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Chowan Assured State Guard Unit

County Commissioners Considering Purchasing Citizens Bank Building

Ask Option Until December 31 to Make Final Decision

PRICE \$35,000

Would House Jail and Various Offices of County

Unless present plans miscarry, Chowan County will, in the near future, own the Citizens Bank Building, action being taken Monday by the County Commissioners whereby an option was granted until December 31 of this year to purchase the building. Negotiations were made by W. J. Berryman and W. S. Privott, representing the corporation owning the bank building which is composed of some six or seven individuals, who purchased the building shortly after the failure of the Citizens Bank in 1930, when banks by the wholesale closed throughout the country. Since that time it has served as office space for various purposes.

The overture to sell the building came about due to the County planning on providing more adequate and up-to-date jail facilities, the idea being presented that the top floor of the bank building could be remodeled into a jail, and a small auditorium arranged for holding court, thus preventing the parade of prisoners before the public on their way to and from jail to be tried. In the building, too, would be arranged living quarters for the jailer as well as offices for the various branches of county government, except possibly the clerk of court and register of deeds, which offices would be more convenient to remain in the Court House.

At present the County is spending something like \$100 per month for office rent for various agencies, and if the building is purchased it would be the purpose to centralise all governmental agencies as much as possible, thus saving the rent item as well as making it more convenient and practical to carry on the County's business.

It was tentatively believed that a

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State Asked To Take Over Road Passing Cemetery

Association Asks Commissioners' Aid In Improving Road

Chowan County Commissioners, on Monday, were asked to request the State Highway and Public Works Commission to take over the road leading from the city limits at Beaver Hill Cemetery for about a mile through a rather thickly populated section.

This piece of road, especially to the cemetery, has long been a source of complaint and criticism, and on Monday the Cemetery Association petitioned the Commissioners to aid in improving the road, especially that section between the creek bridge and the double iron gates, where many deep holes and ruts make travel embarrassing during ferals.

"Hard surfacing of this section of road will provide the only means of proper travel to and from the cemetery," read the petition, "which seems almost a necessity and we solicit the Commissioners to aid in that behalf."

Of course, the County no longer maintains roads, so that on the strength of the petition as well as other requests, the State will be asked to include this road on the State road system.

Not only is this road in bad shape beyond the city limits, but the street leading to the bridge constantly gives trouble to the street department, holes frequently appearing and causing very rough travel for cars while attending a funeral. The logical remedy for the situation would be to resurface the entire street.

Captain Of Guard



LOYD E. GRIFFIN

At the urgent request of a group interested in the organization of a State Guard in Edenton, Mr. Griffin, early this week, agreed to serve in the capacity of Captain of the proposed local unit.

Edenton Tackles Henderson Team Friday Afternoon

First Game of Season To Be Played on Home Field

STARTS 4 P. M.

Aces Bow to Tarboro Outfit 19-7 Friday Night

Breaking even to date with one victory and one defeat, Coach Roy Watson's High School football team will, on Friday afternoon, face a formidable foe when the Henderson High School aggregation invades the local gridiron in the first home game of the season. The game will begin at 4 o'clock, which will be in time for some of the Marine Corps Air Station football fans to witness most of the game.

Henderson is reported to have a strong outfit and in preparation for a hard-fought game, Coach Watson is taking his boys through strenuous practices during the week. Though defeated last Friday night in Tarboro, the Edenton team showed considerable improvement over the previous game when the Aces downed Williamston 7-0, so that a good game is in prospect Friday afternoon when the local boys will have an opportunity to show their wares before the home fans.

In Tarboro Friday night the Aces faced a much heavier and more experienced team, but despite this fact the boys started off with a rush and for a time it appeared that another victory might be tucked under the belt. In the opening moments the stage was all set for a touchdown, but Clyde Rector missed a pass from George Alma Byrum which looked like a sure score. However, this threat appeared to strengthen the Tarboro boys, who later scored in the first, second and third quarters, the final score being 19-7.

Edenton's touchdown came in the third quarter. To begin the quarter Ross made a beautiful run in returning a Tarboro punt, and on the first play Rogerson gained eight yards going to the Tarboro 47-yard line. In the following play Rogerson passed to Rector, who went the entire route for a touchdown. Byrum crashed through the line for the extra point.

At the end of both halves Edenton had possession of the ball in Tarboro territory, at the half being on the 20-yard stripe and at the end of the 30-yard stripe and at the end of the 30-yard stripe.

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George Major White Dies As Result Of Airplane Accident

Local Boy Was Captain Of Heavy Bomber Squadron

27 YEARS OLD

Latest Duties Was Ferrying Airplanes to Great Britain

Mrs. Leila M. White, late Tuesday night, received the heart-breaking information that her eldest son, Captain George Major White, had died as the result of an airplane accident. Captain White was stationed at Hunter's Field at Savannah, Ga., but died at Camp Stewart, Ga. He would have been 28 years old next month, having been born November 23, 1915.

Details of the accident were lacking in the telegram received by Mrs. White, but her son was commander of a heavy bomber squadron and had been engaged in ferrying airplanes to England, having only recently returned from Great Britain by way of Africa.

Captain White was graduated from Edenton High School in the class of 1932. He later graduated from Fishburne Military Academy and Virginia Military Institute. After entering the Army he graduated in the United States Air Corps in 1940 and rapidly advanced until only several months ago he was promoted to Captain.

He is survived by his mother, one sister, Miss Mary White, and a brother, Graham White, Jr., a student at the Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Va. His father, R. Graham White, was drowned early this year near the Major-Loomis Lumber Company plant at Winfall.

Funeral services will be held at the White home on West Church Street Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Edmund T. Jilison, rector of Holy Trinity Church, Hertford, officiating. Interment will be made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

First P. T. A. Meeting Of New Year Next Tuesday

The first meeting of the new year for the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association will be held Tuesday afternoon, October 13, at 3:30 o'clock, in the school library. Mrs. John F. White, the president, has decided to hold meeting this year on the second Tuesday of each month, and issues a cordial invitation to all newcomers to attend.

Important matters will be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting, and for that reason every member is urged to be present.

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Frame House

Edenton's Fire Department was called out about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning to combat a blaze on East Carteret Street. A two-story frame house next to the railroad was completely gutted, the firemen fighting the fire for about two hours. The house was unoccupied and the origin of the fire is undetermined.

SCHOOL ARGUMENT FINALLY SETTLED

Board of Education Lowers Bars Allowing Children to Attend School of Their Choice

What appeared to be another school controversy was settled Monday at the meeting of the Chowan County Board of Education when the Board let down the bars and will allow Rocky Hook parents to send their children to the school of their choice, either at Chowan High School or the Rocky Hook Central School.

Only last year a case was carried into the courts when the Board of Education refused to allow children to be taught in the Cross Roads School when they were assigned to the new school at Rocky Hook. Apparently the objection to the Board's ruling again flared up, for the County Commissioners, on Monday, were organizing a delegation from the Rocky Hook section to contest the ruling, but were informed at their afternoon meeting that the

Gas Ration Books Should Be Carried On Owner's Person

Ration Board Having Many Reports of Lost Books

HARD TO REPLACE

Machinery Set Up For Fuel Oil Rationing In County

Gasoline rationing members of the Chowan County War Price and Ration Board complain that a large number of gasoline ration books are reported lost, most of which are said to be taken from automobiles. These members desire to call to the attention of the general public that ration books should be carried on the person of owners and not left in car compartments or other places where they can be picked up.

Reports have been made that entire books have been missing, while in some instances some of the coupons have been torn out of books. In order to replace lost gasoline ration books it will require from seven to 15 days so that thorough investigation can be made before new coupons or books are issued.

Members of the gasoline rationing board are L. H. Haskett, W. J. Berryman and Geddes Potter, who have also been sworn in to ration fuel oil, which will go into effect in the near future. Application will have to be made for fuel oil ration books, which will follow practically the same procedure as gasoline rationing.

The Board desires the general public to know that when applying for supplementary gas it is absolutely necessary that the old books be presented and that no coupons should be torn therefrom.

Garden Club Meets Monday Afternoon

Mrs. C. T. Hollowell, president of the Garden Club, announces a meeting of the club to be held in the Municipal Building Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Very important matters will come before the club at this time and all members are especially urged to be present.

Workers Busy Making More Surgical Dressings

Red Cross workers are busily engaged making surgical dressings, material for which arrived last week. The ladies are working on a quota of 16,200 dressings, which is the number asked to be made in September, but began work only Sunday after the material arrived.

The dressings are made in the Parish House each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the hours each day being 10 to 12 a. m., 3 to 5 in the afternoon, and 8 to 10 at night.

The Sunday hours are 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Much interest is being shown in this effort to do something for the war effort and the dressings are rapidly being completed.

Lloyd E. Griffin Agrees To Serve As Captain And Help In Its Organization

First Marine

Private First Class Robert W. Brodie is the first U. S. Marine to arrive in Edenton in connection with the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station. Brodie arrived Tuesday, being transferred from the New River Base. His specific duty is to be in charge of the Marine Corps store houses, where already equipment has arrived and is being stored until the Marines occupy the base.

The newcomer's home is in Waterbury, Conn., and though here only a few days, he says he is very favorably impressed with Edenton and feels certain he will enjoy his stay here. He expects more Marines to arrive in about a week to assist him in keeping track of the equipment.

Amusement Co. Will Show Next Week In Edenton

Entertainment Sponsored By Edenton's Lions Club

Beginning next Monday and continuing throughout the week, the Central Amusement Company will present modern rides and shows at Hicks Field, the affair being sponsored by the Edenton Lions Club. The Company has appeared in Edenton several times and this year boasts a larger number of rides as well as other entertainment features.

The company will feature Children's Day on Friday, having for their pleasure a merry-go-round, tilt-a-wheel, rollo plane, chair plane, Ferris wheel, kiddie swing and kiddie auto rides.

There will also be free acts during the week and arrangements have been made for plenty of fun and entertainment for everyone who attends.

Quota Of Red Cross Kits Expected To Be Greatly Exceeded

Enough Money Already In Hand To Furnish 400 Kits

Though reports are far from complete, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter, on Tuesday reported that she had in hand about enough money to furnish 400 Red Cross kits for service men who will be sent abroad. The 400 kits is Chowan's quota, but Mrs. Pruden is certain that this will be far exceeded according to the generous response to her appeal to furnish the kits.

Contributions received during the week by Mrs. Pruden were the following: Mrs. M. G. Brown, 1; Mrs. J. A. Woodard, 5; Mrs. W. A. Graham, 50; Mr. and Mrs. George Folk, 2; Miss Sophie Wood, 5; Dr. L. P. Williams, 5; Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Sr., 5; Miss Corie Bunch, 1; Mrs. X. E. Copeland, 1; Mrs. John C. Radham, 1; Chowan Tribe of Red Men, 25; Miss Carrie Cole, 2; Miss Paulina Hassell, 1; Miss Corinne Forehand, 1; Miss Mary Lee Copeland, 1; Edenton Baptist Church, 100; Auxiliary of American Legion, 10; O. M. Elliott, 1; Fifth Grade taught by Mrs. J. W. Davis, 1.

Mrs. Pruden expects many more contributions toward furnishing these kits, for which the money may be sent or given to Mrs. Pruden, Mrs. J. W. Davis, or J. Edwin Bufflap.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The weekly meeting of Upland Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock.

Town Council and Commissioners Match Appropriation By State

53 IN UNIT

Uniforms and Necessary Equipment Furnished By State

With the County Commissioners and Town Council meeting jointly Monday afternoon, a State Guard unit was practically assured for Chowan County. The two governing bodies agreed to appropriate \$600, or the proportionate part for the fiscal year, which will match a similar amount appropriated by the State for maintenance of a unit.

This action followed a meeting held Saturday afternoon in the Court House when the purposes of a State Guard was explained to the heads of various organizations by General James W. Jenkins, Colonel Hugh Dortch, A. Sharpe and Major Hugh Dortch. Those attending the meeting included E. W. Spires, J. G. Campen, L. S. Byrum, G. A. Helms, R. L. Pratt, J. N. Pruden, J. A. Bunch, L. H. Haskett, C. W. Overman, W. M. Wilkins, R. N. Hines, J. Edwin Bufflap and Miss Mary Lou Taylor.

After General Jenkins presented the matter, it was the general opinion of all those present that a unit should be organized and a committee was subsequently appointed to appear before the County Commissioners and Town Council in an effort to secure the necessary appropriation.

General Jenkins said he was very anxious to see a unit in Edenton, and that he would like to have at least two units in the Albemarle section. He also stated that a number of other towns would jump at the opportunity to organize, but that under present conditions Edenton was a logical town for a branch of the organization.

"The Guard is the first line of defence," said General Jenkins, "and the only means of organized protection and security in an emergency. If this community needed the services of an armed force it would be necessary to await Federal troops and you are a long way from available troops."

Following this meeting a delegation called on Lloyd E. Griffin, a veteran and champion marksman in the last war, to see if he would serve as commanding officer. Mr. Griffin, at first, was reluctant to accept the captaincy, but when the importance of the unit was explained, he felt that it was his patriotic duty to serve and subsequently agreed to be made captain and assist in organization.

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Chowan Democrats Will Meet Saturday

Plans For General Election In November to Be Discussed

Lloyd E. Griffin, chairman of the Chowan County Executive Committee, has called a meeting of the members of the committee to be held Saturday afternoon in the Court House at 4 o'clock. With the general election only one month hence, Mr. Griffin desires to discuss plans for the election and for that reason urges every member to be present.

Members of this committee are: L. E. Griffin, chairman; Mrs. E. N. Elliott, vice chairman; E. W. Spires, secretary; George C. Hoskins, treasurer.

East Edenton—R. L. Pratt, chairman; Mrs. John Lee Spruill, vice chairman. West Edenton—John W. Graham, chairman; Mrs. W. D. Pruden, vice chairman. Yeoplin—R. A. Bessley, chairman; Mrs. George C. Wood, vice chairman. Center Hill—Kellie Belch, chairman; Mrs. A. S. Bush, vice chairman. Rocky Hook—W. H. Pearce, chairman; J. N. Smith, vice chairman. Wardville—T. L. Ward, chairman; Mrs. A. D. Ward, vice chairman.