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Edenton's Tax Rate Is Again Set At \$1; Budget Finally Completed Tuesday Night

Town Council Assured Of Only \$3,600 From E. & W. Funds

JOINT MEETING

Board Approves Appropriation of \$900 For Band Director

With the budget for Edenton in the making a month or more, at a special meeting of Town Council Tuesday night figures were once more studied, the budget tentatively approved and a tax rate of \$1.00 per \$100 property valuation set for this year. This is the same rate as last year despite the belief that it would be necessary to raise the rate to meet anticipated expenses during the fiscal year.

The meeting Tuesday night was a joint meeting with the Board of Public Works which was deemed necessary before setting the tax rate in order to determine about how much money could be expected by Town Council from unexpended earnings from the sale of water and electricity.

According to various appropriations asked of Town Council, and which cannot be made from money received by taxes, the finance committee was unable to say whether these appropriations could be made and for that reason the two boards met to better understand the financial situation.

Fred P. Wood, chairman of the board of Public Works, was asked about finances in his department and said that while there is a balance in the bank of something like \$47,000, his board felt that it will be necessary to spend \$18,000 of this amount. Included in this figure is \$1,500 for taking over the line to the Albemarle Sound bridge, the contract for which is now being prepared. The board also desires to own its own meters and install a model which will insure proper measurement of all current consumed and to do this will mean an outlay of about \$6,000. Then an emergency exists, according to Mr. Wood, in the sanitary sewer line on Oakum Street from Church to Eden Street which will cost about \$5,000. However, an application for a WPA project has been made and it is expected that this outlay will be considerably reduced. Aside from the above, it is necessary to purchase new transformers which will cost approximately \$800.

After deducting these expenses, Mr. Wood said he doubted if at present his board could assure any more than \$3,600 for use by Town Council.

Of considerable concern to members of Town Council were a number of appropriations asked of the town which includes \$300 for the Shepard-Pruden library, \$200 for the Boy Scouts, \$400 for supplementing Coach David Holton's salary and buying football equipment, \$500 to complete the athletic field and \$900 to go as a salary of C. L. McCullers, band director.

In connection with these requests a large delegation was again present in behalf of the band appropriation of \$900. It was explained that in all probability next year this expense will be borne by the Edenton school, which will this year match the \$900 to pay Mr. McCullers a regular salary as band director and eliminate tuition charges of band members. This appropriation, as well as others, was approved and will be included in the budget.

After the meeting Tuesday night it was found that the budget exceeded \$580 of balancing with the \$1.00 tax rate. However, the finance committee again went over the figures and shaved off enough here and there to balance the anticipated expenditures with the income expected.

As to the emergency storm sewer drainage problem, temporary relief has been made by removing the line through John Griffin's lot and allowing water to drain in a ditch. The line under the school has been dragged and by laying a short auxiliary line to Queen Street, it is expected the situation will be remedied until such time as contemplated improvements can be made.

Dr. L. F. Williams, chairman of the finance committee, on Wednesday rechecked the figures in the budget and as soon as officially approved by Town Council it will be open for inspection of the public in the Municipal building.

Three Edentonians On Executive Group Of Ocean Highway

J. H. McMullan, E. W. Spires and G. H. Harding Are Selected

FINE MEETING

R. D. Dixon Presents Old Money to Retiring President

More recognition of Edenton was made by the Ocean Highway Association at its annual meeting held Thursday and Friday at New Bern when instead of two representatives, the town was honored by having three members placed on the executive committee of the Association.

Mayor J. H. McMullan and E. W. Spires were again replaced, while G. H. Harding, proprietor of Hotel Joseph Hewes, was added to the group. Mr. Harding, due to being so well known over the entire route of U. S. Highway 17, will add considerable prestige to Edenton's representation in the organization.

According to Edenton's delegation, the meeting was very successful and interesting, and they were impressed with the whole-hearted harmony reflected in the Association's activities. Of especial interest was the fact that there was no apparent movement for changing U. S. Route 17. Edenton's representatives at the meeting were Mayor J. H. McMullan, E. W. Spires, G. H. Harding and Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Dixon.

A feature of the meeting was the presentation by Mr. Dixon of 40 shillings in Colonial paper money to John S. Cator, of Charleston, S. C., retiring president of the Association. The money was printed by direction of the Colonial meeting in New Bern in 1785 by Thomas Davis, son of James Davis, who established the first printing office in North Carolina in New Bern.

In making the presentation Mr. Dixon told the retiring president that he might "pay his way" with the money during the fourth annual convention of the Ocean Highway Association, but Mr. Cator declared the money was not to be spent and was prized very highly by him.

Mr. Dixon and directors of the Association thought the gift especially appropriate in that President Cator is a descendant of the Street family of New Bern. Though the paper money had been ordered printed by the Colonial Assembly in New Bern, it was printed in the office of Thomas Davis, in Hillsboro.

To Secretary-Treasurer M. Bishop Alexander, Mr. Dixon presented an old map of Edenton. It was printed in 1769 and showed the formal gardens here at that time. Mr. Alexander, too, was agreeably surprised to receive the gift and said he would treasure it among other valuable mementoes in his possession.

Bad Weather Cuts Down Attendance For Amusements

Completely rained out Monday night and a light shower crippling attendance Tuesday night, the week of amusement sponsored by the Lions Club got off to a bad start, but it is hoped favorable weather will prevail during the remainder of the week and that large crowds attend the amusement on Hicks Field operated by the Crescent Amusement Company.

The management has announced that on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock, there will be no admission charged for entrance to the grounds and that during the same hours prices will be reduced for the attractions to 5 cents for children and 10 cents for adults.

The attraction has been brought to Edenton under the auspices of the Lions Club in an effort to raise money for use by the club for its blind and crippled children's work.

Kentucky Evangelist



REV. JOHN R. GILPIN
Coming here from Russell, Kentucky, Rev. Gilpin will conduct two revival meetings, one at the Center Hill Baptist Church and the other at Rocky Hock Baptist Church. He will preach his first sermon at the Center Hill Church Monday night, August 21, at 8 o'clock.

Opposition Growing To Consolidation Of Rural Mail Routes

Postmaster Kramer Given Petitions Signed By Over 300

WRITE WARREN

Chowan Woman's Club Vigorously Opposes Change

That there is a general county-wide protest against the contemplated consolidation of rural mail routes in Chowan County is evident by the fact that all over the county mail patrons are opposed to the change. To substantiate this feeling of dissatisfaction, on Monday Postmaster C. E. Kramer received two petitions opposing the change which carried over 300 signatures. The petitions were given to Mr. Kramer by Emmett Harrell and Henry Bunch. It is understood that some have written to Congressman Lindsay Warren in the hope that he will use his influence in preventing merging of the present three rural routes into only two.

Adding also to the strength of the objection to the consolidation was a letter received by Mr. Kramer from the Chowan Woman's Club. The letter, written by order of the Club as a whole and signed by Mrs. E. L. Winslow, president of the Club, is as follows:

"We, the Chowan Woman's Club, desire to go on record as being opposed to the contemplated change in consolidating the rural mail routes. The change would not mean efficiency for rural people. All think that we deserve better service than could possibly be had with only two rural carriers serving the same number of people that three carriers have been serving."

Mr. Kramer is helpless in preventing the consolidation and has sent to the Postoffice Department the petitions, letter and any other information so that postal authorities may be fully acquainted with the feeling concerning the change as it exists in the county.

By the change approximately 35 miles now served by J. J. Long, who is scheduled to be retired on October 31, will be added to the routes carried by Jim Daniels and Rodney Harrell. By this addition they would necessarily return to the postoffice much later than at present, which would undoubtedly result in mail being brought in being too late to be dispatched.

MRS. BUNCH IMPROVING

Mrs. George Bunch's many friends will be glad to learn that she is now getting along nicely and expects to return to her home near Cross Roads the latter part of the week. Mrs. Bunch has been quite ill at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va.

Purposes Of New Albemarle Association Are Explained At Meeting In Court House

J. G. Perry Releases Dates And Changes Of Hunting Season

Quail Season Opens on Thanksgiving Day, November 30

SQUIRREL OCT. 1

Warden Warns About Unlawful Taking of Game

Dates for the 1939 hunting seasons, together with the changes made in these seasons by the Board of Conservation and Development, have just been announced by J. G. Perry, game warden for Chowan County.

The deer and bear seasons open October 1 and extend to January 1. Deer can be hunted in all the counties with the exception of Alleghany, Ashe, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin, where the season is closed this year, while in Sampson County the season will be only from November 1 through November 30. There will be only a 15-day deer hunting season, from November 1 through November 15 in Avery, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, McDowell, Swain, Watauga and Yancey counties, and in Macon county north and west of Highway No. 64. It is unlawful to hunt deer with dogs at any time west of Person, Orange, Chatham, Moore and Richmond counties.

Bear can be hunted in most of the counties during the general season above except in Alleghany, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, Rutherford and all counties west of these, where the season will be from October 20 to January 1.

The squirrel season for other than Fox squirrels and Southern Red squirrels (boomers) will be from October 1 through January 15, with many exceptions, which will be announced later.

The quail season will open Thanksgiving Day, November 30, and extend through February 15 in most of the counties. One exception is Union county, where the season will be only 30 days, from December 10 to January 10.

In six counties—Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir and Onslow—hunting for quail will be permitted only three days a week, or on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, the other days being "lay days" as requested by the sportsmen in these counties.

The rabbit season will also be from November 30 through February 15, with no bag limit. The wild turkey and grouse seasons also extend from November 30 through February 15, with the exceptions that the season for wild turkey will be closed this year in Alleghany, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke and Rutherford counties.

The opossum and raccoon seasons for hunting with gun or dogs only, is from October 1 through February 1, while the trapping season is from November 1 through February 15, with numerous exceptions. Trapping of opossum and raccoon will be permitted in Dare county from December 1 to March 1, only and is prohibited entirely in the following counties: Bladen, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Graham, Greene, Haywood, Hoke, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, Wayne and Wilson, except on the premises of the owners for protection of domestic fowls and crops. It is also prohibited in and west of Surry, Alexander, Wilkes, Catawba and Cleveland counties.

No otter may be taken at all this year, the season being closed over the entire State.

Mr. Perry also desires to warn hunters that it is unlawful to hunt on Sunday and, too, that while hunting game birds, squirrels and rabbits, it is unlawful to use an automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun which has not been plugged to a capacity of three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. Attention is also called to the law prohibiting selling quail. Any person convicted of buying or selling or offering to buy or sell quail shall be fined not less than \$50 or imprisoned for not more than 60 days or both in the discretion of the court.

"In all cases of conviction under the North Carolina game law," says Mr. Perry, "the court shall require the surrender of any hunting license then held by the person so convicted."

W. O. Saunders Sees Great Future For New Organization

OTHERS SPEAK

Few Join Pending Study Of Constitution and By-laws

Despite a rainy night Monday, a goodly number gathered at the Court House to attend a meeting in the interest of the Greater Albemarle Association. This meeting was one of a series of meetings to be held in 11 Albemarle counties in an effort to organize a strong association for the purpose of working as a unit for the welfare of the entire section.

E. W. Spires presided over the meeting and before turning it over to W. O. Saunders, of Elizabeth City, read the preamble of the association for the benefit of those present.

Mr. Saunders, who was accompanied by several Elizabeth City men who are vitally interested in the association, very intelligently explained the origin of the organization and explained its purpose.

"The Greater Albemarle Association," said Saunders, "is an unselfish organization and it is not proposed to grind anybody's axe. With each county in the area struggling for recognition, he said, there can be very little progress, but by a united group representing all of the people in the Albemarle, a respectable hearing can be commanded from any group, be it in the State legislature or even in National legislative circles.

The area is deficient in a number of things, Mr. Saunders said, and cited a few projects which would be the aim of the association to improve. For instance, he said there should be more beef and cattle in the area, as well as sheep. He explained the distinct advantages this section has over northern and western states, where it is necessary to build and even furnish heat in barns due to cold weather.

One of the many social and spiritual projects which could be of much benefit he said, were music festivals. He suggested that various counties unite for a week in staging music festivals and then as a gala occasion there could be a massed performance.

As much good as anything, according to Saunders, would result from organized publicity for the area. He said the association would serve as a clearing house for publicity, where information and pictures would be furnished. The tourist appeal was commented upon, citing the great Dismal Swamp, Lake Phelps, Lake Mattamuskeet, Edenton's history, to say nothing about Roanoke Island and the Cape Hatteras National Park, all of which would be emphasized in literature provided by the association.

A feature of the association, said Mr. Saunders, is that a monthly bulletin would be published for the purpose of keeping every member informed about what was being done by the organization.

Aside from several who attended a previous meeting in Elizabeth City, few of those present at the meeting Monday were fully acquainted with the purpose of the association and for that reason there was some reluctance in signing applications for membership. It was the general impression that the constitution and by-laws be studied and for that reason a copy is being prepared for local study, after which, if several doubts are clarified, there will undoubtedly be a representative number in Edenton join the new association. The dues are \$6.00 per year, plus a membership fee of \$1. Thus far only six in Edenton have signed up.

Called upon to express their opinion about the possibilities of the new association at Monday night's meeting were Julien Wood, D. M. Warren, John A. Holmes, W. J. Taylor, J. E. Wood, Geddes Potter and J. Edwin Bufflap.

A similar meeting will be held in Gates next week, where it is said considerable interest prevails in organizing such an organization.

METHODIST REVIVAL

Revival services are being conducted each night this week at Evans Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. R. E. Walston, is being assisted by the Rev. Mr. Mallory.

CAKE SALE SATURDAY

Chowan Woman's Club will have a cake sale Saturday morning at Quinn Furniture Store, Edenton.

Revival Meetings Planned For Two Chowan Churches

Rev. John R. Gilpin, of Russell, Ky., Will Be Preacher

BEGINS AUG. 21

Week's Meeting at Center Hill and Rocky Hock Churches

Rev. Frank Cale, pastor of the Center Hill and Rocky Hock Baptist Churches, announced early this week that revival services will be held in each of these churches, beginning at the Center Hill Church on Monday night, August 21, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will continue through Sunday, August 27, with services scheduled to be held each afternoon at 3 o'clock and at 8 o'clock each night.

At the Rocky Hock Church the meeting will start at 8 o'clock Sunday night, August 27, and come to a close on the following Sunday, September 3. During this meeting services will be held at 3 o'clock each afternoon and at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Rev. Mr. Cale feels very fortunate to have been able to secure the services of Rev. John R. Gilpin, of Russell, Kentucky, to assist him in conducting these meetings. The Kentuckian is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Russell and is also editor of the Baptist Examiner. His sermons each Sunday morning have been broadcast over the radio for some time, and in his coming to Chowan to offer his services, Rev. Mr. Cale feels very optimistic that both meetings will be successful and that church-goers will want to hear the visiting preacher as many times as possible.

New Books Available At Edenton's Library

Mrs. Sidney McMullan, librarian at the Shepard-Pruden Library, has announced that the following new books have been received at the library and are now available:

"Reach For the Stars," by Nora Walby; "Rabble In Arms," by Kenneth Roberts; "The Tree of Liberty," by Elizabeth Page; "Beware of Pity," by Stefan Zweig; "The Adventure of Christopher Columbus," by Sylvia Thompson; "Harlequin House," by Margery Sharp; "Doctor Adams," by Irvin Fineman; "The Problem of the Green Capsule," by John Dickson Carr; "The Webb and Rock," by Thomas Wolfe; "Purslane," by Bernice Kelly Harris.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Burch, of Baltimore, Md., have announced the birth of a son. Mrs. Burch was formerly Miss Marguerite Bunch, daughter of Mrs. W. W. Bunch, of near Cross Roads.