

## Edenton Requests Changes To Be Made In Lease For Edenton Naval Air Station

Lengthy Document Discussed With Representative of Navy

### LONG MEETING

### Officers' Club Is Sub-Leased to Ed Bond Post

In a long session Tuesday night, Town Councilmen devoted a considerable amount of time in reviewing the lengthy lease of the Edenton Naval Air Station and suggested quite a few alterations in the wording of another lease which will replace the one recently prepared by the Navy Department. Present at the meeting were Comdr. J. T. Brown, acting for the commander of naval air bases in the Fifth Naval District, and Lieut. Comdr. R. T. Brinn, commanding officer of the Edenton Naval Air Station. Town Attorney John W. Graham was asked by Mayor Leroy Haskett to designate the objectionable portions of the recent permanent lease, which was done. In a few instances Comdr. Brown clarified the meaning of certain words or phrases and in other instances he made a note of the objections. He requested Mayor Haskett to prepare a letter setting forth those portions of the lease which were objectionable to the Town, as well as substituting wording in connection with the particular phase of the base in question. Upon receipt of this letter Comdr. Brown said he would go to Washington personally and have the lease rewritten.

Comdr. Brown told the Councilmen that it was necessary for him to make a request for an extra appropriation in connection with closing the Edenton base and it was his desire to wind up the lease as soon as possible in order to prevent the embarrassing situation of having to make another request. Comdr. Brown said it was the desire of the Navy Department for Edenton to benefit by the base and that in some cases the Navy will "bend over backward" to be of assistance.

During the meeting Mayor Haskett informed Comdr. Brown that during Comdr. Brinn's stay at the base, he has been as congenial, cooperative and helpful as any person could be and that the Town of Edenton appreciated what he has done, and regretted when the time comes for him to leave.

John W. Graham, speaking for Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, again requested sub-leasing of the Officers' Club at the base. Mr. Graham stated that it was the Legion's purpose not only to provide headquarters for the Post and Auxiliary, but that a program will be started to develop recreational facilities which can be enjoyed by those not members of either organization. Membership, as planned, will be by card system.

A delegation from the Junior Woman's Club was present at the meeting and with Mrs. Roland Vaughan as spokesman, requested use of the building used as a canteen at the base as club headquarters. A motion was made and passed that the Town request the Hervey Foundation to release the building to be included in those reserved by the Town.

The Electric and Water Department was given authority by Town Council to purchase a lot adjoining Town property on West Freemason Street, which is needed for contemplated improvements.

J. Edwin Bufflap, Street Commissioner, was authorized to proceed with constructing a new sidewalk on the east side of Broad Street in North Edenton, much of which was damaged when the recent highway improvements were made. Work on the sidewalk will begin immediately.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall reported that five fire calls were answered during the month of November and that the damage amounted to \$1,800.

The matter of purchasing pamphlets advertising the Town and County was brought up by Mayor Haskett, who has had requests for many of them. After some discussion, a motion was made and passed to order 10,000 pamphlets similar to those purchased a number of years ago, at the understanding that the county Commissioners will pay half of the expense, the cost of the pamphlets being in the neighborhood of \$600.

### ROTARY CLUB MEETS TODAY

Edenton's Rotary Club meets today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. All members are urged to attend.

## Christmas Lights

Employees of the Electric and Water Department early this week were busily engaged in installing Christmas lights in the business section. The vari-colored lights will criss-cross on Broad Street, lending a holiday spirit to the community.

## John White Deeds 7 1/2 Acres Land To Board Of Education

### Increases Gift For Recreational Purposes at Chowan High

John F. White this week presented a deed to the Board of Education for 7 1/2 acres of land adjoining the Chowan High School to be used for recreational purposes and to be known as the "John F. White Athletic Field." The deed calls for practically double the amount of land offered by Mr. White about a year ago, when the need arose for athletic facilities at the school.

Mr. White increased the amount of land given to the Board of Education so that if and when a gymnasium is erected, the land will be already available, thus allowing for proper planning with reference to the location of the athletic field or other recreational activities.

## Sale Of Christmas Seals Now Lagging

### Mrs. R. C. Holland Reports \$530 Returned Up to Tuesday

Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer of the Christmas Seal sale in Chowan County, reported Tuesday that the drive was lagging up to the present time and hoped receipts would take on an upward trend. Up to Tuesday only about \$530 had been received by Mrs. Holland, while it is hoped that \$1,500 will be realized through the seal sale.

Quantities of the seals were sent through mail and it is Mrs. Holland's belief that the envelopes and seals were laid aside and forgotten or overlooked on the part of many who received them. She is not of the opinion that the interest is lacking, so she is appealing to those who have not sent in their money for the seals to do so at once.

Mrs. J. A. Moore is Christmas Seal chairman and emphasized the fact that the more money realized through the sale of seals, the more will be able to be done in Chowan County in combatting tuberculosis.

## Opportunity To Send Vets Christmas Cards

Mrs. Paul Holoman, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, has received the names of 20 boys at Oteen Hospital to whom she hopes Christmas cards will be sent.

The names of these boys, who will appreciate cards sent by members of the Legion, Auxiliary or other citizens, are as follows:

M. J. Cantwell, J. P. Childress, William Heath, James Bird, L. Holton, R. H. Mitchell, John Roberts, Joseph Tippet, Joe Sedar, James Traffanti, Leon Mertino, George Hilton, Joseph Young, Paul Gay, Ernest Pritchard, Carroll Kummer, Braxton Nash, Harry Smith, John Luzz and Gaither Clow.

## Arrests In Edenton Drop In November

Arrests in Edenton dropped considerably during November, Chief of Police George I. Dail reporting 65, of which 63 were found guilty and two not guilty. Drunks again led the list with 16, followed by 11 parking and traffic violations and 9 for speeding. Fines amounted to \$531.50 and costs \$745.50. Officers' fees turned over to the town amounted to \$127.60.

## Wake Forest And Windsor Play In Armory Tonight

### Fast Basketball Game In Prospect Starting At 8 O'clock

Tonight (Thursday) basketball fans will have an opportunity to see the Wake Forest College varsity squad in action in the Edenton armory, when they meet the strong Windsor Firemen at 8 o'clock. The college team will include Hank Lougee, Warren Hicks, Deran Walters and Jack Gentry, members of last year's team, who together with Willard Kaylor will compose the starting lineup. Two members of this year's football team, John O'Quinn and George Pryor, are also on the squad. Other players are Jim Patton, Coleman Jackson, Eddie Henry, Jim Lyles and Warren Holmes.

The Windsor team is coached by Jimmy Bonds, former captain of Wake Forest, and includes, besides Bonds, Charles "Punk" Spruill as forwards, Ben Askew of Edenton at center and Johnny Walker and Jack Goldstein as guards. Sidney Keeter and Harry Stubbs are reserves.

Windsor is a member of the Golden Belt League and is reported to have a fast aggregation, so that fans should be provided a very interesting game.

Murray Greason is coach of the Wake Forest team and is well known to many local sports fans.

## Embargo Is Lifted For Parcel Post

### Conditions Still Make It Necessary to Mail At Once

With John L. Lewis calling off the coal strike, the parcel post embargo has been lifted, but Postmaster C. E. Kramer warns that conditions make it just as important as before that Christmas parcels be mailed without delay to be assured of delivery by Christmas Day.

Christmas greetings should also be mailed before December 15, says Mr. Kramer, in order to avoid congestion of the mails and delayed delivery. "Mail now and be assured of Christmas delivery," says Mr. Kramer.

The Edenton post office will remain open Saturday afternoon, December 14 and 21 for the convenience of patrons.

## Mrs. Richburg Joins Husband In Austria

Mrs. H. A. Richburg and two children have arrived in Austria and joined their husband and father, Major Richburg. Mrs. Richburg, the former Miss Madge Pettus, flew from New York on November 19 and arrived in Paris the following day, making the remainder of the trip by train.

## Increased Number Of Chowan Farmers Vote In Electing AAA Committeemen

### Group Charged With Responsibility of Assisting In Farm Program In Various Communities; Election Held Saturday

On Saturday, December 7, farmers of Chowan County went to their community voting places and elected community committeemen for 1947. About one-third more farmers voted in Saturday's election than in previous elections. Therefore, the new committeemen take over the responsibility of the position as committeemen knowing that they have the endorsement of a large number of farmers.

These committeemen have the responsibility of assisting in the administration of marketing quota, price support and soil-building farm program to farmers in this local community. By taking an interest in the program and fulfilling the responsibilities of committeemen, these men can render a valuable service to their neighbor farmers. Since working closely together through the AAA Farm Program is the farmer's way of assuring himself a fair return for his work, it is essential that each farmer cooperate with the men elected on these committees in his community.

In order that every farmer may know who was elected in Saturday's

## Edenton's Lion Club Endorses Higher Pay For State's Teachers

### Resolution Will Be Presented to Legislators For Consideration

Increased pay for school teachers claimed the attention of Edenton Lions at their meeting Monday night, as the result of which the Club endorsed a resolution calling for an increase in salary of not less than 20 per cent. The resolution will be presented to Senators Charles H. Jenkins and Lorimer Midgett and Representative John W. Graham in the hope that they will do all in their power in the General Assembly to bring about more equitable salaries for school teachers in the State.

A feature of the meeting was an address by Charles Lee Overman, son of County Agent and Mrs. C. W. Overman, which he prepared in the recent contest sponsored by the Good Health Association. The address was very ably presented and included strong argument for the State improving its health condition.

During the meeting plans were discussed for the Club's anniversary and ladies' night which will be observed next Thursday night, December 19. Meetings on December 16 and 23 have been called off due to the anniversary meeting and the Christmas holidays.

## Christmas Pageant At Chowan High On Sunday Night

### About 50 Students Will Take Part In "At The Inn"

Students of Chowan High School will present a Christmas pageant in the school auditorium next Sunday night, December 15, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The title of the pageant will be "At the Inn," with about 50 students taking part.

There will be no admission charged and the public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy what is expected to be a splendid evening's entertainment.

## 96-Year-Old "Aunt Roney" Breaks Hip In Fall On Tuesday

Mrs. John Layton, better known as "Aunt Roney," had the misfortune to stumble and fall Tuesday afternoon, resulting in breaking her hip. Mrs. Layton, who is 96 years old, has for the past 11 years made her home with Mr. and Mrs. John Waff, and despite her age, has been very active.

The accident happened while Mrs. Waff was in the yard doing some work with flowers. Hearing a noise in the kitchen, she entered and found "Aunt Roney" lying on the floor. She was taken to Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City Tuesday night.

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## A. T. Lane Charges Electric Water Department Fighting Rural Electrification Plan

### Help! Help!

Members of Ed Bond Post are anxious to send Christmas presents to all Chowan County veterans now in hospitals as well as send flowers to every Gold Star Mother. However, they are having difficulty in learning the names and addresses of either, so an appeal is made to relatives or friends who know of a Chowan County veteran in a hospital or a Gold Star Mother, to send information to Walter Holton, Jesse Harrell or William (Spec) Jones, so that none will be overlooked.

In order to be of some help, fill in the following and take or mail to either of the above names.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Relative \_\_\_\_\_

## Edenton Stores Open Nights Beginning On Thursday Next Week

### Also Agree to Close Two Days For Christmas Holidays

According to the Merchants Committee of the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association, stores in Edenton will begin opening at nights on Thursday of next week, December 19. The stores will remain open until 9 o'clock, thus allowing an opportunity for those to shop who do not have time during the regular hours.

The committee also reported that stores will close for two days over the Christmas holiday, remaining closed Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 and 26.

## Stocking Fund To Resume Operation

### Efforts Will Not Be on As Large Scale as In Former Years

Though it will not be necessary to operate on as large a scale as before the war, the Christmas Stocking Fund will be revived this year. The fund was for many years sponsored by the Young People's Service League of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and for many years Miss Louise Coke took a major part in handling funds, purchasing gifts and seeing to it that they were distributed.

Several years ago a survey disclosed that conditions were so improved that there were practically no children in the community who would be lacking Christmas gifts and goodies, so that the Christmas Stocking Fund was abandoned.

As stated, the fund will not be conducted on as large a scale, but funds are solicited to assure needy children a stocking on Christmas morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Jones, Jr., will be in charge of this year's Stocking Fund, and anybody desiring to make a contribution should send or take it to either Mr. or Mrs. Jones. Needy children in the community will be certified by Mrs. J. H. McMullan, superintendent of public welfare. Presents will be purchased, made up in packages and delivered to needy children on Christmas eve.

## Bowling Alleys At Base Now Being Removed

Workmen this week arrived at the Edenton Naval Air Station and are now engaged in taking up the six splendid bowling alleys at the base. Despite the fact that for some time Edenton people have made some effort to save the alleys, high ranking Navy officials ordered them removed and sent to Guam, which is being done.

Local Red Men had planned to bowl Friday night bat, of course, they will not be able to carry out their plans.

## Says Poles Set Side By Side With REA Line Already Erected

### WORD BROKEN

### Manager Says Financial Damage Amounts to Over \$2,000

Rural electrification in Chowan County is being blocked by action taken by Edenton's Water & Light Department, it was charged early this week by A. T. Lane, of Hertford manager of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. Mr. Lane stated that Edenton is one of the first county seats in North Carolina to fight its county rural electrification program.

"The Town of Edenton's Water and Light Department is setting poles side by side with the Rural Electric Membership Cooperative lines, which have been completed for 60 days, except for the stringing of the 'hard to get' conductor," said Mr. Lane. "This conductor was promised to be shipped by the manufacturer in April of this year, but due to strikes, which shut down all copper mills for more than six months, they were unable to meet their shipping schedule.

"According to records copied by REA officials from Albemarle Electric Membership Coop files in their office in Hertford, on October 16, 1945, there was a meeting held in the Edenton Water and Light Department's office. Those present were J. H. Conger, chairman, O. B. Perry and G. B. Potter, representing the Edenton Water and Light Department; J. M. Granger, representing the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority; R. M. McQuirt, representing the Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C.; and A. T. Lane, representing the Albemarle Electric Membership Cooperative. In this meeting I placed maps on their table and pointed out every line proposed to be built and every member to be served in Chowan County, which would give every farmer in the county electric current that wanted it. It was also plainly shown to the Edenton board that if they built all lines within a five-mile radius of Edenton that the average member per mile left would be so low that the cooperative could not borrow the necessary money needed to give Chowan County complete area coverage.

"According to the REA officials present, the Edenton Water and Light Department thanked them for the information and told them that they would reach an agreement and inform them as to what they decided. On October 19 a letter was received from R. N. Hines which reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Lane: I have been directed by the Board of Public Works to advise you that this department has determined not to interfere with the program of the Albemarle Cooperative of which you are manager, and will make no further attempt to serve any customer shown on your maps. However, if in the future an occasion should present itself that would appear to be to our mutual advantage for us to serve a group or a single customer, we will be happy to discuss these cases individually with you.

"We wish to thank you for the consideration you have shown us and to express our hope for the success of your organization."

Mr. Lane states that upon this promise he completed 80 per cent of all lines in Chowan County, with the exception of stringing approximately 17 units of conductor. The financial damage done the Cooperative to date by the Edenton Water and Light Department, says Mr. Lane, is estimated to be between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

## Fourth Grade Pupils Entertain Members Of Woman's Club

The Edenton Junior Woman's Club held its regular luncheon at Hotel Joseph Hewes Wednesday of last week. Christmas greens and red candles were used as decorations, which lent a festive air to the occasion.

After the regular business meeting was concluded a group of students from Mrs. Lloyd Griffin's fourth grade rendered several selections, including Christmas carols.