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Directors Of Hospital Ask That Hicks Field Be Chosen As Proposed Hospital Site

Recommended at Meeting Held Wednesday Of Last Week

UNANIMOUS VOTE

June 3rd Set For Meeting to Take Definite Action

Meeting Wednesday night of last week, directors of the Chowan County Hospital again went on record as favoring Hicks Field as the site for the proposed hospital and Secretary Marvin Wilson was instructed to request W. W. Byrum, chairman of the County Commissioners, to call a meeting of the groups which have the final word in selecting the site.

The directors considered three other proposed sites at their meeting, but after various angles were discussed, the group unanimously recommended the Hicks Field site and have passed on their recommendations for approval. The groups who will definitely select the site are the County Commissioners, Town Council, the Board of Public Works and the Medical Association.

The letter from the hospital directors to Mr. Byrum is as follows:

"The directors of the Chowan County Hospital respectfully request that your body, together with the governing body of the Town of Edenton, in accordance with the terms of a certain resolution passed by each of the bodies concerned in which the sum of \$25,000 was granted the proposed local hospital, select a site upon which to erect the hospital.

"The directors, by a unanimous vote, recommend your approval in this matter that the hospital be erected upon that property known as 's Field in the Town of Edenton.'"

The Commissioners had no comment to make regarding the recommendation of the hospital directors, other than to discuss a convenient time for the meeting. It was finally agreed that the first Monday in June, which will be June 3rd, would be most convenient. Chairman Byrum then called the meeting accordingly, which will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. It was also announced that this meeting will be open to the public.

Before a site can be legally selected it will be necessary that each of the four groups named has a quorum present. Each one will be notified in ample time to arrange to attend the meeting.

Scouts Conducting Drive To Get Paper Proceeds Go to Provide Truck For Transportation to Camp

C. T. Griffin, chairman of camping, and activities, has announced that Boy Scouts of the West Albemarle District will conduct a paper drive from May 8 to 15. During this time the Scouts will make an effort to gather as much paper as possible and will make a house-to-house canvass.

The proceeds of the drive will go toward providing a truck to convey Scouts to and from Camp Darden for their camping trip. The boys will be delighted to call for any quantity of paper.

Delivery Of Express For Housing Projects

Mayor Leroy Haskett, was informed Wednesday morning by the Railway Express Agency that delivery service would be inaugurated in Morris and Pembroke Circles, Edenton's two housing projects.

Mayor Haskett for several months has been working on the delivery service, which at first was refused.

Reception Tonight For New Baptist Minister

Mrs. W. D. Holmes will be hostess a large number of friends tonight (Thursday) from 8 to 10 o'clock, when she will throw open her home on Granville street for a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Carroll. Mr. Carroll is the new pastor of the Baptist Church and members of the various denominations are invited to attend the reception to meet and greet the newcomers.

Reappointed

Though the terms of two directors of the proposed Chowan Hospital expired January 8, they were reappointed by the County Commissioners Monday. The two directors concerned are Albert Byrum and E. N. Elliott, who were the commissioners' appointees January 8, 1945, for a term of one year.

Their re-appointment Monday is for a term of three years.

William P. Jones New Commander Of Ed Bond Post

Officers Empowered to Purchase Everett Lot For Legion Home

At the meeting of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion Tuesday night a resolution prepared by John Graham was adopted empowering Legion officers to proceed in the purchase of the W. A. Everett property along the waterfront at a cost of \$4,500.

Adjutant Jesse White read a letter from the National Legion Adjutant stating that the local post had been awarded the Distinguished Service Citation for its record in 1944-45 memberships. Mr. White also announced that at present the Post has 258 members, with the hope that the membership will eventually reach the 500 mark.

Officers elected included William P. Jones, who will succeed Shelton Moore as commander; John Graham, vice president and Walter Holton, adjutant.

Young People Will Conduct Services At Baptist Church

Training Union Members In Charge Sunday Evening

Members of the Training Union will have charge of the evening worship service of the Baptist Church this Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The program consists of music, talks and demonstrations and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The principal participants on the program are those young people who represented the church at the Regional Training Union Convention in Elizabeth City in the various tournaments designed to determine the most efficient individuals in the projects of training sponsored by the Training Union Organizations of the Chowan and West Chowan Associations. These young people who were judged to be the most efficient in the two associations will demonstrate the value of learning the scriptures and being able to quote them from memory; being able to become familiar with the Bible and use it with understanding; be-

Coal Situation Curbs Freight, Passenger Service On Nor. Sou.

In accordance with an ODT directive the Norfolk Southern Railroad will cancel all freight trains effective at midnight tonight (Thursday). The order is the result of the railroad's fuel situation, but exception is made to livestock, live poultry, and perishable freight.

The coal situation will also affect the passenger train schedule in that No. 1 and No. 2 trains will make trips tri-weekly instead of daily.

Easter Seal Sales Reported At \$350.08

Earl Harrell, treasurer of the Easter Seal sale, reports that sales of the seals in Chowan County amounted to \$308.83. The campaign was sponsored by the Lions Club, with the county's share going toward aiding crippled children.

Commissioners Try For Quick Action To Secure Road Relief

Pass Resolution In Hope Of Getting Some Action

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday discussed the deplorable condition of many of the county's dirt roads and subsequently passed a resolution in an effort to get some action on the part of highway officials. The commissioners brought out the fact that Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans had been taken over some of the roads and expressed the opinion that something should be done as soon as possible.

In an effort to hasten repairs and put roads in more passable condition, the commissioners passed the following resolution which was sent to Mr. Evans and A. H. Graham, Chairman of the State Highway Commission:

"Whereas, the County Board of Commissioners of Chowan County have on several occasions petitioned the State Highway and Public Works Commission to take cognizance of the deplorable condition of our system of county roads, particularly as respects the dirt roads; and,

"Whereas, Highway Commissioner Merrill Evans has made a tour of inspection of practically every road in our county in recent months and is familiar with the terrible condition now existing due entirely to the lack of adequate maintenance work on the said roads; and

"Whereas, the said condition presents a grave handicap to our farmers in moving their produce to the markets, as well as the transportation of our children to the schools, and the delivery of the United States mail; therefore, BE IT RESOLVED,

"First: That we do hereby respectfully petition and urge the said Highway Commission to take immediate steps to relieve the unnecessary hardship under which our people have to operate without further delay, and

"Second: That a copy of this resolution be sent to Honorable A. H. Graham, chairman of the said State Highway Commission and a copy to Honorable Merrill Evans, Division Commissioner.

Primary Graders Give Play Friday

Over Hundred Youngsters In "Wedding of The Flowers"

On Friday night in Edenton High School a primary operetta, "Wedding of the Flowers" will be presented in which over 100 youngsters will take part and which is expected to attract a capacity house. The play is in two parts and is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock.

Those taking part include the following:

Brownies—Roy Briley, Michael Prater, William Copeland, Preston Chappell, Earl Owens, Melvin Davis, Marvin Davenport, William Parks.

Wood Nymphs—Peggy Goodwin, Allison Campen, Mary L. Browning.

Rabbits—Charles Overton, Lloyd White, Jr., Bobby Wright, Caleb White, Mickey Barrington, Charlie Griffin, Billy Moore, Roger Schiefer, Billy Adams, Bobby Gray, Albert Ward, Benny Hopkins.

Elves—Clinton Davis, Sidney White, Jr., Marvin Shaw, Steve Jackson, Lin Jordan, Clarence Lupton, Lloyd Ray Goodwin, Bruce Warren, Melvin Baker, Ervin Copeland.

Frog—Bobby Smith.

Owls—Bezzar Davenport, G. A. Hollowell.

Birds—Eddie Stallings, Jimmy Ross, Ralph Chappell, Melvin Harrell, Obed Brabble, Dick Lowe, Jackie Byrum, Bobby Barnett, Audrey Twiddy, Bill Davenport.

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Recital In School Thursday Afternoon

This (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock a joint recital will be held in the school auditorium sponsored by the Junior Music Club. During the program Pearl Sharp, instrumentalist of Manteo and Paul Lodestone, baritone, of New York will be featured.

Bank Of Edenton Will Close Friday

Tomorrow, May 10, being Confederate Memorial Day, the Bank of Edenton will be closed in order to observe the holiday. Patrons of the bank are urged to transact their business accordingly.

Edenton Naval Air Station Ordered To Continue Operation After Rescinding Order To Be Placed On Caretaker Basis

PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN FOR REVIVAL OF ALBEMARLE LEAGUE WITH THREE TEAMS

Decision Made at Meeting Held In Elizabeth City

SAME OFFICERS

Schedule Calls For Four Games to Be Played Each Week

Prospects for summer baseball again brightened following a meeting of Albemarle baseball fans held in Elizabeth City Thursday night, when representatives from Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton decided to form a league including these three towns. It was hoped, however, that a fourth team would enter in order to have a four-team league.

Only recently an effort to revive the Albemarle League with the hope of having teams from the above towns, Windsor, Harrellsville, Ashokic and Plymouth, but the Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton fans refused to give up the idea, believing that good baseball can be provided if only the three towns are represented.

The same league officers were continued at the Elizabeth City meeting, which include W. J. Daniels, president, and Walter Holton, secretary and treasurer. The same directors were also continued, which are Graham Byrum for Edenton, A. W. Hefren for Hertford and Lorimer Midgett for Elizabeth City. It was decided to play four games per week, with the league scheduled to begin playing on Saturday, June 1. Each team, according to the rules, will be required to play country boys, with the privilege of hiring three outside players. The season is scheduled to run until September 1, which will allow for a play-off for the league championship. Each town will be required to furnish umpires for home games, though it was thought advisable to employ outside officials for the series games.

President Daniels was very much encouraged following the meeting, stating that prospects are bright for well balanced teams and some good baseball.

30 4-H Girls Take Part In Dress Revue

Group Selected to Represent Clubs at Federation Meeting

Dress revues in six Chowan County 4-H clubs were held Thursday and Friday of last week in which 30 girls made simple cotton dresses and modeled them before club members and judges. The dresses and shirts were judged according to the costume itself, the girl, the costume on the girl and the general effect and completeness. The revues were conducted by Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, and Miss Virginia Bailey, assistant home agent.

The following 4-H girls will represent their club at the Home Demonstration Club Federation on May 30 at Chowan High School:

Edenton Junior Club—Lois Harrell.

Edenton Senior Club—Audrey Lee Jones.

Rocky Hook Junior Club—Arlene Harrell, Doris Jean Nixon and Pearl Halsey.

Chowan Senior Club—Sarah Jordan, Faye Ward, Anna Lee Asbell, Audrey Pearce, Audrey Bunch, Anne Rogerson and Dorothy Ann Asbell.

Chowan II Club—Ima Jean Layton and Audrey Jordan.

Chowan I Club—Shirley Elliott.

Other contestants were the following: Jane Wiggins, Mary Elizabeth Whitman, Paige Perry, Joan Nixon, Bessie Tynch, Hilda Rae Harrell, Marion Nixon, Christine Bass, Esther Mae Brabble, Marie Gay and Grace Evans.

STOLEN CAR RECOVERED

Mrs. George Teck went to New Bern Sunday, where she recovered her car which was stolen last week from in front of W. J. Daniels' home on Oakum street. Aside from tampering with the switch no damage was done.

News of Closing Reason For No Little Concern Among Citizens

WIRES HOT

Congressman Bonner on Hand to Hear Many Complaints

Edenton people in general were very much upset Friday morning when news spread like wildfire that orders were received to discontinue the Edenton Naval Air Station and that it would be placed on a caretaker basis. As reports spread, Comdr. Bert Creighton, commanding officer of the base was kept busy on the telephone and verified the report that his orders were to the effect that the base would be closed as of June 1, after which only a small group would continue to be employed to serve more or less as watchmen.

Immediately, Marvin Wilson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, contacted Senator Clyde Hoy's office by telephone, but Mr. Hoy was not in. His secretary, Jack Spain, assured Mr. Wilson that he would call the matter to the attention of Mr. Hoy.

Mayor Leroy Haskett also got busy and sent telegrams to Congressman Herbert Bonner and Senators Clyde Hoy and Josiah Bailey.

It so happened, however, that Congressman Bonner arrived in Edenton Friday and, of course, a group of Edenton men immediately began to complain and enlist his aid in having the order rescinded. Mr. Bonner expressed surprise at the news and immediately contacted Washington by telephone. Early Saturday morning Comdr. Creighton received an order rescinding the former order.

Later Mayor Haskett received telegrams from Senator Hoy that the closing order had been rescinded, and from Congressman Bonner's office came a telegram to the effect that he was successful in having the first order rescinded.

Though rumors have been going the rounds that the base was scheduled to be closed, the order Friday came like a bombshell, for previous information was to the effect that the Edenton base was scheduled to be continued on a permanent basis.

W. H. Gardner And George Folk Attend Meeting Of Bankers

Mr. Folk Honored as One of Organizers 50 Years Ago

W. H. Gardner, executive vice president of the Bank of Edenton and George Folk left Tuesday for Pinehurst, where they are attending the 50th convention of the North Carolina Bankers Association in session May 8, 9 and 10.

Mr. Folk is an honored guest of the convention, having been especially invited as one of the five remaining organizers of the association 50 years ago when he was cashier of the Bank of Edenton. These remaining organizers will be given special recognition at Thursday evening's program featured by a banquet with Edmund Harding as the speaker. Among the special speakers for the convention will be Dr. Van B. Hart of Cornell University, Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, Dr. Frank W. Chapman, University of Georgia and Dr. Marcus Nadler, professor of finance, New York University.

Chandelier Ordered For Old Panel Room

The Panel Room of the Court House is scheduled to be made more attractive due to action taken by the Panel Room Committee. The committee recently placed an order for a chandelier which will cost \$575.

Red Cross Chapter Ships Group Articles

Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan County Red Cross Chapter has announced that the chapter on Monday sent a shipment of Red Cross articles to the southeastern area office in Atlanta. In the shipment were 30 sweaters, 11 mufflers, 6 helmets, 24 filled army kit bags and 12 unfilled army kit bags.

Baseball Mass Meeting Tonight

A mass meeting at the Court House has been called for tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock, at which time it is planned to organize a baseball team as Edenton's entry in the Albemarle League. A manager for the club will be elected and a method of financing the club will also be considered.

All those interested in playing are especially urged to be present in order to get some idea of how many players are available. All others interested in baseball are also urged to attend in order to get off to a good start.

Robert Lee Humber Speaker For PTA

Group Elects Officers For Year; Sponsors Series of Concerts

Robert Lee Humber was the principal speaker at the Parent-Teacher Association meeting held Tuesday afternoon, at which officers for the year were elected as follows: Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, president; Mrs. Louis Goodwin, vice president; Mrs. E. A. Swain, secretary and Mrs. R. N. Hines, treasurer.

The association unanimously approved sponsoring a series of concerts, the cost of which will be in the neighborhood of \$1600. Mrs. Lloyd Griffin's fourth grade class was awarded the attendance banner and during the meeting Mrs. Paul Wallace was commended for her work with the lunch room.

Mr. Humber was introduced by John A. Holmes.

"I am speaking to the sinews of American society," began Mr. Humber, "for you all are interested in teaching children the realities of life upon which to build the superstructure that will stand the test of time, and we need the light of experience to guide us. The more we teach our children the more human we become."

The speaker said children should be taught the embodiment of aspirations of those gone before, being the beneficiaries of their achievements. He emphasized the fact that the radio and airplane has brought the world closer together and that the problem now is how to stabilize the world community. "We have only been initiated into the domain of atomic energy," he said.

A portion of Mr. Humber's address had to do with world order as he briefly pointed out the underlying principles of his world court idea.

L. C. Burton Gives Registration Advice

Vets Registered While In Service Must Register

L. C. Burton, Chairman of the Chowan County Board of Elections, is very anxious for veterans to become acquainted with the registration laws in order to be eligible to vote in the forthcoming election.

Veterans who have been registered while they were in service will be required to register in the precinct in which they vote, says Mr. Burton. Of course, those who were on the registration books before entering the armed forces will not be required to register again in order to vote. Mr. Burton also calls attention to the fact that next Saturday, May 11, will be the last day to register and that the books close at 6 P. M.

CHOSEN MAID OF HONOR
Miss Ruth Byrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Byrum, was selected Maid of Honor in the May Day festival at Fairfax Hall, Waynesboro, Va., on Saturday.