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Town Council Considering WPA Project For Street Paving And New Sidewalks

Idea Is to Secure as Much WPA Help as Possible

UNDECIDED

Councilmen Impressed With Plan and Study Financing

Though very few matters of importance confronted Town Councilmen at their monthly meeting Tuesday night, they were held in session until 10:30 o'clock.

One item which consumed right much time was the consideration of placing sidewalks on every street in town, as well as paving Oakum Street from Church Street to the colored school, on First Street from Oakum to Broad, Freemason from Oakum to Granville, and Granville from Carteret Street to the Virginia Highway.

With the idea in mind of benefiting as much as possible by WPA, the Street Commissioner at a previous meeting was directed to make a survey of sidewalk needs as well as at least enough paving to provide hard-surface circle about town which would obviously curtail traffic on Broad Street.

In the survey all sidewalks were included where none now exist, taking in the cotton mill and North Edenton. Approximately 30,000 feet of sidewalk will be laid if it is decided to carry the project to completion.

Something like \$25,000 would be the cost involved for sidewalks alone, of which amount WPA would furnish 55 per cent and the town 45 per cent.

The Street Commissioner, who did not submit the cost of paving, was instructed to secure figures for this work in order to determine how much the entire project would cost.

Members of the Board appeared very much interested in the sidewalk and paving program and until the next meeting, unless a special meeting is called to consider the matter, they were asked to devote some thought as to how the project could be financed. It was generally agreed that this much needed work should be done, but the matter of securing the necessary funds again proved a

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Greater Albemarle Group Meeting In Columbia Tonight

Paul Kelly Scheduled to Speak on Tourist Business

An important meeting of the directors of the Greater Albemarle Association will be held tonight (Thursday) at Columbia. The meeting will be held in the Sunday School annex of the Methodist Church with the ladies of the Church serving dinner promptly at 6:30 o'clock.

Guest speakers at this meeting will be Paul Kelly, assistant director of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development, who will speak on how to get more tourist business and hold it. The Columbia Men's Club will be special guests of the Association.

All members of the Association are privileged to attend the meetings of the directors, and several Edenton merchants are expected to accompany Chowan County's directors.

Census Enumerator Had Little Trouble In Chowan County

With the business census practically completed in Chowan County, R. E. Brinn of Hertford, census enumerator, expresses grateful appreciation for the cooperation of business people in the town and county.

Mr. Brinn says that despite the inconvenience caused at times in furnishing the information desired by the Government in this census, he experienced very little trouble in Chowan County, which fact has aided him in making splendid progress with his work.

Cancer Chairmen Already Planning For Drive In April

Mrs. Wood Privott and Miss Rebecca Colwell Again Leaders

NEED IS URGENT

In Few Years One of Major Health Movements

With Miss Rebecca Colwell selected as county chairman, and Mrs. Wood Privott as chairman in Edenton, in the cancer campaign which will be in progress during April, plans are already under way for conducting a drive to raise funds with which to combat this disease.

Chowan's two chairmen on Friday morning became much enthused over the drive when they attended a meeting held at Williamston and heard an address by Mrs. Marjorie B. Illig of New York City, national commander of the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

The Field Army was mobilized in 1936 in an effort to unite the activities of science and medicine with those of club and civic leaders in a nation-wide war on cancer, which ranks second among diseases as a destroyer of human life. In less than four years, it has become one of the major health movements, with branches organized in 46 states and the District of Columbia.

The campaign of the Field Army will reach its climax in April, which has been set aside by a special act of Congress and presidential proclamation as National Cancer Control Month. Similar action has been taken by the General Assembly and by Governor Hoey. An annual membership costs one dollar, 70 cents of which is returned to the state for its work, while the other portion is used in the promotion of the national program. The campaign slogan is "early cancer is curable, fight it with knowledge."

Gravely Advances Solution To Gloomy Tobacco Situation

Would Advance England Money For Securities Held

SAFE FOR U. S.

Holders Repaid By Issuing Them British Bonds

Other than stating that he was a candidate for Governor and because of that fact would not violate the proprieties of the Rotary Club, L. Lee Gravely, of Rocky Mount, made no mention of his candidacy Thursday when he addressed the Edenton Rotary Club at its regular luncheon meeting. Mr. Gravely was introduced by Representative John F. White.

Mr. Gravely, a tobacco man, said prospects for next year's tobacco crop were anything but bright and during his remarks advanced a plan for restoring this country's export market without depleting Great Britain's gold reserve or placing the United States in a position to lose anything.

Pointing out that the English people have invested in marketable securities in this country approximately five billion dollars, Gravely said: "My idea would be to have the United States, through the Commodity Credit Corporation, advance to England money, taking as security therefor, the 'Gilt Edge Securities' owned by the English in this country upon condition that this money be invested in agricultural products for export to England, thereby restoring our export market, in so far as Great Britain is concerned, for our tobacco."

This would not, in Gravely's opinion, deplete England's gold reserve nor would our government run the least risk of loss. England, it was pointed out, could repay its own subjects by the issuance to them of British bonds.

Mr. Gravely also expressed his concern for a program of research work in an effort to utilize surplus crops of the State whereby producers would net a return for all products they raise instead of resulting in a total loss as at present.

District Officials Meet In Edenton On Next Monday

12 Northeastern Counties Expected to Be Represented

PLAN PROGRAM

Calls For Going With United Front to General Assembly

County and town officials from 12 northeastern counties will meet in Edenton Monday as guests of Town Council and the County Commissioners in one of a series of 12 regional meetings throughout the State for the purpose of discussing and formulating a State-wide, local government legislative program by the N. C. League of Municipalities and the State Association of County Commissioners. Officials from the following counties have been invited: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Martin, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington. This is the first time the two groups have attempted to get together in a joint legislative program. Executive committees meeting together in Raleigh recently planned the regional conferences so that no local official will have to travel more than 45 miles to attend.

The counties and municipalities now see eye-to-eye on most State-wide legislative matters and will go to the 1941 General Assembly with a united front. These regional meetings are taking place about 60 days before the State primaries, to which all candidates for the Legislature are invited to attend.

A third group, the N. C. Municipal Employees' Association, will also participate in the joint regional meetings.

Among other things it is expected that the discussions will include: (1) use of State-collected highway funds, road-side beautification and control, and county zoning; (2) local government. (Continued on Page Five)

Fishing Just "Ain't" What It Used To Be In Albemarle Sound

Interesting Figures Presented For Fisheries In Year 1895

MANY EMPLOYED

Report Also Shows Neat Return From Catch Of Sturgeon

With the fishing season soon to get into full swing, it is interesting to compare the present importance of this industry with former years. Fishing in this section has gradually dwindled from an industry of high rank to one in which comparatively few now engage in and even some of those reluctantly year after year set their nets primarily in the hope that after a while they will be fortunate enough to strike a good catch which will net a profit and possibly help in offsetting losses in previous years.

So with fishing at a low ebb, it will be interesting to read a report appearing in the "Fisherman and Farmer," a newspaper published in Edenton for many years before the turn of the century. In an issue of the newspaper appeared a full report of the Albemarle Sound fisheries as contributed to the Commissioner of Labor by the late Dr. W. R. Capehart, who operated at Avoca the largest seine fishery.

Part of this report, which was for the year 1895, is as follows:

Seines
Invested in seine fishing, \$150,000; replacements yearly, \$30,000; number employed, 530 able-bodied men and 400 women; chopping engine wood at 40 cents per cord, \$600; one season's payroll, \$40,000; income from iced fish, 12,000 boxes, \$175,000; ice purchased, 11,000 tons; plank for boxes, 24,000 feet; herring packed in salt, 20,000 barrels, valued at \$80,000; fertilizer material from the seines valued at \$7,500.

Pound or Dutch Nets
Number of pound nets, 1,100; number employed, 400 men and 680 women; number of boats required, 125 valued at \$15,625; replacement (Continued on Page Five)

Mrs. R. P. Badham Elected President Edenton Garden Club At Meeting Monday

It's Done!

Now that Edenton's new athletic field is completed, Town Councilmen at their meeting Tuesday night received a report from Joseph H. Conger, who contributed much time, energy and worry to see the project completed.

According to Mr. Conger's figures, the total cost of the project amounted to \$11,255.26. Of this amount the town furnished \$2,540.82 and the WPA \$8,714.44.

Materials for the project cost \$3,998.26, of which the town paid \$2,106.12 and \$434.70 for equipment, and WPA \$1,892.14. Labor amounted to \$6,822.30.

Included in the materials were 380 bags of cement, 44 tons of sand, 70½ tons of stone, 4,326 pounds of steel, 76,646 feet of lumber, 1,480 connections, roofing, paint and plumbing.

Fund To Be Used For Cattle Investigation Boosted By Senate

Lindsay Warren's Request For \$30,000 Almost Doubled

\$50,000 FUND

Major Portion Will Be Used In North Carolina Work

Representative Lindsay Warren's appropriation for \$30,000 for the investigation of beef cattle and related livestock problems in the southeastern states by the Bureau of Animal Industry and the U. S. Forest Service already passed by the House was given a boost Monday by the Senate Committee on Appropriations which stepped up the fund to \$50,000.

This is one of the very few items that has been considered by Congress this year which did not carry Budget approval but the possibilities of the work have made a strong impression on the Appropriations Committee in both bodies.

The major portion of the investigations will be carried on in North Carolina in collaboration with State College and the Blackland Farm at Wenoona in Washington County.

Town Office Hours On Old Schedule

More Served Saturday Night Than During Noon Hour

Hours for Miss Louise Coke, tax collector, and R. E. Leary, town clerk, will go back to the old schedule following a trial of new hours during February. Complaint had been registered that on several occasions bills could not be paid during the noon hour when both Miss Coke and Mr. Leary were out for dinner.

During February hours were changed so that either Miss Coke or Mr. Leary was in the office during the entire day and at the same time a record was kept as to the number served as compared with Saturday night, which hour was to be eliminated. Actual figures show that nine people paid bills during the noon hour in February, which number was more than tripled on last Saturday night.

Councilmen felt that by having the office open Saturday night would accommodate by far a greater number of people and therefore ordered Mr. Leary and Miss Coke to arrange their hours accordingly.

Dr. Hart Will Attend Clinic In Baltimore

Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr., will leave Edenton Sunday for Baltimore, Md., where he will attend a dental clinic. He expects to return to his office Thursday of next week.

Group to Vote on Matter of Becoming Federated Club

NEW MEMBER

Amendments to Constitution Claim Attention of Members

Mrs. Miles Elliott, Mrs. George P. Byrum, Mrs. L. D. Bond and Mrs. West Leary were hostesses at a meeting of the Edenton Garden Club held Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elliott. One new member, Mrs. J. A. Mitchener, was admitted to the club.

During the meeting the advantages and disadvantages of federating were discussed and it was decided to vote at the April meeting whether or not the local organization should become a federated club.

Two amendments to the constitution also came in for a share of the discussion. These included the addition of an horticultural chairman to the list of officers and to amend Article IV to change the annual session from October to May. The other was to change Article III to provide for a nominating committee to be appointed in February to report at the March meeting.

Mrs. John G. Small was appointed as counsellor on the committee sponsoring a forum.

At this meeting officers were elected which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. R. P. Badham; vice president, Mrs. J. W. Davis; treasurer, Mrs. L. P. Williams; secretary, Mrs. J. C. Leary.

The club decided to hold the May meeting at the Booth House and to have on display arrangements of iris and a discussion about growing it.

At the conclusion of the meeting, tea was served to the following:

Mrs. J. L. Pettus, Mrs. W. E. Hassell, Mrs. J. A. Mitchener, Mrs. Thomas J. Wood, Mrs. J. A. Powell, Mrs. L. D. Bond, Mrs. J. S. Davis, Mrs. John G. Small, Mrs. Junius W. Davis, Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. L. S. Byrum, Mrs. W. J. Daniels, Mrs. R. P. Badham, Mrs. J. W. White, Mrs. J. M. Jones, Mrs. P. L. Williams, Mrs. Chas. T. Hollowell, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Mrs. J. C. Leary, Mrs. George P. Byrum, Mrs. West Leary, Mrs. C. N. Griffin, Mrs. Julien Wood, Mrs. W. I. Hart and Mrs. M. S. Elliott.

Baptist Training Union Convention March 22 And 23

Two Day Session Will Be Held at Rich Square

The 1940 Baptist Training Union of the Eastern Region will be held in the First Baptist Church at Rich Square on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23. The convention theme will be "The New Testament Pattern of Church Membership."

John M. Elliott is president of the convention and has arranged a program for the four sessions which should be very inspiring as well as instructive. Addresses will be made by prominent speakers and the program will be interspersed with varied musical numbers.

Ann Russ Selected Greenville's Scarlett O'Hara In Contest

Friends in Edenton will learn with interest that Miss Ann Russ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Russ, of Greenville, former Edentonians, was chosen as Greenville's own Scarlett O'Hara, and was presented to the audience dressed in a Scarlett O'Hara costume immediately preceding the evening performance of "Gone With the Wind" at the Pitt Theatre Monday night.

Miss Russ, a beautiful brunette, received over one-third of the total vote in a contest conducted by the Greenville Reflector.

MASONS MEET TONIGHT
The regular communication of Unanimity Lodge A. F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock.