver an inspirational address at the Baptist Training Union Convention in the Baptist Church. Mr. Wagner has spoken several times in Edenton, and many will hear him again.



ARCHIE B. McMILLAN

Mr. McMillan, editor of "The Commission," will be one of the featured speakers at the Eastern Regional Baptist Training Union Convention in the Edenton Baptist Church. He is scheduled to speak at 8:30 Friday night.

Red Men Banquet Friday, March 21

Affair Will Be Held at Community Building At Cross Roads

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Red Men's banquet which will be held Friday night, March 21, at the Community Building at Small's Cross Roads. The meal will be served by the Chowan Woman's Club and will begin at 7 o'clock.

For the banquet the local committee expects to secure Walter Cohoon of Elizabeth City, as the principal speaker, and he will be accompanied by several prominent Red Men from Pasquotank Tribe. Mr. Cohoon spoke at last year's banquet and so well pleased those present that an unanimous request has been made for him to speak again this year.

W. J. Daniels, chairman of the committee to arrange for the banquet, has distributed tickets to Ernest White, Percy Smith, C. H. Barber, Russell Cobb, A. S. Hollowell, R. L. Pratt and J. Craig Haste, who are asked to make a report as to sales next Monday night. In the neighborhood of 100 are expected to attend.

Roper Thanks Town For Recent Assistance

At Tuesday night's meeting of Town Council a very appreciative letter was read from the Town of Roper for services rendered by the recent call for help to the Edenton Fire Department. The town was very grateful for the assistance offered, but apparently the request was made by a "frantic citizen" when the aid was not needed. It was requested that hereafter no attention be paid to similar requests unless made by an official of the Town of Roper.

Dixon Speaker At Service Club Meet

Group Will Meet March 18 at Community Building

Members of the Chowan Service Club are urged to take notice of the change of the monthly meeting, which will be held in the Community Building at Cross Roads at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night, March 18, instead of Tuesday, March 11. The postponement was made when it was first decided by the Edenton Parent-Teachers Association to present a Womanless Wedding on March 11, but was later changed to Wednesday night.

At the meeting the principal address will be made by Richard D. Dixon, popular clerk of Chowan Superior Court, and it is hoped every member will be present. Special music will be furnished by County Agent C. W. Overman.

Newly-elected officers of the Service Club are: President, Miss Frances Dail; vice president, Carlton Goodwin; secretary, Martha McClenny; assistant secretary, Annie Mae Hollowell; treasurer, Winona Asbell; pianist, Juanita Lane; song leader, Louise Bush.

Five More Negroes To Be Sent To Fort Bragg

Chowan County's draft board this week received a call for five more colored men to be inducted into military service. The five men will report to Fort Bragg on Wednesday, March 19.

Those scheduled to report are Ernest Albert Ward, Junius Satterfield, John Thomas Nowell, Cornelius Shannons and Dan Owens. As volunteers their services and bring the total entering service, since the local draft board formed to 12.