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## Nearly Million Asked In Chowan Projects

Secretary John Holmes Fills Out and Mails Proper Forms

### DISTRICT PROJECT

#### Central Planning Board Approves Project For Bridging Sound

The Central Planning Commission for Chowan County met in the Municipal building Saturday afternoon at which time reports were made by the chairman of the project committee as to the estimated cost of the ten projects which were approved by the board last week. Proper forms have been filled out by Jno. A. Holmes, secretary to the board, and have been mailed to Capus Waynick, State chairman, in the hope of securing for Chowan County a part of the money to be spent through President Roosevelt's security bill.

The total sum estimated for the ten projects is \$997,511, the largest single amount being \$250,000 for improving rural highways. The smallest amounts included in the list are three projects of \$10,000 each, an addition to the Negro school building, repairing and renovating the court house, jail and jailer's house, and improvements to the public library and museum.

Aside from the County's projects another district project was also approved for the erection of a bridge across the Albemarle Sound at the narrowest point. This bridge was estimated to cost \$950,000.

The various projects and the estimated cost of each follows:

Project 1, includes a request for sewers, sewerage, heating, lighting, and water at Chowan High School at a cost of \$80,000; a new high school building for Edenton costing \$125,000; additions to the Negro school building, \$10,000; additions and alterations to the present Edenton school building, \$62,000; sewerage in East Edenton, \$13,000; or a total expenditure of \$290,000. The application for this project was submitted to Mr. Waynick on February 14 and was subsequently approved by the Central Planning Commission.

Project 2, calls for \$50,000 to be spent in malarial control throughout the County.

Project 3, Armory and war memorial in the form of an auditorium at a cost of \$100,000.

Project 4—Rural electrification at a cost of \$65,000.

Project 5—Repairing and renovating the court house, jail and jailer's house, \$10,000.

Project 6—Remodeling and additions to the County Home, \$36,740.

Project 7—Recreational facilities, which would include a bathing beach and erection of a permanent camp for young people, \$46,000.

Project 8—Street paving and storm sewerage, \$139,771.

Project 9—Rural highways, \$250,000.

Project 10—Improving the public library and museum, \$10,000.

### Will Stage a Finger Print Demonstration

Dan Cannady, local finger print expert, will give a practical demonstration of how identifications are secured by the finger print method on Saturday afternoon. This demonstration will take place in The Herald office at 3 o'clock and anyone interested in seeing how this work is done is invited to attend.

In the absence of Mr. Cannady a person, whose finger prints have been taken, will touch some object in the office, from which Mr. Cannady will transfer the prints, compare and decide who touched the object.

During the past two weeks many finger prints have been taken of Edenton citizens, and Mr. Cannady is now endeavoring to have the schools cooperate in finger printing all students, which has been done in many other cities.

### JAILED FOR STEALING BASEBALL PARK FENCE

Henry Newsome, colored, was found guilty in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning of stealing part of the fence around the baseball park at Hick's Field. Judge J. N. Pruden sentenced the defendant to 10 days in jail.

Two sections of the fence, each approximately 50 feet long, had been cut and the wood taken away.

### So That's Where The Old Scoundrels Are!

To start with, this is a fish story that happened along the Water Street sea wall this week while improvements were being made under the direction of J. H. Wroten and a crew of city employes.

As each segment of cement was poured extending 18 inches below the earth, a box affair was constructed in order to pump out the water, and it was while this was being done at a point where water worked its way under the old wall and caused the bank to cave in that Mr. Wroten says they must have come upon a hide-out for fish. According to his statement about 500 eels, catfish and perch suddenly made a break for their freedom, everyone apparently making a getaway.

### Rotarians Preparing For Inter-City Meeting

Plans are rapidly being completed for an inter-city Rotary meeting which will be held in Edenton Tuesday night, March 5, at 7 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Parrish House. Rotarians from Elizabeth City, Hertford, Greenville, Washington and possibly Tarboro will attend the meeting, which is calculated to be one of the most outstanding Rotary affairs ever to be held in Edenton.

Edmund H. Harding, of Washington, group leader for the Eastern North Carolina district, will have charge of the program, which can be counted upon to be very interesting. A good speaker will be provided, as well as music, including Floor's orchestra, a local organization. Mr. Harding is a prominent figure in Rotary, and every local Rotarian is urged to plan to attend Tuesday night's meeting.

The committee on local arrangement is made up of C. E. Kerner, Rev. C. A. Ashby, Millard Bond, N. K. Rowell, W. D. Holmes, and J. L. Wiggins.

Reports coming from nearby clubs are to the effect that a goodly number from each club will attend the meeting and local Rotarians are of the opinion that over one hundred will come to Edenton for this meeting.

### Band Likely To Be Formed At School

What may result in a band for Edenton is contemplated by Oscar Duncan, member of the Edenton High School faculty. Mr. Duncan is interested in forming a band at the local school and believes that with the proper cooperation one can be organized. Of course, the first thing necessary would be instruments and Mr. Duncan is of the opinion that if local owners of band instruments would loan them, some of which are not now being used, to prospective members of the band, a nucleus could be formed around which a first class band could be organized. He, himself, would be responsible for any instruments loaned in the venture.

Subsequently it is Mr. Duncan's idea to buy enough band instruments for those taking part, which would be paid for on a monthly basis. If enough instruments will be loaned to warrant the attempt, Mr. Duncan, who is experienced in band music, will instruct each member individually. His idea would be to secure members from the lower grades so that the band would not be handicapped by students graduating and leaving school.

Any owner of a band instrument who is willing to loan an instrument and cooperate with Mr. Duncan is urged to get in touch with him immediately.

### Y. W. A. GROUP MEET TONIGHT

The Intermediate Y. W. A. of the Baptist Church, will meet tonight (Thursday) with Mrs. W. M. Wilkins, at her home on Oakum Street. A full attendance is requested.

### DISTRICT MEETING IN WINDSOR

A district Masonic meeting will be held in Windsor Thursday night, March 7th. Mayor E. W. Spires, grand historian, has been issued a special invitation to be present at the meeting, and is expected to attend.

## LADIES' AUXILIARY TO BACK MOVEMENT FOR AMERICAN LEGION HUT

Committees From Both Organizations Discuss Matter

### NEED FELT

#### Auxiliary Names Committee Building Committee Of Three

A meeting was held Tuesday night in the Municipal Building which is hoped will result in the erection of an American Legion hut in Edenton in the very near future. The community service committee of the Legion Auxiliary met with the building and community service committee of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, together with Mrs. M. P. Whichard, Auxiliary president, and W. W. Byrum, post commander, when the idea was discussed.

The ladies of the Auxiliary feel the need of a hut and are determined to do their utmost to have one erected. Immediate action was taken, a building committee being appointed to work with the post committee. The committee named consists of Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. R. E. Leary and Miss Emma Byrum, who with the post committee which is composed of Joe Conger, Dr. M. P. Whichard, O. T. Brown and Major W. S. Privott, will go to work immediately to get the movement under way.

It is thought that materials will be donated, and contributions made to enable a creditable Legion hut to be erected for use of the Legion and Auxiliary. The location of the hut has not been decided.

### Local Fire Department Aids E. City Firemen

Quite a lot of excitement prevailed in Edenton last Friday afternoon when a request came from Elizabeth City for assistance in fighting a fire which threatened an entire section of the city. Various reports were rampant which caused quite a number of Edenton people to journey to Elizabeth City to see the fire.

The Edenton fire truck, immediately following the call for aid, made a record run to Elizabeth City with a crew of fire-fighters ready for any emergency. The Edenton truck, however, was detailed to the fire house to answer any alarm that might be sent in from other sections of the city. Calls for help were also sent to Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Hertford.

The loss is estimated at approximately \$50,000 which includes the destruction of the Roanoke Institute, a Negro institution, and many homes in the neighborhood.

The Edenton fire-fighters returned home about 8:30 Friday night.

Previous to the call from Elizabeth City the local fire department was called out to extinguish two fire fires, one on East Albemarle Street, and the other on Carter Street. No damage was reported done at either of the fires.

### Many Farmers Sign For Tomato Acreage

At the present time prospects are that Chowan County farmers this year will plant at least 500 acres in tomatoes. This fact is due to the definite decision of the Neuse Packing Corporation to can tomatoes after the fishing season is over.

The packing concern now is installing in the old Eastern Cotton Oil Company building equipment to can herring roe on a large scale, which will likely get under way about the middle of March. Some of the tomato canning machinery has also already arrived.

Contracts for tomato acreage are rapidly being signed by farmers, which provides for the furnishing of tomato seed. This seed has been shipped and can be paid for out of the crop when sold. A special variety of tomato will be used, the Marglobe, which is said to be particularly adapted to shipping and canning purposes.

Contracts for tomato acreage are now in the hands of H. B. Jones, of Edenton, and J. E. Perry, of Tyner, who report a ready response to the planting of tomatoes, the packing concern agreeing to buy the entire crop.

Officials of the canning company feel satisfied that other vegetables will be canned as the season progresses.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH PLANNING SPECIAL SERVICES FOR LENT

Dr. R. Cary Montague Of Richmond Will Conduct Mission

### SPECIAL SPEAKERS

#### Visiting Preachers Will Conduct Services On Thursday Nights

As a special feature of Lent, Dr. R. Cary Montague, of Richmond, Va., will hold a preaching mission in St. Paul's Episcopal Church March 18th to 22nd inclusive. During this mission Holy Communion will be held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, and services each night at 8 o'clock, with Dr. Montague preaching.

Each Thursday night at 8 o'clock during Lent special preachers will have charge of the services, as follows:

March 7—Rev. J. Leon Malone, Winton.

March 14—Rev. Stephen Gardner, Washington.

March 21—Dr. R. Cary Montague, Richmond, Va.

March 28—Rev. George F. Hill, Elizabeth City.

April 4—Rev. E. F. Moseley, Williamston.

April 11—Rev. E. T. Jillson, Hertford.

The observance of Lent by Episcopalians will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 6, with a meeting in the parsonage office at 11 A. M., and a service at 6:15 P. M.

Week days to Holy Week services will be held at 6:15 P. M. excepting the week of the Montague Mission and Saturdays, with Holy Communion being observed on Wednesdays at 11 A. M., and special preachers Thursdays at 8 P. M.

During Holy Week a service will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:15 P. M.; Wednesday at 11 A. M., and Maunday, Thursday at 8 P. M., observing Holy Communion. On Good Friday a service will be held at 11 A. M.

On Easter Day, April 21, Holy Communion will be held at 7:30 A. M., and 11 A. M., with a Sunday School celebration at 4:30 P. M.

Programs of services have been distributed with special emphasis being made on the Montague Mission, Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of St. Paul's, urging all interested in Old St. Paul's to take advantage of the opportunity to hear Dr. Montague.

### R. F. Tuttle To Assist In Filing Income Tax

R. F. Tuttle, deputy commissioner, will be at his home, 105 West Queen Street, on March 1 and 2, and March 13, 14 and 15, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their State income tax returns. These returns must be filed on or before March 15, and include any unmarried person who had an income of \$1,000 or more during 1934, or a married person having an income of \$2,000 or more.

A deputy collector of internal revenue will also be in Edenton on March 12 to assist income tax payers to file their Federal returns. A penalty of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both, and in addition 25 percent of the amount of tax is imposed by the statute for willful failure to make a return on time.

### Mill Village Sewerage Project Receives O. K.

T. P. Richardson, ERA project supervisor for this district, with headquarters in Elizabeth City, on Monday announced the approval of the Mill Village paving project, work on which will soon get under way.

This project was sent in some time ago and is part of Project 1 approved by the recently organized Central Planning Board for Chowan County, at an estimated cost of \$18,000. The city is called upon to furnish materials, most of which are already on hand. This work is calculated to put about 72 men to work.

### FISH MARKET GOOD

With prospects for fish good on the northern markets, the price quoted Wednesday was two cents per pound higher than the previous day. G. W. Moger & Co., Baltimore, on Wednesday quoted roe shad, 30 cents; buck shad, 18 cents, and rock, 20 cents.

## Cotton Chief Advises On Size of 1935 Crop

Lindsay Warren Must Like Smoked Herring

W. A. Everett, local dispenser of hickory smoked herring, yesterday divulged the reason for the desire, some months ago, of colored folks in Washington to eat in the House of Representatives restaurant, and caused right much of an argument.

Mr. Everett, it appears, sent a complimentary mess of his product to Representative Lindsay Warren, who evidently had them cooked for himself in the restaurant. Shortly after, Mr. Everett received an order from the restaurant for 500 smoked herring, and it wasn't long thereafter that colored folks were clamoring to eat in that particular restaurant.

Representative Warren, however, evidently must be very fond of the smoked herring, for he refused Negroes the right to eat in the same restaurant.

### Quick Action Keeps Soup Kitchens Open

But for immediate action on the part of the United Charities and the Red Cross, the four soup kitchens in the schools of the County would have been discontinued this week. ERA funds for paying for the operation of these kitchens have been exhausted and the Red Cross and United Charities jointly decided at a meeting on Tuesday to temporarily obligate to assume this responsibility. The ERA will furnish food, but until money is forthcoming from the Government, which is not expected in the near future, there is no money on hand to pay those who operate the kitchens.

The four kitchens are located in the Edenton High School, Chowan High School, Beech Fork and Advance.

### \$131.58 Realized By Christmas Seal Sale

The somewhat belated report of the Christmas Seal Sale in Chowan County has just been completed by Miss Emma Byrum, county chairman. The total amount secured through the sale of seals was \$131.58. Of this amount one-fourth, or \$32.90, will be sent to the State headquarters while \$98.68 will remain in Chowan County for use in fighting tuberculosis.

Owing to so few cases of tuberculosis in the county, much of this money will be spent in furnishing milk to those threatened with the disease and undernourished children. In this connection local leaders in the Christmas Seal movement desire to appeal to any individual or organization to furnish a quart of milk per day to be given to undernourished children. The cost of a quart of milk per day is almost \$50 per year, and there are a number in the county who need this nourishment but are unable to buy milk. Anyone who may be interested in helping in this movement should get in touch with Mrs. R. C. Holland.

### Law Against Gambling Includes Punch Boards

A copy of the recently enacted law outlawing slot machines and gambling devices has been received by Chief of Police Helms, who desires to make it clear that the new law specifically includes punch boards and any other sort of gambling contraptions. The law, captioned "Prohibiting manufacture, sale, possession and use of slot machines, gambling apparatus and devices," will be rigidly enforced by the police and Chief Helms stated to The Herald Wednesday that in a few days he would make a thorough investigation and indict anyone violating the law.

### JUNIOR CLASS SPONSORS VERY SUCCESSFUL DANCE

A dance sponsored by the Junior Class of the Edenton High School was held Friday night in the Boy Scout Cabin. Music for the occasion was furnished by Kenneth Floars and his orchestra, and the proceeds will be used to help pay for the annual Junior-Senior banquet at the local school. A very successful dance was reported.

A large number of Bertie county tobacco growers are requesting for an increase in their 1935 allotments.

C. A. Cobb Urges 65 Per Cent of Base Acreage This Year

### NEW SIGN-UP

#### County Agent Rowell Will Soon Have 1935 Contracts

The following letter from C. A. Cobb, chief of the cotton production section, to county agents in cotton producing states, will be of interest to many Chowan farmers:

"The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has investigated the present supply, the probable market requirements, the probable carry-over August 1, 1935, of American cotton, and the foreign situation in an effort to determine the size crop that would bring producers the largest income in 1935. As a result of these investigations, it would seem that a crop of about 11,500,000 in 1935 should be planned for. While a crop somewhat smaller would in all probability bring a higher price per pound, the total income from the crop might be less. On the other hand, a crop materially larger than 11,500,000 bales would unduly depress the market in 1935 and make it difficult to reduce the carry-over to a desirable figure by August 1, 1936, and in this way would affect the 1936 price as well as the 1935 price.

"In the objective of a crop of approximately 11,500,000 bales is to be achieved in 1935, it will be necessary for contract signers to take the full 35 percent reduction permitted in 1935. If producers who signed contracts in 1934 and those who sign contracts in 1935 reduce 35 percent, it is estimated that a crop of about 11,500,000 bales will be produced if yields are no more than average.

"It will be to the advantage of individual cotton producers to remove 35 percent of their base acreage from cotton production and receive the maximum rental payments permitted under their contracts in 1935.

"It will be to the further advantage of individual producers to plant in 1935 only 65 percent of their base acreage because in no case will the bases used in making allotments of tax-exemption certificates be more than 65 percent of a producer's base production. Producers should therefore be cautioned against planting more than 65 percent of their base acreage with the anticipation of buying surplus exemption certificates at reduced prices in 1935. It will be our recommendation that provisions be made which will prevent surplus exemption certificates being sold much below the full amount of the tax. We will also recommend that the tax be kept adjusted as 50 percent of the price. Neither of these things were done in 1934.

"Due partly to the drought, food and feed will be somewhat less plentiful and prices will be higher in 1935 than they were in 1934. For this reason cotton producers should plant only 65 percent of their base acreage to cotton, thus making available additional land on which to produce food and feed for home consumption. "It should also be called to the attention of producers that if two crops of different sizes are sold for the same gross value, a larger proportion of the total market value is usually returned to the producer from the smaller crop. It is certain that the farmer cannot produce the larger crop as cheaply."

Very shortly county agents will receive blanks for the new sign-up of those who did not sign in 1934. It is interesting to note that contract signers last year received more money from rental payments than the extra cotton allotments cost them. N. K. Rowell expects a great increase in signers for 1935.

Under last year's contract rentals ranged from 35 to 45 percent, whereas under the new contract the percentage is 25 to 35 percent, with the minimum being one acre instead of two.

### LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET AT HOTEL HINTON FRIDAY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock, in the parlors at the Hotel Hinton. Mrs. M. P. Whichard, the president, is very anxious to have a full attendance as a number of community service projects will be discussed.