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STREET PAVING IN EDENTON

Paved streets have been one of Edenton's dreams for a number of years, but just how to get them has been a matter not so easy to determine. Early in 1917, definite action began to be taken by the town council in this direction. It was found that by an act of the N. C. Legislature in 1916, known as Chapter 56, Public Laws of N. C., 1916, there was hope of doing paving in Edenton. The matter was worked out by our councilmen, which resulted in contracts being let for the work. The construction work was let to The T. J. McGuire Co., of Norfolk, while the engineering was let to the J. B. McCrary Co., of Atlanta, Ga., supervising engineers. The latter concern does the surveying, planning and superintending of such work and are given for their services five per cent. of the total amount spent. This company is represented in Edenton by Mr. J. W. Hawkins, recently assisted by Mr. R. B. Martin. These civil engineers are paid salaries by the J. B. McCrary Co. The McGuire Co. is represented in Edenton by Mr. C. A. Smart, local superintendent of construction. With him is Mr. A. G. Rolfe of Norfolk, Va., general superintendent of the McGuire Co. While the company is carrying on similar work in other towns,—Dunn, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., at present,—Mr. Rolfe will spend a great deal of his time in Edenton. All these gentlemen are married and Edenton welcomes their families here. The McGuire Co. are working about 75 men in Edenton with the following equipment:
 10 pr. team (6 their own, 4 hired)
 1 Asphalt Plant
 3 Concrete Mixers
 3 Steam Rollers
 2 Big Auto. trucks
 1 Grader.

To name these machines or even an attempt at describing them would mean very little to one who had not seen them. They represent many thousands of dollars of investment and the power of the grader especially has attracted much attention. The immense amount of labor, equipment, material and so forth required to do paving is making some of Edenton's citizens sit up and take notice, especially those who have not seen such work done before. Many are anxious to know just what this work is going to cost the town. Many are under the impression that the entire cost has been figured out and that the contract calls for a certain price per square yard or foot of paving. This paper has made several attempts to get the exact cost of the work and in a recent issue of this paper the cost was given. But we find that we were mistaken. The figures given were approximate and no one knows the exact cost. The contractors are paid a certain price for every different kind of work they had to do. For example, all grading beyond a certain depth is paid for at so much a cubic yard, the price depending upon the distance it has to be hauled. The condition of the street sewers, water mains and so forth is a factor also in determining the cost. When the street is graded properly and the heavy rollers pass over it, in some instances soft places are found, defective sewers and so

forth, which must be put in proper condition before the paving is done and these are matters which cannot be estimated till the work has been completed. Moreover, according to the Act under which this is being done, the entire cost of all this work, including storm drains, engineers' fees, interest on money borrowed till work is completed and possibly some other costs are to be added to the actual cost of the paving and the property abutting on the paved streets assessed one-half the entire cost. For these reasons the town council has not been able to let the people know what the paving would cost. Another factor determining the cost, which cannot be foreseen is the extent to which it will be carried. For example, suppose the first district had been all to be paved. The total cost per square yard would probably be greater for that district than if other districts are paved at the same time. Should the cost of paving the second district be much less per square yard than for the first, when the whole thing is figured out and averaged, this would bring down the cost somewhat of the first district. All these are matters which cannot be arrived at till the work is done. We regret that it cannot be known and this very uncertainty has made some people uneasy and inclined to criticize the council for not knowing. These matters had been thrashed out by the council and were understood by them, but were not at all understood by the public. That this body will make errors is to be expected, but this council is composed partly at least of some of the most successful and conscientious business men of Edenton and every one of them is personally interested in how much this paving will cost as it is to their personal interest as well as to the interest of the town which they serve to see that the work is properly done at as small cost as possible under present conditions. The people of Edenton should be slow to criticize the council for two reasons: First, they had no opposition in seeking the offices which they hold and second the meager salaries they receive are not commensurate with the responsibility of their offices. The fact that they were all re-elected after having begun the work of paving is, to some extent at least, proof of the confidence the public has in them and the public sentiment in favor of paving. It is much easier to find fault with the person who blazes the way than to take the initiative in any movement. We regret that more of the discussion of the council and its work is not published, but their work is not behind closed doors and they have no desire to conceal their work. We feel it is due these men to say these things and we wish to say that we have not been asked by any one to say this nor has such a thing been suggested to us. It is a matter wholly voluntary on our part, for the reason that we believe there is a misunderstanding between the people and the council and we wish to be absolutely fair to both sides. We are by no means a part of the council and if we find that they are guilty of any act that should be exposed we shall not hesitate to do so. We are glad to see the streets of Edenton being paved. They need it and we believe in a few months this work will have practically no opposition. We expect from time to time to have more to say on this subject. We are glad to say that the constructing company advises us that they are pushing this work as rapidly as possible and that if weather conditions permit, the main business section of Main and King streets will be ready for use in about 30 days.

HON. FRANCIS D. WINSTON SPEAKS

Quite a goodly number of men and women gathered at the court house Tuesday at eleven o'clock to hear the address of Hon. Francis D. Winston, of Windsor. The meeting was called to order by the temporary chairman of the Chowan Chapter of the American Red Cross, Mr. J. L. Wiggins, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, secretary. Mr. Wiggins gave the history of the Chowan Chapter and its requirements to become a chapter. At least 200 members are required, the annual dues being at least \$1.00. The Chapter had prior to Tuesday 110 members and two Red Cross girls were at the entrance of the Court House solicitous as to new members. 25 new members were added to the list Tuesday, making a total to date of 135. The temporary chairman then appointed a committee, consisting of Mrs. E. S. Norman, Messrs. J. N. Pruden and R. G. White to retire and nominate officers of the permanent organization. The following were nominated and elected:

- R. G. White, Chairman,
 - Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Vice-chm.
 - Miss Louise Badham, Secty.,
 - W. H. Ward, Treasurer.
- Executive Committee: Capt. J. L. Wiggins, Rev. W. A. Cade, Sheriff G. W. Goodwin, Mrs. T. O. White, Miss Circe Coble, Mrs. T. E. Gardner, Mrs. M. S. Elliott.

Meanwhile the audience was entertained by the Rocky Hock band, which effectively rendered "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "America." After the transaction of business Mr. J. N. Pruden introduced the speaker. Mr. Winston is always a fluent speaker and his address was pronounced by many as great. He first gave something of the history of the Red Cross organization and how it originated with Florence Nightingale. It was permanently organized in 1864 and the American Red Cross was organized in 1881. Congress recognized it in 1905 and made it a national organization with the President of the United States as its ex-officio chairman. The speaker discussed the purposes of the organization showing that it has a mission in peace as well as in war and renders telling service in times of earthquakes, floods, fires and epidemics of disease, looking to the health of the people. Of course its greatest mission now is to care for wounded soldiers and relieve suffering in this present war. Everyone who can spare a dollar a year should be a member—even if it means a little sacrifice. The speaker then discussed the war, reviewing our relations with Germany and her effort to dictate to the United States. He defended the Draft Act, Food Control and Our Entrance into the War at This Time. He declared that America would be the country to name terms of peace—that America would be spokesman for the other nations—not England, France or any of the other powers. The speaker commanded rapt attention and it was regretted that more people did not hear him.

TO THE CANNING CLUB GIRLS

A new supply of cans have arrived. Come get them and save every tomato and bean. Let's get ready for the Fair too. Pick out your nicest tomatoes, get your corn, peaches, soup mixture ready, also your square jars and on my next day at your club let's pack for the Fair. All together now and let's have the best exhibit at the Fair in October. The business men have given us good prizes, let's prove worthy and show our appreciation by doing our best.
 C. O. COBLE.

MILLER-BAGLEY.

Hertford, N. C., Aug. 23.—The Baptist church was the scene of an unusually pretty marriage to-day at 1:30 o'clock when Miss Beulah Bagley became the bride of Mr. Ned L. Miller of Washington, N. C. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, a profusion of potted plants and cut flowers being used. While the congregation was assembling the church organist played several selections very softly. Just before the ceremony Miss Louise Williford charmingly sang "O, Promise Me." At the appointed hour Rev. W. H. Carter, pastor of the church, entered from the front door and proceeded down the center aisle to the altar. Following him were the ushers who advanced to the altar from the side aisles. Then came the maid-of-honor, Miss Margaret Williford, exquisitely gowned in a creation of point lace and charmeuse and carrying an arm bouquet of white and pink asters followed by the ring-bearer, a little nephew of the bride, carrying the ring on a silver waiter. The bride, gowned in a tailored suit of mid-night blue, with hat, gloves and shoes of grey, and carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies-of-the-valley, entered on the arm of her brother, Mr. Joe Henry Bagley, who gave her away, and was met at the altar by the groom with his best man, Mr. Paul of Washington, N. C., and were married by Rev. Mr. Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Miller left for a northern bridal tour after which they will be at home in Washington, N. C. Mrs. Miller is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Harriett Bagley and by her sweet disposition and lovable ways has won a large number of friends who regret to see her leave. Mr. Miller is well liked by a large circle of friends and possesses many admirable traits of character.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White of Edenton, Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Crutchfield and children of Gatesville and Mr. Paul of Washington, N. C.

Hertford News.

Rev. Mr. Jenkins of Richmond is holding revival services here at the Baptist church.
 Mr. Charlie Ward is visiting his mother in Grubb street.
 We are sorry to report little Julia Felton on the sick list.
 We are glad that little Irene Woodard is improving.
 After a visit to relatives at New Hope Mrs. Mabel Woodard has returned home.
 Mr. R. L. Holmes of Norfolk is spending a few days with his family.
 Mr. and Mrs. Skinner Britt of Norfolk are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bray.
 The Judson Memorial Class and the Y. W. A. of the Hertford Baptist church gave a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Raper last Thursday evening, Aug. 16th, in honor of Miss Beulah Bagley, whose marriage to Mr. N. L. Miller of Washington, N. C., took place Wednesday, Aug. 22nd. The entire lower floor was thrown open to the guests and had been artistically decorated, the color scheme being pink and green. As the guests arrived they were served with punch by Miss Julia Chalk. A feature of the evening was a contest in which the prize, a Bridal Wish Book, was won by Miss Myrtle Chappell, who gracefully presented it to the guest of honor. Delightful refreshments were then served after which the numerous beautiful and useful presents were opened by Miss

Bagley. Those present were Rev and Mrs. W. H. Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson and son, Charles, Mr. and Mrs. N. Thatch Everett, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Raper, Mrs. Biddick Chappell, Misses Mattie-Macon Norman, Julia Chalk, Ivilla Layden, Blanche Moore, Mary, Ruth and Fannie McMellan, Myrtle Chappell, Susie Morgan, Margaret and Louise Williford, Neppie Goodwin, Lilly Barrow, Maude Howell, Hortense Hunter and Beulah Bagley, Messrs. Phillip White, H. T. Broughton, Joe Henry Bagley, J. P. Perry, L. W. Norman and Rev. Mr. Jenkins.
 Miss Annie King of Greenville and Miss Virginia Darden have returned to their homes after a pleasant visit to Miss Jeanette Darden.
 Miss Mary Piper of Chattanooga, Tenn., is the guest of Miss Mildred Edwards.
 Miss Lillie Everette of Drivers is spending sometime with Mrs. E. C. Stokes.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Morgan of Pittsburg, Pa., returned home last week after a short stay here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morgan.
 Mrs. Mason Smith of Washington, N. C., is the guest of Mrs. H. C. Sullivan.
 Misses Jeanette Darden and Susie Fields left Wednesday for a week's stay at Ocean View.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gaither and children are spending a week at Seven Springs.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Moore and son, Murphy, and Miss Lesie Gregory came home Sunday after a week's stay in Moncure, N. C.
 Miss Hattie Mae Moore of Moncure is visiting her brother, Mr. J. C. Moore.
 Mrs. Ernest Griffin and children of Norfolk are here with relatives and friends.
 Mr. Jimmie Bocco of Edenton was here Tuesday afternoon.
 Mr. Douglas Darden left Sunday to visit relatives in Virginia.
 Miss Lesie Gregory left Tuesday for Woodville to visit her cousin, Miss Glennie Gregory.
 Mesdames F. W. Hobbs, C. N. Griffin and W. E. Hassell of Edenton were the week end guests of their sister, Mrs. Chas. Johnson.

Miss Annie Howell of Burgess is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. N. Gregory, in Grubb street.
 Mr. Edward Mann of Norfolk was here Sunday the guest of Miss Margaret Campen.
Winfork News Items
 Miss Mary Jackson has returned home after a two weeks' stay with friends in Farmville and Greenville.
 Misses Mattie Blanchard and Sarah Sutton spent Saturday night with their sister, Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, Jr., of Hertford.
 Mrs. W. S. Perry of Edenton is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Twine.
 Mr. James Corey accompanied Misses Mary Jackson and Elsie Corey to services at Mt Sinai Sunday afternoon.
 We have organized a B. Y. P. U. at Winfork school house. Every body is invited to come and help us.
 Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Riddick and baby spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Biddick.
 Mr. James Corey and sisters, Misses Elsie and Lucy, were the guests of Miss Mary Jackson Saturday evening.
 A revival begins at Burgess this week.
 Miss Elsie Corey is spending a few days this week with Miss Mattie Blanchard.
 Messrs. Robbins Blanchard, Sidney and Bernard Sutton attended the B. Y. P. U., at Burgess

Sunday evening.
 After spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. G. E. Twine of Morgantown, Mrs. W. S. Perry returned here Tuesday. She was accompanied back by her cousins, Misses Ora and Ida Twine.
 Mrs. Sidney Sutton went to Hertford shopping Monday.
 Mrs. B. T. White, Mrs. Hattie Layden of Hertford, Mrs. Joe White of Norfolk and Mr. Shelton White motored here Monday afternoon to see Mrs. Sindy Sutton.
 Mr. Ed Wood and a party of friends from Durant's Neck, motored here Thursday on his new Bush car.

Topsy News.
 Misses Cora and Sallie Eure of Scotland Neck spent last week with their aunt, Mrs. G. C. Darden.
 Mr. G. C. Darden and family and Misses Cora and Sallie Eure spent Tuesday near Drum Hill with relatives.
 Misses Cora and Sallie Eure spent Tuesday night with Mrs. A. L. Parker.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. Askew were guests of Mrs. A. L. Parker until bedtime Wednesday night.
 Miss Rebecca Duke of Holland spent last week with Miss Selma Harrell.
 Mr. D. S. Harrell, Misses Selma Harrell and Rebecca Duke spent Friday morning in Franklin shopping.
 Misses Selma and Della Harrell entertained a number of their friends Saturday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Rebecca Duke.
 Messrs. Otis Byrd and Lewis Duke of Holland spent Sunday at the home of Mr. D. S. Harrell.
 Miss Selma Harrell is spending this week with friends near Holland.

Tulu News.
 Messrs. T. D. Wood and Bruce Savage were here on business Tuesday.
 Mrs. Elsberry Chappell and three daughters visited Mrs. W. J. Byrum Wednesday evening.
 Mrs. Martha A. White of Edenton visited relatives and friends in and around Tulu last week.
 A. V. Asbell spent Monday in Edenton on business.
 Miss Maggie Bunch visited Mrs. R. W. Twine Monday evening.
 Misses Beatrice and Olie Bunch of Corapeake visited their aunt, Mrs. W. J. Byrum Wednesday afternoon.
 Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Twine visited Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Twine Monday night until bedtime.
 Miss Esther Hudson is still on the sick list and is under the care of Dr. Spencer.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Evans visited Mr. Nathan and Miss Maggie Bunch Sunday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Griffin are visiting their daughter near Winfall.
 Geo. Hudson was in Tulu Tuesday morning on business.
 W. H. Lane of Chappell Hill was here Saturday evening.
 Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Byrum and Miss Etta Asbell spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Maggie Bunch.
 Mr. and Mrs. James Chappell and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. J. H. Evans.

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