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Reestablishment Of County Credit Seems Now Assured

Refinancing of Defaulted Bonds Is Decided Upon

MAY BUILD SOON
County Board Will Meet For Special Hearing October 19

Introductory steps looking toward the ultimate placement of a new \$90,000 bond issue to provide for a high school at Small's Cross Roads and to make extensive improvements to the Edenton graded school, were taken by the County Commissioners on Monday when plans were introduced and approved providing for a refinancing of the county's outstanding bond defaults. To meet the requirements of the law the Commissioners will hold a special meeting on Monday, October 19, at which time those who may care to be heard on the question will be welcomed.

Elsewhere legal notices are published in this issue detailing the whole question at much length so that those who read may have no uncertainty about the subject and will be able to thoroughly understand it in its entirety.

It is not expected the refinancing plan will meet with any opposition. A majority of the defaulted bonds are held by Edenton interests, all of whom are said to be in sympathy with the plan, its culmination meaning that the county will be put back into its old time strong financial condition through the establishment of a renewed credit both strengthening and encouraging.

At the present time the county is in default about \$40,000 on road and graded school bond issues. This amount and around \$13,000 additional representing a principal and interest payment due this year, makes a total of \$53,000 which the county hopes to wipe out by its refinancing.

Once this arrangement has been effected the county will be free to go ahead with its new \$90,000 school bond issue, and so confident is it of bringing about this consummation the County School Board, which met, also, on Monday, directed Superintendent W. J. Taylor to go ahead and notify the architect and contractors, to whom building awards have been made, that they may proceed at once with work on the proposed high school building in mid-county if they are willing to wait sixty days for their first payments.

Mr. Taylor has already so notified Architect Frank Benton, of Wilson, and the Goldsboro concern that received the general contracting bid.

The purpose of this County School Board action is two-fold—to get the work started as hurriedly as possible and to express a guarantee of certainty that the school bond issue will be sold and banked within the 60-day period.

As is pretty well known the refinancing plan was made more or less obligatory by the Local Government Commission which refused to lend approval to the new school bond issue until the county had first cleared itself of its old obligations. County Counsel W. D. Pruden has had but little difficulty in counteracting this objection by his assurance that the defaults would be taken care of through the refinancing plan, and to this the State approving body expressed satisfaction and intimated that once the defaults had been refinanced its approval would be immediately forthcoming.

The defaulted bonds have been cut down in aggregate in a substantially large amount during the past two years, and full interest payments of 5 per cent have been paid on them regularly. Naturally holders receiving this certain interest allowance have not been disturbed about the defaults and have made no move to force payment by the county.

Under the plan of refinancing the \$53,000 issue will be offered for sale at a greatly reduced rate, sufficiently low, in fact to make it possible for the county to carry both principal and interest payments at dates when due. It is understood that the present day holders of the defaults will as a protective cover to themselves and an unselfish aid to the county in its predicament, buy in the new issue.

It is believed that at the forthcoming special meeting of the County Board full agreement to the larger new bond issue for the school improvement work will be given by the Local Government Commission and that the \$90,000 bond sales can be advertised and sold immediately.

December Term Of Court Be Cancelled

On account of the December term of Superior Court scheduled for Chowan County the week of December 21, which would come in the midst of the Christmas holiday season, the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday agreed to request Governor Ehringhaus to cancel the term and ask for a special civil term beginning December 14, one week earlier.

There are few and unimportant cases to date on the criminal docket and a cancellation of the court will necessarily result in a substantial saving to the County.

FISH HATCHERY PLANS UP AGAIN

E. S. Askew In Edenton In Behalf Of WPA Project; Says Administrator Coan Deeply Interested

Renewed interest in the possibility of WPA help for the federal fish hatchery here was quickened on Monday and Tuesday by the presence in town of E. S. Askew, formerly of Elizabeth City, and now identified as special representative to State WPA administrator, George W. Coan, Jr., of Raleigh headquarters. Mr. Askew was here to complete project plans for the enlargement of the outside retention pools at the hatchery, as recommended by the special shad program committee to the State Board of Conservation and Development. The work in question will cost around \$18,000 if the plans go through.

Mr. Askew, enthusiastic about everything he engages in, is actually public relations man between the WPA and communities seeking help, and his work carries him all over the State. He particularly stressed that his chief, Mr. Coan, is deeply interested and impressed with conditions in eastern North Carolina, and is 100 per cent behind every effort to improve them. The WPA is especially interested it was said in arranging for full and complete WPA news releases in every section with a view of making equitable adjustment explanations where injustices are brought up.

The hatchery program plan here calls for additional outside pools for bass and another pool in which a test will be made as to whether shad fry, immediately after propagation can be turned into an enclosed pool and kept until the fish have reached a protective stage whereby they can then be released large enough to take care of themselves in their swim back to the ocean. Mr. Askew admitted the idea was novel and brand new but that all those interested considered it worthy of a try out.

As things are now, said Mr. Askew, there is a marked shortage of shad eggs and shad and that additional funds with which to purchase additional eggs would be of no value when there are no eggs to buy.

The contest will terminate Friday of next week, with the money secured through the contest going to purchase books for the school library to be used in parallel reading.

Fishermen Meet In Court House Saturday

A meeting of vital importance to the fishermen of this section will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Chowan County Court House. All members of the Albemarle Fishermen's Association, as well as any other fishermen are urged to attend.

Few Contagious Diseases In County

That there are very few cases of contagious diseases at present in Chowan County is evident from the report of Dr. J. A. Powell, assistant collaborating epidemiologist for the State Board of Health, made to the County Commissioners on Monday. According to Dr. Powell's records during September there was reported two cases of diphtheria, two cases of whooping cough and one each of typhoid and scarlet fever.

Health Talk At Center Hill Friday, October 16

Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, assistant director of health education in North Carolina, will give a health talk at the Center Hill Methodist Church on Friday, October 16, at 8 P. M.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

BRIDGE HEARING SET FOR OCT. 14

War Department Will Hear All Parties at That Time

PERFUNCTORY

Plans For New Span Outlined For First Time

According to Major H. R. Cole, acting district engineer of the Corps of Engineering of Norfolk, Va., a public hearing will be held in Edenton Wednesday, October 14, relative to the application of the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission for approval of plans of a highway bridge proposed to be constructed across the Albemarle Sound. The hearing will be held in the Court House at 10:30 A. M.

All interested parties are invited to be present, or to be represented at the above time and place, particularly navigation interests, and the officials of any county, town, or local association, whose interests may be affected by the proposed construction, insofar as the restriction of navigation by the proposed bridge is concerned.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record, all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, in triplicate, as the records of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the War Department at Washington, D. C. Written statements may be handed in at the hearing, or may be mailed to Major Cole.

The plans submitted provide for a wood pile and timber highway trestle between Sandy Point, Chowan County, and Leonard Point, Washington County, with a steel swing draw span to be located about 8,000 feet from the north shore and between the northerly and southerly channel limits of the fishing grounds. The swing draw would have two navigation openings of 140 feet horizontal clearance each between fenders. The vertical clearance under the draw when closed would be 10 feet above ordinary water level. For the convenience of small boats one fixed opening is to be provided on the north side about 3,200 feet from shore, and two fixed openings on the south side 3,800 and 7,200 feet from shore. Each of these fixed openings would have a horizontal clearance of 23 feet and vertical clearance of 10 feet above ordinary water level. Plans of the structure may be seen at the United States Engineer Office, 415 Post Office and Court House, Norfolk, Va., and will be available for inspection at the hearing.

Virginia Moore Leads In Beauty Contest

Considerable interest prevails in the beauty contest sponsored by the four classes of the Edenton High School. Up to Wednesday over 600 votes had been cast by friends of the candidates, a check-up revealing that Virginia Moore, a member of the freshman class, was leading with 265 votes, followed by Crystal Gregory with 153 votes, and Pearl Whichard with 122.

The contest will terminate Friday of next week, with the money secured through the contest going to purchase books for the school library to be used in parallel reading.

Ruth Vail Appears In Poetry "Who's Who"

Ruth Vail's name and biographical sketch will appear in the 1936 "Who's Who in American Poetry," published by The Galleon Press, New York. Mrs. Vail's first book "River Acres" (poems) will soon be off the Kaledograph Press, Dallas, Texas.

Government Rum Runner In Harbor

Edenton's harbor is now sporting a new boat which arrived here Friday from Norfolk. The boat, a 62-foot government rum chaser, was purchased by W. A. Everett and others and is now receiving a coat of paint and being made ready for service. The "Kangaroo," the name of the new boat, will not be used in connection with the ferry, but Mr. Everett and his associates hope to secure some work from the contractors of the Albemarle Sound bridge, when operations are begun, as well as other shipping they have in view.

COUNTY COUNCIL NAME OFFICERS

Mrs. S. F. Small Chosen President of Group For Year

MEETING SATURDAY

Canning Contest Winners Announced; New Goals Set

A very interesting meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs was held Saturday at Cross Roads when the score sheet was prepared as well as goals set for the year.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. S. F. Small; vice president, Mrs. O. M. Blanchard; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Haste.

Club secretaries were asked to give the annual report at the October meetings and dues and the Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund for 1937 should be paid in January.

The Council agreed to pay dues for the first club sending in reports from 100 per cent of the members, if reports are sent in before November 1.

Secretaries were instructed to keep a record of goals reached by their respective clubs and to read the score at each meeting.

Each club is to have a home beautification leaders' school to be conducted by Miss Pauline Smith in the (Continued on Page Eight)

Local Catholic Church Has Permanent Priest

Rev. Father Edward L. Gross, who is to be the new priest in charge of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church here, arrived in Edenton last night and took up his residence in specially prepared living quarters in the church. A new rectory is to be built on the south side of the church property, work upon which will be started immediately.

Father Gross comes here from a four years pastorate at St. James Church in Hamlet, and will officiate at historic St. Anne's for the first time next Sunday when he will hold early and mid-morning mass. The new priest is a young man and comes to Edenton with the enthusiastic endorsement of his Bishop.

Legion Officers Be Installed Tuesday

A joint installation service will be held Tuesday night when officers for Ed Bond Post and the Auxiliary of the Post will be installed in the Red Men's Hall. The ceremony will be conducted by C. E. Kramer, district commander. An interesting meeting is in prospect, with refreshments and a social hour scheduled to follow the business session. At the same meeting a detailed report will be made by Floyd I. White, who attended the national convention held in Cleveland.

John A. Holmes will be installed as commander, with West Byrum, J. A. Bunch and O. B. Perry serving as vice presidents, and O. H. Brown, adjacent and finance officer.

Revival Starts Sunday At Baptist Church

Revival services will begin Sunday at the Edenton Baptist Church, with Rev. John L. White, of Miami, Fla., assisting Rev. E. L. Wells, the pastor.

A successful meeting is anticipated and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

Methodist Sunday School Starts 9:45

Beginning Sunday morning, Sunday School at the Methodist Church will begin at 9:45 instead of 10 o'clock. This arrangement was decided upon last Sunday morning when the majority of those present voted for the change. The new hour will allow more time for the teachers in the discussion of the lesson.

Home Agent Seeking Membership Data

In order to compile complete records of home demonstration clubs in Chowan County, Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, requests all women who have been club members since their club was first organized to notify her at once. She also would appreciate if the women who have been members for the last 14 years.

Chowan Democrats Out For Record Vote November 3

27 Turkeys Killed By Dogs In County

That at least some of the dogs in Chowan County are very choicé in their food was evident when bills were presented to the Chowan County Commissioners Monday for turkeys killed by dogs. Three farmers complained that dogs had killed an aggregate of 27 of the choicé birds, the weight of which netted almost 300 pounds.

Tom Hoskins reported 14 turkeys killed, T. L. Ward is minus eight, and Dick Coffield has lost five.

Owners of turkeys killed by dogs are reimbursed for their loss from the County dog tax fund, but if the inroads on the fund Monday is an index of what is in store until the holidays there no doubt will be a scarcity of turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as a depleted dog tax fund.

BOB REYNOLDS IS ROTARY CLUB SPEAKER TODAY

Senator Spoke at Gatesville Wednesday Night; New Members Join Edenton Club

Edentonians who have been waiting four years to see United States Senator Bob Reynolds again will have their chance today when "Our Bob" comes to town to address the Rotary Club at its regular Parish house luncheon. Recently Parson Ashby wrote the Senator trying to enlist his support in a movement that might make a national park out of the historic wings of the Albemarle, and "Our Bob" will be expected to have something to say on the subject at the luncheon. Anyhow he wired Parson Ashby he would be delighted to be on hand and in the Parson's absence Tuesday John W. Graham wired back "And we'll be delighted to have you." The Senator spoke at Gatesville last night and will come through from there this morning.

At last week's luncheon Charles Whedbee and Recorder Walter H. Oakey, Jr., of Hertford, were the outside speakers, the former explaining the proposed constitutional amendments for easing the burdens of the Supreme Court, and the latter discussing the recent national rifle meet.

Paul Olsson, William Jones and Raleigh Hollowell were taken in as new members and so they would know what it was all about Secretary John A. Holmes explained the tenets of Rotary faith and service.

Provision will be made for non-members of the Club to attend the meeting providing they notify Mrs. R. P. Badham, Mrs. W. I. Hart, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Shepard, or Jesse W. White this morning.

Collector's Whatnot Name Mrs. Dixon's New Antique Shop

Mrs. Richard D. Dixon is extending a cordial invitation to everyone who may be interested in her collection of antiques and gifts which she will put on display for the first time this afternoon at her new sales shop in the library annex to "Beverly Hall." The attractive little shop will be known as "Collector's Whatnot" and will be the first and much needed place of antique sales in this section of the Albemarle.

In order that there may be no confusion regarding sales hours, Mrs. Dixon is mentioning in her published invitation that the "Collector's Whatnot" will be open in the morning from 10 to 12:30 o'clock, and in the afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. Of course visitors from afar who may be in town and find these hours conflict with their traveling time, will be welcomed graciously by the hostess at their convenience.

Sheriff Makes Good Month's Collection

Possibly spurred by having property advertised this month for non-payment of 1935 taxes resulted in a good collection made by Sheriff J. A. Bunch during September. In his report to the County Commissioners Monday it was shown that \$7,503 was collected during the month, bringing the year's collections to \$58,373.83. There is \$75,988.68 on the tax books at present, about \$17,614.85 uncollected.

County Chairman B. W. Evans Urges Snappy Campaign

FIVE RALLIES

Broughton, State Convention Keynote, to Speak Here

Chowan's Democratic campaign, somewhat apathetic today, began to warm up last Saturday when County Chairman B. Warner Evans, Secretary R. D. Dixon and the various precinct captains and others met at the Court House and discussed plans for getting out the vote on November 3. Mr. Evans made an earnest appeal for a larger vote than at any time in the County's history, calling attention to State Chairman Winborne's recent speech at Ahoskie when he said "Every Democrat is needed this election."

A program providing for campaign funds and a series of rallies throughout the county just before election were mapped out. It was thought desirable, Mr. Evans said, to raise \$150 and this was agreed to. The desired amount was apportioned \$40 to East Edenton, \$50 to West Edenton, and \$14 from each other precinct. The precinct leaders were urged to raise these funds as quickly as possible and turn them in to George C. Hoskins, who was named treasurer.

There will be five rallies, as follows: Tuesday, October 20, Rocky Hook; Friday, October 23, Wardville; Tuesday, October 27, Small's Cross Roads; Friday, October 30, near M. W. Jackson's; and Monday, November 2, Edenton. It is proposed to make the latter rally a large affair at which Hon. J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, keynote speaker at the State Democratic convention, will make the address. Charlie Swanner's orchestra will furnish music at all the rallies and other State speakers will address each.

Mrs. Emmett Elliott, county vice chairman, reported that much work had already been done up county and that she and those with her were striving every day to impress upon women voters the need of going to the polls election day. County Commissioner Winborne also spoke of what was being done around the Cross Roads and Center Hill neighborhoods, and everyone present felt confident of a rousing majority for Roosevelt and Hoey in Chowan.

R. P. Badham, chairman of the County Board of Elections, reports that books will be open this Saturday and closed Saturday, October 24, for the registration of those eligible to vote and who may have not registered so far. Of course those who have registered do not have to do so again. Books will be opened the last Saturday before election for the purpose of receiving any challenges that may be made, but no registrations will be received after October 24th.

State Chairman Winborne has notified Mr. Evans urging that a house to house canvass of every Chowan voter be made, and that the political preference of every eligible voter be ascertained. Once the lists are thus completed, he said, they should be checked against the registration books so that the poll can be as thorough and complete as possible.

"I have been asked why we are making such a thorough campaign when there is no danger of losing either State or National ticket," said the Chairman. "The answer is simple. An overwhelming Democratic majority this fall would be of the greatest value to the Party and to the State in its relationship to the federal government. To pile up a heavy Democratic majority both for President Roosevelt and for a Democratic administration which would give him 100 per cent cooperation could not but help North Carolina in the eyes of the national administration, which will be Democratic again."

Mrs. J. B. Spilman, the State Vice-Chairman, has called upon the women members of the precinct committees to offer their services to the men in making the canvass and in checking the registration books. These books will open Saturday and remain open through Saturday, October 31st. Each Saturday during that time they will be at the voting places. On other days they are available at the registrars' homes.