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Suffolk Star Route Change Urged By Many Complaints

Better Service Assured By Starting Here Instead of Suffolk

DIRECT OUTLET

Change Would Speed up Delivery From 24 to 42 Hours

Considerable interest is apparent among local merchants and business men regarding the reversal of the Suffolk star route which would make Edenton the terminal instead of Suffolk as at present. For sometime Postmaster C. E. Kramer has received numerous complaints relative to the very poor mail service as the result of the present set-up, the reversal of which would give Edenton a greatly improved service, as well as facilitate dispatch of mail at Suffolk and Edenton going in all directions. The change would not only mean better service to the larger cities, but would permit mail leaving the local office to be delivered the same day on all rural routes between Edenton and Suffolk.

Under the present schedule the route leaves Suffolk at 9:30 a. m. All mail that is brought for Tyner rural routes has to lay over in the Tyner office the remainder of that day, all night and does not go on rural routes until the next day. It reaches Edenton too late to connect with south bound train causing another delay.

On the return trip it leaves Edenton at 3:30 p. m. and mail for rural routes at intermediate offices is not delivered until next day. It reaches Suffolk too late to be worked that night which means another delay until next morning.

By a reversal the route could leave Edenton about 7:30 or 8:00 a. m. and arrive in Suffolk about 10:00 or 10:30 a. m. and on return trip leave Suffolk about 2:00 or 2:30 p. m. and arrive in Edenton about 4:30 p. m.

This would give a direct daily communication between Edenton, intermediate post offices and Suffolk, thereby speeding up the service from 24 to 42 hours.

It would also give a direct outlet and direct supply of mail from both ends of the route to and from points beyond the terminals. As an example: A local merchant could write his

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Revamp Project To Complete Armory

Mayor E. W. Spires and Major M. P. Whichard, who went to Raleigh Tuesday in the interest of the recent application for a WPA project to finish the new armory, feel confident that the project will soon be approved and the building completed.

Funds had been exhausted and work stopped on the building when an application was made for \$18,000. After due time and considerable correspondence regarding the project Mayor Spires took up the matter with Washington officials and arranged a conference with Col. O. K. Yaeger, Jr., of Washington, who is in charge of building projects. It developed during the conference that the project had been approved by all State officials as well as the budget commission, but that it was disapproved in the President's office because of the ruling that relief labor must be equal to 60 per cent of the cost to finish the project as submitted, relief work amounted to 52 per cent of the cost. However, the project will be revamped to meet the requirements and both Mayor Spires and Major Whichard feel assured that when this is done the project will be approved and the armory building will be rushed to completion.

Masons Launch An Attendance Contest

In an effort to boost attendance at the weekly meetings, Unanimity Lodge at the meeting on Thursday night launched an attendance contest which will continue for 60 days. The membership of those members living in or near town has been divided with W. Jim Daniels and George Helms in charge of the two groups. At the end of the contest a banquet will be furnished at the expense of the losing side.

Considerable interest is being shown in the contest and a large attendance is expected at tonight's meeting when W. M. Wilkins, master of the lodge, will serve light refreshments.

EDENTON HIGHS TRIM WEEKSVILLE TUESDAY 6 TO 4

Roanoke Rapids, However, Take Long End of Close Game Here Friday Afternoon

Before a small crowd of shivering faces Tuesday afternoon the Edenton High School baseball team defeated Weeksville 6-4 to make the second conference victory against one defeat. The game was very interesting despite the hope that the visitors would furnish little opposition.

John Byrum tried his hand in the box for Edenton, going very well except for an occasional streak of wildness. For this reason he was replaced by Lester Jordan in the eighth inning when he appeared to have lost control. During his stay in the box 14 Weeksville batters were retired on strikes. Jordan easily handled the situation the remainder of the game.

Each team secured five hits, Jordan, Clyde Spencer, Chesson, Byrum and Cayton getting one hit each, Cayton slugging out a neat three-base hit with two runners on the path.

Berry, visiting pitcher, was also in good form, 11 Edenton batters falling prey to his curves and going out by way of the strike-out route.

Edenton lost to Roanoke Rapids 2 to 0 on Friday afternoon on the local lot when fans witnessed a first class pitchers' duel between Edenton's ace hurler, Lester Jordan, and Byrd. Both flingers pitched an excellent brand of ball with Jordan having a little better of the argument, but for two costly errors was chalked up with a loss. Jordan fanned 13 Roanoke batters, while Byrd struck out an even dozen. Edenton gathered only four hits, while Roanoke Rapids secured six, though they were well scattered.

Edenton lost the ball game in the seventh inning when Fred Hoskins dropped a fly ball in left field allowing the first run in the game to be scored. The other run was scored in the next inning when an attempted equeeze play Melvin Layton allowed the ball to get by him which would have been an easy out.

Edenton lost an excellent chance to score in the seventh inning when the bases were loaded with only one man out. Chesson was walked after which Cayton made a neat double between center and right field followed by a walk by Layton. The locals, however, lacked the punch to turn in the runs when John Byrum hit a short fly to second and Jordan's foul was caught by Pope, Roanoke Rapids catcher.

The same two teams will cross bats Friday in Roanoke Rapids.

FARM AND HOME AGENTS DISCUSS 4-H CLUB WORK

Representatives From Nearby Counties Meet In Joseph Hewes Tuesday Morning

County Agents and Home Demonstration chieftains from nearby counties gathered in the Hotel Joseph Hewes on Tuesday morning to listen to a number of state extension experts from Raleigh discuss a 4-H club program for the ensuing year and, if possible, to stimulate renewed interest in the work. The visitors who spoke were B. T. Ferguson, district agent; Miss Pauline Smith, district agent; L. R. Harrill, club agent; Miss Frances McGregory, assistant club agent, and G. W. McCullough, technologist, Wild Life and Conservation, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Those who were in attendance at the meeting were N. K. Rowell, farm agent of Chowan, L. W. Anderson, of Perquimans, R. R. Rich, of Gates, J. G. Blake, of Hertford, R. D. Smith, of Bertie, G. W. Falls, of Pasquotank, and L. A. Powell of Currituck. The Home Demonstration agents were Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan, Miss Florence Cox, Hertford, Miss Lucille Connor, Bertie, Miss Mary Teeter, Camden, Miss Maude Hodges, Pasquotank, and Miss Virginia Edwards, Currituck.

URGE TEACHING OF SAFETY ON HIGHWAYS IN SCHOOL

The Atlanta, Ga., Parent-Teacher Association has adopted a resolution urging the teaching of safety in high schools. The superintendent of schools has appointed a committee to develop a program. The P. T. A. safety program is among the nationwide campaigns being underwritten by the automotive industry.

NEW DRIVEWAY SUGGESTED FOR LOCAL CEMETERY

Association Urges New Route to Avoid Traffic Jams at Funerals

ANNUAL MEETING

Same Group of Officers Elected to Serve During 1937

The Beaver Hill Cemetery Association held its annual meeting with Mrs. R. F. Tuttle Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The secretary made her annual report, and the treasurer reported the amount of expenditures for 1936, \$374.61, leaving a small balance in the bank.

Attorney Ravenel Holland appeared before the body and explained the plans of the Board of Directors since the renewal of the charter. Plans are being made to construct a driveway through the unsold plot of the cemetery so that the confusion of turning around or backing will be done away with as is now necessary at funerals.

Mr. West was hired as caretaker from April 1 to October 31, (seven months) at \$50 per month, with extra cleanings for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Complaints have been made that vases and pottery on the graves had been destroyed and shrubbery had been removed from lots. This report is being investigated and offenders will be dealt with according to law.

It is to be hoped that every lot owner will respond promptly to the secretary's statement when presented; it is very necessary to have funds to operate.

The same officers were re-elected for 1937: Mrs. R. F. Tuttle, president; Mrs. E. S. Norman, vice president; Mrs. C. G. Gardner, treasurer; Mrs. A. S. Smith, secretary.

Canfield Speaker At Rotary Meet Today

As a special feature of the Rotary meeting today in the Parish House, C. E. Kramer, in charge of the programs for the next quarter, announces that Harry Canfield, technologist and culturist of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Canfield has been in this vicinity for several weeks making a survey of Albemarle shad resources to the end that something might be done to remedy the rapidly diminishing supply of this tasty fish in waters hereabouts. Mr. Canfield has not announced his subject, but will undoubtedly present some interesting and enlightening facts in connection with his work here.

At last week's meeting Hal Heywood of Elizabeth City gave a very delightful address on the beginning and progress of fire insurance. He was accompanied by Wade Marr. A number of visitors were also present from the Windsor Rotary Club.

Oxford Singing Class In Edenton April 13

The Singing Class of Oxford Orphanage will present their annual program in Edenton on Tuesday, April 13, at 8 p. m., in the Edenton school auditorium. The class is made up of a new personnel, the program including music, songs, drills, folk songs and dances.

E. T. Rawlinson, chairman of the Orphanage Committee of Unanimity Lodge under whose auspices the class will visit Edenton, has received advertising matter which will be distributed within the next few days.

A small admission charge will be made to the concert, the proceeds of which the lodgemen turn over to the orphanage.

Methodists Able To Use Church Sunday

After being out of the Methodist Church on Easter Sunday because of a defective heating system, services will be resumed in the Church building next Sunday. The subject for the morning service at eleven o'clock will be "The Witness of the Spirit." At the evening service at eight o'clock the subject is to be, "The Price of Christian Progress."

The children who were to have been received into the Church Easter Sunday will be received at the morning service.

Sunday School at 9:45 o'clock, and League at 7:15. At the League, group four will be in charge of the program, Parker Helms leading.

SPONSORSHIP OF EYE CLINIC BY LIONS NOW SURE

State Commission Without Funds, But Club Will Take Over

REPORT MONDAY

Corporal George I. Dail Urges Greater Attention to Motor Laws

That the Edenton Lions Club will sponsor an eye clinic is almost a surety following a meeting of the Club Monday night in Hotel Joseph Hewes. W. J. Taylor, secretary, read a communication from the State Blind Commission to the effect that funds had been exhausted at present, but that most likely the Club would be reimbursed for any amount spent when new funds will be available after July 1. The Club unanimously favored a clinic and the matter was referred to R. C. Holland, chairman of the Sight Conservation and Blind Committee, who will make his report to the Club next Monday night.

The clinic provides an eye specialist to make examinations and furnishes glasses to those who are unable to pay for the same, the latter expense being borne by the sponsors.

If the clinic is definitely decided upon it is the purpose of the Club to hold it before school closes.

Especially interesting at the meeting Monday night was an address on safety by Corporal George I. Dail, who told his fellow club members that carelessness on the highways was responsible for the major portion of accidents. He especially stressed disregarding minor motoring rules such as parking, giving signals and the like which, he said, eventually form habits that make motoring dangerous not only for the guilty parties themselves, but those who observe motoring rules as well. At the close of his remarks several of the Lions asked him questions relative to motoring that puzzle the average driver, all of which were answered with dispatch by the highway patrolman.

Triangular Debate Held Friday Night

The annual triangular debate will be held tomorrow (Friday) night, with Edenton High School's affirmative team debating at home with Elizabeth City's negative team and Edenton's negative debaters matching Hertford's affirmative at Hertford. Hertford's negative team and Elizabeth City's affirmatives will debate in Elizabeth City.

The query this year is "Resolved that the Government should own and operate all electric utilities."

Debaters representing the Edenton team are: Affirmative, Mary White and Junius Davis; negative, Mabel Ruth Harrell and Edward Bass.

Usually there is a very small attendance at the triangular debates and it is hoped that this year will be an exception, especially so far as Edenton is concerned. The debate is timely and with good speakers to present their respective views on the subject a profitable evening can be spent by a large group of people.

18 Take Exam For Postoffice Vacancy

That there is no shortage of men to work for Uncle Sam was evident here Saturday afternoon when 18 men took the examination for the job as substitute clerk-carrier in the Edenton postoffice. The examination was conducted in the Edenton High School under the direction of J. Frank White, Sr., and E. T. Rawlinson, members of the Civil Service Examination Board. The examination is said to have been very rigid, and those taking it await anxiously their rating.

The papers have been sent to the Civil Service Commission in Washington and when examined will be returned.

Important Meeting U. D. C. On Tuesday

Mrs. George P. Byrum, president of Bell Battery Chapter, U. D. C., calls attention to the monthly meeting of the Chapter to be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Walter White. Mrs. Byrum especially urges every member to be present in order to arrange final plans for the district meeting which will be held Thursday, April 22nd, in Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Gratifying Responses Made In Town Booklet Canvass

BARTLETT SURE ROAD MONEY BE PAID COUNTIES

Says No Need For Delay Since Machinery Set Up For Settlement Of Claims

Counties all over North Carolina will receive the news that House Bill No. 773 passed which authorizes the new Highway Commission to adjust claims which certain counties have against the State for roads constructed prior to the State's taking over the system with a great deal of enthusiasm, according to a statement made by N. G. Bartlett, Secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization of this program. "It has been a long drawn out proposition but now that the machinery has been set up for the settlement of these claims by the State for the various counties, there is no need for much more delay," says Mr. Bartlett.

The 1935 General Assembly passed an act which directed the Governor to appoint a Fact Finding Commission to receive the claims of the various counties and to make recommendations to the 1937 General Assembly as to what should be done. This Commission was appointed by Governor Ehringhaus and sat in hearings at Asheville and Raleigh during the last year and heard the arguments of the various claimant counties. The Commission made its report to the Governor and General Assembly about the middle of February this year. Six of the members of the nine stated that they felt like there was some merit in the claims but that they did not feel that they had had sufficient time to determine the exact amounts but suggested that the matter be referred to the incoming Highway Commission with power to act. Three of the members of the Commission of nine made a minority report in which they said several of the counties were entitled to definite amounts but did not see fit to designate the amounts that each county is entitled to.

It was no surprise that the authorities were not satisfied with this type of report and so with the Assistance of Governor Hoey and members of the House and Senate, House Bill No. 773 was drawn up and passed by both Houses of the General Assembly. Judge Guy Elliott, of Kinston, chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and Secretary N. G. Bartlett have spent most of the time during the last 12 months in the interest of this project and useless to say they are delighted with the outcome. The suggestion is made now by them that as soon as the new Highway Commission is appointed and takes up its duties that the counties that have meritorious claims should immediately contact the Highway Commission and secure as speedy an adjustment as they possibly can. The total amount that will be required to adjust these claims has been estimated all the way from five million up to ten million dollars. More than a score of counties joined in with the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce in a cooperative movement which made possible this legislation.

The history behind the proposed work is interesting. For years and years Edenton has gone along in the even tenor of its way satisfied with the little folder descriptive of its fourteen points of historical interest. This was all right in a sense, and remains so, but so many visitors and trade interests come here asking about other matters than what are contained on this folder, a great influx of which inquiries have reached The Herald office—especially was this true during the recent legislative visitation to town—so The Herald took the bull by the horns and started in on its own hook to do something real.

Naturally, the first move was to secure some concurrence from the town in the idea, and one way it was thought best was to bring a meeting of leading citizens into conference on the subject. This was done late last week, and the response was unanimous. Not only that, but those at the meeting named a committee to go out and get similar consents everywhere. Julien Wood, R. D. Dixon, Mayor E. W. Spires, John A.

221 SHARES B. & L. STOCK MATURES

Stockholders Will Benefit to Tune of \$22,100; New Series Opens Saturday

R. E. Leary, secretary of the Edenton Building and Loan Association, announces the opening Saturday of the 65th series for the sale of stock.

Mr. Leary also reports that 221 shares of stock will mature the early part of April representing \$22,100. Of this amount \$12,600 will be paid in cash to shareholders while \$9,500 will go toward retiring mortgages on property purchased through the Association.

Shareholders during a little over six years have paid into the association \$18,011.50 in this series which represents an accumulation in profit of \$4,088.50.

CHOWAN CLUB MEETS APRIL 12th INSTEAD OF APRIL 6th

Through error it was announced in last week's Herald that the Chowan Woman's Club will meet April 6th with Mrs. Alfred Perry. The correct date of this meeting will be April 12.

Publication Idea Is Favorably Received on All Sides

HERALD SPONSOR

Local Interests Pledge Support to Volunteer Canvassers

Local public spirit, always pronounced when the well-being and future of Edenton is made a point at issue, has evidenced itself in a marked way during the past ten days in relation to the proposed town booklet soon to be published by The Chowan Herald. An almost 100 per cent response has been favorably made to a quartette of prominent citizens who volunteered their services in a canvass of the community, and the publication, attractive in idea, dignified in tone, artistic in illustrative make up, and absolutely accurate and correct in every essential detail bearing on all phases of Edenton life of today and yesterday, can now be referred to as an assured fact and something certain to occasion much outside notice and bring an enlarged industrial and traveling trade to "The Beauty Spot of the Albemarle."

The Herald, proud that it instigated the plan, a plan which has lain dormant here for years but which has ever been a source of desire, shares in the gratification which the idea has occasioned, and guarantees an initial edition of at least 5,000 copies for general distribution through channels and into trade centers where much great good will emanate. Lest there be some thought to the contrary, let it be said that the booklet on Edenton, the first in the town's long life and history, will compare favorably with, if not be the peer of any similar town literature put out in any other North Carolina community. It is intended to keep it high class in every respect, perfect pictorially, concise in phraseology, without a factual blemish, free from all bombast or boosting—something, in short, which the coming generation can proudly use as a keystone upon which to build toward an even greater destiny.

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County Sponsoring Pre-School Clinic

Chowan county is sponsoring a pre-school clinic for all the children, both white and colored, who expect to enter school in September. Parents are urged to bring or send their children to the clinic nearest to them.

The schedule for white children follows:

April 9—Center Hill, 10:30 to 11, Drs. Powell or Williams.

April 12—Oak Grove, 10:30 to 11, Drs. Powell or Williams.

April 15—Edenton, 10:00 to 11:00, Dr. Whichard.

The nurse will want the children at 9:00 a. m.

Following is the schedule for colored children:

April 19—Warren's Grove, 10:30 to 11, Dr. Hines.

April 22—Edenton High, (colored) 10:00 to 11:00, Dr. Hines.

April 20—Hudson Grove, 10:30 to 11:00, Dr. Holley.

April 23—St. John's, 10:00 to 11, Dr. Holley.

The nurse will want the children at 9 a. m.