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## Numerous Matters Cause Town Council To Remain In Session Over Three Hours

### Much Time Used In Deliberating on Sewer Connection

### NAME EMPLOYEES

### Scouts, Band and Athletics Seek Usual Appropriations

Faced with many matters as the new fiscal year began, Town Councilmen on Tuesday night were obliged to work overtime and remained in session until after 11 o'clock. With the beginning of the fiscal year, naturally finances took a major role in the meeting. Though no budget was made, and will not be made until the town audit, a number of matters were discussed which will be considered by the finance committee within the next few days when a meeting will be held to formulate a tentative budget. This committee is headed by Dr. L. P. Williams, with W. M. Wilkins and J. Edwin Bufflap as the other two members.

Of course, the entire board is very anxious to maintain the present \$1.00 tax rate, but not until tentative figures are gathered together can any idea of the rate be arrived at. A general feeling, however, prevails among the Councilmen that it will be hard to keep the same rate if necessary things are to be done during the year.

Again a considerable amount of time was utilized in discussing sewer connections instead of allowing sanitary privies to be erected about town. The town is practically 100 per cent sewer and after lengthy deliberation Dr. J. S. Chamblee, health officer, was instructed to enforce the town ordinance requiring every house to connect where sewerage is available.

Dr. Chamblee was present at the meeting and realized the problem confronting property owners, some of whom would like to connect but apparently are not able to pay for it. The cost of connection has been figured at about \$65 per house, and Dr. Chamblee presented figures to show that any person with a satisfactory credit rating can secure a FHA loan of \$100 to \$300, which can be paid back over a period of 36 months. Eighty per cent of this amount is guaranteed by the government and 20 per cent by the bank making the loan. Dr. Chamblee will very shortly send notices to those who will be requested to make the sewer connection.

The matter of a public toilet was also brought up and after quite a discussion, Leroy Haskett was instructed to investigate how much it would cost through a WPA project. A plan and price was submitted from State health officials, the cost of which would be \$689.39.

Need for a public toilet has at various times been presented to the Board and if it is agreed to erect one, it would no doubt be located on town property near the epower house. Another complaint was registered regarding burned peanut hulls littering property in North Edenton. Following this complaint Mr. Haskett reported that the Albemarle Peanut Company contemplated installing a screen in their stack, which is calculated to improve conditions.

John A. Holmes, who was accompanied by members of the city school board, asked for an appropriation for the high school band as well as for athletics at the school. He asked for an appropriation of \$900 for the band and \$400 for supplementing the coach's salary. He reminded the Councilmen of the record hung up by the school since coaches' salaries were supplemented, referring especially to Coaches Henry House, Leon Brogden and David Holton, and which he believed would continue under the new coach, James Maus.

William Privott, who was spokesman for a delegation representing the American Legion, Lions and Rotary Clubs, urged an appropriation for Boy Scouts. The amount asked for is \$300, which is deemed necessary for proper maintenance of the Scout cabin and properly carrying out Scout work.

After hearing the requests and the merits presented in each instance, it was the sense of the Board to again appropriate \$900 for the band, \$300 to the Boy Scouts, \$300 to the Shepard-Pruden Library and \$400 for school athletics, provided this amount of \$1,900 can be secured from

### New Commander



JOHN A. HOLMES  
Mr. Holmes is the new commander of Ed Bond Post, No. 40, of the American Legion, and was installed at a meeting held Friday night.

## Outsider Urges Continuation Of Edenton's Band

## Roanoke Rapids Man Says One of Best Bands

### WRITES CAMPEN

## Director McCullers Has Three Requests to Direct Bands

That the welfare of Edenton's High School Band has attracted attention outside the confines of this town is evident by a letter received by J. G. Campen, president of the Edenton Merchants Association. The letter was written by W. Graham Lynch, of Roanoke Rapids, as follows:

"Concerning C. L. McCullers' high school band, I see in the News & Observer that your band may be discontinued, you as president of the Merchants Association should do whatever you can to keep Mr. McCullers and your band. That's one of the best bands I've heard in any high school."

Since the uncertainty of Mr. McCullers' salary has developed and the fact appeared in newspapers, Mr. McCullers has had three different offers to take over bands. However, he likes Edenton and up to Wednesday had not given any answer to requests for his services. He remains hopeful that arrangements will be made whereby he can continue to work with the local band.

## Mrs. M. L. Hoffler Is New President Of Chowan Council

## Group Will Hold Picnic At Eden House on August 8

The Chowan Council of Farm Women met July 2nd at the Community House at Cross Roads for the regular meeting. The meeting was opened by the singing of "Follow the Gleam," followed by the Club Woman's Collect. The minutes were read and approved and the roll was called. Seventeen members were present, representing the following clubs: Advance, Beech Fork, Byrd, Center Hill, Chowan, Enterprise, and Ryland and Ward.

The radio program, which was to have been given by Wards Club from WCNC, was postponed because of the Potato Festival.

## New Officers For Legion-Auxiliaries Installed On Friday

### John A. Holmes New Commander of Ed Bond Post

### JOINT MEETING

## Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt Is President of Women's Branch

At a joint meeting Friday night of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion, the Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary officers for the year for each group were installed. For the two adult groups, Thomas J. Wood, retiring commander, officiated, while Mrs. R. E. Leary, retiring president of the Auxiliary, installed the junior officers.

John A. Holmes, who has served in the same capacity before, was installed commander of the post, while Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt succeeds Mrs. R. E. Leary as president of the Auxiliary.

The new Legion officers are: Commander, John A. Holmes; first vice commander, S. W. Moore; second vice commander, J. C. Boyce; third vice commander, T. L. Ward; adjutant and finance officer, T. J. Wood; service officer, C. E. Kramer; sergeant-at-arms, H. C. Jackson; chaplain, J. L. Chestnutt.

For the Auxiliary, the new officers are: President, Mrs. J. L. Chestnutt; vice president, Mrs. D. M. Reaves; secretary, Mrs. C. E. Kramer; treasurer, Mrs. S. W. Moore; chaplain, Mrs. Ernest White; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Graham Byrum. The Junior Auxiliary officers are: President, Martha Conger; vice president, Mary Griffin; secretary, Mary MacDonald Holmes; treasurer, Charlotte Bunch; sergeant-at-arms, Lillian Byrum; chaplain, Nelle Perry.

## Wrestling-Boxing Card Is Completed For Next Thursday

## Eddie Pope vs. Roughhouse Tuggle Principal Event

### BATTLE ROYAL

## Spencer Adams Will Box Jack Thomas of Norfolk

Local Red Men have completed arrangements for wrestling and boxing matches to be held next Thursday night on the athletic park. The affair is being sponsored by the Red Men and what proceeds are realized will go into the widows' and orphans' fund of Chowan Tribe.

For some time there has been a desire to stage wrestling and boxing bouts here and if the affair next Thursday attracts enough fans, other bouts will be arranged. Thursday night's program has been widely advertised and indications point to an evening of excitement and thrills for those who attend.

The principal event of the evening will be a wrestling match between Eddie Pope of Rocky Mount, southern light heavyweight champion, and Roughhouse Tuggle of Atlanta. This bout in itself should be worth the price of admission. Pope weighs 179 pounds, while Tuggle weighs 180. It calls for a time limit of 90 minutes and two out of three falls.

The semi-final will be another wrestling match between Dutch Green of Washington, D. C., and Joe Kirkland of Baltimore, Md. Green weighs 175 pounds and Kirkland 178. The time limit for this match is one hour and two out of three falls.

For boxing fans a bout has been scheduled between Spencer Adams of Colerain and Jack Thomas of Norfolk. Both boys weigh 155 pounds, and plenty of action is promised.

Another feature of the evening will be a battle royal which consists of five colored boys put in the ring with the last one remaining declared the winner. The boys will be blindfolded.

## No Fires In Edenton During Month June

Edenton had a perfect fire record during the month of June, Fire Chief R. K. Hall reporting that not a single alarm was turned in during the month.

## Many Valuable Historical Papers Are Uncovered While Rearranging Masonic Lodge Room In Old Chowan Court House

## OFFICIAL FIGURES RELEASED FOR 1940 CENSUS IN FIRST DISTRICT IN STATE

## C. Of C. Meeting

A meeting of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Municipal Building. Many matters of importance are scheduled to be considered including policies to be pursued during the year, and every member of the organization is especially urged to be present.

## No Let Up On Study Of Shad Shortage In Nearby Waters

## Group of Bacteriologists Make Tests of Local Waters

### TO REPORT LATER

## Study Pollution as Determinant of Propagation of Fish

Continuation of the federal shad survey under way here for the past three years to ascertain if possible the reasons for the shortage of this great edible fish, became evident the past ten days when M. M. Ellis, chief bacteriologist of the University of Missouri, and four assistants, all working under the tutelage of the Bureau of Fisheries, came here and have since been making tests of the waters in the various adjacent Albemarle streams to learn if there has been pollution sufficient to be a detriment to the shad.

Mr. Ellis, who has been collaborating with W. C. Bunch at the local hatchery, said it was not his purpose now to give any statement as to shad shortage, but that he would return here in September and make report of his findings to the government's chief culturist, Harry Canfield, who has been here off and on from the start of the survey.

The Missouri bacteriologist said he had taken samples, especially of the Roanoke River waters in the thought that pollution from the pulp mill at Plymouth may be responsible. Also samples of the Chowan and Cashie Rivers, and of the Sound have been taken. His labors have taken him as far east as around Manteo. The State fish commission boat under charge of Captain Nelson has been at his command during his sojourn here. The Ellis party left for home on Sunday.

## 4-H Boys And Girls Go To Jamestown Camp July 15 - 20

## Ten Girls From Chowan County Plan to Attend Affair

Four-H boys and girls from seven counties, including Chowan, will Camp at Jamestown, Va., July 15 to 20. Ten from Chowan County have already arranged to attend the camp and any others who expect to go should notify Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, immediately.

Aside from the usual camp activities visits will be made to Williamsburg, Mariners' Museum, and other places of interest, which insures a very pleasant trip for those who go. The counties, aside from Chowan, to be represented in the camp will be Tyrrell, Washington, Bertie, Hertford, Gates and Perquimans.

Those from Chowan who are scheduled to attend the camp are: Edna Earl Asbell, Madeline Bass, Myra White, Louise Bunch, Eloise Bunch, Evelyn Goodwin, Evelyn White, Mildred Harrell, Virginia Hope Perry, Thomasine Ward.

## Chowan County Given Credit For 11,569 Inhabitants

Compilation of all figures for the 1940 population and agriculture census for the First District was completed late last week, W. A. Everett receiving official figures from Denton W. Lupton, district supervisor at Washington, N. C. Counties and cities in the district are included, as well as the farms within the area.

County	Population	Farms
Beaufort	35,366	3,265
Camden	5,439	563
Chowan	11,569	1,007
Currituck	6,685	787
Dare	5,881	56
Gates	9,957	1,313
Hertford	19,268	2,030
Hyde	7,839	1,000
Martin	26,094	2,427
Pasquotank	20,775	846
Perquimans	9,765	1,061
Pitt	61,237	5,761
Tyrrell	5,549	599
Washington	12,331	2,970
Total	237,755	21,596

City	Population
Washington	8,537
Belhaven	2,353
South Mills	479
Edenton	3,834
Manteo	562
Gatesville	297
Ahoskie	2,311
Winton	733
Murfreesboro	1,550
Swan Quarter	266
Ocracoke	492
Williamston	3,966
Robersonville	1,407
Elizabeth City	11,778
Hertford	1,956
Greenville	12,710
Farmville	2,978
Ayden	1,882
Bethel	1,332
Columbia	1,083
Plymouth	2,459

## \$563.91 Now Total Raised For Relief In Chowan County

## More Contributions to Fund Trickle In During Past Week

Despite the fact that Chowan County has exceeded its minimum quota of \$500 for aid of European refugees, Mrs. J. N. Pruden, county chairman, reported Tuesday that contributions continue to trickle in, of which she is very appreciative. Up to Tuesday afternoon a total of \$563.91 has been collected during the drive, which in its early stages appeared very discouraging.

Mrs. Pruden is quite elated over the fact that Chowan's quota has been raised and will appreciate any further contributions. Suffering is great in the war-torn areas where the Red Cross is doing its utmost to relieve the unfortunate victims.

Those who have made contributions during the week are: Edenton Ice Company, ABC Store personnel, Mrs. Dan Carter, Mrs. Rupert Goodwin, W. C. Bunch, J. M. Jones, J. H. Asbell, George Goodwin, Mrs. W. W. Bunch, Mrs. E. C. White, Miss Clara Wheeler, Mrs. R. D. Creecy.

## Campen Is Director Of State Merchants

Edenton was well represented as well as honored at the annual North Carolina Merchants convention in Elizabeth City Monday and Tuesday. A goodly number of merchants attended the convention and J. G. Campen, president of the youngest member of the state organization, was elected one of the directors for the year.

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

## Interesting Incidents as Early as 1775 Are Recorded

### UNDER STEPS

## C. W. Sawyer, Master, Expects to Properly Store Latest Find

Though Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., can boast of being in possession of the lodge's minutes since it was organized in 1775, a number of other historically valuable papers were found last week in the course of remodeling the old lodge room. Yellowed by age, these papers record lodge happenings as far back as 1775, some referring to bills paid, others to applications for membership, demits from the lodge and the like.

C. W. Sawyer, master of the lodge, has spent a great deal of time delving into the papers which were found under the old master's steps, when they were removed to be replaced with new ones. He is collating the papers, but this week was far from the end of the job. He feels that among the papers are some which are as valuable as those making up the ancient minutes of the lodge, and plans to carefully preserve them as part of the lodge's old relics.

Though the entire group of papers have not been read, Mr. Sawyer assorted a few which will no doubt be of interest to many Herald readers. For instance, an application for membership is dated January 22, 1775, even before the lodge had received its charter, by Henry Vandewater. In his own handwriting the applicant wrote: "Having a great desire to become one of your society, should you find me worthy, will lay me under the greatest obligation and much oblige. Gentlemen, I am your humble servant, Henry Vandewater."

Another petition dated March 4, 1777 is that of George B. Russell, who presented the famous George Washington chair to the lodge on July 6, 1778. This petition, too, is in Mr. Russell's own handwriting and is as follows:

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and brethren of Lodge Unanimity, Edenton, N. C.;  
Gentlemen—Having a great opinion of your society for some time, I would have petitioned before this time, desiring to be made a Mason only my health has not been good. And flattering myself that I shall be happy to enjoy part of the friendly society, should you find me worthy of being admitted would put me under the greatest obligation. I am, gentlemen, yours very humbly, sirs, Geo. B. Russell."

Another interesting paper, dated 1776, is this:  
"The gentlemen in Mr. Hornblow's song room presents their compliments to the Rev. Mr. Earl and Commissary Jacobs. Should be very glad of their company in the room adjoining the lodge to be examined. If they should be found worthy, shall be happy in their company. Signed Michael Payne, Secretary."

On the opposite side of the paper the reply signed by Earl and Jacobs, which is as follows:

Sirs: In answer to your very polite message, we acquaint you that we are no farther qualified than to participate in the happiness we suppose to result from your virtuous and convivial conversation. Earl and Jacobs."

A bill passed dated October 1775, is included among the papers for brass compasses and seven yards of blue goods amounting to four shillings.

Another interesting bill dated August 6, 1776, is one ordering Mr. Hornblow to pay to Jacob Boyce 2 pounds, 12 shillings, 2 pence for a five foot board, an eight foot board, six dozen screws, five pairs of hinges and a 50-foot plank of juniper.

On October 20, 1813, a bill was presented from L. Beasley for \$10 for coffin for one of the fraternity members. Though a receipted bill was found, a note was written by James Moffatt, secretary that the price was \$3 more than it ought to be.

Another bill dated May, 1776, was receipted by Samuel Jones for 26 sheep skins and 13 sheep skins amounting to 2 pounds and 9 shillings. That there was some dissatisfaction among members of the early years is also indicated.

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