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Ground Officially Broken For New School Addition

Thomas Cheers Removes First Shovel Full Of Dirt

WORK STARTED

D. M. Warren, Mayor McMullan and John A. Holmes Also Present

Though some preliminary work was started earlier in the week, ground for the new Edenton school auditorium was officially broken Wednesday afternoon. Thomas Cheers, chairman of the Edenton Board of Trustees, removed the first shovelful of ground in the presence of D. M. Warren, chairman of the County Commissioners; Mayor J. H. McMullan and Superintendent John A. Holmes.

Ground is being leveled off and dug for the foundation of the new addition to the structure and by the first of the year, it is said by those having the job in charge, brick laying will have started and the work of erection will be on in earnest. It is expected the auditorium will be completed by spring.

The present contract job is the first part of the big contract for remodeling and improving the school, the whole of which will entail an expenditure of something like \$70,000. The auditorium annex work was begun first inasmuch as the other labor might interfere with the school's operation. The entire building will be renovated and finished, however, it is thought before school opens next September.

To carry on the present work of enlarging the school for the auditorium, a substantial extra tract of land to the east of the present school property. This was done on Monday.

R. A. Miller, of Raleigh, who supervised work on the present postoffice is doing similar work at the school.

Linwood Sutton In Precarious Condition

Friends will regret to know that Linwood Sutton is in a precarious condition in St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va., following an operation Thursday. Mr. Sutton was suffering with appendicitis, which was further augmented with other complications. Mrs. Sutton visited her husband Tuesday night and though he showed some improvement, he was still a desperately sick man.

J. A. Woodard Still In Critical Condition

Though J. A. Woodard appeared somewhat improved on Tuesday, his many friends will regret to know that on Wednesday his condition was very unsatisfactory. Mr. Woodard is desperately ill and considerable concern is felt regarding his chances of recovery.

1937 Tax Collections Ahead Of Last Year

Sheriff Bunch Reports \$23,207 Collected In Two Months

Collection of county taxes for 1937 is far ahead of last year for the months of October and November, according to Sheriff J. A. Bunch, in fact, exactly \$4,694.85 for the two months.

To December 1, Mr. Bunch had in hand \$23,207.09 of the 1937 taxes, which compared with \$18,512.21 for the same two months last year.

Christmas Party At Parish House Dec. 17

What will no doubt draw a capacity house will be an entertainment, "Mother Goose's Christmas Party," which will be held in the Parish House Friday night, December 17, at 7:45 o'clock. This program is being staged for the benefit of St. Mary's Guild of St. Paul's Church and promises to furnish pleasant entertainment for all who attend.

Principals in the party will be Misses Mrs. John F. White's organization class, who will also be assisted by a number of other girls.

GIVE IT NOW!

Stocking Fund Contributions Requested At Once

Though some contributions have been received for the Stocking Fund of the Service League at St. Paul's Church, Miss Louise Coke wishes to stress the importance of sending contributions for this purpose immediately. Approximately 100 names have been furnished the League to receive Christmas gifts and it is obvious that it is necessary to know how much money will be in the fund before making purchases.

Miss Coke feels sure enough money will be contributed, but it is in the hopes of evading a last minute rush that she urges any who desire to contribute to do so at once.

Initial Purchases Of Christmas Seals Is Very Encouraging

Mrs. Moore Especially Pleased at Response By Children

NOW ON SALE

Fact Stressed That Tuberculosis Is Preventable and Curable

Much progress in the sale of Christmas Seals, the jolly little stickers offered each December in the nationwide fight against tuberculosis, has been reported by the large army of workers out under the tutelage of Mrs. J. A. Moore, who is officiating again as chairman of the campaign.

Mrs. Moore, who is not inclined to overboasting, said yesterday that she had been greatly impressed with the earnestness displayed by children making sales. She declared the little folks were exceeding her fondest hopes by their returns, and she anticipated even better reports from them as the campaign progressed.

Many workers are now canvassing in the business section and homes all over the city. Miss Estelle Rogerson is the canvasser in the Mill Village, but due to illness is unable to make her rounds and for this reason any in the Mill Village who will buy Seals should see Miss Rogerson at her home.

In connection with the sale of the Seals, Mrs. Moore would like it to be generally known that, not only does the income from these Seals enable the community to carry on year-round work in the prevention and cure of tuberculosis, but the public learns through the Seals that the disease is curable if the cases are discovered in time and that it is preventable. With an alert public interested in the cause, there is a possibility of the eventual eradication of tuberculosis.

D. M. Warren Speaker At Rotary Club Meet

What should interest every Rotarian in Edenton is the program scheduled for the weekly luncheon of the Club in the Parish House today when D. M. Warren will be principal speaker. Mr. Warren will tell his fellow Rotarians something about finances and general business conditions in the county at the present time.

President John Graham has not experienced a 100 per cent meeting since he has taken over the reins of the Club, and for this reason it is hoped every Rotarian will be present today.

St. Paul's Christmas Entertainment Dec. 19

On Sunday, December 19, at 3:30 p. m., St. Paul's Sunday School will have its Christmas celebration. All are asked to bring some gift to go to the Stocking Fund for distribution.

Pete Everett Voted Most Outstanding 1937 Football Player

Presented Trophy Monday Night at Lions Meeting

LIONS' GUESTS

John Holmes and Coach Holton Praise Boys For Their Record

Members of Edenton High School's football squad, together with Coach David Holton, Superintendent John Holmes and Manager Junius Davis were guests of the Lions Club at their meeting Monday night, which resulted in one of the most pleasant recent meetings of the club.

Of especial interest to both Lions and football boys was the naming of the captain of the team based on the most outstanding player during the year. This honor was given to Pete Everett, halfback, who was presented with a trophy, donated by Coach Holton.

Before each game the boys selected a player to act as captain for that particular game. A group of interested men were chosen earlier in the season whose duty it was to witness as many games as possible and pay particular attention to the playing of each boy and at the end of the season a vote was taken to decide the most outstanding player. While all of the boys deserve credit for their wonderful record, the vote resulted in Pete Everett being selected, and he was accordingly awarded the beautiful trophy, a statue of a boy in the act of passing a ball.

In his address Coach Holton said the team had a better record than was expected at the beginning of the season, but emphasized the fact that with the spirit which prevailed, the cooperation and unselfish playing the same sort of team could be developed every year. During his remarks he commented individually on every player on the squad, and expressed his confidence in the team.

Kramer Is Planning For President's Ball

Chairman Hopes to Be Able to Have Affair In New Armory

C. E. Kramer has again been selected as Chowan County chairman for the President's Birthday Ball and is already studying ways and means to raise a creditable amount of money for the County in this worthy cause. Mr. Kramer looks with some degree of disdain on the idea of staging a fancy ball and employing a high-priced orchestra, but rather entertains the idea of having a fiddlers' convention with round and square dancing. He believes many from Chowan and adjoining counties would participate in the music and attend the affair and as a result realize a larger amount of money as well as entertainment for a larger number of people.

Associated with Mr. Kramer in arranging for the ball are M. F. Bond, E. W. Spires and J. Edwin Buffal.

Mr. Kramer is hopeful that the new armory will be available for the ball, which will be held on the night of January 29. Due to no facilities last year, no ball was held in Edenton and what money was received was through telegrams sent to the President and cooperation with Elizabeth City in staging a ball there.

Enlistment Officer Seeking Recruits

Corporal William H. Crider, of the Army Recruiting Service, stationed in Richmond, Va., was in Edenton on Wednesday interviewing young men for enlistment in the Regular Army. He stated that vacancies exist in Hawaii, Panama, the Philippine Islands, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Vacancies also exist for young men with special qualifications such as carpenters, airplane mechanics, radio operators and various other trades.

The army also offers many opportunities for young men who are high school graduates. For further information see your local Postmaster, or apply at the Army Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Norfolk.

December Term Of Superior Court Will Begin On Monday

Held Despite Efforts to Postpone or Split Winter Term

PARKER JUDGE

Only One Important Criminal Case On Docket

Although some little effort was made this week to split the December term of Superior Court by confining it entirely to the adjudication of civil actions, the county commissioners decided on Monday after consultation with Judge R. Hunt Parker, who will preside, that this could not be done, and the full term will, therefore, start next Monday.

The initial thought was that as there was but one criminal case of paramount importance, that of Ernest Drew, Negro, held in jail for the murder of his brother, William Drew, some saving would accrue to the county by having the Drew case transferred to another county, thus eliminating the impinging of a grand jury, but Judge Parker reckoned this as unwise, and Drew will be the first matter called for trial Monday morning.

The regular court calendar as prepared by Clerk R. D. Dixon runs as follows:

Monday—Criminal cases.
Tuesday—E. B. White et als vs. Foreman Blades Lumber Co.; Annie Collins vs. Godfrey G. Chappell; Ida Collins vs. Godfrey G. Chappell; Lillie Bunch Blanchard vs. M. M. Nixon; C. A. Britt vs. G. H. Baker.

Wednesday—M. M. Nixon vs. Marchis Small Nixon; Charlie Beich vs. C. H. Small; J. H. Morgan vs. E. J. Sprull; M. S. Hawkins et al, Receivers vs. C. N. and C. T. Griffin; W. T. Copeland vs. G. G. Chappell.

Motions—Marchis Small Nixon vs. M. M. Nixon.

Motions and uncontested divorce cases at the convenience of the Court.

Prospects Dark For Armory Dedication

Commissioners Refuse To Put Up Money For Affair

Prospects for a celebration dedicating the new Edenton armory are now very gloomy and apparently none will be held as is the case in other North Carolina towns where new armories have been erected. Major M. P. Whichard appeared before the County Commissioners Monday seeking an appropriation with which to stage a celebration. Dr. Whichard told the Commissioners that he expected the armory to be completed by January 15 and if a celebration was to be held he would have to have financial assistance, stating that the Ambulance Company had spent all of the money it had available in erection of the building. He also told the Commissioners that the town had gone the limit in furnishing money toward the construction of the building and that left it up to the Commissioners to appropriate funds with which to finance a celebration.

The Commissioners, however, refused to make the appropriation, leaving the impression that they were willing to contribute money for maintenance of the local National Guard outfit but were unwilling to spend county funds for a celebration.

Whether or not the armory will be formally dedicated is now problematical unless ways and means are devised to raise the necessary money to stage the affair.

Cold Snap Retards Work On Bridge

The recent cold snap has slackened up work on the new vehicular bridge across the Sound, and has thrown more than 75 workmen temporarily out of employment. E. L. Hansen, bridge superintendent on this side, said the frigid weather has made it impossible to continue laying the concrete flooring on the bridge already done, and until the weather warmed up again no more concrete would be laid. The relieved workmen have been engaged in that work.

Commissioners Object To Court House Heating Idea

NO, THEY DIDN'T!

U. D. C. Will Not Disband and Have Named New Set of Officers

Contrary to a report in The Herald last week, Bell Battery Chapter, U. D. C., will not disband. Shortly after the appearance of last week's edition, members of the small group got busy and persuaded Mrs. Sidney McMullan to act as president to replace Mrs. George Byrum, who had refused to serve any longer. A meeting will be held later this week with the following officers in charge: President, Mrs. Sidney M. McMullan, vice president, Mrs. L. D. Bond; secretary, Miss Carrie Coke; treasurer, Mrs. B. P. Badham; historian, Miss Mary Pruden; publicity chairman, Mrs. Julian Wood; registrar, Mrs. C. T. Doughtie.

Final Report Shows \$409.72 Raised In Red Cross Roll Call

Mrs. Pruden Thanks All Who Enrolled and Corps of Workers

Considering her report just about complete, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, chairman of the Chowan Red Cross Chapter, reports a total of \$409.72 collected during the annual Roll Call. Her final report includes \$11.72 to be added to last week's total of \$398, which was received from the following:

Chowan High School, \$2.72; Miss Eunice Hobbs, \$1.00; Miss May Belle Edwards, \$1.00; Aggie Holley, \$1.00; and Elizabeth Luton, \$1.00.

Miss Syble Etheridge, Frank Harris, John Morgan, Hugh Taylor, and Miss Mazie Lee. In sending her report to The Herald Mrs. Pruden expressed her sincere thanks to the canvassers who worked so faithfully as well as to the large number of people who showed their interest in the Red Cross by enrolling during the drive. "Our goal was set at \$350, which was higher than last year," said Mrs. Pruden, "and it is a source of gratification to report to headquarters that Chowan subscribed over \$50 more than was expected from us."

Auxiliary To Remember Veterans With Cards

With only twelve members present, the Auxiliary to the American Legion held a most interesting meeting on Thursday evening in the Red Men's hall. The program was in charge of the Rehabilitation committee, and was greatly enjoyed. Letters were read from the veterans at Oteen expressing thanks for the Thanksgiving gifts. Two names were drawn for the door prize, but as neither member was present, the money was returned to the treasury.

The Auxiliary voted to remember the veterans at Oteen, Christmas, and Mrs. W. B. Shepard, president of the Auxiliary, asked each member to join in giving a card shower to the four veterans whose names follow: Louis Bass, Roy O'Connell, P. H. Buckingham, and R. R. Martin. Address the cards to Ward C-1, Oteen, N. C.

Tax Investigators Check Local Records

In line with a national drive now under way to check up on inheritance tax reports to the government, J. H. Burnette and J. C. Bethune, federal tax investigators heading out of Raleigh, were in Edenton this week making a careful survey of several estates. They spent much time at the Court House going over the records of property holdings and checked their findings with tax reports filed by executors with Richard D. Dixon, Clerk of Court.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ginton Davis announce the birth of a son on Thursday, December 8.

Despite Delegation Old Building Remains a Fire Hazard

THINK TOO COSTLY

Fire Insurance Is Raised From \$10,000 to \$30,000 Without Question

Though they were confronted by a strong delegation at their meeting Monday, the County Commissioners failed to make any move toward equipping the Chowan County Court House with an up-to-date and safe heating system. The request followed two recent instances of narrowly averting a fire in the court room, but no way was adopted to safeguard the building other than ordering the wiring in the roof of the building to be replaced and employing some old man whose duty it will be to look after the stoves.

Included in the delegation were Julien Wood, W. J. Berryman, W. D. Pruden, Rev. C. A. Ashby, R. D. Dixon, Mrs. Sidney McMullan, Mrs. J. L. Pettus and Mrs. B. W. Hathaway. Mr. Wood acted as spokesman for the group, and in presenting the matter he said: "It is like carrying coals to Newcastle to tell you about the need for a better heating system in the Court House. Just recently we came near having conflagrations in the old building, but for the vigil of Clerk of Court Richard D. Dixon." Mr. Wood referred to the value of the building to the county from an advertising standpoint alone. He said there are many court houses that are far more costly than the Chowan Court House, but that they do not begin to compare with the local structure in attracting visitors. He further told the Commissioners that just recently he was speaking with some Williamsburg folks and the latter frankly admitted that Chowan has even more to be proud of than they in that what is here of historic value is in its original form and not reconstructed.

Aside from the historical value, Mr. Wood argued that if the present Court House should be destroyed by fire the County would be compelled to rebuild a court house which no doubt would cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000 and it would not be a matter to decide whether it would be built or not.

"The building ought to be safeguarded," he continued, "especially in view of four present fire hazards, old stoves, defective electric wiring, a public toilet and a building for general use by other than court officials."

In closing, Mr. Wood said he realized that the Commissioners had not allowed anything in the budget for the purpose, but hoped some concrete action would be taken to properly safeguard the building.

The Commissioners admitted that a fire hazard existed, but after discussing the matter they decided to move the first bench from in front of the

St. Paul's Vestry Will Meet Monday

Vestrymen Elected at Congregational Meeting Last Week

A meeting of the vestry of St. Paul's Church will be held next Monday night at 8 o'clock, at which time a report of the Every Member canvass will be made.

At the congregational meeting held last Monday night in the Parish House reports of the organizations of the parish were made, and the following were elected to the vestry for 1938: E. R. Conger, D. M. Warren, F. P. Wood, J. A. Moore, Wm. I. Hart, Geo. C. Wood, Julien Wood, Geo. Hoskins, R. P. Badham, Charles Wales, Joseph Vail, and R. Graham White.

Faculty Play At Chowan High School On Dec. 17

A play, "Lens Rivers," will be staged in the Chowan High School auditorium on Friday night, December 17. The cast of characters includes members of the school faculty, and a first class entertainment is assured.