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Monkey Wrench Strips The School Bond Issue Gears

State Body Occasions Delay By Refusing Its Approval MUST REFINANCE Delay Likely With Material Costs Advancing In Interim

Just at a time when prospects appeared most rosy for beginning work on the erection of a new high school building at Small's Cross Roads and repairs and additions to the Edenton building, a monkey wrench was thrown into the works, which at the best will hold up this work for from 60 to 70 days.

The County Commissioners after holding up any action toward the authorization of selling bonds for school purposes pending the expectation from time to time of securing federal aid, recently agreed to issue bonds in the amount of \$90,000 for schools. Following this action on September 8, W. D. Pruden, County attorney, filed an application to advertise the bonds for sale. On Saturday he received a letter from the Local Government Commission to the effect that that body was more interested in getting the defaulted bonds in better shape than in issuing more bonds.

Mr. Pruden subsequently wrote a letter explaining the Chowan situation, telling the Commission that the bondholders were not anxious to be paid the principal, but were satisfied to receive the interest, which is in the neighborhood of five per cent.

This apparently did not satisfy the Local Government Commission and Mr. Pruden Wednesday morning was notified that the bond issue would not be approved under the present financial status of the County.

So that the whole situation boils down to the fact that in order to sell bonds for schools the County's indebtedness of around \$30,000 will have to be re-financed.

In the meantime school officials appear considerably upset over the situation for even if the County's indebtedness is refinanced it will take about 60 days, plus another 10 days to advertise the bonds. Another source of worry is caused by the fact that an advance in the cost of materials is reported to take place around the 15th of October, especially in the plumbing phase of the work. The amount agreed upon for the Chowan school caused a number of plans to be drawn by the architect, and if prices advance it will either mean new specifications or a request for a larger amount.

Frank Benton, architect, and T. A. Loving, representative of the contractor, were in Edenton Tuesday at which time they reported most likely advances on materials above what was figured on in the last plan drawn.

The State and government finance officials, it appears, are telling Chowan just about the same thing as in all instances when applying for relief before—that it cannot be granted due to the default of bonds.

There are those in Chowan who feel that had the County seen fit to refinance its bonds, before this time, thereby putting it on the accredited list, the long sought WPA money in all probability would have been granted and the Chowan school now well on the way to completion.

However, the bondholders under the present set-up receive around five per cent on their money, whereas under the refinancing plan this interest would be materially reduced.

Superintendent W. J. Taylor this week received a deed to the land for the new site at Cross Roads, which will be further up the Suffolk Road, and on the opposite side of the road from the old location.

Just what action will be taken by the Commissioners could not be learned late Wednesday afternoon, but more than likely a meeting will be held shortly to arrange for refinancing.

Sermon Subjects At M. E. Church

Services will be held at the usual hours, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., Sunday at the Methodist Church, Rev. Geo. W. Blount announcing the following subjects for his sermons: Morning, "The Meaning of Sunday Morning"; evening, "Simplicity in Religion and Life."

NEW FEED STORE OPEN SATURDAY

E. L. Pearce To Start Establishment On Broad Street

Edenton's business section will be added to by another business on Saturday morning when E. L. Pearce will open a new and up-to-date feed and seed store. Mr. Pearce's store will be located in the E. C. White building on Broad Street, and was decided upon after a month or more of careful study and survey on the part of Mr. Pearce, after which he came to the conclusion there was a need for the sort of store he contemplates.

A complete line of Wayne and Plantation feeds will be carried for cows, hogs and poultry, as well as various mashers, middlings, fish meal, scratch feed, ground oyster shells, salt bricks and any thing in this line for the farmer.

In the seed department will be carried a complete line of seeds, including practically everything that is raised in this section.

Aside from the feed and seed departments, Mr. Pearce will be distributor for Hi-Bisk flour, lard, sugar, salt, fruits and produce.

As a special feature for the opening day Saturday, Waverly Hill, a feed specialist will be in the store to advise those interested on any feed problems. Mr. Pearce invites and urges all who will to take advantage of this opportunity to get this advice.

A half page advertisement appears in this issue of The Herald announcing the opening of the new store.

Mr. Pearce is a native of the Rocky Hock section and is well-known throughout the County.

DEMOCRATS MEET AT AHOSKIE ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

Hertford County Executive Committee Will Stage Barbecue Dinner for Visitors

Announcement was made Monday by State Chairman J. Wallace Winborne and Congressman Lindsay C. Warren that the Democratic Rally for the First District would be held at Ahoskie on Friday, September 25th, at 10:30 A. M. It will be the opening of the campaign in the district which leaders assert will be vigorously waged from then until election day.

Members of the various party committees, all candidates for county and district offices and all men and women active in party affairs are invited to be present to meet with Chairman Winborne, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Spilman, Secretary Ward and Congressman Warren.

Hertford is the home county of Thad Eure, nominee for Secretary of State, the only candidate from the district on the State ticket. The Hertford County Executive Committee headed by D. Collin Barnes, County Chairman will give a barbecue dinner to the visitors.

B. W. Evans, Chowan County Chairman, is hopeful that a large delegation from this County will attend the meeting. It will be remembered that at the 1932 meeting Chowan had 22 present at Bay View, this being the largest delegation aside from the home county group.

Form Of Armistice Day Celebration Is Not Yet Decided

Though Ed Bond Post is expecting to appropriately observe Armistice Day, no definite arrangements have as yet been made for the celebration. It was the purpose of John A. Holmes, commander, to hold a meeting last week to decide definitely just what sort of a celebration to have, but due to the illness of Mrs. Holmes this meeting could not be held.

Mr. Holmes is hopeful that within the next few days he will be able to call a meeting to decide the matter.

KEEP YOUR PROMISES

You become a person of promise, not by promising many things, but by accomplishing what you promise.

HOUSES NEW STORE



Above is a reproduction of the front of the T. W. Jones Building on Broad Street, which will house Cuthrell's Department Store and which opens its doors for business on Saturday morning. The building, formerly the Northcott building, has practically been rebuilt, resulting in one of the most attractive sites in Edenton's business section.

SEPTEMBER TERM COURT OF SLIGHT LOCAL INTEREST

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle Of Snow Hill Presiding Officer

BUT TWO TRIALS Grand Jury Charged Against Drunken Driving

With a mere handful of spectators present Monday morning, the September term of Chowan Superior Court got under way with what promised at the outset to be one of the shortest and most uninteresting terms of court held in Chowan in many a day, but which was prolonged over Wednesday.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, however, did add considerable interest to the opening of court by his calm but deliberate charge to the grand jury.

"Mr. Foreman and members of the grand jury," began the Judge, "you have a fine opportunity to perpetuate a wholesome condition in your community for the action of a grand jury has a far-reaching effect on the morals of any community." He called attention to the fact that the average family looks upon the duty of a juror as a perfunctory service, but advised his hearers that this notion was erroneous, saying that a grand jury is called upon to perform the most vital and far reaching service that can be rendered any county or state.

The system of jury duty, he said, follows closely after that of the mother country, and a juror is not a mere ordinary person, but one who is outstanding and has the highest esteem for the rights of others. He classed anyone who belittles a member of a jury as pitifully ignorant. "The grand jury is not only vital," continued Mr. Frizzelle, "but it is in-

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BRIDGE SITE IS LEFT UNCHANGED AFTER HEARING

Sandy Point to Leonard's Point Definitely Decided On

DOUBT REMOVED Chairman Waynick Re-pudiates "Selfish Motive" Critics

Once again, this time on last Friday, the great highway bridge over Albemarle Sound was declared a certainty. After listening for three hours to protesting arguments from members of the Southern Albemarle Association headed by C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, the State Highway Commission stood pat, repudiated the protestators and declared for a bridge between Leonard's Point on the south shore to Sandy Point, about eight miles east of Edenton, on the north side. The decision was unanimous and the construction of the span, the approximate cost of which was placed at \$1,250,000, is expected to be started in about 90 days. Highway engineers have already begun their land surveys for the approaches.

The hearing in Raleigh last Friday was somewhat acrimonious and frequent references were made to "the Wood bridge," this because Highway Commissioner Julien Wood has been active in urging the cross-way and from the further fact that on this side it must necessarily land on Wood property, but not on Julien Wood property. At one point Mr. Wood, whose steady devotion to the section in which he lives is natural and whose staunch reputation as a sound and energetic and unselfish citizen is too well known hereabouts to require defense, and who, with calmness and dignity has ever lived up to a high standard of personal and civic responsibility, waved his hand in refutation of the charge and

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Mayor E. W. Spires Defends Commissioner Julien Wood

Bridge Entrance and Exits Discussed; One Will Come to Edenton, Other Northward To Hertford Highway

Perhaps one of the most interesting refutations of outside criticisms that Edenton has been actuated by selfish and mercenary motives in working so earnestly for years to secure the highway bridge over the Albemarle Sound, is brought forth in an open letter to the public written yesterday by Mayor E. W. Spires. Mr. Spires speaks highly of the nobleness of purpose shown by State Highway Commissioner Julien Wood in working for the new span, and outlines two alternative routes traffic may take to enter or leave the northside entrance of the bridge.

Mayor Spires' letter follows in full: "The opposition in some sections of the Albemarle to the location of a bridge between Sandy Point and Leonard's Point across the Albemarle Sound has been occasioned by a desire on the part of citizens of various counties wishing a bridge, or bridges in more close proximity to their own particular town. "Additional opposition was due to a misapprehension. Some had been of the opinion that the defeat of any bridge at all would mean a large slice of this \$1,250,000.00 to be used for roads in their respective counties. This fund is charged against the entire State; not the district. "Moreover, a further spirit of opposition was engendered as a result of certain misstatements published with the obvious intention of impugning the good intentions of the Highway Commission in general, and Mr. Julien Wood in particular. "While we do not question the right of any citizen, or group of citizens of a given county to strive for such projects as would, in their opinion, serve their own interests to the best possible advantage, we do feel that some of these statements constitute an unjustified reflection upon the sound judgment

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Grind Of Learning Begins Again For Year On Monday

HOLTON HOPEFUL OF STRONG TEAM

Many Deflections, But New Coach Expects Lively Squad

Though David Holton, new coach for Edenton High School, has already been faced with some handicaps, he is still hopeful of putting a well rounded and creditable football team on the field this season.

Of Edenton's State championship team after an interval of only one year there remains this year only two members of that famous squad, these being John Byrum and Melvin Layton. Some of the members of this team were lost by graduation, but Calvin Sexton and Paul Spencer were expected to wear Ace uniforms this year. They, however, have gone to Augusta Military College to play on that school's team, which is coached by Henry House, former Edenton coach.

Former Edenton stars will be represented on various colleges this year, Vernon Spruill going to Wake Forest, Carroll Goodwin and Tom Hoskins going to Rollins College in Florida, Bill Harrell at Fishburn Military School and Lloyd Hobbs and Richard Rogerson at Appalachian Teachers College, Boone. Edward Wozelka, who graduated last year, will also be a team mate of Calvin Sexton and Paul Spencer at Augusta.

Coach Holton is very much encouraged, however, in that around 20 boys have been reporting for practice, which includes six of last year's veterans and practically all of the B team developed by Coach Brogden. The six first-stringers are Josiah Elliott, John Byrum, John Martin Harrell, Melvin Layton, Reuben Miller, William Cayton, James Smith, with James Cozzens and Robert Chesson, who saw action last year.

Superintendent John Holmes feels very fortunate in securing Coach Holton and has faith in him turning out the best possible team. A salesman for a sports goods house in Holton Edenton has the smartest coach it has ever had. Coach Jim Weaver, of Wake Forest, under whom Holton played, also says that he was one of the smartest football players he has ever coached, that he knows football from A to Z, and will prove to be a real general for any high school.

In the meantime Coach Holton is rapidly getting his boys in shape for the first game, which probably will be on Friday, September 25, though no opponent has yet been secured.

House Furnishing Leaders School At Hotel On Tuesday

A house furnishing Leaders' school will be held in Hotel Joseph Hewes Tuesday, September 22, at 10 a. m., according to Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent. The topic for this school will be "Rug Making" and will be in charge of Miss Mamie Whisman, assistant specialist in house furnishing and home management.

All house furnishing leaders of the various clubs in the county are urged to attend.

\$500 Edenton's Share Of Highway Fund

Information released last week by Vance Baise, chief highway engineer, was to the effect that Edenton's share of funds allocated to various municipalities of the State for maintenance of State highways passing through them was \$500. The funds are distributed on a basis of population, mileage of highways in limits and needs.

Out of a total appropriation of \$500,000, \$31,923 was allocated, the balance being held for emergencies.

LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR CHOWAN HIGH SCHOOL HERE

Laboratory supplies and equipment was received Tuesday by Superintendent W. J. Taylor for the Chowan High School. It will be put in the Center Hill school for use by high school pupils.

Schools Open Then With Several Changes In Faculty

TEACHERS ARRIVE Meet In Conference Saturday Morning to Plan For Work

Final finishing touches in the way of cleaning up and arranging class rooms was made this week in the schools of the Edenton administrative unit preparatory to the opening of schools on Monday morning. Superintendent John Holmes had a corps of colored people at work and everything will be in readiness for the opening day. Mr. Holmes expects about the usual enrollment this year, not contemplating an unusual number enrolled for the first time.

There will be several changes in the faculty this year, due to the resignation of Miss Sara Wood who has gone to Richmond to take a secretarial course. A new teacher will also replace Miss Betty Bloxton, who resigned as teacher of mathematics in the high school. David Holton replaces Leon Brogden as history teacher and athletic coach, the latter resigning to accept a more lucrative position in Wilson. The faculty was approved at a meeting of the city school board this week when three applications were filed for Miss Wood's position and Miss Bloxton's successor was selected.

Mr. Holmes stated this week that text books in the elementary grades will remain unchanged under the State's system of standard courses of study. However, in the high school, the State has changed textbooks for English and French in the program of a few changes each year with the idea of eventually having a standard set of text books all over the State.

All teachers are expected to be on hand before the opening day, Mr. Holmes calling a teachers' meeting at the high school for Saturday at 11 o'clock to arrange for the opening day, and lay plans for the year's work.

The full list of teachers, except successors to Miss Sara Wood and Miss Betty Bloxton, who will be selected today, follow:

- First Grade—Miss Fannie Sue Sayers.
- Second Grade—Miss Ruby Felts and Miss Emma Blanche Warren.
- Third Grade—Miss Myrtle Jenkins and Mrs. J. W. Davis.
- Fourth Grade—Miss Lena Jones and Miss Mary Cody.
- Fifth Grade—Miss Edna Goodwin and Mrs. W. S. Summerell.
- Sixth Grade—Miss Sara MacDonald and Miss Kathryn Leggett.
- Seventh Grade—Miss Ruth Davenport and Charles D. Stewart.
- High School—Miss Paulina Hassell, Mrs. George Mack, Mrs. J. E. Debnam, Oscar E. Duncan, David Holton.

Mrs. Leon Lewis, music teacher. Mrs. T. B. Smith, commercial teacher.

The teachers at the Advance school will be Ernest A. Swain, Mrs. Ernest A. Swain, and Miss Martha Williams.

The colored schools will open on Thursday, the 24th, with a pre-school registration scheduled to be held Thursday and Friday. The full schedule, however, will start on the opening date. The busses are expected to be delivered in time for use when school opens. Parents and friends from all over the county are invited to attend the opening, when special addresses will be made.

The colored teachers follow: High School—D. F. Walker, principal; Flossie Hines, Annie Smith, Richard Kingsbury, Alexander Blaine, and Robert Charity.

Edenton—Santorina Reeves, Emma Foreman, Dorothy Manly Walker, Sara Wilson, Fannie Badham, Butler F. Holley, Eunice Herriage, Bernice Bias Brandon, Aline Slade, Tamar McClenny, Joanna Holley, Matilda Tillett.

St. John's—S. N. Griffith, Laura Luton, Sadie Badham Hadkins, and Elizabeth Brown.

Canaan Temple—Laurette Coston, and Carrie Brown.

Pleasant Grove—Elizabeth Luton. Ryan Grove—Mabel Bemby. Cedar Grove—Sadie Bemby. Virginia Fork—Vivian Hawkins. Triangle—Elton Hall.

Character is self-control.