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Adequate Jail And Toilet Facilities Cause Problems For County - City Officials

Joint Meeting Held Friday Night to Discuss Matters

TWO EMERGENCIES
Attractive Addition to Present County Jail Seems Certain

With both city and county officials facing two separate emergencies, a joint meeting of the Chowan County Commissioners, Town Council and the Board of Public Works was held Friday night in the Municipal Building. The problem facing the County Commissioners is adequate jail facilities, while puzzling the town officials is public toilet facilities.

D. M. Warren, chairman of the County Commissioners, presided over the meeting, and before entering into the discussion stated the purpose of the meeting. He explained that the old jail is inadequate to meet present day needs and that the Commissioners were unanimous in their opinion that something must be done as soon as possible. The present jail was built in the early 1800's and provides for only 8 white men and 8 colored men on the first floor. In each instance the prisoners are in one cell and there have been occasions when more than that number were confined, making it necessary for prisoners to sleep on the floor or wait until a cell-mate was through sleeping.

On the second floor there is a room for white women and another room for colored women, with no facilities for confining juveniles or a deranged person. Besides, it is very little trouble to escape from the second floor, a number of cases having occurred. Several grand juries have recommended improved jail conditions and Mr. Warren said the Commissioners have definitely decided to make improvements.

What the Commissioners have in mind is an attractive addition to the present jail. The addition, facing Court Street would form the letter T with the old jail being the stem. The two buildings would be connected, with the old structure serving as an overflow in event the new cells became overcrowded.

The new building would be equipped with cell blocks to accommodate something like 24 prisoners, as well as having compartments for juveniles and deranged persons. It would also provide offices for the sheriff. The Commissioners have agreed that what is done should be done right and figure that the cost will amount to something like \$30,000 or \$35,000.

The problem facing Town Council is providing for public toilets, it being called to the attention of Councilmen that a nuisance and health menace is developing, especially on lower Broad Street on Saturday afternoons when so many visitors are in town. In view of this fact, the Commissioners presented a proposition for the Town joining in the expense of enlarging the jail and providing therein a number of toilets for both white and colored, as well as police headquarters and an assembly room for the trial of prisoners locked up for minor offenses. While nothing definite was decided, the suggestion was made that the Town pay 20 per cent. of the cost, and that the Town widen Court Street in order to provide a driveway in front of the new structure.

The Commissioners have wired proper authorities in Washington to ascertain if priorities could be secured for materials needed to build the jail and a committee was appointed to continue to work on proposed plans. This committee is composed of D. M. Warren, E. W. Spires, W. M. Wilkins and J. Clarence Leary.

Edenton police are cracking down on public drunkenness and because of this fact and the increase in population, there is little doubt that the present jail lacks proper facilities.

Town Councilmen, while agreeing that there would be an advantage in having police headquarters in the new building, express some doubt as to whether the toilets would solve the proposition now facing them, and besides it is necessary to do something about the matter before the new building could be constructed. The idea of erecting a building on town property on the northwest corner of Broad and Water Streets has also been advanced, where a lockup, police station, offices and toilets could be provided.

However, no definite action has been taken, the entire matter resting in abeyance until the committee appointed is ready to submit a report.

Grand Jury Balks At Drinking Water At Rocky Hock School

Recommends New Location or Better Purifying System

KEEPING SAMPLE
County's Condition Apparently In Satisfactory Condition

According to the report of the Grand Jury for the September Term of Superior Court, affairs in Chowan County are in splendid condition. The report reflects the faithful performance of all officials and in only three instances were any complaints registered.

One of the unfavorable reports was the condition of the water at the Rocky Hock Central School, an inspection showing that the drinking water is "of a dingy, dirty color, has an awful smell and a peculiar taste." A sample was secured and ordered held until the November term of court. The Grand Jury recommended that this water supply be remedied by piping from another location or installing a more satisfactory type of purifying system.

Last year a sample of the water was sent to Raleigh to be analyzed and Superintendent Taylor said the report showed that it was not dangerous for drinking purposes.

Another unfavorable report had to do with a previous recommendation that ash trays be placed in the Grand Jury room. Trays had been placed in the room by Clerk of Court E. W. Spires, but in some manner were misplaced and could not be found by the time the Grand Jury met.

In the inspection of the jail, everything was found satisfactory, except that shower baths which were recommended by the November Grand Jury had not been installed.

The Grand Jury inspected the various offices of the County and found them well kept. All public funds were properly accounted for. All executors, administrators and guardians have filed their accounts with the Court and magistrates have reported all trials and fines collected.

With the cooperation of Sergeant George I. Dail, all of the school buses of the county have been examined and found to be in good condition, with the exception of lights on two Ford buses and these parts have been ordered and will be installed upon arrival. Superintendent W. J. Taylor reports that all drivers have passed written examination given by the Highway Safety Division and the driving test given by the Highway Patrol, and certificates have been issued.

White and colored schools and the County Home, where there are three inmates, were found to be in excellent condition.

At the suggestion of Sergeant Geo. I. Dail, the Grand Jury recommends that a speed zone of 35 miles per hour be adopted on the Yeopim road, and with increased traffic due to the Marine Corps Air Station members of the Jury felt that this speed is necessary in the interest of traffic safety.

Concluding the report, the Grand Jury thanked Judge Parker for his instructive charge, and expressed pleasure at working as Grand Jurors under him.

Free Movie Ticket For Purchase Of War Bond

As a part of the drive of theatres all over the nation to sell a billion dollars worth of war bonds, a free movie ticket will be given for every war bond purchased on September 21. The Taylor Theatre, which is participating in the drive, will give a free ticket for every bond purchased from now until September 21 to see "The Mayor of 44th Street."

Manager Jimmy Earnhardt urges the purchase of both U. S. War Stamps and Bonds at the Taylor Theatre, not hesitating in saying "It is the best investment in the world today."

Lieut. C. G. Prah Speaker At Legion And Auxiliary Meet

Emphasizes Present Opportunity of Legionnaires to Lead

KNOW WHAT WAR IS
Says We Are Close to War Even If It Is 3,000 Miles Away

"We are close to the present war even if it is being fought 3000 miles away," concluded Lieutenant C. G. Prah, officer-in-charge of the construction of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, in an address Tuesday night, delivered at a joint meeting of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary in the Court House. Lieutenant Prah was the principal speaker for the occasion and was introduced by L. E. Griffin.

Mr. Griffin, a crack shot in the first World War, in opening his introductory remarks, said those in the last war hardly know how to refer to those in the present war with so many kinds of uniform, but that all have the same interest in the welfare of their country.

"Members of the Legion in the last conflict realize what a war is," began the speaker, who told his hearers that he had no prepared speech and that if it was a lot of information about the air station which was desired, he was not at liberty to disclose the greater part of information in his possession.

He referred to himself as only an amateur and one of many trying to perform some of the many important duties back of the front until such time as it may be necessary to go to the front lines. He did express the opinion that due to the base, the town's population would increase by possibly 3000, for though the project is to be only a training station and used for any possible emergency, many families will make Edenton their home.

Lieutenant Prah told his audience that due to the base, some people will be benefitted, but on the other hand, some will suffer. The latter group, he said, he hoped would realize the necessity of the base and enter into the spirit of patriotism for which it is being built. When he arrived in Edenton, he said, he immediately learned that the community was not really awakened to the war, and that a number of problems will have to be met as the result of the war.

"The Legion," said the speaker, "can play an important part now and hereafter the base is completed, for at the base will be many young men away from home quartered in bleak barracks. These boys will naturally turn to Edenton in search of pleasure and recreation, and the Legion can lead in any movement to assist present workers and the young Marines as they come and leave the training station."

Lieutenant Prah said the Legionnaires know what it takes to win a war, referring especially to the morale of the men, and in this connection, appealed to Edenton citizens to open their homes to the young men when they arrive. "Some of you may have sons at home and abroad, and they, too, will appreciate the hospitality and interest of civilians wherever they are located. Legionnaires have been through one war and know that morale is an important part of a soldier's life."

He urged the Legion to take the lead and make arrangements in

Enrollment 755 At Edenton's School

55 More Children In Class Rooms Than Last Year

With the Edenton schools opening Wednesday of last week, classes went on regular schedule Monday morning and, according to Superintendent John A. Holmes, everything is organized and moving along nicely. Enrollment this year tops last year by 55. There are 755 children enrolled as compared with an even 700 last year, part of which increase is attributed to the fact that the Advance school has been abandoned, and those children are attending the Edenton school.

Of the 755 enrollment, 340 are in the High School and 515 in the elementary grades.

September Term Of Superior Court Lasts Only Day And Half

Judge R. Hunt Parker Winds Up Business Tuesday Morning

CASES CONTINUED
Only One Civil Action Disposed of During Session

With a light docket on hand, it took Judge R. Hunt Parker less than a day and a half to wind up the September term of Chowan County Superior Court, the court being recessed Tuesday morning. Arriving a little late Monday morning, due to car trouble, Judge Parker lost no time in getting court under way. The Grand Jury was immediately impeached with only two members, Thomas Chears and C. F. Chappell, being excused from duty.

Allison Campen was appointed foreman, with the following members: W. E. Bunch, Jesse W. White, E. W. Wilson, Paul Perry, C. A. Bunch, D. M. Reaves, L. C. Briggs, E. M. Harrell, Junius White, H. W. Layton, C. J. Hollowell, James S. Lee, L. G. Bateman, A. A. Parrish, Isaac Byrum, Lonnie Bunch and Lloyd Peele.

In opening his remarks to the Grand Jury, Judge Parker explained and stressed the important duties of a Grand Jury defining clearly bills of indictment and how they should be treated. He made the usual reference to the four capital crimes, first degree murder, first degree burglary, arson and rape.

"It is impossible for the law being constantly violated," he said, "with you men coming from every part of your county as you do, for it is your duty to report any law violations whether you actually see them or not. You should be men of intelligence, diligence and courage to report such cases so that the proper action can be taken and the offenders punished."

"All too often," continued the Judge, "certain people constantly violate the criminal law and are not brought into court because of their politics or influence, due to officers not daring to carry out their duties."

While he emphasized the importance of indicting any law violator no matter how powerful or influential, he told the Grand Jury that the poor merit their protection and that they should ignore trivial offenses reported on the basis of malice or ill-will.

The Judge held no sympathy for road houses, referring to some of them as dens of vice and shame and cesspools of all kinds of lawlessness. He requested that officers be called and to inquire if any road houses or filling stations of any questionable character are in operation in the county. "Many of these sort of places," he said, "are open and running canehous sores on a community."

His instructions were to see that every school bus driver had been examined by a State Patrolman, and he requested the Superintendent of Public Instruction to be instructed to see if every bus driver had certificates as to competency to drive a bus. "The speed of busses should be held down to 34 miles per hour," he said, "for it is our purpose not only

Triangle Now Under New Management

Haywood Phthisic, Cecil And Clyde Hollowell Now In Charge

After operating the Triangle Filling Station for many years, L. S. Byrum this week withdrew and hereafter the establishment will be under the management of Haywood M. Phthisic, Cecil Hollowell and Clyde Hollowell.

Mr. Phthisic, at present, operates the Dixie Service Station just outside the city limits on the Hertford highway, while the two Hollowell boys have for a long time been able assistants of Mr. Byrum in handling the business at the Triangle.

The Triangle is one of the best located filling stations in Edenton, and has gradually expanded from a small frame building when Mr. Byrum took charge, to one of the most up-to-date and attractive establishments in town.

The new managers assure their patrons of the same splendid service and courtesy as has been the reputation of the filling station since it was started.

Chamber Of Commerce And Merchants Association Put Machinery In Motion

More Red Cross Knitters Needed To Meet New Quota

Volunteers Asked to Report Immediately at

Iredell Florist
TIME LIMITED
Much Material Shipped But Still More Is Needed

Chowan Chapter of the American Red Cross last week shipped to the Red Cross depot at Sea Girt, N. J., the following garments: 29 children's flannel bathrobes, 25 men's flannel bathrobes, 36 children's woolen rompers. These garments, except 20 rompers made by the women of Edenton, were made by the women of the Chowan Home Demonstration Club with Miss Rebecca Colwell as supervisor.

These garments, added to the 59 tweed skirts made by the women of Edenton under the supervision of Miss Josephine Grant, completed the Chapter's quota from July 1 to October 1.

On September 16, the following sweaters, socks and hospital shirts were sent to the Red Cross depot to be transferred to field directors of the U. S. armed forces: 25 army sweaters, 21 navy sweaters, 13 pairs army socks, 7 pairs Navy socks and 16 hospital shirts.

According to Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman, the local chapter has agreed to make and deliver during September 111 sweaters, 40 pairs of socks, 53 helmets, 40 wristlets and 50 muffers. Due both to delay in receiving wool and scarcity of volunteer knitters, the Chapter cannot fill the quota as agreed unless more agree to help in this work. For that reason, Mrs. Pruden urges everyone who can and will help to call at the Iredell Florist Shop for materials.

Some time ago the National Red Cross agreed to furnish to the Army by September 1 a total of 100,000 each of sleeveless and turtle-neck sweaters, muffers, wristlets and helmets. There was some delay in receiving the yarn which prevented the quota being reached. However, to date less than 50,000 out of the total quota of 400,000 accepted by the Chapters have been received.

The unselfish devotion of thousands of volunteers makes it possible for the Red Cross to supply warm knitted garments, tangible evidence of appreciation, for the service the men in uniform are rendering to our country.

Permits Necessary In Repairing Property

Building Inspector R. K. Hall is very anxious to call to the attention of property owners who make repairs or alterations that before any work is started a building permit must be secured from him. A fine is provided for violation of this requirement and Mr. Hall hopes it will not be necessary to embarrass anyone in this respect.

He can be found practically all of the time at the Fire Station and will gladly furnish any information.

Permits Reduced To Purchase New Tires

Chowan County's War Price and Ration Board tightened up on permits for both new and recapped tires Monday night, when permits were issued to purchase only five new tires and three tubes and seven recapped tires.

Permits were issued to the following:

New Truck Tires—M. G. Brown Lumber Company, Edenton, lumber manufacturers, two tires and two tubes.

Grade II New Passenger Car—T. B. Smith, Edenton, mail messenger, tire and tube.

Obsolete Tire—J. J. Byrum, Ryland, farmer, two tires.

Automobile Recaps—R. E. Evans, Edenton Route 1, farmer, two tires; K. J. Copeland, Tyner, farmer, two tires; Richard P. Baer, Edenton, saw mill owner, tire; Albert Keeter, Edenton, farmer, two tires.

Interest Picks Up Tuesday at Meeting In Court House

BIG JOB AHEAD
President J. G. Campen Appoints Important Committees

Immediately following the Legion and Auxiliary meeting in the Court House Tuesday night, the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association held a meeting, when machinery was put in motion for the year's work. Various committees were appointed by President J. G. Campen, and with a goodly number present, interest appeared to be boosted and the need of the organization realized.

Mr. Campen informed those present that offices had been established on the second floor of the Citizens Bank building, formerly occupied by the employment office, where the work can proceed in proper shape.

Millard Bond reported that the constitution and by-laws had been completed, which were ordered to be printed next week in The Chowan Herald. These are substantially the same as the former Merchants Association with very few changes in order to make them applicable to the joint organization.

President Campen announced committees, which he said he expected to function, and in this regard said, "the organization stands for more than the average person is aware. There are many duties to perform now and even after the Marine Corps Air Station is completed. This organization is no plaything for there is a big job ahead. While some people are satisfied with their particular business due to the air station, we must face problems and work for the best interest of the town." He expressed the hope at least 100 members would join the organization.

The committees follow:

Membership Committee—T. C. Byrum, chairman; W. W. Byrum, J. Edwin Bufflap, J. E. Jackson, Frank Holmes and R. L. Pratt.

Finance Committee—D. M. Warren, chairman; R. P. Badham, W. M. Wilkins, Dr. W. I. Hart and A. G. Byrum.

Transportation and Good Roads Committee—J. Clarence Leary, chairman; G. H. Harding, J. H. Conger, A. E. Jenkins, W. S. Privott, E. W. Spires, Geddes Potter.

Industrial Committee—J. A. Moore, chairman; J. Edwin Bufflap, Judge R. D. Dixon, J. W. Davis and J. L. Wiggins.

Education Committee—John A. Holmes, chairman; Dr. W. S. Griffin, W. J. Berryman and C. W. Overman.

Trade Promotion Committee—H. A. Campen, Earl Goodwin, G. M. Byrum, Mrs. J. L. Chestnut, R. N. Hines, Mattie C. Davis and Hector Lupton.

Legislation Committee—R. C. Holland, chairman; David Holton, W. D. Pruden, O. M. Elliott and J. N. Pruden.

Agricultural Committee—C. W. Overman, chairman; R. C. Holland, Julien Wood, Sr., W. W. Byrum and T. Wallace Jones. This committee is especially important at this time, said Mr. Campen, especially because of the agricultural outlook for next year.

A secret advertising committee will also be appointed to serve for six months, the duties of which will be to pass upon legitimate advertising in order to present wild cat schemes being imposed upon members.

A budget of \$5000 has tentatively been set and it is the general idea to collect dues on a monthly basis ranging from \$2 to \$12 per month, as has been done heretofore by the Merchants Association.

As the result of Lieutenant Prah's previous remarks, the idea of a USO center was discussed and a committee composed of J. H. Conger, Geddes Potter and J. H. McMullan was appointed to work in conjunction with the Legion or proceed with any other arrangements which they may deem advisable.

The membership committee is expected to begin its duties immediately and it is hoped that every business and professional man will become a member.

CAFE AGAIN CLOSED

Though adding new equipment and making requested alterations recently, Joe Habit early this week was again ordered to close his cafe by T. W. Bivens, sanitary engineer. Mr. Habit is now planning to sell or lease his cafe.