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TOWN COUNCILMEN APPROVE OF MANY THINGS BUT RESCINDING U-TURN RULE IS HELD UP PENDING A LONGER TRIAL

Mayor Orders Experiment Further Tested Before Voting

CARNIVAL LIKELY

Fire Hose Bought, and Highway Membership Endorsed

Long drawn out discussions about the purchase of new fire hose, an attempt to knock in the head the recently inaugurated no U-Turn law in Edenton, the matter of allowing a carnival to come to Edenton and membership in the Ocean Highway Association held members of Town Council in one of the longest sessions of the present administration on Tuesday night.

After a lengthy explanation of fire hose by a salesman, it was decided to purchase 250 feet from the Eureka Hose Company, costing \$1.10 per foot. This price, however, was cut to \$1.03 per foot, due to the fact that the Fire Department has sufficient couplings that can be reworked and used on the new hose.

Following the decision to purchase the hose, E. W. Spires appeared before the Board in the interest of the town continuing membership in the Ocean Highway Association. Mr. Spires is a director of the Association and enumerated a number of advantages by being linked up with this organization, especially the great amount of publicity by Edenton appearing on the vast amount of printed material distributed along the highway from Maine to Florida. Some concern had been felt that Edenton might be removed from Route 1, but Mr. Spires assured the Board that the Association would place Edenton at the main route.

The membership fee for Edenton is \$200 per year, and Mayor McMullan was instructed to confer with the County Commissioners in the hope that the County will share half of this fee.

Fire Chief R. K. Hall appeared before the Board asking permission to contact with a carnival to show in Edenton. Mr. Hall explained that his Department is badly in need of necessary equipment and due to paring the budget the cost was not forthcoming from the town. He, therefore, believes that by having a carnival money could be raised to help defray this expense.

The carnival idea caused considerable comment and after a thorough discussion, it was voted to give Mr. Hall permission to bring one here with the distinct understanding that if there is any thing too objectionable the police will be instructed to close it up. In the meantime Mr. Hall is making an investigation to secure a suitable show to appear here as soon as possible.

Had Mayor McMullan entertained (Continued on Page Twelve)

"Battle Of Century" Friday Afternoon

Whether it could be called a home-coming game or not, the most important game on Edenton High School's football schedule, and the most interesting in the Albemarle, will be played Friday afternoon on Hicks Field when Elizabeth City and Edenton will uncoil their bags of tricks and use every ounce of energy to carry off a victory. Both teams are in the pink of condition and a battle royal is in prospect.

Comparative scores give the visitors a slight advantage in that they piled up a larger score against Tarboro, but Coach Holton feels confident that if his boys continue their bang-up game the Edenton team's record will remain unblemished for at least another week.

The game should draw the season's largest crowd.

IMPROVEMENT AT EDENTON SCHOOL GETS FINAL O. K.

Education Board Passes Resolution Accepting Terms

BEGIN BY NOV. 24

Hoped Have Auditorium In Time to Hold Commencement

Final action on the part of Chowan County officials looking toward improvements and erection of a new auditorium to the Edenton school was taken Monday at the meeting of the County Board of Education when that body passed a resolution officially accepting the government's offer according to the terms set forth and agreeing to pay the specified wage scale for work done on the project. This last official act was held up due to the illness of Superintendent W. J. Taylor and a wire was sent to Chapel Hill informing officials that the resolution was passed and was being forwarded. Tuesday was the dead line for this information to be in hand, hence the telegram.

According to John A. Holmes, who is well versed on plans and specifications, bids will be advertised for within a week or ten days and that according to terms of the grant, actual construction must be begun by November 24. The time allotted for (Continued on Page Twelve)

SCOUT EXECUTIVE EXPLAINS PLANS OF ORGANIZATION

Representatives Agree To Join Tidewater Council

AN ADVANTAGE

Scoutmasters to Proceed With Registration of Edenton Troop

A meeting of representatives from the Rotary Club, Lions Club and Ed Bond Post, American Legion, was held in the Scout Cabin Thursday night for the purpose of meeting with Louis R. Lester, Scout executive from Norfolk, Va. Meeting for the purpose of organization were C. E. Kramer, who presided, John W. Graham, W. D. Holmes, Geddes Potter, W. S. Privott, John A. Holmes, W. W. Byrum, T. C. Byrum, Hector Lupton, George Capehart and Kermit Layton.

Mr. Lester outlined the organization of the Tidewater Council, the various districts and troops and the relation of one with the other. He also emphasized the responsibilities of a sponsoring institution, the troop committees and officers. This was followed by a general discussion in which all phases of the organization program of scouting was mentioned.

It further developed that to begin with the pro rata share of the council expense would amount to \$200 annually, based on the population of the community. The service rendered by the Council would include supervision, training of leaders, courts of honor, inspections, rallies, maintaining of records and other services rendered by a first class Council to all units under a similar plan of organization.

The organization plan as discussed was unanimously agreed upon and representatives present were instructed to report to their respective organizations, requesting formal approval of the plan and the appointment of three or more representatives who would serve as permanent members of the joint scout committee for the first year, with power to proceed with the organization of the scout program.

It was further agreed that Mr. Capehart as scoutmaster and Kermit Layton, assistant scoutmaster, should proceed with the organization and registration of the troop.

It was also agreed that after the approval of the plan and the appointment of the permanent committee, the committee should meet, elect their chairman and assume their individual responsibilities according to a plan to be developed.

Considerable interest was taken by all at the meeting, it being the general opinion that by being affiliated with Tidewater Area Council the troop would receive more recognition and a more efficient and successful troop would materialize under this systematic plan, Edenton scouts would have a better set-up, and the boys will be better able to develop scout aims and purposes.

The three sponsoring groups will no doubt underwrite the \$200 initiation fee in the Tidewater Council, it being the opinion that when properly organized the troop will devise ways and means of earning money to pay back the loan as well as accumulate enough money for a camping trip rather than canvass for donations which is contrary to scouting rules.

The Lions at their meeting Monday night agreed to act as one of the sponsors and the matter will be placed before the Rotary Club and the Legion at their next meeting.

The meeting Thursday was called by George Capehart, the new scoutmaster, who is very much interested in final organization of the Edenton troop.

Mr. Kramer, who has been especially interested in reviving the Edenton troop, was very complimentary about the part The Chowan Herald played in calling attention to the scout situation and hammering away at it until some definite action was taken. "It only goes to show the value of our local paper," said Mr. Kramer, "by arousing interest in a worthy cause that could hardly have been accomplished by any other means."

LICENSED TO WED

Only one marriage license was issued during the week by Mrs. M. L. Bunch, deputy register of deeds, that being to a colored couple, Thomas Rogers and Annie Mae Newby, both of Chowan County.

Big Welcome Awaits State Guests Due Here Tuesday - All Plans Made

AN EARNEST REQUEST

Edenton's biggest publicity event will occur next Tuesday, October 19th. For on this occasion the Travel Executives Tour of North Carolina will be our guests. This tour is composed of the heads of nearly one hundred Tourist Bureaus and Travel Agencies and representatives of the press. It is sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Development of North Carolina and is under the immediate direction of the Governor's Hospitality Committee. This is a main feature of the program of selling North Carolina to the Nation and we are flattered that Edenton was selected as one of the important stops on the tour. The people of Edenton do not have to be told to keep the properties under their control in neat and sanitary condition. But I do not think it amiss to suggest to all patriotic citizens that they make a special effort on this occasion to have their yards and abutting sidewalks neat and clean on that eventful day. The city will have all streets swept and the business section will be washed with fire hose. May I also suggest that the merchants pay special attention to their window decorations and leave the lights on certainly until nine o'clock in their windows.

J. H. McMULLAN, Mayor.

Mrs. Leon Leary Is First Chowan Woman To Serve On A Jury

Edenton After a "First" But Claim Is Quickly Disputed

If local history means anything, and for a town with a 300 year back ground of such it is difficult to say, Mrs. Leon Leary, young motor license bureau chief here, will at least go down in the records as the first woman to ever be impaneled on a jury in Chowan County. For a day this distinction seemed to have been a greater one as Mrs. Leary crashed the first pages of all the State papers last Friday as the first feminine juror to so serve in North Carolina, but this was subsequently disputed and the laurels were not pressed down so deeply upon the Edenton woman's brow.

With Mrs. Leary followed closely Hector Lupton, associate publisher of The Chowan Herald, as the State's initial "martyr" in a lively incident destined to test out the right of women to do jury service. And no matter what comes of it all, in providing the material for the test Mr. Lupton and Mrs. Leary brought the town a lot of worthwhile first page publicity, both in North Carolina and in national mediums all over the country, also.

It seems that last Thursday morning Attorney-General Seawell came out with an official statement of much length indicating he saw no reason why in the interest of "political equality" women should not serve on juries in this State as well as men—a subject of recent argument and controversy in New York state—and he expressed the hope that some time, somewhere some state municipality would try it out and carry it through to the state supreme court for a decision.

Such an action, revolutionary in its import and in accordance with the Attorney-General's wish in the matter, took place here several hours after the opinion had been published, when Mr. Lupton inadvertently made a "U" turn at King and Broad Streets, and almost immediately found himself accosted and summoned by Chief of Police Helms. The summons directed Lupton to appear at the Court House at once for arraignment.

Justice of the Peace W. S. Summrell sat as a committing magistrate and at the prisoner's request summoned a jury composed of W. R. Horton, R. W. Stokely, Ernest L. White, James E. Wood, Fred Ashley and Mrs. Leary. The evidence was quick and incisive. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty and the court imposed a fine of \$5 or fifteen days on the roads.

Mr. Lupton immediately questioned Mrs. Leary's eligibility under the constitution and said he would appeal to the Superior Court for a ruling on the question at the December term here before Judge R. Hunt Parker. Bond in \$50 was provided.

The proceedings were regular in every way and should have a double determining effect—whether women may serve on North Carolina juries, and whether the "No 'U' Turn" ordinance of Edenton is one that can be enforced.

In any instance the whole incident has occasioned state a national notice.

Radios Installed In Chowan Schools To Hear Health Talks

Lions Club Backs Plan In Interest of Better Health

Due to interest taken by the Lions Club in health service, Chowan County high school students hereafter will be afforded the opportunity to hear a weekly health broadcast. Through the Club three radios on Wednesday were put in operation in the Edenton school and one at Chowan. The three in the local school were necessary on account of the school being unable to use the auditorium.

Except for the one at Cross Roads the radios will be loaned each week with the Lions Club appointing a committee to attend to backing up the machines each week.

The Lions at their meeting Monday night also went on record as sponsoring the initiation fee for the Boy Scout troop to join the Tidewater Area Council.

21 Chowan Boys Enrolled In CCC

Taken to Elizabeth City On National Guard Trucks

Chowan County furnished its quota of fourteen white boys and exceeded its quota of five Negro boys, by two, and thus enrolled twenty-one boys in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Three white boys were rejected on (Continued on Page Seven)

EDENTON HIGH FOOTBALL TEAM WALLOPS PLYMOUTH 44-0; THIRD CONSECUTIVE WIN

Game Packed With Thrills as Fans Marvel at Strength and Speed of Coach Holton's Light Squad; Eyes Turned to Elizabeth City

With ideal weather, a fighting spirit and an almost perfect working team, Edenton High School's promising youngsters on Friday completely outplayed Plymouth High School and added a 44-0 victory, making three straight wins for the season thus far. Despite the one-sided score the game proved interesting to a goodly number of fans, many of whom saw their first game of the year and were astonished at the strength and speed of Coach Holton's charges.

As in former games the entire team played well, each man handling his position in a very creditable way, with the backfield men, of course, being more conspicuous by carrying the ball.

Early in the game drives by Pete Everett, John Byrum and William Cayton resulted in the first counter, when Pete Everett scored. A beautiful place kick by Clyde Spencer started the scoring spree at 7-0.

The second touchdown resulted when John Byrum passed to Robert Chesson, who in a beautiful 60-yard run easily evaded the Plymouth tacklers. Soon afterward Chesson

Committees Named to Meet and Entertain Visitors

HOTEL DINNER

Citizens Urged to Have Town Looking Spic And Span

Almost as fidgety over the task of entertaining the group of prominent travel bureau executives and editors as was the case in planning entertainment of the General Assembly when it met in Edenton, a group of hard working committeemen met Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Municipal Building and practically completed the program.

A tentative program arranged by the steering committee was presented by C. E. Kramer, which was thoroughly studied and discussed with but very few revisions. The steering committee is composed of Mr. Kramer, chairman, John Graham, W. S. Privott, Clarence Leary, Geddes Potter and J. L. Wiggins.

To begin with four Edenton men have been designated to go to Williamston to meet the caravan. They will board each bus and pilot car for the purpose of acquainting the visitors with the territory enroute, and explain points of interest and matters of information. These four men will be Mayor J. H. McMullan, E. W. Spires, J. L. Wiggins and W. W. Byrum.

According to C. W. Roberts, chairman of the tour, the group should arrive in Edenton about 4:45 next Tuesday afternoon. Upon their arrival they will be shown old St. Paul's Church, Beverly Hall, the home of Joseph Hewes, the Cupola House and the Court House before having dinner at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

To show the visitors St. Paul's Church Rev. C. A. Ashby and John Graham have been appointed to be at the Church for that purpose, while Mrs. Sidney McMullan and Miss Margaret Pruden have been designated to be at the Cupola House. Richard Dixon and J. Edwin Buffal were appointed to show the guests around the Court House. Due to the limited time these will be the only stops made, the guides informing the visitors about the other interesting places similar to sight-seeing buses in cities. G. A. Helms and George Dail will act as an escort committee.

Dinner is scheduled to be served at 7:15 o'clock, and according to plans enough local people may attend to bring the total plates to approximately 100, which number can be handled in the banquet hall. The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been charged with the responsibility of acting as a welcoming committee, while Mrs. J. A. Moore was named chairman to select (Continued on Page Twelve)

MANY SHOW INTEREST IN PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO CREEK CHANNEL

Public Hearing Reveals Possibility of Anchorage Opposite United States Fish Hatchery; Also Would Be Means of Attracting Yachts

That there is considerable interest in improvements to be made to the channel from Edenton Bay to the United States Fish Hatchery was evident Friday morning when at least a dozen citizens were present at a hearing held in the Municipal Building. In charge of the hearing was Colonel Wilson T. Howe, of Norfolk, Va., who was accompanied by L. D. Pruitt, assistant engineer, and a stenographer who recorded the proceedings.

There was no objection registered to improvement of the channel, but Fred P. Wood and Jesse Wiggins, representing M. G. Brown Lumber Company, stated that it would be of great benefit to their company if the channel was deepened near their property. At present tug boats cannot proceed far enough up the creek to divert rafts of logs into the log ponds, which causes considerable trouble, especially by adverse winds. By a deeper channel near the mill, too, Mr. Wood said, it would be possible if the occasion arose to construct a wharf and ship some of their products by water which are at present shipped by rail or truck.

It appears that there are two channels up the creek, one being referred to as the natural channel and another inside a row of piles which was made by the old Branning Manufacturing Company. The latter channel is generally used at present, but Mr. Wood is of the opinion that the natural channel would cause no material handicap for boats and at the same time would be a great convenience for his plant.

During the meeting Mayor J. R. McMullan presented a paper purporting to show the advantages that would accrue by an adequate channel up the creek. "Edenton is becoming a mecca for tourists," said Mr. McMullan and continuing, expressed the possibility of an attractive anchorage opposite the Fish Hatchery, if it were possible to travel up the creek to evade storms out in open water. Others at the meeting expressed the opinion that the water was deep enough to provide a suitable anchorage and that if a proper channel was provided it would have a tendency to encourage yachts coming to Edenton.

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