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Shakeup In Edenton Police Department Is Apparent As Result Executive Meeting

Town Councilmen Hold Lengthy Session Friday Night

FRICION

Town Fathers Determined to Remedy Situation

That a shake-up in the Edenton Police Department is due to materialize very shortly seems certain following a lengthy executive session of Town Council held Friday night. Operation of the department was the principal target of discussion in a meeting which remained in session until close to midnight.

It is no secret that there is considerable friction and lack of cooperation and confidence on the part of the police, and the executive meeting was called by previous consent of Mayor Leroy Haskett and the Councilmen in an effort to get at the root of the trouble and remedy the present situation.

During the meeting each member of the police force was called separately before the Councilmen for questioning and was given to understand that harmony and cooperation will be expected on the part of police officers, even if it is necessary to take drastic steps.

Following the hearing given the officers, the Councilmen considered the situation from every imaginable angle, and while it was admitted that the situation is far from being satisfactory, it was also determined to straighten out the matter in order to have a smoother working police department. No definite action was taken toward this end, however, at the meeting, and unless another meeting is called for further consideration, the matter will no doubt come to a climax at the regular meeting of Town Council on June 8, at which time all town employees, including the police, are scheduled to be employed for the new fiscal year beginning July 1.

Prior to the police matter, a hearing was afforded a number of residents living on West Eden Street, who protested against the proposed banning of parking on this street. Included in the number were a few business people who objected due to the fact that it would be detrimental to their businesses. An ordinance had been passed forbidding parking on the street, but in view of the hardships which would develop, the ordinance was rescinded.

This matter is the outgrowth of a petition for laying a concrete sidewalk on the north side of the street and because of complications which held up the project, the no-parking ordinance was passed as some form of relief for those people who find no little difficulty in entering the street from their homes due to the parked automobiles.

The petition filed with Town Council calls for a sidewalk from the Citizens Bank building to the western line of the property of Luther Ashley, the majority of property in this area being represented in the petition. Some crepe myrtle trees are in the path of the proposed sidewalk, and while the property owners claim their deed calls for ownership to the curb, the general impression prevails that the town's right-of-way is 35 feet, which would put the trees on town property. Some of the interested parties, however, expressed a desire to deed enough of their property to the town in order to have the sidewalk, and because they consider the crepe myrtle trees a nuisance rather than an asset, have threatened to cut them off their property.

Before any further action is taken, J. Edwin Bufflap and Jordan Yates were appointed to confer with Town Attorney W. D. Pruden to clean up the legal phase of constructing the sidewalk.

May 31 Is Deadline For Pressure Cookers

The deadline for filing applications for pressure cookers in Chowan County is May 31, according to an announcement made by the Chowan County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee.

These cookers are rationed and a purchase certificate is required before they can be bought. Anyone desiring to obtain one of these cookers is urged to file her application with the Chowan County AAA office by May 31.

Half Holiday

Next Wednesday Edenton stores generally will begin closing at 1 o'clock each Wednesday in order to observe the summer half-holiday. The closing rule will continue through June, July and August, so that shoppers are urged to arrange their purchases accordingly.

Rev. D. C. Crawford New Chief Observer Of Observation Post

Sheriff J. A. Bunch Resigns Due to Official Duties

Because of his official duties, Sheriff J. A. Bunch has notified C. E. Kramer, area supervisor of the air warning service, that he will be unable to continue to serve as chief observer of the Edenton observation post located on Hicks Field. In tendering his resignation, Sheriff Bunch made it clear that it was not due to lack of interest in the service, but that his duties will, at times, prevent him from devoting the amount of time which he feels is necessary to properly and efficiently man the post.

While Mr. Kramer regretted to see Sheriff Bunch resign, he was quite elated when the Rev. D. C. Crawford, Jr., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, agreed to accept appointment as chief observer. Mr. Crawford is vitally interested in the service and no little enthused about the operation of the post. He has already set up plans to be carried out when the post is fully organized, it is expected to be second to none in the district.

Over 100 observers will be used in manning the post, so that it will not be necessary for any one of the volunteers to be on duty more than a few hours every two weeks.

Change Of Jobs Must Be Reported To Draft Board

Employer as Well as Registrant Required To Report

Chowan County's Draft Board wishes to call attention to employers who fail to notify the board when an employee leaves his employ to change jobs, for whom deferment has been granted. This is especially true in the case of farmers. There have been several registrants given a II-C or III-C classification as being necessary on the farm but since receiving their classification cards have changed jobs without notifying the draft board. Some have moved away leaving no address or change in employment.

All registrants should know that they are required to report any change in address or employment to their local draft board. It is the responsibility of the employer as well as the registrant to advise this office of any change pertaining to a deferred registrant. Therefore, all employers are hereby ordered to advise the board of any change in occupation by their hired labor.

Each registrant is required to notify the board of any change in employment in order that he will receive the proper classification.

County Offices Join In Half Holiday

Beginning Wednesday of next week, all county offices will close at 1 o'clock each Wednesday in cooperation with the general plan to observe the summer half holiday. Any important matters to be transacted should, therefore, be arranged accordingly.

State Takes Over Part Of Albemarle Street To Cemetery

Street Long a Headache For Local Street Department

VERY ROUGH

\$1,894 Accumulated By State For Highway Maintenance

Mayor Leroy Haskett was informed this week by R. R. Roper, district engineer of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, that the State will take over maintenance of West Albemarle Street from Broad Street to the city limits at Beaver Hill Cemetery.

This street, for a long time, has caused many headaches for the Edenton Street Department, as well as complaints following practically every funeral when the body was conveyed to Beaver Hill Cemetery for interment. The street is very rough, caused by a series of holes developing just about as rapidly as others can be filled, so that it is hoped the State will make more permanent repairs.

In Mr. Roper's communication to Mayor Haskett, he advised that the State Highway and Public Works Commission has set up, for the fiscal year 1943-44, \$1,894 with which to maintain the highway and county road connections within the city limits. The work to be done will be routine maintenance, insofar as we are able to get materials," Mr. Roper said.

The \$1,894 is an accumulation for maintaining the highway through Edenton, the last appreciable amount being spent several years ago when Broad and Queen Streets were resurfaced. It has been the desire of Edenton officials to use the money allocated for maintenance of highways in installing curbs and gutters in North Edenton, where considerable legitimate complaint has been registered by property holders due to improper drainage. It was understood a year or more ago that the State would use the amount due the town in making the North Edenton improvement, but to date no progress has been made on the project. To do this work, very little material would be needed on which priority would be necessary, so that Town officials are still anxious to have the State do this work.

Memorial Services Planned Pettigrew Cemetery Sunday

Judge Richard Dixon And Rev. Lewis F. Schenck Speakers

Annual Memorial Day services will be held Sunday at Pettigrew Cemetery at Lake Phelps in Washington County, the fifth such event held in honoring the memory of the illustrious dead whose ashes rest there, as well as stirring more realization of the deeds and patriotic service of our present-day heroes.

Heading up the committee for the celebration is the Rev. B. W. Gaither, who has arranged for the principal address to be delivered by Judge Richard D. Dixon, as well as an address by the Rev. Lewis F. Schenck, rector of St. Paul's Church.

The program will begin in St. David's Church, near Creswell, at 11 a. m., and at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon the remainder of the celebration will be held in the Pettigrew Cemetery, at Lake Phelps.

Several Edentonians expect to attend the services, to which the public is invited.

Edenton - Elizabeth City Highs Meet On Hicks Field Today

Edenton High School's baseball team will cross bats with the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets this (Thursday) afternoon at 4:30 on the local diamond. With the two schools being ancient rivals in any sport, each will put forth their best efforts to emerge the victor.

Small crowds of fans have been on hand for games thus far played, but with the rivalry more keen between the two schools, a large number is expected to be on hand this afternoon.

Board Of Directors Of Edenton Peanut Company Decide To Send Bag Of Shelled Peanuts To All From Chowan In Service

Standard Printing Co. 220-230 S First St.

Poppy Day Will Be Observed Saturday, All Asked To Buy One

Members of Junior Auxiliary Will Serve as Salesladies

LARGER QUOTA

Mrs. West Byrum Anticipates Every Poppy Sold During Day

Next Saturday, May 29, will be observed as Poppy Day, when the attractive little memorial flowers will be on sale and it is hoped, as in former years, the supply will be exhausted by purchases on the part of those who desire to pay tribute to America's heroic dead. The sale of poppies in Chowan County is sponsored by the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post, with Mrs. West Byrum appointed chairman of this year's sale.

Mrs. Byrum has enlisted the aid of the Junior Auxiliary in selling the poppies, the supply being 800 more than last year. These young ladies will be on the street bright and early Saturday morning and will have no hesitancy in asking anyone they meet to buy a poppy. For the past several years the Chowan quota of the poppies has been sold, and with money more plentiful and many Chowan boys and girls now numbered among those in the armed forces, and some of whom, too, have made the supreme sacrifice, Mrs. Byrum and her youthful assistants have little doubt that the supply will again be exhausted this year.

Fannie Badham has been appointed to have charge of the sale of the poppies among colored people, and she plans a systematic canvass in order for her race to share in this tribute to our war dead. Edenton's colored people have the reputation of generously contributing to any worthy cause, so that it is reasonably expected that more than ever before Negroes will join in paying tribute to those who have, as well as those who are willing to give their lives in order that freedom and justice shall not pass from the earth.

Stamps 15 And 16 Good For Home Canning Sugar

Application Must Be Made For Additional Amount

Stamps 15 and 16 on Monday became valid for five pounds of sugar each and these stamps will remain valid through October 31.

Ration Boards which have not yet registered consumers for canning sugar need not do so now. It is assumed that this ten pounds of sugar will take care of the requirements of the vast majority of home canners. Those who do need additional sugar are advised to apply to their local Board and state their needs, according to the regulations, and apply for the additional amount needed over and above the ten pounds for each member of the family.

In issuing sugar for home canning in the future, Ration Boards are instructed not to issue any sugar until the stamps designated for home canning sugar have been used.

Air Station Chaplain At St. Paul's Sunday

Chaplain H. E. Chase of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, will be the guest preacher at St. Paul's Church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. Before entering the service of his country he was pastor of the Eastminister Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Visitors are always welcome at St. Paul's, and a special invitation is extended the public to hear the chaplain of the air station.

Closing Exercises At Edenton High School Begins Friday Night

Seniors Will Present Class Day Exercises With Pageant

51 IN CLASS

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner Graduation Speaker Tuesday

Final exercises in connection with the closing of the Edenton school will get underway on Friday night in the school auditorium, when the Senior Class will hold its class day exercises. This feature will be in the form of a pageant and due to scenery and lighting effects will not begin until 8:30 o'clock. The entertainment is expected to be of a high calibre and will, no doubt, attract a large number of relatives and friends of the Senior Class.

The next exercise in connection with the commencement program will take place Sunday night, when the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered in the school auditorium by the Rev. Lewis F. Schesck, rector of St. Paul's Church. This service will begin at 8 o'clock, and will replace the usual evening services in the various churches.

Graduation exercises will be held next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, when the principal address will be delivered by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner. This exercise is expected to attract a capacity house, and will be the climax to this year's school session. The same evening 67 Grammar Grade pupils will be promoted to High School, a feature which did not take place last year due to the addition of another month to the school term.

This year's senior class is made up of 51 students including the following:

Applications Now Being Distributed For Ration Book 3

Cards Must Be Mailed To Charlotte Before June 10

In the process of distribution now are applications for War Ration Book No. 3, which will replace Books No. 1 and 2 now being used. To receive the No. 3 book a different method has been adopted from the procedure to secure the first two books, when it was necessary to go to school houses and file applications.

The applications for No. 3 books must be filled out and after placing a 3-cent stamp on the designated place must be mailed to the OPA mailing center at Charlotte, N. C. which address is also printed on the application card. The applications are not at all complicated and they must be mailed between June 1 and June 10. If any application is not mailed before June 10, it will not be accepted at the mailing center before August 1, and of course, the applicant will not have a ration book in the meantime.

The application is perforated, but only the top portion must be torn off, which stub should be kept until the No. 3 book is received. It is very necessary that information recorded on the application be legible, so names should be printed or typewritten by the head of the family, as well as other spaces in which must be listed the members of a family entitled to receive the new ration book.

First Degree Tonight At Masonic Meeting

At the meeting tonight (Thursday) of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., the first degree will be exemplified. All members are urged to make a special effort to be present for this initiation.

The Herald Cooperating In Securing Correct Addresses

ABOUT 600

First List Turned Over To J. E. Wood Tuesday Morning

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Edenton Peanut Company, it was decided to send a five-pound bag of shelled peanuts to every man and woman from Chowan County now serving in the armed forces. A sufficient quantity of peanuts has been reserved for this purpose and The Herald has been asked and has agreed to cooperate in the plan of the local concern to remember as many of Chowan's representatives in the service as possible.

The Herald's part in the plan is to secure the addresses of boys and girls in the various branches of the armed forces, which will be turned over to J. E. Wood, secretary and treasurer of the Edenton Peanut Company. As names and addresses are received by Mr. Wood, the peanuts will be immediately mailed with the compliments of the Edenton concern.

The only hitch in the project is the fact that peanuts become worm-infested in a hot climate, and because some of Chowan's sons are now in extremely hot sections of the world, it may not be practical to send the peanuts to some overseas points. However, it is the desire of the concern to send a bag to as many of the county's men and women as possible.

At present there are in the neighborhood of 600 Chowan men in the service and, of course, a few women, but to secure proper addresses it will be necessary to depend upon relatives and friends to furnish this information. The Herald, therefore, is appealing to its readers to furnish names and addresses of boys and girls in the service as soon as possible so that mailing of the peanuts can get under way immediately. Of course, quite a number in the service, both in the United States and overseas, are now on The Herald mailing list and these names and addresses have been turned over to Mr. Wood. This group should, therefore, be the first to receive the remembrance from the peanut company. Other lists will be furnished Mr. Wood as soon as they are given to The Herald, so that readers are urged to furnish the necessary information as soon as possible. Names and addresses may be sent on a postcard or left at The Herald office.

Mr. Wood has already sent bags of peanuts to members of the Edenton Rotary Club who are in the service and in acknowledging receipt, it was evident that in every case the peanuts were greatly appreciated.

In the Christmas edition of The Herald the names of some 500 were listed as having been in the armed forces up to that time from Chowan County. Though these names are available, there is no way of knowing addresses unless they are furnished by relatives or friends. Peanuts will be sent to every one whose address can be secured, so that The Herald is appealing to its readers to cooperate in providing addresses in the hope that not a single one will fail to be remembered, unless it is those who, because of their particular location and the prevailing climate, it would not be practical to send the peanuts due to their being unfit for consumption upon arrival.

Legion Auxiliary Steps Up Meeting

New Officers and Delegates Slated To Be Elected Tonight

Due to conflicting affairs, the June meeting of the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post, American Legion, will be held tonight (Thursday) instead of at the usual meeting time next week. At tonight's meeting new officers will be elected and delegates chosen to represent the Auxiliary at the State Convention which will be held in Charlotte June 20-22.

Because of the important business to be transacted, Mrs. R. L. Pratt, president, urges every member of the organization to attend the meeting which will be held in the Red Men's hall at 8 o'clock.