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County Commissioners In Favor Plan To Consolidate Three Rocky Hock Schools

New Building Would Be Erected In Center of Territory

SELL PROPERTY

Schools at Oak Grove, Gum Pond and Beech Fork Affected

According to sentiment prevailing among the County Commissioners and County Board of Education, a new central graded school will be constructed in the Rocky Hock section to replace the three schools now operated at Oak Grove, Gum Pond and Beech Fork.

The consolidation of the three schools was presented to the Commissioners Monday by Z. T. Evans, member of the school board, on the premise that the new school would greatly improve school conditions in the Rocky Hock section of the county. In each of the three schools seven grades are now taught and by comparison at intervals it has been shown that under this system progress made by these pupils is far below those who are taught in schools where only one or two grades are taught by one teacher.

If plans for consolidation of the schools are carried out, the new building will be located on the center road running through Rocky Hock about one-half mile from the Rocky Hock church. Tentative plans call for a brick veneer building of four rooms and possibly an assembly hall. The cost involved is estimated to be between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The Commissioners were so much in favor of the idea that the Board of Education was authorized to secure an estimate of the amount of money which can be realized by the sale of the three present buildings and ground in order to ascertain how much will be necessary to be appropriated, which will come from the capital outlay account. The property is, therefore, being advertised for sale in this issue of The Herald.

At present there are four teachers in the three schools, but attendance in one of them has been so uncertain that there is a likelihood of losing a teacher. Under the new set-up attendance will warrant four teachers with the possibility of securing another teacher. The present enrollment in the four schools is about 153 pupils.

The consolidation idea is similar to one advanced about ten years ago when R. H. Bachman was county superintendent and which was bitterly opposed at that time. However, former opponents now realize that with the change of conditions and the possibility of losing one school on account of attendance, the section will be benefited by a central school for teaching the graded classes.

The matter will no doubt be brought up for final consideration at the next meeting of the two boards.

Edenton Postoffice Ranks High In U. S. Saving Bonds Sale

Of 1,200 Offices Edenton Claims 43rd Position In Volume of Sales

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau has announced that the total sales of savings bonds through March 31, 1939, aggregated in maturity value, more than \$2,437,108,850, and that purchases have been made by approximately 1,564,608 investors. The total represents average purchases of \$1,957,525 for each business day since March 1, 1935, when these bonds were first placed on sale. Deducting bonds redeemed, the maturity value of savings bonds outstanding on March 31, 1939, was approximately \$2,206,008,900.

The total maturity value of purchases for the calendar year 1938 was \$707,291,650, an average purchase for each business day of last year of \$2,334,300.

Approximately 22,000 post offices throughout the country sell United States savings bonds and of this number 1,200 are located in North Carolina. In the State the Edenton office ranked 43rd in volume of sales. The total cash purchases of the bonds in North Carolina was \$5,253,151.25.

Merchants Balk At Closing Stores Half Day During Summer

Vote 10 to 2 Against Idea at Meeting Held Wednesday

There will be no summer half-holiday observed by Edenton stores, according to action taken Wednesday afternoon by a group of merchants who met at the Municipal Building to decide the matter. The idea was discussed pro and con and upon a vote it was decided 10 to 2 to remain open all day during the summer.

Finals At E. H. S. Get Under Way Thursday, May 11, With Recital

Baccalaureate Sermon On May 14 By Rev. W. C. Benson

AMPLE ROOM

Graduation Exercises to Be Held Wednesday, May 17th

With 42 students included in the 1939 senior class of Edenton High School, expectations at present are that the largest class in the history of the school will graduate on Wednesday, May 17, when graduation exercises will be held in the new school auditorium. This number exceeds last year's class by eight, which totaled 34 students.

The commencement season will get under way Thursday night, May 11, when a music recital will be held in the auditorium by pupils of Mrs. Leon Lewis.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. W. C. Benson, pastor of the local Methodist Church, this exercise taking place Sunday night, May 14, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium. Night services at the churches will be called off and due to this fact it is expected that the new auditorium will be filled to capacity.

On Friday night, May 12, the seventh grade will have their exercises when those promoted to high school will receive their certificates.

Class Day exercises will be held Tuesday night, May 16, which always attracts a large crowd.

The final commencement program will take place Wednesday night, May 17, when the graduates will be presented their diplomas which terminates their career in the public schools.

Much more interest prevails in commencement exercises this year due to the fact that an auditorium is available in which to adequately carry out the exercises as well as seat the large number of relatives and friends who enjoy attending. Last year, it will be remembered, commencement exercises were greatly handicapped due to the new auditorium being in the course of construction.

Court House Tower Will Be Repaired

Chowan County's Court House will undergo some improvements, as the result of Richard D. Dixon, custodian of the building, being authorized to oversee repairing and painting the tower, including the numerals and hands on the clock. The weather vane has become loose and a number of nails have been pulled out of the tin roofing, which will be repaired in order to protect the timber underneath.

The County Commissioners on Monday authorized Harry Spruill to do this work, delegating Mr. Dixon to see to it that it is properly done and to repair any other disrepair which might be discovered while the work is being done.

Important Peanut Meeting Be Held In Edenton On May 4

Specialists Headed By Dean I. O. Schaub Will Attend

OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Group Will Consider Development of Research Work

An important peanut meeting will be held in Edenton on Thursday, May 4, when Dean I. O. Schaub of State College, Raleigh, with a group of specialists including Dr. Collins, Dr. Middleton and Dr. Poole will meet with the directors of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative. Announcement of this meeting was made by R. C. Holland, president of the peanut association.

This group will give major consideration to the development of the lines of research work to be undertaken by State College Experiment Station for peanuts during the next two years, the money for which research work in this crop was appropriated by the last General Assembly. The peanut growers of North Carolina are pleased over the prospects of beneficial results that are expected from this research work, says Mr. Holland.

The meeting will be held at the Court House beginning at 11 o'clock and those attending will be served dinner at 1 o'clock at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Trio Of Red Men Go To Meeting Of Great Council In Greensboro

A. S. Hollowell, W. J. Daniels and J. Edwin Bufflap will leave Edenton Sunday morning for Greensboro, where they will attend a meeting of the Great Council of North Carolina Red Men. The trio expect to return Wednesday night.

Mr. Hollowell is great sachem of the Order, Mr. Daniels, a member of the judiciary committee, and Mr. Bufflap will attend the meeting in the capacity of representative of Chowan Tribe, No. 12.

Considerable interest in the meeting prevails in the local Tribe due to the fact that Mr. Hollowell will vacate the highest office in the Order during which he made a very creditable showing, and also because several important matters will be considered of vital interest to Redmanship throughout the State.

Garden Club Meets Tuesday Afternoon

Members Asked to Send Flowers Cut From Own Gardens

Members of the Edenton Garden Club are urged to note the change in date and hour of meeting, which will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. John G. Wood, at Hayes. At this particular time the gardens at Hayes are very beautiful and every member of the Club is especially urged to attend this meeting.

The program committee asks that each club member bring to the meeting a bouquet of flowers cut from her own gardens. These are asked to be arranged as attractively as possible and sent to Mrs. Wood's home Tuesday morning. The idea is not to have a competitive exhibit but merely to show what type of flowers are in bloom in the various gardens at the present time.

Bank of Edenton Will Give Savings Account To Class Valedictorians

The Bank of Edenton, in order to encourage scholarship as well as thrift among high school students in Chowan County, will this year present a \$5.00 savings account to the valedictorian of the graduating class in the Edenton High School, Chowan High School and the Edenton colored high school.

For a number of years the bank presented a medal to the most outstanding student, but has this year decided to change to a savings account instead in the hope that the award will create more interest as well as be of more benefit.

Dr. W. S. Griffin Unseats Fermor Hobbs As Member On Board Of Public Works; Wilkins, Haskett And G. M. Byrum Win

The Way Edenton Voted

	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Total
MAYOR:					
J. H. McMullan	114	163	124	97	498
TREASURER:					
W. H. Gardner	123	158	128	86	495
COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE:					
O. B. Perry	113	130	116	86	445
J. Edwin Bufflap	104	133	113	73	423
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS:					
W. S. Griffin	94	182	120	85	481
W. W. Byrum	104	137	119	81	441
F. P. Wood	99	117	98	68	382
F. W. Hobbs	53	42	60	34	189
G. W. Leary	4	29	21	8	62
COUNCILMEN:					
L. P. Williams	First Ward				133
G. M. Byrum	Second Ward				180
Raleigh Hollowell	Third Ward				47
Leroy H. Haskett	Fourth Ward				87
Albert Byrum					76
W. M. Wilkins					84
Gurnie Hobbs					36

Interest Attracts Many More to Poll Than In 1937

CLOSE IN THIRD

Appointments Will Be Made at June Meeting of Council

Despite a steady rain almost all day Tuesday over double the amount of Edenton voters went to the polls in the city election than in the previous election in 1937. With contests developing for membership on the Board of Public Works, and councilmen from the Second, Third and Fourth Wards, the election took on the form of county or state elections when candidates resorted to hauling voters to the polls in the interest of their candidacy.

Keen interest prevailed in the contest for three seats on the Board of Public Works, with five candidates in the race, in which Dr. W. S. Griffin unseated Fermor W. Hobbs, present chairman of the Board. Dr. Griffin polled the highest vote, a total of 481, with West Byrum trailing with 441 and Fred P. Wood with 382. Mr. Hobbs' vote was 189 and George W. Leary, low man with 62 votes.

A very close race occurred in the Third Ward, where Leroy Haskett ousted Albert Byrum by a slim majority of 11 votes. Haskett polled 87 votes to 76 by Byrum. Mr. Byrum is at present chairman of the important finance committee and while a member of Town Council took a major part in making up the budget. He had a particular hobby of acquainting himself with the town's finances and kept an eagle eye on expenditures.

In the Second Ward, Graham Byrum, veteran member of the Board, had little trouble in defeating Raleigh Hollowell, winning by a vote of almost 4 to 1. Byrum polled 180 votes, while Hollowell secured only 47. Mr. Byrum is at present parks and playgrounds commissioner.

A considerable amount of interest centered on the result for the councilmanic seat in the Fourth Ward, where W. M. Wilkins, incumbent, was opposed by Gurnie Hobbs, who made a last-minute entry in the race. Wilkins won out handily, polling 84 votes to 36 polled by Hobbs. Mr. Wilkins was appointed as a member of Town Council from his ward when (Continued on Page Five)

Commencement At Chowan Will Begin On Sunday Night

Supt. Clyde Erwin Graduation Speaker Wednesday Night

EXPECT CROWDS

Rev. Frank Cale Will Preach Baccalaureate Sermon

Commencement exercises at Chowan High School will begin Sunday, May 7, according to W. J. Taylor, County superintendent. On that night at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium, Rev. Frank Cale, will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

On Monday night, May 8, the music recital will be held at 8 o'clock, which will also take place in the school auditorium.

Class night exercises will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, when the usual program will be rendered and the house is expected to be filled to capacity.

Graduation exercises will be held Wednesday night in the auditorium, when Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, will deliver an address to the graduates. This exercise will also begin at 8 o'clock.

Commencement exercises at Chowan High usually attract large numbers from the surrounding section and this year is figured not to be an exception.

Members of the graduating class are: Isaac Byrum, Leroy Harrell, Carlyle Hollowell, Forest Jordan, Margaret White Byrum, Irene Copeland, Mamie Hollowell, Clarine Lane, Juanita Lane, Gladys Layton, Pearl Nixon, Lillie Mae Saunders, Evelyn Lynch and Eleanor Winslow.

The original program included a declamation and recitation contest which was scheduled to be held Friday night, May 5, but on account of so many other things being crowded into the limited time, Principal Pearly Baumgardner announced early this week that this contest will be abandoned this year.

Superintendent Taylor announced that the white schools at Center Hill, Gum Pond, Beech Fork and Oak Grove will have their closing exercises on Monday and Tuesday nights, May 8 and 9.

Colored schools will not close before June 2nd.

Masonic Lecturer Coaching Members

P. C. Stott, Masonic assistant grand lecturer, arrived in Edenton Monday to give instruction to members of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7. Mr. Stott is working at any hour convenient with members of the local lodge and will remain here until Saturday. The lecturer, a blind man, is accompanied by his wife, whom he took unto himself since his last appearance in Edenton two years ago.

Mr. Stott will attend the regular meeting of the lodge tonight and all members, especially the officers, are urged to be present.

Cancer Campaign Falls Short Of Goal In Chowan County

Edenton, However, Exceeds It Quota of \$75 During Drive

FINAL LIST

Mrs. B. W. Evans Very Appreciative For Cooperation Offered

Though slightly under the goal of \$113 for Chowan County in the cancer control campaign, Mrs. B. W. Evans in her final report shows that \$104.25 has been collected for this worthy cause. While she regrets that the goal was not quite reached and that contributions were somewhat below those of last year's total, Mrs. Evans has expressed her appreciation for what was received in the face of many other drives for money for various purposes. Especially is she appreciative of the support given by Mrs. Wood Privott and Miss Rebecca Colwell, her lieutenants, and the canvassers who did splendid work in canvassing their respective sections.

The campaign has officially closed, but Mrs. Evans expects to receive a few more contributions from several solicitors who had not completely covered their territory.

In Edenton the quota was passed. The quota for the city was \$75, but \$78.80 was secured, which Mrs. Evans says is due to the well organized plan of solicitation and the persistency of canvassers to see every person on their list.

Those who have contributed in the campaign, either by membership or donation, since last week's issue of The Herald are: Mrs. Gibson Perry, Mrs. R. W. Leary, Sr., Miss Louise Bush, J. L. Savage, J. C. Leary, Mrs. Rosie (Continued on Page Five)

Edenton Band Plays At Gallopade Today

Edenton's High School Band will leave Thursday morning for Rocky Mount to participate in the Gallopade celebration. The local organization will take a prominent part in the affair and is the only eastern high school band to be included in bands invited to take part.

At last year's celebration the local band was signally honored and Director McCullers feels sure this recognition will be repeated in that the band has grown in numbers and has greatly improved in ability to perform. Many of the parents of children in the band as well as other friends are expected to journey to Rocky Mount to see the outstanding spectacle.

Dixon Is Reappointed As County Accountant

Richard D. Dixon was on Monday re-appointed county accountant by the County Commissioners. Mr. Dixon's term of office expired May 1, and his new appointment is for a period of two years.

Property Advertised Next Week For 1938 Taxes Not Yet Paid

Delinquents Urged to Pay Sheriff Bunch Before Saturday

With Saturday being the final day to pay 1938 taxes before being advertised, Sheriff J. A. Bunch is anticipating a large collection of county taxes on that day. Delinquents will be published in The Herald next week, which fact has been reason for fairly good collections during April. According to Sheriff Bunch's monthly report to the County Commissioners Monday he collected \$5,015.19 of 1938 taxes during the month, bringing the total amount collected to date to \$56,094.36. The tax levy for the year is \$82,007.99.

During April Mr. Bunch also collected \$228.27 of 1937 taxes which brings that year's total collections to \$83,764.53 of the levy of \$96,146.48.

All delinquent taxpayers have been notified by Sheriff Bunch that their property will be advertised next week and The Herald has been carrying notices to that effect. The county is in need of funds at present and it is hoped most of those who have not paid their taxes will do so before Saturday night.

Important Auxiliary Meeting Friday Night

The monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held Friday night at the Armory at 8 o'clock. Mrs. D. M. Reaves, president of the organization, says very important matters will be presented at this meeting and for that reason every member is urged to be present.