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Christmas Gifts Galore In Edenton

Credit Restored, Move Now Under Way For WPA Grant

Edenton School Seeking Federal Aid For Contemplated Repairs

\$68,000 NEEDED

County Would Save Largely By Hoped For Deal

Now that Chowan County's financial credit has been firmly reestablished through its recent refunding bond issue to take up defaulted security credits, a renewed effort was started yesterday to secure federal WPA aid to make possible proposed improvements to the Edenton Graded School, and an amended resolution seeking such a grant, signed by both the Edenton Board of Education and the Chowan County Commissioners, has been taken to Chapel Hill by Principal John A. Holmes for presentation to the Local Government Commission.

The resolution, which supercedes all others presented in the past and makes the issue appear on the records as a brand new one, calls for a federal grant of 45 per cent of a \$68,000 total, which will be what will be necessary to do the proposed work here. The 55 per cent balance of this total will, of course, be pledged or guaranteed by the county, and if the grant goes through as hoped, will make the county's share of the burden several thousand dollars less than it has proposed to bear through the recently sold bond issue, put through ostensibly for school work in Edenton and the new school at the Cross Roads.

The cost of the work on the Edenton School carries a single item of expenditure of \$40,000 for the construction of an auditorium in the rear of the present building, and \$28,000 additional for further improvements to the building. The Edenton share of the new bond issue would hardly cover the cost of the auditorium alone, and if utilized would give the town a school auditorium far inferior to what the school board and its architect, Frank Benton, of Wilson, has had in mind.

But under the WPA grant, as asked for, the original auditorium plan could be carried out to the letter, and all the other improvements similarly executed, giving Edenton a thoroughly complete school and presenting it with an auditorium comparable with any such in this section of the state.

It would, also, as has been stated, mean a considerable saving in outlay by the county, which was an influencing factor on the part of the commissioners to a ratification of the new appeal for WPA assistance.

That the assistance may come depends upon approval by the Local Government Commission to whom Mr. Holmes and Mr. Benton are making their appeal. This approval the local authorities feel confident of getting now as they make the approach with clean financial skirts and are in a position to make a guarantee share pledge based on the assurance the county has now no past bond defaults.

County Counsel W. D. Pruden accompanied Mr. Holmes, chairman Cheers and the entire Edenton School Board appeared before the commissioners Monday. The situation was outlined carefully, Mr. Holmes explaining that the bond issue recently sold would not be sufficient to meet the school work, a statement borne out, also, by Mr. Benton, and a request was made that the WPA grant be asked for. After some little discussion, Chairman D. M. Warren and his associates gave their consent, wishing the school folks the best of luck "but if you fail the county can go no further than it has already pledged itself to."

Sheriff's Report Shows Better Tax Collections

Sheriff J. A. Bunch's report to the County Commissioners Monday indicated that there is a pick up in payment of taxes. A total of \$1,296.27 had been collected for 1935 taxes during November, bringing the total for that year's taxes collected up to \$64,082.73.

Up to November 30 the Sheriff collected \$18,995.16 of the 1935 taxes.

Hen Of P. S. Perry Showing Advance Spirit Of Christmas

When it comes to the true Christmas spirit P. S. Perry, of the Rocky Hook neighborhood is on deck this year with all bells ringing. He and a frisky white Leghorn hen have joined forces, apparently, to make the Yuletide season hereabouts unprecedented, the chick with her laying and Mr. Perry with his enthusiasm.

For this week Mr. Perry appeared in The Herald office to present the editor with three eggs, each the size of turkey eggs, and each a fried meal of itself in the Buffalo home. The eggs were double yolkers, and rip-snooting big Leghorn outpourings, the largest hen's eggs seen in this neck of the woods since the old Dominicker performed so heroically back of the Water Street barn for John Paul Jones.

Mr. Perry said the hen, an especial favorite, had presented him with a raft of the eggs so far, and was keeping bravely at her task. He admits she has had access to a particularly fine collard patch, but others in the section lay it to grub worms of which she is especially fond. Who's next?

Dr. Frederick H. Koch Reads Christmas Carol At Colerain Saturday

Colerain will be signally honored Saturday night when Dr. Frederick H. Koch, head of the Department of Dramatic Art of the University of North Carolina and director of the Carolina Playmakers, will read Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" in celebration of the Christmas season. Colerain is among ten communities where Dr. Koch appears this year, among which will be Raleigh on December 13, and Town Hall in New York on December 16.

Dr. Koch will relate the beloved story of old Scrooge and Tiny Tim, using the same reading version presented by Dickens when the author read the story.

Dr. Koch has given his reading of the "Carol" for over one hundred times for all sorts of audiences—from Dakota to New England and the South. In New York where Dickens himself read the famous story, Dr. Koch has given his interpretation eight times.

The appearance of the nationally known dramatist in Colerain will undoubtedly attract a large crowd not only from Colerain but also from distant communities.

The reading will be given in the school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Donations Lagging For Stocking Fund

According to Mrs. W. O. Elliott, Jr., donations are lagging for the Stocking Fund of the Service League of St. Paul's Church. Funds will, as in past years, be used to give a Christmas treat to poor children of the city, and Mrs. Elliott and Miss Louise Cooke, who have charge of the work, are anxious to have this money as soon as possible in order to determine what can be bought. They have quite a large list this year and anyone who will donate to the fund are asked to do so immediately.

Do not allow bread to rise too high before putting into the oven if you wish to have a fine grained bread.

What Christmas Means To Mankind

The first meaning of Christmas is that of generosity, inspired by the great gift of God to mankind. The selfish way of the world is broken at least for a time, and the Christ spirit is born in our hearts. Sometimes the exchange of presents is carried too far and becomes a burden instead of a pleasure; but anything that makes the world unselfish is beautiful and good. Christmas does just that.

FOOTBALL SQUAD HONORED GUEST OF ROTARY CLUB

Jim Weaver and Herman Hickman of Wake Forest Special Guests

BOTH TO SPEAK

Annual Event to be Noteworthy Occasion For Both Groups

Athletically, Edenton will come in for quite a share of distinction tonight when the Edenton High School football squad will be the guests of honor of the Rotary Club at the Parish House. In addition to the local gridirers and their coach, David Holton, the occasion will be otherwise made noteworthy by the presence of Jim Weaver, head coach of Wake Forest College, and Herman Hickman, line coach. Both of these visitors will enlighten the gathering with tales of their experiences on the gridiron.

Tonight's affair will supercede the usual 1 o'clock luncheon of the Rotarians and will be in the nature of an annual honor bestowed upon the local players, their coach and their club managers, Junius Davis and Joe Conger. It is an event always looked forward to with pleasure by both the Rotarians and the school boys, and the latter will especially be interested in hearing what might be said by coaches from a college.

Coach Weaver has written that he and Hickman will be here, and will be glad to make a short talk. Weaver is considered one of the best college coaches in the South, and it was under him that Holton became the three letter star he did at Wake Forest.

Hickman was picked as an All-American guard after distinguishing himself as a player at the University of Tennessee four years ago. Later he carried on with great honors as a professional in Brooklyn, N. Y., and still later in California when he performed in an East-West professional football warfare in California.

Both visitors have been highly honored in their profession and Edenton Rotarians feel a privileged pleasure in having them with them tonight. Tonight's dinner promises a 100 per cent Rotarian presence, with many of the members having guests at the meal. It is expected that around 50 persons will be in attendance.

Twenty-two boys compose this year's Edenton squad, the following being invited by the Rotarians to attend: James Cozzens, Josiah Elliott, Reuben Miller, James Smith, Edward Bass, John Byrum, Sidney White, Fred Hoskins, Melvin Layton, William Cayton, Tom Martin Harrell, Pete Everett, Tom Byrum, Edmund Mills, Billy Shepard, George Ward, Robert Chesson, Clyde Spencer, Elwood Nixon, D. S. Skiles, Meredith Jones and Dick Badham.

The Edenton team had a very successful season under Coach David Holton, despite the fact that they were eliminated by a one-point margin from participating in the race for district and State honors. The team was practically reorganized with but few seasoned veterans back in uniform and in spite of this handicap all games were won except the 7-6 contest with Elizabeth City and a scoreless tie with Roanoke Rapids, which team was defeated by Mills Home for the State Class B championship.

Local Drum Corps Ready For Service

Considerable progress is being made by the recently organized drum and bugle corps, the director, C. L. McCullers reporting to John A. Holmes, commander of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, who is sponsoring the organization, that the outfit may be called upon at any time to parade for any occasion. Mr. McCullers says the boys have practiced only one march, but are able to envision any event which may need their services.

At present there are 44 bugles and six drums in the outfit and every boy appears to be vitally interested in the movement.

Scented tea is produced by introducing jasmine or gardenia flowers.

VIRGINIA MUSEUM TO BE GIVEN ONE OF TOWN CANNON

Town Fathers View Generosity as Good Publicity

HISTORIC RELICS

Cannon at Queen and Granville Streets One To Be Given

At the request of the Mariners' Museum at Newport News, Town Council on Tuesday night agreed to donate one of the Revolutionary cannon to the Virginia institution to be included in the vast selection of maritime relics already on display. The request was made through W. D. Pruden, who recently visited the museum. He read the letter received by him from museum officials, in which it was stated that Edenton would materially benefit by the publicity it would receive through the exhibit.

The matter was thoroughly discussed by the Councilmen before taking action, and in view of the fact that a number of other cannon are placed at various points, it was thought that the publicity the town will receive would be worth the donation.

Huge crowds visit the Mariners' Museum and only the highest praise has been heard of the extremely interesting displays.

The Councilmen decided to donate the cannon which is now located at the corner of Queen and Greenville Streets in front of the home of Mrs. H. M. S. Cason. The consensus of opinion was that very few people notice the cannon at its present location, some members of the Board not even knowing one was located at this particular corner.

A placard will be printed and attached to the cannon when put on exhibit giving some of the history connected with it as well as where it was secured by the museum.

The cannon is one of 12 which were brought from France after the war and already two are exhibited in New York and two in Raleigh, and one was smashed by a junkman.

66 DOG OWNERS LIABLE TO ARREST

Report Shows This Number Had Dogs Inoculated But Have Bought No License

Sixty-six owners of dogs in Edenton will have to pay their dog license or be embarrassed by facing a warrant for their arrest. This was decided Tuesday night when a report from Miss Louise Coke, Town Tax Collector, revealed that she had records of 66 dog owners who had dogs inoculated, but have not purchased city license tags.

The Councilmen sensed this feeling of unfairness toward those who have abided by the law and paid their dog licenses and accordingly instructed police to notify the 66 failing to do so that unless licenses were bought within a certain time warrants for their arrest would be issued.

The names of all 66 were read at the meeting Tuesday night.

Children's Orchestra Holds First Practice

Considerable progress is being made with the children's orchestra sponsored by the Auxiliary of the American Legion. Thirteen members have enrolled, with the first practice taking place Wednesday in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. W. E. Baker is director of the group, with the following taking part:

Pauline Moore, violin; Ruth Byrum, Hawaiian guitar; Catherine Reeves, first clarinet; Norma Perry, first clarinet; John Albert Holmes, second clarinet; Emmett Wiggins, first cornet; George Byrum, first cornet; Shelton Moore, Jr., second cornet; Carroll Stewart, second cornet; D. S. Skiles, first trombone bass cleft; Durward Harrell, second trombone bass cleft; Daniel Reeves, bass drum and cymbals; Mary Forehand, pianist.

PLAN TO BUY BUILDING

Mrs. W. H. Winborne has been named to have charge of the purchasing of a building in the Cross Roads section to be used as an Episcopal Church.

Greatest Yuletide Display Ever Offered To Shoppers

Commissioners To Be "Hard Boiled" Relative To Taxes

Convinced that leniency has little merit in the collection of taxes, the County Commissioners on Monday morning decided to become "hard-boiled" in this respect. For the past five years or so advertising for sale property of delinquent taxpayers has been postponed from one month to another, when it was thought folks would be better able to pay.

Not so next year, however, for the Board is unanimous in its desire to maintain good credit now that defaulted bonds have been taken care of. Accordingly, on May 1, 1937, all those who have not paid their 1937 taxes will be advertised, with the sale of the property scheduled to take place the first Monday in June.

The Commissioners argue that if taxes are paid as they should be there would be little trouble in transacting the County's business according to the budget, and it is their purpose to stick as close to the budget as possible. In order to do this tax money must come in, which they have decided will—or else.

Meeting Of Farmers Saturday Afternoon At Court House

A meeting for the farmers of Chowan County will be held in the Court House Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the purpose of which is to acquaint farmers generally with the advantages of affiliation with the Farm Bureau. A number of speakers will be on the program including E. F. Arnold executive secretary for the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Quite a few of the leading farmers of Chowan are already members of the Farm Bureau and it is the desire to secure a more representative membership to the end that local farmers may receive their proportionate part of recognition in legislation affecting them.

An invitation is extended to all farmers to attend and it is hoped a large number will be present at the meeting.

Methodist Christmas Entertainment Dec. 23

The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist Sunday School will be held Wednesday night, December 23, in the Sunday school room. Mrs. G. A. Helms has charge of the program, who aided by a number of assistants is now working on the program.

A Christmas tree will be placed in the room and gifts distributed to the younger members of the school, which will be in charge of Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr., and Mrs. O. H. Brown.

Chief Helms' Father Dies In Virginia

Chief of Police G. A. Helms is expected to return home tonight from Willis, Va., where he attended the funeral of his father, G. D. Helms. Chief Helms received word of his father's death Tuesday morning and left immediately for the Virginia City.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon.

Schools Close For Christmas Holiday On Friday, Dec. 18

John A. Holmes, superintendent of Edenton schools, announces that the schools in the Edenton administrative unit will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 18. Teachers will have a two weeks' vacation, with school scheduled to begin again on Monday, January 14.

According to W. J. Taylor, superintendent of the county unit, all white schools will also close on Friday, December 18, while the colored schools will not close until Wednesday, December 23. All of the county schools, however, will reopen at the same time, Monday, January 4.

Shelves and Counters Show Attractive Line In All Stores

FAIR PRICES

Shoppers Urged to Buy At Home to Get Best Bargains

Already now Santa Claus is oiling up his old bus, or greasing the runners on his sleigh, or soaping the tinkle of his reindeer bells, or whatever it is he does about this time of the year up around the North Pole. For Christmas is coming all right, coming like a house afire, and you just better get into the swing of things or you'll be left out in the bitter cold for certain. Edenton merchants are telling you this and employing The Herald to carol their song for them.

Never before has there been such an array of Christmas goods on display in Edenton shops. Everything beautiful and useful and comfortable is already laid out to tempt the most discriminating shopper. Practical things if you want them, like garments for the kiddies, or sweaters and socks. Or if your fancy runs to lovely frivolous things generally associated with the idea of Christmas gifts, take a peep and you'll find so many you won't know how to choose.

There is more money loose this Christmas time, too. Bank deposits have grown, and other records, like the commissioners on Monday saying tax payments have been higher so the county can already take up some of the refunding bonds it has just sold. Yes, there is money a'aring to change hands and the town merchants, anticipating all this and its accompanying demand, have risen to the occasion and have purchased for the holiday trade, and purchased heavily, for the shoppers of this section every possible kind of seasonal merchandise that can be thought of.

It has arrived and is arriving daily and it is decidedly to the advantage of the shopper to buy at once in order that he or she may have the first advantage of the great assortment on the shelves or in the shop windows.

Ever optimistic, Edenton merchants are more so this year over the prospects for business based on shopping crowds even now out to buy, and like merchants in the large cities, they know and are telling you, that what they have today it may be difficult to replace tomorrow due to the great demand on the manufacturers, which again emphasizes the demand for early shopping.

Besides those who shop now show an appreciation and sympathy for the great number of other buyers who will have to wait later in the season. In plainer language it is, as ever, a case of first come first served, and the first service is generally all white meat, you know.

For women, misses and girls, the local holiday trade is stocked with fine lingerie, hosiery, blouses, everything you can think of in the way of toilet articles. For dad and sonny high grade shirts, ties, scarfs, suits, handkerchiefs, and goodness knows what else — today's advertisements will tell you better.

For the home, radios, furniture, carpets, rugs, cups, bric a brac, sheets, towelings, yes, hardware like electric toasters, patent oil burning stoves and heaters, or anything else that makes a home exactly that—"Home, Sweet Home."

And if you are a high flyer and want to give Maria a real present you can find plenty of fine automobiles just inside your pocket book. Everything, too, is unbelievably low in price this year, even cars.

In other columns today local store-keepers are just hinting at their Christmas stocks. They intend to keep telling you about what they have next week, too, and it will be just too bad if you don't stay in Edenton and find these Christmas goods instead of chasing off to other cities for the same identical things at a higher price. No fooling, now, you know that's so. Besides the shopper who seeks his purchases elsewhere at Christmas and only employs Edenton shops for emergencies at other seasons is

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