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Entire Albemarle United In Building Sound Bridge

Historic Court House Assured New Marker

Search Records For Exact Year Building Was Erected

UNCERTAIN

Request Made for Slight Change In Inscription Wording

Still another highway history marker, this time pointing the way to the ancient Court House here and making the sixth so far apportioned for Edenton, has been decided on according to a letter received Monday by Mayor E. W. Spires and Richard D. Dixon. C. C. Crittenden, of the State historical commission, has written that the marker will soon be sent to the forge for molding.

The Crittenden letter says it is desired to inscribe the new marker as follows:

"Chowan County Court House. Oldest court house in use in North Carolina. Built about 1767. Whig centre in Revolution. 3 blocks southeast."

Local people delved into old records to establish the exact date of the erection of the building in order to eliminate the "about" in the inscription, but a definite date could not be found other than a receipt for duty on brick in 1768. The reference to "Whig centre in Revolution" does not set well locally, either and a change has been suggested for this reference.

Mayor E. W. Spires has written the following letter to Mr. Crittenden in the hope that the inscription may be reworded:

"We discussed the proposed inscription for the Court House marker and it was the opinion that the word 'about' would have to stand as we could find no definite information as to the year in which construction actually began. We made a careful search of the Colonial court records and also note in Dr. Hathaway's history that he was unable to establish the year. We do know that the Commissioners ordered the structure built in 1766 and found a receipt in the Cupola House museum signed by Joseph Hewes in payment of duty on brick for same, which was in the year 1768. From this, it would appear that construction began between 1766 and 1768, possibly in 1767.

"As to the sentence 'Whig centre in Revolution' it was thought that perhaps it would be better to say 'Revolutionary Centre,' because of fact that a political party named 'Whigs' was organized several years ago and this might become confusing. An alternative suggestion would be 'Centre of Revolutionary activities,' or 'Centre in Revolution.' We hope this will meet with approval of your well qualified committee."

Drainage Urged To Eliminate Malaria

A representative of the State Board of Health appeared before the County Commissioners Monday in the interest of drainage throughout the county as means of reducing malaria. It was pointed out that though there is little malaria prevalent in Edenton, there is about 350 cases of the malady scattered over the County, and by a county-wide drainage project the malaria-bearing mosquito could be materially decreased.

The representative was instructed to confer with Dr. J. A. Powell, health officer, following whose advice the Commissioners will take action at a subsequent meeting.

No Complaints Heard On \$90,000 Bond Issue

No complaint having been registered relative to the County issuing bonds for the erection of a new school building at Cross Roads and improvements to the Edenton school, preparations have been made for the sale of a maximum of \$100,000.

The County Commissioners met on Monday for the purpose of hearing any objections and none having been entered, W. D. Pruden, county attorney, was instructed to arrange for the sale of \$90,000 worth of bonds to cover the cost of school purposes.

SCHOOLS ASK NO LEVY FROM CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR

Short Meeting of Town Council Held Friday Night

LEASE LEGAL

County-wide Indebtedness Eliminates School Debt Service

Town Council on Friday night established a sort of record for brief sessions when the monthly meeting was finished in a little less than an hour's time.

The most pleasant feature of the meeting was a statement from John A. Holmes that he would not ask for a levy this year for city schools. This fact is due to the taking over of the school indebtedness on a county-wide basis and compares with a levy of 17 cents last year for debt service.

Another matter brought to the attention of the Councilmen was in reference to a lease recently given to A. M. Forehand to build a warehouse on town property at the fair ground. J. L. Wiggins had appeared at a previous meeting of the Board and contended that according to his lease he was entitled to use the plot leased to Forehand. However, W. D. Pruden, city attorney, ruled that the Forehand lease was legal and arrangements will be made to lease other land to Mr. Wiggins if necessary satisfactory to him and to the Council.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall made a report of the firemen's convention held last week in Raleigh, and was pleased to say that Edenton's record was equal to that of any town in the State.

Considerable discussion resulted from a request by the E. & W. Department that Town Council pay \$40 per month as part of J. H. Wroten's salary for services not under the E. & W. Department, or \$5 per day when used on city work. The councilmen felt reluctant to comply with the request in that Town equipment and labor had been furnished for work done by the E. & W. Department.

The finance committee was instructed to meet and go over affairs preliminary to a special meeting which will be called for the purpose of making up a budget for the next fiscal year.

Commissioners Vote For Certifying Agent

A part-time certifying agent will be furnished for Chowan County dependent upon action taken by Gates County. This was agreed upon Monday by the County Commissioners when the matter was again presented by W. J. Taylor. Mrs. J. H. McMullan had been serving in this capacity until July 1, and under the present set-up there is no one in Edenton who can certify applicants for relief projects.

If Gates county joins Chowan in this matter each county will appropriate \$32.50 per month which amount will be matched by the State and goes to cover salary and expenses of an officer in each county.

Jack Lang Unable To Attend Legion Meet

John A. Holmes, commander of Ed Bond Post, on Tuesday received word from Jack P. Lang, State service officer, that he would be unable to attend a meeting of the Post on September 1. Mr. Lang expressed a desire at the convention in Asheville to be in Edenton, and it was hoped he could be here for the next meeting.

Mr. Lang is a former resident of Edenton and has many friends here and in his communication expressed the hope that he would be able to come later in the summer or early fall.

Schools Of County Open September 3

Superintendent W. J. Taylor is planning to open the white schools of the Chowan administrative unit on Thursday, September 3. The date, however, for the opening of the colored schools has not yet been decided upon.

Large Delegation Meets With Highway Commissioners Friday

Edenton-Perrytown Playing Series For League Championship

ARGUMENT ENDS FIRST GAME

The first game of the series Wednesday afternoon ended in a dispute in the seventh inning when Joe Webb went to the plate as a pinch hitter as Perrytown was leading 4-2. Perrytown protested on the grounds that Webb was not eligible to play, which ended the game.

A post-season series between Edenton and Perrytown, was begun Wednesday to decide the champions of the Bertie-Chowan League. Edenton, winners of the first half, was playing Perrytown, second half winners, on the Edenton diamond as The Herald was going to press. A schedule of six games has been arranged with a seventh to be decided upon in event there is a tie.

The next game will be played Saturday afternoon at Perrytown, with a game scheduled for Sunday afternoon in Edenton. Perrytown returns to Edenton Wednesday, August 26, with a return game at Perrytown Saturday, August 29. The final scheduled game will be played at Perrytown on Sunday, August 30.

Both teams feel confident that they will win the series which should result in close contests and a good brand of baseball.

Neighbor Groups Aid Debt Relief

Activities of voluntary farm debt adjustment committees working with the Resettlement Administration have resulted in the adjustment of 400 farm debt cases in North Carolina, many involving threatened foreclosures, according to a report made by Mr. J. P. Greenleaf, supervisor of the work in this section.

Since September, 1935, when Resettlement took over the job of helping debt burdened farmers, debt cases totaling \$1,386,000 have been handled in this State, with the work of the adjustment committees resulting in reductions totaling \$337,000 for the farmers, Mr. Greenleaf said. In addition, he reported, \$35,000 in taxes that otherwise would have remained delinquent have been paid to local governments.

Any farmer desiring to avail himself of this assistance is requested to see Mrs. Sara Lee Hobbs Smith, secretary, at the Resettlement Administration office.

Three Face Recorder For Driving Drunk

Three men charged with driving while drunk were before the Recorder's Court on Tuesday, and one of them, John Hexstall, was continued until next Tuesday. Eddie Forehand was sent to the roads for four months except he pays a fine of \$100. Thad Revelle, Negro, was the third prisoner. He was fined \$50 and costs.

Decision Reserved In Wiggins Case

Federal Judge I. M. Meekins in Elizabeth City on Monday reserved decision in the case of Capt. J. L. Wiggins for alleged violations of the AAA watermelon marketing agreement. Through his attorneys, Mr. Wiggins claimed the marketing plan is unconstitutional and inoperative.

Methodist Picnic In Bertie Today

The Methodist Sunday School will hold a picnic this afternoon on the W. R. Lawrence beach in Bertie County. The picnickers will leave the church about 3 o'clock and plan to return about dusk. Adult members of the church who have automobiles are especially urged to meet at the church in order to carry the children to and from the beach.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Opening Of School Set For Sept. 21

According to an announcement by John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton schools, it is his purpose to begin the 1936-37 session of white schools on Monday, September 21. He is practically assured that this will be the opening date, but must be officially acted upon by the school board.

The city colored school will open the following week with the colored schools of the county under the city administration scheduled to open a week later than the city school.

CHOWAN HIGH SEEKING COACH

E. C. Woodard Resigns To Accept Coaching Duties at Windsor High School; Salary Raise

Adding further to his school troubles W. J. Taylor is now obliged to worry about a coach for athletics at the Chowan High School. This became necessary this week when E. C. Woodard, for the last four years athletic director at the up-county school, tendered his resignation.

Mr. Woodard accepted the coaching duties at the Windsor High School when he was offered a supplement to his salary for teaching.

Mr. Taylor has several applicants under consideration but has not yet decided on Mr. Woodard's successor.

Officers Back On Job After Brief Vacation

Chief of Police G. A. Helms finished a ten days vacation on Sunday night and Corporal George Dail brought his vacation to an end the day before. The Chief spent his stay with his family at his old home, Willis, Va., from where he sent daily bulletins regarding his trout fishing. Dail chaperoned a party to New York during his first week and last week was in his home town, Washington, N. C.

Cotton Ready To Be Picked At 'Hayes'

Apparently, not alone in history is "Hayes" a celebrated spot. Just now it is proudly eminent as the first place in the Albemarle to grow early cotton. Charlie Swanner, field foreman at "Hayes," came rushing into town Monday with a perfectly rounded full and fat cotton boll which he had plucked on one of the many acreages at "Hayes." No other neighborhood has reported cotton beyond the blossom stage.

According to Mr. Swanner he expects to pick 50 bales next week.

Curator Of Silver Visitor In Edenton

John Marshall Phillips, curator of silver at the Gallery of Fine Arts, Yale University, and Mr. and Mrs. William Switzky, curator of art, were interested visitors in Edenton Tuesday. Mr. Phillips is making an intensive survey of old silver and was keenly interested in the silver set at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and the candlesticks in the Masonic lodge room. He was especially anxious to learn the name or secure any information regarding any silversmiths in this section in Colonial days.

Employment Office Retained In Edenton

Continuation of the North Carolina Employment office in Edenton was assured Monday morning when the County Commissioners agreed to appropriate \$150, the same amount as last year, as its part for this service. Appropriations had been made by Town Council and the E. & W. Department, dependent upon action taken by the Commissioners.

Mayor E. W. Spires appeared before the governing body in behalf of the service and urged the County to again share in the expense of this office which under the Security Act would prove of great benefit.

Many Representatives Attend Meeting In Edenton

NO ARGUMENT

Currituck Short Cut Not Affected By Proposed Bridge

If harmony and a broad-minded spirit of co-operation between heretofore warring factions is to be reckoned with, the highway bridge over the Albemarle Sound seemed nearer a certainty than ever after Tuesday afternoon's big mass meeting of representative citizens held in the Court House. No prejudice as to its location was raised by a single one of the 200 or so on hand to bear testimony as to its need, and Friday a large delegation of tax payers from each county abutting on the broad waterway will go before the State Highway Commission in Raleigh, with the true crusading spirit of The Three Musketeers, "One for all and all for one."

It was at first planned to meet with the Highway Commission on Thursday and arrangements had been made accordingly. However, Wednesday afternoon Mr. Spires received a telegram from Chairman Waynick and Julien Wood that a hearing could not be arranged for today and Friday was therefore decided upon. Mr. Spires immediately communicated with the various chairmen informing them of the change and it is hoped the change will not interfere with the number who will attend.

It will be a united front that the entire Albemarle will present to the State Board Friday, and that of itself will be novel. Last year and the year before such visitations have been interspersed with charges of favoritism and selfishness, but 1936 seems destined, from a bridge standpoint, to go down as a season of perfect bridge peace, with no dissenting voices save those northeast Albemarle folks who would like to see the Currituck short cut span, also built, and this State Commissioner Julien Wood told the gathering had already been provided for through the proper allocation of funds and instructions to highway engineers to make ready for the project.

Those present Tuesday afternoon came by ferry, and by private motors, and by 4 o'clock, the time for calling the meeting, they had gathered in much happiness, confident something concrete would at last be settled upon. And this feeling was accentuated at the very outset when Mayor E. W. Spires, as official host, stated "we are here today to work together, with no favored location for a bridge and no antipathy to the short cut." After the hurrahs had subsided Secretary John A. Holmes read letters and telegrams of regret because they could not be present from Carl Bailey, E. R. Cohoon, J. W. Clagon and Z. V. Norman.

Call for a permanent chairman brought declinations from Mayor Flora of Elizabeth City, and Representative F. Webb Williams, of Pasquotank, but their neighbor and fellow citizen, Editor W. O. Saunders, accepted the chairmanship which was by an unanimous vote.

Mr. Saunders stated at the outset he was for the Currituck short cut first but for the bridge, too, and he then called for a poll of those counties present. He got responses from Pasquotank, Chowan, Washington, Camden, Gates and Perquimans.

Mr. Wood was introduced first and in a quiet, sincere way expressed himself as understanding that funds had been allocated for the Currituck short cut, that highway engineers had been instructed to go ahead with the project, and he had no reason for thinking that the highway board would recede from that action. To questions by Mr. Saunders and others Mr. Wood said frankly the present allotment for bridge work over this way was not enough for the Albemarle bridge as originally proposed and the short cut, also, but the short cut seemed assured. This was especially true, he said, as to the initially planned highway bridge over the sound which called for a

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