

W. L. Dowell Merchants' Speaker

Greater Albemarle Group Presents Road Program At Meeting Held In Coinjock

E. W. Spires Criticizes Unfair Allocation of Road Funds

35 PRESENT

Over 300 Members Have Joined Association To Date

The monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Greater Albemarle Association, held in the Woman's Club building in Coinjock last Thursday evening was the most lovely yet held by the Association with 35 directors from the various Albemarle counties in attendance. President P. D. Midgette, Jr., of Englehard, presided.

The Roads Committee made its report and presented a tentative road and bridge program for the 11 counties in the area, which was unanimously adopted. The map included such projects as the extension of U. S. 64 from Columbia to Manteo by bridging the Alligator River and the Croatan Sound with paved roads connecting these points, and the extension of paving on U. S. 164 from Englehard to Manns Harbor, where it would form a junction with U. S. 64 at the proposed Croatan bridge; the paving of N. C. 94 to connect Swan Quarter and Englehard with Columbia by way of Fairfield; the paving of a beach boulevard from Kitty Hawk to Knotts Island, where it would connect with a paved road from that point to Virginia Beach; the building of a road and bridges from Plymouth through the Casnic Neck section to connect U. S. 64 and U. S. 17 at point where the Colerain and Merry Hill roads intersect; the paving of a road from the Nags Head-Manteo highway to Oregon Inlet. A request for a U. S. number from Little Creek, Virginia, to Elizabeth City, by way of Moyock was also incorporated in the program.

The Association does not presume to tell the State Highway Commission where they shall begin," said President Midgette, "but will present this as the program for the development of these eleven counties comprising the greater Albemarle region and will insist that a start be made somewhere without delay and that the program be pursued until its eventual completion."

First Vice President E. W. Spires, of Edenton, raised the question of the present method of appropriating State Highway funds to the districts on a basis of area and population, rather than upon the premise of ac-

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Concert At School Monday, Feb. 26th

Parents of Band and Glee Club Members Urged to Attend

C. L. McCullers announces that the High School Band and Glee Club will present a concert in the school auditorium Monday night, February 26, at 8 o'clock. No charge will be made to hear the concert and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

Parents of those in the two groups are especially urged to be present, it being planned to serve refreshments to all parents who attend.

New Funeral Home Almost Completed

Renovation of the T. C. White residence on West Albemarle Street is rapidly being completed, and the building will be used as a funeral home by the Quinn Furniture Company. The interior has been entirely re-arranged to provide an up-to-date funeral home, all that now remains being the painting of the building and laying sidewalks and driveways. The home will be equipped with the latest paraphernalia for conducting funerals.

When completed citizens will be given an opportunity to make a thorough inspection.

C. Of C. Meeting Postponed

In deference to the meeting tonight of Edenton merchants, the monthly meeting of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce has been postponed. The meeting was to have been held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building. All members are urged to note the time and to be present.

Missionary Group Will Meet Monday

The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church will meet Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. C. Burton. The meeting will begin at 3:30 o'clock and all members are urged to attend.

Edmund Harding Delights Lions At Monday's Meeting

Local Club Observes Its Third Anniversary At Banquet

LADIES' NIGHT

"Are You a Lion or Dandelion?" Subject of Address

With Edmund Harding of Washington, N. C., in rare form Monday night, the Edenton Lions Club enjoyed one of the best meetings ever held by the club. The occasion was the third anniversary banquet, at which Lionesses were also special guests, the banquet being held at Hotel Joseph Hewes and attended by practically all of the members.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Wallace Griffin, president of the club, and after singing "America" and the invocation by the Rev. W. C. Benson, John Michener officiated as toast master. The address of welcome was made by William Privott, after which Hector Lupton introduced visitors. Mr. Harding was introduced by W. J. Taylor.

Taking as his subject, "Are You a Lion or a Dandelion?" Mr. Harding easily kept his audience in high spirits, generously interspersing his remarks with jokes and witticisms which provoked an over-dose of laughter despite a sumptuous meal which had immediately preceded his address.

However, in view of his large supply of jokes each one was so timed as to bring out a more serious phase of his address and aided materially in driving home the point he wished to stress.

"The lion is the king of the forest," he began, "and a member of a Lions Club should be a man in a community who has also identified himself for better service in a community."

"A dandelion is a weed or obnoxious plant which springs up and endeavors to choke out everything with (Continued On Page Eight)

Farmers' Night

P. T. A. Again Urge Calling Of Special Vote For Schools

Committee Will Appear Before County Commissioners

WANT 9 MONTHS

Objection Made to Recent Health Report For School

Voting its approval of a special school tax for Edenton Graded Schools, the Edenton Parent-Teacher Association at Tuesday night's meeting named John A. Holmes, Mrs. Lloyd Griffin and Mrs. J. A. Mitchener as a committee to approach the Chowan Commissioners at their next meeting in regard to calling a special school vote sometime this spring.

A report from this committee, of which Mr. Holmes is chairman, will be given at the March meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association.

Although the Commissioners and County Attorney W. D. Pruden have reminded the PTA members that the last vote was killed because it was held on election year, thus confusing the voters, the group voiced enthusiasm for an extra month and twelve grades.

Mr. Holmes defended the proposal, (Continued on Page Five)

Rotary's Contest Now Deadlocked

Ordered Continued Until Break In Tie Occurs

So close has been the attendance contest being conducted by the Edenton Rotary Club that no winner was declared at last Thursday's meeting, when the contest was to have ended. Both captains, John Graham and Carroll Kramer, reported the same standing, with last week's meeting resulting in a 100 per cent attendance.

In order to determine the winner of the contest, it was decided to continue until such time that either of the two sides has one or more absentees. The rules of the contest call for an oyster roast at the expense of the losing side.

District Officials Meet In Edenton

Is One of 12 Regional Meetings to Be Held In State

Edenton has been selected for a district meeting of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the State Association of County Commissioners and the N. C. Municipal Employers' Association to be held on Monday, March 18. This meeting is one of a series of 12 regional meetings throughout the State for the purpose of discussing local government legislative problems in advance of the spring primaries.

Counties represented in the district are Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Martin, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

Mayor J. H. McMullan is director of the League of Municipalities and will preside at the meeting. At Tuesday night's meeting of Town Council, it was agreed that the Town bear the expense of feeding the visitors who come to the meeting, which starts at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Garden Club Meets Monday Afternoon

A meeting of the Edenton Garden Club will be held Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. H. Conger. All members are urged to be present.

CAKE SALE SATURDAY

The Chowan Woman's Club will hold a Cake Sale at Quinn's Furniture Store in Edenton on Saturday morning.

Opening Political Gun In Chowan To Be Fired Saturday

County Democratic Executive Committee Will Meet

AT 3 O'CLOCK

Members Board of Elections Will Be Recommended

The opening gun of the 1940 political campaign will be fired in Chowan County Saturday afternoon when the Chowan County Democratic Executive Committee meets.

The meeting will be held at 3 o'clock in the Court House, at which time will be recommended Democratic members of the County Board of Elections, who will as a matter of course be appointed later by the State Board of Elections.

The first Democratic primary election will be held on May 25, and the second on June 22, and while at this far distant date there is little bubbling in the political pot, Saturday's meeting will set the machinery in motion for the election ahead.

Present Democratic members of the Chowan Board of Elections are Lloyd C. Burton, chairman, and Philip McMullan. A. S. Smith is the Republican member.

Efforts Made To Get Edenton Stamp

Court House and St. Paul's Church Appropriate Displays

Though the author is a secret, a letter has been written to Representative Lindsay Warren requesting a commemorative postage stamp for Edenton. Mr. Warren has been asked to see Postmaster General Farley in the hope that either the old Court House or St. Paul's Church will be selected by the Post Office Department for commemoration this year.

Emphasis has been placed upon the architectural value of the two buildings which would form an attractive stamp display, and because of the historical background, the honor would be deserved.

Brief Meeting Of Council Tuesday

Few Matters of Importance Presented to Councilmen

Very few matters of importance were presented before Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night, the meeting being one of the briefest in several months. About the greatest amount of time consumed was relative to having someone in the Town Office during the noon hour. Heretofore, for part of this time at least both Clerk R. E. Leary and Miss Louise Coke, tax collector, were out for lunch which resulted in some criticism that on several occasions it was impossible to pay light and water bills at that time.

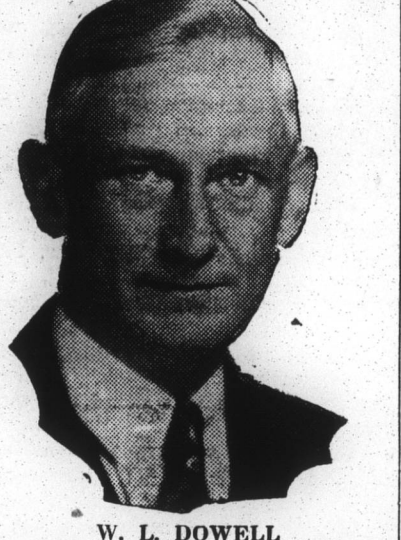
An arrangement will be worked out by Miss Coke and Mr. Leary whereby they will leave at different times so that one of them will be in the office all day. However, it has been the custom of both to come to the office for at least an hour every Saturday night, but this will be discontinued. Mr. Leary plans, however, to keep a check on payments during mid-day to see if they equal the number of payments made Saturday.

Beech Fork Club To Meet February 23

The meeting of Beech Fork Home Demonstration Club, which was to have been held today (Thursday) has been postponed until Friday, February 23rd, at the home of Mrs. Paul Ober. Reason for postponement is the Foods Leaders School to be held today at Cross Roads.

Move On Foot To Organize Edenton Merchants Group At Dinner Tonight In Hotel

Tonight's Speaker



W. L. DOWELL
Edenton merchants will have an opportunity to hear Mr. Dowell, who is executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, at a meeting to be held tonight at Hotel Joseph Hewes.

Every Merchant Canvassed For Ticket to Attend

EXPECT OVER 50

List of Advantages to Accrue as Result of Organization

An effort will be made tonight to organize an association for Edenton merchants when a dinner will be served at Hotel Joseph Hewes. The meeting will start at 7 o'clock and from indications over 50 merchants will be in attendance. Every merchant has been solicited and interest in such an organization appears very keen.

In order to stimulate interest and secure some advice, Willard L. Dowell, of Raleigh, has been secured to make an address. Mr. Dowell is executive secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association and editor of the Carolina-Virginia Retailer. He has the reputation of being a splendid speaker and will undoubtedly enlighten merchants regarding a grouping for their particular benefit.

It is the purpose of those heading the movement not only to form a local association but to be affiliated with the State organization, thus deriving benefits which could not be secured otherwise.

Some of the advantages which are anticipated as the result of merchants banding together are:

To effect a closer association of the merchants and business men of the community.

To secure and disseminate trade and business information to its members.

To establish a "Credit Rating Exchange" for the benefit of its members.

To establish and operate a "Collection Department" for its members.

To eliminate unworthy and fraudulent advertising solicitation in the community.

To curtail begging and donation solicitation in the community.

To promote trade in the community and the territory adjacent thereto.

To establish business ethics for the adherence of its members.

To abate trade abuses, injurious and unbusiness-like practices.

To promote legislation beneficial to merchants and the consuming public.

To oppose legislation detrimental to merchants and the public.

To oppose short-weight, misbranded articles, adulterated foods and drugs, fraudulent advertising, fake sales, peddlars and canvassers, fly-by-night merchants, and all kinds of crooked schemes and schemers who prey upon merchants and the public.

Sauerkraut Supper For Masons Tonight

Mrs. F. F. Muth Revives Custom of Deceased Husband

Resuming a custom for many years carried out by her husband, who died in September, 1936, Mrs. F. F. Muth will tonight serve a sauerkraut supper to members of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M. For a long time before his death, Mr. Muth every year looked forward with much pleasure to serving this supper to his Masonic brethren, many of whom at first scarcely risked even tasting of the sauerkraut, but who gradually learned to like it and to look forward with as much pleasure to the event as did Mr. Muth.

The supper will be served immediately following the regular business meeting.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT

Unanimity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., will hold their regular meeting tonight at 8 o'clock. All Masons are invited to attend.

95 Electric Users Minus Service On Monday Morning

"Juice" Turned Off For Not Paying Bill On Tenth

SOME HOWL

Extra Charge of Fifty Cents Paid Reluctantly By Victims

Miss Louise Coke's office was the scene of right much commotion Monday, when some consumers of electricity discovered that the service had been disconnected and that an extra charge of 50 cents had to be paid for reconection. Reason for this action followed a recent ruling by the Board of Public Works that if electric bills were not paid by the close of business on the 10th of the month, service would be discontinued.

Notices were sent out by Miss Coke, but due to forgetfulness or possibly other reasons, 95 customers failed to pay their bill last Saturday and on Monday morning wires were severed. Practically all of this number paid their bills Monday and, reluctantly, the extra charge of 50 cents, but there are still some few who will be deprived of the use of electricity until they pay their January bill, plus the extra charge.

Heretofore, though light bills were due on the 10th of the month, a collector had been sent out to round up delinquents, which plan has now been abandoned. Considerable criticism has been heard about the new plan, but it appears that it will continue to be carried out.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bunch at their home on North Broad Street, Monday evening, a daughter, weighing 9 1/4 pounds. Mary Elizabeth is the name of the newcomer.

Hunting Over

Game Warden J. G. Perry desires to call the attention of hunters to the fact that the season for hunting game of all kinds terminates today (Thursday). Included in the game the open season for which closes on February 15, are opossums, raccoons, mink, muskrat, rabbit, squirrel, quail and turkey. The bear and deer season closed on January 1, while the duck and geese season closed on December 29.

Any violations of the game laws will be prosecuted, warns Mr. Perry.