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Due To Little Opposition Only 300 Voters Participate In Edenton Election Tuesday; Smallest Vote Registered Since 1935

Bufflap Leads In Contest For Two Councilmen-at-large

HOLTON LOSES

J. P. Partin Easy Winner Over J. L. Pettus In Third Ward

With only two contests for city offices, Tuesday's election in Edenton claimed little interest and as a result just about 300 voters went to the trouble to go to the polls to exercise their franchise privilege. It was the smallest vote registered since 1935, when only 92 votes were cast in an election in which there was no opposition for any of the offices.

In the four wards 301 votes were cast for Councilmen, there being a contest only in the Third Ward. The First Ward turned in the largest vote for all candidates, thus outvoting the Second Ward, where the largest vote is usually cast. However, voting dragged in all wards and it was not unusual to find voters who had forgotten all about the day being election.

The highest vote went to W. H. Gardner for treasurer, who had no opposition. Mr. Gardner's vote was 266, and was followed by J. H. Conger, W. W. Byrum and O. Branning Perry, three unopposed candidates for the Board of Public Works, whose vote respectively was 261, 253 and 249. Leroy Haskett, unopposed as candidate for Mayor, followed with 235 votes.

In the contest for two Councilmen-at-large, J. Edwin Bufflap led the three candidates with a vote of 218. W. J. Yates followed with 186, and David Holton with 148 votes. As a result of this vote, Yates will be a Holton on the Board of Aldermen, though Yates has been a member for one term as Second Ward Councilman. Holton has served one term. Bufflap led in three wards, but trailed Yates by two votes in the First Ward, where Yates' own Ward gave him 74 votes as against 72 for Bufflap. The latter, in his own ward, the Second, led by 10 votes, while in the Third Ward he had

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FBI Looking For Two Chowan County Negroes

Chowan County's Draft Board has turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation the names of two Chowan County Negroes, Robert Lee Mayo and William Lee Beasley. The two young men were numbered among the group to report at Fort Bragg last week for their physical examination, but failed to report.

Final Decree

One of the few and what will no doubt be Mayor J. H. McMullan's last proclamation was issued Wednesday morning when he set aside June 8 to 14 as Flag Week in Edenton. Flag Week will be observed on the same dates throughout the nation, during which the national emblem is to be displayed at homes, business places and elsewhere. Mayor McMullan has appointed J. A. Moore as chairman in Edenton, and he is to head up the town's display of Old Glory during the week set aside.

PAGE JOHN L. LEWIS AND HIS MINERS

Gatesville Carpenter Working at U. S. Marine Corps Air Stations Converts All of His Salary Into United States War Bonds

Horace B. Baines of Gatesville, an employee at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, has, without doubt, set an example which very few Americans will match when it comes to buying war bonds. Mr. Baines is a carpenter at the air station and commutes to his work daily from Gatesville. He has been employed since October 26, 1942, and on January 1 he began putting 100 per cent of his salary into war bonds. But still Baines felt that he

HOW EDENTON VOTED

	1st Ward	2nd Ward	3rd Ward	4th Ward	Total
FOR MAYOR:					
Leroy H. Haskett	81	60	62	32	235
FOR TREASURER:					
W. H. Gardner	99	61	72	34	266
FOR COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE:					
J. Edwin Bufflap	72	65	57	24	218
W. J. Yates	74	55	38	19	186
David Holton	49	34	46	19	148
FOR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:					
J. H. Conger	96	68	65	32	261
W. W. Byrum	98	59	65	31	253
O. Branning Perry	95	58	66	30	249
FOR COUNCILMEN:					

First Ward:	
J. Clarence Leary	103
Second Ward:	
Graham Byrum	85
Third Ward:	
J. P. Partin	63
J. L. Pettus	16
Fourth Ward:	
W. M. Wilkins	34

New Air Warning Tower Assured For Rocky Hock Post

Commissioners Approprate Funds to Purchase Material

MUCH INTEREST

Building Will Be Erected By Volunteer Workers

At Monday's meeting of the County Commissioners, a group of Rocky Hock citizens were present and with Emmett Harrell as spokesman, requested county assistance in building an adequate air warning observation post at Valhalla. The section has shown a great deal of interest in this defense measure and has up until now been using a small shed on West Byrum's property. Mr. Harrell told the Commissioners that if they would provide enough money to buy material, the work of erecting a suitable tower would be done free by residents of the section.

Following a discussion of the matter, the Commissioners agreed to appropriate \$100 to the Civilian Defense Council to be earmarked for buying the necessary materials, with the further promise that a lease for the land be secured from Mr. Byrum for the duration of the war upon which to build the tower. There was no doubt whatever but that Mr. Byrum would gladly sign such a lease for the erection of the building. Mr. Harrell is Chief Observer of the Rocky Hock post and nearly 100 men and women have volunteered as observers. With assurance of county financial assistance, Mr. Harrell believes a creditable tower will be erected and that his post will be second to none in efficiency in reporting aircraft.

Revival Preacher



REV. B. C. REAVIS
Beginning Monday, the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hartford Methodist Church, will preach at a series of evangelistic meetings to be held in the Edenton Methodist Church.

Chowan County's Court Officials Get Increase In Salary

County Commissioners Grant \$15 Monthly Boost In Pay

EFFECTIVE MAY 1

Increased Cost of Living And Added Work Is Reason

Chowan County court officials were granted a straight \$15 per month increase in salary by the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday, which means, effective May 1, Judge Marvin Wilson and Prosecutor J. N. Pruden will receive \$90 per month and Clerk E. W. Spires \$40 per month instead of \$75 for Prosecutor and Judge and \$25 for the Clerk.

The boost in salary came about following a request presented by Judge Wilson and Prosecutor Pruden, who gave as their reason the steady increase in the cost of living, coupled with an added amount of court work. Mr. Wilson told the Commissioners that at present there is three times the amount of work in connection with the offices than was the case last year, and that there was no anticipation of a decrease in the volume.

Wilson also pointed out to the Commissioners that in only one neighboring county were court officials

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Plans Arrive For Edenton USO Club In Hotel Building

Three Contractors Bidding on Remodeling Rooms

OPEN BIDS MAY 11

Up-to-date Club Rooms Provided In Blue Print

Abe Martin, director of the Edenton USO Club, on Tuesday received blue prints of the club rooms in the east wing of Hotel Joseph Hewes, and invitations to submit bids have been extended to three contractors, including Frank O. Muth, C. B. Mooney and George Norris. The plans were prepared by Albert C. Woodroof of Greensboro, with instructions to secure bids for the work.

D. M. Warren has been appointed as chairman of the Renovation Committee by John A. Holmes, chairman of the Board of Management, and Mr. Warren and Director Martin on Tuesday studied the plans before requesting bids.

The plans call for an office to the right of the entrance on King Street, which will be separated from a lounge room and snack bar. A passageway will lead from the lounge room to the recreation room, which formerly was the hotel dining room. A powder room for ladies will also be included, as well as a men's room which will include shower baths. A kitchen and store room have also been included in the plans.

A feature of the Club will be a large book shelf, where 1,000 books will be placed as a starter for reading material. These books will be furnished through the Victory Book Campaign, and more will be available if needed, says Director Martin.

Bids for the work will be opened Tuesday, May 11, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and work is expected to start very shortly after the contract is awarded.

John R. Wheeler Dies Suddenly As Result Of Blood Poisoning

Very Active In Early Improvements Made In Edenton

John R. Wheeler, prominent Edenton citizen, died suddenly Thursday in St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va., where he contracted blood poisoning resulting from a carbuncle. Mr. Wheeler became gravely ill at his home and on the previous Tuesday was taken to the hospital.

Deceased, who was in his seventies, had lived most of his life in Edenton, but was a native of Northampton County, the son of the late John Richard Wheeler and Clara Sykes Wheeler. He received most of his education from his father, a teacher in the community, and as a young man came to Edenton as superintendent of the Branning Lumber Company. Later he organized and became president of the Edenton Lumber Company, which he operated for many years. In later years he was connected with the Government Biological Survey at New Holland, N. C., and recently at the U. S. Marine Air Corps Station.

A leader in the town's civic as well

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Draft Board Now Reclassifying Men

Any Change In Employment Must Be Reported At Once

Chowan County's Draft Board is now re-classifying all registrants, which makes it very necessary to have certain information in order to properly classify those affected. Every registrant, therefore, who is from 18 to 45 years of age, white or colored, and has changed jobs during the past year is requested to contact the Draft Board at once in order to prevent any error in classification. This does not, however, apply to any who have notified the Board of any change in employment.

Referendum Is Scheduled To Vote On Organization Soil Conservation District

Chowan's First

Voting Scheduled to Be Held From May 17 to 22

ADVANTAGEOUS

Organization In Albemarle Approved By State Committee



MISS MILDRED E. SMITH
Honors for being Chowan County's first lady to enter the nation's service, as well as the first to be commissioned, goes to Miss Mildred Smith, daughter of John N. Smith and the late Mrs. Smith.

Miss Mildred Smith Offers Her Services For Foreign Duty

First Chowan Girl to Answer Call of Country

Though it is not generally known, Miss Mildred E. Smith is the first Chowan County girl to offer her services to her country in the present conflict and is also the first girl from Chowan County to receive a commission. She is now assistant chief nurse with the rating of Lieutenant.

Miss Smith is the daughter of John N. Smith and the late Mrs. Smith of the Rocky Hock section, and was commissioned a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Nursing Corps. She was graduated from Edenton High School in 1931, and in 1936 graduated as a nurse from the General Hospital in Norfolk, Va., and was then licensed to practice as a registered nurse the same year. She was on the staff of General Hospital, and prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, she joined the staff of the Government Hospital at Fort Monroe, Va.

In the spring of 1940 Miss Smith was commissioned a Lieutenant and sent to Morrison Field at West Palm Beach, Florida. She has now volunteered for foreign service and is awaiting a call.

The State Soil Conservation Committee has approved the organization of the Albemarle Conservation District, and a referendum on the organization of the district will be held during May 17-22 inclusive. All land owners and parties who have contracted to buy the land will be eligible to vote in the referendum. Voting will be accomplished through mail.

Ballots, along with an explanatory letter, will be mailed out shortly and each land owner may mark his ballot, sign and drop it back in the mail or return it to the county agent's office. Should the vote be small or the opposition to the organization of any consequence, it will be very likely that the State Committee will deny the petition of the land owners in the proposed district to organize.

Since the approval of the State committee to organize an Albemarle District, three educational meetings have been held in Perquimans County and four in Chowan County, when the procedure to organize was explained and benefits to be derived by farmers in the proposed organized territory set forth. Among these were the technical assistance which the Soil Conservation Service would make available to the district for making surveys for drainage ways and other soil conservation measures, the granting of equipment by the Soil Conservation Service to the district such as drag-pans, U-drags, plows, graders, tractors, and other heavy equipment together with allotments of tree and kudzu seedlings and other nursery stock.

If the vote in the referendum is sufficient to justify and perfect the

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Few Tax Sales

That Chowan County citizens are either becoming more tax conscious or else conditions are far better than in many years is reflected in the list of property advertised for sale due to delinquent 1942 taxes as appears for the first time in this issue of The Herald. The list is smaller than in many years, Sheriff J. A. Bunch being obliged to advertise just a little over 200 delinquents. It is the smallest number of delinquents to be published since The Herald was established.

The sale of property for the non-payment of 1942 taxes is scheduled to be held Monday, June 7, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Court House door.

PROCLAMATION

To the Citizens of Edenton, Greetings:

Whereas, June 8 to 14 is designated as Flag Week by the United States Flag Association, which sponsors throughout the Nation this week commemorating the adoption of our Flag, and

Whereas, The observance this year is dedicated to the War Savings Program of the United States Treasury Department with the slogan "SAVE BY SACRIFICE" and the object of selling 100 million dollars worth of War Bonds over and beyond normal purchases for the week.

Now, Therefore, as Mayor of Edenton, I proclaim the week of June 8 to 14 Flag Week; direct that our Flag be displayed on all municipal buildings; and urge that our citizens display the National Emblem at their homes, places of business and elsewhere.

Furthermore, I urge our people to participate in the Flag Week War Bond Campaign so that our city will discharge with honor and distinction its share of responsibility in this campaign of homage to our Flag and aid to the victory for which our brave sons, on the battlefronts of the world, are offering all that they possess.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Edenton to be affixed this 4th day of May in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Forty-three.

J. H. McMULLAN,
Mayor of the City of Edenton.