

Agricultural Building At Chowan High School Now Appears Almost Certainty

Commissioners Assure School Boards Budgets Will Be Approved

JOINT MEETING City Board Will Operate On Same Budget as Last Year

Though it cannot be officially approved until the July meeting, the County Commissioners, in session all day Monday assured both the County Board of Education and the city board that their respective budgets for the year 1939-40 would receive their approval. The budgets were presented during the meeting called by the Commissioners for the purpose of equalizing taxes when the three boards met jointly at 2:30 o'clock.

The County administrative unit presented a total budget of \$10,186 as compared with \$8,685.72 last year. This increase provides for a home economics course at Chowan High School as well as erecting and equipping a new three-room building for teaching vocational agriculture. This much needed facility will not affect the tax rate more than two cents on the hundred dollar property valuation, upon which condition the County Commissioners agreed to approve the proposition.

The city administrative unit waived its legal right to demand on a per capita basis twice the amount asked to add the two courses at Chowan, Superintendent John A. Holmes reporting to the Commissioners that members of his board were in thorough accord with the improvement at Chowan High and that they were willing to go along with the county board and operate during the year on the same budget as last year.

The proposed city budget as presented Monday, calls for an appropriation of \$9,873, which compares with \$9,873 for the 1937-38 term, and \$10,343.88 for the 1936-37 term.

Broken down, the 1939-40 budget calls for \$6,948 for current expenses, which includes \$1,228 for general control, \$2,923.50 for instructional service, \$250 for operation of plant, \$2,000 for maintenance of plant, \$338.50 for fixed charges, and \$203 for auxiliary agencies.

Under capital outlay \$2,980 is budgeted as follows: Improvement to grounds, \$200; alterations and additions, \$500; science, \$300; stage, \$200; industrial, \$800; steel filing cabinets, \$120; library books, \$500; balance due on furniture, \$310.

Current expenses in the county budget calls for an expenditure of (Continued on Page Five)

Edenton Lions Elect New Set Of Officers

Dr. W. S. Griffin Succeeds West Byrum As President

New officers for the Edenton Lions Club were elected at the club's meeting held on Monday night, when Dr. Wallace S. Griffin was elected to succeed West W. Byrum as president.

Other officers elected were: First vice president, J. A. Curran; second vice president, Earl G. Harrell; third vice president, Thomas J. Wood; secretary and treasurer, W. J. Taylor; lion tamer, Ralph Parrish; tall twister, Leroy H. Haskett; directors, T. C. Byrum, West Leary, George Hoskins and Oscar Duncan; pianist, Earl Harrell; music director, Oscar Duncan.

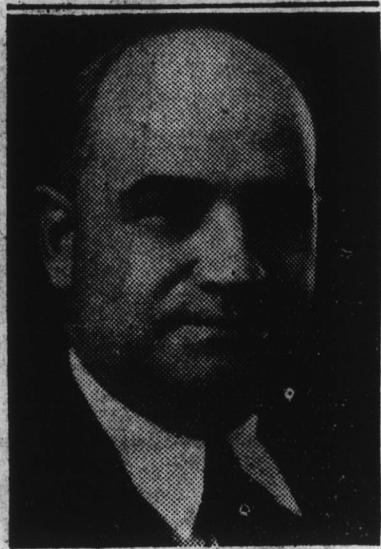
New Officers Elected By Junior Auxiliary

The Junior Auxiliary of the Edenton Post of the American Legion, met with Lillian Byrum on Tuesday evening. Ten members and two visitors, Jean Rose and Artie Bass, were present. Mrs. W. E. Baker and Mrs. T. C. Byrum met with the Juniors.

Election of officers for the coming year was the feature of the meeting, and the following were elected: President, Doris Brown; vice president, Martha Conger; treasurer, Carolyn Oglesby; secretary, Mary Griffin; chaplain, Lillian Byrum; sergeant-at-arms, Nell Perry.

The next meeting will be held with Pauline Moore on the second Tuesday in July.

LEGION GUEST



FRANK E. SAMUEL

A distinguished guest at the annual convention of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion in Raleigh June 25-27 will be National Adjutant Frank E. Samuel (above) of national Legion headquarters in Indianapolis.

Adjutant Samuel will address the convention Tuesday morning, June 27, after an introduction by Judge Henry L. Stevens, Jr., of Warsaw, past national commander.

A record-breaking throng of Legionnaires, expected to reach 5,000, is the goal of General Chairman R. L. McMillan of the committee preparing for the convention in behalf of Raleigh Post No. 1.

Esso Field Employees To Meet In Edenton

Addresses, Motion Picture and Dinner Will Be Features

Approximately 40 Esso field salary employees within a radius of fifty miles from Edenton will attend a meeting Friday afternoon, June 16th, at the Parish House at 3 o'clock, according to an announcement by R. M. Tarrant, North Carolina personnel manager of Esso Marketeters.

The main topic will be a discussion of Employees Thrift fund plan. The plan has been provided by Standard Oil in order that employees might secure additional economic security in the way of a substantial retirement, and a systematic plan for savings and accumulating cash surpluses.

Safety in the operation of the company's fleet of passenger cars and trucks will have a prominent part of the program, and accident prevention and personal injury problems will be discussed.

At 5 o'clock, a number of the Esso commission agents will join the group to witness a showing of the company's motion picture "News In The Air."

G. M. Byers, North Carolina division manager of Esso Marketeters, and several members of his staff will address the meeting. Local sales representatives attending will include R. M. Allen, district sales manager of Raleigh, and J. A. Buglass, sales representative from Elizabeth City.

A dinner at 6 o'clock will climax the day's activities.

Red Men Handed Initial Whipping

STANDING OF CLUBS			
	W	L	Pct.
Red Men	5	1	.833
Lions	3	2	.600
Masons-Rotary	0	5	.000

The Red Men continue to lead in Edenton's softball game, though the Lions on Monday night, handed them their first defeat of the season. The game was one of the best played and the shortest game of the season, the Lions coming out on top with a 3-2 score.

On Friday night, with a number of Mason-Rotary players absent, the Lions had little difficulty in taking a 7-2 game from the cellarites.

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Monkey Wrench In Plan To Consolidate Rocky Hock Schools

153 Vote For Central School While 80 Oppose Idea

SURPRISE VOTE

No Provision In Budget Undoubtedly Kills School Issue

Though interest in the consolidation of the three schools at Beech Fork, Oak Grove and Gum Pond in the Rocky Hock section reached such a pitch that an "election" was held on Friday to determine whether patrons of the three schools favored the consolidation and the erection of a new school near the center of the territory, or adding a room to the Oak Grove school, it now appears that all the fuss over the consolidation has gone for naught and that the three schools will continue to operate as before.

The "election" followed a sort of surprise action taken by the County Commissioners when they favored the proposition as presented by Z. T. Evans, a member of the County Board of Education. The idea was to consolidate the three schools and build a four-room central school near the Rocky Hock Church, if the present property could be sold for enough to substantially offset the cost involved. However, when Mr. Evans' plan became generally known a great deal of opposition developed. But despite this fact, when patrons left their work Friday to wend their way to the Union Store at Rocky Hock to register their wishes in the matter, 153 signed a petition to consolidate the schools and build a central building, while 80 signed a petition to add an extra room at Oak Grove and close the other two schools.

That nothing will be done in the matter is evident from the fact that no provision was made in the County school budget to pay for any work in connection with the consolidation. The budget was presented to the County Commissioners Monday and to secure their approval, it should be filed at least 30 days before final approval is made. The Commissioners will approve the school budget at the July meeting.

That a great deal of interest was created is evident by the fact that 233 school patrons went to the Union Store to express their opinion, which is by far a larger number than was expected to take part.

The central building, for which the majority voted, was estimated to cost approximately \$4,500, while the addition to the Oak Grove school was figured to cost less than \$1,000. In either case, a new bus would have been necessary, which would have added about \$950 to each plan.

The Board of Education rejected (Continued on Page Eight)

Z. T. EVANS MAKES CLEAR HIS POSITION IN ROCKY HOCK SCHOOL SQUABBLE

Wants It Understood That He Was Assured Backing of County Board of Education Before Presenting Consolidation Plan to Commissioners

Z. T. Evans, a member of the Chowan County Board of Education, has asked The Herald to make clear his position regarding the consolidation of the three schools in Rocky Hock, which in a story appearing in The Herald last week, could have been misconstrued. The wording referred to is this:

"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."

Facts in connection with the matter are these, which were given by Mr. Evans:

On account of the County Commissioners so many times turning deaf ears to requests of the Board of Education, the latter thought it would be futile to request the Commissioners to approve consolidation and build a new school. However, Mr. Evans was given to understand that if he mustered up enough nerve to make the request, and if it was approved, he would have the backing of the entire

Baptist Convention Convenes In Edenton Thursday, June 22nd

Meeting of Chowan Association Will Be Held In Local Church

FINE PROGRAM

Dr. J. L. Carrick on Program as Principal Speaker

The 13th annual Baptist Training Union Convention of the Chowan Association will be held in the Edenton Baptist Church Thursday, June 22, when a large number of workers of the Association are expected to meet. The theme of the convention will be "Loyalty to Christ," with Dr. J. L. Carrick, president of Chowan College, making the principal address at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

The program as announced will be as follows:

3:00—"Loyalty to Christ in Our Meditations," G. W. Lassiter.
3:15—"Loyalty to Christ in Our Business."

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Old and new business.
3. Appointment of Committees.
 - (a) Nominating
 - (b) Time and Place
 - (c) Resolutions
4. Announcements.
5. Report Enlargement Campaign.

3:45—Solo, Mrs. Rupert West, of Moyock.
3:50—"What-not," directed by L. H. Sawyer, Elizabeth City.

1. Story Hour, Mrs. J. E. Upton
2. Juniors—Social Committee, Miss Mildred Munden
3. Intermediates—Instruction Committee, Mrs. Victor Morgan
4. Seniors—Program Committee, Miss Addie Mae Cooke
5. Adults—Membership Committee, Mrs. Paul Ives.
6. Missionary Committee—Mrs. J. P. Mercer.

4:50—Closing Hymn.

5:00—Benediction.

5:30—Picnic.

"Loyalty to Christ in Our Social Life."

6:30-7:30—Vesper—"Loyalty to Christ in our Consecration," K. Eugene Bryant, Powellsville.

7:30—"Loyalty to Christ in Our Meditations," Chas. Overman, Manteo.

7:45—"Loyalty to Christ in Our Committee Reports."

8:05—Playlet, Eureka Church.

8:20—Special Music by Edenton Glee Club.

8:30—Address, Dr. J. L. Carrick, principal Chowan College.

8:50—Installation of officers, Rev. Paul Forsyth, Gatesville.

9:00—Benediction.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

The regular communication of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. M. & A. F., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock.

Many Important Matters Causes Town Council To Be In Session Until Midnight

Parade Tonight

Edenton's High School Band will have a full dress parade tonight on Broad Street. A special feature of this event will be the presence of Miss Evelyn Lilley, of Williamston, who will be remembered as a former drum major, who last year served in that capacity at Elon College.

Miss Lilley has been in Edenton all week instructing Norma Perry, Janie Mitchener, Julia Burton, Charlotte Bunch, Frances Hollowell and A. J. Mason, present drum majors of the band.

Kiwanis Festival In Ahoskie June 21-23

Feature of Affair Will Be Ben Bernie and His "Lads"

The Ahoskie Kiwanis Club has announced its fifth annual Kiwanis Festival for June 21, 22 and 23. The Festival this year will be larger and much better and it will bring to Ahoskie on the 23rd Ben Bernie and his "lads", one of the nation's outstanding orchestras.

The first two nights, 21st and 22nd, will feature an array of radio and vaudeville entertainers and a large midway of carnival attractions. From radio the Festival has obtained two well known bands. The "Georgia Wildcats," headed by Clayton "Pappy" McMichen, whose "period" spoken at the end of radio programs is familiar to dialers of this section. From Central Broadcasting System, Bert Repine and His Dominos come to Ahoskie for the first two nights. Featured with Repine and his dance band is lovely Mary Kaye, vocalist. The Lewis Sisters will sing and dance and Kaky Fagan, "the Martha Raye of the South," will add her talents to the entertainment program of the first two nights. Johnnie Whitaker, a sixteen-year-old who sings and imitates; Christine Olaker, dancer; Ashby Mahone, a golden voiced juvenile; and two of WRVA's leading funsters, Smoky and Poky, blackface, will round out the program.

Climaxing the three-day program, Ben Bernie, famous in radio and screen, will bring his full orchestra and four featured vocalists. The "O! Maestro" and his "lads" will be assisted by "Colonel" Manny Prager, a song stylist; Bobby Gibson, a romantic baritone; and the Bailey Sisters, will round out the program.

Grading Shed Being Erected At Valhalla

Rapidly being rushed to completion is a grading and packing shed located at Valhalla, which was started only last week. The project is the outgrowth of a group of farmers, who furnished the money to provide an adequate building to take care of the needs of farmers in the section to properly grade, pack and sell the produce to the best advantage.

While the marketing end of the project has not been entirely worked out, it is reported that the grading shed will be organized under the cooperative laws of the State.

The building will undoubtedly be ready to handle cantaloupes, watermelons and corn. One of the advantages of the shed is said to be that farmers may bring any amount of produce to be graded and packed. It will be properly stored and sold to buyers who provide large trucks to carry it away.

Edenton Girls Organize Soft Ball Team; Miss Ruth Privott Manager

Edenton girls will again have a soft ball team, having organized last week. Practices have been held and an effort is being made to schedule games with teams in adjoining towns. Ruth Privott has been elected manager of the outfit, Dolly Spencer, assistant manager, and Mrs. Leon Leary, business manager and treasurer.

Fee System of Policemen Scheduled To Be Discarded

APPOINTMENTS Delegation Urges Band Director Put on Salary Basis

Though Town Council was in session Tuesday until midnight, another called meeting will be necessary to complete the work brought before it. After hearing a number of requests and paying the monthly bills, the board went into executive session in order to set salaries and make appointments for one year.

A large committee was on hand in the interest of the band, headed by E. W. Spires, who presented the desire of those present to ask for an appropriation for the purpose of placing C. L. McCullers, director, on a monthly salary of \$150 and add band instruction to the curriculum at the school, instead of charging tuition as at present. The plan, as presented, would result in more permanency of the band which was argued to be the best advertisement the town now has.

Speaking in behalf of the proposal were: Mr. Spires, John A. Holmes, Mrs. E. T. Rawlinson, Mrs. E. C. White, Mrs. D. M. Reeves, Mrs. Geo. C. Wood, J. H. Conger, Mrs. Shelton Moore, West Byrum and D. M. Warren. All of these were high in praise of the band and its value to the town and expressed the hope that Town Council will cooperate in putting Mr. McCullers on a monthly salary. The salary of \$150 will in all probability be split up between Town Council and the city school board, each appropriating \$75 for the purpose if it is finally approved.

D. M. Warren also addressed the Councilmen in behalf of the parking situation, saying in substance, that if it is expected to hold outside trade, it will be necessary to make some provision for those coming here to park their cars. The parking situation has long been a bugaboo in Edenton, but at the urge of W. M. Wilkins immediate steps are being taken to remedy the problem to some extent. Mr. Wilkins and Leroy Haskett were appointed a committee to investigate and provide a parking lot on South Broad Street on property now available. This will no doubt be of no expense other than installing lights and possibly employing a man to watch cars on Saturdays.

Another parking regulation decided upon was to allow parking on Broad (Continued on Page Five)

Many Requests For Lower Valuations

Commissioners Juggle Figures All Day Monday

A record number of persons were on hand Monday when the County Commissioners met as a Board of Equalization and Review to hear complaints relative to property valuation. In contrast with former years, there was someone before the Board the entire day, the session terminating at almost 6 o'clock.

As the result of juggling figures, adding to and taking off, when a tabulation was made, it was discovered that a total of \$10,825 more had been taken from valuations than was put on. The prime factor in this reduction was the fact that the Hotel Joseph Hewes property was reduced from \$61,500 to \$50,000.

However, Tax Supervisor William Privott assured the Commissioners that due to several new homes recently completed and corporation excess tax, the county's property valuation would be about the same as last year, when it was \$6,700,000.

Mayor J. H. McMullan Speaker At Rotary

Mayor J. H. McMullan will be the principal speaker at the Rotary meeting today, the program being in charge of C. L. McCullers. At last week's meeting, N. K. Rowell, by the use of maps, informed the Rotarians how rapidly Rotary has spread over the world, the maps designating every district now in existence.