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Bridge Bids To Be Opened Jan. 26; Cost Of Span Up

Increase In Price of Materials Raises Estimate To About \$1,593,000

NO MORE DELAY

Contracts to Follow Call For a New Type of Piling

Albemarle residents who may have shown some anxiety of late over the delay in going ahead with the vehicular sound bridge plans, had their feelings allayed yesterday by a report from Raleigh that the State Highway and Public Works Commission will open bids for the construction of the long span on January 26, and that contracts will be awarded as soon as possible thereafter.

Chief Engineer W. Vance Baise made this announcement with the accompanying statement that the apparent procrastination in the bridge situation had been occasioned by the rapidly rising cost of building materials necessary for construction. This sizable increase, he stated, would undoubtedly shoot the cost of the bridge up beyond \$1,500,000 instead of the original maximum figure of \$1,300,000 set by the State and federal governments which are to share the cost of building. Actually the feared increase, Mr. Baise stated, would be about 15 per cent, which made a present day final estimate of \$1,593,000 about what could be expected, but that a further 60 or 90 days delay might advance this estimate even more.

The proposed opening of bids on January 26, the engineer said, would run coincident with the awarding of contract, also, for the construction of Camden-Currituck short cut, but which there has been much federal agitation, as well as anxiety shown by citizens of the section to be covered.

A change in specifications for the sound bridge has been announced by Baise, who has been experiencing difficulty in locating long stout piles needed to support the structure.

With a maximum length of 102 feet, which would allow for depth of water and sinkage into the mud, former requirements for the piles specified a 20-inch butt and an eight-inch tip. The specifications now offer acceptance of logs over 85 feet in length with a 16-inch butt and 10-inch tip.

Nearly 60 per cent of the pilings for the span will be 100 feet long, Baise said. The bridge is to have a 328-foot draw and 280 feet of clearance for boats to pass through.

Underwater portions of the piles will be creosoted and will last indefinitely, engineers say. Floor of the superstructure will be of concrete, and approximately 10 miles of approaches will be paved.

Episcopal Men Plan Banquet For Ladies

At a meeting of the vestry of St. Paul's Church Sunday night Julien Wood, chairman; Dr. Wm. I. Hart, George Hoskins and J. A. Moore were named a committee to arrange a dinner to be given by the men of the parish to the women as a slight evidence of their appreciation of the work done by the latter. It will come off some time in the near future. The men are asked to eat at home for the occasion, and be prepared to serve as cooks, dishwashers, waiters and so on.

The vestry for 1937 is: E. R. Conger, senior warden; D. M. Warren, junior warden and secretary; Fred P. Wood, treasurer; John W. Graham, J. A. Moore, George C. Wood, Joe H. Conyer, Wm. I. Hart, Dr. M. P. Whichard, Julien Wood, George Hoskins and R. P. Badham.

D. M. WARREN ILL

D. M. Warren has been confined to his home since Sunday by illness. Though somewhat improved, Mr. Warren was still unable to be at his desk in the Bank of Edenton Wednesday.

R. C. HOLLAND ILL

R. C. Holland, who has been confined to his home since Sunday suffering from a severe cold, was still unable to be in his office Wednesday.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

A regular meeting of Unanimity will be held tonight at 8. All members are urged to attend.

U.D.C. Observes Lee's Birthday On Tuesday

Bell Battery Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold their annual observance of Robert E. Lee's birthday anniversary on Tuesday, January 19. The meeting will be held in the Court House at 4 P. M., with Mrs. R. P. Badham and Miss Sophie Wood acting as hostesses.

Each Daughter is urged to invite a guest to attend the meeting for this occasion when Rev. George W. Blount, pastor of the Methodist Church, will make an address appropriate for the occasion.

Little Business At Town Council Meet Held Tuesday Night

Aside from agreeing to cooperate in the maintenance of the sewing room project in Chowan County, very little business was transacted by the Town Council at its monthly meeting Tuesday night.

Mrs. C. P. Wales appeared before the Board with a request that the Council pay half of an estimated added contribution of from \$15 to \$20 per month to pay for incidentals in connection with the project which are not furnished by the government. At the last meeting of the County Commissioners they took similar action providing the town governing body agreed to share in the expense.

This extra amount will go toward buying thread, buttons, tape, securing the machines and similar items which the government requires to be furnished by the sponsors. The Councilmen were of the opinion that by operating the sewing rooms, many requests for relief, which otherwise would be made, will save as much or even more in the way of relief.

Immediately after the meeting members of the Council were special guests at an oyster roast given by the Edenton Fire Department.

More Water Available In Business Section To Aid In Fighting Fire

That Edenton firemen will be better enabled to fight an eventual serious fire in the business section was assured last week when in addition to the two 2½-inch openings on the fire plug in front of the Bank of Edenton a new hydrant was installed with an extra 5-inch opening. It is planned to install similar plugs throughout the entire business district.

A test was made of the new hydrant Thursday night when it is said approximately 1,000 gallons of water per minute was thrown down Broad Street. Aside from the extra volume the added pressure enabled firemen to throw a stream from the bank building almost to Water Street, one block south.

Eye Clinic At Cupola House Next Tuesday

An eye clinic, sponsored by the Edenton Rotary Club, will be held in the Cupola House on Tuesday. About 20 have been lined up for the clinic which will include an examination, treating and fitting of glasses.

The specialist who will have charge of the clinic had not been secured when The Herald went to press.

"FEAST OF LIGHTS" OBSERVED AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SUNDAY

The Epiphany service, "Feast of Lights," will be observed on Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock at St. John's Evangelist Church. This service is very impressive and the colored people extend an invitation to white friends to see it.

TWO EDENTON ROTARIANS ATTEND MANTEO MEETING

Major N. K. Rowell and W. D. Holmes, Edenton Rotarians, were among those who attended the charter night celebration of the newly-organized Manteo Rotary Club Monday night. Both men report a fine meeting and a very enjoyable trip.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Sawyer, of Edenton, N. C., announce the marriage of their daughter, Hazel Sawyer, to Roger Roebuck, of Robersonville. The marriage took place in Suffolk, Va., on November 19, 1936.

RALEIGH ROTARY BACKS ASHBY IN PARK MOVEMENT

Parson Carries Idea to State Capital For Endorsement

SEES GOVERNOR

Expects to go Before General Assembly Committee

Rev. Dr. C. Aylett Ashby came home from Raleigh Tuesday confident he had sunk another important spike in his drive for federal park representation in this section. The "Parson" addressed the Raleigh Rotary Club and got it so enthused over the whole idea it referred to its directors the drafting of a resolution endorsing the movement, following which the local rector carried his message into the State capitol, acquainted the new governor, Clyde R. Hoey, with the park plan and got him to say he was in agreement with it, and afterward buttonholed the members of the legislative committee on conservation and development and secured their permission to appear before them at a later date to present the whole question.

The "Parson" spoke to the Raleigh Rotarians by special invitation, and as a preliminary to more serious discussion, entertained them with numerous tall stories, very tall in fact, relative to the past of Edenton and the Albemarle. Getting into the real subject so close to his heart the "Parson" said he understood a bill would go before the present General Assembly to provide a more liberal appropriation to advertise the natural resources of North Carolina.

That being true, he said, his plan fell directly in line, as it had for its primary purpose the attracting of tourists to this section of the State. In Virginia, he said, officials expect an expenditure by traveling tourists of \$250,000,000 as a result of what Virginia has done to nationalize its parks and other historic spots.

In North Carolina, Mr. Ashby declared, the same sort of program should be undertaken, and that federal appropriations should be made for this, remarking "Everybody else's getting it, so let's get our share."

"If we can get the citizens of North Carolina awake on this subject," said the "Parson", "and we will say we, too, want \$250,000,000 from tourists, I believe we will get it."

Carl Goerch, magazine editor and Raleigh Rotarian, followed the local prelate with a resolution referring the endorsement to the board of directors, and everybody seemed happy.

Funeral Wednesday For Mrs. Sarah Morris

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Sarah Morris, widow of the late W. A. Morris, who died Monday afternoon at the home of her brother, H. E. Foxwell, in the Cowpen Neck section. Mrs. Morris was 84 years of age, and besides her brother, her closest relatives are nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the home with Rev. E. L. Wells, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Palbearers were: J. A. Curran, John M. Elliott, W. W. Byrum, W. S. Priovott, S. C. Mills and W. Jim Daniels.

Welfare Institute Held Wednesday

County welfare superintendents of this section met in an all day institute in the Cupola House Wednesday under the supervision of Miss Annie Cassatt, director of field social work. Fifteen counties are represented in this institute, which meets in Edenton once each month.

Rev. Blount Attends Bishop's Crusade

Rev. George W. Blount, pastor of the Edenton Methodist Church, accompanied by Rev. Hiram King, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City, left early this morning for Goldsboro to attend a meeting of the Bishop's Crusade. This meeting is the closest one to be held in this section during the Crusade which will continue in progress two years.

WHITE HONORED BY APPOINTMENT ON 9 COMMITTEES

Chowan Representative Member Most Important Groups

OYSTER CHAIRMAN

Fishing, Agriculture Finance, Banking Also On List

One committee chairmanship, membership on eight other committees, six of which are considered the leading committees of the State law mill, was the flattering apportionment that fell into the lap of Representative John F. White at the opening of the General Assembly last week.

Of especial interest to this section was Mr. White's selection to those legislative bodies which will be interested in agriculture and fishing, the main industries of the Albemarle.

In this connection Mr. White was made chairman of the committee on Oyster Industry, associates from Pamlico, Dare, Currituck, Hyde and Washington being named to serve with him there.

Fishermen hereabouts will, also, be glad to know that Mr. White will be their committee friend on two other committees that can be more or less said to be aligned with the committee of which he is to be chairman, these committees being Commercial Fishing and Conservation and Development. All prospective legislation bearing on the shad or herring industry in this section will work through one of these committees, and give Mr. White an opportunity to vigorously express himself for Albemarle interests.

Undoubtedly the Committee on Agriculture, of which Mr. White was likewise given membership, will have to do with the handling of much important legislation at this session. The merging of state agriculture affairs to cooperation with national Congressional legislation bearing on the same subject, will also occupy much of his time and will be followed eagerly by his constituents in this neighborhood.

Mr. White was also honored by membership appointment to the second most important legislative committee of the General Assembly, that of Appropriations, as well as membership on a companion committee of equal importance, that of Banks and Banking. Still a third committee reckoned as second to none in the consideration of legislative matters carries Mr. White as one of its members. This is the No. 1 Judiciary Committee.

The two least important of Mr. White's committee appointments concern membership on Drainage and Penal Institutions, although each, of course, offer much opportunity for hard work.

One thing sure Chowan's doughty young solon has had his cloth cut for him this term, and to wear the garment well he'll be pretty active throughout the session.

National Guard Unit Is Now Known As Co. F

Major M. P. Whichard, commanding officer of the 115th Ambulance Company, local National Guard unit, has been officially notified by the National Guard Bureau at Washington that beginning January 1, the local unit would be designated Company F of the 105th Medical Regiment.

The new title replaces the 115th Ambulance Company, the change in no way affecting the duties of the organization, which will continue to be an ambulance company.

Bank Closed On Lee's Birthday On Tuesday

Patrons of the Bank of Edenton are hereby notified that the bank will be closed all day Tuesday, January 19, in observance of Robert E. Lee's birthday. Banking business, therefore, should be transacted accordingly.

INFANT BURIED MONDAY

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for George Albert Van Horn, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Van Horn. The baby was only 13 months old and passed away after three days suffering with pneumonia. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Herring Netters Win Out; Season Limit Now May 10

Bank Of Edenton Has Best Report In All Its History

What will be of particular interest not only to officers and stockholders of the Bank of Edenton, but the entire section in general is the report of the condition of the bank as published elsewhere in this issue of The Herald. The report is the best in the history of the bank and a study of the figures reveals that confidence has been restored and that conditions in the section are on the up and up.

The total business done for the past six months was \$1,561,904.22 which represented an increase of over \$213,000 over the last report made on June 30.

Total deposits amounted to \$1,259,170.42, of which \$431,087.15 represented time deposits of individuals, partnerships and corporations, which is evidence enough that folks hereabouts have confidence in the local bank and its officials.

Dr. M. P. Whichard Named Health Officer For Chowan County

Dr. M. P. Whichard on Monday afternoon was elected county health officer by the Chowan County Board of Health at a meeting held in the Municipal Building. Dr. Whichard's term is for two years and he replaces Dr. J. A. Powell, whose term expired Monday.

According to statute, the Board of Health was organized last week, with the following composing the group: D. M. Warren, chairman of the County Commissioners; W. J. Taylor, County Welfare Officer; Mayor E. W. Spires, Dr. L. P. Williams, Dr. M. P. Whichard and Dr. W. I. Hart.

Following Dr. Whichard's appointment he resigned as a member of the Board and Dr. J. A. Powell was named to fill his place.

Odd Fellows Hold District Convention At Elm Grove Lodge

The first district convention of Odd Fellows of North Carolina will convene with Elm Grove Lodge, No. 351, at the lodge's hall near Cross Roads, on Wednesday, January 20, at 2 P. M.

The convention will be called to order by E. L. Silverthorn, of Elizabeth City, with George W. Lassiter, of Edenton, and H. G. Godfrey, of Elizabeth City scheduled to make the address of welcome and response respectively. The business session will be held from 3 to 4 o'clock followed by round table talks for the good of the order led by M. P. Jennings, of Elizabeth City, after which supper will be served.

Immediately after supper a public meeting will be held in the lodge hall. All members and former members, their friends and families are cordially invited to attend this meeting and hear Grand Secretary H. A. Holstead, who will address the audience.

The meeting will come to a close with the benediction by Rev. E. F. Sawyer, of Elizabeth City.

Rev. Ashby Speaks In Richmond Sunday

Rev. C. Aylett Ashby, rector of St. Paul's Church, will be the special speaker at the Richmond memorial services commemorative of the life of General Robert E. Lee. The services will be held before the associated Confederate organizations of Richmond in St. Paul's Church there on January 17.

The rector of the Richmond church, the Rev. Beverly R. Tucker, extended the invitation to Mr. Ashby and the latter at once gave his agreement.

Tom Bost Agrees To Preach At St. Paul's

Tom Bost, dean of the newspaper reporting fraternity of Raleigh, has agreed to preach in St. Paul's at some near date, perhaps on the Sunday Mr. Ashby is in Florida. Mr. Bost has spoken in many churches of this and other denominations. Mrs. Bost, it is hoped, will accompany her husband to Edenton.

Shad Caught After May 1 Must Be Returned To Water

MUST SIGN CARDS

Seining For Shad Will Terminate Fifteen Days Earlier

Commercial fishermen hereabouts, particularly those interested in herring catches, a dozen or more of whom were in Raleigh on Monday, came back to report that their visitation had resulted in much encouraging news, and that the fight they have been waging for several months against a proposed two months shad and herring season had been waged successfully, with the result fully satisfactory and gratifying to the majority of them.

Instead of recommending a season running from February 15 to April 15, the State Board of Conservation and Department has met the local demands by extending the time for herring fishing to May 10, only 5 days less than the fishermen had asked for, but with the strict understanding that any shad caught in herring nets between the time set for ending all shad seining, May 1, and May 10, be thrown overboard.

All those herring fishermen who comply with this requirement will be asked to sign cards of compliance and once this is done they will be fully privileged to pursue their vocation within the period set.

The original plan of the state board would have limited the fishing season in Albemarle waters from February 15 to April 15, but under the new plan the extension for shad runs to May 1 and for herring ten days later.

The state board, interested largely in the conservation of the shad industry, created two shad fishing zones, the season to start in both zones on February 15 and permitting the taking of shad in pound nets for periods of two months and two months and a half in the different zones, as recommended in the report of its special shad program committee.

The zones will bear upon fish on both the north and south shores of the sound with a dividing line at Long Shoal in Pamlico Sound. Rivers will be classified according to the zone in which their mouths are located.

The season for the southern zone will start on February 1 for pound net fishing, and on January 20 for gill net fishing. The southern zone season will end on April 15. In the northern zone, pound net shad fishing will start February 15 and gill net fishing on February 5. The northern season will end May 1.

"It is further recommended," the board decided, "that we permit the taking of fish other than shad until May 10 provided the fishermen shall each individually apply to some agent of this department that we may designate—indicating such a desire—and after he has read the instructions and restrictions on the taking of shad, shall affix his signature, indicating that they are understood."

This extension will be on a trial basis, it was explained. Among restrictions required of the fisherman is that he shall carry a dip net and remove all shad from the pound and release them between the season closed on the taking of shad and open for the taking of other fish.

At the hearing on Monday information showing the decrease in the number of shad caught in recent years was presented and the committee said it had carefully gone into the subject and had come to the conclusion it could not invoke a 30 day shad season as recommended by G. C. Leach, culturist of the federal Bureau of Fisheries.

The Federal Fisheries had recommended, in addition to a 30-day season, that certain rivers be closed to spawning or that the nets be inoperative from Friday until Monday, but the committee rejected these suggestions "due to the economic plight of the fishermen at the present time."

Former Senator J. A. Pritchett of Windsor and Representative J. Fernando White headed the Albemarle delegation. Representative C. W. Tatem of Tyrrell and Major John Ericson of Southport also were present, as well as a delegation from the Perry-Belch Canning Company.

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