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County Tax Rate Reduced To \$1.13

Mayor McMullan Declares July Crepe Myrtle Month And Urges Day To Celebrate

Praises Mrs. W. A. Graham and J. L. Wiggins For Interest Shown

DIDN'T "JUST GROW" Asks For Committee to Plan For an Annual Celebration

With approximately 500 crepe myrtle trees in Edenton now in bloom, Mayor J. H. McMullan on Wednesday declared the month of July as crepe myrtle month, and as a climax, urges a committee to be appointed to work out plans for setting aside one day in each year to celebrate the event.

Regarding the idea, Mr. McMullan released the following statement on Wednesday morning:

"I wonder how many citizens of Edenton know to whom they are indebted for the beautiful array of crepe myrtle trees that adorn every street in Edenton! I am frank to say that until recently, in common with a number of our citizens, I was inadvertent to the fact that these beautiful trees did not like Topsy 'simply grow up' of their own accord. During the administration as mayor of our beloved and progressive citizen, Captain Jasper L. Wiggins, Mrs. W. A. Graham came to the town authorities with the proposition that if they would plant and nurture one hundred or more crepe myrtle trees, she would purchase and donate them to the town. The town was fortunate that at that time it had as the head of its affairs a lover of trees and the beauties of nature. So as a result of the meeting of the minds of the patriotic and generous donor, Mrs. Graham, and the esthetic and patriotic Mayor, the trees were planted and carefully protected until they reached maturity. Thanks to this circumstance, the streets of Edenton, particularly through the month of July, are a thing of beauty and a joy to all lovers of the beauties of nature.

"Acting upon this urge, I am assuming the authority as Mayor to declare the month of July Crepe Myrtle Month. And as a climax to the occasion, it is my hope that a committee will immediately work out a plan to have one particular day in July set aside for celebration of the event.

"Bespeaking the hearty cooperation of all patriotic citizens, and hoping that this may serve as an inspiration to others to do their part to make Edenton a better place in which to live and a more pleasant place to visit."

Troop Of Girl Scouts Formed In Edenton

Mrs. C. L. McCullers as Leader Is Proud of Her Group

Thirty-six Edenton girls are now members of a Girl Scout troop, of which Mrs. C. L. McCullers is leader. The organization meets every Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, and until a definite meeting place is secured, the girls will meet in the band room over the Friendly Market.

Mrs. McCullers is very proud of this group of 36 girls, saying they are the pick of Edenton.

Those included in the troop are: Cora Edward Bond, Winifred Howell, Fontaine Pettus, Norma Perry, Sarah Miller, Sally Dixon, Minnie White, Mary Ayers, Vivian Hayman, Martha Conger, Jeanne Smith, Polly Chestnut, Carolyn Morgan, Jeanette Habit, Emily Russell, Marcia Kepler, Mary Goodwin, Laura Satterfield, Virginia Hicks, Alma Hicks, Charlotte Elliott, Mary Grey Byrum, Jo Ann Easley, Janie Mitchener, Julia Burson, Sarah Saunders, Carolyn McMullan, Ruth Veil, Sarah Russell, Margaret Griffin, Ann Chappell, Corinne Forehand, Mary Griffin, Alice White, Laura Dixon, Frances Collins.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT

C. L. McCullers, director of the Edenton High School Band, announced Wednesday that the band will play a concert on the Court House Green tonight (Thursday) at 8:15 o'clock.

Drawing Crowds



BEATRICE WELLS
Thirteen-year-old evangelist, who is conducting a revival meeting at Full Gospel Tabernacle in North Edenton. The building was unable to accommodate the large crowd attending the first meeting of the revival on Tuesday.

Praise Is Showered On Edenton's Band For Showing Made

Is Community's Greatest Asset, Says Lindsay Warren

RETURN TUESDAY

Youngsters Play at Belhaven and Ocracoke Celebrations

Edenton's high school band, together with a group of chaperones returned Tuesday night from Belhaven, where they joined the Belhaven band in staging a Fourth of July celebration. Director C. L. McCullers, his group of musicians and those accompanying them were high in their praise of the hospitality showered upon them at Ocracoke, where the band played in a celebration honoring Lindsay Warren, as well as at Belhaven.

At Ocracoke, the band was given a great ovation where they rendered five concerts and played in a parade, and in fact was a feature attraction of the celebration. Mr. Warren was high in his praise of the organization, saying it was no doubt one of the community's greatest assets.

Attorney General Harry McMullan also complimented the band and that he was proud of it was evident when

Something Phoney

Following instructions to make an investigation to learn whether all automobiles in Chowan County are listed on the tax books, William Privott, tax supervisor, on Wednesday submitted a report revealing a puzzling situation. Mr. Privott secured from the revenue department a list of all car registrations in the county which includes 450 more names than cars appearing on the tax books. Together with that fact, the matter is more complicated because there are 185 automobiles listed for taxes which are not on the State's registration list.

In order to straighten out the matter and get all cars listed, Mr. Privott was instructed to mail letters to those on the State list informing them that if they did not prove that they were not now owners of the cars credited to them, they would be billed for taxes according to a schedule of the make and model of car.

\$3,822,042 Is Value Of 1938 Commerce In Edenton Harbor

Figure Represents Total Of 41,431 Short Tons Handled

REPORT MADE

140,599 Tons In Chowan River Aggregates \$1,615,565

According to a report of John H. Carruth, district engineer for the Norfolk district of the War Department, the value of waterborne commerce for the calendar year 1938 in Edenton harbor was \$3,822,042, representing 41,431 short tons.

In Chowan River the value was \$1,615,565, representing 140,599 tons.

Figures taken from the report relating to tonnage and value of commerce in nearby streams are as follows:

| Edenton Harbor | | |
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| | Short Tons | Value |
| Internal receipts | 33,096 | \$2,140,452 |
| Internal shipments | 7,835 | 1,669,090 |
| Local | 500 | 12,500 |
| Total | 41,431 | \$3,822,042 |
| Chowan River | | |
| Inbound | 16,699 | \$ 601,404 |
| Outbound | 93,752 | 509,380 |
| Through traffic | 27,957 | 450,006 |
| Local | 2,191 | 54,775 |
| Total | 140,599 | \$1,615,565 |
| Mackeys Creek | | |
| Inbound | 4,895 | \$1,668,100 |
| Outbound | 8,722 | 1,763,348 |
| Local | 61 | 1,525 |
| Total | 13,678 | \$3,432,973 |
| Perquimans River | | |
| Inbound | 21,200 | \$ 116,406 |
| Outbound | 4,129 | 94,756 |
| Total | 25,329 | \$ 211,162 |
| Cashie River | | |
| Inbound | 3,421 | \$ 70,065 |
| Outbound | 40,256 | 449,149 |
| Total | 43,677 | \$ 519,214 |
| Roanoke River | | |
| Inbound | 169,865 | \$1,628,443 |
| Outbound | 179,421 | 6,735,551 |
| Through traffic | 23,084 | 433,071 |
| Downbound | 20,141 | 111,721 |
| Total | 392,511 | \$8,908,786 |
| Scuppernon River | | |
| Inbound | 3,966 | \$ 99,928 |
| Outbound | 9,863 | 52,556 |
| Local | 5,350 | 29,823 |
| Total | 19,179 | \$ 182,312 |

News Reel Taken Of Section Where Virginia Dare Stone Was Found Near Edenton

Paramount News Cameramen Sent Here Monday To Record Sound Pictures; Excellent Chance For More Publicity Through Movies

With the appearance of cameramen in Edenton Monday, this section again stands an excellent chance to be publicized in news reels which will be released all over the country. As the result of recent stories in metropolitan newspapers to the effect that a reproduction of the Virginia Dare stone found near Edenton will be displayed at the New York World's Fair, Paramount News staff cameramen were sent here to secure pictures of the site where the first stone was found by a tourist.

Hugo C. Johnson and Alfred J. Oeth arrived here Monday morning with their equipment and together with Captain J. L. Wiggins and The Herald editor went to the Chowan River bridge, from where a number of pictures were taken. Mr. Wiggins has been very much interested in the stone found in this county and knows the spot where it was supposed to have been picked up several years ago by a Californian while traveling through this section, and later becoming the property of Brenau College at

Dr. Garriss Advises County To Adopt Health Regulations

Individual Paper Drinking Cups an Important Safeguard

HARD KILL GERMS

Syphilis, Diphtheria, Tuberculosis and Trench Mouth Transmitted

Recently the health department, according to Dr. F. H. Garriss, health officer, has received several inquiries concerning milk and glasses at soda fountains. People are complaining about being served milk in glasses from quart bottles and want to know why the drinking places in Chowan County do not use individual paper service exclusively.

These questions were taken up with the County Board of Health by the Health Officer in the fall of 1937. They did not see fit at that time to pass such a health regulation. Several counties in North Carolina and the State of Virginia require such service.

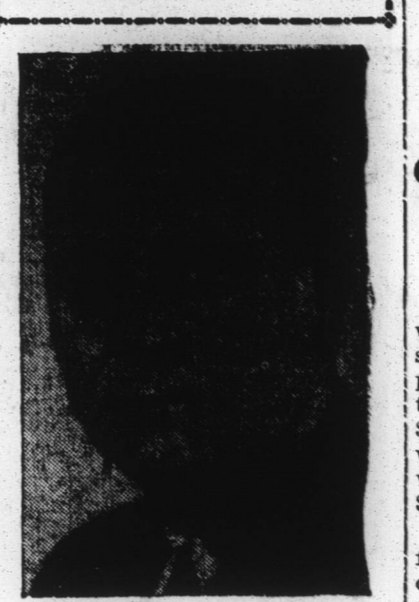
"Milk should not be served to an individual in any form but in the original container with the cap intact," says Dr. Garriss. "The customer may drink it through a straw or pour it in a glass. Also the soda clerks should empty the entire contents of an eight-ounce bottle of milk in each milk shake and the customer should have the privilege of seeing the cap if he so desires. There are several reasons for this. The customer gets a fixed quantity of milk, he gets his share of cream and he gets milk that has not had an opportunity to become contaminated or infected by fingers, etc., as the result of frequent handling. Why require dairymen to handle and bottle milk under aseptic conditions and then allow soda clerks to handle it carelessly?"

Concerning individual paper service. We consider this one of the most important safeguards of public health. The drinking places in Edenton will give you paper cups if you ask for them and some of the fountains are equipped to sterilize their glasses with chlorine. Syphilis, diphtheria, trench mouth and tuberculosis are some of the diseases that can be transmitted by unsterilized drinking and eating utensils. Ordinary washing in hot water and even soap will not kill the germ of these diseases.

"Yes, Chowan County should require both of these health regulations and a few requests made to the members of your board of health will, I am sure, get results."

Budgets Approved And Rate Set By Commissioners In Session Held Wednesday

Heads State B. & L.



Wheeler Martin, prominent attorney and secretary of the Martin County Building and Loan Association of Williamston, was elected president of the North Carolina Building and Loan League at the close of the three-day convention of the building, savings and loan associations of North Carolina at Wrightsville Beach.

Rocky Hock Folks Present A Petition For Central School

135 Sign Names to Paper Asking For New Building

STRIKE SNAG

No Provision Made In Budget and Too Late To Be Included

A delegation of citizens from Rocky Hock presented themselves before the County Commissioners Wednesday morning armed with a petition asking for a central school building to be erected according to the wishes of a majority expressed at a recent "election" held on the matter. The delegation previously appeared before the County Board of Education with the same petition.

The Board of Education requested the delegation to go before the County Commissioners to ascertain if that body would approve the expenditure for the erection of the building. However, the Commissioners let it be understood that they had no voice in the matter as it now stands. It was their duty to consider the Board of

Garden Club Urges Steam Heating And Blinds In Court House

Mrs. George P. Byrum and Mrs. R. P. Badham appeared before the County Commissioners Wednesday as a committee from the Garden Club in the interest of installing steam heat in the Court House as well as replacing the blinds on the building. The ladies were informed that a committee from the Board of Commissioners is now at work regarding placing a new roof on the Court House and that they will consider other improvements at the same time.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The July meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Armory Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend. A report of the State Legion and Auxiliary Convention recently held in Raleigh will be heard.

Unnecessary to Levy for General Fund, Charity and Health

SCHOOLS RAISED

Commissioners In Favor Bertie Site For State Sanatorium

Experiencing less difficulty than was anticipated, the County Commissioners on Wednesday afternoon approved the various budgets and set a tax rate for 1939-40. The rate is \$1.13 per \$100 property valuation, which is two cents less than last year when the rate was cut from \$1.30 to \$1.15.

The levy is composed of 78 cents for bonds, 26 cents for schools and 9 cents for social security. As compared with last year there is no levy made for the general fund, health and charity. Last year the general fund levy was 3 cents, health 3 cents and charity 4 cents. However, despite elimination of these levies, the levy for bonds this year is 78 cents as compared with 75 for last year, and the school levy has been raised from 21 cents last year to 26 cents. Part of this is due to provision made for a loan of \$6,000 from the Literary Fund for erection of an addition to Chowan High School for teaching home economics and vocational agriculture.

Reason for not being required to make a levy for the general fund, (Continued on page four)

Units Of National Guard To Camp In Edenton Aug. 6th

Outfit Will Stop Over on Way to Fort Story In Virginia

Col. R. S. McClelland and Col. J. B. Walbach, of Wilmington, were in Edenton Wednesday afternoon making arrangements for the encampment on the Fair Grounds of a National Guard unit on the night of August 6. Detachments from Wilmington, Lumberton, Raeford, High Point and Greensboro have been transferred to Fort Story, Va., instead of going to Fort Moultrie at Charleston, S. C., on account of infantile paralysis. The units will travel in two groups, one spending the night in Edenton and the other in Williamston. The group to camp in Edenton will comprise about 300 men, 35 trucks as well as a number of private cars.

Col. McClelland is commander of a regiment and Col. Walbach is an United States army instructor.

Former Pastor Preaches At Local Church Sunday

Rev. John Guice, a former pastor at the Edenton Methodist Church, will preach at the morning hour Sunday, announced Rev. W. C. Benson, the pastor, on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Guice is now serving a pastorate in Kansas City and while in Edenton was a host of friends, who will be happy to have the opportunity to hear him preach again.

Edenton's Girl Soft Ballers Defeat Gliden

Edenton girls' softball team on Wednesday afternoon reaped revenge for a former defeat at the hands of the Gliden girls when they came back from up-county with a 2-0 victory tucked under their belts.

The Edenton girls were in top form, not a single error being charged against them. A feature of the contest was a home run hit by Lester Yates.

Another game will be played by the two outfits next Thursday night on the local diamond.