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Commissioners Put Thumbs Down On Request For New Building At Chowan School

Argument Adds Spice To Monthly Meeting Monday

COST \$7000

Purpose to Teach Agricultural Classes at School

Fireworks were injected into an otherwise uneventful meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday. The excitement was caused when the County Board of Education appeared before the Commissioners in an effort to persuade a loan with which to erect a new building at Chowan High School for the purpose of teaching agricultural classes. The request for aid resulted in some sharp arguments for and against the project, with an occasional fist thump on the table to emphasize the point in question.

The proposed building would be of brick construction, with two class rooms for teaching agriculture. It would also be equipped with a storage room and shop with tools. The cost of the building would be \$7,000, which amount, according to the Board of Education, could be loaned from the N. C. Rural Rehabilitation Corporation which has a million dollar fund appropriated by the government for improvements to rural schools. The loan could be secured at a 4% interest rate running over a period of 10 years.

Each member of the Board advanced the opinion that the building was necessary and needed at the up-county school plant, but E. O. Belch and Superintendent W. J. Taylor were more persistent in their demands for authorization of a loan. Both men said that due to no agricultural classes, many high school students leave school because no course of specific benefit to them was offered. It was also pointed out that in all neighboring counties agricultural classes are available and that Chowan students were entitled to as good school facilities as their neighbors.

The Commissioners, on the other hand, argued that the request was ill-timed in that taxes are already hard to collect and that they were unwilling to add any more to the tax burden especially at this time when crops were undeniably in no condition to expect any appreciable returns.

As the argument heated, the Commissioners further reminded the school board that when an appropriation was made to build the present school at Small's Cross Roads it was their understanding that it would take care of the school needs for at least ten years. The school men countered, however, that they were limited to such an extent by the amount allowed that the proper facilities could not be included in the \$66,000 available.

District Meeting Of Town Officials Held Here Today

One of 18 Meetings Sponsored By League Of Municipalities

As one of the 18 meetings being held during November throughout the state the North Carolina League of Municipalities will meet here today at 2:30 o'clock in the Court House. As town executive, Mayor J. H. McMullan will preside. The purpose of the gathering will be to better acquaint the local town officials and all others who can attend with the state-wide municipal legislative program to be promulgated during the forthcoming session of the state law mill. President J. E. L. Wade, executive secretary Patrick Healy, Jr., and Field Consultant Bill Newell, are all expected to be on hand at today's gathering, and as Edenton is a member of the state league, Mayor McMullan is anxious that a large crowd of citizens be present to meet with and hear them.

Legionnaires Will Observe Program In School 10:45 Friday

Every citizen in this section is cordially invited to attend the Armistice Day celebration sponsored by Ed Bond Post in the Edenton school auditorium Friday morning. The exercises, starting at 10:45 o'clock, will be in the form of a memorial service with special music features.

An originally planned oyster roast has been dropped from the program, this feature being withheld until the district meeting is held later in Edenton.

Subject Of Taxes Occupies Attention Of Commissioners

Steps Now In Making To Collect 1931 To 1935 Taxes

PAY OR ELSE—

Eight Taxpayers Responsible For Half Amount

Taxes appeared the principal theme with the County Commissioners at their monthly meeting Monday. From all angles the matter of taxes were discussed in the hope that enough would be forthcoming to be able to steer clear of embarrassing circumstances regarding the payment of bonds and interest as they become due.

In the first place Clerk of Court Richard D. Dixon took it upon himself to figure out an arrangement whereby with small indexed books, one for each township, the Commissioners as well as his office can in a few moments learn who owes the county back taxes as well as the amount. The scheme was well received by the Commissioners who for curiosity sake thumbed through the pages and in doing so became enough interested to determine the amount due the county in taxes for which foreclosure suits have been brought. The delinquent taxes in question covered the years 1931 through 1935, which amounted to \$13,500.

Baskervill Pleased With Edenton Visit

That J. C. Baskervill, of Raleigh, who accompanied M. D. Cooke to Edenton last week to make movie-tone shots, is well pleased with his visit is reflected in a brief letter to Mayor J. H. McMullan. Says Mr. Baskervill in part:

"I want to thank you for the very fine cooperation which you and the people of Edenton gave to Mr. Cooke last week when he was there making the peanut picture.

"I am confident that this cooperation will not only react to benefit Edenton but the entire state of North Carolina. I was frankly surprised at the progressive spirit shown there and the interest taken by your leading business men, in making these newsreel shots. You can truthfully say that Edenton is now the most progressive old town in North Carolina."

Good News

Collection of Chowan County taxes revived somewhat during October, Sheriff J. A. Bunch reporting that \$18,018.71 of the 1938 taxes were collected during the month. Of the 1937 taxes \$738.47 were collected, bringing the total 1937 tax collections up to \$80,204.42 of a levy of \$96,246.48. Mr. Bunch told the Commissioners that collections for the month were about \$3,000 ahead of the same month last year, credit for which was given the new system of bookkeeping which provides for a statement being sent to every taxpayer.

Chowan Red Cross Roll Call Continues Until Thanksgiving

Membership Drive Begins In County Tomorrow

TOWN CANVASSERS

Edenton Solicitors Selected By Chapter Chairman

Starting tomorrow and running through to Thanksgiving the annual Red Cross membership roll call will be held in this county, and Mrs. J. N. Pruden, the Chapter chairman, announced yesterday the canvassers selected to manage the drive in Edenton. Posters have been placed all about town justifying the appeal, and an earnest effort will be made to enlarge the membership beyond the figures of last or previous years.

Those chosen as canvassers, each of whom will have others working with them, are:

West side Broad, between Peterson and Gale—Mrs. Leroy Haskett.

East side Broad, between Peterson and Church—Mrs. Lester Forehand.

Broad, between Church and Queen—Mrs. Henry Gardner.

East side Broad, between Queen and Water—Miss Mary Moore and Miss Audrey Rowell.

West side Broad, between Queen and Water—Miss Kathryn Holmes and Miss Barbara Kepler.

Bank of Edenton Building—Miss Frye Pettus.

Citizens Bank Building—Mrs. W. I. Hart.

Mosely Street—Mrs. Waylon Moore. Water Street—Miss Katherine Brown and Miss Betty Wales.

Albemarle Street—Mrs. W. H. Coffield.

Albemarle Street—Mrs. M. F. Bond, Jr.

Granville, between Peterson and Church—Mrs. Oscar Brown.

East side Granville, between Church and King—Miss Jessie McMullan.

West side Granville, between Church and Granville—Mrs. C. E. Byrum.

South side Church, between Broad and Granville—Mrs. J. F. White.

North side Church, between Broad and Granville—Mrs. S. W. Taylor.

Church, between Granville and Mosely—Mrs. J. F. Miller.

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Hotel Joseph Hewes Changes Ownership

G. M. Harding Buys Property From E. City Concern

Right much interest was evidenced this week when it became known that the Hotel Joseph Hewes was sold. The new owner is G. M. Harding, who purchased the hotel from the Southern Loan and Insurance Company, of Elizabeth City, which concern was trustee for bondholders.

Mr. Harding formerly operated a hotel at Fredericksburg, Va., but later became owner of a hotel at Petersburg, which he now operates.

Just when the new owner will take over management of the hotel is problematical. The present manager, W. R. Horton, holds a lease with the original owners which expires June 1, and if and when satisfactory arrangements can be made with Mr. Horton he will relinquish his right to continue as manager.

Mr. Harding plans to remodel and make a number of improvements when he assumes control.

Garden Club Meets On Monday Night With Mrs. J. A. Moore

The regular meeting of the Garden Club will be held Monday night with Mrs. J. A. Moore. The meeting has been called for 7:30 o'clock, at which time H. C. Wilson, of the Davey Tree Company, will speak. All members are urged to be present.

J. C. (Dick) Leary Is Critically Ill

Friends will regret to learn that J. C. (Dick) Leary is critically ill at his home. On Wednesday his condition was reported to be very little improved.

Gilbert Hollowell And Ice Company Sued For \$29,267

Mrs. P. J. Warner Seeks Damages Due to Husband's Death

AUTO ACCIDENT

Result of Fatal Crash at Triangle Filling Station

Civil damages totaling \$19,117.35 and punitive damages totaling \$10,000 more are claimed in a suit filed in the Superior Court yesterday growing out of the automotive death last spring of P. J. Warner. The action is brought by the widow against Gilbert Hollowell, driver of the truck causing the fatality and the Edenton Ice Company, by whom Hollowell was employed at the time of the accident. A special claim of \$150 is made for the demolition of the Warner automobile.

The accident occurred near the Triangle Filling Station, and the complaint papers charge Hollowell was driving in reckless and careless manner, at a speed approximating more than 40 miles an hour, that he was operating the truck on the left hand side of the roadway, and that his vision was obstructed.

The complainant claims that she is, aside from other children, the mother of two minor children and that her husband was 53 years old at the time of the fatality.

Farm Security Office Goes In Nejam Bldg.

Another change in offices of government agencies in Edenton will be made this week. The change affects the office of the Farm Security Administration now on the second floor of the Court House. Two more people have been added to the office personnel, thereby outgrowing the present office space.

The second floor of the Nejam building has been rented, with the county and city jointly paying the rent. The County Commissioners were very agreeable to making a change in that it releases the room ordinarily used by a petit jury during court services.

Election In Chowan Very Quiet Affair

Vote Estimated Below 400; Amendments Carried

Except for a marked interest on the two constitutional amendments, election was as quiet as an Alabama mockingbird on Tuesday—that is it was in Chowan. Of course in nearby Kentucky the folks had to wade through shot gun pellets on the way to the polls, but in this distinctive commonwealth if there was anything noisier than a pin dropping it wasn't heard at any of the four Chowan voting precincts.

In fact it was all so quiet and orderly none of the county officials had bothered themselves to collect the returns yesterday. Those figures in, a clean Democratic sweep, of course, indicated the usual off-year voting total, something like 400 or a little less for the county, as compared with a normal aggregate of 1,600 or 1,800 presidential years.

U. S. Senator Bob Reynolds and all the others running on the Democratic ticket in the state won by around 400 to 1, and here in Chowan the percentage for the local candidates, all re-elected, was as much if not greater.

But on the amendments the interest evidenced shows a marked degree of inquisitive intelligence on the part of the electorate. In the first Edenton ward the first amendment relating to the term of sheriffs was carried 85 for and 25 against, and in the second ward 77 for and 11 against. The second amendment providing for a Department of Justice was carried in the first ward 51 to 11 and in the second ward 78 to 14. Both amendments carried throughout the State.

HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Merced Jones, who has been in St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va., for the past ten days following an appendectomy, was brought home on Wednesday. It is hoped that his convalescence will be a speedy one.

Edenton Peanut Processors Sense Misunderstanding In Price Expected By Farmers

Heads Democrats



JOHN W. GRAHAM
Mr. Graham was last week elected president of the Chowan County Young Democratic Club.

Town Councilmen Faced With Little Business Tuesday

Need For Better Storm Sewerage Presented To Board

BUY POLICE CAR

Concise Delinquent Tax Figures Are Now Available

Very little business confronted Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night, with the bulk of the time taken up in deciding upon the make of automobile to be purchased for the Police Department and a suggested remedy for improving storm sewer drainage.

Bids were submitted for four makes of automobiles for the Police Department, a Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Ford and Chevrolet. Figures were studied and by a secret ballot the Chevrolet was the choice made. The amount of expenditure for this make of car was smallest, the difference in the price over the old car being \$400.

The street commissioner reported inadequate storm sewerage facilities in case of rain of any volume and presented a remedy. He explained that the volume of water was far too great for the one pipe line at Eden Street to carry the water to the Sound. The suggested remedy is an auxiliary line from Queen Street to the Sound which would relieve the line now in use. In an investigation it was also discovered that the line through the swamp between Queen and Eden Streets is completely out of service which also tends to cause

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Auxiliary Of Legion Sponsoring Square Dance Friday Night

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary of Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, have completed arrangements for a square dance at the Armory Friday night. The program includes a military drill by the Ambulance Company, a concert by the Edenton High School Band, followed by several vocal solos and quartets.

A small admission will be charged and it is hoped a large crowd will be on hand.

Better Grades

October grading of Edenton stores where fresh meat is handled shows much improvement, according to Dr. F. H. Garris, county health officer. The grading which was completed early this week gives every store a grade above 90 per cent.

The standing follows:
J. E. Lassiter Meat Market 94.5%
C. E. Byrum Market 94.0%
G. M. Byrum Market 93.5%
Fender's 92.5%
White's Market 91.5%

Quotations Depend Entirely Upon Quality Of Nuts

\$70 TOP PRICE

Grades and Classes Set Up to Determine Prices

Local peanut processors have been meeting with some difficulty in purchasing peanuts from farmers which no doubt for the most part is caused by unfamiliarity with quality required by the prices offered by the government. It appears that some farmers are under the impression that the government will pay \$70 per ton for peanuts, regardless of grade, and therefore expect that amount when selling to local peanut concerns. As a matter of fact, local plants will pay the government price for peanuts and would rather pay \$70 per ton for the best grade of peanuts than lower prices for inferior grades.

The government has specified three grades, which for the information of peanut growers are as follows:

Class "A"—\$70.00. These peanuts must contain 34 per cent bright Jumbos and 11 per cent bright Fancies and shell out 65 per cent sound and mature kernels.

Class "B"—\$66.00. These peanuts must contain 34 per cent bright Jumbos and 11 per cent bright Fancies and shell out 60 per cent sound and mature kernels.

Class "C"—\$61.00. These peanuts must contain 34 per cent bright Jumbos and 11 per cent bright Fancies and shell 65 per cent sound and mature kernels.

U. S. No. 2
Class "A"—\$67.00. These peanuts must contain 21 per cent bright Jumbos and 14 per cent bright Fancies and shell 65 per cent sound and mature kernels.

Class "B"—\$63.00. These peanuts must contain 21 per cent bright Jumbos and 14 per cent bright Fancies and shell 60 per cent sound and mature kernels.

Class "C"—\$58.00. These peanuts (Continued on Page Five)

Graham Speaker At Rotarians' Meeting

John W. Graham, a member of the International Service Committee of the Edenton Rotary Club, will be the principal speaker at the Club's meeting tonight at 6:30 in the Parisa House.

At their meeting last Thursday the Rotarians were treated to a musical program. Several solos were sung by Mrs. Gordon Blow, accompanied by Mrs. Wood Privott. Two colored men also contributed to the pleasure of the evening when John Brickhouse and O. B. Lamberth furnished a number of lively piano selections and tap dancing.

Edenton Gridders Tackle Suffolk On Friday Afternoon

Contest May Be Last Game of Season For Holtonmen

Unless Coach David Holton is able to schedule a game for Friday of next week, the Edenton High School football team will play their final game of the 1938 schedule tomorrow afternoon. The Aces will invade Virginia territory, being scheduled to meet the Suffolk High School on the latter's grounds at 3 o'clock. The Virginians always have a strong team on the gridiron and local fans predict a tough battle. In anticipation of this pre-game dope, Coach Holton has been putting his boys through some stiff practice. All of his boys are in splendid shape and the Tar Heels are prepared to let the Suffolk boys know they were in a football game if they are successful in downing the Aces.

Coach Holton expects to be able to arrange a game to be played in Edenton next Friday afternoon with one of the losing teams contending for district honors, but at this time no game has been scheduled.