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Town Officers Installed; F. P. Wood Made Chairman Board Of Public Works

Town Attorney To Start Proceedings Collect For Sidewalks

HASKETT IN OFFICE Various Appointments Will Be Made At June Meeting

First business of Town Council in regular meeting at the Municipal Building Tuesday night was the swearing into office of the members of the Board of Public Works. Going into session immediately after the ceremony, the Board named F. P. Wood as chairman, who with Dr. W. S. Griffin, newly elected to the Board, and W. W. Byrum, older member, now compose the Board of Public Works.

After the routine business of the regular session, Leroy H. Haskett, from the Third Ward, who defeated Albert Byrum, chairman of the important finance committee, took the oath of office with those who had been re-elected. Mr. Haskett defeated Mr. Byrum by a slim margin of eleven votes in the city election last Tuesday when more than double the amount of Edenton voters went to the polls than in the previous election in 1937.

Mr. Byrum, formally leaving the Council, expressed his regret at the turn of events that caused him to do so. "I can only say," remarked the outgoing councilman, "that I have thoroughly enjoyed the work, and the contacts that I have made as a member of the council."

All city officers who were elected to serve for the next two years with the exception of J. Edwin Bufflap, street commissioner and councilman-at-large, were present to take the oath. Appointments will be made at the regular meeting held in June, which includes town clerk, tax collector, fire chief, employed firemen, chief of police and policemen and various positions in connection with organization of Town Council.

A proposal to have the town clock stopped at night because of reported complaints as to the striking of the clock drawing from the councilmen an unanimous "let 'er ring." No vote was taken and the proposal was not entered into the minutes of the meeting. The clock is located atop the Court House building.

The town clerk was instructed to have the town attorney start proceedings to collect from property owners for their share of the expense in connection with the construction of certain sidewalks in the city 18 months ago.

Proposal Before Council To Move Soft Ball Park

Vote Reaches Deadlock; Committee Appointed To Investigate

Appearing before Town Council in meeting at the Municipal Building Tuesday night, G. B. Potter, as chairman of the Lions Club division of safety, proposed that the municipal soft ball park be moved to a greater distance from Broad Street. Discussion finally ended in a deadlock when Mayor J. H. McMullan, presiding, called for a vote on Councilman O. B. Perry's motion that the soft ball diamond be moved to the site of the old baseball diamond provided that the "E. and W. Department" could make the change without cost to the town. Mr. Potter supported his proposal with the argument that the soft ball activities constituted a menace to the safety of small children who come to the ball games to play rather than to watch the games, and that they run carelessly into nearby Broad Street into the path of passing cars. He added, in presentation of his proposal to the council, that the attraction of the soft ball games was the sole cause of "double parking" on Broad Street in the vicinity of the ball diamond.

G. M. Byrum, member of the council and commissioner of parks and playgrounds, at this point voiced protests to the moving idea on the grounds that a large expense would necessarily be connected with moving.

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Experts On Peanuts Discuss Problems At Edenton Meet

Every Phase of Growing Crop Receives Share Of Comment

HOLLAND PLEASED Plans Advanced For Use Or Appropriation For Research Work

Dean I. O. Schaub, together with a corps of State College professors and Experiment Station experts, met in Edenton last Thursday with directors of the Peanut Stabilization Co-operative when every phase of peanut growing was discussed and consideration given to the expenditure of \$12,500 appropriated by the General Assembly for the next two years for research work.

Mr. Holland in opening the meeting expressed his appreciation for the presence of the experts and said it was a distinct honor to have them come to Edenton to cooperate in improvements in growing peanuts. The meeting was turned over to Dean Schaub, who called on various professors to explain their findings in connection with research work and in fact turned the meeting into a round-table discussion resulting in comments which were of interest to all present.

Every phase of the industry was touched, including soil, fertilizer, weather conditions, rotation of crops, plant diseases and plant breeding.

Dean Schaub requested comments from everyone present in the hope that a lead might develop for some research work which may have been overlooked and he told the gathering that it was the purpose to spend the extra money available to the best advantage of growers of peanuts. This money will not be secured until July, but Mr. Schaub stated it was his intention to secure advance information and lay plans for using this money so that some concrete results can be obtained to present to the General Assembly which will bear out the (Please Turn to Page Four)

Dental Clinic Now Ending Fifth Week In Chowan County

1,723 Teeth Pulled Or Filled By State Dentists

Approximately four hundred Chowan County and Edenton school children have suffered manfully, either mentally or physically, during the past five weeks as Dr. E. T. Koonce, of the State Board of Health, pulled or filled 1,068 teeth.

Dr. Koonce has been operating through different stations in the county and on the second floor of the Court House in Edenton since April 10th, under sponsorship of the local health department of which Dr. F. H. Garriss, county health officer, is the head.

In three weeks, Dr. I. A. Davis, State Board of Health dentist, has added to the total number of children in the county, examined or treated, 515 Negro school children. Dr. Davis has his headquarters at present in the Negro school building in Edenton. He has performed 655 operations on 184 children.

Dr. Koonce at present is located in the Court House building, and the dental clinic is scheduled for a full run of eight or nine weeks depending, of course, on the list of patients who have yet to come forward.

Petition Circulated In Effort To Continue Summer Half-Holiday

A petition was being circulated in Edenton Tuesday with an aim to have local business houses continue the practice of closing during the summer months for a half holiday on Wednesday afternoons. The months are June, July and August.

Action taken by a group of business men who met in the Municipal Building last Wednesday resulted in a vote of 10 to 2 against the half-holiday plan after discussion.

It was reported Tuesday night that the managements or owners of 22 of the town's leading business firms had affixed signatures to the petition, and that the activity was meeting the approval of many business houses.

Wade Marr Will Be Speaker At Edenton High Graduation

Baccalaureate Sermon On May 14 by Rev. W. C. Benson

42 GRADUATES Certificates On Order For 90 Grammar Grade Grads

School bells in Edenton will have a ring of finality next Wednesday when 42 seniors included in the graduating class of 1939, possibly the largest aggregation of grads in the history of the school, are presented their diplomas Wednesday night. The number exceeds the class of '38 by eight students.

Second on the schedule of commencement exercises, the baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday night in the auditorium by the Rev. W. C. Benson, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church. With night services called off at the local churches the auditorium will probably be filled to capacity.

The program Wednesday night, when Wade Marr, Past District Governor of Rotary International, N. C., and later Director of Rotary International, will deliver the graduation address, is the final activity and signals the termination of public school days for the seniors who will receive their diplomas. Unlike last year, when it will be remembered, commencement exercises were hampered by the confusion accompanying the construction of the new auditorium, enough space and seating facilities are now available to carry out the program in the style which such an occasion merits.

Diplomas have been ordered for the following, all of whom will soon probably leave behind them what is (Continued on Page Five)

Many Edenton Firms Are Subscribing To Hospitalization Plan

Miss Walker, Representative, Talks To Lions And Rotary Clubs

The Hospital Saving Association of North Carolina, sponsors of the well-known "Two-Cents-A-Day Plan" for paying hospital bills, announces the appointment of Miss Linda Walker of Wilson as Chowan County representative, according to Felix A. Grisette, of Chapel Hill, executive director of the Association. Miss Walker is a native of Norfolk, but she has been a resident of Eastern Carolina for several years. She expects to make periodic visits to Edenton from her headquarters in Wilson. The home offices of the Hospital Saving Association are located in Chapel Hill.

This non-profit organization is sponsored and controlled by the North Carolina Hospital Association and the North Carolina Medical Society. The sole object is to provide an easy method of paying hospital bills for its members if and when hospital treatment is necessary.

The Association, although organized only a little more than three years ago, has already enrolled more than 90,000 North Carolina people as members. (Continued on Page Five)

Defendant In Larceny Case Asks Jury Trial; Names of 12 Drawn

Summoned for jury duty in the case of Mrs. Lillie Mae Ward, Edenton woman charged with larceny, the following Chowan County men will be notified to appear when the case is scheduled to come up at the next term of Recorder's Court on Tuesday, May 15th.

Drawn for duty, are: R. C. Bunch, Jr., Mark Bunch, E. J. Goodwin, J. A. Edwin Bufflap, Eston Baker, J. A. Morgan, F. J. Ward, Fred P. Wood, W. C. Hollowell, Lawson H. Spruill, R. A. Mansfield and E. L. Ward.

Mrs. Ward is alleged to have taken a pair of hose from the store of Rose's Five and Ten on the night of Saturday, May 6. The defendant, represented by Herbert Leary, asked for a jury trial in Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court and the case was continued until next Tuesday while jurors are being summoned.

Herring Fishing Season Is Extended For Five Days; Very Poor Catches So Far

60 Attend Spring Federation Meet Of County Clubs

John A. Holmes Makes Splendid Address at Meeting

VISIT KITCHENS Play Presented by Clubs From Beech Fork and Rocky Hock

Home Demonstration Clubs of Chowan County held the Spring Federation meeting in the auditorium of Chowan High School on last Thursday with about 60 members present, representing eight clubs.

Mrs. T. L. Ward, president, called the meeting to order, by the assembly singing "Follow The Gleam." Rev. J. T. Byrum conducted the devotional.

Mrs. A. D. Ward, president of the 16th District of Home Demonstration Clubs, extended cordial greetings of welcome to club members and visitors. Following the greetings, a roll call of clubs was made and the minutes of the Fall Federation were read and approved.

Miss May Belle Edwards gave a very lovely rendition of the world-loved "Gypsy Love Song," accompanied by Mrs. Gordon Blow.

Mrs. S. F. Small introduced the speaker, Superintendent John A. Holmes of Edenton High School, whose address was the main feature of the morning program. His subject, "Woman," was interesting and instructive and will prove beneficial if put into practice by everyone who heard it. The morning program closed with the audience repeating the Club Collect in unison.

Lunch was served by the Chowan Woman's Club.

The afternoon exercises opened with singing the song, "Is Everybody Happy?" led by Mrs. J. Cameron Boyce, the song leader. The Chowan High School Glee Club rendered several selections under the direction of Mrs. Gordon Blow.

Beech Fork and Rocky Hock clubs presented a very interesting pantomime, "Easier Ways." Mrs. Percy Smith, County Home Management Leader, was chairman of this group.

The meeting closed with the singing of "A Song of the Open Country."

The meeting adjourned at 2:30, when the women were invited to visit the kitchens of Mrs. R. N. Harrell and Mrs. Percy Smith, who won first places in the Kitchen Contest which closed last fall. They were very gracious hostesses, receiving in their convenient and attractive kitchens to explain changes that were made, and answering numerous questions. Much interest was shown in this part of the day's program which was the first tour in the county to visit result demonstrations. It is hoped that there will be many more similar tours, because this is one of the best means of teaching and exchanging ideas. The tour was not planned with the thought that anyone would copy either of these kitchens, but that others might get ideas and be encouraged to improve their own workshops—the kitchen.

"May Day In Edenton" Is Theme of Woman's College Presentation

"An Historical May Day in Edenton, North Carolina," was the theme of a recent presentation at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina.

According to the program, "In colonial times the celebration of May Day was a major spring event. It was the custom for the villagers to rise at dawn and go out to the woods to gather greens and flowers. They would return to the green later in the day and amuse themselves with dancing.

"Sailors came from the ships in the harbor, frontiersmen came in from the plains. The great moment of the day came when Governor Eden walked among the dancers and picked the fairest of the maidens to be Queen of May."

Governor Eden of North Carolina, was played by Dr. B. B. Kendrick, and Leah G. Smirnow was in charge of direction for the University presentation.

John F. White Receives Tidings Monday Morning

HAMPTON Disastrous Season In Prospect Unless Influx Develops

Herring fishing has been a heart-breaking experience this season; there's no other way to describe the situation except to say that the catches have been unusually small all season, that the unseasonal cold weather has something to do with it, and that the herring "jus aren't here." However, men who depend on the fancies of the finny tribe for a livelihood will be glad to learn that the season, scheduled to close today (Wednesday), has been extended for another five days.

Representative John F. White received a telegram to this effect from John A. Nelson, fisheries commissioner at Morehead City, just before noon Monday morning.

Even with the extension granted, unless an influx of herring develops within the next few days, fishermen hereabouts are faced with their most disastrous season in many years.

Down on the wharves Monday morning at the fish houses of J. G. Small, where a catch somewhat larger than the one on Saturday had just come in, a reporter was shown through the operations of cleaning the fish, salting them and packing them.

Another house, apart from the main building, and which normally takes care of about half a million herring, was entirely empty and showed no signs of having been used all season. A large fishing boat was moored just off the wharf and Mr. Small explained that it had been idle for some time. It is used only in case another boat breaks down, when normally it should be seeing daily use along with the other boats.

At Cannons Ferry, catches Saturday brought as low as 95 cents and \$1.05, which amount does not even cover the expense of gasoline for the boats. Faced with this condition, frantic efforts were being made to have the season extended.

From R. Bruce Etheridge, Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, Representative White had gathered the impression that the herring season would close along with the other forms of gill net and seine fishing. Roy Hampton, district inspector, had stated that he would recommend the five-day extension; giving as reasons for so doing that the last run of herrings that come in, if they do, when they spawn and go back to sea, are practically useless as anything more than shark bait. According to Representative (Continued on Page Five)

Property Advertised This Week For 1938 Taxes Not Yet Paid

Sheriff Bunch Collected About \$7,000 On Saturday

Saturday night was the deadline for paying 1938 taxes, and the delinquents are being advertised in this issue of The Herald. It had been hoped that most of those who had not paid their taxes would do so before curfew rang, and save the penalties. Many did so, and Sheriff J. A. Bunch has announced that tax collections over Saturday just about total last year's collection for the same date.

All delinquent taxpayers had been notified by the Sheriff that their taxes will be advertised this week and The Herald has been carrying notices to the same effect. The tax levy for the year is \$82,007.99.

Saturday was a good day; in spite of various reasons for delay in paying taxes, the Sheriff collected around seven thousand dollars which amount was equally as good as the same date before publication of delinquents last year. Also the publication list appearing in this issue is no larger than it was last year, which indicates that something in the neighborhood of the same number of taxpayers were again able to pay up without too much delay this year.