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'U' Turn Hereafter To Be Restricted On Broad Street

Council Makes Drastic Traffic Change on Main Thoroughfare

CARRIES \$5 FINE

No Half Circle Swings Allowed Between King And Church Streets

Realizing that traffic conditions in Edenton, and especially in the business section, is becoming acute, Town Council at their meeting Tuesday night took initial steps to remedy the situation and after discussing several phases of the problem decided to prohibit U turns on Broad Street between King and Church Streets. An ordinance was subsequently drawn up to break up the practice which carries with it a fine of \$5 for violation.

Under the new city ruling U turns will be affected at four intersections, as follows: King and Broad Streets, Eden and Broad Streets. Queen and Broad Streets and Church and Broad Streets. Hence drivers of automobiles will be obliged to travel to Water Street or Gale Street hereafter in order to make a U turn in the down town section.

The new ruling will go into effect just as soon as proper signs or warnings can be placed at the four intersections.

The matter of U turns was brought before the Council body by Councilman J. Edwin Buffap, who in presenting the matter stated that he realized it would cause considerable inconvenience to motorists, but that it was in the interest of preventing possible loss of life or serious injury that he favored adoption of the rule. He especially cited the dangerous condition at Broad and Queen Streets where on three corners there are large service stations with driveways entering from both streets. Besides it is the intersection of Route 17, thus making it very dangerous to allow U turns.

The Eden Street corner also presents a dangerous aspect, it being a very narrow street and with cars parked on each corner results in practically a blind corner where many U turns have heretofore been made.

At King and Broad Streets, where possibly most U turns have been made, there have been several collisions, and very frequently, especially on Saturdays, dangerous conditions exist.

Mr. Buffap included the Broad and Church Streets intersection in his recommendation, stating that with school about to open and many children going to and from school who are obliged to cross this intersection, he felt that too much precaution could not be taken in order to protect children while on their way to and from school.

The matter had been mentioned to members of the board wherein complaints have been made that especially on Saturday a large number of motorists have been driving up and down Broad Street, traveling for the most part between Queen and King Streets.

The idea of making West Eden Street a one-way street was discussed also but it was felt that property owners on the street should have a voice in the matter and the Councilmen will await a petition if it is desired.

Employment Office Personnel Changed

Drastic changes in the personnel of the Edenton office of the N. C. State Employment Service were announced from Raleigh yesterday. Cyrus W. Bazemore, one-time editor of a Windsor newspaper, who had been previously announced for district manager in Edenton, has been sent instead to take charge of the main district office at Williamston.

Philip F. Keil has been placed in charge of the office here, Mrs. Randolph Holoman, who has been so officiating, having been demoted to senior interviewer. Others who will serve in Edenton are Wood Privott, with a rank similar to Mrs. Holoman, Mildred Menden, tentatively named as junior interviewer, Evelyn Rogers, reporting clerk, and with a stenographer yet to be selected.

From the Edenton office and transferred to the Elizabeth City branch, where Leslie J. Gozard will be in charge, are Floyd I. White, senior interviewer, Mrs. Kate Wozelka, junior interviewer, and Miss Edna Stevenson as receptionist stenographer. Miss Helen Hollowell will be junior clerk-typist at Elizabeth City.

Old Court House All "Dressed Up"

Not for many a day has the old Chowan Court House been as spic and span as it has been this week for the fall term of Superior Court. Not a cobweb is in sight, and the old rusty stove is enjoying a coat of black stove polish with an aluminum painted top. Besides, a new crop of chairs is in evidence as well as new Bibles for swearing witnesses, and to top it all off a nice soft cushion was placed on Judge R. Hunt Parker's chair, which might have been more enjoyed on the chairs of several fidgety attorneys facing the stern judge.

SCHOOL OPENING DATE ON MONDAY

Unsafe Auditorium Results In Change For Assembling

The Edenton City Schools will open next week, the white schools opening Monday, September 20th, and the colored schools on Thursday, September 23rd.

The procedure of organizing the white school will be different from that of former years. The auditorium can be used no more for public assemblies, and this will necessitate a different arrangement of assembling and organizing on the opening day.

On Monday morning when the doors are opened, all pupils who attended this school last year, both elementary and high school, are requested to go immediately to the room in which they were enrolled last year. Even if they were promoted they are requested to go to their former rooms. Promotions will begin with the upper grades and proceed rapidly until all pupils have been properly placed.

All pupils who are entering the first grade for the first time are requested to go to the Church street entrance and enter the ground floor play room. From there they will be ushered into the first grade rooms.

All pupils who are entering school for the first time and are entering a grade above the first are requested to enter the front door entrance after all former pupils have entered. These beginners are asked to go to the high school reading room and wait until they can be registered through the office.

All post graduates and outside pupils who are registering for commercial work are requested to go direct to the commercial room.

Basal Textbooks will be furnished free to all pupils in the first to seventh grades inclusive. High school textbooks may be bought or rented as they were last year.

The State has adopted new texts in Mathematics, Latin, second year French and Commercial Subjects. These will be the only changes in textbooks. All texts in the elementary schools will remain the same as last year.

Edenton Scheduled Entertain Tourists

Mayor Jack McMullan reports that definite decision has been made by the State to make Edenton a stop-over point in the forthcoming tour of North Carolina by national travel agents and editors on the afternoon and evening of October 19. Twenty-five members of the traveling party will be guests here over-night of W. R. Horton, lessee of the Hotel Joseph Hewes, and will join their associates the next morning at Elizabeth City. In the afternoon the entire entourage will be taken about Edenton and its historic points for two hours, and will be entertained at dinner at the hotel at 7 o'clock. The Mayor and the Chamber of Commerce believe this visit will prove profitable to the town from a publicity standpoint.

Miss Dowling Goes To University California

Friends will be interested to know that Miss Meta Dowling, who for the past year has served as child welfare assistant for Chowan and Perquimans counties, has accepted a position with the research department of the University of California. Miss Dowling has already left for her new location on the west coast.

POSTMASTERS TO BE ADDRESSED BY LINDSAY WARREN

Congressman Expected At Convention of Official Children

FRIDAY NIGHT

Dinner Gathering at Parish House; Fine Program

If present plans carry, Congressman Lindsay Warren will be the principal speaker tomorrow night at the meeting of postmasters of the First Congressional district, which is to be held at the Parish House. Wythe M. Payton, postmaster at Asheville and president of the state association of postmasters, is, also, expected to be on hand and lend vocal eclat to the gathering.

There are fourteen counties in the First District and 125 postmasters. Carroll E. Kramer, who is sponsoring the meeting in cahoots with postmaster W. T. Culpepper, of Elizabeth City, expects the whole bunch of officials to be present. Letters have been sent to them all, and none have so far indicated they will not be on hand.

The meeting will be a sort of dinner affair, with the meal starting at 7 o'clock. The invited guests will be privileged to bring their wives or husbands, and Mr. Kramer is planning for a large crowd.

Following a happy entertainment feature during the meal Mr. Warren, if he can possibly break other engagements and get here, will greet the assemblage, tell how pleased he has been over selecting so many of the gatherers for appointment, and discuss the postal laws and other matters that have come before him in Congress. Mr. Culpepper will act as toastmaster at the dinner and will call generally on many of the guests.

LIONS OBSERVE LADIES' NIGHT

About 50 Enjoy Program Monday Night at Regular Meeting of Edenton Club

About 50 Lions, their wives and a few visitors were present at Hotel Joseph Hewes Monday night to attend the local Lions Club ladies' night affair, the principal speaker for which was R. C. Holland, a member of the club. A spirit of good fellowship prevailed the hotel lobby prior to the dinner and all apparently enjoyed the evening. The program, however, was cut short due to the Lions Club being scheduled to play a game of soft ball in the elimination series.

Special music was furnished by the Washboard Five and a quartet composed of Bill Jones, Caleb Goodwin, Clarence Leary and Wallace Jones added to the pleasure of the evening.

Mr. Holland, who was scheduled for a 30-minute speech, briefly but convincingly spoke on "Blind Conservation," which is one of the principal projects adopted by the local Lions Club. He commented upon the great handicap of being blind and very ably wove into his address a comparison of a club being blind to the many opportunities offered to perform a distinct service to humanity.

The club will not hold its regular meeting Monday night, a joint meeting with the Rotary Club tonight taking the place of the regular meeting.

Baptists Gather At Ballard's Bridge

Baptist members of the Chowan Association will meet in annual session next Tuesday and Wednesday at Ballard's Bridge Church. Representatives from seven counties are expected to attend, and enjoy a program arranged for them by Revs. W. D. Morris, of Elizabeth City, J. C. Pearce, of Shiloh, and B. B. Flora, of Shawboro.

The program will include speaking and preaching by most every pastor in the Association, with Rev. J. T. Byrum, pastor of the church, making the initial address of welcome. There will be special music on both days, and addresses by leaders of State-wide prominence.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be on time.

ROTARIANS MEET WITH LIONS AT DINNER TONIGHT

First Joint Confab of Civic Organizations At Parish House

MOVIE SHOW

Delaware Concern Will Exhibit Educational Picture

Local Rotarians and Lions will forget their soft ball differences tonight and get together at a joint meeting-supper at the Parish House. This will be the first time the two civic organizations have feasted at the same board, and an interesting and enlivening program has been arranged for the occasion.

The feast of reason and the usually excellent fodder provided by the Parish House ladies will be at 7:15 o'clock and will take the place of the regular Rotary luncheon today. Presidents John W. Graham and W. S. Privott are making a special effort to have a 100 per cent attendance of both clubs, and in addition everybody is being urged to bring a guest.

To add interest at the joint gathering the Investors Syndicate of Dover, Del., will exhibit a moving picture called "The Blind Spot of Science." This has attracted much notice where it has been shown elsewhere and the program committee considers itself fortunate in landing it for Edenton.

The picture will not be the only attraction, however, as those in charge of preparing for the evening have a couple of other novelties up their sleeve, but feel that secrecy should be the advance watchword regarding them. No advance in dinner rates will be made for the meeting.

CANDIDATES OUT FOR E.H.S. SQUAD

Coach Holton Has Light Squad To Work With, But Predicts Very Creditable Team

With the advent of cooler weather attention is directed to football and each afternoon finds a crowd of Edenton High School youngsters cavorting on Hicks Field in preparation for scrimmage work preparatory to selecting this year's gridiron edition. Though practically all of the outstanding stars will be missing this year, Coach Holton believes that despite a light squad the school's football team will be able to give a good account of themselves.

About 20 boys, all enthused and ambitious to secure berths on the squad, have been reporting faithfully for practice each afternoon. Though it is too early to name his squad, Coach Holton has been watching the progress of each boy and using his best efforts to develop players to fill various positions.

The list of those who have reported for practice are Robert Chesson, Sammy Cates, Ervin Griffin, Jimmy Hassell, John Martin Harrell, John Byrum, Pete Everett, Henry Williams, Billy George, Joe Conger, Bill Whitchard, Clyde Spencer, Ellwood Nixon, Tom Byrum, Billy Shepard, Meredith Jones, Dee Skiles, Fred Hoskins, Lester Ashley, James Cozzens, Dick Badham, William Cayton, Ted Mangus and James Smith.

Practically all of the boys have had some experience which will be quite a help to Coach Holton in developing his team.

County Council To Meet September 25

A meeting of the County Council of home demonstration clubs will be held in the Court House Saturday afternoon, September 25, at 2:30 o'clock, says Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent. At this time plans will be discussed for the fall Federation meeting as well as a program of work for 1938. Every member of the Council is urged to be present.

City Tax Rate Again Be An Even Dollar

The finance committee of Town Council on Tuesday night submitted the town's budget for the year and despite increases in salaries and provision to buy a new tractor as well as paraphernalia for firemen and police, the expenditures will necessitate only a \$1.00 tax rate, which is the same as last year.

Judge Parker Presides At Fall Term Superior Court

Library Hours On Winter Schedule

Beginning Monday, September 20, the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library will resume the winter schedule of hours, according to Mrs. S. M. McMullan, librarian.

The library during the winter months will be open from 2 to 5 p. m., every week day and on Monday and Friday nights from 7 to 9 o'clock. The hours on Sundays will be from 3 to 5 in the afternoon.

Patrons of the library are urged to note the change of hours.

AUTUMN MEETING OF COUNTY CLUBS

Demonstration Groups Meet In Edenton October 30

Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent, will be the principal speaker for the fall meeting of home demonstration clubs to be held in Edenton Saturday, October 30, according to Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan home agent. The meeting will be held at 2:30 o'clock.

Miss Colwell urges each secretary to make a report of the accomplishments of her club since last October, and in order to present a comprehensive report every club member should make out a written report to her secretary describing any special work she has done during the year. This, Miss Colwell says, may include work in house furnishings, building or repairs, gardening, yard improvement, poultry, etc. The secretary cannot make a good report for her club unless the members cooperate and for this reason members are urged not to wait to be asked for information but to give it to the secretary as soon as possible.

Club secretaries will appreciate suggestions of unique ways to give their reports at the federation meeting, which must be short and should be interesting.

W. W. Byrum Now On City School Board

W. W. Byrum was elected to membership on the board of trustees of the Edenton graded schools Tuesday night at a joint meeting of the board and Town Council. Mr. Byrum was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Mrs. John Badham, and his term will expire in 1941.

Thomas Cheers, chairman of the board, and W. D. Pruden, whose terms have expired, were re-elected for a term of six years at the same meeting. John A. Holmes, secretary to the board, called attention to the fact that due to an oversight two years ago J. H. Conger's name was not presented at a joint meeting, and he, too, was subsequently legally elected, his term expiring with Mr. Byrum's in 1941.

The board as now constituted includes Thomas Cheers, chairman, John G. Wood, J. H. Conger, W. W. Byrum, W. A. Leggett and W. D. Pruden.

Thos. Cheers, Jr., Now Member Of The Bar

Superior Court proceedings were interrupted for a few moments on Monday when Thomas Cheers, Jr., was presented to Judge R. Hunt Parker by W. D. Pruden. Mr. Cheers recently passed his bar examinations in this State, but had not previously gone to Raleigh to be sworn in as a lawyer. Judge Parker administered the oath to the young man, shook him warmly by the hand and wished him well.

Fire Inspection Held Week Of Sept. 27th

Fire Chief R. K. Hall has announced that a general fire inspection will be made in Edenton during the last week in September. In anticipation for this inspection Mr. Hall urges all residents to have chimneys and flues cleaned out as well as furnance rooms and attics in order to save embarrassment as well as reduce fire hazards.

Jurist Makes Fine Impression; Entertains No Trifling

VERY STERN

Clamps Down On Excuses to Be Relieved Of Jury Duty

Superior Court, which in this section has supplanted the ancient "Ship Day" when vessels from the Caribbean or West Indies came to port and the Albemarle populace crowded the wharves to see the splendors about to be unloaded, got under way here on Monday for the first time in a year. And again the populace turned out in great numbers to see jurisprudence in action once again in Chowan's historic court house.

They weren't disappointed. Judge R. Hunt Parker, a young, exacting stickler for the law, who comes from Roanoke Rapids and who has been here but once before, five years ago, presided and made action and determination the watchwords of the term, also propriety, instead of the laxity and ease of manners which the court fraternity has heretofore enjoyed when court has been in session.

Judge Parker, for instance, tabooed smoking in the court room. A cigarette smoker himself he, nevertheless, ordered everyone outside who cared to smoke, and stopped proceedings one day to point to an offender who had even stood in the doorway puffing at a cheroot. It may have seemed a trying ordeal but it occasioned pleasure on the part of those who cared to see something dignified and correct about the proceedings in a court room.

The judge had other unthought of "peculiarities." Effort on the part of the local bar, usually successful efforts heretofore, to get jurors excused, got nowhere with Judge Parker. Jury service was a duty everyone should engage in, and to all requests for such excuses he shook his head in disagreement and ordered everyone to serve who had not served before. Nor was he redundant or verbose in meeting legal motions of exception to the questioning of witnesses. Where other judges have entered into arguments with counsel, Judge Parker was quick with a "motion denied" or "motion accepted," and that's all there was to it.

Further than that Judge Parker has a fine court presence, is youthful in manner and conversationally loud in voice. It was no trouble to hear or understand him, and when he told the grand jurors in his opening charge "No man is so wealthy or influential he can evade prosecution, no man is so obscure or poor he should not merit your protection," heads could be seen nodding in agreement all about the crowded court room.

The court in this grand jury charge told the inquisitors it was their duty to recognize and present all violations of the law in any section of the county. It should not be necessary to see such violation he said, but law enforcement depends upon the vigilance of the grand jury. Failure to present such violations always brings disrepute upon the law, he declared. The investigation of guardianships, about which there has been so much criticism elsewhere, was a primary source of inquiry, he stated as he stressed the duties of guardians.

Defective public school buses, the age of their drivers and the speed with which they propel the vehicles, should be inquired into, also, Judge Parker said. He commented likewise upon the great highway mortality due to speeding and accidental wrecks. This mortality is much greater this year than ever before, and shows no evidence of retarding. The court smilingly said that if the airships of Spain, now engaged in a terrible war there, were brought to this country to supplant the motor cars of the United States and the autos were sent to Spain, the difference in death rates would be quickly apparent.

Unavoidable motor accidents, the court said, were always few in number, and he emphasized the importance of the Grand Jury making a careful and exacting inquiry into every accident brought before it. In this connection the Judge explained that the grand jury's duties did not end with the completion of a court term, but could be continued in authority until the commencement of a succeeding term. At all times, he (Continued on Page Eight)