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William M. Perkins Again Named Superintendent Of Public Welfare For County

Asks For Boost In Salary From \$1600 To \$1800 Per Year

GIVEN \$1700

Replies to Criticism For Not Certifying More For WPA Work

William M. Perkins, who has been acting as superintendent of public welfare in Chowan County for the past two years, was re-appointed for another two-year term on Monday at a joint meeting of the Welfare Board and County Commissioners. Mr. Perkins was the only applicant for the position and in asking to be re-appointed, also asked for an increase in salary from \$1,600 to \$1,800 per year.

The Commissioners expressed themselves as being very well satisfied with the way Mr. Perkins conducted the welfare work of the County, but were very reluctant to raise any salaries at this time. It was only after Mr. Perkins was called back to the meeting, after he made his monthly report, that the matter of salary was settled. As the result of the conference, it was decided to boost his salary \$100, making it \$1,700 per year.

In making his application, Mr. Perkins wrote a long letter to the Commissioners in which he stated that he had tried to administer the duties of his office ably, efficiently and impartially, bearing in mind the welfare of the tax-paying public as well as that of the applicant for some type of assistance. He said that those who, in his judgment, were actually in distress have enjoyed every benefit that the department had to offer for the prevention of human suffering.

Every effort, he said, has been made to utilize his training and experience toward a middle-of-the-road policy in the administration of the welfare and relief problems with which he was confronted daily.

Mr. Perkins said that in his opinion throughout the past few years, there has been a rising order of social consciousness, dominated by theorists or demagogues with pressure from the "have-nots" which has swerved too far to the left in trying to solve problems connected with public assistance and work relief. This leftist domination, he said, in reality a relentless struggle between the "haves" and "have nots," has created the graver problem of mass pauperization and in so doing has weakened the

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Garden Club Holds Final Meet Monday

Official Club Hostesses Will Be In Charge Of Session

The Edenton Garden Club will meet Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Capola House. This will be the last meeting of the year and much very important business is scheduled to be transacted. For this reason every member of the Club is urged to be present.

Due to the hostesses scheduled to have charge of this meeting being unable to serve, the official club hostesses, Mrs. J. H. Conger, Mrs. Albert Byrum and Mrs. George P. Byrum, will be in charge of the meeting.

Masons Confer Third Degree On Candidate At Tonight's Meeting

At tonight's Masonic meeting, the third degree will be conferred upon a candidate. For this meeting a number of Colerain Masons are expected, as well as several from Norfolk, Va.

J. R. Byrum, master of the lodge, announced that refreshments will be served and a goodly number of local members is expected to be on hand.

Theatre Discontinues Shows On Sundays

Last Sunday was the last Sunday show at the Taylor Theatre during the summer months. Manager Jimmy Earnhardt announced that no more Sunday shows will be held during June, July and August, but that regular shows on Sundays will again be resumed in September.

Thomas J. Wood And Mrs. R. E. Leary Head Two Legion Groups

Joint Meeting Held on Tuesday Night In Armory

HEAR REPORTS

Legion Discusses Idea Of Sending Band to Convention

New officers were elected Tuesday night for Ed Bond Post of the American Legion and the Auxiliary of the Post at a joint meeting held in the Armory. The meeting was very enjoyable, the Legionnaires holding a brief session prior to the joint meeting.

In their separate meeting, aside from electing officers, Legion members discussed sending two boys from the County to the Youth Estate to be held at the University of North Carolina, and also the idea of sending the Edenton High School Band to the State convention to be held in Raleigh June 25 to 27. No definite action, however, was taken on either proposal.

In the joint meeting various chairmen of the Auxiliary presented reports of what had been done during the year, after which a number of stunts and singing was enjoyed. A report was also made by the Junior Auxiliary, members of which prepared corsages and presented one to each member of the Auxiliary as they entered the Armory.

Officers elected for the Legion include: Thomas J. Wood, commander; R. L. Pratt, first vice commander; Shelton Moore, second vice commander; O. E. Duncan, adjutant and finance officer; C. E. Kramer, service officer; E. L. White, sergeant-at-arms; J. L. Chestnut, chaplain.

Auxiliary officers are: Mrs. R. E. Leary, president; Mrs. Shelton W. Moore, vice president; Mrs. C. E. Kramer, secretary; Mrs. Geddes Potter, treasurer; Mrs. J. A. Holmes, historian; Mrs. Graham Byrum, sergeant-at-arms.

Demonstration In Canning On Monday

On Monday afternoon, June 12, at 2:30 o'clock, Mrs. Helen B. Cloaninger of the Ball Brothers Company, will give a canning demonstration in the Farm Security Administration office which is located over the Western Auto Associate Store. All women who are interested in canning are invited to attend.

There will be an attendance prize given to the woman holding the lucky number.

NEWSPAPER MEETING

Weekly newspaper publishers and editors of Eastern Carolina will hold their monthly meeting at Ahoskie Saturday night. The meeting will follow a supper at 7 o'clock.

Edenton Produce Auction Block Attracting Farmers From Adjoining Counties

Between 15,000 and 20,000 Baskets of Snap Beans, Squash and Potatoes Sold Since Block Opened Last Week

That interest in Edenton's produce auction block is increasing is evident by the fact that up to Wednesday between 15,000 and 20,000 baskets of snap beans, squash and potatoes have been auctioned off since operations were begun last week.

Prices of items sold ranged as follows: Beans 60 cents to \$1.17 per basket; potatoes, \$1.30 to \$1.45 per 100-pound bag; squash, 50 to 60 cents per basket.

That interest in the block is spreading is reflected in the fact that beans have been sold from Bertie County, potatoes from Tyrrell County, beans from Perquimans and Pasquotank counties. In every instance, farmers from Chowan and adjoining counties expressed satisfaction at prices received and the way the block was operated, and numbers of them gave assurance that they would be back next year with a greater amount of produce, because of this year's crop which had been sold by other methods before the block opened.

The only criticism those in charge

County School Unit Presents Its Budget To Commissioners

Figures For 1939-40 Exceed Last Year By About \$100

NEW COURSE

Taylor Presents Ruling Regarding Vocational Building

At Monday's meeting of the County Commissioners the proposed budget for the next fiscal year of the County Board of Education was presented for consideration. In the budget several items have been reduced and in a few instances, new or increased figures were necessary, which netted a total budget for the county unit of \$8,786, or \$100.72 above last year's budget.

Included in the budget was \$500 for use in teaching home economics which amount was to supplement a teacher's salary and a like amount for home economics equipment.

The Commissioners merely glanced over the group of figures, asking several questions, and will not act upon the budget until their next regular meeting.

In commenting upon the budget, Superintendent W. J. Taylor informed the Commissioners that he had communications from Attorney General Harry McMullan as well as State Superintendent Clyde Erwin to the effect that a building could be erected at Chowan High School for adding a vocational training course which would not affect the budget of the Edenton unit on the per capita basis, a bugaboo which in the past has caused considerable reluctance on the part of the Commissioners to add to operation expenses at the Chowan school.

The matter was presented at a previous meeting of the Commissioners when they were informed that the added course and building could be secured by a two-cent tax levy. The Commissioners at that time felt favorable to the idea, but balked because of the impression that double that amount, according to per capita, would necessarily have to be appropriated to the Edenton unit. However, Mr. Taylor informed the Commissioners Monday that under the ruling in hand, the improvement could be made on the basis of actual need instead of per capita expenses.

The original cost of a frame building was estimated at \$1,505, but in discussing the matter, the Commissioners expressed the opinion that if the building is erected, it should be of brick veneer to be more permanent and in keeping with the present building. Mr. Taylor said that with a two-cent levy and the usual income from fines, he could secure a brick veneer addition at the two-cent levy.

No definite action was taken on the matter, but will probably be considered by the Commissioners when they finally approve the year's budget.

Wave Opposition Develops Over School Location In Rocky Hock Consolidation

Few "Boarders"

Jailer Shelton Moore's report for the month of May revealed the smallest number of jail inmates in a number of years, according to several members of the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday. During the month only 26 persons were placed in jail, entailing an expense of \$44.65, which includes jail fees and turn-key fees.

Red Men Leading Soft Ball League

Leaders Take Double Victory on Tuesday Night

STANDING OF CLUBS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Red Men	4	0	1.000
Lions	1	2	.333
Masons-Rotary	0	3	.000

The Red Men easily lead Edenton's soft ball league which officially opened last week, the leaders having won all four of the games they have thus far played. They materially strengthened their grip on the top rung in the standing Tuesday night when in two very fast and interesting games the Masons-Rotary combination fell prey to the younger and better-balanced Red Men outfit by scores of 4-3 and 7-2. The double-header was played due to the game between the two clubs last Tuesday being rained out.

On Friday night, a very fast and interesting game was played between the Lions and Rotary-Masons teams, the former winning by a score of 8 to 1. The game was played in less than an hour, with both teams putting up a good brand of ball.

The Red Men on Monday night took a thriller from the Lions by a score of 6 to 5. The Red Men were leading 5 to 2 in the sixth inning when the Lions by a series of hits went into the lead 6 to 5. However, in their half of the last inning, the Red Men, aided by two Lions' errors, sent two runners across home plate to win the game.

Tomorrow night (Friday) the Masons-Rotary team will again meet the Lions. On Monday night the Lions and Red Men will meet and on Tuesday the Masons-Rotary team will again tackle the Red Men. The games thus far have been very interesting and in contrast with last year, a large number of fans have been turning out to see the games.

Edenton Girls Urge Troop Girl Scouts

Considerable agitation among girls of the community has been apparent this week to organize a troop of Girl Scouts. Several of the girls have requested Mrs. C. L. McCullers to head a movement in an effort to organize a group in Edenton, following which Mrs. McCullers has written to Girl Scout headquarters for information, and upon receipt of which she will call a meeting of all girls who are interested.

Ages for girls to affiliate range from 9 to 16, with the group between 9 and 11 designated as Brownies.

Lions Elect Officers Next Monday Night

At the meeting of the Edenton Lions Club next Monday night, new officers of the Club will be elected. For this reason every member of the Club is urged to be present in order to participate in this very important duty.

The present president of the Club is West Byrum, under whose administration much interest has prevailed and the organization has made considerable progress.

Red Men Nominate Officers Next Tuesday

Next Monday night at their regular meeting Red Men will nominate officers for Chowan Tribe, No. 12, for the six months period beginning July 1. The nominations will remain open for three consecutive meetings, the election being scheduled for June 26. J. Craig Hasté is the retiring sachem of the Tribe.

Oak Grove Patrons Up In Arms Over Proposed Change

TWO PETITIONS

Patrons Asked to Vote at Union Store Friday Afternoon

Though the County Commissioners, at their May meeting, appeared in accord with a proposition presented by Z. T. Evans of the Board of Education to consolidate three schools in the Rocky Hock section and erect a central school instead, a wave of opposition to the plan has developed, which will no doubt come to a climax Friday afternoon.

The plan presented by Mr. Evans was to close the schools at Oak Grove, Beech Fork and Gum Pond and erect a four-room building on the center road about one-half mile from the Rocky Hock Church. At the time this location was suggested it was understood by the Commissioners that it was agreeable to the County Board of Education and patrons of the school, but at the meeting of the Board of Education Monday protests were entered, especially from the Oak Grove section, which apparently is in closer proximity to a greater number of children who attend school.

In view of the opposition which has developed, the Board of Education has decided to call for an expression of opinion and on Friday afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock will have two petitions at the Union Store, where patrons are asked to come and register their wishes. One petition is for the plan suggested by Mr. Evans and the other is to add a room to the Oak Grove school to serve the children in the section.

It has been pointed out that to build a new school would cost about \$4,500 plus a new bus costing \$950, while another room can be added to the Oak Grove school for about \$950, and adding a \$950 bus.

Patrons in the Oak Grove section claim that their school is nearer a greater number of children and that many are within walking distance which would also tend to reduce the cost and lessen the transportation problem.

Anticipating consolidation of the schools, the Board of Education advertised the school property for sale, but a bid of only \$675 was received, and of course, was rejected. Enrollments at the three schools are: Oak Grove, 43; Gum Pond, 24; Beech Fork, 33.

Lions Sell White Canes Saturday

Generous Response Asked For Blind Relief Funds

Though postponed last week, the Lions Club will on Saturday sell white canes in Edenton in an effort to raise funds for blind relief in Chowan County. These small canes will be sold by a group of young ladies, who will receive any amount from those who are in sympathy with the idea in exchange for a white cane.

Blind relief is one of the major projects of the Lions Club and it is hoped, a generous response will be made to this appeal for funds. Half of the money received will remain in Chowan County to be used among those who need attention to their eyes but are unable to pay for the work.

The committee in charge of the sale of the white canes is composed of J. A. Curran, R. C. Holland and Dr. Martin Wisely.

Perry and Sutton Open Sheet Metal Business

Announcement has just been made that the sheet metal business which was conducted by the late Oscar H. Brown, and which has not been operating since his death, was this week taken over by Lloyd Perry and W. E. Sutton.

The pair will operate at the same shop on Water Street and will do a general line of metal work, featuring tobacco flues.