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## Town Council, Meeting In Special Session Monday, Sets Year's Tax Rate At \$1

### Councilmen Cut Appropriations to Keep Same Rate

#### BUDGET ON FILE

### \$10,000 Is Anticipated By Profits From E. & W. Department

Members of Town Council again on Monday night met in special session when once again they engaged in a juggling and shifting of figures in a desperate effort to fix the city tax rate for the year at \$1.00 per \$100 valuation, and after a little slicing here and there the budget, as presented by the Finance Committee, was accepted which maintained the \$1.00 rate as last year.

At a previous meeting the mass of figures was gone over and the year's expenses discussed and though there appeared to be a deficiency it was expected the same rate would be adopted. In the meantime it was discovered that a \$660 item had been overlooked in the tentative budget and it was principally on account of this item that some changes were necessary. After carefully scrutinizing every expenditure, it was decided to slice \$500 from the sidewalks appropriation in the Street Department and an extra 1500 from a miscellaneous appropriation under the other expenses.

As the expenditures now stand the administrative department has been allowed \$3,406.50, the police department \$5,445, fire department \$5,826.25 (Continued on Page Five)

## High School Football Team Wins Second Game On Schedule

### Tarboro High Defeated Last Week By Score 19-6

#### TEAM IMPROVES

### New Bern Will Be Opponents In Edenton Friday Afternoon

Confronted with stiffer opposition than in their initial game, Coach Holton's High School football team on Friday displayed considerable improvement and as a result won its second game of the season, defeating Tarboro 19 to 6 on the latter's field. The game was played before many spectators in shirt sleeves and the warm afternoon tended to slow down performance of the boys. Tarboro apparently had the local boys outweighed, but before the game had been in progress long, it was plainly evident the Edgewood County boys lacked experience. The principal threat advanced by Tarboro was a passing combination between Palmer and Thayer and this developed too late in the game to endanger another Edenton victory.

Edenton's line provided a veritable brick wall for opposing backs and ends runs, too, failed to yield any considerable gains, Tarboro registering only two first downs while Edenton chalked up 18. The entire Edenton team played a good brand of ball, with Pete Everett and Little Bud Cayton gaining the most ground, though they were ably assisted by Fred Hoskins and Durwood Harrell. The line, too, did its part by opening holes in the defense. For Tarboro Guill, Thayer and Palmer played the most brilliant game.

Tarboro kicked to start the game with Cayton returning to the 30-yard line before tackled. Hoskins picked up 7 yards and on the next play Everett fumbled but recovered, Everett then ploughed through the line for the first first down of the game, being followed after two plays by Cayton. Cayton again registered a first down, but Edenton was penalized 15 yards for holding. The ball seceded during the quarter with no spectacular play save a neat return of an Edenton punt by Guill. Edenton had possession of the ball on the 42-yard line as the quarter ended.

To start the second quarter Everett (Continued on Page Eight)

## Better Pay Uu!

Warning was issued Wednesday by Chief of Police Helms that unless owners of dogs secure dog licenses by October 10, they would subject themselves to arrest. Dog tax was due July 1, and in a check-up Mr. Helms discovered that only 60 dog owners have procured a license, whereas last year at this time 162 licenses had been purchased.

Unless the law is complied with by October 10, arrests will be made or dogs not bearing a tag will be shot, and it is the Chief's desire that dog owners buy tags immediately to save embarrassment.

## District Librarians Will Meet In Court House October 12

### Mayor William Polk of Warrenton Will Be Speaker

#### BOOK DISPLAY

### Plans on Foot to Secure Appropriation In General Assembly

Librarians and all others interested in the operation of such institutions, will be in large attendance here on October 12, at a district library meeting to be held in the Court House, with the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library to be the host. Mayor William Polk, of Warrenton, will address the gathering.

The Edenton session will be one of six such gatherings to be held in North Carolina, primarily for the purpose of laying plans to bring about a library appropriation from the next State law mill, and to discuss how any such prospective donation can best be spent and what communities will be eligible to receive the aid.

An enlivening round table discussion will be conducted by those having the district meeting in charge, and special book displays will be on hand. The Edenton meeting will be an afternoon affair. Other meetings will be held in Charlotte, Morganton, Murphy, New Bern and Raleigh.

## Booth House To Be An Antique Center

### William Hudson Rents Famous Old Church Street Dwelling

Edenton people will be interested to know that the old Booth house on East Church Street will on October 15 be transformed into an antique headquarters. The house was last week vacated by the colored tenants and was rented to William H. Hudson, who will be in charge.

Mr. Hudson is a former Edenton insurance agent and plans to make the house more attractive by building original parts and refurbishing. When completed it will be stocked with antiques which will be for sale, and the place will be open daily for tourists.

## Methodists Observe Rally Day Sunday

Rally day will be observed in the Methodist Sunday School at the regular hour Sunday morning, when it is expected one of the largest attendances of the year will be recorded. In connection with this feature of the service, teachers and officers of the school will be installed.

Last Sunday was promotion day and officers of the school are expecting greatly increased interest in the work.

Regular preaching services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., by Rev. George W. Blount, the pastor.

## Married 50 Years



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Hassell, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday at their home in the Macedonia section. Present for the celebration were all the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the couple.

## Study To Be Made Of Pulp Mill Waste Affecting Fish Life

### Attention Is Focused on Rapidly Declining Shad Supply

#### FIGHT ENEMIES

### Canfield Explains Habits of Shad to Board Members

Commercial shad fishermen hereabouts are much interested in the recent announcement by the Department of Conservation and Development that it had authorized a study of the effect on shad life of wastes expelled into the Roanoke River by the great paper pulp mill at Plymouth. This has been hinted at ever since the pulp mill began operations and is viewed as an important part of the "Save the Shad" survey which has been underway in Albemarle waters for two years now.

The State board, also, took steps to control predatory fish, especially those cannibalistic members of the finny tribe which may have been preying on shad fry and thus have had a part in the great shad shortage during recent years.

The pulp mill excretions bothered the shadders during last season and have been much feared again this coming winter. Harry Canfield, federal culturist for the Bureau of Fisheries, who has been chieftain of the shad survey for two seasons now, has placed much stress on the pulp mill pollution of waters. He has not felt that the five year shad shortage could be traced to that source for the pulp mill has been in operation only recently, but he has expressed himself as frankly believing the pollution is a dangerous factor to the shad in adjacent waters.

Mr. Canfield was before the committee last week and said he had found catfish, carp and eels to be the grounds. Other states, he said, have deadliest enemies of shad, feeding on the ripe and destroying shad feeding. remedied the danger by encouraging (Continued on Page Five)

## New Signs Arrive For Edenton Lions Club

Lions at their meeting Monday night were treated to some splendid music, when little Lillian Leary sang, accompanied by her sister, Doris Jean Leary. The program was arranged by J. Clarence Leary and Dr. T. W. Tedder.

Secretary W. J. Taylor informed the club that three new Lions signs had arrived which will be erected immediately at prominent points on the main highway arteries. The meeting was one of the best attended in recent months.

Next Monday night the program will be in charge of the Community Betterment Committee, composed of Jimmy Partin, T. W. Jones and Thomas J. Wood.

## Observers Receive Instructions About Air Craft Maneuver

### Fort Bragg Officers at Armory on Tuesday Afternoon

#### NOT PLAY THING

### Four Chowan Posts Set Up to Cooperate In Scientific Test

Chowan residents who expect to see all or even a part of the attacking or defending fight formations in the great anti aircraft maneuver to be held throughout eastern Carolina between October 10 and 15, are doomed to much disappointment, according to an announcement Tuesday afternoon at a final plans conference between local official observers and officers here from the Signal Corps at Fort Bragg.

Explanation was made to the effect that the various air formations will undoubtedly be flown at varying heights and under varying weather conditions, and at varying times during four hour periods each day of the maneuvers, and that their observation and detection will solely be by specially designed army equipment, and plainly unobservable to civilians not in on the game.

Besides the official communique brings out that the maneuver is not a play designed to attract for amusement, but rather a deeply scientific war effort being tried out for the first time in North America.

Four posts with the officials in charge have been designated by C. E. Kramer, in charge of the Chowan working force, as at Edenton Armory, R. L. Spry, Chowan Bridge, P. H. Bell, Chowan High School, P. L. Baumgardner, and Athol Farm, Thomas Wood. Each post chieftain will have a number of civilian aides with him on duty, as well as considerable detecting equipment from army headquarters to make the warning nets more effective.

Tuesday's conference at the Armory (Please Turn to Page Four)

## Rotary Club Meets Usual Hour Today

Though the program has not been announced, the Rotary Club will meet at the usual hour today. However, as this is the meeting preceding Frank Chase's official visit as district governor, President Oscar Brown is hopeful that every member will make an effort to attend.

C. L. McCullers last Thursday made a very interesting address upon the value of a community band, commenting on the progress made in two years when he organized the band with 7 or 8 members. Sixty-five are now enrolled.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Russell announce the birth of a daughter, Madlyn Eunice, on Sunday morning, September 25, 1938.

## Edenton Assured New Road To Sound Bridge Will Be Of Concrete Construction

### Down ... Not Out!

The new Sound bridge may have put W. A. Everett's ferry out of business, but it has increased his transportation enthusiasm, judging from an application he has made to the State Public Utilities Commission for a franchise to construct a bus line from Swan Quarter through Columbia, on the south sound side, on across the bridge into Edenton and north to Suffolk.

Mr. Everett hopes his application will be granted and plans for one round bus trip a day over the new traveling route.

## Rotary Governor Be Guest Of Edenton Club October 6th

### Frank Chase of Suffolk Will Make First Official Visit

#### TWO MEETINGS

### Luncheon Takes Place At Night Instead of Regular Hour

Edenton Rotarians will have the pleasure of hearing Frank Chase, of Suffolk, Va., Rotary Governor for the 187th District, next Thursday, October 6, when he will make his first official visit to the local Rotary club. Mr. Chase will meet with officers and chairmen of the various club committees at 6 o'clock, which session will be followed by the club luncheon at 7 o'clock. Both meetings will be held in the Parish House and President Oscar Brown is urging and is hopeful that there will be a 100 per cent attendance at each meeting.

"It is very important that officers and committee chairmen meet with Governor Chase at 6 o'clock," says Mr. Brown, "for at that time reports and plans of work will be discussed which should prove of great value to our club."

No special program will be arranged for the luncheon, it being the purpose to turn over all of the allotted time to Mr. Chase who will address the club.

## Narrow Escape In Tenant House Fire

### Bed Covering Ablaze as Children Are Taken From Bed

A tenant house on the E. N. Elliott farm was destroyed by fire Thursday night about 12:30. Willie Twine and family, who occupied the house, lost everything they had. Johnnie Twine, a brother who lived with them, slept upstairs, and when he waked up and discovered the fire it had gained such headway that he had to jump out the window. He awakened the rest of the family and when they went in the room where the children slept to get them the covering on their bed was afire. Their screams waked the Elliots and, when they looked out, the house was enveloped in flames. They knew it was useless to ring the farm bell and arouse the neighborhood as nothing could then be saved. They were the first to reach the scene and only a few people knew of the loss until the next morning.

## Fiddlers Convention At C. H. S. Friday Night

Under the sponsorship of the Chowan Woman's Club a fiddlers' convention will be held in the Chowan High School on Friday night, September 30. Anyone wishing to participate in the contest should get in touch with members of the club at once.

### Bids Specify Road Is to Be of Concrete Construction

#### OPENED OCT. 4

### Barnes Pleased to Give Much Desired Information

All uncertainty as to the exact type of new road soon to be started from the new Sound bridge over the Poplar Neck highway into Edenton, was set at rest this week through a letter received by Mayor J. H. McMullan from Highway Commissioner D. Collin Barnes, of Murfreesboro. Mr. Barnes confirms The Herald's announcement of last week that bids for the road will be opened and the contract let by the State Board next Tuesday, October 4.

Already the bids have been advertised for based on specifications to rival contractors calling for "grading, concrete paving and structures." Concrete paving means the road will be surfaced as Edenton has hoped, in exact similarity with the highway leading from the north side bridge terminal. It is understood it will be of the same breadth, 20 feet, also.

Mr. Barnes, who is much interested in seeing that the proposed roadway is the success Edenton wishes, writes that he hopes a bid will be received within the allocation set for the work of construction, and closes with the happy comment, "that the road may soon be under contract and you people will have a concrete road from the bridge to Edenton."

## Negroes Lead In Birth And Death Rate In Chowan

### Figures Furnished By Local Board of Health

#### FOR 12 MONTHS

### 169 White Children Born As Against 144 Negroes

Vital statistics being centralized in the local Bertie-Chowan Board of Health office show that during the past twelve months the preponderance of the deaths and births per 1,000 of population in Chowan County have been with the Negro race. The mortality figures as thus collated indicate that members of this race have been dying at a rate of 5 per 1,000 more than has been noticed with whites, and that Negro children have been born at a rate of 2 per 1,000 more than is so with white families. Heretofore, the county's vital statistics, as these computations are called, have been turned in to the register of deeds' office by various constituted authorities throughout the county. It has seldom been possible, however, to get the aggregate figures for a stated term, or at least has not been done, but under the new system of centralizing the statistics in the board of health offices a noticeable change has been apparent in this respect.

There have been 169 white births and 50 white deaths during the past year, with Negro births totaling 144 and Negro deaths 66.

The birth and death rate for each race has been based on the white and Negro populations in the county, the birth rate per 1,000 of whites being set at 27.4 and that of Negroes per 1,000 of Negro population at 29.9.

In the same manner the death rate for whites for the year is placed at 8.11, and that for Negroes 13.6.

## Books Open For New Series B. & L. Stock

Books are now open for sale of stock in the 68-A series of the Edenton Building and Loan Association. The series opens Saturday, October 1 and those expecting to become shareholders in the new series should see Secretary R. E. Leary as soon as possible.