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Post Office Authorities Rescind Order Reversing Mail Star Route To Suffolk

News Comes as Disappointment to Local Business Firms

STILL HOPEFUL

Efforts Being Made to Stress Mail Improvement By Change

Coming as a distinct disappointment after receipt of an order by Postmaster C. E. Kramer of reversal of the Edenton-Suffolk star route, was an order Saturday rescinding the action taken by the Post Office Department, which, unless reconsidered, will result in continued very unsatisfactory mail service by way of this route. The matter was rather depressing to most of Edenton's business houses and as a result a number of telegrams were sent to Representative Lindsay Warren and Senators Josiah Bailey and Robert Reynolds, in an effort to ascertain the reason for the sudden rescinding order and to prevail upon them to assist in reversing the route.

Postmaster Kramer, too, was swamped with telephone calls and accosted on the street by numerous persons in an effort to ascertain why the sudden change came about.

Edenton Lions at their meeting on Monday night went on record as objecting to rescinding of the order and pledged their support in backing Postmaster Kramer and the Chamber of Commerce in urging a reconsideration of the latest action. Talk is also going the rounds to circulate a petition in an effort to have the route reversed.

Telegraphic information from Postal Inspector F. D. Condemann, who made a thorough survey of mail conditions and recommended reversal of the route to remedy the situation, was that he knew nothing about rescinding the original order. The schedule of the route was to have been reversed on March 1 and it is still hoped that authorities will reconsider and carry out this schedule as planned.

P. Rowland Wagner Secured As Speaker At Masonic Banquet

Annual Lodge Affair Will Be Held Friday, March 4

MUCH INTEREST

Lodgemen Feel Fortunate In Having Popular Minister

Unless something unforeseen occurs, the annual Masonic banquet will be held at Hotel Joseph Hewes on Friday night, March 4. This date will almost of a certainty be set at the regular meeting of Unanimity Lodge tonight.

E. W. Spires, who together with A. S. Hollowell and W. J. Daniels, were appointed to arrange for the banquet, received word Tuesday that Rev. P. Rowland Wagner, of Norfolk, had accepted an invitation to speak for the occasion. This fact alone assures a well-attended banquet and local Masons feel highly elated over the news that Mr. Wagner will again speak in Edenton.

Rev. Mr. Wagner has spoken to at least three Edenton audiences in the past several years and in each instance capacity houses were present to hear him. He spoke at two previous Masonic banquets and was a commencement speaker at the Edenton school a few years ago. He is one of the most interesting after-dinner speakers ever to appear in Edenton and his acceptance to speak has greatly boosted interest in the banquet, plans for which will be discussed at tonight's Masonic meeting.

JOIN NAVY

Murray Whichard and Carroll Boyce have enlisted as yeomen in the United States Navy. They will remain in Edenton, however, until...

RE-APPOINTED



C. E. KRAMER

Mr. Kramer's nomination as postmaster for Edenton has been presented to the House of Representatives, the Senate confirming the appointment. All that remains to be done toward Mr. Kramer's second term of office is the perfunctory duty of President Roosevelt signing the commission.

C. E. Kramer Again Named Postmaster

High Record of Efficiency During His Incumbency

Much gratification was expressed this week when word reached town that Carroll E. Kramer had been re-appointed postmaster of Edenton for a second term of four years. President Roosevelt sent his nomination to Congress, after Representative Lindsay Warren had recommended it, and Senator Josiah Bailey, head of the upper branch committee on postal affairs, rushed it through for immediate confirmation.

Mr. Kramer was first named as postmaster to succeed Miles Elliott in 1934, and since his incumbency has established a high record of postal efficiency in the office here. In fact, the Post Office Department views the local office record as one of the high spots in postal affairs in all of Eastern Carolina. Not only have receipts and stamp sales increased, due largely, of course, to advanced industrial growth hereabouts, but the local office has been free of complaints and a source of praiseworthy managerial comment.

Mr. Kramer has been the recipient of many letters and messages of congratulations since his reappointment became known.

Lions Back Reversal Suffolk Star Route

Club Goes On Record as Opposing Rescinding Order

Practically the entire portion of the time usually devoted to the program of the Lions Club at their meeting Monday night was devoted to discussion of the recent Post Office Department order rescinding reversal of the Edenton-Suffolk star route. The Club, composed entirely of business men of Edenton, realized the good effect this change would provide and went on record as unanimously supporting Postmaster Kramer and the Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to have the department reconsider its action and reverse the route as originally planned on March 1.

EDENTON LIONS ATTEND COLUMBIA ANNIVERSARY

A delegation of Edenton Lions will go to Columbia tonight to attend the first anniversary celebration of the Columbia Lions Club. Lions from many sections of Eastern Carolina are expected to attend the affair.

Rotary Banquet Will Be Held Tonight; Was Not Postponed

Twelfth Anniversary to Be Observed Tonight At Parish House

ERROR IN REPORT

All Former Rotarians Invited as Special Guests

Though newspaper reports Tuesday were to the effect that the twelfth anniversary banquet of the Edenton Rotary Club has been postponed, this was an error, for the banquet will be held tonight (Thursday) as planned at the regular meeting last week. The meeting which has been postponed and at which District Governor George Matthews was invited to attend was an inter-city meeting.

At the meeting tonight, which commemorates the twelfth year of Rotary in Edenton, all former members of the Edenton club have been invited as special guests, and from reports the major portion of them plan to be present. There are 31 former Rotarians and to have them gather around a table once more is looked forward to with much pleasure by present members of the Club.

There will be no visiting speaker on the program, but Secretary John Holmes has been asked to review Rotary activities since the Club was inaugurated in Edenton in 1926, bringing to the attention of those present the highlights as well as possibly some of the most discouraging periods of the Club's existence.

O. H. Brown and C. E. Kramer, the Club's master minds in arranging stunts, will have on tap a short program that will no doubt provoke much enjoyment. The banquet will begin at 7 o'clock.

T. J. Wood New Agent At Norfolk Southern

Assumed New Responsibilities Thursday Morning

Replacing C. M. Cavanaugh, deceased, as freight agent in Edenton for the Norfolk Southern Railroad is T. J. Wood. Mr. Wood assumed his duties last Thursday morning.

The new agent has been with the Company since 1914, coming here from Munden, Virginia. He is a married man, having one daughter, Miss Margery, who is a student at Fredericksburg College, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood will reside in the home previously occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh on North Broad Street.

Troop Committee Withholds Joining Tidewater Council

Contributions Used to Purchase Necessary Paraphernalia

Though it was understood that the newly organized Edenton Boy Scout troop would affiliate with the Tidewater Council of Norfolk, at a meeting of the local troop committee on Monday night it was decided to withhold this action at least for the time being. In order to raise funds for this purpose the Rotary Club, Lions Club and Ed Bond Post of the American Legion contributed \$75 each.

However, after further consideration, members of the troop committee came to the conclusion that it would be for the best interest of the troop to use present available money to purchase troop equipment and maintenance rather than spend it for membership in the Tidewater Council. It is necessary now to borrow what equipment is needed and it is thought that after the troop is more firmly organized membership will be taken in the Tidewater Council as originally planned.

Very Few Tickets Left For Annual C. Of C. Banquet

Interest Increasing In Affair Next Thursday Night

10 NEW MEMBERS

Planned to Take Governor on Boat Ride to New Bridge

According to advance sale of tickets to the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet next Thursday night, every seat in the banquet hall at Hotel Joseph Hewes will be occupied, about 100 in number. Tickets were placed on sale for the benefit of members at Leggett & Davis drug store and on Wednesday they had been practically exhausted.

Much interest in the banquet prevails in that Governor Clyde R. Hoey will be the principal speaker and with him as special guests will be R. Bruce Etheridge, director of conservation and development, and D. Colin Barnes, member of the highway commission for this district.

E. W. Spires, active in arranging for the banquet, communicated with the Governor Tuesday relative to determining what time he will arrive in Edenton. It is hoped that he can get here in time to take a boat trip down the Sound to the new Albemarle Sound bridge before banquet time.

The approaching banquet has greatly stimulated interest in the business organization, Secretary McMullan informing The Herald that ten new members have been added to the membership during the past week or two, which brings the membership to 130, and includes practically every phase of business and professional life in the county.

More Relics Placed In Local Museum

Richard Dixon Finds Part of Old Gallows Equipment

Edenton's Cupola House museum was enriched again this week through the presentation of a couple of ancient relics which may have been parts of the old gallows that once swung from the eaves of the little jail here in Revolutionary days. A massive hinge-like contraption, 3 or 4 feet long, supposed to have supported the gallows trap, and one of the great side chains that held the gallows platform in mid-air, are the new curios.

Richard Dixon came across the hinge first while prowling about the inside wall plot behind the jail. He immediately surmised what it had been used for, and placed it on exhibition for a few days in Leggett & Davis drug store window. Discovering it aroused Dixon's curiosity further, and this led to finding the long chain with end fastening pinions. This went into the pharmacy window, also, for the time being.

As Dixon's research has it the gallows once swung in open air from the roof of the jail. Two wrought iron bands through which the supporting chains went, are still in plain sight in the jail wall. The gallows was used as a medium of legal death for all the Albemarle in those days, he says, and the records show there was an execution a day for years. In those times capital crimes were more numerous than now. Hog thieves, for instance, went to glory through the gallows, so did anyone who dared to use a weapon on another. Those were surely the "good old days."

Rev. A. A. Butler Dies; Victim Of Pneumonia

Many friends in this county learned with regret of the death of Rev. A. A. Butler, who died in a Norfolk hospital Monday. He was a victim of double pneumonia and only last week, following a rally, hopes were revived for his recovery.

Rev. Mr. Butler, a resident of Hertford, was a former pastor at Ballards Bridge Church, and held the pastorate at Yeopim Church.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in Durham, which were attended by W. J. Berryman and Paul Olason.

Edenton's Hopes For Yacht Basin Receives Setback By Report Of War Department

"All Dressed Up" Interior of Old Court House Looks Like New Building

Painting, plastering and protecting improvements at the Court House recently ordered by the County Commissioners are about done, and give the place a highfalutin' and worth-while appearance. The work is understood to be but preliminary to more extensive alterations this spring and summer. The Commissioners are now in the game in earnest, report has it, and plan to repaint and refurnish the court room proper before the April term of Superior Court, and to paint the outside of the building anew, also, to say nothing of finding a way to provide different heating for the place next fall, maybe, who knows, relocate the much-complained of gentlemen's boudoir beneath the stairs.

The work so far has had to do with turning the offices of Clerk R. D. Dixon and Register of Deeds Maurice Bunch into apartments of charm as well as service. The Dixon office has been finished in gray and white, quite colonial, you know. But, step softly, the cursed old stoves still remain.

The principal grounds upon which the adverse conclusions are based are that the dredging of a channel north of the line of piles would be expensive because of sunken logs; and that the additional cost of a channel in this location instead of south of the piles would not be justified by the increase in benefits, especially since the M. G. Brown Lumber Company would be the sole recipient of the additional benefits.

However, Colonel Brown stated that any interested parties have the privilege of an appeal from the conclusion to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, a permanent body sitting at Washington, D. C., to which all examination and survey reports are referred.

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Report Partially Unfavorable For Digging Channel

CAN APPEAL

Would Be Very Expensive Because of Many Sunken Logs

Edenton's hopes of eventually establishing a yacht basin opposite the fish hatchery received somewhat of a setback the latter part of last week when those who attended a hearing held in Edenton several months ago received a letter from the War Department saying the report was partially unfavorably acted upon.

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"Silent Salesmen" Machines Outlawed

Judge Meekins Rules They Are Gambling Devices

Edenton police were inferentially upheld this week in their recent elimination of "silent salesmen" slot machines here, this despite the fact that all the rest of the State was scared stiff about so acting, when Federal Judge Meekins, of Elizabeth City, on Tuesday handed down his long delayed ruling declaring the devices gambling apparatuses which must be got out of his district in ten days.

The jurist held, literally, he was surprised that anyone would think his initial injunction against confiscation of the machines was intended to permit their continuance anywhere if shown to be operated for gambling. He revoked this injunction, spoke of the devices as "sucker machines" and ordered them driven out. Actually the ruling is in exact consonance with the opinion advanced by Town Attorney W. D. Pruden two months ago, and was made after a hearing in Washington, N. C., in which the State made vigorous protest, with subsequent arguments in Raleigh.

Members State ABC Boards To Meet Here

Promised Shad Dinner At Hotel By Chairman Badham

Members of liquor control boards throughout the State will gather in Edenton Wednesday night to hold a meeting immediately after being served a shad dinner at Hotel Joseph Hewes. The group voted at their last meeting at Greenville to come to Edenton, when Chowan County's chairman, R. P. Badham, promised a shad dinner and it is expected that practically every member will attend. Members of the State Board have also been invited as special guests at the meeting.

C. W. MIZZELL ILL

Rev. J. C. Mizell, of Currie, N. C., has recently been informed by his niece, Mrs. Lether Mizell Wolfe, of Danville, Va., that his brother, C. W. Mizell, merchant, in Colerain, is seriously ill.

Mr. Mizell's health has been declining for a year or more, but he held to the personal supervision of his store until about two weeks ago. Dr. Crede, his physician, is advising an immediate surgical operation.

Shad Again Claims Attention Federal Fish Culturists

Investigate Pollution of Waters By Plymouth Pulp Mill

CANFIELD HERE

Local Hatchery Likely Take Over Propagation Four States

The 1938 "Save the Shad" survey is underway in earnest hereabouts right now. Complaint has been made by the experts here against the possible pollution of the Roanoke River and upper sound waters by the big new paper pulp mill at Plymouth. This and the fact that the federal hatchery on Pembroke Creek will be made a central propagating point for North and South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia, are the two high spots of latest moment in the campaign.

As last year the survey is in charge of Harry Canfield, federal traveling culturist from the Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C. Mr. Canfield has established his headquarters in Edenton but expects to roam about the coastal waters of this State and Virginia. With him here the other night were Captain John H. Nelson, State Commissioner of Fisheries, D. M. Davis, specially delegated representative of the State Board of Conservation and Development, of Morehead City, and John Pierson, of Charleston, S. C., who, also, will make headquarters in Edenton through the remainder of the season.

Mr. Pierson has been in charge of the Bureau of Fisheries work in Charleston for several years, and it was from him it was learned the local hatchery seemed destined to take over shad propagation for the four states in question. Mr. Pierson said the South Carolina hatchery at Orangeburg would be closed while the work here was carried on.

On Monday Bruce Etheridge, director of the State Board, was also here in conference with Canfield.