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J. H. McMullan Advances Objections To Bond Issue For Town Improvements

Says Economically Unsound; Not For Best Interest of Town

POOR INVESTMENT

Intimates Higher Taxes Scare Off Prospective Industries

Former Mayor J. H. McMullan in a letter to The Herald expresses his objection to the proposed bond issue which will be voted on Saturday, July 27. Regarding the proposed improvements, Mr. McMullan has the following to say:

"May I commend you for offering the columns of your paper to anyone who might desire to express themselves regarding the proposed \$370,000 paving bond issue. I think it proper that a matter of this importance be freely discussed so that the public may know all the facts while there is yet time to act.

"This is a matter of very great importance and should be given serious consideration by every voter. And I feel it the duty of any citizen who has given thought to the proposition to give the public the benefit of his conclusions for what they are worth.

"The question for the public to decide is it necessary or desirable that the town vote on itself a bonded indebtedness at this time in the sum of \$370,000 for the purpose of paving certain streets?

"Everyone will agree that it is nice to have paved streets wherever there is traffic, but there is a wide difference of opinion as to how and when this is to be accomplished.

"I have always been a strong advocate of sound public improvements, and am now. I have favored every issue the town has advocated in the past and have zealously worked for them because I considered them to be in the best interest of the town in every way.

"But I am unalterably opposed to this present proposed issue because I consider it unsound economically and not for the best interest of the town or the abutting property owners. I feel that it will place a tax burden on the town as a whole, and an assessment burden on the abutting property owners which will cause many headaches for years to come. I have made investigation and find that the taxable value of all the residential property in the proposed paving districts does not exceed \$350,000.

"The proposed bond issue is \$370,000, or \$20,000 more than the total taxable value of said property. The average lot in this area is valued at about \$1,000. This will involve a tax assessment against these non-profit producing properties of about 50% of their value, and in addition will add to their burden an increase in the tax rate of 63c on the \$100 increased valuation. The inevitable result of this burden in the trying days ahead will cause many of the owners to lose their property through tax foreclosure.

"All of our past bond issues did not involve the town because at this figure we acquired all of our present utilities including pavement, sewerage, water works and electric light plant.

"Because of the excessive cost of paving at this time this proposed bond issue in the sum of \$370,000 exceeds the total of all past bond issues by \$190,000. This in my opinion is a poor investment and economically unsound.

"If it is deemed necessary to pave the proposed area it must be apparent to anyone that now is not the opportune time to undertake it. We are now in the throes of reconversion. The nation, the state and every community in the days ahead will be put on their mettle to solve their financial problems. Edenton is indeed fortunate because it is now practically bond-debt free and so can face this problem with confidence. But should we embark on this unsound venture and involve the town to the extent of the \$370,000 proposed bond issue we will lose this advantage beyond recall.

"Until recently the town was run on a \$1 per \$100 valuation tax rate. Notwithstanding the fact that taxable values of the town have been greatly increased, and we are practically bond free, the rate has been boosted to \$1.50. It is now proposed to boost the rate an additional 63c to \$2.13 on this proposed bond issue. Our tax rate soars to this dizzy height. How can we expect any industry to locate here and assume such a heavy tax burden?"

DISCHARGED FROM NAVY

Frank V. White, Jr., Ph.M 3/c, was honorably discharged from the Navy last week at the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Shoemaker, Calif. Young White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. White, and is now at home with his parents.

Night Baseball

With the arrival late last week of bulbs and reflectors, work has been rushed to completion for lighting Hicks Field, so that a night game was scheduled to be played with Camden Wednesday night.

In order to accommodate the crowds expected to attend night games, new bleachers are also being erected on the field.

Gov. Gregg Cherry Compliments Work Of Hospitals Board

T. C. Byrum Has Taken Active Part as Board Member

The North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control, of which T. C. Byrum of Edenton is a member, has received the thanks of Governor Cherry for a report of its first year's work showing general improvement in the care of the mentally ill during a difficult period, with plans for further progress in the making.

Appointment of Dr. David A. Young as the State's first general superintendent of mental hygiene, establishment of an extension unit for 500 senile patients at Camp Sutton in Monroe, and steps taken to meet the major shortages of space and personnel were listed in the report by the chairman, Dr. H. O. Lineberger of Raleigh, as highlights of the twelve months which began with the installation of the present board in April 1945.

Administered by the unified board are institutions with more than 9,000 patients—State Hospitals at Morganton and Raleigh, a hospital at Goldsboro for negroes, Caswell Training School at Kinston for feeble-minded children, and State Hospitals Extension at Monroe.

In receiving the report, Governor Cherry congratulated Mr. Byrum and other board members for what he termed a "very fine record," adding "I feel that you have laid the groundwork for the administration of our mental institutions that will reflect in permanent good."

July 15-22 Observed National Home Food Preservation Week

Mayor Haskett Urges Saving Food to Fight Inflation

This week, July 15-22, is being observed as National Home Food Preservation Week, and Mayor Leroy Haskett is anxious for Edenton and Chowan County people as well to cooperate in an effort to raise and can surplus foods.

"One of the easiest, quickest and fairest ways to prevent inflation of food prices out of all reason," said Mayor Haskett, "is to supplement the civilian supply with homegrown foods. This will not only help to keep the cost of living down for ourselves, but will have some effect on those who depend upon commercial supplies. Anything that reduces demand for food also helps keep consumer prices down."

Mayor Haskett stresses the fact that demands upon current food supplies are great and the need for large shipments of food to famine-stricken areas will continue this fall and winter. "That we may give this aid without cutting adequate supplies for nutrition here at home," he said, "we must keep home gardens producing throughout the growing season and we must preserve a part of the summer's abundance for next winter's use."

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold its weekly meeting tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Stage Now Set For An All-Star Baseball Game In Hertford

Two Groups Will Meet Tonight In Hertford At 8 O'clock

Baseball fans will have an opportunity tonight (Thursday) to witness an all-star game to be played on the Hertford diamond at 8 o'clock, weather permitting. The two teams will be selected from the six Albemarle League teams, with Hertford, Elizabeth City and Camden stars opposing a team composed of players from Edenton, Colerain and Windsor.

Cap'n Pratt Fearing of Elizabeth City will manage the northern end of the loop, while Fred Dunstan of Windsor will be the skipper for the southern half of the league. The game has been widely publicized, so that another record crowd is expected to pack Memorial Park in Hertford.

To start the game, Moe Bauer, Hertford's pitching ace, who is credited with seven victories in as many starts, is slated to be pitted against Edenton's Garland Little, who is rated as one of the best pitchers in the league. Fah is scheduled to pitch three innings. Jerry Chitty of the Colerain club is scheduled to follow Little, while Don Gilbert of the Elizabeth City club will follow Bauer. Ted Miller of Windsor will occupy the mound for the southern end of the league for the final three innings, while Ab Williams will finish the game for the northern section.

Possible starting lineups of the two all-star outfits follow:

Northern Half

Catcher—Nathan Caddy, Elizabeth City.

Pitcher—Moe Bauer, Hertford.

First Base—Cater Harris, Elizabeth City.

Second Base—Bud Cayton, Hertford.

Third Base—Harmon Young, Hertford.

Shortstop—Red Kimbrell, Hertford.

Left Field—Floyd Steele, Elizabeth City.

Center Field—Paul Morris, Camden.

Right Field—E. Fearing, Camden.

Southern Half

Catcher—Jim Edwards, Edenton.

Pitcher—Garland Little, Edenton.

First Base—Vernon Baker, Colerain.

Second Base—Fred Castelloe, Colerain.

Third Base—Ken Sallenger, Windsor.

Shortstop—Punk Spruill, Windsor.

Left Field—Snooky Hollowell, Edenton.

Center Field—Joe Dunstan, Windsor.

Right Field—Gene Freeman, Colerain.

Northern reserves include: Wood, Brinn and Eure of Hertford; Brinson, Morris and Holmes of Elizabeth City, and L. Seymour, Gordon and J. Seymour of Camden.

Southern reserves include: Conner, Ted Miller and Ballard Williford of Windsor; Poss Askew, Hoggard and Holloman of Colerain, and Ben Askew, Pete Everrett, Joe Wheeler and Claud Griffin of Edenton.

Lady Reading Sends Attractive Certificate To Red Cross Chapter

Chowan County's Red Cross Chapter has recently received a beautiful certificate from Lady Reading in England in appreciation for the generous help given by the Red Cross during the long years of battle against Nazi tyranny. The certificate has been placed in the office of Miss Elizabeth Moore, home service chairman.

Miss Moore recently returned from a Red Cross national convention held in Philadelphia, which was attended by over 7,000 Red Cross workers. Many outstanding speakers spoke at the convention, all of whom emphasized the enormous need for continued production for overseas relief in China and most of Europe. These people need help, according to the speakers and children especially need clothing.

Lions Change Up And Feed Wives At Meeting

Believing that turn-about is fair play, Edenton Lions on Monday night served their wives a barbecue chicken dinner at the regular meeting. The meeting was held at 6:30 in order to allow members who so desired to attend the scheduled baseball game at Hertford. The game, however, was rained out, so that some time was devoted to singing a group of familiar songs led by W. Jim Daniels and A. P. Hassell.

Talented Violinist Is Scheduled To Appear In Edenton Sept. 20th

Leona Flood Will Play In Edenton School Auditorium

Music lovers in Edenton and surrounding territory will have an opportunity to hear a gifted violinist in the Edenton school auditorium on Friday, September 20, when Leona Flood is scheduled to present a program. The appearance in Edenton of Leona Flood is sponsored by the Edenton Rotary Club, President Marvin Wilson having executed a contract with Phil Rubinoff of New York, her manager.

The young lady is the latest young American artist to attract the attention of critics and music lovers. Born in Spokane, Wash., Miss Flood made her concert debut in Oslo, Norway, and played throughout Europe and Australia before coming back to the States at the outbreak of war. She has been for the past two years playing recitals from coast to coast and has everywhere met with acclaim from press and public.

She began to play the violin at the age of five and made her recital debut at sixteen, inheriting her musical talent from her mother, who is an accomplished singer and pianist. Many songs for which she wrote words and music are published both here and abroad.

Miss Flood's appearance has no connection with the proposed community concerts contemplated during the fall, but will, it is hoped, help stimulate interest in the concerts.

Youngster Dies As Result Of Injuries Inflicted By Mule

Charles Bembridge, 3, Succumbs In Doctor's Office

Charles Bembridge, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bembridge, died Thursday afternoon as the result of injuries sustained in a barn at his parents' home on the Edenton-Windsor highway.

The youngster, according to reports, accompanied his father to a field on the farm but was sent back to the house for fear he might be bitten by a snake. The boy apparently went in a stable housing a mule, which he had frequently done, and it is supposed that he was kicked by the mule.

The boy was found unconscious by his mother and was rushed to the office of Dr. L. P. Williams, where it was learned that he had a fractured skull and arm, as well as bruises about his body, which led to the belief that he had been kicked or pawed by the mule. At first it was thought the boy would survive, but he suffered a relapse and died while in the doctor's office about 4 o'clock.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Ziegler Funeral Home, with the Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Overman Will Become Rotary President Today

Due to County Agent C. W. Overman, incoming president of the Edenton Rotary Club, attending the 4-H Club Camp at Manteo last week, installation of officers was postponed. At today's meeting Mr. Overman will be installed as president to succeed Marvin Wilson and Richard F. Elliott will be installed as vice president, succeeding John A. Holmes.

Vacation Bible School At Center Hill Church

A daily vacation Bible school is being held this week at the Center Hill Baptist Church. The school is well attended and considerable interest is shown. Commencement exercises are planned for Friday night, at which time the public is invited.

The Rev. W. C. Francis, pastor of the church, has plans for a vacation school next week at Great Hope Baptist Church and also schools at Rocky Hock and Warwick Swamp in the near future. Mr. Francis has had previous experience in this kind of work and he is gratified at the attendance and interest shown.

Interest Gradually Mounts In Special Town Election To Decide On Improvements

Artist Coming



LEONA FLOOD Arrangements have been made to have Leona Flood, gifted violinist, appear in Edenton Friday, September 20. The artist will present a program under the auspices of the Edenton Rotary Club.

Chowan Joins In Overwhelming Vote For Tobacco Quotas

Only One Negative Vote Registered In 136 Ballots

Chowan County tobacco growers joined with the tobacco-growing South in Friday's referendum in voting almost unanimously for a three-year quota system.

In Chowan County 136 ballots were cast and all but one was for the three-year quota. No vote went for only one year control, while one vote was cast against the entire control program.

The six states voting piled up 242,516 votes for the three-year quota, 3,126 for only one-year quotas and 4,132 against any kind of quotas. In North Carolina 172,042 votes were cast for the three-year program, 1,762 for a one-year quota and 1,922 against any quota.

Rains Play Havoc With Chowan Crops

Watermelon and Cantaloupe Growers Are Hardest Hit

Continued frequent and heavy rains have played havoc with crops in Chowan County with watermelons and cantaloupes being especially hurt. In some sections peanuts and cotton were also greatly damaged while corn and tobacco show signs of damage caused by continuous rain.

Some cantaloupe and watermelon growers say their crops have been practically wiped out and what remains will be of very poor quality. Estimates have been made that there will be as low as a 30 per cent crop.

Goodwin's Quality Store Going Out Of Business

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Goodwin this week announced that they will discontinue operation of Goodwin's Quality Store after having conducted their grocery business on Broad Street for 17 years. They plan to close out their business immediately so that their stock of merchandise will be sold as soon as possible.

Mr. Goodwin plans to operate a men's clothing store, together with his brother, Carroll Cason Goodwin, who was recently discharged from the armed forces. The two brothers will occupy the building now used by Goodwin's Quality Store and plan to carry a full and complete line of men's wearing apparel.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT

Edenton firemen were called out Sunday morning when an oil stove exploded at the home of Mrs. Willie Morris on North Broad Street. The firemen prevented any progress, so that little damage was done.

Some Favor While Others Oppose Town Going In Debt

VOTE JULY 27

Town Not Obligated to Sell All of \$370,000 Bond Issue

Though there have been very few new registrations for the special election to be held Saturday, July 27, to decide on a bond issue for the purpose of making permanent town improvements in Edenton, interest in the election is gradually increasing. From comments heard, it is apparent that there are those who will vote for the bond issue, while it is equally true that some will vote against it.

It is only fair to inform the voters that while the bond issue, if passed, authorizes the issuance of \$370,000, it does not necessarily mean that that amount of bonds will be floated. In fact, the amount of bonds sold will depend upon how much of the work Town Council decides to do. As a matter of fact, even if the election is won, it does not necessarily mean that Town Council will have to do any of the work. It is a set figure above which no more bonds could be sold. However, if any improvements at all are to be done, it will be necessary for the election to carry in order to secure funds.

The mistaken idea seems to prevail that a vote in favor of the bond issue means definitely that the town will go in debt to the tune of \$370,000, when as a matter of fact only enough bonds will be sold to pay for any portion of improvements authorized by Town Council.

Included in the proposed improvements are hard-surfacing practically all of the remaining dirt streets in Edenton, constructing curbs and gutters on some of the streets and installing adequate storm sewerage which will eliminate the unsightly and dangerous ditches in town. To do all of this work is estimated to cost approximately \$370,000, though that figure is excessive in order to be sure of enough funds if all of the work is undertaken.

According to petitions signed by property owners affected, they will pay approximately half of the cost, so that the estimated cost to property owners will be \$2.25 to \$4.60 per front foot or about an average of \$3.50 depending upon the type and width of pavement and the amount of storm water drainage pipe required.

Little opposition has been heard from property owners who will be required to pay a portion of cost of improvements, but what opposition is heard comes from those who object to paying increased taxes on what bonds might be issued.

The election to decide the matter will be held Saturday, July 27, with voting allowed from 6:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. The majority of the votes cast will decide the election.

4-H Club Members Return From Manteo

A happy group of 4-H boys and girls returned over the week-end from the 4-H Club Camp at Manteo. While at Camp the young people witnessed a showing of "The Lost Colony" and enjoyed a well rounded program which provided entertainment and instruction.

Chowan County boys and girls attending the camp were:

Shirley Ann Parrish, Pearl Halsey, Dorothy Ann Asbell, Paige Perry, Madge Copeland, Pearl Ann Hollowell, Audrey Keeter, Clara White, Hilda Rae Harrell, Margaret Winslow, Marion Nixon, Shirley Elliott, Helen Marie Tynch, Ruth Rogerson, Judy Hollowell, Jane Goodwin, Alvis Perry, Betty Cole Bateman, Arlene Harrell, Robert Lee Byrum, Robert White, Jack Leary, Maurice Leary, Billy Gray Leary, Horace Rountree, Gerald Layden, Bobbie Byrum, Malcolm Copeland, Ted Perry, Roger Bunch, Leon Privott and Durwood Bateman.

Methodists Plan For Church School Picnic

Various groups of the Methodist Church met Friday night, at which time affairs of the church in general were discussed. Among the things considered was a Sunday School picnic, which will be held the latter part of July.