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Faulty Drainage Is Believed Endanger School Auditorium

Excessive Rains Cause Trouble For Street Department

SECTIONS FLOODED

Solution to Situation Estimated to Cost Approximately \$5,000

Extremely heavy rains recently are causing no end of worry to Edenton's street department as well as citizens in general. At the rate of rainfall during the past few weeks, employees of the street department have been unable to clean out ditches which have been considerably filled up by severe washing, thus causing large quantities of water to accumulate at various parts of town.

What is causing the greatest amount of concern is possible damage to the new school auditorium, where after every rain, water is forced back into the pipes and through drains in the shower bath rooms, completely flooding the basement. As this water seeps out along the walls, it is feared the ground is being washed away and that this condition will weaken the foundation of the building.

The street commissioner has been called before the Edenton school board in an effort to secure some relief, and many complaints and much criticism has been directed at the street department.

However, the street commissioner has made a thorough study of the situation and has come to the positive conclusion that the only solution is to increase the capacity for carrying off water. At present, there is one 36-inch line from Eden Street to the Sound, which is fed by two lines, one another 36-inch line, and the other 18 inches. Both enter the outlet line at Eden Street, the larger carrying water from as far up Broad Street as C. N. Griffin's home. During a rain of any size at all the water in this line comes with such force that the water coming from the 18-inch line, which drains the vicinity of the school building, is unable to get away and as a result is backed up in the pipe and is the source of the trouble. Other reasons for the trouble have been advanced, principally that the outlet between Eden Street and the Sound is clogged up. However, on Tuesday morning a thorough investigation was made and this line is perfectly free from any obstruction save tide water.

To remedy the situation a new line must replace the one going from Queen Street to Eden Street through the swamp on the John Griffin property. Aside from this, there must be an auxiliary line from Eden Street to the Sound, which would reduce to about half the water forced through the present outlet. The cost involved in solving the solution is approximately \$5,000.

The street commissioner has requested a special meeting of Town (Continued on Page Four)

Town Officials Of State Meet Aug. 17 Wrightsville Beach

Senator Robert R. Reynolds Will Officiate as Toastmaster

Mayors, aldermen, commissioners, town clerks, attorneys, and other officials from 200 North Carolina towns will get together August 17-19 at the Ocean Terrace Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, for the 30th Anniversary Convention of the North Carolina League of Municipalities. It has been announced by Patrick Healy, Jr., executive secretary of the League.

The annual, state-wide conference of the League gives officials an opportunity to get new ideas for the improvement of their own municipal government administrations by exchanging experiences and information with officials of other towns and cities and by hearing outstanding experts present latest information on the pressing municipal problems of the day.

Climax of the convention will be the annual banquet the night of August 19, at which John M. Carmody, administrator of the new Federal Works Agency, will be principal speaker. Senator Robert R. Reynolds will be toastmaster.

Highway Cop

Friends in Edenton were delighted to learn Sunday that Vernon Spruill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Spruill, was among the 50 young men selected as new State highway patrolmen. This group was selected from almost 100 applicants for the 50 jobs, who had been in training at Henderson for a month.

Local friends felt very much encouraged last week that Mr. Spruill would be selected when it was learned that he was among the 77 retained from which to choose the 50. He will be assigned a location possibly by September 1.

Dance In Armory On Tuesday, Aug. 8

Affair Staged For Benefit of High School Band

Count Milgrom and his 12-piece orchestra of Rocky Mount will furnish music for a dance which will be held in the Edenton Armory Tuesday night, August 8. The dance is being held for the benefit of the Edenton High School band and will start at 10 o'clock.

Count Milgrom directs the State College orchestra, which has won quite a reputation in Eastern North Carolina. The orchestra has played the past four weeks for dances at Nags Head.

The dance is being widely advertised and a large crowd of dance enthusiasts is expected to be on hand.

Masons - Rotarians On Winning Streak

Defeat Red Men and Lions Teams In Last Two Games

	STANDING OF CLUBS		
	W	L	Pct
Red Men	10	4	.714
Masons	7	8	.466
Lions	5	10	.333

The Masons-Rotary combination in Edenton's soft ball league have come within striking distance of the league leading Red Men during the week by winning both games played, one each at the expense of the other two teams.

On Friday night the Masons-Rotarians defeated the Lions 9 to 5 in a game which was poorly played by both teams.

Monday night's contest between the Red Men and Lions was rained out.

On Tuesday night, the Masons-Rotarians, playing one of their best games of the season, downed the powerful Red Men aggregation 5 to 1.

An error occurred in the standing of the clubs last week, due to a game being credited to the Red Men from the Lions. It was understood that this game was forfeited by the Lions, but members of the team entered a strong protest, claiming that neither team had enough players on the field to play a game on account of threatening weather.

Hunting And Fishing Licenses Now On Sale

J. G. Perry, Chowan County game warden, announced Wednesday that combination hunting and fishing licenses are now on sale. The license covers the period from August 1 until July 31, 1940.

BIBLE CLASS WILL MEET

The August meeting of the Young Woman's Bible Class of the Edenton Baptist Church will be held Tuesday evening, August 8, at the home of Mrs. Leroy Haskett. All members are urged to attend.

CAKE SALE

Chowan Woman's Club will have a cake sale at Quinn's Furniture store on Saturday morning. An attractive line of delicious cakes will be on sale.

Not Left Out

Though the Edenton Band is not mentioned on circulars advertising the mass meeting to be held at Belhaven on August 9th, C. L. McCullers, director of the local outfit, stated Wednesday morning that his organization has been invited to play and that the invitation has been accepted.

Organization Now In Making To Work For All Albemarle

Dedicated to Promotion Of Greater Prosperity For All Counties

TO MEET FRIDAY

Chowan County Urged To Have Representatives Present

An invitation to Edenton citizens has been received from W. O. Saunders to attend a meeting to be held Friday night in Elizabeth City which is calculated to be of far-reaching importance to all the counties in the Albemarle.

"A movement begun here among the younger business and professional men of Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck looking to the organization of a junior chamber of commerce," says Mr. Saunders, "has suddenly expanded into the idea of a Greater Albemarle Association for the promotion of the whole Albemarle region—a super Chamber of Commerce if you please, dedicated not to the advancement of Elizabeth City, but to the promotion of a greater prosperity and fuller life for our blessed region."

At a meeting held last Friday night, 60 progressive men of the three counties were present, whose vision and unselfish outlook was most inspiring and led to the idea of an organization working for the welfare of the Albemarle area as a whole.

The meeting tomorrow night will be held at the Coca Cola Bottling Works, 517 East Ehringhaus Street, starting at 7:30 o'clock, and Mr. Saunders is very anxious that Chowan County be represented at the meeting.

Rotary Governor Meets Edenton's Rotarians Tuesday

Club Adopts Resolution Of Respect For Miss Mary Pruden

There will be no Rotary meeting today, the regular meeting having been changed to Tuesday this week when the Edenton club was visited by James Mallonee, district governor for the 187th district.

Prior to the luncheon at 1 o'clock in the Parish House, Mr. Mallonee met with officers of the club and the board of directors during which time activities of the club were rehearsed, as well as plans suggested for a more efficient work during the year.

Mr. Mallonee made the principal address at the club luncheon, when he spoke briefly about the founding of Rotary in Chicago by Paul Harris, and how it has grown. "Rotary," he said, "is the product of the minds of many men."

The speaker emphasized the four major objects of Rotary and very ably explained how the proper execution of each object would tend to strengthen a Rotary club. "Rotary is not philosophy," he said, "but action. An active Rotary club means active Rotarians."

In closing, he expressed his appreciation for the cooperation he has received thus far as district governor and urged members in his district to be up and doing to the end that Rotary does not lag, but rather continues to go forward at a quickening pace.

At the close of the meeting, the club adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of Miss Mary Pruden. Following is the text of the resolution:

"This club feels very keenly the loss of Miss Mary W. Pruden, not only on account of our frequent association with her through the Saint Mary's Guild, which has always worked so efficiently with the club, but also through our knowledge that she so really represented in the community, and put so often in practice the ideals of Rotary—frequently discussed in this club, but seldom practiced."

"In the death of Miss Pruden this community has suffered a genuine loss, therefore be it resolved that these sentiments be made a part of the club minutes for the day, and that the secretary be requested to express our sincere sympathy to the family."

Social Security Aided Chowan To Tune Of \$57,000

Information Is Revealed By Mrs. J. B. Spillman During Visit

HERE FRIDAY

Chowan County Has Only 25 Employers Subject to Act

Chowan County's citizens and communities have been aided by the operation of the ten divisions of the Social Security Act to the extent of approximately \$57,000, in the slightly more than three years of the program, Mrs. J. B. Spillman, vice-chairman of the State Unemployment Compensation Commission, said here Friday, on the occasion of a visit to her native county.

The largest item of the ten divisions has been unemployment compensation, of which \$19,597.06 has been paid to unemployed workers in the county in the 18 months' period since the payments started in January, 1936. This has been included in the \$,175 checks that have been issued by the commission to Chowan residents.

Chowan is a small county, both in area and population, Mrs. Spillman pointed out, saying that unemployment compensation for unemployed workers is not large comparatively, due to the fact that there are few large industries which employ large numbers. She said the records show there are only 25 employers in Chowan county large enough to be subject to the Unemployment Compensation Law, and that these employers have 894 workers on whom they pay contributions. These Chowan (Continued On Page Five)

Lost Colony Singers Appear At Chowan High Monday Night

Outstanding Program Scheduled to Begin at 8:15 O'clock

A quartette from "The Lost Colony" chorus, assisted by Miss Helen Hubbert, soprano, also of the chorus, will give a concert at the Chowan High School Monday evening, August 7, at 8:15 o'clock, under the auspices of the Chowan Woman's Club. The quartette is made up of Edgie Firtle, first tenor; Justin Tune, second tenor; Oliver Rice, first base; Ira Bowles, second bass. Miss Helen Evans will act as accompanist.

The program will be as follows:

1. Stars of the Summer Night; Flow Gently, Sweet Afton; Long, Long Ago, by Male Quartette.
2. Ah Love, But a Day (Beach); Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod); Old Mother Hubbard (Hutchinson) by Miss Hubbert.
3. O Savior Hear Me (Von Gluck); The Lord's Prayer (Mallotte) by Justin Tune.
4. In The Gloaming; Last Night; Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms; Drink To Me Only with Thine Eyes by Male Quartette.
5. Evening Star (Wagner); I Heard a Forest Praying (DeRose) by Ira Bowles.
6. They Called It Ireland; The Little Irish Girl by Justin Tune.
7. I Dream of Jeanie (Foster); Soona Will Be Done (Dawson); The Old Ark's Amoverin (Cain); Nelly Was a Lady (Foster); Water Boy, by Male Quartette.
8. Chumleigh Fair; Tomasso Rotundo the Basso Profundo (O'Hara) by Ira Bowles.
9. When I Think Upon the Maidens (Head); When Love Is Blind (Moore) by Justin Tune.
10. Benediction (Lutkin) by Male Quartette and Miss Hubbert.

There will be a small charge for admission, the proceeds going to the Community House Fund.

LITTLE GUY BOYCE BURIED

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Boyce, near Center Hill, for their little son, Guy, 12 months old, who died Monday night. The baby had been quite seriously ill with colitis and meningitis. Burial was in the family cemetery near the home. Besides his parents, Guy is survived by three sisters, Hilda, Velma and Amelia, and four brothers, A. J., Horace, Haywood and Marshall.

Farmers Paid

Though early this week there still remained to be received by Chowan County farmers 100 checks for 1938 soil conservation payments, to date farmers in the county have received \$53,970.78 for cooperating with the government's farm program.

This amount represents 642 checks covering farms where the soil conservation program was carried out.

According to N. K. Rowell, county agent, there has been practically the same amount of compliance with the soil conservation program this year as last year.

State Sanatorium Will Go To Wilson

Wilson Citizens Agree To Purchase Plot For Institution

Though it was thought in these parts that Bertie County had the inside track to secure the location of the State's \$450,000 tuberculosis sanatorium, announcement was made Saturday in Rocky Mount by Senator L. L. Gravelly that the institution would be built at Wilson. Erection of the building is expected to begin about January 1.

The sanatorium will have a capacity of 350 beds, employing a staff of between 70 and 80 nurses, and some expert surgeons. It will be located on highway 301 on a 100-acre tract, situated about 2,000 feet back from the roadway. The ground will be donated to the State, the cost being borne by the citizens of Wilson.

Miss Mary Pruden Dies On Monday

Funeral Conducted at St. Paul's Tuesday Afternoon

Though not altogether unexpected, the community was shocked Monday afternoon when Miss Mary Pruden passed away at 5:30 o'clock at her home. She had been very ill for several weeks.

Miss Pruden was the daughter of the late W. D. Pruden, eminent North Carolina attorney, being a daughter of his first wife, who was Miss Mary Norfleet. She was deeply interested in civic and religious matters and was quite an authority on early history of the section.

Very much good has been accomplished through her efforts, which won for her great respect and esteem from a large number of people. Surviving are one sister, Miss Margaret Pruden, and a brother, W. D. Pruden. A niece, Mrs. George K. Mack and four nephews, J. N. Pruden, Jack Pruden, Billy Pruden and George Pruden, also survive.

Funeral services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church were largely attended Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock and the large number of beautiful floral tributes attested to the esteem in which she was held by a host of friends. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. B. Drame, D. D., Rev. Fred B. Drame, of Monroe, and Rev. C. A. Ashby. Interment was made in the churchyard.

Edenton Team Breaks Even Over Week-end

Edenton's Albemarle League entry split even over the week-end, winning from Scotland Neck here Saturday afternoon and losing to Plymouth Sunday afternoon 5 to 4 on the Plymouth diamond.

BAND CONCERT TONIGHT

Weather permitting, the Edenton High School Band will play a concert on the Court House Green tonight at 8 o'clock. Director McCullers stated Wednesday that the band members need not don their uniforms.

No Rain, Please!

If the weather does not interfere, the last strip of the new road leading from the Albemarle Sound bridge road into Edenton will be completed Friday. J. C. Parkin, resident engineer, stated Wednesday morning that if no more rain fell, he thought the 800-foot strip through the woods back of the Moran home would be ready for paving.

Edenton Headed For Still Poorer Postal Service

Three Rural Routes to Be Consolidated Into Only Two

MUCH COMMENT

J. J. Long Will Be Retired as Carrier on October 31

If current reports are true, and they come from a pretty reliable source, the three rural mail routes at the Edenton post office will be consolidated about the first of November and only two routes used to serve the rural patronage in the county.

On October 31, J. J. Long is scheduled to be retired, having rounded out 35 years as a rural mail carrier, and the supposition is that the post-office department desires to economize and distribute Mr. Long's route between Rodney Harrell and Jim Daniels, the other two carriers. The change would add about 35 miles of travel between the two carriers.

Considerable comment has been heard regarding the consolidation, for obviously it will be a handicap to present mail service. By the change the rural carriers will not be able to return to the office in time to make connections with outgoing mail and even for mail which is to be delivered in Edenton at one of the busiest times of the day. If the plan goes into effect, it will no doubt mean that mail which is brought to the office by rural carriers will be delayed possibly 18 hours.

Law Enforcement Of Local ABC Store

Figures Cover Period From July 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939

It will be interesting to read the report of law enforcement for Chowan County, released Tuesday by the Chowan ABC store. The following figures cover the period from July 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939:

Arrests	38
Convictions	27
Total sentences imposed	46 months
Fines imposed	\$545.00
Non Tax paid whiskey seized	20 gallons 3 1/2 pints
Tax paid whiskey seized	None
Automobiles seized	None
Stills Captured	One
Total mash destroyed (estimated)	100 gallons
Defendants turned over to federal courts	1
Number of places padlocked	None

Ocean Highway Group Meets In New Bern Aug. 10

Fourth Annual Meeting Postponed From May 15th

Charleston, S. C.—(Special)—Approximately one hundred members and invited guests from cities and towns on the Ocean Highway in seven states will gather in New Bern on Thursday and Friday, August 10th and 11th for the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Ocean Highway Association.

John S. Cator of Charleston, acting president since the death of L. H. Siau of Georgetown, S. C., will preside. The annual meeting this season originally was scheduled to be held in Charleston on May 15th, but was postponed in respect to the memory of Mr. Siau, who had served as president since the association was organized in 1935 at Myrtle Beach, S. C. The meeting place was subsequently changed after the directors voted unanimously to accept the invitation extended by New Bern to meet there between August 1st and 15th.

Mayor J. H. McMullan and E. W. Spires are members of the executive committee of the association.

TAKING BUSINESS COURSE

Elwood Nixon, son of G. R. Nixon, went to Norfolk, Va., Monday to enter Norfolk Business College.