

Commissioners Buy Hotel Joseph Hewes Property At A Song: Price, \$29,150.00

**Proposed to House All
County Offices and
To Provide New and
Adequate Jail**

Chowan County now owns a hotel. This became an actuality Monday morning when the County Commissioners laid down a check to the Rochelle Realty Company of Elizabeth City for \$150 as a binder for the purchase of the Hotel Joseph Hewes property at the ridiculously low price of \$29,150. The Commissioners had an option on the property which would have expired August 6 and with the need for a building to house county offices as well as a new jail, they came to the conclusion that at the price offered they could hardly afford to pass up the purchase.

An inspection was made of the building by the Edenton Construction Company prior to the purchase and the report was that structurally it was in good condition, but needed quite a few minor repairs, such as repairing walls, faulty plumbing and window sashes.

For many years the County Commissioners have been considering a building in which all the county offices could be centralized and thus do away with payment of about \$3,000 annually for office space for the various departments. Then, too, the County Commissioners have a number of times been brought to task over the condition of the present jail. In fact one time state officials threatened to peddle the jail due to its outmoded and inefficient condition.

With possession of the hotel, the Commissioners feel that adequate space will be available for all the county offices as well as a new jail, and the idea was advanced that a goodly amount of office space could be rented to lawyers and others.

Before anything is done, the Commissioners agreed to employ an architectural engineer to submit a plan for transformation of the building so it can be used by the county, as well as the approximate cost. The Commissioners will, of course, sell what equipment in the hotel at present is not needed. The purchase does not include furniture.

The Commissioners were informed by a representative of the Rochelle Realty Company that if the county did not purchase the property, there was a group in Elizabeth City who was ready to buy it and after remodeling it, lease it to the

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MEETING CHANGED
Due to Labor Day, Monday, September 5, falling on the day of meeting of Chowan County Commissioners, they have changed the date for the September meeting. The meeting will be held Friday, September 2, instead of Monday, September 5.

FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT
Edenton firemen will hold their monthly dinner meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock. The dinner will be served in the fire station and all members are expected to be present.

Another Meeting Tonight For Discussing Go-Kart Racing Club

That considerable interest has been engendered in a Go-Kart Racing Club in Edenton is reflected in the fact that in the neighborhood of 25 persons attended a meeting held last week at the Ashley Welding & Machine Company. Another meeting has been called for tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock at the Ashley plant, at which time a set of officers will be elected and a set of rules and regulations considered.

At last week's meeting two committees were appointed with instructions to present a report at tonight's meeting. One of these committees was charged with the duty of finding an appropriate site for a racing track, as well as an approximate cost of construction. This committee

Pilgrimage Chairmen Ask Paint Be Removed From Court House

If the cost is not prohibitive, Chowan County's Court House is in for a face-lifting. At Monday morning's meeting of the County Commissioners, Mrs. Robert J. Boyce and Mrs. Jackie Ricks, co-chairmen of the Pilgrimage Committee of the Edenton Woman's Club, advanced the idea of having the paint removed from the outside of the Court House so that the original bricks would be visible.

Both ladies referred to the paint removal as a valuable asset especially in connection with the annual pilgrimage of Edenton and Countryside scheduled

for April 14 and 15 and most likely April 16 of next year.

Mrs. Boyce pointed out that A. Lyn Thomas of Richmond can be secured to make a test for the removal of the paint to determine if it can be done without damaging the bricks. This would require two days at a cost of \$320, after which he would be able to submit a price for removing all of the paint. The Commissioners authorized the two chairmen to have the test made but, of course, the ultimate cost to do this work will determine if it will be done.

Revival At Center Hill Baptist Church Will Begin Aug. 7th

The Rev. L. C. Chandler of Lumberton is scheduled to be the Guest Evangelist

Revival services will begin at Center Hill Baptist Church on Sunday, August 7, according to the pastor, the Rev. Henry V. Napier.

The visiting preacher for the revival will be the Rev. L. C. Chandler, pastor of the Ten Mile and Zion's Hill Baptist Churches at Lumberton, N. C. He will be remembered by many as former pastor at Center Hill and Great Hope Baptist Churches and also as pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church. He will arrive on Monday, August 8, and begin preaching at the 8 o'clock worship service. Services will be held each evening during the week at 8 o'clock and the many friends and former members of Mr. Chandler are invited to attend all services. The revival will close on Sunday night, August 14, with the evening service.

Mrs. Chandler will accompany Mr. Chandler and they will be at home to friends and visitors at the Center Hill Baptist parsonage at Tyner. The phone number for any who might wish to call is 3929.

Each evening prior to services J. Cameron Boyce, Jr. (Jackie) will bring special music as meditation for those who wish to come early to pray and commune with God. Special music will be brought by the Center Hill choir on Sunday morning, August 7, as they combine to bring a special arrangement of the theme song for the week, "God Leads His Dear Children."

On Sunday night, August 7, Mrs. Thomas Glenn Rogerson will be soloist in "His Eye Is on the Sparrow."

On Monday night, August 8, the youth choir of the Macedonia Baptist Church, under the direction of Everett Ashley, has been invited to occupy the choir.

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20 Years Ago

Thomas Shepard, a former Edentonian living in Washington, sent to Postmaster C. E. Kramer a press release from the United States Maritime Commission which reads: "The Maritime Commission announced today an award of contract to the Mary Drydock Company of Baltimore to reconstruct the S. S. Edenton for \$121,455."

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Chowan County's Youngest Farmer



Of his own volition and without the knowledge or help from anybody, Ronnie Nixon, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Nixon, cleared a small piece of land in a woods adjoining his home in the Rocky Hock section and planted a watermelon patch. Last week the youngster was very much elated and his parents surprised when he lugged in a 30-pound watermelon. G. E. Nixon, a neighbor, was so much impressed with the boy's initiative that he gave him \$5.00 for the watermelon. The youngster did all the work and watered his watermelon patch, which also includes a few other vegetables, religiously. He is, no doubt, Chowan County's youngest farmer.

Social Security Benefits Paid To 880 In This Area

In Neighborhood of \$486,684 Is Distributed Annually Under Program

At the end of 1959, as Federal social security was starting its twenty-fifth year, old-age, survivors, and disability insurance monthly benefits were being paid in the Chowan County area to 880 persons at the rate of \$486,684 a year, according to John T. Grooms, Field Representative, serving this area from the social security district office. This is a substantial increase in number of beneficiaries and also amount since February, 1959, the last previous date for which figures are available, he said. There are several reasons for the increase it was stated. Among them being the long-term growth and longevity of the aged and that portion of the population eligible for benefits. He also stressed the point that while the benefits are intended primarily for the individual's economic security, these payments in such large amounts help business in the communities generally because most of the money is spent immediately on food, clothing and other necessities.

Nationally, he said about 13 1/2 million persons were receiving

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Picnic At Ryland Tuesday, August 9

Ryland Home Demonstration Club and the community will join together for the annual picnic Tuesday evening, August 9, at 6:30 o'clock. The picnic will be held on the lawn of Ralph Ward's home.

The entire community is urged to come and bring a picnic basket for their family and join in the fun and fellowship.

A short business session of the Community Development Program will follow the picnic attendance.

Cross Roads Fire Department Anxious To Secure Fire Truck

W. J. Yates and Joe Webb, members of the Chowan Fire Commission, appeared at the County Commissioners' meeting Monday morning and presented figures for a new fire truck for the Cross Roads-Center Hill Fire Department.

However, the Commissioners stated that the balance in the fire district bank account is \$442.37 and that the final payment on the rural fire truck housed in Edenton will be due in September. This payment is \$1,500, so that the Commissioners could not see how a fire truck could be purchased at this time.

50 Jurors Drawn To Serve In Term Of Superior Court

**Judge Walter J. Bone
Of Nashville Scheduled
To Be Presiding
Judge**

Chowan County Commissioners at their meeting Monday drew a list of jurors who will be summoned to serve at the September term of Superior Court. The term will be held the week of Monday, September 12, with Judge Walter J. Bone of Nashville scheduled to preside.

Those who were drawn to serve as jurors were:

A. C. Griffin, A. L. Boyce, F. M. Castellone, Albert Hugo, Charles B. Hardison, G. T. Jordan, W. E. Jordan, Jr., Earl G. Harrell, Dallas Jethro, Sr., Gilbert Harrell, Worth E. Spencer, Ted Czerniak, Rodney T. Harrell, Jr., Melvin I. Harrell, A. B. Harless, Sr., Ralph E. Saunders, Carlton E. Asell, J. S. Bass, W. J. Privott, Ronald E. Ambrose, F. V. McClenney, M. Elwood Copeland, O. C. Long, M. T. Barrington, Melvin J. Bunch, J. S. Bunch, Caswell A. Edmundson, Bobby A. Wright, Herbert E. Hollowell, L. B. Taylor, Brice Everett Ashley, T. L. Whiteman, E. F. Parks, W. H. Griffin, David George White, Jr., Frank T. Bond, Walter Adams, Isaac Elsworth Halsey, Jr., Kiser L. Phillips, Henry Jordan, Norfleet William Bonds, Mayo Lawrence, Raleigh Pat Harrell, Merrill E. Copeland, Warren Twiddy, Jr., Sherlon C. Layton, Thomas C. Nixon, P. H. Ward, Walter Heath and Daniel P. Reeves.

Cancer Committee Considers Program

Members of the executive committee of the Chowan County Chapter of the American Cancer Society met Thursday night in Dr. Frank Wood's office at Chowan Hospital, which was attended by Mrs. Bert Tyson of Greenville, field consultant for the American Cancer Society.

Mrs. Tyson pointed out the great need for funds with which to combat cancer, pointing out especially the importance of education.

Various phases of the work were considered during the meeting and it was voted to call a meeting of the board of directors for Thursday, September 29, for which a very interesting program will be presented. The meeting will most likely be held at the Penelope Barker house.

The directors are Mrs. Mary Hopkins, Miss Pauline Calloway, Dr. W. S. Griffin, Dr. W. L. Hart, Dr. Richard Hardin, Dr. L. P. Williams, Dr. Roland Vaughan, Dr. Edward G. Bond, James H. Griffin, James Perry, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. Percy Smith, Elton Forehand, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Herbert Hollowell, John A. Mitchener, Hubert Wilhiford, Dr. O. L. Holley, John H. Holmes, W. J. Taylor, Mrs. John R. Wood, Dr. J. H. Horton, Tom Ridgeway, the Rev. George Holmes, Dr. Archie Walker, Dr. Frank Wood, Miss Mildred Menden, James Bond, Mrs. Logan Elliott, Frank Roberts, Miss Paulina Hassell and J. Edwin Bufflap.

VFW MEETS TUESDAY

William H. Coffield Post No. 9280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet Tuesday night, August 2, at 8 o'clock. Commanding John Bass requests a large

CIVIC CALENDAR

Ryland Home Demonstration Club and community will hold a picnic Tuesday evening, August 9, at 6:30 o'clock on the lawn of Ralph Ward's home.

Promotional Film Of Edenton Will Be Doubled In Length

Resigns



REV. JAMES MacKENZIE

Coming as a complete surprise, the Rev. James MacKenzie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, tendered his resignation at the church service Sunday.

Action on the resignation will be taken by the congregation next Sunday.

Minton Small In East-West Game

**Contest Will Be Played
In Greensboro
Friday Night**

Edenton friends and relatives will be interested to know that Minton Small, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Small, will participate in the East-West high school football game. The contest will take place Friday night, August 5, in Greensboro.

Small will play right guard for the East team. Of Small, one of the outstanding players for the Edenton Aces, Coach Bill Billings had this to say: "He is one of the finest interior linemen I have ever coached in Edenton. He is an outstanding blocker and a defensive stalwart."

Small was included on the All-Conference team, the All-Eastern team and played in the Shrine Bowl game. So far as is known he is the only Edenton football player ever to play in two post season games. He was also selected as the most valuable athlete in the 1960 graduating class of John A. Holmes High School.

The Edenton boy went to Greensboro Friday of last week to participate in practice drills for Friday night's game.

Dr. Dees Reopens Veterinary Clinic

Dr. L. A. Dees, a former Edenton veterinarian, announces that he will reopen a veterinary clinic, which will be located on his property on the Edenton-Hertford highway.

Dr. Dees recently retired from the U. S. Army and plans to resume his practice in Chowan County.

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Large Crowd At Celebration Of Rocky Hock Baptist Church

Rocky Hock Baptist Church's celebration of homecoming and the 125th anniversary of the church was a very successful and well attended affair Sunday.

For the morning worship those taking part were the Rev. Alphonso Jordan of Raleigh, who had charge of the devotional. Those present were then welcomed by the present pastor, the Rev. Thurman Allred. The Rev. Norman Ashley of Salem then read the church covenant, after which the Scripture reading was by the Rev. W. H. Hollowell.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Frank Cale, followed by special music by Glenn Arnette and Miss Nettie Brinn, soloists for the touring choir of Wingate College.

Sponsoring Organizations Now Need Only \$2,000 More to Make Two Films

Members of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, DAR, are now in the process of raising the remaining funds for the additional 13 1/2-minute movie on Edenton and the countryside. Today, enough contributions have come in so that the ladies have only \$2,000 to raise for the full amount needed.

Earlier in the summer, funds were raised for a 13 1/2-minute film, which was personally shot by Jack McGowan, president of Guided Tours, Inc. Mr. McGowan found such a wealth of interesting material in Edenton and the county, that he pointed out that justice could not be done the town and area in such a short film. The Edenton ladies decided to go all out for the second film, making a total of 27 minutes film time.

Several of the ladies who worked so closely with the crew have seen the first two days film which was made in Edenton and returned to Mr. McGowan before he and his group left town on Saturday. They are so enthused over his pictures, his technique and ability to get the best possible shots of scenes, they say they could not bear the thought of having so much of these scenes cut, which would have been a necessity in the one 13-minute film.

Not only was every historic home and building in the town and county filmed, but interiors of many, some with ladies in costume, an extensive aerial view of the town and county and the waterfront, a low and close view of the new industrial site, many scenes of typical crops in this section such as peanuts, soybeans, cotton and tobacco, scenes of Pembroke Creek, and many scenes of boating, fishing and skiing in the Bay; scenes of the waterfront from the Bay, and scenes taken from a car riding down Broad Street toward the Bay and other streets in town.

The Guided Tours, Inc., have full responsibility of editing the film, but Mr. McGowan assured the sponsors of the film that he felt sure with the two 13 1/2-minute films that shots of practically everything taken would be included. The script, from which the narration on the film is made, will be returned to the Chapter for careful examination.

Cart Pushers Named For Chowan Hospital

Ladies who will push the hospitality cart at Chowan Hospital during the months of August and September have been appointed by the Hospital Auxiliary.

The cart pushers will be as follows:

Monday—Mrs. E. H. Copeland.
Tuesday—Mrs. J. P. Partin.
Wednesday—Mrs. W. Jim Daniels.
Thursday—Mrs. Elwood L. Nixon.
Friday—Mrs. M. A. Hughes.

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