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ENGINEERS GET HERE AND BRIDGE PLANS QUICKEN

Offices Opened In Citizens Bank Building; Ten In Party

TEST PILINGS

Raleigh Puts Start at 60 Days—Local Men Believe Sooner

Edenton began to realize this week what work on the great vehicular bridge across Albemarle Sound is going to mean to the town, when ten State highway department engineering supervisors took up quarters in the Hotel Joseph Hewes, and a number of bridgemen employed by the constructing contractors located themselves in private quarters, with at least 150 others scheduled to arrive when the bridge really gets under way.

Just what this last resultant statement will develop is much a matter of conjecture, certainly one of conflicting statements. From Raleigh came word on Tuesday that W. L. Craven, bridge engineering chief for the Highway Commission, had said that work on the span would be delayed for sixty days owing to the difficulty in securing and shipping by rail from Oregon the necessary 102 foot long pilings which will have to be used.

On the other hand Hunter Irving and W. K. Norman, resident engineers in charge of the corps of supervisors here have already opened an office in the Citizens Bank Building, and take Mr. Craven's statement to mean that it may be 60 days before the work is rushed along, but certainly not that time before work is started. In fact it can be said that insofar as tests are concerned, work has already begun. Pilings are being driven in through the water shallows on each shore terminal right now, and pilings for this and for permanency later will be secured from around this section of the State and can be hurried into use.

The extremely long piling mentioned by Mr. Craven as coming from the Pacific coast will only have to be used where water depths may require them, say after a half mile out from each shore, and prior to construction at these points work may go merrily along. While no positive statement was made by the department supervisors here now the inference from their talks was that the constructing contractors would be sending in bridge crews every day now and that within a couple of weeks, anyhow, pile drivers would begin to make a lot of noise around Sandy Point on this side and Leonard's Point across the sound.

The Tidewater Construction Company of Norfolk, Va., is handling the construction work on this side of the sound, and plans to house its army of bridgemen in temporary quarters at the scene of operations. This will ease the fear of a housing shortage in Edenton when the force gets here. It was said Tuesday night that not more than a dozen or a score of expert bridgemen would seek rooms with their families in Edenton, and that the others would be located on scows or land cabins immediately at the bridge terminal.

The highway engineering supervisors on hand now are planning a year and a-half's stay in Edenton, which is the time they allow for the bridge construction to be completed. They will see that the construction specifications are carried out to the letter.

Work on the 20 miles of highway approaches to each shore terminal has not yet been begun nor planned, and will not be engaged in until it is definitely determined with what nearby highway trunks these approaches will connect. The engineers here said no positive decision, for instance, had been reached as to the north shore approaching roadway, and that "Two tentative lines of approach are still under consideration, one being a straight connection through to the Hertford highway and the other a curving route that would bring travel in and out of Edenton." Decision on the approaches is expected within a month it was said.

Bank Of Edenton Will Be Closed On Monday

The Bank of Edenton will be closed all day Monday, February 22, in observance of George Washington's birthday. Patrons of the bank are urged to note this holiday and arrange their banking business accordingly.

\$25,000 Asked For Improvements At U. S. Fish Hatchery

Representative Lindsay Warren last week appeared before the sub-committee of the Appropriations Committee handling the Department of Commerce bill, and asked for an appropriation of \$25,000 for the Edenton Fish Hatchery. Money is desired to increase the facilities of the present plant which the Bureau of Fisheries has declared to be inadequate.

The Edenton Hatchery is supposed to serve all of eastern Carolina, but on account of lack of facilities has been unable to meet the demands upon it. It will be about two weeks before Mr. Warren will get the decision of the committee.

Two Colleges Seek Sexton And Spencer As Football Timber

That Edenton may possibly receive considerable favorable publicity through football players is evident by news reaching here that Calvin Sexton and Paul Spencer have been offered an opportunity to enroll at Cornell University and Louisiana State.

Both of these boys were members of the Edenton State Class B high school championship team in 1934 and last season made a name for themselves on the Augusta Military Academy eleven which was coached by Henry House, who was also Edenton's coach when the State championship was won.

Both Sexton and Spencer have received telegrams from the coaches at Cornell and Louisiana State, Coach Carl Snavely, of Cornell, having seen the two Edenton youngsters in action.

Just what decision the two boys will make has not been reached at this writing.

Legislature Asked To Meet In Edenton

Of interest to Herald readers is a resolution which was introduced Wednesday by John F. White, Chowan County's representative in the House of Representatives, which has to do with a proposed one-day meeting of the Legislature in the historic Chowan Court House, similar to the custom of the Virginia Legislature meeting at Williamsburg.

The text of Mr. White's resolution follows: "Whereas Edenton was the first capital of the State of North Carolina, and early sessions of the colonial Legislature or Legislative body met there, and in and about the said town lived many of the prominent men of our early history, and through its mayor and representative in this body, a cordial invitation has been extended to this Legislature to hold a one day meeting during this session in the historic Court House at Edenton;

"Therefore, Be it resolved, that the presiding officers of the Senate and House agree upon a day during this session when the Legislature shall adjourn its sitting to Edenton, and there transact its business for one day; and

"Further, That we respectfully invite His Excellency, the Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, governor of our State, to accompany the Legislature to Edenton, that the executive and the legislative bodies of North Carolina may indicate their interest in the historic significance of our great eastern section of the State, and their appreciation of the contribution which our forebears made in the formation and development thereof in Colonial days."

Two Wills Probated Monday Afternoon

Two wills were probated Monday by R. D. Dixon, clerk of Superior Court. By the terms of the will of the late Martha Ives Smith, of Norfolk, Va., the testator's entire estate including 200 acres of timberland in Chowan County, is bequeathed to an only daughter, Mrs. Mary Smith Guiley, also of Norfolk. Mrs. Smith died October 21, last, and the will was filed by George R. Congdon, Jr., of Norfolk, as executor.

The other will has to do with the small estate of the late Martha Jane Coffield, who leaves everything to her daughter, Margaret Banks, except for \$1 bequests to each of five other children, John, Ernest, Charles, Clarence and Beatrice Coffield.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The weekly meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.

"SAVE THE SHAD" GIVEN IMPETUS IN NEW SURVEY

Fish Culturist Coming Soon to Study Shortage Causes

HATCHERY AID

Director Etheridge Reports Work Will Be Hurried

Completion of arrangements for a thorough study of the life habits migrations, and enemies of shad by a trained fish culturist of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Development, has been announced by R. Bruce Etheridge, director. Mr. Etheridge said he has been notified by the Federal bureau that a member of its staff will be available to start the survey, intended to suggest additional means for the protection of this most valuable branch of the food fish industry of the State, to supplement regulations recently put into effect.

Assignment of the fishery expert for the study follows conferences of Mr. Etheridge with Bureau of Fisheries officials recently at the annual meeting of the Eastern Fisheries Association at Atlantic City. This is the second step in the "Save the Shad" program proposed by a special committee of the Board of Conservation and Development, consisting of J. L. Horne, Jr., Jas. L. McNair, E. S. Askew, Director Etheridge, and Fisheries Commissioner John A. Nelson.

Particular attention will be paid by the investigator, according to Mr. Etheridge, to the definite location of spawning grounds, some of which may be set aside for this purpose. Means of controlling the natural enemies of the shad will also be sought, it was indicated.

Although the primary problem of protecting the shad, as suggested by the Bureau of Fisheries, was means to permit a larger number to spawn under natural conditions, conservation officials hope to supplement this feature of the program by artificial hatching and rearing. The Bureau of Fisheries has been urged to re-establish the shad hatching unit at the Edenton Federal hatchery or at some other suitable location, and a Works Progress Administration project for the establishment of rearing ponds at Edenton has been filed. It is proposed that 100,000 or more baby shad be reared to fingerling size at this station.

Fisheries commissioners from the various states along the Atlantic seaboard, according to Mr. Etheridge, considered the shad situation of such importance as to warrant the organization of a permanent shad section of the Eastern Fisheries Association, and elected Commissioner Armstrong of Virginia, as chairman.

While no specific action was taken on the matter, Mr. Etheridge revealed that there was some discussion of bringing the regulation of shad fishing under federal jurisdiction. The conservation director declared, however, that he is not in favor of such a move.

Change In Ownership At Chowan Motor Co.

A change in ownership of the Chowan Motor Company took place the latter part of last week, when the concern passed into the hands of two partners instead of four. The four owners were, L. S. Byrum, O. B. Perry, J. E. Jackson and Jordan Yates.

Through the change Messrs Byrum and Perry are now the sole owners, having bought out the interest of Jackson and Yates. The concern will continue under the same name with no change in personnel anticipated.

Cold Subject Today At Rotary Meeting

The weekly luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club will be held today at 1 o'clock in the Parish House. As a special speaker, William Jones will tell his fellow Rotarians the ins and outs about the manufacture, and incidentally, no doubt, the advantages of using ice for refrigeration.

All members of the Club are urged to be on hand.

FLUE FIRE TUESDAY

The Edenton Fire Department was called to the home of Weldon Lamb on West Church Street Tuesday afternoon, as the result of a flue fire. No damage was done.

COUNTY OPTION VOTE ON LIQUOR NOW SEEMS SURE

General Assembly Gives Approval to County Referendum

ELECTION

15 Per Cent of Voters Can Demand Right to Express Choice

Except for a number of minor changes, the General Assembly on Tuesday gave its final stamp of approval to the so-called "rum bill" providing for a county option on liquor control. The Senate put the measure through by a vote of 27 to 17 and the House is certain to ratify the several amendments made to it.

This means that all counties of the State will have permission, through their county commissioners, to call for special elections and if refused, demand may be made by 15 per cent of the voters who participated in the last gubernatorial election, at which they can decide whether they wish to be "wet" or "dry" on the question.

The bill will have no effect on the 17 counties now operating liquor ABC stores.

The measure has been termed a universal one and if approved in the various counties it will mean a free and untrammelled sale of liquor under county supervision.

The amendments written into the act by the law will prohibit drinking at football games or "at any public assembly," a, perhaps wise but impossible prohibition to enforce, providing that no township which voted dry, except a county seat, shall have forced on it a liquor store, to make liquor prices uniform everywhere in the State, to require sales supervision by the State Board of Alcoholic Control, and to require written reports by sheriffs regarding the local operation of the act.

Vote on the act was preceded by lengthy oratorical fights between "wet" and "dry" State leaders and was prefaced by a negative Senate vote on a State-wide instead of county referendum on the subject.

Funeral Held Sunday For Golden Winslow

Golden Winslow, age 30, died in Lake View Hospital, Suffolk, Va., Saturday morning at 6 o'clock following an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Winslow, who has been in military service in Honolulu since 1930, came home Thursday, February 4 to spend a 70-day furlough with his people, but soon after his arrival he was stricken with pneumonia.

Mr. Winslow was born and reared in Chowan County, where he lived until his enlistment in the army, seven years being in foreign service and three years on home soil.

Funeral services, which were largely attended, were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in Warwick Baptist Church, with Rev. W. F. Cale officiating.

The choir sang "Fade, Fade Each Earthly Joy" and "Does Jesus Care". Miss Mae Belle Edwards sang "Some Day He'll Make It Plain."

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Marina Winslow; two brothers, Ray and Roy Winslow, of Gliden, and one sister, Mrs. Lester Rountree, of Hobbsville.

R. F. Tuttle Devotes Four Days To Help File Income Returns

R. F. Tuttle, deputy commissioner of revenue for the State of North Carolina, will be in his office at his home on Queen Street March 11, 12, 13 and 15 for the purpose of assisting all who are obliged to file an income tax report.

The deadline for filing this report is March 15 and Mr. Tuttle urges all who must file a return to have their information complete and to call at his office for assistance as early on his schedule here as possible.

Merry Hill Negro Believed Drowned

Paul Rolack, colored, crazed with liquor, left his home in the Merry Hill section Friday going toward Salmon Creek. He has not been seen since.

Tracks make his people believe he is drowned. The creek was dragged but no trace of the man had been found up to Wednesday.

\$231,000 Increase In Edenton Retail Sales In Two Years

Of particular interest to readers of The Herald should be the information just received that total retail sales in Edenton show the substantial increase of \$231,000 in two years.

Authentic figures recently released also establish the fact that in Edenton annual retail sales have increased to \$314.62 per person. This sum is \$168.51 larger than the North Carolina average of \$146.11.

Lions Looking Forward To Charter Night Mar. 1

Almost a hundred per cent meeting was registered by the Edenton Lions Club at their regular meeting in Hotel Joseph Hewes on Monday evening. The newly organized club is now centering its efforts on the observance of Charter Night which will be held Monday, March 1.

A large gathering is expected for the affair when Lions from all over the eastern part of the State will be present, and in preparation for which the program committee is working on an excellent program. This committee consists of W. W. Byrum, Dr. W. S. Griffin and Hector Lupton.

T. C. Byrum Buys Out Brother's Part In Hardware Store

Of interest to readers is a notice of dissolution of partnership in this issue of The Herald, whereby T. C. Byrum becomes the sole owner of the Byrum Bros. Hardware Company.

Mr. Byrum has bought the entire interest of his brother, George P. Byrum, and will continue the business under the name of Byrum Hardware Company. No change in the store personnel has been announced by the change in ownership.

Jesse O. Forehand Buried Saturday

Funeral services for Jesse O. Forehand, who died suddenly at a Government Hospital in Georgia Wednesday, were held at the home on the River Road Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. T. Byrum conducted the services. A quartet from Edenton composed of G. W. Lassiter, Jim Daniels, Charles H. Wood and C. S. Cozart sang two hymns, and the Ballard's Bridge Church choir also sang a hymn.

Interment was made in the family cemetery at the home of his father. The Ed. Bond Post of the American Legion had charge of the funeral at the grave. The casket was draped with the American flag and the pallbearers were: C. J. Hollowell, J. C. Leary, Everett Baker, Joe Byrum, Johnnie Bunch and Algie Hollowell.

The deceased is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter, his father, two half-brothers and two half-sisters.

Mrs. Ross Leary Dies Wednesday Morning

Mrs. Ross I. Leary, 70, died at 6:10 Wednesday morning in King's Daughters Hospital, in Portsmouth, Va. Mrs. Leary had been in feeble health for a long time, but only on Saturday did her condition become critical, when she was rushed to the hospital.

Mrs. Leary came to Edenton four years ago to live with her daughter, Miss Blanche Leary, but for 40 years prior to that time had resided in Franklin, Va. She was the daughter of the late Adelia McCoy Dabney and Robert Holmes Dabney.

Surviving are four daughters and one son, Miss Blanche Leary, of Edenton; Mrs. J. H. Williams, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. W. D. Walters, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. G. F. Mathews, of Portsmouth, Va.; and R. I. Leary, Jr., of Washington, D. C. Funeral arrangements had not been completed when The Herald went to press.

J. L. Chestnut Opens Dry Cleaning Plant

J. L. Chestnut, formerly a resident of Edenton, but lately living in Belhaven, is now in Edenton arranging to open a dry cleaning and pressing plant. Mr. Chestnut has rented the room adjoining the lobby of Hotel Joseph Hewes and is hopeful of being ready for operation by Friday.

He will be properly equipped to do first class pressing, cleaning and dyeing of all kinds.

ONE BOARD UNIT SHOALED ON BAR OF CONSTITUTION

John White Hesitating On Unification Plan For Schools

UP TO VOTERS

County Board Change Already Made and Approved

Discussions and opinions, possibly mingled with a certain amount of cussing, followed very quickly after last week's issue of The Herald which carried a story relative to Representative John F. White's proposal to make a radical change in the county school system. In an interview last week with the editor of The Herald Mr. White expressed his intention to name a new county school board to replace the present board and accordingly named the five whose names appeared in the story. However, after learning of their appointment, and Mr. White being informed that some refused to serve, he subsequently named a board of three which comprises T. C. Byrum, T. L. Ward and Z. T. Evans. These three, Mr. White says, have been presented to the Education Committee of the House and have been approved.

While home over the week-end this week, Mr. White told The Herald that he doubted the constitutionality of introducing a bill to abolish the Edenton administrative unit, giving it as his opinion that it was organized through the County Board of Education and would, he thought, have to be abolished through the same group. He does think that there is unfair representation on the board of trustees of the Edenton unit and that one board for the entire county would be more satisfactory.

However, Mr. White seems to be of the opinion that aside from those connected with the Edenton board and close friends and relatives, the majority of voters favor the abolishment of the unit and have only one county board. In substantiation of his belief, he says he is willing to submit to the voters the proposition, and ask for a special election to vote on the matter. Those who would be allowed to register their choice would be voters in the East and West Edenton precincts, as well as Yeopim.

Last week, following considerable comment on Mr. White's proposal, both the county and city groups held special meetings at which they passed resolutions to cooperate with each other to the end that no change is made. At present they are awaiting any move on the part of Mr. White that would abolish the Edenton board.

There are those who oppose Mr. White's action as well as those who favor his plan. In Edenton, for instance, there is a considerable amount of sentiment against only one board, the reason being given that it would mean no economy and further that the Edenton school's chances of a nine-months term would be greatly menaced.

In discussing the proposition with rural citizens, the writer was left under the impression that there was no serious objection to having only one board, but what had caused most concern was Mr. White's intention to disregard the members of the county board which represented the choice of the people by the vote they secured and to name a new board. The feeling, apparently among the present County Board of Education is that they have no particular reason for desiring to remain on the board, but some have expressed themselves as opposing the method by which they were replaced in view of the vote registered when they were voted upon. There is also a belief prevalent that Representative White is after Superintendent Taylor's scalp who could be replaced by a new board. However, in this connection, Mr. White says that he has not consulted any one he has named on the board and is not aware if any, all or more would vote for Mr. Taylor as superintendent.

Of course an opportunity will be given to register objections to Mr. White's appointments, most likely on Friday, when not only Chowan's objections, but other counties as well will be aired.

E. R. CONGER VERY ILL
E. R. Conger, who for the past several days has been desperately ill at his home on West Church Street, was on Wednesday reported to have shown a very slight improvement.