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\$1.25 Per Year.

\$941.81 Chowan's Share First Month's A.B.C. Sales

Total Sales Amount to \$5,696.10 According To Audit

STATE TAX \$397.50

Fund Set Aside to Be Used For Law Enforcement

A. T. Allen, certified public accountant of Raleigh, this week submitted a report of the audit for the first month's business of the Chowan ABC store. The audit was very complete and in commenting on local conditions the report said the Chowan store and operation of it was in excellent condition.

Total sales of liquor for the first month amounted to \$5,696.10, of which amount \$397.50 was returned to the State in the way of taxes. An item of \$94.18 was also set aside to be used in law enforcement. Deducting the two above amounts and current expenses, the first month's profit for the county by liquor sales netted \$941.81.

In the matter of law enforcement, Chowan County will be joined with other counties operating liquor stores and in this way it is believed more efficient and satisfactory enforcement will result, with each county paying its proportionate share.

Sales in the local store to date are running considerably above last month's sales and due to extra expense in connection with opening the store there should be a larger profit realized for the second month.

Assiding Elder Preaches Sunday

Methodists Will Hold Fourth Quarterly Conference

Rev. B. B. Slaughter, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District, will preach Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Methodist Church. Immediately after this service the fourth quarterly conference will be held. This is a very important meeting and every officer of the church is urged to be present.

Rev. Mr. Slaughter is a very interesting speaker and the public is cordially invited to hear him.

You Can Stop Saying "Stop" In Telegrams

The word "stop", which has become as familiar in telegrams as the word "love" is no longer necessary. Punctuation marks and paragraphs will be sent free in all future telegrams, it was announced last night by W. H. Franklin, local manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

"Notice of this change in the telegraph practice of the nation was given in a tariff filed with the Federal Communications Commission to become effective October 15th," Mr. Franklin said. "In future punctuation marks employed in the text of domestic telegrams, but not to points outside the United States, will be sent as written and will not be charged for."

Methodist Revival Closed On Sunday

A week's revival meeting at the Methodist Church came to a close Sunday night when the building was filled to hear the final message of Rev. H. K. King, of Elizabeth City, who preached each night during the week except Saturday. Interest in the meeting was excellent and creditable congregations were on hand for each service, the result being that the Methodist congregation as well as many from other denominations were fully revived. Four were added to the local church as a result of the meeting.

DR. WILSON VERY ILL
Mrs. Z. W. Evans and Mrs. B. W. Evans have received word that their brother, Dr. Brickhouse Wilson, of Independence, Mo., is very ill, having suffered a severe heart attack. Dr. Wilson and family visited in Chowan County this summer and he and his family are now on their way to the hospital.

Even Texas Doesn't Like Edenton's No U-Turn Stanchions

Attorney Says Town Infringing on Patent Rights

TALKS "HARD"

Mayor Replies Asking For More Specific Information

A crack no doubt at Edenton's no U-turn signs was received this week by Mayor J. H. McMullan, coming from far-away Texas. Mr. McMullan, though mystified at the meaning of "paving type" signals, received the following letter from John W. Spellman, an attorney in Dallas, Texas:

"My clients, George Ben Graf, Patentee and his assignees thereunder have received information that your City has purchased and is now using 'Traffic Direction Signals of the Paving Type' on the streets of your city, in violation of United States Letters Patent to Graf, number 1,521,941, dated January 6, 1925; and they have requested me in their name to notify you of this infringement and to request that you promptly desist from such unauthorized use of such 'Traffic Direction Signals of the Paving Type' and from further infringement of said patent number 1,521,941, and to account to them in damages for such infringement."

"The said Graf patent has been adjudicated by the Federal Court and decreed to be good and valid and damages awarded for infringement thereof.

"I shall expect a reply from you stating that you will desist from such infringement in using said signals within ten days from the date of this letter, otherwise I shall assume that you desire to test my clients' rights in the courts."

Mayor McMullan, upon advice from W. D. Pruden, town attorney, immediately (Continued on Page Eight)

Edenton High Downs Elizabeth City 19 to 0 in Upset Game Friday

Edenton Boys Turn on Full Steam During Last Half

LARGE CROWD

Heavier Opponents Outplayed In Every Department

Playing before one of the largest football crowds ever to assemble on Hicks Field, Edenton High School's scrappy football team on Friday afternoon defeated the Elizabeth City aggregation by a score of 19 to 0. Though outweighed and outplayed by the Pasquotank team, Coach David Holton's boys easily outplayed the visitors in every department of the game. At half time the score stood 0-0 and though Edenton was unable to push the ball across, they outplayed their opponents and local fans felt confident the second half would change the story. They came back strong and after scoring the first touchdown another Edenton victory never appeared in doubt.

As in former games this year, the team played as a unit with every boy taking part in the game evidently realizing that he had one particular job and each one did his job well. The line was stubborn on defense and it was only by drilling adequate holes in the opponents' line that Edenton's ball carriers could register nine first downs, which compared with four for the visitors.

In the starting line-up were Robert Chesson, Tom Byrum, Billy Shepard, James Cozens, Fred Hoskins, Bill Whitehead, Clyde Spencer, William Carter, John Byrum, John Martin (Continued on Page Two)

BOARD OF HEALTH MEETS TO STUDY NEEDS IN COUNTY

Compulsory Vaccination of Children Against Smallpox

STARTS IN 1938

Public Requested to Use Paper Cups at Drinking Places

A special meeting of the Chowan County Board of Health was held in the office of the Municipal Building on Friday night, October 15. The members present were: Mr. W. J. Taylor, Mr. J. H. McMullan, Dr. J. A. Powell, Dr. L. P. Williams and Dr. W. I. Hart. In the absence of Mr. D. M. Warren, the legal chairman of the Board, Dr. Powell was elected temporary chairman.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing health and sanitation needs and regulations of the County. The members as a whole expressed an opinion that they wished the newly organized Health Department to push a campaign of health education instead of enforced health and sanitation. Only one health regulation was passed and that was a County health law requiring all children who enter school in 1938 to be vaccinated against smallpox. This means there will be no compulsory vaccination against that disease during the 1937-1938 school term. But it does mean that all white and colored children who enter school in September, 1938, must be vaccinated against that disease before they can be admitted. The Health Department expects to hold pre-school clinics during the months of April and May and at these clinics all beginners will be vaccinated. Upon request of the Health Officer, there was no resolution passed concerning vaccination against diphtheria with reference to admission to school. On account of the fact that the majority of cases of diphtheria occur before the school age, the Health Department is putting on a special drive to secure the vaccination of all children during the second six months of life. Children between this age and six years are encouraged to be vaccinated.

The question of glasses or paper cups at public drinking places was discussed lengthily and the Health Officer was requested by the Mayor to conduct an educational program in the form of newspaper articles to instruct the public to request paper cups at drug store fountains and other public drinking places. This attitude was taken on account of the fact that there is no place in the Town of Edenton except the drug stores where people can secure drinking water and it would be asking too much of the druggist to furnish free paper cups to provide people with drinking water. It was also suggested that the Town Council be petitioned to install drinking fountains for the public at convenient places.

Concerning the control of venereal diseases and the enforcement of the domestic servant law. This being a law passed by the last legislature to give housewives health protection, the Board went on record as recommending all housewives to take advantage of this service and require their servants to secure health certificates and not to employ new servants unless they possess health certificates of recent date. The Health Officer wishes to add that owing to the fact that the servant class of colored people in this community carry such a large case record of tuberculosis and syphilis that all housewives should certainly protect themselves and especially their children by making use of the benefits of this law.

The sanitation of the Town was considered and action deferred pending the establishment of a WPA sanitation project. The Town dump was discussed and decided to be serving satisfactorily the present needs in the Town without any great health or nuisance menace.

The citizens of the County as a whole are requested to present their health and sanitation troubles to the Health Department and make free use of the Department in any way or method in which its members can serve them.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Wood announce the birth of a son, on Tuesday, October 15th.

Perfect Entertainment Showered Upon State Guests Visiting Edenton Tuesday

S. C. Mills Retires As Edenton Barber

Shop and Fixtures Leased to Raymond Mansfield

Friends will be interested to know that on Saturday S. C. Mills will retire from the barbering business after serving the public in Edenton for 30 years. Mr. Mills has leased his shop and fixtures to Raymond Mansfield, who has been an employee of Mr. Mills for 13 years, and will continue in business at the same stand.

The only reason advanced by Mr. Mills for retiring was the fact that he wanted to devote all of his time to his farming interests, and in giving up his business he informed The Herald that he especially wanted to thank Captain J. L. Wiggins, J. M. Jones and others who have been constant patrons during the entire 30 years.

Mr. Mills started his barber business on October 10, 1907, in the old Bay View Hotel. In 1915 he moved to what is now part of T. W. Jones Hardware store. In 1919 he moved to where Preston's is now located, and in 1921 he moved to his present location at the corner of Broad and King Streets.

EDENTON HI TEAM HEADING FOR TRY AT CHAMPIONSHIP

Next Move Is to Whip Roanoke Rapids On October 29

TOUGH GAME

Comparative Scores Give Holton's Boys an Advantage

By defeating Elizabeth City Friday afternoon, it is felt that the most formidable northeastern conference foe has been eliminated in Edenton High School's chances to at least participate in district competition in the State Class B football championship. Only one more game remains on the conference schedule, that being Roanoke Rapids, and if Edenton is the victor in this contest, Coach Holton's boys will participate in district elimination.

The two teams will meet Friday, October 29, at Roanoke Rapids. By comparative scores Edenton should have the upper hand, for the Halifax boys were defeated by Elizabeth City by three touchdowns and Edenton by the same margin downed Elizabeth City. It is this very fact, however, that Coach Holton is warning his boys about the danger of our confidence. The game will be played in Roanoke Rapids and Holton is impressing upon the boys that it will be one of the hardest games, as well as the most important game on the schedule.

To date the two schools are on about even terms, each team having two victories to its credit, and two 0-0 ties recorded since athletic relations were resumed between the two towns in 1928.

In 1928, it will be remembered, Roanoke Rapids completely outclassed Edenton, winning by a 66-0 score. The next game was played in 1933, when the Halifax boys took a hard-fought game 7-6. In 1934, however, Roanoke Rapids fell victim to Edenton's State champions by a 12-0 count. In 1935, the two teams fought to a 0-0 tie and in a play-off to decide district champions, Edenton took the long end of a 20-0 score. Then again last year the two clubs fought to a 0-0 tie.

The game no doubt will be hotly contested and from present indications a large delegation of fans will accompany them to Roanoke Rapids on October 29.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight in the lodge room at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be on time.

Red Cross Roll Call Begins On Nov. 11

Chowan County's Quota During Drive Will Be 350

W. A. Frizzell, special field representative in connection with the annual Red Cross Roll Call, was in Edenton Monday conferring with Mrs. J. N. Pruden, Chowan County Chairman, relative to the 1937 drive for memberships.

Mr. Frizzell was very much pleased with the splendid record turned in from Chowan in previous years and is hopeful that this year will be more successful than ever.

The campaign will begin on Armistice Day, November 11, and continue through Thanksgiving, and Mrs. Pruden is already working on plans to reach Chowan's quota which this year will be 350.

Bids For School Work Opened November 9th

Frank Benton, architect, was in Edenton Friday in connection with contemplated improvements and additions to the local school and informed Superintendent John A. Holmes that advertising for bids for this work will be made in a few days. These bids will be opened on November 9.

According to the terms of the government grant, work must be started before December 7 and must be completed before August 7.

P. F. Keil Transferred State Employment Office In Fayetteville

Robert S. Cobb, Greenville, Will Be Edenton Manager

PROMOTIONS

Mr. Keil Experienced Shortage of Workers For Jobs

After just a brief stay in Edenton, P. F. Keil, district manager of the North Carolina State Employment Service, has been notified that effective November 1st he will be transferred to the Fayetteville office. Mr. Keil, according to information from headquarters, will be replaced by Robert S. Cobb, who at present is branch manager in the Greenville office.

Mr. Keil, who has taken a particular liking to this section of the State and Edenton in particular, regrets having to leave so soon, but the change means quite a promotion to him as well as to Mr. Cobb.

While in Edenton Mr. Keil has had numerous calls for positions to be filled, but he has experienced a distinct shortage of workers. Many of the calls were for common labor, although a great number of requests have been received for skilled labor carrying with them attractive salaries. However, applicants were not available which caused Mr. Keil to remark: "Apparently there are few people out of jobs in this section. Time was when we couldn't find enough jobs for workers, but now there are not enough workers for the jobs."

He expressed the hope that anybody out of work will register in the local office, thus proving of mutual benefit.

R. S. Proctor, area supervisor with headquarters at New Bern, was in Edenton Monday and Tuesday going over various details of the employment service with local workers.

LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting Thursday night, at 8 o'clock, in the Red Men's Hall. This is the first meeting of the year, and all members are urged to be present.

Auxiliary members must realize that unless the officers are given full cooperation by the members they can hope for little success as a unit.

Lavish Hospitality and Fine Feast For National Publicists

HOTEL BANQUET

Reception Without an Equal; Visitors Well Pleased

Another memorable occasion was written into the annals of Edenton this week when the town dressed its best, and hoisted an umbrella, too, in perfect entertainment of the State's "hospitality program" guests from all over the eastern seaboard who are just now winding up a two weeks' tour of North Carolina. Eclipsing in every way, except, of course, numerically, the elaborate visit of the General Assembly last spring, the 100 or more national publicists and local committeemen who sat down to a banquet spread in the Hotel Joseph Hewes Tuesday night, and who later seemed to resent the idea of being toted off for an overnight stop in Elizabeth City, were shown renewed evidence of the resourcefulness of a small Albemarle community, especially of the genial kindness and regard Edenton always holds for the strangers within its gates.

It rained a little when the travelers arrived, it sprinkled a spot or two more when they went in and out of several historic shrines, and it poured pretty hard for awhile while they were at dinner, but if anybody cared for the rain or anything else except seeing and hearing and knowing about the quaintness and historic charm of "Ye Towne on Queen Anne's Creek," and of its opportunities for a worthwhile industrial future, they kept very mum about it. They were tired, abt, naturally, but happy when they arrived and more so when they left, especially the 25 who stayed overnight as the personal guests of W. R. Horton, hotel lessee, most of them young newspaper men trained to see nothing but happiness in the world and who were shrewd enough, under the sagacious guidance of Representative John F. White, to know where to find it in this land of easily located pleasure.

It remained for Joshua L. Horne, of Rocky Mount, chairman of the tour, to remind the travelers at the banquet that it was right here in Edenton where the State law mill enacted legislation making the tour a thing of reality. Mr. Horne, in the midst of a happily facetious address, explained that when the legislature was here just before Easter it passed a bill authorizing the State to expend \$250,000 to advertise its resources and extol its beauties, and that it was out of this fund carried into being in the old Chowan Court House that the expenses of the tour were being paid. The banqueters let out another whoop for Edenton at this information, and undoubtedly chalked up another score for the town.

Expectant and hopeful of great resultant good from the visit of the nation's chief travel publicists, coming as they did from half of the 48 states of the Union, Edenton, figuratively and literally, washed its official face prior to their arrival, scrubbed itself behind its communal ears, and otherwise took a shower in order to be very presentable when its guests got here. Fire Chief Dick Hall, acting under instructions, took out his fire engine Tuesday morning, gathered in a dozen of his volunteers, and laved Broad Street as it has never been laved before. That the late afternoon rain made this unnecessary didn't prevent Mayor McMullan from commending the firemen and a spick and span town was ready for the boosters of the North, when they came streamlining by bus out of Queen Street from Windsor toward 4:45 o'clock, on time to the dot.

But though it has a 300 year background of history it was not that the boosters first got sight of. Instead they noticed that Edenton could be industrially proud, too. It's main traffic warning signal at King and Broad Streets, was superseded by a huge stack of recently plowed up peanuts and their mother vines. Signs chronicled the information that Edenton was the State's leading peanut center, and in the windows of the hotel there were arranged many other evidences of this fact. Peanuts were distributed to the guests at the dinner, these in paper sacks setting forth that the daily output of peanuts from here was sufficient to give one (Continued on Page Eight)