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## \$4,000 Loan Approved By County Commissioners To Build School In Rocky Hock

Chairman D. M. Warren Forced to Break Tie Vote

WILL COST \$5,000

Request By City Board To Enlarge Colored Building

School needs in Edenton and Chowan County were paramount in the deliberation of the County Commissioners Monday and one question of over a year's standing was finally settled when the majority vote sanctioned the borrowing of \$4,000 with which to construct a central school building in the Rocky Hock section. It is the purpose to close the schools at Oak Grove, Gum Pond and Beech Fork and build the central school near the Rocky Hock Baptist Church which is considered the most central point.

There has been divided sentiment for the new school which was borne out Monday when two delegations were on hand in support of their respective views. Each was equipped with a petition in support of its contention, and after Chairman D. M. Warren directed the questions to each member of the County Board of Education as to whether they were satisfied that the new school was necessary and each one answered in the affirmative, a vote was taken. The result was a tie which gave Mr. Warren an opportunity to vote and his vote was in favor of approving a loan to erect the building.

According to specifications presented at the meeting the building will be brick veneer and four rooms, the cost estimated at about \$5,000. Of this amount the Commissioners voted to approve a loan of \$4,000 taking the view, that the balance should be raised by selling the three present buildings and sites.

One of the principal reasons for the Commissioners sanctioning the building was the fact that in the county unit two teachers will be dropped, which will vitally affect the Rocky Hock section, they being of the opinion that better arrangements can be made by a central plant.

Another item to cause some concern was a request coming from the city school trustees asking for enlargement of the colored school in Edenton, where not enough class rooms are provided to accommodate the classes. They were instructed to make an application for a WPA project and include the cost in the school budget, when it will be further considered.

Another matter of no little concern was the present necessity for double trips of school buses, making it necessary for some children to leave their homes before daylight and return after dark. Unquestionably more buses will have to be added to eliminate this condition, which will in all probability meet with favor by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners anticipate a hard struggle to hold down the tax rate, some idea of expenditure being due to be aired next month when the various budgets are presented.

## Four Rotary Clubs Meet Here Tonight

Rotary "Family Reunion" Will Be Held In Parish House

Rotarians from Windsor, Ahoskie and Murfreesboro will gather tonight (Thursday) in the Parish House, when the Edenton Rotary Club will observe a "family reunion." The affair will begin at 7 o'clock.

The Edenton club sponsored the Windsor Club, which in turn sponsored clubs at Murfreesboro and Ahoskie, the meeting being arranged as an inter-city meeting.

An interesting program has been arranged, and from advance indications the Parish House will be taxed to take care of those attending the meeting.

### LOSES PART OF FINGER

John H. Asbell had the misfortune Tuesday afternoon to lose part of a finger. He was working with a power-driven lawn mower when one of his fingers was caught necessitating taking it off at the first joint.

## Red Cross Fund For Refugees Jumps To \$114 During Week

Chairman Mrs. J. N. Pruden Decides to Conduct Canvass QUOTA IS \$500

Drive Will Begin After Swimming Lessons Are Completed

Though still far behind the quota of \$500 for relief funds for European refugees, contributions in Chowan County picked up some during the last week, Mrs. J. N. Pruden reporting that last week's amount of \$36.25 had been boosted to \$114.85. Mrs. Pruden has and is still receiving urgent calls from Red Cross headquarters for prompt raising of funds and exceeding quotas if possible in an emergency which calls for immediate action in rendering relief to unfortunate victims of a portion of the world actually gone mad.

While very appreciative of the co-operation shown thus far, Mrs. Pruden regrets the fact that more money has not been offered voluntarily and has decided to inaugurate a canvass in order to meet the county's quota. This canvass she expects to start as soon as the Red Cross swimming lessons have been completed. "We have plenty of workers who are willing to sacrifice their time and effort to make personal calls," said Mrs. Pruden, "and I have firm faith that there are enough folks in Chowan County who will contribute enough to meet our quota if they are contacted. For this reason I have decided to resort to a canvass to secure funds which are so much needed at this time."

Added to those who contributed last week and whose names appeared in The Herald are the following: Mrs. C. S. Vann, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Holland, Mrs. W. S. Privott, Miss Ruth Privott, Mrs. L. L. Sledge, Mr. and Mrs. George Mack, Mrs. L. L. Lewis, Gale Street Baptist Church, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Fred P. Wood, Miss Margaret Pruden, Geo. Hoskins, Warwick Baptist Church, Center Hill Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hobbs.

### LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Auxiliary of Ed Bond Post, American Legion, will meet Friday evening, June 7th, at the Armory, at 8 o'clock. Every member is urged to attend this meeting.

## Post Office Figures Do Not Agree With Census Enumerators

Population of Edenton Estimated at Something Over 5,000

Though the 1940 census gives Edenton a population of 3,914, there apparently are more people than that living here. This supposition follows a report of the local post-office to the first assistant postmaster general in which it is shown that 4,914 people are served by city carriers. Besides this number, there are 120 who have boxes and 118 general delivery patrons, which allowing for transients and some duplication is calculated to boost the population to slightly over 5,000.

According to postoffice figures, the county population served by the local office then is placed at 9,557 people aside from those served by the Tyner office.

The report also shows that there are 1,027 city carrier stops and that 4,352 patrons are served by rural carriers.

## Dr. Pollock Closes Office Temporarily

Dr. J. B. Pollock, local optometrist, has temporarily closed his office in the Citizens Bank Building. He left Monday afternoon for Norfolk, Va., where he will spend a few days with relatives before taking a post graduate course beginning June 10th at Pennsylvania State College of Optometry in Philadelphia.

The course will last about two months, after which Dr. Pollock plans to resume his practice here.

## Mattress Project For 1939 Tenants Is Now Available

Application Must Be Made Before Saturday, June 8 BIG SAVING

Equivalent to \$15 Mattress at Cost of Only One Dollar

Congress has authorized the Department of Agriculture to put on what is known as a cotton mattress project to be made available to farm families whose gross income amounts to \$400 or less, (50% or more would have to be farm income to qualify). The county committee has been authorized to offer the project to all families interested that can qualify for the project in this county. According to instructions only farm families receiving less than \$400 can qualify for a mattress. This would include landowners, tenants and sharecroppers. Those interested will have to fill out an application not later than June 8th.

Each family making an application will receive one mattress which will partly be made by some member or members of the family at some central place designated by the county committee under the supervision of Miss Rebecca Colwell, the home agent. Fifty pounds of cotton and the ticking will be furnished free by the Department of Agriculture, but the other materials that have to be used in making the mattress and the equipment will have to be paid for by the family receiving the mattresses and will amount to \$1.00. This will be the only cost that the family will have other than the time spent in helping to make the mattress which will not be more than one day's time. These mattresses when completed are equivalent to mattresses that sell for around \$15.

All 1939 tenants have been notified about the project by J. W. Crawford, county agent-at-large, who is substituting for County Agent N. K. Rowell, and who says that it is a worth-while project for the people who need mattresses and at the same time if the project covers all states, it will take up a considerable amount of the surplus cotton now in storage.

All families interested in making an application can do so at any time by calling at the county agent's office not later than Saturday, June 8.

## Boy Scouts Special Guests At Banquet Thursday, June 13

Rotarians, Lions and Legionnaires Will Be Hosts

Next Thursday night in the Parish House, Edenton's Boy Scouts will be special guests when two of their number, Meredith Jones and W. H. Gardner, Jr., who have recently attained the rank of Eagle Scouts, will be honor guests. The boys will be jointly entertained by the Rotary and Lions Clubs and Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, the three groups being sponsors of the Edenton troop.

The affair is scheduled to get underway at 7 o'clock and the meal will be served by mothers of the Scouts with what profits realized going in the Scout's treasury.

An appropriate program is now in the making and it is expected that all Boy Scouts, as well as members of the three organizations, will be on hand to enjoy the occasion.

## W. D. Holmes Remains In Critical Condition

W. D. Holmes, who has been seriously ill at his home for the past two weeks, remains in a critical condition. Latest reports Wednesday were that he was about the same.

## President Approves Schools WPA Project

WPA officials in Washington have notified Representative Lindsay Warren that President Roosevelt has approved a project to improve the Chowan High School and Warren Grove and Center Hill schools. The project calls for a federal allotment of \$3,289.

## J. Melville Broughton Will Be North Carolina's Next Governor; Horton Concedes

Cut Weeds!

Weeds on various lots in town have been making rapid progress of late and many of these lots must be cut in very short order. Chief of Police G. A. Helms this week stated that all weeds on vacant lots must be cut by June 13, or else the town will employ men to do this work and the cost of same added to taxes on the property.

## Eye Clinic To Be Held On Friday, June 14th

Lions Club Financing Cost of Providing Glasses

The Edenton Lions Club, the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind, and the Chowan County Health and Welfare Departments are jointly sponsoring an eye clinic for school children having defective vision which will be held on Friday, June 14, at the Edenton High School Building.

The local Lions Club is financing the cost of glasses for these children whose parents are unable to pay for them. A family's inability to purchase glasses must be cleared through the Chowan County Welfare Department.

The State Blind Commission is paying for the services of a qualified ophthalmologist. An optical company will send a representative who will fit the glasses.

As a result of a survey conducted by the Chowan County Health Department last winter, it was found that about 50 children attending school in Chowan County had defective vision. In many cases there was a definite tie-up found between repeating or retarded children and poor eyesight.

The Welfare Department today is notifying those parents who have signed need slips which were distributed by school authorities, and those parents who have signed "ability to pay" slips, which were also distributed by school authorities, to report at the Edenton High School on June 14.

## Daily Vacation Bible School At Methodist Church Best In Years

Many parents and friends of the more than 100 children who attended the daily vacation Bible school at the Methodist Church attended the commencement exercises held Friday night. The school this year, according to the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Benson, was a wonderful success and those who have been connected with it say it was the most successful since the idea was started several years ago.

The youngsters in the various groups presented portions of their course of study, at the conclusion of which visitors were invited to inspect exhibits and later served refreshments.

## Lions Meeting Next Monday Called Off

No meeting of the Lions Club will be held next Monday night, the Lions joining with the Rotarians and Legionnaires in honoring the Boy Scouts at a banquet to be held in the Parish House the following Thursday night, June 13.

At Monday night's meeting a report was made on the appearance on Tuesday night of Marquis the Magician, which was very gratifying from every viewpoint despite the fact that there were several other affairs which conflicted with the entertainment.

## Important Meeting Of Girl Scouts Monday

Members of the Girl Scouts are asked to meet at their regular meeting place Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. C. L. McCullers says this is a very important meeting and urges every member to be present.

Runner-up Decides Not To Call For Second Primary

SITUATION EASED Announcement Brings Relief to Workers In Both Camps

Oil was poured on troubled political waters Monday when announcement was made by Lieutenant-Governor Wilkins P. Horton, runner-up in the race for Governor in the primary election held May 25, that he would not demand a second primary despite previous intentions to ask for a run-off.

Mr. Horton, in the race which included seven candidates, trailed J. Melville Broughton of Raleigh, by about 41,000 votes in the election, in which Mr. Broughton received 147,386 votes, Mr. Horton 105,896, A. J. Maxwell 102,095, Lee Gravelly, 63,080, Tom Cooper 33,176, Paul Grady 15,735, and Arthur Simmons 2,058.

The withdrawal of Mr. Horton was based on party harmony, war conditions and the expense and strain necessary in a second campaign. It was the contention among the lieutenant-governor's supporters that with so many votes scattered among other candidates, enough could be mustered together to put their man in top place. However, Broughton followers figured that Horton would not have a ghost of a chance in a second election, regarding the 41,000 vote lead as unsurmountable, and in addition claiming that many voters would swing to the high man in the hope of riding on the band wagon.

Though Broughton workers were confident of victory in event of a second primary, they, nevertheless, were very jubilant when the news spread that Mr. Horton had withdrawn. This was especially true in Chowan County, where E. W. Spires, county manager for Broughton's campaign, and Richard D. Dixon worked like Trojans prior to the primary election and were already laying plans for an intensive campaign if a run-off took place.

Withdrawal of Mr. Horton is equivalent to Mr. Broughton's election as Governor of the State, for Republicans are so far in the minority in North Carolina that the real race takes place in the Democratic primary election.

Chowan County, where a hot contest developed to secure votes for Broughton, Horton and A. J. Maxwell, went in the Broughton column, the leader securing 882 votes, Horton 583, and Maxwell 397. The local vote was the largest in the history of the county, 1,897 votes being cast, which topped the former high vote in 1932 when J. C. B. Ehringhaus, the Albemarle candidate, was given a vote of 1,835.

## J. H. Holmes Sells Interest In Store

One of Town's Oldest Businesses Bought by Norfolk Concern

After 38 years in business in Edenton, J. H. Holmes last week sold his interest in the J. H. Holmes Company to L. Snyder of Norfolk, Va. Mr. Holmes' reason for selling his business was given as ill health.

The business was started in 1902 with Mr. Holmes and the late J. A. Woodard as partners and during the intervening years several changes in partnerships were made.

Recently Mr. Holmes purchased the interest of Oscar Elliott and J. M. Vail.

No changes in the former personnel has been made by the new owners.

## Radio Entertainers At Gum Pond Friday

The Ashley Brothers and Roy Evans, popular radio and stage entertainers, will give a program at Gum Pond school Friday evening, June 7th. This promises to be an evening of unusual entertainment and the public is cordially invited. The affair is sponsored by the ladies of the Home Demonstration Club, who will have ice cream for sale.