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Mass Meeting Friday To Discuss Bridge Location

Commissioners Study County's 1936 Budget

Budget a Few Hundred Dollars More Than Last Year

MORE FOR RELIEF

Tax Rate Will Be Decided Upon at Meeting In August

The Chowan County Commissioners met in special session Monday morning to approve the budget for 1935-36. A full board was present, including D. M. Warren, chairman; A. C. Boyce, A. D. Ward, W. H. Winborne and J. A. Webb.

The Commissioners thoroughly went over the figures as proposed, comparing the various items with last year and after very few changes had been made the total amount to be raised stood at \$70,041.48. Of this amount \$20,000 is the estimated general county budget, \$41,627.84 for roads and bonds, and \$8,413.64 for schools. The total amount to be raised this year will be between \$50 and \$60 more than was necessary last year, which for the most part is made necessary by the increased demand on the county for poor relief and hospitalization. The amount needed for bonds and interest is less this year than last, but this saving is just about offset by the added need for relief. There is also a slight increase in the budget for schools.

The levy for taxes will be made on a property valuation of approximately \$6,750,000, which will mean that the tax rate will be about the same or possibly one or two cents more on the hundred dollars than last year. The estimated budget, however, will remain open until the commissioners meet in August at which time the tax rate will be definitely fixed.

The estimated general county budget is made up as follows:

County Commissioners, \$3,000; listing property, \$800; sheriff, \$3,000; election, \$400; county accountant, \$600; county treasurer, \$600; court house, \$600; register of deeds office, \$1,400; coroner, \$100; county jail, \$1,000; county home, \$1,625; poor relief, \$3,200; agricultural development, 2,200; county health, \$1,000; county aid, \$150; Superior Court, \$1,200; clerk recorder's court, \$400; recorder's court, \$1,800; juvenile court, \$250; vital statistics, \$175; making a total of \$23,500. From this amount will be deducted an estimated amount of \$3,500 which will come to the county in the way of beer licenses, returned jury fees and other sources bringing the budget down to \$20,000.

Unique Program At Rotary Meeting

Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., president of the Edenton Rotary Club, has instructed the chairmen of the club's various committees to have prepared a one or two minute speech at the regular luncheon at 1 o'clock today. Mr. Hart made it emphatic that each speaker would have only a minute or two and in this time he wanted each one to give a general outline of what Rotary International planned for each committee during the year.

The chairmen of the various committees are as follows: C. H. Wood, C. A. Ashby, M. F. Bond, C. E. Kramer, E. W. Spires, Fred P. Wood, Jesse White, J. Edwin Buffalup, John W. Graham, O. H. Brown, N. K. Rowell, L. E. Griffin and J. N. Pruden.

At last Thursday's meeting one of the largest crowds in many weeks was present, and Dr. Hart is very anxious that every committee chairman as well as all other members attend the luncheon today.

Edenton Rotarians At Inter-City Meet

A goodly number of Edenton Rotarians went to Elizabeth City last Friday to attend the Rotary Assembly and the inter-city meeting which was held Friday night. The meeting at night was held in the Virginia Dore Hotel and was presided over by C. E. Kramer.

A very interesting program was rendered, including musical numbers and a number of dancing stunts. The principal address was made by Rev. Sylvester Green, of Richmond, Va., who is a former Tar Heel.

Bank Stockholders Will Meet Saturday

Post cards have been mailed by W. O. Crump, liquidating agent for the Citizens Bank, urging all depositors of the bank to meet in the Chowan Court House Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the most practical procedure to follow in disposing of the bank building so that the liquidation of the bank may be completed.

Smith Medlin, of Monroe, N. C., a representative of the Banking Department of North Carolina, will be present and all depositors are urged to attend and take part in the discussion.

The bank has to date paid off 85 per cent to depositors, with another substantial payment expected when the building is sold.

RED MEN DISTRICT MEETING FRIDAY

Members of Order Will Gather In Local Wigwam to Transact General Business

A district meeting of Red Men will be held in the local Red Men hall on Tuesday night when many members of the Order in the Albemarle are expected to attend. This district was recently organized and this will be the first official meeting of the group. Various items of business affecting Red Men in this section will be discussed, and some of the great chiefs are expected to be present. Ice cream and cake will be served after the business session.

The district officers are as follows: Sachem, Johnnie Williams, of Elizabeth City; senior sagamore, W. E. Baker, of Edenton; junior sagamore, Horace Holt, of Elizabeth City; prophet, T. J. Wilder, of Edenton; chief of records, Claude Ballard, of Elizabeth City; keeper of wampum, W. J. Daniels, of Edenton.

The lodges in the district at present include Chowan, Pasquotank, Manteo-Wanchese, Stumpy Point, Fort Landing and Knots Island.

Wedding Of Interest Held In Robersonville

A wedding of particular interest to friends in Chowan County and this section of the State was solemnized last Wednesday in Robersonville when Miss Eoline Everett of that city became the bride of William S. Privott, Jr., of Edenton. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. Frank Perry, a Baptist minister, officiating, and was attended by only intimate friends of the couple.

The newlyweds left immediately after the ceremony for Virginia Beach, Va., where they are spending their honeymoon. They are expected back in Edenton over the week-end, where they will make their home.

Rocky Hock Men In Bad Truck Accident

Luther Bunch, John S. Bunch and Roland Ashley of the Rocky Hock section narrowly escaped with their lives last week while enroute to Washington, D. C., with a load of 2500 cantaloupes. Luther Bunch and John S. Bunch were slightly injured but have now recovered.

The truck, belonging to John S. Bunch, was totally wrecked when it became necessary to stop on the highway near Richmond, Va., due to another wreck, and was run into by a car driven by three Negroes, all of whom were killed in the crash. Due to the Rocky Hock men hurriedly leaving their truck on account of a car burning along the road, possibly saved their lives, for the front of the car was completely demolished.

Footprint Found In Step To Court House

Quite a bit of interest is manifest around the Court House these days due to the belief that the footprint of some prehistoric animal has been discovered in one of the steps to the Court House. Time after time water is sprinkled on the step, bringing out more clearly what is supposed to be the footprint as the water evaporates.

WILL APPLY FOR P.W.A. MONEY TO BUILD SCHOOLS

Commissioners Select Holmes and Taylor to File Application

STUDY MATTER

County In No Way Financially Obligated Thus Far

New school buildings or improvements to the present plants in Chowan County under the PWA program of 45 per cent grant and 55 per cent loan are still very uncertain. A new form of application was submitted to the County Commissioners on Monday by John A. Holmes, one of the provisions of which was that the Commissioners name a person or persons authorized to make the application for the money.

The Commissioners discussed the proposition at length and when they felt satisfied that they were in no way obligating the County at present they authorized John A. Holmes and W. J. Taylor to make an application for the sum required. These two men will fill out the application and present it to PWA officials and if the application is accepted the terms of the agreement will be placed before the Commissioners for final action.

Improvements to the schools or new buildings are badly needed, but the Commissioners in their discussion of the matter left the impression that they could not see how the County could afford to go further into debt to take care of the 55 per cent loan that would be necessary.

In the meantime Mr. Taylor and Mr. Holmes are attending to all the red tape in connection with the proposition, hoping that if the application is accepted by the PWA officials the Commissioners will see their way clear to comply with the terms as set forth by the government agency.

About Half County's Dogs Vaccinated

Vaccination of dogs is now in full swing throughout Chowan County, Pugh Roberson, who was appointed by the County Commissioners to assist in this work, reporting that dog owners in the county are cooperating splendidly in carrying out the State law which provides that all dogs must be vaccinated or killed. The supply of serum has been exhausted on several occasions, but new shipments have arrived in time to prevent the vaccinating from being held up.

Up to Wednesday noon Mr. Roberson had vaccinated 540 dogs in the county, where he estimates there are about 1,000 dogs.

He will be at George Goodwin's filling station at Hancock Station all day Friday, and Saturday all day he will be at Burton's Service Station in Edenton. On Monday afternoon he will be at Henry White's store at Cowpen Neck.

All dog owners are urged to have their pets vaccinated as soon as possible, for their is a likelihood that the rabies inspectors of Chowan County will include Gates County in their vaccination work.

CHOWAN'S MELONS BEING MARKETED

Crop Is Smaller and Fruit Not As Large As In Former Years; Fewer Boats Leave

Right much activity prevailed at the County Dock this week when much of the County's watermelon crop was shipped by boats to the northern markets. Up to Wednesday night 14 boats had left loaded to capacity with watermelons and cantaloupes from this section.

According to reports the crop is very short this year, and for some reason the melons have not developed into the size of former years. It is expected that not more than 20 boats will leave the dock this season which compares with 53 in 1933 and 47 in 1934.

This shortage, however, is not altogether due to the short crop. Many of the watermelons and cantaloupes are sent direct to the markets by trucks, which in former years was not so convenient.

There is also some difficulty to have growers have their melons inspected by government agents.

PEANUT PLANTS OBJECT TO PAY PROCESSING TAX

Cooperating With Other Concerns In Similar Actions

10 PER CENT HERE

Await Decision of Constitutionality of AAA Tax Law

As a protective measure brought in consonance with similar action by Suffolk peanut operating manufacturers, the Edenton Peanut Company and the Albemarle Peanut Corporation, of this town, have secured federal court injunctions temporarily restraining the collection of peanut processing taxes from them for the last three months. Technically the first named concern enjoins the collection of a little more than \$3,000 in such taxes for May and June, and the latter company would stop the payment of around \$13,500 for the months of April and May.

The injunctions, two of thirty similar actions, were secured from Federal Judge Johnson H. Hayes, sitting first at his home in North Wilkesboro and later at Greensboro. They will hold and prevent the collection of all processing taxes until the constitutionality of the AAA processing tax law is passed upon by the U. S. Supreme Court.

In a statement made at Greensboro, W. D. Pruden, counsel for the local companies, said the Edenton operators were in no sense out of step with the AAA tax law but did feel that as their brother operators in Suffolk and other communities had acted, similar action by the companies here was necessary. Mr. Pruden, who went to Greensboro Sunday with Millard F. Bond and James E. Wood representing his clients, is quoted in State papers as saying the peanut processing of the nation is divided about 90 per cent elsewhere and 10 per cent in Edenton.

Application For School Money Is Presented

As a further move to secure more adequate school facilities in Chowan County, John A. Holmes, Thomas Chears and J. H. Conger, representing the city schools, and W. J. Taylor and S. E. Morris, representing the County Board of Education left on Thursday morning for Raleigh, where they will present the application for the money to build two new school buildings, one on the fair grounds and one at Small's Cross Roads. They were also equipped to give any other information that may be necessary in connection with the school situation in Chowan County and are hopeful that the money will be forthcoming.

In event the application is accepted, the school men will present the proposition to the County Commissioners, who will have the final voice as to the carrying out of the contract.

Rev. J. V. Knight Preaches Sunday

Rev. J. Vincent Knight, of Tarboro, who was pastor of the local Methodist Church nine years ago, preached at the morning hour Sunday. Mr. Knight, his wife and daughter, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barber, returning to their home Monday.

County Agents Meet At School Friday

County agents from Chowan, Bertie, Camden, Gates, Perquimans, Washington, Tyrrell, Pamlico, Hertford and Pasquotank counties are scheduled to meet in the Edenton school building Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the new peanut contract for next year.

Declamation Contest Has Been Postponed

The County-wide Stewardship declamation contest which was scheduled to be held in the Edenton Baptist Church Saturday afternoon, July 27, has been postponed until a later date. This decision was made by Mrs. C. T. Doughtie, county leader, who desires to cooperate with the State Board of Health in precautions during the infantile paralysis outbreak.

Chowan Court House To Be Scene Of Action

Ban On Children's Meetings Not Lifted

There is apparently some misunderstanding relative to the local health authorities lifting the order prohibiting children under 15 years of age from gathering together. Rumors were afloat last week that the quarantine had been lifted, but this is not true.

Dr. J. A. Powell, county health officer, did remove the quarantine from the colored family having the infantile paralysis victim, but he has not lifted the order prohibiting children from attending public gatherings. Although the paralysis victim is greatly improved, Dr. Powell is of the opinion that general precautions should be observed.

CHOWAN MAY GET NEW COUNTY HOME

Architect Presents Sketch of Building to County Commissioners at Monday's Meeting

Frank Benton, architect from Raleigh, appeared before the County Commissioners on Monday with a plan for a new County Home. Mr. Benton explained that he was hopeful of securing a grant from the PWA to erect the building without any obligation on the part of the County, the County Commissioners authorizing him to proceed with his plans on those conditions.

The architect's drawing displayed a beautiful one-story brick building, containing 16 rooms for inmates. The structure would be modern in every respect, and would be a credit to the County if the grant goes through.

The present county home is inadequate and the Commissioners feel that if the proposed new home is erected it will take care of the needs of the county for a long time.

E. W. Lordley Still Director Of ERA

Despite efforts to secure accurate data regarding the local ERA status, The Herald was misinformed last week in reporting that E. S. Askew, of Bertie County replaced E. W. Lordley as director for this district and that all local projects were being held up pending a reorganization of the personnel.

Mr. Lordley was in Edenton Monday and explained that Mr. Askew has been named director of the WPA for District No. 1, which includes the territory covered by four ERA districts, headquarters for which are in Elizabeth City, Plymouth, Manteo, and Weldon and includes 12 counties. Mr. Askew will take charge on August 1, from which time the WPA will make up projects and use men from the ERA. When all the men from the ERA are placed on the WPA rolls, the ERA obviously will go out of existence.

In the meantime Mr. Lordley acts as director of the Elizabeth City office and stated that the reason for the hold-up on projects was due to lack of money.

No Coach Secured As Yet For Local School

Although rumors have been heard that Frank Suttentfield has accepted the position as coach for the Edenton High School, none of these could be substantiated. According to John A. Holmes a letter was written to Mr. Suttentfield, but up until late Wednesday afternoon no information was available as to whether or not he would accept the position.

Nothing further has been done about securing a coach, according to Mr. Holmes.

Many Tomatoes Are Now Being Canned

About 35 hands were employed early this week by the Neuse Packing Corporation when the canning of tomatoes was started in the old cotton oil mill building. W. C. Crockett, manager of the plant, is now in Edenton, and looks forward to a very successful season.

Tomatoes are coming in in great quantities from the surrounding territory and the plant is hopeful of canning 5,000 cans daily.

Many Invitations Sent To Citizens of Entire Albemarle

EXPECT CROWD

Julien Wood of Highway Commission Will Be Present

What is hoped will result in the most concrete movement toward the erection of a bridge across the Albemarle Sound is in prospect when the matter will be discussed at a general meeting called for Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Chowan County Court House. Invitations have been sent out by John A. Holmes, secretary of the Chowan Business Men's Association, to representative citizens all over the territory on the north and south sides of the Sound, and many are expected to be present for the meeting.

It is understood that the Highway Commission is very favorable to the erection of a bridge across the Albemarle Sound, and that funds have been earmarked for the purpose, but that no definite steps have been taken by the commission due to the widespread dissatisfaction as to the location of the bridge. It is for this reason that the meeting Friday has been called by a committee from the Chowan Business Men's Association, consisting of X. E. Copeland, chairman, D. M. Warren, Fred P. Wood, W. J. Berryman and E. W. Spires. This committee hopes to have the location of a bridge discussed pro and con and a definite place decided upon to present to the Highway Commission.

The invitation sent out by the committee is as follows:

"For several years efforts have been made to secure a bridge affording easy transportation facilities for the people residing on the South and North sides of Albemarle Sound. In every instance these movements have failed because we were divided against ourselves, stressing the location rather than paramount necessity of said project. On each occasion the State Highway Commission has wisely counseled us to return home, adjust our differences and then present the proposition to them for consideration.

"With this thought in mind, the Chowan County Business Men's Association appointed the undersigned committee for the purpose of pressing this matter in whatever manner we deemed most expedient and effective. Therefore, we have decided to call a meeting to be held in the Court House at Edenton next Friday afternoon, July 26th, at 4:00 o'clock. Commissioner Julien Wood of this district has agreed to attend the meeting. Edenton was selected only because the citizens of Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort counties could drive to Mackeys, catch the 2:30 ferry as foot passengers and return by the ferry leaving Edenton at 5:00 o'clock. Invitation is being sent to a large number of interested citizens residing in these counties and also to those of Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck.

"We believe that the time is opportune for a concerted movement, but (Continued on Page Five)

Notices Posted For Sale Edenton Cafe

Notices of sale have been posted at the Court House by J. N. Pruden and L. E. Griffin, administrators of the estate of Anton Athos, advertising all the property of the Edenton Cafe to be sold on Tuesday, July 30, at 12 o'clock noon. The notices contain a long inventory of restaurant equipment, among the items being "1 cat."

The "cat" item has caused much comment through daily newspapers, resulting in telegrams and letters to the administrators bidding on the animal, when according to Mike Kehayas, present operator of the restaurant, there is no cat on the premises.

It was thought by some that the "cat" should have been listed as a "cot," but upon investigation the stenographer is very insistent that the original inventory listed "1 cat." In the meantime, the administrators are anxious for the time of sale to arrive to be relieved of the bother of answering questions regarding the "cat."