

## CITY COUNCIL FORCED TO RAISE TAX RATES

### School Deficit Is Reason For Six-Cent Increase In City Levy

A joint meeting of the Town Council and the Board of Public Works was held Wednesday night in the Municipal Building for the purpose of going over the town's budget and setting a tax rate for the fiscal year.

The purpose of meeting with the Board of Public Works was to learn if that board would advance \$5,000 toward balancing the budget as it did last year. However, the department has had much more expense than last year due to the storm and extra cost of repairs, as well as sewerage work, that members felt that it was impossible to take any of the funds this year.

The Council was compelled to increase the school tax from 20 cents last year to 26 cents this year. The increase in the school tax is caused by a deficit from last year and lack of a levy by the county commissioners for the debt service.

The levy will be divided this year as follows: 50 cents for the general fund, 50 cents for the debt service and 26 cents for schools. Last year the levy was 60 cents for the general fund, 40 cents for debt service and 20 cents for schools.

Had the E. and W. department been able to duplicate last year's help, the city levy could have been held to \$1.15 despite the six-cents increase for schools.

Members of Town Council were very reluctant to raise taxes, but it was the only solution to balancing the budget.

In event the pending parallel suits in the state decide that county commissioners must levy a county-wide debt service tax, Town Council feels they will be repaid by the local commissioners.

The following information was received by John A. Holmes from Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt: "The facts of your situation do not clearly appear. I call your attention to the following sentence in Section 17 of the School Machinery Act: 'All county-wide school funds shall be apportioned to county and city administrative units on a per capita basis.'"

"I assume that the county has not taken over all local debt service. If such is the case, I think that this means when a county-wide levy is made for debt service there should be per capita distribution of it. Of course, no one can tell you authoritatively as to this until it is passed on by a court."

## Ed Bond Post Planning Activities For New Year

The Ed Bond Post of the American Legion met Tuesday night with members of the Legion Auxiliary also in attendance, to hear the report of the State Legion convention held at Greensboro. W. S. Privott gave a detailed report of the convention much to the satisfaction of all present. In his remarks he urged members of the Auxiliary to attend the next convention which will be held at Fayetteville in order that the women's branch of the organization may become acquainted with the great work being done by the Legion and Auxiliary. Mr. Privott expressed the opinion that the Legion will have a good year and urged all officers and members of the local post to take a more active part in the organization.

C. E. Kramer made a plea for Legionnaires to support the orthopedic clinic at Elizabeth City, stressing the worth while work that can be accomplished.

Every member present Tuesday night pledged their support to the incoming commander, W. W. Byrum, and the post has set the goal at 100 members.

Beginning with October the Legion voted to resume their meetings twice a month, the first and third Tuesdays.

Installation of new officers will take place on October 16. An invitation has been sent to Hubert Olive, the new state commander, to attend the installation ceremonies.

It is planned to have a huge Armistice Day celebration this year similar to the one held several years ago and this affair will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 588 PUPILS ENROLLED IN WHITE SCHOOLS OF COUNTY

Up to Wednesday, when Superintendent W. J. Taylor made the last check-up of attendance in the Chowan County Administrative unit, 588 pupils were enrolled in the white schools of the county. Of this number 380 were enrolled at the Chowan High school.

Mr. Taylor is hopeful that attendance will increase in order to secure a few more teachers in the unit.

## LOCAL MEN FIGURE IN TRUCK WRECK

Truck Wrecked to Extent of From \$700 to \$800; Load of Feed Also Damaged

William Sutton and Horace Belde, local men, miraculously escaped death Monday night about 9 o'clock in a truck wreck at Mitchells Fork in Gates county. Mr. Sutton, driving a truck for Brown Brothers, local feed dealers, was bringing a load of feed from Suffolk and at Mitchell's Fork ran into a truck carrying extended long piling, driven by Clyde Lassiter of Windsor. Lassiter, according to information, had made a turn into the highway with his truck cab facing the approaching Brown Bros. truck, but had slowed down to see if he could clear a parked car, the piling forming a barricade across the road. Mr. Sutton saw the lights on the piling truck but could not see the piling extending across the road and ran head on into the heavy timber. He was completely pinned under the logs and according to reports it was nothing less than a miracle that he escaped death.

The truck was badly wrecked, damage being estimated at between \$700 and \$800. Damage to the feed was said to be between \$40 and \$50.

Today the two men were reported to be improving from their bruises in the wreck.

## Edenton Ball Club May Stage Burro Ball Game

Officials of the Edenton Baseball Club are now dickering with representatives of a company who promote burro ball, in an endeavor to stage a game of this amusing pastime in Edenton.

Burro ball is played along similar lines as baseball except that the players are mounted on donkeys, except the pitcher and catcher. Various rules govern the game which should furnish plenty of amusement if a game is consummated here.

The purpose of the game is to raise enough money to pay off the remaining small baseball debt. The company handling the affair furnishes donkeys, as well as instructors to direct the game.

The proposition was presented to the Edenton Rotary Club a short while ago, and was passed on to the baseball club.

## Frequency Of Traffic Signal Now Changed

There has been a change in the traffic light at the corner of Queen and Mosely streets, the frequency of lighting being reversed from the original schedule. Traffic on Queen street is allowed to pass for 20 seconds and stop 20 seconds, while Mosely street traffic must go 20 seconds and stop 30 seconds. This change was made on account of so much more traffic on Queen street than on Mosely.

Authorities were hopeful that the frequency could be regulated, but the only adjustment possible was to make a half turn of the entire signal.

Several violations have been reported by citizens and Chief of Police Helms stated today that if apprehended the violators will be arrested and the law carried out.

## Reemployment Office Takes More Territory

The Edenton District of the National Reemployment Service now includes only nine counties in addition to the six counties already in this district, instead of the twelve counties first included. Washington, Martin and Tyrrell counties have been added to the local district. Mr. Floyd White is district manager and Mrs. H. C. Wozelka is in charge of the Edenton office.

A reemployment office has been set up in Elizabeth City in charge of Alvin O'Neal.

The school projects in Camden county and Elizabeth City are now under way. George W. Kane of Roxboro is contractor for the Elizabeth City project and Ward and Thomason of Lexington are contractors for the Camden project.

## MACEDONIA REVIVAL CLOSED LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Revival services at Macedonia church closed Sunday afternoon, and although there were no converts, the meeting was considered a success. The preacher was Dr. J. L. Vipperman of Spartanburg, S. C.

Dr. Vipperman has earned a wide reputation as a Bible student, members of the congregation being particularly impressed by his ability to quote his texts, Scripture readings and references without the use of his Bible.

W. J. Daniels had charge of the music during the meeting.

## RED MEN HOLD VERY SUCCESSFUL FISH FRY

### Judge W. C. Morse, Jr., Describes Tenets of Red Men Order

What proved to be the largest and most successful fish fry ever held by Chowan Tribe, No. 12, I. O. R. M. took place Monday night in the Eden Street Armory when local Red Men and their wives and a delegation of about 30 Red Men from Pasquotank Tribe, No. 8, of Elizabeth City gathered for the annual affair of the local tribe. The armory was decorated and a table erected in the middle of the building. A spirit of friendship prevailed during the evening and apparently everyone thoroughly enjoyed the affair. It is estimated that approximately 300 people were in attendance.

The program was in charge of Oscar H. Brown, Sachem of the local tribe. The affair opened by singing the Red Men's opening ode by the gathering, led by W. J. Daniels. Following this, W. J. Daniels made the invocation.

Senator Lloyd E. Griffin in extending a welcome to the visitors rehearsed the habits and customs of the aborigines and compared the visits of the ancient tribes in Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank to the occasion which brought together such a body of Red Men on Monday night.

Mr. Brown then introduced and recognized A. C. Garrett, past great sachem; C. W. Ward, past great sachem; W. L. Sherlock, great junior sagamore and Elmer Brothers, sachem of Pasquotank tribe of Elizabeth City.

Mayor E. W. Spire fittingly introduced Judge W. C. Morse, Jr., of E. City, who was the principal speaker for the occasion. Judge Morse is a very interesting speaker and during the major portion of his address he dwelt upon the tenets of Redmanship, Freedom, Friendship and Charity.

Immediately after Judge Morse's speech, fried fish was served, along with the proper accessories including corn bread, pickles, coffee and cold drinks.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Swanner's String Band and after the meal quite a number indulged in square dancing.

## BARLOW HARRELL FOUND GUILTY ON TWO COUNTS

Barlow Harrell last Friday was tried and found guilty in Recorder's Court of selling insurance without a license and selling insurance for a company not licensed in the State.

He was fined \$100.00 and costs, but took an appeal, which will be heard at the December term of court.

The issue in the trial was whether Mr. Harrell was selling life insurance or soliciting membership in a mutual protective society. Judge J. N. Pruden, however, found the defendant guilty as charged.

## Prizes Are Awarded In Women's Club Contests

Although inclement weather evidently reduced the crowd, a goodly number last Saturday attended the Achievement Day Celebration of the Chowan Home Demonstration Clubs of Chowan county.

A program was given on the Court House green at 4 o'clock, Leary Bros. truck being used as a platform.

The program opened with the singing of America and invocation by Rev. W. F. Walters of the Methodist church.

Miss Caldwell then introduced Pat Alderman of Dunn, N. C., who is a leader in this State in community singing. Mr. Alderman was assisted by Frederick Allen, of Sherrill, N. Y., who is now connected with the North Carolina Festival Association and is stationed at Kinston.

The following familiar songs were sung: "Carolina"; "There's a Long, Long Trail"; "Old Black Joe"; "The World Is Waiting For the Sunrise"; "John Brown's Body"; "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"; "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"; "Quitting Party"; "Let the Rest of the World Go By". Mr. Alderman and Mr. Sherrill also sang solos during the singing.

After the singing, Miss Caldwell told of the type of work the club women were doing and thanked those who cooperated in the celebration.

She expressed disappointment at being unable to secure a speaker for the occasion.

Following the home agent's remarks an exhibit of dresses made of cotton bags was shown. This included a dress made and worn by Margaret Dail which won a urize in the State contest. Winnifred Hollowell also displayed a dress made from

## EDENTON SCHOOLS NOW IN MID-SEASON FORM

### Total Enrollment For First Day 852; Little Change In Books

Schools in the Edenton City Administrative Unit opened Monday morning for the 1934-35 session, with the same faculty serving as last year. Everything was in readiness for the opening and on Tuesday, the second day of school, a full schedule of classes was held and from observation it was difficult to distinguish the work from mid-season form.

The first day's enrollment in the graded school was 570, which is about the same number as last year. This number will increase due to quite a few children being unable to attend the first day on account of sickness. The Advance school has been added to the Edenton City Administrative Unit and the first day's enrollment there was 85, bringing the total number for the unit to 655. This figure compares with 688 at the end of ten days in the elementary school last year.

In the high school the enrollment was 195, being a larger number than last year. The increase is due to a larger seventh grade last year and the small graduating class. The high school would have registered 200 this year, but a number of high school students have left Edenton and will attend school elsewhere.

The enrollments recorded by grades for the first day are as follows:

First Grade	79
Second Grade	76
Third Grade	97
Fourth Grade	102
Fifth Grade	80
Sixth Grade	78
Seventh Grade	60
Advance school	85
High School	195
Total Number in school	852

There was no change in books in the county this year except history in the fifth grade through the eleventh grade. High school students in the tenth grades who have not had United States history will take this subject along with the 11th grades this year so that next year eleventh grade students can take sociology or economics.

Superintendent John A. Holmes is very well pleased with the progress made thus far and indications point to a successful year. Both teachers and scholars appear to be happy to be back at work again after the summer vacation.

This attendance as set up by the State school department entitles the elementary department of the unit to two more teachers, changing from 17 to 19.

## Sellers Of Old Gold Cheated By Weight

It has been called to the attention of the Herald that some agents are going through the country buying up old gold and that in weighing the metal they use a copper penny instead of a pennyweight. Through this scheme the seller is swindled out of about half the money he should receive because a penny weighs twice as much as a pennyweight. Several instances have been reported here.

Buyers of old gold must have a license and jewelers who buy old gold must furnish accurate records.

## Buyers Of Gold Must Now Secure License

At Wednesday night's meeting of Town Council the city fathers passed the following resolution in regard to agents buying up old gold:

"Be it resolved that any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of purchasing gold or silver shall pay an annual license fee.

"Provided, however, nothing in this act shall be construed as applying to an established jewelry store operating under the general retail merchants tax.

"All ordinances in conflict with this act are hereby repealed."

## APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT MUST APPLY AT LOCAL OFFICE

Any person in the Edenton district of the National Reemployment Service desiring to register for work or desiring to employ help are reminded that they should get in touch with the local office.

Elizabeth City is the only other office in this district and it is important that applications reach the proper channels.

## MR. HAYES OF CROSS ROADS PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK

Mr. Hayes died at the home of his son-in-law George Davidson last week and interment took place in the family burying ground in Gates county. He was about 83 years old and lived in Gates county until some time last year when his home was destroyed by fire. He then came to live with his daughter and son-in-law.

## CHOWAN COTTON INJURED BY RUST

Estimated that Crop Will Be Reduced as High as 50 Per Cent In Some Sections

According to information available much of the cotton in Chowan County is damaged by rust this year. It is estimated that this disease will reduce the crop from 15 per cent to as high as 50 per cent in some sections of the county.

It is the opinion of N. K. Rowell, county agent, that the cause for this disease is due largely to poor land. Because of the low price of cotton in recent years, farmers didn't feel justified in spending money for fertilizer and the land is lacking the proper nourishment.

Cotton rust, however, can be the result of weather conditions, such as very abrupt changes in weather, changing suddenly from a high to low temperature or from an extremely dry to wet conditions. Some fields may develop rust as a result of heavy and continuous rains in the latter part of the season. Other names for cotton rust are black rust, yellow leaf-blight and potash hunger.

Cotton fields which show general and severe rusting are usually in need of rotation with other crops in order to build up the humus supply which has been exhausted by continuous cotton cropping. The plowing under of green manure crop, such as rye, cowpeas and velvet beans, or the addition of a liberal application of stable manure will do much to improve soil conditions and prevent rust.

## Workers Make Progress With Malaria Control

The malarial control work being done here is furnished with local laborers from the office of Mrs. C. P. Wales, chairman of the FERA. The Town and County are buying materials to control the malaria carrying mosquitoes, using larvaciac to dust the river bank, creeks and ponded water, as well as infested spots in Chowan County. All town ditches are being oiled with the town and county providing parris green machines for the use of the material.

The purpose of this malarial work is not to control the pest mosquito but to get rid of the malarial carrying mosquito. The project is being supervised by the Public Health Service under the direction of C. L. White, district supervisor of malarial control and W. P. Brickhouse of the State Board of Health.

## Two New School Buses Expected Here Shortly

Two new school buses are expected for the schools of Chowan county by October 1. The buses will be replacements for worn out buses now in use. One bus will be used by the Chowan Administrative unit and the other by the Edenton City Administrative unit.

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## EDENTON HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS SUFFOLK FRIDAY

### First Game of Season For Coach House's Eleven

Perfecting a football team in record time, Coach Henry House will send his Edenton High school charges against the Suffolk High school eleven on Friday afternoon, the game taking place in Suffolk. The local gridirers have been taken through the various conditioning processes and coach House is very much encouraged at the prospects of a fast team. The relative strength of the opposing teams Friday can not be determined. Suffolk, however, generally puts out a strong aggregation.

The last time the two teams met was in 1931 when Edenton had an exceptionally fast team. The result at that time ended in a 6-6 tie.

A string of about 18 players will travel to Suffolk, but the possible line-up for the first game of the season will be as follows: Center, Wozelka; Tackles, V. Spruill and Satterfield; Guards, Layton and Boyce; Ends, Bufflap and Rogerson; Quarterback, Bill Harrell; Leftback, Paul Spencer.

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