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## President Gives Edenton Precedence With PWA Grant For Local High School

### Executive Signs Project For \$31,500 Before Fort Raleigh Trip MAKES \$70,000

### Holmes and Warren Win Out; Bids Advertised For at Once

Federal aid, long promised, to be directed toward the remodeling and improvement of the Edenton graded and high school, came Tuesday afternoon as almost one of the last acts of President Roosevelt before he embarked for the Fort Raleigh celebration.

Word to this effect reached Superintendent John A. Holmes through a telegram from Congressman Lindsay Warren, who has been pushing for a PWA appropriation for the work for some time. The telegram said:

"Am pleased to advise you that President Roosevelt has just approved PWA application for your schools for grant of \$31,500."

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Holmes got further word on the matter when a letter came from Warren, confirming his earlier telegram and explaining in detail just how close was the shave that got Edenton included in the Presidential grants. In fact the Congressman states the President on Tuesday was disinclined to approve the local project because it had not come in the definition laid down for fire hazards.

However, Mr. Warren, even in the extreme hurry of getting off for the Manteo show, got the Secretary of the Interior to interest himself, and the latter telephoned the circumstances to the President who last gave full endorsement with his signature.

Incidentally, also, the Warren letter related to Mr. Holmes that the President had approved a similar project grant for Beaufort County, in which Mr. Warren lives, but would quite likely reject additional applications for grants in Hyde and Gates counties, which were included in the only four he had up before him in the Albemarle.

The Warren letter was as follows: "My dear Mr. Holmes: (Continued on Page Five)

## Property Owners Warned To Drain Stagnant Water

Property owners in Edenton will be obliged to be more careful in the future regarding drainage about their property unless they care little about embarrassment. Complaint has been made to town councilmen regarding stagnant water about some houses and lots which provide an ideal breeding place for mosquitoes. Especially a target for complaint were four or five houses on East King Street between Oakum and Court Streets, where pools of stagnant water stand under the houses with no apparent effort being made to remedy the situation, especially during mosquito breeding time.

Graham Byrum, health commissioner, was ordered by Town Council Monday night to get in touch with the owner of this particular property, giving reasonable notice that unless the situation is remedied the property will be condemned and possibly further action taken. Considerable drainage and spraying projects have been accomplished in Edenton which has materially reduced the mosquito pest and resultant fewer cases of malaria, but if conditions are allowed to exist as have been pointed out by Dr. M. P. Whichard, county health officer, it will not take long before what good has been done will have been totally useless.

## Lions' Zone Meeting Will Be Held Friday

The principal order of business at the Lions Club meeting Monday night at Hotel Joseph Hewes was a zone meeting to be held in Washington, N. C., Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. This will be a very important meeting and all clubs are urged to have a full quota of delegates present. The meeting will be held at the Washington County Club.

The Edenton club will be represented at the meeting but due to some of the members being out of town Monday, just who will represent the club was not determined.

## Taylor Theatre Is Redecorated Anew

### Local Playhouse Refurnished and Otherwise Beautified—Now Ranks With Best In This Section of the State

Always proud of its little community playhouse Edenton will have greater occasion for a display of its pleasure tonight when Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Taylor formally open their remodeled, refurnished and redecorated new "Taylor Theatre" with one of the liveliest skits of the season, "Artists and Models," in which Jack Benny and Ida Lupino are starring. With its numerous and varied improvements the theatre now compares favorably with any other movie house in the whole Albemarle, and will undoubtedly prove a center of enlarged attraction because of this fact.

For several weeks now the Taylors and Jimmy Earnhardt, the manager, have been at work guiding and directing a large staff of workmen, painters, decorators and furnishing folk, turning the theatre inside out in an effort to make it better than the best. That they have accomplished their purpose will be apparent to all those privileged to attend tonight's formal opening.

The Taylors are advertising today that they "take pride in presenting" their new theatre, but they, perhaps, could have with more accuracy reversed the slogan and have said what is absolutely true, that Edenton takes pride, great pride, in knowing that it now has an opportunity to attend productions at a playhouse comfortably, beautifully and expensively refurnished and remade.

## BELOVED CITIZEN DIES IN CHOWAN

### Z. W. Evans Is Buried From Church His Family Founded

Despite a heavy rain and electrical storm Chowan's citizenship turned out in large numbers on Friday afternoon in attendance at the funeral and burial of one of its most beloved residents, Zachariah W. Evans. Mr. Evans, one of the county's leading farmers and millmen, died somewhat unexpectedly early Thursday morning in a Suffolk hospital, and the interment services were held in the little Evans Methodist Church, founded by his family in 1808, and at which he had been a lifelong member.

The services at the church were conducted by Presiding Elder B. B. Slaughter, a devoted friend and admirer of the deceased, and Revs. R. E. Walston, the church pastor, and M. O. Stephenson, now of Durham but for several years pastor of the Center Hill Methodist church. Members of the famed Westminister Choir, of Lawrenceville, N. J., in service this summer at the Fort Raleigh celebration, rendered several musical selections. Two undertaker's wagons were required to carry the great profusion of floral offerings from the church to the grave in the little family burial plot on the homestead nearby.

Those who officiated as active pallbearers were Jimmy Hudgins, George Hudgins and Dr. J. L. Rawls, of Suffolk, Dr. M. P. Whichard, of Edenton, and W. H. Winborne, W. A. Perry, Lindsey Evans and J. B. Griffin. It was estimated that 400 mourners had crowded into the small church, and almost as many more sat out in their cars in the heavy downpour unable to get in the edifice.

Probably no man in all Chowan was better known nor liked than Zachariah W. Evans. In fact it can be said his devotion to Methodism, as shown through four generations of his family, made him well known and appreciated in church circles throughout the entire state. Church life came first with him and from boyhood he was an active leader in the Evans Church section, being superintendent of the Sunday School there for a half-century, and it was his proud boast that rain or shine, except when ill, he had never missed the President has just approved the

sively refurnished and remade.

This fact is evidenced by the large number of merchants and others who are so expressing their compliments and congratulations today. They feel the improvements are something to be proud of and they are not hesitating to say so.

In every way the theatre has been completely refurnished and redecorated. There are new cushioned seats to replace the hard wooden, sticky seats heretofore, and cushioned seats, while a modern innovation in such places are an expensive one. There has, also, been installed new stage scenery to soften the eyes, and new lighting fixtures and effects, new carpeting throughout, and above all handsome and artistic painting decorations in red, blue and gold, which if it does nothing else, will give the place a true and artistic colonial atmosphere.

Theatricaly the playhouse has also been equipped with the latest, up-to-date, Western Electric Microphonic Sound System, "the Living Sound," which everyone will find a pronounced improvement over the prior method of talk reproduction.

The Taylors and their young manager have worked with an open purse to do a good job at the theatre and they will find their satisfaction in the pleasure movie-goers will have in their efforts.

## JOSEPH BUNCH ON POLICE FORCE PERMANENTLY

### Town Councilmen Opposed To Continuation of Officers Fees For Making Arrests

Joseph Bunch, who has been acting as night policeman during the vacations of Chief of Police G. A. Helms and Night Officer R. L. Pratt, was elected as permanent policeman at the meeting of Town Council Monday night. Mr. Bunch's salary was fixed at \$85 per month.

The matter of a third policeman for the town was recommended by the recently named police commission it being the general opinion that two policemen were necessary to provide adequate police protection at night. Chief Helms will be on duty during the day while Pratt and Bunch will be nightmen.

Considerable time was also devoted Monday night to a discussion of elimination of officer's fees for making arrests. The system has been severely criticized and when it became known that fees are split between the night man and the Chief of Police the councilmen immediately voiced their disapproval. No action, however, was taken at the meeting, it being the purpose to make an investigation to ascertain approximately how much officers receive in the way of fees so that an adjustment can be made in salaries if and when the fee system is discarded.

The police commission was complimented by Mayor J. H. McMullan for the interest shown in their duty and the report submitted. While the members of the commission failed to see the necessity for having a police commission, they were directed to continue their services with special emphasis made to report to council any irregularities on the part of the police department or confer with any officer in the performance of their duty before reporting to Town Council.

The Councilmen also voted to renew membership in the League of Municipalities and the Institute of Government. While nothing was mentioned relative to continued membership in the Ocean Highway Association, it is practically assured that the town will continue as a member.

## HELPS NOMINATE

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kramer returned Tuesday night from Fayetteville, where they attended the State Postmasters' Convention. Mr. Kramer, by the way, was chairman of the nominating committee which named Wytch M. Payton, of Asheville, as president for the ensuing year.

## PRESIDENT GETS INITIAL COPY OF TOWN'S BOOKLET

### Name Printed on Special Issue Given Him At Manteo

### GOVERNOR, ALSO

### First Edition Now Off Press and Ready For Distribution

Edenton's official town booklet, publication of which has been interfered with so much of late, got off the press finally on Monday, and on Wednesday a specially bound and embossed copy, with his name stamped across the front, was presented to President Roosevelt during his visit at Fort Raleigh. The national executive bowed his appreciation and devoted the following few minutes to scanning the brochure with interest.

A similar copy of the book was placed in the hands of Governor Clyde R. Hoey, also, as well as others in the State's official party. The presentations were made by Mrs. George C. Wood, sister-in-law of former Governor Ehringhaus, who was in the President's party.

Prior to giving out the booklet at Manteo arrangements were made for the placement of 100 copies in the rooms of the Virginia Dare Hotel, Elizabeth City, where the State party spent Tuesday night in anticipation of the President's arrival yesterday morning.

Except for a few other copies the balance of the first edition of 5,000 will be turned over to the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce for careful distribution as it may best see fit. The publication, an expensive one for a town that has never had anything of the sort before, was (Continued on Page Four)

## LIKELIHOOD OF DISTRICT OFFICE REMAINING HERE

### Director R. Mayne Albright, In Edenton Tuesday, Says Mayor McMullan Is Good Salesman

Edenton was included in the 35 towns of the State to have named branch managers for the N. C. Employment Service and according to Director R. Mayne Albright's announcement, Cyrus W. Bazemore has been appointed manager for the local office. Mr. Bazemore at present is editor of the Windsor Ledger-Advance.

Mr. Albright was in Edenton Tuesday enroute to the Fort Raleigh celebration and in a conversation relative to moving the district employment office to Williamston, Mr. Albright though non-committal, gave reason to be optimistic that Edenton will remain on the list as a district office.

"We don't want the district office removed," Mr. Albright was told. "I am glad to know you are so much interested in having the office," he said. "Your Mayor is a good salesman," he replied, waving a good-bye as he left for Manteo.

At the meeting of Town Council Monday night it was decided to allow \$165 in the budget as the town's share for maintaining the office in Edenton, which is the same amount asked for last year. The E. & W. Department also contributed \$150 last year, as did the County Commissioners. The latter board at their last meeting, however, failed to make an appropriation due to the uncertainty as to where the district office would be located.

Mr. Albright also stated that Mrs. Randolph Holloman, who has been acting as manager of the Edenton office, is very well regarded in the service, but was not certain just where she would be located.

## Local Police Pick Up Prison Escapee

Local police caught up with another prison escapee on Sunday when George Cox, Negro, was landed by Patrolmen Pratt and Bunch, on Freemason Street. Cox had been originally arrested in Washington County on a charge of breaking and entering. At the Williamston prison camp he became a trusty and cook. Last week he walked out of camp and hitch-hiked over here. Pratt learned of his presence and he and Bunch got the man and sent him back to camp.

## Town Council Has Assured Bi-County Health Service

### Boy Scouts Still Have No Leader

A visitor from one of our growing North Carolina towns, remarked when here a few days ago, "I know you have a live Boy Scout Troop in Edenton." Have we?

Our representative men seem more interested in putting Edenton on the map—tourists, ABC Store, etc., than in the future citizens of our town. Not everyone can make a good Scoutmaster. He must understand boys, and lead them to play the game of life according to ideals of loyalty, efficiency, comradeship, etc., and live up to his leadership. Will not some young man between the ages of 25 and 40 volunteer to help our boys?

Why have so many months passed and no definite interest from our citizens? Vacation will soon be over, then school. All summer no meetings, no annual camping trip or anything done to show we are interested in them. Are we interested in them?

Have we shown it these past five months? Why wait until fall or winter? What are we waiting for?

## TOURIST PARADE SWELLED BY HOEY

### Throngs Go Through Town But Governor Stops Off

Tourist travel into and through Edenton has been mounting skyward during the past couple of weeks, and on Tuesday and Wednesday reached its peak. Of course, the last two days carried few stop-overs as everybody bent on scurrying through toward Fort Raleigh to get in on yesterday's blow-out for President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The would-be-seers of the President began going through town, pivotal highway point that it is between the east and west, early Tuesday morning, and kept it up all day and far into the night, and began repeatnik soon after dawn yesterday. Just where the crowd will stay at the shore resorts seemed of little worry to the travelers. Most of them were in closed cars, anyhow, and closed cars can be made comfortable, if one is not particular.

Before breakfast Tuesday the vanguard of travelers started in. First State Highway patrolmen from all over North Carolina, some from as (Continued from Page Five)

## Spires Again Named Director Of Ocean Highway Group

Happy news was brought back on Friday by Mayor J. H. McMullan who had been in attendance at the annual meeting of the Ocean Highway Association in Salisbury, Md. As is known this is the route over which the most tourist trade to strike town travels, and it had been feared Edenton would lose its designation on the association's maps because of a failure to contribute as lavishly as the association demanded.

However the Mayor, with the help of influential friends in Norfolk and elsewhere was able to keep Edenton going. Joseph H. Conger, president of the local chamber of commerce, wired him that Edenton's appropriation could be depended upon, and this cinched the matter.

In addition to this comforting assurance the Mayor proposed and carried his point that E. W. Spires be reelected as a director of the association. This will be his third year as director.

## Rural Conference For Episcopalians

On the fifth Sunday of this month, the 29th, a rural conference for clergy and laity of the Episcopal Church will be held at Camp Leach, beginning at 11 a. m. A picnic lunch will be served. The Rev. J. Leon Malone is chairman of the committee in charge. Bishop Darst will be present. These fifth Sunday conferences on the rural work of the diocese are well attended.

## Chowan and Bertie to Be Linked as One Unit

### COSTS \$2,000

### Edenton Chips In \$500 And County to Pay Balance of \$1,500

Chowan County was assured a full-time health service in conjunction with Bertie County Monday night when Town Council agreed to include in the budget an appropriation of \$500 for the purpose. At an earlier meeting this month of the County Commissioners it was agreed that the county adopt the plan, appropriating \$1500, providing the town pays \$500.

The cost to the town will be slightly more than was paid heretofore in that under the health service there will be no salary paid for a milk inspector nor to paying for records of vital statistics, which will be taken care of under the new plan.

Under the set-up of the two counties will have Dr. F. H. Garris, of Lewisville, as health officer, with branch offices maintained at Windsor and Edenton. Dr. Garris' time will be apportioned to each county according to population as will be that of a sanitary inspector. A full-time secretary and nursing service will be maintained in each county.

The health service has been up for discussion for some time, the idea at first being sponsored by the Lions Club and later being approved by the Rotary Club. Delegates and spokesmen at various times appeared before the County Commissioners in efforts to convince them of the merits of the movement and the many benefits to be derived by cooperating in the state-wide movement. The plan at first apparently caused little interest on the part of the County board, but with the many more worthwhile benefits which would accrue being fully explained at little more expense than had been spent for health work in the county, the plan won favor among the Commissioners as well as citizens in general. The arrangement at first included Chowan, Gates and Perquimans, but the latter two counties voted against the plan. Then the health department agreed to make an arrangement with Pasquotank, Dare and Chowan, but the Commissioners balked at this combination due to distance involved. It was then that Bertie county was considered. Bertie for the third year adopted the health service idea independently at a cost of something like \$6000 a year and has agreed to joining with Chowan which would reduce the cost.

R. E. Leary, town clerk, was instructed to notify Dr. R. E. Fox, of the State Department of Public Health, that the town had appropriated the necessary amount.

## Edenton Girls Trim Gates Team 4 To 1

Edenton's girl soft ballers realized sweet revenge Friday afternoon when they journeyed to Gates Station and came home with a 4-1 victory tucked under their belt at the expense of the strong Gates team which a short time ago completely walloped the local girls on the Edenton diamond. The game went only four and a half innings.

According to those who accompanied the team, the Edenton girls appeared to be a different team altogether, entering the game with apparent confidence and playing by far a better brand of ball than when the two teams met before. Dolly Spencer was again on the mound for Edenton, and played like a veteran, giving no end of trouble to the Gates' sluggers, both by her splendid twirling and fielding. The entire Edenton outfit played a good brand of heads-up ball which encouraged Manager Jim Daniels to negotiate for another game in Edenton, which he hopes to arrange for Monday night.

## NEW STAMPS HERE

The new 5-cent Virginia Dare stamps arrived at the Edenton post office on Wednesday. Apparently the new issue will be in great demand, Postmaster Kramer having had advance orders for them as well as selling many since they arrived.