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Lengthy Session Of Town Council Tuesday Night; School Trustees Re-elected

W. A. Leggett and John G. Wood to Serve Six More Years

BUY FIRE HOSE

C. L. McCullers Gets \$1,500 For Year as Band Director

While little important business faced Town Council Tuesday night, the meeting did not adjourn until after 10 o'clock.

Prior to the regular meeting of Council, a joint meeting was held with the board of trustees of the Edenton school administrative unit for the purpose of electing two trustees whose term of office expired. The trustees recommended W. A. Leggett and John G. Wood to succeed themselves for a period of six years, which was agreed to by the councilmen.

Before the trustees departed, they were asked about the proposition of placing C. L. McCullers on a permanent salary basis as band director. They had at a previous meeting agreed to set a salary at \$1,500 per year and allow Mr. McCullers to continue to direct the Columbia band.

Town Council, at a former meeting, was asked to make an appropriation of \$900 as half of an anticipated salary of \$1,800 for Mr. McCullers, and it was this appropriation that several members of Council desired to be straightened out, feeling that the proposition was on a 50-50 basis. Thomas Cheers, chairman of the trustees, informed Council that his board could hardly make any alterations of their plan to pay \$600 of the amount in that their budget had been made up and besides they were taking considerable chances in event operating expenses of the school happened to be more than was anticipated. After discussing the proposition pro and con, it was decided to let the Town's share remain at \$900 and the trustees paying \$600 of the salary, with the assurance on the part of Mr. Cheers that next year his board would at least consider placing the responsibility of the band director's salary on his board.

Mr. Cheers, on behalf of his board, said they are sacrificing necessary items to place Mr. McCullers on a salary basis, but that they desire to cooperate with the town in a situation that is not only a credit to the school but the town as a whole. During his remarks, Mr. Cheers said that there should be more protection about the school grounds, especially now that Church Street has been transformed into a principal highway. He hinted at the idea of enclosing the grounds with a fence and said that there should be signs displayed and only one way traffic allowed on Court Street between Church and Queen Streets.

West Leary and Maurice L. Bunch appeared before Council in regard to the sidewalk passing their homes. Several years ago this sidewalk was put down and is in the State right-of-way. At present the State Highway is hard-surfacing the highway from the edge of the road to the sidewalk, which the complainants say makes it particularly dangerous to children. Besides, since this paving is done, it is necessary to cut driveways through the sidewalk, which is above the level of the road bed, and makes a very unsatisfactory situation.

As the result of the complaint, practically the whole board of Councilmen visited the section Wednesday and instructed the street commissioner to make as satisfactory arrangement as possible with the driveways in the hope that next year a sidewalk can be laid nearer to the property line.

Upon the suggestion of Graham Byrum, commissioner of parks and playgrounds, an ordinance was adopted prohibiting climbing or sitting on the fence at the new athletic field or in any way marring the fence, which was aimed at those who try to see games without paying, and those who would mar the fence by placing advertisements upon it. Trucks will not be allowed to park outside the fence thus allowing passengers to look over the fence. For violation of this ordinance a fine of \$25 may be imposed.

Before adjourning, O. B. Perry, fire commissioner, was given authority to buy a quantity of new hose for the fire department.

Coming as a scare near the close of the meeting was the intimation by Dr. L. P. Williams, chairman of the

Methodist Junior Choir Begins Fall Work Wednesday

Mrs. L. C. Lewis, director of the Junior Choir of the Methodist Church, has announced that the group will begin its work for the fall next Wednesday afternoon when a rehearsal will be held at the church at 3:30 o'clock. In connection with this practice session the Woman's Bible Class will entertain members of the choir immediately after the rehearsal, and every member of the choir is especially urged to be present.

The choir was given leave of their services Sunday nights during the summer by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Benson.

Garden Club Will Observe Arbor Day Early In November

First Meeting of Fall Season Held Monday Afternoon

15 PRESENT

School Grades Requested to Help Beautify Grounds

Meeting for the first time for the fall season at the home of Mrs. J. Clarence Leary on Monday afternoon, the Edenton Garden Club discussed plans for the observance of Arbor Day and set the date tentatively for the early part of November. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. J. A. Moore, the president, and after a business session, a delightful social hour was enjoyed with the hostesses for September, Mrs. J. Clarence Leary, Mrs. C. D. Stewart, Mrs. R. C. Holland and Mrs. J. S. Davis, in charge.

The club decided to request each grade at the Edenton school to contribute one plant for beautifying the school ground, to which the Garden Club will add \$10 for the purpose of adding other plants for this project. These plants will be planted under direction of the Garden Club on the day specified as Arbor Day.

Fifteen were present at the meeting, including: Mrs. R. F. White, Mrs. C. T. Hollowell, Mrs. Ernest Stillman, Mrs. R. P. Badham, Mrs. T. C. Byrum, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. Jesse White, Mrs. Thomas J. Wood, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. George Byrum, Mrs. C. D. Stewart, Mrs. J. S. Davis, Mrs. R. C. Holland, and Mrs. J. Clarence Leary.

Masons - Rotarians Prolong Series For Soft Ball Champs

Turn Back Red Men Friday After Losing Two Games

Having taken two successive defeats for the city soft ball championship at the hands of the Red Men team, the Masons-Rotarians combination on Friday night prolonged the series by scalping the Red Men 5 to 2 in a very hotly contested game, giving the season's runners-up a chance at the championship. The night before the Red Men encountered little trouble in chalking up their second victory 11-7 when both teams were considerably off color.

The series calls for five games, leaving two more contests to decide the winners. Games were postponed Monday and Tuesday nights of this week due to many of the players going to Williamston Monday night to see a Coastal Plain League game, and Town Council meeting on Tuesday night.

The fourth game of this series was scheduled to be played Thursday night and the final game Friday night, if necessary.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. White on August 23rd, a son, Oscar Elbert White, weight 8 pounds.

Crepe Myrtle Trees As Vets' Memorial Encounters Snag

Requirement of 100-foot Right of Way Holds Up Plans

OTHER PROJECTS

Mrs. George Byrum Will Continue as Chairman of Committee

Representatives of various civic and fraternal groups in Edenton met Thursday afternoon in the Municipal Building at the call of Mrs. George P. Byrum to discuss the possibility of planting crepe myrtle trees along the Edenton-Windsor highway as a memorial to World War veterans. During the summer the Lions and Rotary Clubs, Red Men, Masons, American Legion and Legion Auxiliary were requested to appoint committees to meet and render any assistance the various groups may have decided upon.

Mrs. Byrum, who presided at the meeting, informed those present that in order to plant the trees it would be necessary, according to State Highway officials, to have a 100-foot right-of-way, which would require property owners to release land along the highway and in which it was expected some difficulty would be experienced. She also told those present that this highway had never been actually completed and it was a possibility that in a few years the State would widen the right-of-way. For this reason the idea was abandoned for the time being, but Mrs. Byrum was asked to continue as chairman of the committee to be on the lookout for any possible developments favorable to the plan.

Mrs. Byrum also read a letter from Roy Saunders, landscape plantsman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, saying that after spending much time in studying the sections along the highways near Edenton he had decided upon three projects which would be suitable for the organizations to sponsor.

The first mentioned was the large intersection area north of Edenton at the intersection of U. S. 17 and N. C. 172 and the two small intersection areas between there and the new Sound bridge on N. C. 172. These areas, said Mr. Saunders, have been reserved for highway purposes and a planting of flowering shrubs and trees here would be desirable.

The second project submitted by Mr. Saunders are the two small intersection areas referred to above and the new road from Edenton to the Sound bridge. Seed and fertilizer could be supplied to the State Highway maintenance department for the purpose of establishing a grass sod on the shoulders. A planting could be made later.

Thirdly, Mr. Saunders suggested U. S. 17 from Edenton to the Fish Hatchery, which provides for a 100-foot right-of-way along this section, to be clear of signs, pole lines and fences. The State Highway would do the necessary grading for drainage and a planting, designed by the landscape department, be made and maintained by the clubs of Edenton.

However, no definite action was taken at the meeting last week and the same committees will continue to function at the call of Mrs. Byrum.

Lions Club Given New Road Sign

Almost Perfect Attendance at Monday's Meeting

For the first time in several months, the Lions Club had an almost perfect attendance at their meeting Monday night. The principal speaker for the meeting was Postmaster C. G. Kramer, who in detail, spoke of mail facilities in the Edenton postoffice.

The publicity committee reported having received a new road sign from international headquarters, which was donated to the local club for their efforts in organizing the Hertford Lions Club. The committee has not yet specified where the new sign will be located.

W. M. S. TO MEET MONDAY
The Woman's Missionary Society of the Edenton Methodist Church will meet at the church on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to take note of the hour of meeting and to attend.

Doris Jean Leary Is "Miss Edenton" In Beauty Contest

Alethea Forehand Wins Title of "Miss Chowan County"

CROWD PLEASSED

Sharon Lupton Wins Out In "Little Miss Edenton" Contest

Miss Doris Jean Leary was named "Miss Edenton" in a beauty contest held in the Taylor Theatre Monday night when an even dozen of Edenton's fairest young ladies marched across the theatre stage attractively attired to be judged for the honor. Miss Leary, according to the rules of the contest, will be entitled to a trip to Blowing Rock with all expenses paid for the purpose of making a screen test, the film being scheduled to be returned to Edenton for showing in the local theatre.

The group made a favorable impression on the large number in attendance and as each promenaded across the stage, she was generously applauded by friends in the theatre.

Only three participated in the amateur contest following the beauty contest, Mary Habit and Chrystal Gregory singing solos, and Jennie Ruth McAlilly playing the piano. Miss Gregory was selected as winner of the contest and will be eligible to enter a State amateur contest to be held in Burlington.

Those taking part in the beauty contest were:

Mary Ayers, sponsored by the Western Auto Associate Store.

Margaret Bunch, sponsored by Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Co.

Dolly Spencer, sponsored by Sutton's Drug Store.

Virginia Byrum, sponsored by Byrum Hardware Company.

Virginia Moore, sponsored by Cherry's Grocery.

Frances Hollowell, sponsored by Sinclair Service Station.

Doris Jean Leary, sponsored by Iredell Florist.

Corinne Forehand, sponsored by Triangle Service Station.

Anne Chappell, sponsored by Bridge-Turn Service Station.

Katherine Shump, sponsored by Mitchener's Pharmacy.

Kathryn Holmes, sponsored by J. H. Holmes Company.

Eleanor Small, sponsored by Leary Bros. Storage Company.

On Tuesday night Miss Alethea Forehand was chosen as "Miss Chowan County" from among 16 contestants from the rural districts.

Those appearing in the contest were:

Miss Forehand, sponsored by Sinclair Service Station.

Pearl Nixon, sponsored by Iredell Florist.

Freda Hobbs, sponsored by Bridge-Turn Service Station.

Elizabeth Moran, sponsored by Triangle Filling Station.

Mary Privott, sponsored by Mitchener's Pharmacy.

Helen Swanner, sponsored by J. H. Holmes Company.

Avis Ward, sponsored by Sutton's Drug Store.

Lavelle Ward, sponsored by Western Auto Associate Store.

Dorothy Perry, sponsored by Chas. H. Jenkins Motor Company.

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Edenton Schools Open On Monday

New Storm Sewer Laid To Prevent Flooding Basement

Edenton's public school will open for the fall and winter season on Monday and a record attendance of scholars is expected. Principal John A. Holmes has given much attention during the past month to the beautification of the school grounds and teachers and students will notice a satisfying change in this regard.

In addition the town street department has relieved the drainage system which has been a source of great annoyance, flooding the basement of the auditorium, since the last term. A storm sewer line has been laid around the building which will carry off all the flood rains in the future.

Three new teachers will be included in the school faculty. All teachers will be on hand this coming Saturday at the usual preliminary plans meeting.

C. A. Cooke, Prison Guard, Found Not Guilty On Count Of Assault Deadly Weapon

Library Hours Back On Winter Schedule Beginning Monday

Mrs. S. M. McMullan, librarian at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, has announced that the winter schedule of hours will go into effect on Monday, September 18.

The library during the winter months will be open daily from 2 to 5 p. m., and on Monday and Friday nights from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Over 50 Gather For Postmasters' District Meeting

Mrs. Effie Brickhouse of Columbia Elected Chairman

TEAGUE SPEAKS

State President Urges 100% Membership In Association

St. Paul's Parish House was the scene of a delightful meeting last Wednesday night when postmasters of the First Congressional District gathered there for their annual meeting. Over 50 gathered for the banquet, including postmasters from 18 towns and their invited guests. The towns represented by their postmasters were Colerain, Tyner, Columbia, Kill Devil Hill, Aurora, Weeksville, Sunbury, Creswell, Buxton, Manteo, Stumpy Point, Elizabeth City, Hobbsville, Swan Quarter, New Holland, Kitty Hawk, Henderson and Edenton.

The banquet and program were arranged by Edenton's postmaster, C. E. Kramer, assisted by members of his office force. Music was furnished prior to the banquet by the Edenton High School band, and a feature of the program, in charge of W. J. Daniels, included solos by Ernest J. Ward, Jr., and Miss Sally Dixon.

Mayor J. H. McMullan made a brief but appropriate address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Effie Brickhouse, of Columbia.

Mr. Kramer, who presided over the meeting, introduced special guests and was very complimentary of his local force, giving them a large share of the credit for the showing made by the local office.

The principal speaker for the meeting was J. R. Teague of Henderson, president of the State Postmasters Association. Mr. Teague paid tribute to Congressman Lindsay Warren and

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Mayor McMullan Is Director League Of Municipalities

District He Represents Includes 12 Eastern Counties

Mayor J. H. McMullan was notified late last week that he was officially elected a director of the North Carolina League of Municipalities at the annual meeting of the organization held at Wrightsville Beach.

In a letter from Patrick Healy, Jr., executive secretary of the league, telling Mr. McMullan of his election, Mr. Healy also said that the constitution of the league was changed at the convention to divide the State into 12 districts, from each of which one director is elected.

The district represented by Mr. McMullan is composed of the following counties: Chowan, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Martin, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington and Bertie.

Red Men Will Have Pounding Monday

Chowan Tribe of Red Men will observe a pounding at the meeting to be held on Monday night. Every member of the Tribe is urged to either bring or send a contribution in order to make a creditable offering to a worthy family in need.

Shot John Johnson, Mistaking Him For Escaped Convict.

FLAGS NEXT TERM Judge Warns Against Placing Children In Jails

Chowan term of Superior Court convened Monday morning with Judge Q. K. Nimock, of Fayetteville, presiding. Very little time was lost in selecting the jury, only two being excused from serving at this term of court. The grand jury chosen was composed of W. A. Mills, Paul Ober, R. B. Hollowell, C. E. Small, A. M. White, S. R. Cobb, J. E. Wafi, Jr., George Smith, C. A. Bass, Joe Modlin, W. T. Satterfield, H. C. Brinkley, C. C. Copeland, C. S. Cofart, W. H. Saunders, J. Q. Bass, H. T. Copeland, and Robert Morris. R. B. Hollowell was designated as foreman of the jury.

In charging the grand jury, Judge Nimock carefully rehearsed the usual instructions, emphasizing the oath each one had taken and reminding them of the scope and solemnity of their duties as grand jurors. He especially stressed the importance of secrecy in their deliberations and urged them to discharge their duties without fear or favor.

One of the highlights of his charge was the warning that no child under 16 years of age should be permitted to be placed in the county jail or where they come in contact with older and hardened prisoners. He told the jury that he was aware of criticism that prisons are all too often transformed into "palaces" for wrongdoers, but that the county must not allow young offenders to mingle with those much older, and must provide a place for young children if it becomes necessary.

The first business to be transacted was the appearance of Joe Habit, who is required to report at each term of Superior Court to show that he has not violated the liquor laws. Officers testified that he had complied with the court order in every detail.

While waiting for true bills to be returned from the grand jury, two divorces were granted, one for Martha L. White from James H. White, the other for Dena G. Wheeler from Frederick Wheeler. Both decrees were granted upon the grounds of more than two years separation.

Charges of bigamy against William Altman were not pressed, Altman having secured a divorce from his first wife and being legally married to his second wife.

Upon learning that James Jordan, colored, was tried in Recorder's Court and was serving time on the roads for lesser crimes growing out of breaking and entering, Judge Nimock ruled that to hear the case again would be equivalent to trying the defendant twice for the same crime. He had served four months and 18 days of a six months' sentence and the judge placed him on probation for two years after his road term expires. In this case J. N. Pruden, judge of Recorder's Court, sentenced Jordan on two counts over which he had jurisdiction and held him on probable cause for breaking and entering, over which he has no jurisdiction. Judge Nimock consulted Mr. Pruden, the latter citing similar cases and on Tuesday the presiding judge had no hesitancy in trying similar cases.

Tuesday morning Henry Bolden and Clyde Nixon were tried on a charge of breaking and entering the smokehouse of Hector Nixon. Bolden was found not guilty, while Nixon pleaded guilty to the charge. Judge Nimock had not disposed of the case at noon Wednesday.

James Brown was also tried for stealing meat from Russell Byrum, but the judge, in this case, had not passed judgment at noon Wednesday.

During the remainder of Tuesday the case of C. A. Cooke was in progress. Cooke, a Woodville prison camp guard, shot by mistake John Johnson, while searching for escaped convicts. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. After a lengthy charge by the judge, the case was given to the jury about noon Wednesday. After deliberating very briefly, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Following this case, Judge Nimock heard the case of Gilbert Hollowell, who was charged with reckless driving growing out of the accident in which P. J. Warner was killed. Holl-

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