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## Edenton 1940-41 Tax Rate Held To \$1 After Slicing Budget Monday Afternoon

### Would Have Been Lower But For Overhanging Deficit

#### PROJECTS

### Possibility of Putting Curbs and Gutters on Mill Village

Meeting in special session Monday afternoon for the second time within a week, Town Councilmen set the 1940-41 tax again at \$1.00 per hundred dollar of valuation. As originally prepared the budget would have required a rate of \$1.05, but as predicted in The Herald last week various appropriations were shaved to acquire the dollar rate.

But for a deficit of \$3,196.26 due to an emergency storm sewer project, the tax rate, with present expenditures, could have been materially reduced. This is due to a reduction in debt service. Last year 13 cents was required for this expense, but with street bonds reduced to only \$5,000, \$1,000 of which will be due, plus interest, amounts to only \$1,250 to be paid from this year's budget.

The town's indebtedness has been very much reduced, for aside from the \$5,000 street bonds, there remains only \$14,000 in water bonds and \$9,000 in sewer bonds. These latter two are paid from electric and water earnings.

The total budget calls for an outlay of \$37,717.38, which includes the storm sewer deficit. Of this amount it is figured the town's income, aside from the year's taxes and including \$3,500 from the E. & W. Board, will be \$9,650, which leaves \$28,067.38. This figure, however, does not include debt service expense. For debt service funds on hand amount to \$52.71 and with intangible taxes amounting to \$854.40 leaves \$342.89 to be raised by taxes. Together with these amounts a 2-cent rate will raise the necessary \$1,250.

With \$28,067.38 remaining to be raised and property valuation fixed at \$2,900,000, a rate of 98 cents will produce \$28,420, which together with the 2-cent debt service rate amounts to an even dollar rate.

In the administrative department there is little change in last year's figure, the only change being in an increase in salary of \$5 per month for Miss Louise Coke, tax collector. The administrative expense was set at \$3,571.

The police department requires \$5,455.55, which is slightly over last year's amount. This is caused by more expense in maintaining a worn automobile and some provision for new uniforms.

Quite an increase was necessary in the Fire Department, which this year needs \$5,079.60. This increase is due to the need of new hose and other minor equipment. It also provides for raising Fire Chief R. K. Hall's salary \$2.50 per month as well as employing Al Owens and Tom Goodman as all time firemen with equal salaries of \$95 per month, effective September 1. The two men will work an equal number of hours and will require no extra expense for vacations. They will also jointly be required to keep the fire station and Municipal Building clean.

Aside from this \$20 per month was set as a salary for an assistant fire chief. J. H. Conger was recommended and Town Council unanimously approved the appointment.

The health department requires \$605, which is slightly higher than last year.

In the street department \$13,594.57 is set up. This amount was fixed after slicing off over \$1,100 in order to maintain the dollar rate. The original figure provided for a box culvert across Granville Street to replace three small pipes in order to aid in draining of surface water. An appropriation of \$600 for sidewalks was also shaved \$200. Provision was made, however, to lay a storm sewer on the east side of Broad Street from the soft ball park to the Armory in order to eliminate water accumulating in that vicinity after rains. Previously the water from Hicks Field drained into a ditch, but since the new stadium was erected all this water drains to Broad Street.

For other expenses a budget of \$6,140 was set. This includes \$900 for the band, \$300 for the library, \$300 for Boy Scouts and \$400 for school athletics.

At Monday's meeting the street commissioner presented separate figures for paving all over town. (Continued On Page Eight)

### Governor Carter



W. Carter Darrow, Governor of the 189th district, will meet with the Edenton Rotary Club today.

## Joseph C. Dail Dies Sunday Night After Three Weeks Illness

### Long Deeply Interested In Town's Religious Affairs

#### 68 YEARS OLD

### Many Attend Funeral Conducted Tuesday Afternoon

Following a serious illness of about three weeks, Joseph C. Dail succumbed to an attack of pneumonia and neuritis at his home on the corner of Queen and Oakum Streets about midnight Sunday. He was 68 years of age and in his passing Edenton loses one of its outstanding human landmarks. He was very religiously inclined and because of his moral rectitude commanded the respect of all who came in contact with him.

For many years he has conducted a grocery store at the corner of Church and Oakum Streets, where by his fair dealing he developed considerable trade and built up a prosperous business. Though of a very quiet manner, Mr. Dail was identified with all spiritual activities and was a liberal contributor.

He was for many years a deacon of the Edenton Baptist Church, where his advice and regular attendance will be greatly missed. He was also a director of the Edenton Peanut Company.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Kate Hobbs, three daughters, Mrs. Eugenia Shump and Miss Iva Mae Dail of Edenton, and Mrs. Katie Parham of Oxford, and two sons, Leroy Dail of Newsom, Va., and Nathan Dail of Edenton. A brother, J. Henderson Dail of near Cross Roads, and a sister, Mrs. D. T. Ward of Ryland, and two grandchildren, Katharine Shump and Barbara Dail, also survive.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and were largely attended with the Rev. E. L. Wells officiating. Interment was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery. (Continued On Page Four)

## New Commissioner

Following the sudden death Saturday of A. D. Ward, a member of the Board of County Commissioners for almost 20 years, E. N. Elliott was on Tuesday appointed to fill Mr. Ward's unexpired term. The appointment was made by Clerk of Court Richard D. Dixon.

Mr. Elliott is one of the county's most prominent and prosperous farmers and fishermen. He is well versed in county affairs and his presence on the Board is regarded as adding considerable prestige and efficiency to the county's governing body.

## Rotary Governor On Official Visit To Local Club Today

### W. Carter Darrow Will Advise Officers On Club's Activities

#### LIVE WIRE

### Meets With Officers and Various Chairmen at 12 O'clock

W. Carter Darrow of Tarboro, Rotary Governor of the 189th District, will make an official visit to the Edenton Rotary Club today (Thursday.) Mr. Darrow, a live wire and a very enthusiastic Rotarian, will be guest of the club at the usual meeting in the Parish House at 1 o'clock, but at 12 o'clock he desires to meet with all of the club's officers and committee chairmen to consult with them and advise on matters relating to club administration and Rotary service activities.

The club's officers and committee chairmen have been notified about Mr. Darrow's visit and J. Edwin Buflap, president of the club, is very anxious to have each one on hand to meet the Governor as well as every club member at the regular meeting.

Mr. Darrow will be allotted the usual time devoted to a program.

The officers and committee chairmen who are asked to meet Mr. Darrow at 12 o'clock, aside from the president, are: C. D. Stewart, John A. Holmes, William Jones, Charles Wales, Earl Goodwin, C. L. McCullers, J. G. Campen, John Graham, C. E. Kramer, Wood Privott, C. H. Wood, N. K. Rowell, William Perkins and Dave Holton.

Mr. Darrow was elected to the office of district governor at the 1940 Rotary Convention which was held in Havana, Cuba, during June, and will continue to serve until the 1941 convention in Denver. He has attended many district assemblies and conferences, and was delegate to the international convention in Mexico in 1935.

The 5,000 Rotary Clubs of more than 60 countries of the world, are grouped into 149 districts. The 189th district, of which the Edenton Rotary Club is now a part, consists of 49 clubs located in cities and towns of North Carolina, and has a membership of approximately 1,700 Rotarians.

## Richard B. Wheeler Promoted To Major

### In Command of Armored Regiment At Fort Knox, Kentucky

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Wheeler have received news of the promotion of their son, Richard Bryan, to the rank of major in the United States Army. Major Wheeler is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., being appointed by the late Senator Furnifold Simmons. He is the only Edenton man to graduate from West Point.

Major Wheeler also studied for a period of two years at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, France, being one of 11 West Point graduates to be so honored. He is now in command of the Second Battalion of the 69th Armored Regiment at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Major Wheeler spent the Christmas holidays in Edenton with his parents and his promotion will be welcome news to his many friends here.

## Pearl Whichard To Have Raleigh Debut

Friends of Miss Pearl Whichard daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Whichard, formerly of Edenton, but now living at Murphy, N. C., will be glad to learn that she has been selected by the Terpsichorean Club to be presented to North Carolina society at the twentieth annual Debutante Ball to be held in Raleigh, September 6 and 7.

Every year the debutantes give this week-end ball, have the privilege of selecting their marshalls and are strictly limited as to invitations, thus making the affair properly and exclusively for them.

### DR. WILLIAMS VACATIONING

Dr. L. P. Williams and family left Edenton Wednesday to spend their vacation. They have no definite destination, but will be gone a week or ten days.

## Holland Confident Peanut Program For Crop Of 1940

### Takes Active Part In Washington Meeting Last Week

#### MANY ATTEND

### J. B. Fearing of Windsor Represents N. C. Growers

As the result of the meeting of representatives of the peanut industry held in Washington, D. C., last week, R. C. Holland, president of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Inc., said that he confidently expected a peanut program similar to those in operation the past three years to go into effect for the 1940 crop. Between 75 and 100 from North Carolina were present at the meeting, with Edenton being represented by Mr. Holland, Ep Debnah and Millard Bond.

Appointment of a committee to formulate a schedule of prices to represent base prices for peanuts purchased under the program, if and when approved, highlighted the discussions, and J. B. Fearing of Windsor was appointed to represent North Carolina growers on the committee.

Hope that the diversion program would be continued was expressed at the opening of the conference by Representatives John H. Kerr and J. Bayard Clark, and Herbert Bonner, secretary to Representative Lindsay Warren. Kerr told the group that the governments' investment in the peanut program was the most profitable that has been made. He asserted that the income of peanut growers had been increased from \$16,000,000 to \$50,000,000 since 1932.

Speaking from the growers' viewpoint, Holland added emphasis to this statement by estimating that peanut growers had received benefits totaling nearly \$15 for every dollar spent on the program. He paid tribute to the cooperation of Randall B. Etheridge, Department of Agriculture marketing specialist and other Federal officials who have helped direct the peanut program.

Under the diversion program, the growers' organizations bought surplus peanuts from growers at prices designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and sold them to bidding crushing mills for the manufacture of peanut oil and meal.

Last year approximately 34,000 tons of 1939 crop peanuts were crushed for oil under the program at a total cost to the government of about 700,000. It is estimated that this expenditure resulted in an increased income for peanut growers amounting to about \$3,000,000.

## Cupola House Now Open All Day Long

### Janie Badham Placed On Duty Every Afternoon

Due to the cooperation of the Museum Committee, of which Mrs. J. N. Pruden is chairman, visitors in Edenton will for a time at least have an opportunity to visit the Cupola House at any time of the day. Arrangements, effective Tuesday of this week, have been made to have a colored woman, Janie Badham, on duty every afternoon to meet visitors.

In the morning the library is open and during these hours Mrs. Sidney MacMullen, the librarian, has been looking after visitors who come to the place. The new arrangement will cause less embarrassment upon the part of those who meet visitors who wish to visit the Cupola House.

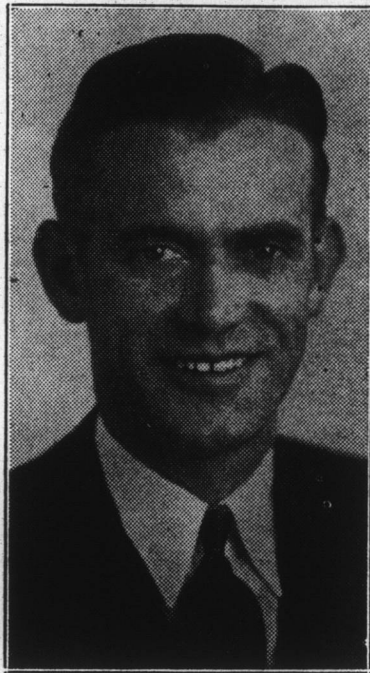
## Orders Now Taken For Book On Edenton

Orders are being received at the Hotel Joseph Hewes for the initial copies of Mrs. J. S. Fletcher's pre-revolutionary historical novel of Edenton and North Carolina life. The books will be on sale at the hotel and will bear the title page autographs of the author, "Inglis Fletcher," and of Governor Hoy who has agreed to sign the first 500 copies.

The novel will be on sale September 23, and as there already has been quite a local demand, those who get their orders in early will be assured of a copy.

## Rejuvenated Chamber Of Commerce Elects Officers At Meeting Tuesday Night

### New Secretary



C. L. McCullers At a meeting of the rejuvenated Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night, Mr. McCullers was elected secretary. He succeeds Mayor J. H. McMullan.

## A. D. Ward Suddenly Claimed By Death At Home Saturday

### Dies Shortly After an Attack of Cerebral Hemorrhage

#### 52 YEARS OLD

### Served as County Commissioner For Almost 20 Years

Friends throughout Chowan County were shocked Saturday when they learned of the sudden death of A. D. Ward, which occurred at his home near Gliden about 3 o'clock. Mr. Ward, though apparently in good health, was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage and died in less than an hour after he was stricken. He was 52 years old.

He held the distinction of being next to the oldest member, in point of service, on the Board of County Commissioners, having taken office on December 6, 1920. He is led only by J. A. Webb, who was appointed to serve an unexpired term just a few months before. He was one of the county's prominent farmers and took a great interest in county affairs. In his almost 20 years of service as a Commissioner he never missed a single meeting of the Board, despite the fact that he lived further than any other member. He is the second County Commissioner to be lost by death in a little over a year, W. H. Winborne's death occurring early in July of last year.

Surviving are his widow, who before her marriage was Miss Minnie Brown, two daughters, Lorinda and Florence, and a son, A. D. Ward, Jr. Four brothers, Dr. F. A. Ward and T. E. Ward, of Suffolk, Va., Dr. O. W. Ward, of Phoebus, Va., and B. H. Ward of Bosley and a sister, Mrs. Blanche Ward Lamb, of Elizabeth City, also survive.

Despite threatening weather, a host of friends attended funeral services which were held Monday afternoon at Warwick Swamp Baptist Church, with the Rev. Frank Cale officiating. Interment was made in the Ward burying ground at the home place.

## Bring 'Em Back

After checking up since the Brown Lumber Company fire, Fire Chief R. K. Hall finds several coats and pairs of boots missing from the Fire Department. Mr. Hall is of the opinion that firemen took these articles home after the fire and forgot to return them. He asks that they be returned to the fire station immediately.

### Members Select J. W. Davis as President Of Group

#### FEW ATTEND

### C. L. McCullers Chosen As Secretary For New Year

Though every member who has joined the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce for the year 1940-41 was notified, a small proportion was on hand Tuesday night in the Court House to elect officers for the year. John A. Holmes, who at a previous meeting was appointed chairman in charge of securing members for the new year, reported that there were 110 memberships secured during the recent canvass.

After a general report by Mr. Holmes, new officers were elected, which included the following: President, J. W. Davis; vice presidents, John Graham and Geddes Potter; treasurer, Dr. W. I. Hart, Jr.; secretary, C. L. McCullers. This group will meet at an early date to name directors of the organization.

In accepting the presidency, Mr. Davis made a strong plea for cooperation on the part of members. He said he had little patience with the sort of members who never attend meetings of the organization and all too freely criticize what is done by those who sacrifice time to shoulder the responsibilities of a chamber of commerce. He also made it clear that when he called meetings, they would start on time and while sufficient time would be used in discussing matters of importance the meetings would not be unnecessarily delayed.

Mr. Davis announced Wednesday that a meeting of the new officers would be held today (Thursday) at 3:30 o'clock, when directors will be appointed. This meeting will be held at the Leggett and Davis drug store.

J. G. Campen, president of the Edenton Merchants Association, congratulated the group upon their choice of officers, and offered all the cooperation possible from the Merchants' Association.

No salary was set for the new secretary, but it is understood that it will be about half of former years' figure when \$600 per year was paid.

## Thos. J. Wood Has Novel Radio Card

### Features Edenton as Second Largest Peanut Market

Due to an idea of Thomas J. Wood, Edenton will of necessity secure considerable publicity as a peanut market. Mr. Wood, an amateur radio enthusiast, has followed the custom of many amateur radio operators of sending cards to those whom he contacts, and his novel idea was a card emphasizing Edenton as the second largest peanut market in the world. On the card is pictured a peanut as well as his station number and other radio information.

Mr. Wood had 1,000 of these cards printed, following a request from a fellow amateur operator, who said he had cards from every state in the Union except North Carolina.

## Graham Conducts Court After Absence

After a lapse of several weeks due to the vacation absence of Prosecutor John W. Graham, Recorder's Court convened again on Tuesday and three prisoners were held for the Superior Court next month, and a fourth was discharged as not guilty. N. E. Hollowell was the latter up for reckless driving.

Harry Lee Spruill was arraigned charged with the larceny of an outboard motor, the property of O. C. Davis. He was released on \$200 bail. Norman Outland, arrested recently in Norfolk on a charge of breaking and entering and attempted rape, and George M. Trueblood, mid-county resident, charged with breaking and entering the smoke house of James Barrington on August 7 last, and making off with 9 pieces of meat valued at \$30, were the other two held.