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## Edenton School Registers Enrollment 790 Opening Session Monday Morning

### Practically New Interior Houses White Students This Year

### BAND PLAYS Increased Attendance Is Expected to Add New Teacher to Faculty

So far as the interior of the building is concerned, white children in the Edenton school on Monday morning occupied new quarters for the 1938-39 session. Though all of the seats in the new auditorium had not been properly placed, all gathered in the new annex for the opening exercises.

Seven hundred and ninety youngsters were enrolled the first day, of this number 530 were in the elementary grades and 260 in the high school. At Advance school 65 were enrolled. The total is only one more than the first day last year when 789 enrolled in the Edenton school. However, with the very inclement weather on opening day as well as several days since, Superintendent John A. Holmes is expecting the enrollment to be materially boosted.

Adding zest to the opening day's activities was a 30-minute concert on the auditorium stage by the school band.

Before being assigned to their respective rooms, Rev. E. L. Wells led a brief devotional service and made an address directed especially to students in which he urged them to study and work hard from the beginning of school to the end that when the closing day of school arrives there will be no reason for any regrets. Many parents and friends also gathered in the new auditorium for the opening session.

Mr. Holmes was well satisfied with the quiet and orderly manner attending the opening ceremony. Both teachers and children appeared very much interested in getting studies underway and on Tuesday a regular schedule of classes was functioning and running smoothly since.

Another new teacher has been added to the faculty, Miss Lucille Clark, of Enfield, being secured to teach science. Miss Clark succeeds Wilbur Brothers, a member of last year's faculty, and was secured after Gordon Murphy, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., declined to accept the vacancy after being elected by the school board. Mrs. George K. Mack, who resigned as teacher of French, is acting as a substitute in this study until it is decided whether or not a new teacher will be added. This will depend upon the attendance record over the first two weeks of school. If the attendance does not warrant the services of a new teacher, the faculty will be reorganized to take care of teaching the French classes.

An inspection of the building was made Monday by Frank Benton, architect, and the contractors, and all expressed satisfaction with the work. Only a few minor repairs were suggested which will be made as soon as possible.

## LONG SESSION OF COURT TUESDAY

### Placing Blame For Norfolk Southern Bus Upset Consumes Most of Morning

Three cases occupied the attention of Recorder J. N. Pruden at the regular Tuesday morning session of court this week, and in each one judgments of guilty were reached and penalties imposed. Viewed from a point of punishment, John Stallings, Negro, arraigned for possession of 3 gallons of bootleg liquor, was the most important of the trio. Stallings was given four months on the road. His arrest was part of the ABC enforcement campaign being directed against offenders.

The time of the court was taken up for two hours in an effort to place the blame for the recent upset of a Norfolk Southern bus on the Chowan Bridge Road. William Perry, Negro, living in the Rocky Hook section, was arrested. Corporation lawyers and witnesses prosecuted the charge of reckless driving against him. Three passengers riding with him disputed this, but Judge Pruden held there was guilt shown and fined Perry \$10. He took an appeal to the Superior Court.

Zachariah Dillard, another Negro, charged with reckless driving last Saturday night, was fined the costs of the action.

## Good News!

Included in the list of 13 new highway construction projects, sealed bids for which will be opened in Raleigh on October 4, is the one Edenton has been hoping and praying for since the new Sound bridge was first agitated—a roadway connecting the new span's northern terminal with this town. The total of the allotment for the 13 different jobs will be around \$1,240,000, but just what the Chowan work will aggregate has not been hinted at.

As is well-known here the proposed connecting road will be along the Poplar Neck highway, which will be straightened through the woods, and hit the Yeopim road 200 yards east of Moran's store. The finished road will be 20 feet in breadth, the same as the bridge roads, and will be of concrete surfacing, according to promises recently made a delegation of Edentonians who appeared before the State Highway Commission in the road's behalf.

## AAA Price Schedule For Surplus Peanuts Fixed In Washington

### Program Similar to Last Year Will Distribute Over \$2,000,000

Headed by R. C. Holland, of the Eastern Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, a delegation of peanut growers and processors from Chowan and adjacent counties joined with a larger crowd of 500 from all over the eastern seaboard, in Washington last week at a conference with Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and AAA officials. A schedule of prices was listed for the ensuing harvest and announcement was made that the government's purchase of surplus goobers from this year's crop would be carried out on the same basis of control as last year.

Mr. Holland returned pleased with the result of the conference which will mean another \$2,000,000 in expenditure to the growers in an effort to stabilize prices.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration made public a price schedule ranging from \$70 to \$48 a ton for various types of peanuts. It said these prices would be paid to farmers by regional producer associations for peanuts to be diverted into manufacture. (Continued on Page Eight)

## Lions Wallop Red Men For City Soft Ball Championship

### Final Game Played Before Large and Enthusiastic Crowd

Playing before one of the largest and most enthusiastic crowds of the summer, the Lions on Thursday night defeated the Red Men 11 to 0. The contest was the final game of a five-game series which was deadlocked, each club having won two games, and resulted in the Lions Club entry in the softball league claiming the city championship.

For five innings both teams played errorless and hitless ball, in that time not a single player reached first base. In the sixth, however, the Lions pushed three runners across home plate, but were hard pressed when the Red Men in their half tallied twice. After this inning by a series of safe hits, mingled with several perfect bunts, the Lions gradually increased their lead which was never threatened by the Red Skins.

Doc Tedder and Ralph Parrish formed the battery for the Lions, while Raleigh Hollowell and Aas Griffin performed for the Red Men.

## Lions Club Sponsor Four Outstanding Entertainments

### Contract With Collins Festival For Edenton Showing

### FOUR TUESDAYS

### Committees Appointed To Make Necessary Arrangements

An interesting and beneficial bit of high class entertainment is in store for the people of this section due to a contract signed by the Edenton Lions Club with the Collins Festival. This entertainment, of the Chautauqua type, will be presented in four installments, appearing here four consecutive Tuesday nights, October 18 and 25, November 1 and 8. The Collins Festival has been furnishing entertainment service for 19 years and included on the programs are some of the country's leading entertainers and speakers.

It has been a major thought and object with the Lions Club for the past twelve months to secure some entertainment for the people of Edenton that would be well worth while. One that would be enjoyed by old as well as young, and careful consideration was given to a number of entertainments before they finally selected the Collins Festival.

The new High School auditorium has been secured for these performances and tickets will go on sale within the next few days.

For the first evening the schedule calls for Elias Tamburita Serenaders, a gay and fast-moving entertainment of Balkan music, presented by a company of five. From polished boots to scarlet tunics their picturesque peasant costumes set off the unique, tuneful music of their native country.

The second entertainment will be a magic and ventriloquist program by the Loring Campbell Company. Mr. Campbell is himself a great entertainer, his magic and ventriloquism forming the background for a grand evening of fun of all kinds. He is assisted by Kathryn Campbell and their work during 12 years has been acclaimed from coast to coast.

Hon. Geoffrey F. Morgan, lecturer, educator and legislator, will appear the third night. For a dozen years Mr. Morgan has been listed in "Who's Who in America." He is a brilliant speaker, with rare wit and enthusiasm. His talks are practical, interesting, stimulating and well seasoned with humor. His topic will be "Your Money, or Your Life."

A Broadway comedy, "Mary's Other Husband," will complete the series of entertainments. The play includes a cast of five talented actors and portrays the problems and bewilderment of a wife and her efforts to impress her wealthy uncle.

The Lions are very anxious to make the entertainments as successful as possible and to arrange for every detail, the following committees have been appointed:

Ticket Committee—Hector Lupton, chairman; Oscar Duncan and J. A. Curran.

Publicity Committee—J. Frank White, Jr., chairman, L. H. Haskett and Dr. W. S. Griffin.

Entertainment Committee—W. R. Horton, chairman; J. C. Leary and T. C. Byrum.

Stage Committee—Kenneth Floars, chairman, H. C. Goodwin and R. W. Leary.

## McCullers Speaker At Rotary Today

C. L. McCullers, a member of the Edenton Rotary Club and popular director of the Edenton High School Band will be the principal speaker at today's meeting of the club. Mr. McCullers has not stated what his subject will be, but it can be taken for granted that he will speak upon the band in which he is so vitally interested.

Due to Rev. George W. Blount and J. A. Moore, members of the program committee, being out of town last week, no specially planned program was presented, but instead President Oscar Brown called upon several members for impromptu remarks, among which was Coach David Holton's opinion of this year's football prospects at the high school. Despite the loss of several outstanding stars, Mr. Holton was favorably impressed with the large number of boys reporting for practice and their willingness to enter into the game. He feels sure with the present spirit among the boys a winning combination will be rounded out.

## Town Faces Deficit Over Tax Valuations But \$1 Rate For Ensuing Year Now Seems Likely Solution Of Puzzling Quandaries

### Sunday Movies In Edenton

Following the circulation of a petition requesting Sunday moving picture shows in Edenton, Manager Jimmy Earnhardt, of the Taylor Theatre, announces that beginning next Sunday he will have two shows every Sunday. The schedule will be so arranged that the Sunday entertainment will not conflict with church services, the hours of shows being scheduled for 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon and 9:15 at night.

Theatres in surrounding territory have been having Sunday movies and for some time, says Mr. Earnhardt, Edenton people

have requested Sunday showings, which he was reluctant to agree to until a petition signed by many local citizens was presented to him last week.

The initial Sunday performance will feature "Carefree," starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. The box office opens at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and for the night performance at 9 o'clock.

It is thought that Sunday movies will attract many moviegoers from adjacent counties and is the first time in the history of the local theatre that Sunday shows have been undertaken.

## Edenton High Wins First Game On 1938 Football Schedule

### Columbia High School No Match For Coach Holton's Boys

### SCORE 39-0

### Team Undergoes More Severe Test In Tarboro Friday

Before a goodly crowd of shirt-sleeved fans, Coach David Holton's 1938 edition of High School gridders easily defeated Columbia High School on the local field Friday afternoon by the score of 39-0. Though presenting a team of about equal weight, the Columbia boys, most of them new at the game, displayed lack of experience, which fact enabled Coach Holton to use practically every man on his squad at some time during the game.

The contest was too one-sided to provide any particular excitement, the most thrilling play of the day coming in the last few seconds of the game when William Cayton, receiving a Columbia punt, evaded the entire visiting aggregation, sprinting about 80 yards for a touchdown.

Edenton scored its first touchdown early in the opening quarter when Columbia fumbled the kickoff, Cozens falling on the ball. After Cayton clipped off 20 yards and two more first downs followed by gains made by Hoskins, Everett and Cayton, Hoskins crossed the stripe standing up. Billy Shepard, who recently displayed his ability at booting the ball between the goal posts, kicked for the extra point.

Columbia again fumbled Edenton's punt and on the next play a neat pass from Everett to Chesson paid off for another touchdown. Shepard repeated his kick for the extra point.

The third touchdown was scored by Pete Everett, after a fumble by Columbia gave Edenton the ball near the 20-yard line. After a pass failed Everett drove hard through the line. On his third attempt to kick Shepard kicked for the extra point. (Continued on Page Five)

## Masons Confer First Degree In Colerain

With softball out of the way, as well as other affairs that drew from the attendance at Masonic meetings, E. T. Rawlinson, master of Unity Lodge, urges every member to be present for the meeting tonight at 8 o'clock.

The local degree team has been requested to confer the first degree on a candidate in the Colerain lodge on Friday night and for this reason a large attendance is requested so that proper arrangements can be made for the trip.

## Auxiliary Card Party On Friday Afternoon

On Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Parish House the Legion Auxiliary will sponsor a subscription card party, which they hope will be well attended. Door and table prizes will be awarded and arrangements made for serving refreshments to those who do not wish to play cards.

## Check Up Of Game Violations Brings About 7 Captures

### Wardens West and Perry Out to Arrest All Offenders

### LICENSE FALSITIES

### Season Dates and License Agencies Are Named

The usual autumnal haste on the part of hunters to beat the seasonal game law opening dates, has caused District Game Warden West and his local lieutenants Gib Perry to make a lively check up this month of such sportsmanlike conduct. So far they have nabbed seven violators, three of them for hunting on Sunday, a particularly unlawful bit of work, and all have been arraigned and penalized as the law stipulates.

Mr. West and Mr. Perry report that this habit of trying to get in a bit of shooting, particularly for squirrels, ahead of the season has become more and more apparent each year, and they are determined that it shall be stopped. Such conduct, they say, is due to two factors—a lack of knowledge on the part of the offenders as to the game season dates, or an indifference on the part of the hunters as to the conservation of wild game.

In either instance, it was put, such conduct is very unsportsmanlike and is bitterly frowned upon by the law and by the better element of citizenship. The game laws were written into the statutes to protect game during breeding and mating seasons, and for that reason, if no

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## Dr. M. P. Whichard Resigns As Health Officer For Craven

### Accepts Head of Cherokee-Clay-Graham District

Many friends of Dr. M. P. Whichard and his family will be interested to know that he has resigned as Craven County health officer and will accept a similar position as head of the Cherokee-Clay-Graham health department. He will continue to serve at New Bern until October 1, when he will assume his new duties. The change involves a decided increase in salary.

Dr. Whichard accepted the Craven County position shortly after giving up his practice in Edenton and special training at the University of North Carolina, and during his brief stay at New Bern has made considerable progress in health work in the county. In presenting his resignation he said he had learned to like the people of New Bern and Craven County and that his only reason for leaving was a promotion at increased salary. He was in Edenton over the week-end and received many congratulations upon his success in his new field. (Continued on Page Eight)

### More Than \$10,000 Uncollected Since 1930 Used as Asset

### \$35,397.75 BUDGET

### E. & W. Board Called to Rescue; Other Budget High Spots

Though Town Councilmen at a lengthy session Friday night delved into the city's finances and juggled a mass of figures, no definite tax rate had been set at the time of going to press Wednesday. Only the matter of the town's budget was considered at the executive session, and as the meeting adjourned after 10 o'clock, it was hoped that the present rate of \$1.00 per \$100 valuation could be maintained for another 12-month period.

Facing the town fathers was a decreased property valuation on which to levy for income. This year's valuation is figured at \$2,900,000 as against over \$3,000,000 last year. Elimination of intangible property from the tax books is largely responsible for the drop in valuation. Also a very irksome phase of the financial set-up is the fact that at present there is on the town books \$10,865 representing uncollected taxes since 1930 and from which very little income will materialize. Back taxes are included in assets of the town and as has been the case before, the budget includes the amount on the income side of the ledger, which obviously fails to come in.

The budget for the year which was tentatively approved Friday night calls for an expenditure of \$35,397.75, which with a \$1.00 rate could be balanced were it not for the fact that \$6,422.75 in back taxes and previously levied is included in the anticipated revenues. It is this item that prevented a decision on the rate. Councilmen are hopeful to have the assurance from the Electric and Water Department that \$7,000 of their earnings will be given to offset the back taxes and thus prevent a boost of the rate. With this in mind at a late hour Friday night an effort was made to contact members of the E. & W. Board, but only Fred Wood could be reached, and he was unwilling to commit himself as to the amount asked. He did say, however, that he felt sure his board would assist in lending aid to prevent a raise in the tax rate, but preferred to have the entire board pass on the matter. The meeting adjourned with the understanding that the finance committee would meet with the E. & W. Board and if \$7,000 can be counted on the tax rate would remain at \$1.00. Otherwise another special meeting of Town Council will be called for consideration of a tax rate that will take care of the expenditures.

The budget for administrative purposes amounts to \$3,481.50, which is the same as last year.

In the Police Department last year's budget, which was \$4,875, has been increased to \$5,445 which allows for the purchase of a new police car. Three new uniforms have been provided for the members of the force.

The Fire Department was also appropriated a larger amount, \$5,826.25 being allowed as against \$5,422.50 last year. This slight increase is due to the necessity of equipping the fire trucks with booster brakes.

The health department budget remains the same as last year, \$550.

The largest boost in appropriation occurs in the Street Department, which ran in the red by \$468 last year. The budget allows \$14,385 this year as against \$11,200 last year. Cost of maintaining streets, keeping the town clean and the thousand and one other duties expected from the Street Department require more funds, especially in that streets and sidewalks are subject to more wear and tear and require more attention from year to year. It was expected to purchase a pick-up sweeper for the Department which would enable the town to be kept cleaner and at the same time release labor for other urgent work which so easily accumulates when the whole crew must be pressed into service on Thursdays and Saturday nights when the streets are swept with an antiquated sweeper. However, when final figures were added, it was decided to abandon the idea in the hope that the present sweeper would last another year. Reason also for an increase in (Continued on Page Eight)