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County To Hold Fast To Documental Past And Repair Papers

Commissioners Approve Alterations to Safeguard Old Records

WORK BEGUN

Turn Down State Request For Further Record "Loans"

Chowan's County Commissioners went on emphatic record again on Monday as firm and final in their determination to keep the ancient and valued documental history of this section in the seat of its origin, and not permit its transfer into the State archives at Raleigh.

There are more than 15,000 written pieces of this lore, some of them viewed as priceless but most of them badly damaged by mildew, mice and vermin, and initial steps to occasion a final preservation of the entire quantity was taken Monday when the Commissioners directed that inquiry be made as to such cost, which at the most may run into a large sum of money.

To carry out the preservation plan in a systematic manner it was agreed that all of the documents, probably a thousand individual pieces, prior in date to 1700, be considered first. Court Clerk Richard Dixon, whose interest has been keen in this direction for years, and who has had much correspondence with the State Historical Commission which will take over the repair job, was told to ascertain this rejuvenation price and report back to the Commissioners at their meeting on February 24.

In addition to this plan of restoration and the rejection of a new appeal by the State to give up the documents to the Historical Commission, the Commissioners also approved moves, already begun, for the renovation of the vault room behind Mr. Dixon's office and the one on the opposite side of the Court House in the rear of the Register of Deeds office. New waterproof plastering of a nature suggested by Architect Frank Benton, of Wilson, will be used for this purpose, and when the work, which will take about a week or ten days to complete, is finished the rooms will be proof against invasion by dampness or animal life. Floor air ventilators will, also, be installed in both rooms.

For a year now Mr. Dixon has been calling attention to the damage being wrecked upon the ancient documents in his charge, largely by dampness. The Commissioners first attributed the cause to the ivy growing on the rear of the Court House. This was ordered cut down. The removal, however, didn't bring the relief anticipated. Last week Mr. Dixon, on his own initiative, ripped out the numerous filing cabinets and removed them into the court room proper. His discoveries by so doing convinced him that the entire interior of the vault would have to be made over, and Monday he got approval to have

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New Books Added To Local Library

\$50 Worth of Grammar Grade Books Now Catalogued

Another installment of books from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace was received by the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library on Monday. The books are the second group received locally and include the following:

"Allah Dethroned" by Lilo Linke; "India Reveals Herself" by Basil Mathews; "Circling the Caribbean" by Tom Marvel, and "Madame Curie" by Eve Curie.

Acknowledgment of receipt of the books has been made by Mrs. S. M. McMullan, librarian, and she feels sure the addition will be of interest to many patrons of the library.

Mrs. McMullan also announces the purchase of \$50 worth of books to be used by pupils in the grammar grades from the second to sixth grades. This group of books were catalogued Tuesday and are now available to the children in the grades specified.

VESTRY MEETS MONDAY

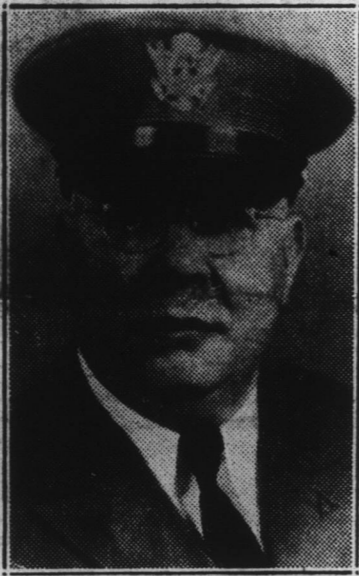
St. Paul's Vestry will meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Every member is urged to be present.

Here's Pride Of Edenton



Above appears a picture of the Edenton High School Band, photographed during the President's birthday party held in the new Edenton Armory Saturday night, January 29, when the youthful musicians contributed so much to the success of Chowan County's celebration in raising funds to fight infantile paralysis. The band was organized in October, 1936, by Director Charles L. McCullers with only nine members, and has rapidly grown in numbers as well as ability to furnish creditable music for any occasion, which warrants the caption, "Pride of Edenton." Those in the picture are: Standing, left to right, Charles L. McCullers, Director, Ruth Crumpler, Evelyn Lilly and Clara Crumpler, drum majors, Daniel Reeves, George Ward, Elton E. rehand and Haywood Ziegler. Seated, back row, left to right, Clarence Leary, Jr., Billy Brunson, Lloyd Griffin, Jr., Millard and Raymond Ward, Edward Parker, Ed Habit, Jr., J. M. Boyce, Durwood Harrell, Jimmy Chestnutt, Dee Skiles, Maurice Bunch, Sammy Cates and Jasper Hassell. Front row, left to right, Catherine Reeves, Norma Perry, Albert Holmes, Tommie Cross, Ruth Byrum, Lester Stewart, Parker Helms, Hubert Brown, Carrol Stewart, West Byrum, Jr., Shelton Moore, Jr., George Alma Byrum and James Mitchener. Alex White and Ruth Vail are also members of the band, but were not present when the picture was made by Frisby's Studio at Elizabeth City.

LEAVING TOWN



MAJOR M. P. WHICHARD

Effective March 1, Major Whichard will retire from active practice of medicine in Edenton after 24 years of service. Following a special course at the University of North Carolina, he will accept a position with the State Board of Health.

Very Little Business Before Town Council At Meeting Tuesday

Fred P. Wood Explains Smoke and Cinder Nuisance

UNABLE TO REMEDY

Dr. M. P. Whichard Resigns as Custodian Of Armory

Town Council met in regular monthly session Tuesday night, and aside from regular routine, little other business was transacted.

Dr. M. P. Whichard, who will leave Edenton March 1, tendered his resignation as custodian of the Armory building and the Board, named Dr. Martin Wisely as his successor, who will be associated with E. W. Spires as joint custodians.

Dr. Whichard's resignation was accepted with regret and before leaving the Council chamber, he expressed his sincere appreciation for the splendid cooperation of Town Council in helping finance the erection of the Armory. He said the building is one of the most substantial he has seen and that the town has every right to be proud of it.

It will fill a great need, he said, in the way of staging indoor affairs as well as athletics for the school, and in behalf of his successor and to the end that the building is properly cared for he urged the councilmen at their next budget meeting to appropriate \$150 instead of \$100 for maintenance. "It's a nice building," he said, "much larger than the old armory and necessarily will require

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Work Started On 11 New Pools At U. S. Fish Hatchery

25 WPA Workers Transferred to Project Last Week

TAKE SIX MONTHS

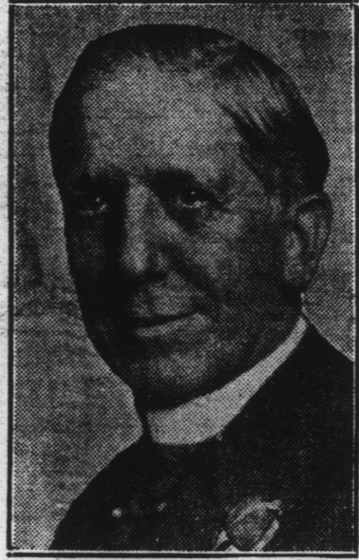
Nine Pools For Propagation of Bass and Two For Rearing Shad

Work on improvement and additions at the United States Fish Hatchery was started the latter part of last week, when 25 WPA workers under the direction of W. E. Baker were transferred for preliminary operations. This number will no doubt be increased to about 40.

The project calls for an expenditure of a little over \$19,000 and includes repairing the present ponds

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C. OF C. SPEAKER



GOVERNOR CLYDE R. HOEY

Following persistent efforts on the part of Secretary J. H. McMullan, Governor Hoey finally consented to speak at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at Hotel Joseph Hewes on Thursday, February 24.

Gov. Hoey Will Speak At C. Of C. Banquet Feb. 24

Date Changed at His Request; Lively Plans Now Under Way; Eight Counties Invited to Send Guests to Annual Meeting

Shortly after the appearance of The Chowan Herald last week, which carried a story to the effect that Governor Clyde R. Hoey would be unable to attend the annual banquet of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, Secretary J. H. McMullan received a letter in which the Governor accepted the invitation providing his open dates would suit the local organization. A meeting of the executive committee was called on Friday night when it was unanimously voted to hold the banquet at a later date than was scheduled in order to have Mr. Hoey as principal speaker.

The date chosen for the banquet was Friday, February 25, which was one of the Governor's open dates, but on Wednesday morning Mr. McMullan received a communication from the Governor's office to the effect that on February 25 Mr. Hoey was obliged to be present at an executive meeting in Raleigh and would have to cancel that date. He did, however, offer two alternate dates, Thursday, February 24, or Monday, the 28th. Secretary McMullan immediately communicated with the Governor, saying that Thursday, February 24, would be the preferable date so far as the organization was concerned, and plans are now going forward with that understanding.

Governor Hoey will act as principal speaker for the occasion and other specially invited guests will include E. Bruce Etheridge, D. Colin Barnes, R. E. Roper, the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in the counties Tyrrell, Hyde, Washington, Bertie, Pasquotank, Gates, Per-

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Reversal Edenton - Suffolk Star Route Goes Into Effect March 1; Service Improved

Square Dance

Another opportunity for square dancers to enjoy an evening of this entertainment will be provided Friday night at the Armory when the Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post, American Legion, will sponsor a square dance. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Swanner String Band.

The dance will start at 9 o'clock and it has been announced by Mrs. W. B. Shepard that an amplifying arrangement will be installed which will adequately distribute the music to all parts of the building. A small admission charge will be made.

Dr. M. P. Whichard Giving Up Practice Of Medicine On March 1

Will Accept Position Later With State Board of Health

HERE 24 YEARS

Dr. Martin Wisely Will Assume Command of Company F

Many friends throughout the entire county will regret to learn that Dr. M. P. Whichard will give up his medical practice about March 1 and leave Edenton shortly thereafter. He contemplates entering the University of North Carolina on March 7 to take a course in public health work, at the completion of which he will accept a position with the State Board of Health. At the present time he does not know where he will be located.

Dr. Whichard has been an active practicing physician in Chowan County since 1914 and is the oldest white physician in point of service in Chowan County at the present time. He has won many friends during his practice in the county and characteristic of many members of his profession has worked hard and faithfully toward alleviating human suffering both among the high and low. And like many other physicians, he has done some of his best work without hope of ever being paid.

His leaving Edenton will also cause a vacancy as commanding officer of Company F, 105th Medical Regiment of the North Carolina National Guard. This Company was organized by Major Whichard in October, 1922, and has been under his continuous command since that date. He was promoted to the rank of Major on October 12, 1934, but due to the fact that no one was available to take over command of the Company, he continued to serve until the present time. The Company carries two commissioned officers, seven non-commissioned officers, and 38 enlisted men, and is a medical unit of the National Guard.

Major Whichard has received a letter from Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, of Raleigh, granting him relief as commanding officer of the Company, but he will not lose his military rating as a result.

Dr. Martin R. Wisely, practicing physician with Dr. J. A. Powell, will be commissioned a first lieutenant of the Medical Corps of the National Guard and will take over command of the local unit on March 1.

Red Cross Chapter Gets Honor Certificate

Mrs. J. N. Pruden this week received an honor certificate from the American Red Cross for distinguished achievement in the roll call for 1938. The certificate is signed by President Roosevelt and Cary T. Grayson, national chairman, and is now in The Herald window.

AUXILIARY MEETS MONDAY

A meeting of St. Mary's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church will be held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Official Order Follows Efforts Made For Over Year

KRAMER WINS

Letters May Now Be Sent and Answered Same Day

What will possibly be one of the greatest improvements in receipt and dispatch of mail in the Edenton postoffice will go in effect on March 1, when the Edenton-Suffolk star route will be reversed, leaving Edenton in the morning instead of afternoon as at present and making the return trip the same afternoon. Postmaster C. E. Kramer this week received orders from the postoffice department regarding the reversal of the route, which should be welcome news to patrons of the Edenton office as well as those served along the star route.

On and after March 1, the mail truck will leave Edenton daily except Sunday on receipt of mail from the Norfolk-Wilson star route due in Edenton about 6:40 a. m., and not later than 7:30 a. m. The truck will arrive in Suffolk in about 2½ hours and will leave at 2 p. m. for the return trip, arriving in Edenton at 4:30 p. m.

The length of this route is 62.90 miles. This change will greatly improve mail facilities at the offices at Tyner, Ryland, Hobbsville, Trotville, Sunbury, Corapeake and Cypress Chapel in that mail will be placed in these offices in the morning in time for rural route delivery whereas at present in some instances, mail is delayed at least 24 hours.

Among the principal advantages of the change is a direct daily two-way communication between Edenton, intermediate points and Suffolk. It provides direct outlet connections at both ends, without any delay, which is a special advantage to the peanut industry as well as other businesses dealing with Suffolk and points further north. Daily papers from Norfolk and Raleigh dispatched by way of Edenton will also reach readers on all rural routes from 1 to 3 hours earlier. The change will be a distinct advantage to readers and advertisers of The Herald, for in one of the most completely covered sections of The Herald's territory subscribers will receive their copy of the paper the same day and practically at the same time it is delivered in Edenton.

Postmaster Kramer as long as a year ago last July made a careful study of the advantages and improvement of the mail service that would accrue by reversing the route and has worked unceasingly toward that end in the course of which he has been obliged to put his cards on the table and show in what way reversal of the route would improve the efficiency of the service. He has met

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Kitchen Contest Now Under Way

Club Members Already Planning For District Meeting

Enrollment has been completed for the kitchen contest sponsored by Chowan demonstration clubs. Miss Rebecca Colwell reports 8 of the 12 clubs represented in the contest.

Miss Mamie Whisnant, assistant specialist in home management, will be in the County February 21, 22 and 23 for the purpose of scoring kitchens for the first time. She will, at that time, also conduct a leaders' school.

Miss Colwell and her club associates are also already anticipating a big day for club women in April when the district meeting will be held in Edenton. Plans have already been made to meet in the Taylor Theatre and then adjourn to the new Armory, where dinner will be served.

STEWARDS MEET TONIGHT

The Stewards of the Methodist Church will meet tonight (Thursday) at the home of J. W. Cates. Supper will be served prior to the transaction of business.