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Chowan Club Determined To Secure New Community House Through WPA Funds

Members Strike Snag at Monthly Meeting of Commissioners

COST \$7,382.25

Signatures Necessary to Protect County From Outlay

Though determined to secure a community building for themselves, members of the Chowan Woman's Club struck a snag in the County Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday when they presented a PWA project to be signed. The Commissioners are very favorable to building a community house, but refused to sign the project making them responsible for the sponsor's share of the expense.

Representing the Club were Mrs. E. L. Winslow, president, Mrs. R. H. Hollowell and Mrs. Pearly Baumgardner, who informed the Commissioners that club members would comply in every way with the project requirements, and only wanted the Commissioners to sign in order to have the project approved. The Club will buy a lot, deed it to the county and will raise the sponsor's part of the expense.

The total cost of the building, according to figures, will be \$7,382.25. Of this amount the Federal government will contribute \$5,447.75, leaving \$1,934.50 to be raised by the Club.

Mrs. E. L. Winslow called a meeting of the Club Monday at which time they thoroughly went into the matter and agreed to comply with provisions of the project proposal, and felt certain that on those conditions the Commissioners would add their signatures.

However, Chairman D. M. Warren personally thought signing of the contract would bind the county in the amount of the sponsor's share and was unwilling to set a precedent which might be hard to overcome. Other members of the Board expressed a similar opinion.

The ladies were informed that if proper papers were drawn and signed by members of the Club protecting the county against any outlay of money, the Commissioners would sign the project. Immediately several members of the Club were contacted, but in each instance there was a reluctance in affixing signatures.

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\$82,426 First Year's Sales In ABC Store

Over 111,000 Bottles of Liquor Passed Over Counter

Completing its first year of operation on August 31, records of the Chowan County ABC store reveal the fact that in the 12 months \$82,426.25 was taken in by sale of liquor. During this period December showed the largest return when \$10,676.50 was taken, and of this amount, \$1,915.65 was recorded on Christmas eve when it will be remembered the clerks were unable to accommodate all who went to the store. February showed the smallest sales.

The \$82,426.26 in liquor sales represents over 111,000 bottles of various brands of liquor handled and somewhat of a record was established by the fact that not a single bottle was broken. The records also show that in operation of the store there was no shortage and less than one dollar overage.

Band Parades On Broad Street Tonight

Featuring the soft ball game to-night (Thursday) will be the presence of the Edenton High School Band, which will play during a series game between the Lions and Red Men. Prior to the game at 7:30 o'clock a parade will be held on Broad Street.

Director C. L. McCullers is now planning a band day some time during October when efforts will be made to raise money to buy a bus for transportation of the band. A committee will meet shortly to decide the advisability of having the affair and plan, if it is thought advisable.

Injustice

In accepting the stewardship of the County Home, now officially closed, George Harrell, appearing before the County Commissioners Tuesday contradicted inferences carried in a story in the Elizabeth City Advance after last month's meeting that he was responsible for dissipation among former inmates of the Home. Mr. Harrell claimed an injustice was done him by the story, which also said he together with Sheriff J. A. Bunch was given a "jacking up" by the Commissioners.

Mr. Harrell has always had the welfare of the Home at heart, which fact is recognized by the Commissioners and Chairman D. M. Warren asked Harrel to bring in the clipping of the story so that any injustice done by the neighboring newspaper can be corrected in The Herald.

Lions Leading In Contest For Soft Ball Championship

Fans Treated to Dime Novel Type of Game Tuesday Night

INTEREST KEEN

Fourth Game Scheduled To Be Played Thursday Night

With three games of a five-game series to determine Edenton's softball champions already played, the Lions Club lead by one game in a contest that is gradually increasing in interest. The Lions won the first game in the series, but were tied last Thursday when the Red Men copped a 4-0 game.

A large crowd of fans on Tuesday night were treated to a typical dime novel game when the Lions won out by a 16-15 score. The Lions took an early five run lead, but were gradually overcome by a determined group of Red Men who in the last inning were leading 15 to 9. In their half of the ninth inning the Lions took advantage of two errors and by two timely hits brought the score to 15-13. With two men out and two men on bases Kenneth Floars came to bat and to redeem himself of sorry playing during the game at third base, connected squarely, sending the ball deep into center field for a home run. The game throughout was packed with thrills, keeping fans at one of the best attended games of the season on edge during the entire contest.

The Lions have won two games and the Red Men one, with the fourth game scheduled to be played tonight (Thursday). Naturally, the Lions will put forth every effort to wind up the series, but the Red Men, who were somewhat crippled Tuesday night, feel sure they can tame the Lions to tie the series and carry the series into five games. A large crowd is expected to be on hand.

Lions Rank Fifth In Sale Of Canes

New Signs Expected to Arrive and Be put In Place Shortly

Members of the Edenton Lions Club felt very proud at their meeting Monday night when Secretary W. J. Taylor informed them that the Edenton club ranked fifth in the recent cane campaign when miniature canes were sold to aid in blind work. Mr. Taylor also told his fellow members that three attractive Lions signs had been ordered and will soon arrive and be erected at advantageous points on the highways.

The program was in the form of a quiz in charge of the committee on

September Term Chowan Superior Court Next Week

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn Of Jackson Will Preside

NEW JUDGE

Number of Interesting Cases Included In Docket

Once again Chowan County will have one of the State's newest jurists as presiding officer when the fall term of Superior Court opens here next Monday. Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Jackson, but recently elected to the bench, will officiate at the session which bids fair, from the nature of its criminal docket, to run through the week.

Judge Burgwyn was formerly solicitor of the Roanoke-Chowan district, and has many friends and acquaintances in the First District. He is considered thoroughly conversant with law procedure and is particular in his observance of the proprieties and ethics of court room life.

Seven criminal cases, all viewed as important in this county, are scheduled for consideration by court and juries next week. These include:

Kurt von Wischon, cocky little Norfolk seaman now in the State penitentiary for safe keeping after he had been arrested here, in Hertford and in Elizabeth City, and wanted notoriously elsewhere for alleged breaking and entering thefts and safe cracking jobs.

Joe Habit, Edenton restaurant keeper, up on appeal for the second time in answer to conviction and sentence for alleged liquor violations.

John W. Crabtree, Burlington resident and local WPA painter, arrested here charged with bigamy.

T. W. Craddock, on appeal in connection with alleged perjury in the Joe Habit case of two terms ago.

Gilbert Hollowell, Edenton ice truck driver, manslaughter growing out of a road fatality.

James Dillard, Negro, assault with shot gun.

Robert Lee Perry, on a hit and run charge.

Fire Inspection Made Week Of Sept. 26th

Fire Chief K. K. Hau announced Wednesday that he will conduct a thorough fire inspection during the week beginning September 26. In order to eliminate embarrassment he is urging all citizens to clean out furnaces, pits, attics and otherwise clean up around their premises.

C. of C. Meets Tonight

J. H. Conger, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has called a special meeting to be held to-night (Thursday) at 8 o'clock in the Court House. A very important matter will be discussed and every member is urged to be present.

Edenton The Hub

By J. H. McMULLAN
The questions have been asked: Why Edenton? Why was Edenton the center of government, commerce and culture of the Albemarle region of North Carolina for over a century? Why was its growth and expansion retarded? And why should it look forward toward the future with an ambitious program of development with every assurance of success?

Answering these questions in the order propounded the best answer to the first—"Why Edenton?"—is to be found in the solution of the riddle of colonization. Why Roanoke Island, why Jamestown, why Plymouth Rock? My answer is water. The only means of transportation of the pioneer period of America was by water, so naturally those places best adapted to accessibility by water became the logical location for settlement. The waters of the Albemarle Sound region offered an irresistible appeal to settlers. So in 1658 those pioneers who surveyed the territory of the Albemarle found at the site of the present town of Edenton the ideal spot of this whole area, and so located here the first permanent North Carolina settlement. This town, beautifully located on a magnificent bay tributary to the Albemarle Sound, and the Chowan, Roanoke, and Cashie Rivers was the answer to the colo-

Municipal Building For Town Strikes Snag In Financing

Commissioners Unwilling to Do More Than Pay Certain Rents

MAYOR ILL

Self Liquidating Idea Of J. H. McMullan Doubtful

For the moment, anyhow, Edenton's plans for a new municipal building to house all town and federal offices and a majority of those now operating for Chowan County, went aborting on Tuesday afternoon when the County Commissioners seemed disinclined to go along with the idea. In the absence of Mayor J. H. McMullan, father of the idea, who was home ill, Architect Frank Benton, of Wilson, called in by the Mayor to prepare plans and a picture of what the structure could be like, appeared before the Board and half-heartedly agreed with the Commissioners that the proposed plan might be a bit different of financing than had been originally suggested.

The building program would have a two-story Colonial brick structure with room for every one of the above offices as well as quarters on the top for a modern jail and jailer's quarters, and would cost \$70,000. Mayor McMullan has felt the proposition could be financed with PWA help on a 55-45 per cent basis, and was positive sufficient rentals could be secured by the town to make the project self-liquidating.

There was some belief expressed, however, that this was only a partial viewpoint and that the PWA would lend no aid save the town's 45 per cent cost obligation was first guaranteed by a bond issue. This fact and the uncertainty of meeting the situation otherwise, led the Commissioners to turn thumbs down on the idea for the present.

Foye Cozart Succumbs To Heart Ailment

Foye Cozart, after seven months illness of a heart disease, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cozart, on East King Street, Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Miss Cozart was 21 years old, a graduate of the Edenton High School in the class of 1935 and was very popular among the younger group of the town.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the Baptist Church by Rev. E. L. Wells, the pastor. The body was later taken to Roxboro, where interment was made Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Both services were largely attended by hosts of friends in both towns.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cozart, two sisters, Mrs. Matt Dickerson, of Roxboro, and Miss Orphelia Cozart, of Edenton, and three brothers, Jack and Taft, of Roxboro, and Bill, at home.

Edenton Peanut Festival Fails To Materialize For Fall; Planned For 1939

"Indigestion"

Z. T. Evans is minus one of his cows as the result of what he thought was indigestion. Noticing the cow was sick, he administered medicine to relieve indigestion, but when this failed to bring wanted results he called in Dr. P. W. Tedder, veterinarian. Upon close examination Dr. Tedder advanced the opinion that the cow had swallowed a nail which was causing the trouble.

Very shortly after Dr. Tedder's diagnosis, the cow died and to satisfy both his and Mr. Evans' curiosity, the cow was cut open, which revealed five nails in the cow's four stomachs.

Training School At Baptist Church All Of Next Week

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Stegall of Hertford on Faculty

FOR ALL AGES

Three Courses Arranged Which Should Be Very Helpful

The Training Union, or all the B. Y. P. U.'s of the Baptist Church will conduct a Training School each night next week at the Edenton Baptist Church at seven o'clock. An excellent faculty will teach three interesting and helpful books and every member of the church is urged to take advantage of the unusual opportunity which this school offers. There will be taught a course for each age within the scale of eight years to 100 years, and it will be well worth while, not only from the standpoint of the individual, but also that of the church as a whole.

The faculty of deep thinking and practical knowledge is listed below along with the course taught.

Adult and Senior Age: "The Functioning of the Church," taught by Rev. J. F. Stegall, of Hertford.

Intermediate Age: "Training in Stewardship," taught by the Pastor, Rev. E. L. Wells.

Junior Age: "The Junior and His Church," taught by Mrs. J. F. Stegall, of Hertford.

A period of fellowship will be held each night and every member of the church, young or old, is urged to attend the course which fits his or her age and interests and to enlist others. While this is primarily for church members, and will mean much to the life of the church as well as that of the individual, there will be a most cordial welcome for visitors.

County Relief Load For August \$5,005

Perkins' Report Shows 253 Recipients Under Welfare Setup

Included in W. M. Perkins' welfare report submitted to the County Commissioners Tuesday was an approximate relief load for the county during August. This phase of his report showed that there were 253 recipients involved, totaling an outlay of \$5,005, distributed as follows:

One hundred and four receiving old age relief totaling \$803.
Fourteen aid to dependent children cases receiving \$205.
Four general relief cases, \$37.
Eight aid to blind cases, \$98.
Eighty-five WPA cases, \$3,000.
Thirty CCC cases, \$75.
Of course, the amount expended represents Federal, State and County shares under the welfare set up.

REVIVAL AT WHITE OAK
Revival services are being conducted every evening this week at White Oak Methodist Church in Bertie County.

Insufficient Time Remains to Make Proper Arrangements

MUST BE RIGHT

Permanent Organization Suggested For Annual Affair

Prospects faded for staging a peanut festival in Edenton during the fall last week when it was decided that insufficient time remained to make proper preparations for a celebration that would do justice to the idea. At a meeting held earlier in the week of a group of those interested, it was unanimously agreed to have presidents of the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and Chowan Woman's Club appoint committees to meet jointly and recommend whether or not it would be feasible to have the festival some time early in October.

Committees from the five organizations met and after a thorough discussion of the idea came to the conclusion that not enough time remained to properly arrange for the event, and rather than stage a haphazard sort of affair it would be advisable to postpone the festival this year and plan for a big affair next year and annually thereafter.

Accordingly, a permanent organization will be set up comprised of members of the five groups who, it is hoped, will keep the festival idea alive and start in ample time next year to put on a peanut celebration that will claim State-wide and even national attention. No reason can be advanced why Edenton should not stage a peanut festival that would claim as much attention and publicity as tobacco, strawberry, tulip, cotton and other festivals held in other parts of the State.

Though the peanut festival is off for this year, however, it was the opinion of the committeemen that there was no reason why other affairs, possibly not so elaborate, should not be held in Edenton during the fall to attract and entertain folks living within the Edenton trade area.

Holland Reelected President Peanut Cooperative Group

Committee Plans to Go To Washington on Saturday

R. C. Holland was given another year's term as president of the Eastern Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative at the annual meeting of the organization last Friday. Twenty-two members of the Cooperative gathered first in the Court House, where plans for the ensuing year were discussed, and later in Mr. Holland's office in executive session at which time the president and J. B. Fearing, of Windsor, and B. D. Stevenson, of Pendleton, were re-elected secretary and vice president.

Mr. Holland and the others were somewhat disappointed as to the size of the gathering inasmuch as more than 2,500 postal invitations had been sent out, but all agreed that the organization had accomplished much during the past first year and would very likely accomplish more in the year to follow.

E. B. Arnold, secretary of the State Farm Bureau, Raleigh, was on hand, and gave the Cooperative the endorsement and blessing of the State body. A lengthy report of what the Cooperative had done during 1937-1938 was read by Secretary Fearing and an animated discussion followed at the Court House meeting. It was decided among other things to send a committee to Washington, D. C., next Saturday to confer with the Department of Agriculture chieftains and work out a diversion program for the coming fall harvest time, also to seek a possible purchase price announcement.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sutton, at their home in North Edenton, a son on Wednesday, August 31.